



Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE	Tuesday, March 26, 2019	
	TIME	10:00 a.m.	
	LOCATION	Clark County Fire Administration Building 2 nd Floor Multi-Agency Coordination Center 575 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	METHOD	Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Present	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	
Governor Steve Sisolak	X	Karen Burke	X
Joseph Lombardo	X	Caleb Cage	X
Darin Balaam	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Gregory Cassell	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Lisa Christensen	Abs	William McCurdy	X
Mitch Fox	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Aaron Rouse	Abs
Ikram Khan	X	Samantha Ladich – Sr. DAG	X
Tom Lozich	X		
Kate Marshall	X		
William McDonald	Abs		
Charles Moore	X		
Richard Perkins	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Patricia Wade	X		
Bill Welch	X		

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Governor Steve Sisolak, Chair of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak opened discussion for public comment. No public comment was presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission meeting held October 19, 2018. A motion to approve was presented by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, and a second was provided by Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association. Governor Sisolak and Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall abstained from voting on the approval of the minutes. The Governor tabled discussion on the necessity for providing a second to motions presented. The motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented with no changes passed unanimously.

4. Introduction of Commission Membership

Governor Sisolak welcomed the Commission members and thanked them for their service. Commission members and the Commission's legal representative, Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General, introduced themselves individually.

5. Update on the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process, Review of Commission Priorities, and Development of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Priorities

Chief Caleb Cage, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the historical and current HSGP process including the activities associated with the development of FFY 2019 priorities. Discussion on this agenda item is summarized below:

- The FFY 2018 historical process used to establish the Commission's priorities based on ranked core capabilities, recommended funding allocations as advised by the Nevada Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) and the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG), and the combined FFY 2018 HSGP grant application approval submitted to the Department of Homeland Security on June 18, 2018, totaling \$8,531,000;
- The HSGP historical investment status including initial grant awards, claims, deobligations, reobligations, balances, and percentage spent for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding streams within the HSGP from FFY 2016 through FFY 2018;
- The importance of and summary results from the 2018 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), foundational guidance, and top threats identified in 2018;
- The expected FFY 2019 HSGP funding allocations, which are currently unknown until the release of the HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
- The FFY 2019 HSGP process revisions to include the movement away from establishing rank-prioritized core capabilities as drivers for the HSGP process in lieu of establishing a focus on those capacities that, if lost, would present strategic deficit to the state. As a result of the implementation of Nevada's Statewide Resilience Strategy, the Resilience Commission absorbed the function of the HSWG. On March 12, 2019, the Resilience Commission provided input on the formation of FFY 2019 Strategic Capacities to be maintained. Chief Cage proceeded to read into record the list of strategic capacities for consideration by the Commission to include:
 - Fusion Centers: Program(s) to include Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center and the Nevada Threat Analysis Center; Core capabilities to include

- Intelligence and Information Sharing, Planning, Interdiction and Disruption, and Screening, Search, and Detection;
- Citizens Corps: Program(s) to include City of Las Vegas, Douglas County, Carson City, Washoe County, Elko County, and Statewide Tribal; Core capabilities to include Public Information and Warning, Mass Care, Search and Rescue, Operational Communication, Health and Social Services, and Housing;
 - National Incident Management System: Program(s) to include State of Nevada DEM and Tribal NIMS; Core capabilities to include Operational Coordination and Situational Assessment;
 - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive: Program(s) to include Tahoe-Douglas Bomb Squad, Elko Bomb Squad, Consolidated Bomb Squad (Washoe, Reno, and Sparks), Las Vegas Bomb Squad, and Las Vegas ARMOR; Core capabilities to include Forensics and Attribution, Interdiction and Disruption, Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services;
 - Operational Communication: Program includes the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC); Core capability includes Operational Communication;
 - Public Information and Warning: Program includes the Emergency Alert System; Core capabilities to include Planning and Operational Communication;
 - Recovery: Program to include the Nevada Disaster Recovery Framework; Core capabilities to include Community Resilience, Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction, Public Information and Warning, Operational Coordination, Infrastructure Systems, Critical Transportation, Environmental Response/Health and Safety, Fatality Management, Fire Management and Suppression, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Mass Care Services, Mass Search and Rescue Operations, On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement, Operational Communication, Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services, Situational Assessment, and Planning;
 - Cyber Security: Programs to include Incident Response Plan, Education and Awareness, and Threat Identification; Core capabilities to include Intelligence and Information Sharing, Forensics and Attribution, Planning, Access Control and Identity Verification, Physical Protective Measures, Supply Chain Integrity and Security, Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment, Infrastructure Systems, and Operational Communications; and
 - Planning: Programs to include Continuity of Operations, Mass Fatality, and Community Resilience; Core capabilities include Planning.
- Chief Cage indicated that the Co-Chairs of the Resilience Commission are requesting a vote on the approval of the FFY 2019 Strategic Capacities to be maintained. Dr. Khan inquired on the expected FFY 2019 HSGP funding allocation, with Chief Cage indicating that until the NOFO is released, no accurate answer could be provided. Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, inquired if there was any knowledge of changes in federal funding allocations in addition to any possible federal reprogramming of such funds for FFY 2019. Discussion ensued on the challenges of the UASI prioritization, and the preparation required in funding the best projects possible with allowable allocations. Funding is never certain. General (Ret.) Frank Gonzales, Nevada Selective Service,

spoke to the funding allocation associated with the Department of Defense not affecting the HSGP appropriation. Mr. Mitch Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association, inquired about the THIRA process and the meaning of the threat order presented. Chief Cage indicated the order of the threats shown in his presentation is the order of the threat assessed. The intent is to narrow the focus of what threats and hazards are faced by Nevada in an effort to prepare for what Nevada sees most often; and

