



## Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Friday, February 17, 2017	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall	
<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Brian Sandoval	X	Derek Armstrong	
Joseph Lombardo	X	Karen Burke	X
Chuck Allen	X	Caleb Cage	X
Gregory Cassell	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Lisa Christensen	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Robert Fisher	X	Michael Roberson	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Aaron Rouse	X
Mark Hutchison	X		
Ikram Khan	X	Samantha Ladich – Sr. DAG	X
Tom Lozich		Karen Hall (Analyst/Staff)	X
William McDonald	X		
Charles Moore	X		
Richard Perkins	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Troy Wade			
Bill Welch	X		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) called 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 Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary. Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District spoke to the exceptional response efforts related to the flooding issues affecting the region and expressed gratitude for the efforts put forth by DEM and the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) in that effort.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Commission meeting held December 19, 2016. Approval action was initially pushed to the next scheduled Commission meeting due to an issue with numbering on the minutes; however it was later clarified that minutes were in fact accurate, explaining and illustrating the numbering presented on the minutes as reflective of the agenda for which the minutes were prepared. Motion to approve was presented by Nevada Lieutenant Governor Mark Hutchison, and a second provided by Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Governor Sandoval spoke to the immense response effort exhibited by numerous local and state agencies in addition to all first responders to address record precipitation in Northern Nevada that has resulted in widespread flooding. The Governor stressed the importance and impact of early preparation and messaging, as well as his personal experience watching the incredible sandbagging operations set up to protect the public both in personal residences and businesses. The Governor continues to monitor the state's situation in addition to neighboring states regarding ongoing water issues. The commitment to all who have participated in making Nevadans safer during this time was praised highly by the Governor.

Robert Fisher spoke to the trained capability of Nevada's broadcasting community as responders to these types of emergencies, and the impact messaging has on community response. Governor Sandoval commended the efforts of the broadcasting community in being out front of this issue and continual messaging regarding public information.

**5. BRIEFING ON NEVADA'S STATEWIDE CYBER SECURITY EFFORTS**

Chief Cage briefed the Commission on current cyber security efforts within the state emphasizing the importance of the Governor's leadership and Commission's efforts to address the serious issue of cyber security. A review of the funding process for cyber security projects within the HSGP, policy development, and historically high funding priority of cyber security initiatives contribute to Nevada's posture on this subject. Chief Cage explained the role and depth of expertise on the Cyber Security Committee in addition to speaking to the objectives by which the CSC prioritizes HSGP projects for consideration. A recap of previous meetings and outcomes was read into record, with an additional emphasis on best practices and the future possibility, through legislative effort, the creation of the Office of Cyber Defense further augmenting Nevada's cyber stature.

Governor Sandoval spoke to cyber security as a priority for the state, with Lt. Governor Hutchison adding his support of the Commission's efforts in addressing this issue through collaboration with industry experts, private industry, and through federal support as well. The Governor spoke to former Secretary Jeh Johnson's efforts to ensure Nevada's voting systems are secure as an example of Nevada's

ability to address cyber concerns. Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department presented concern on the movement of large cyber-related HSGP projects, and the authority of the CSC in reporting about such movement. The suggestion to have a report on cyber-related HSGP project status on future agendas was discussed.

**6. BRIEFING ON THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2016 PROGRAM TO PREPARE COMMUNITIES FOR COMPLEX COORDINATED TERRORIST ATTACKS**

Chief Cage briefed the Commission on the December 7, 2016, federal release of the Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks designed to provide funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to enhance preparedness and capacity capability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex and coordinated terrorist attacks using a whole community collaborative approach. Due to NRS 239C requirements, the Commission will have visibility and oversight over expenditures related to this new grant. A grant application was submitted by DEM on February 9, 2017, by DEM grant staff, and Governor Sandoval inquired about the possibility of Nevada receiving this grant award. Chief Cage indicated that Nevada put forth an exceptional application as a result of coordination with many partners. Karen Burke, Transportation Safety Administration, inquired on whether more exercises would result from receipt of this grant, with considerable discussion following led by Deputy Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department. Chief Steinbeck emphasized the goal would be to sustain capability through analysis of gaps to address training needs with the end result culminating in an exercise to create best practices that are shareable. Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, spoke to his concern in addressing medical triage, with Chief Steinbeck indicating the grant may address the important issue of patient tracking. Robert Fisher spoke to the historical classification of broadcasters as first responders. Chief Steinbeck thanked the Governor for his letter of support in addition to the ability of DEM staff to prepare and submit this grant application in the midst of response efforts to flooding.

**7. UPDATE ON THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS, REVIEW OF COMMISSION PRIORITIES, AND DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2017 PRIORITIES**

Chief Cage presented an overview of the FFY 2017 HSGP process to include the following highlights:

- A review of the FFY 2016 HSGP process including the 2016 Commission priorities and HSGP investments;
- A summary of results from the 2016 State Preparedness Report (SPR) and the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) for Nevada;
- A presentation of information pertaining to the development of Commission priorities for FFY 2017 using the results from the THIRA and SPR;
- A review of the Nevada Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) and Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) process; and
- Expectations for FFY 2017 funding allocations to Nevada.

Lt. Governor Hutchison spoke to historical funding information presented to the Commission for review, specifically unspent funding per project. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS spoke to project status and how waiting on invoicing can influence completion of projects. Ms. Anderson spoke to the process of grant monitoring by her staff, and that the percentage of funding is not indicative of progress on the projects as often it is reporting and receipt of invoices that may be delayed instead of project progress itself. Governor Sandoval spoke to the issues with UASI and Metropolitan Statistical Analysis (MSA) rankings historically, and the recurring threat of non-funding for UASI regions. Chief Cage spoke to MSA data developed normally early in the year, however DEM/HS has heard that DHS Homeland Security grants may release as late as April 2017. There is no indication this year of release. Rosemary Vassiliadis inquired on the possibility of footnoting projects in the future as a reference for Commissioners. Sheriff Lombardo spoke to ongoing challenges and efforts applied by the Urban Area to address MSA formulas moving forward.

**8. DISCUSSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF COMMISSIONER CORE CAPABILITY PRIORITIES FOR FFY 2017.**

Chief Cage briefed the Commission on the process of identifying core capability priorities for the FFY 2017 HSGP process. Commissioners were instructed to review provided ranking sheets denoting 32 Core Capabilities encompassed within six mission areas including Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. The Governor spoke proudly of this highly democratic process and the ability of the Commission to affect annual priorities. Commissioners were asked to individually select and rank-prioritize 10 Core Capabilities, and those ranking sheets were collected by Commission staff, shared between venues and analyzed during a brief break in the meeting by Karen Hall, DEM/HS and Sonja Williams, DEM/HS resulting in a tabulated and summarized core capability document for review by the Commission in Agenda Item #9.

**9. PRESENTATION OF SUMMARIZED AND RANK-ORDERED CORE CAPABILITIES.**

Governor Sandoval thanked the Commission for their input and willingness to condense this extensive process to one meeting. The Governor presented the summarized and rank-ordered core capability results derived from Commissioner Input provided in Agenda Item #8. The following represents the core capability rankings as a result of input from the Commission for FFY 2017 and read into record by the Governor:

Rank	Mission Area	Core Capability
1	Protection	Cybersecurity
2	Prevention/Protection	Intelligence and Information Sharing
3	All	Public Information and Warning
4	All	Operational Coordination
5	Response	Operational Communications
6	Mitigation	Threats and Hazards Identification Risk