- Sheriff Lombardo wanted clarification on the action of this agenda item, with Chief Cage speaking to the approval of strategic capacities in lieu of core capabilities for the FFY 2019 HSGP process. Sheriff Lombardo inquired if the Cyber Security Committee (CSC) was still a functioning public body, with Chief Cage indicating that the function of the CSC has been absorbed by the Resilience Commission, and the CSC no longer exists. Nevada's Chief Information Security Officer and the Office of Cyber Defense Coordination will jointly perform the function of the previous CSC moving forward. Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the FFY 2019 Strategic Capacities as presented. A motion was presented by Sheriff Lombardo, and a second was provided by Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Review of Reobligation of Deobligated Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Funds

Chief Cage, DEM/HS, provided a review of HSGP reobligations of deobligated funding approved for recommendation during the January 10, 2019, Finance Committee meeting. The projects, as presented, were approved under the time-sensitive clause under current Commission Reobligation Guidelines. The Resilience Commission also reviewed the reobligation requests. A summary of HSGP projects NCHS-141 through NCHS-152 was provided by Chief Cage as follows:

- NCHS-141: Carson City Sheriff's Office – Mobile Operation Center (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$16,416.53 for equipment to be used for a Mobile Operation Center.
- NCHS-142: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Equipment (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$27,000.00 for CERT Equipment.
- NCHS-143: Storey County – Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Equipment (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$4,291.00 for CERT Equipment.
- NCHS-144: Tahoe Douglas Bomb Squad – Specialized Explosive Breaching Class (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a specialized class.
- NCHS-145: Clark County – Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) Annex (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$37,450.00 for development of an EOP annex.
- NCHS-146: Clark County – Develop Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$93,000.00 for THIRA development funds.

- NCHS-147: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – Tactical Vehicle, Event Planning (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$31,814.00 for a special events tactical vehicle.
- NCHS-148: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – Tactical Vehicle, Technical and Surveillance Section (TASS) (SHSP) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$151,900.00 for a tactical response vehicle.
- NCHS-149: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – Tactical Vehicle, Technical and Surveillance Section (TASS) (UASI) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$148,075.47 for a tactical response vehicle.
- NCHS-150: Las Vegas Fire Rescue – Bomb Squad Exploitation Tools (UASI) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$52,889.00 for bomb squad exploitation tools.
- NCHS-151: Clark County – Fire Skid Unit (UASI) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This was a request for deobligated funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a fire skid unit.
- NCHS-152: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – Fusion Center (UASI) – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017. This was a project change request to move \$68,457.65 from the Coplink line item to a new line item for TrapWire software.

Governor Sisolak opened discussion on any questions regarding this presentation. No questions were presented.

7. Report on Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System

Jim Walker, DEM, spoke to ensuring Nevada's compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.310, and the requirement of NIMS status reporting. Mr. Walker spoke to the purpose and components of NIMS, and provided a brief overview of the system for the Commission. Governor Sisolak opened discussion for any questions at this point in Mr. Walker's presentation. No questions were presented. Sheriff Lombardo inquired on a legislative bill that dropped on April 8, 2019, in regards to critical incident response teams, and inquired if that function is a mandate for NIMS compliance. Chief Cage will look for the specific bill Sheriff Lombardo is referring to, but did indicate that Senate Bill 15 addresses an Incident Management Assistant Team. Per Chief Cage, this bill does not require the development or funding of the team, but rather the authority to establish the team. The goal is to have the authority to begin development of a statewide team to assist local, state, and tribal jurisdictions as a resource during emergencies or disasters. Assemblyman William McCurdy also indicated that he can assist with tracking down the bill Sheriff Lombardo is concerned about. Sheriff Lombardo presented concern on obligating funding for this type of team on an ongoing basis. Chief Cage indicated that if the legislation goes through, he would explore any and all funding sources to support that capability including volunteers and other emergency funding available. Should the bill pass, the discussion can be brought forth to the Commission for its guidance and oversight.

Mr. Walker also provided an overview of the NIMS 2018 Report for Nevada that is submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by December 31st annually. This is a self-assessment done by the state with information uploaded to and

verified by FEMA. It is a mandatory requirement to be compliant with NIMS in order to be eligible for HSGP funding. Mr. Walker spoke to NIMS compliance categories, and the breadth of categories provided. Although the report does not indicate specific detail on compliance, Mr. Walker indicated that as a state jurisdiction, there is an overall 80%-100% compliance rate currently with the adoption of NIMS within statewide jurisdictions. Additional discussion was presented on the specific components within the report including compliance with training, exercises, planning, typing and credentialing, qualification systems, mutual aid, and enhancements of NIMS implementation in the coming year.

Governor Sisolak thanked Mr. Walker for this report, and opened discussion on this agenda item. No questions were presented.

8. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak opened discussion for public comment. Patricia Wade, Wade Development, indicated that she was on the call remotely, and introduced herself as a member of the Commission. Sheriff Lombardo requested that a current membership list be distributed to Commission members.

9. Adjourn

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was presented by Sheriff Darin Balaam, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and a second was provided by Dr. Khan. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned.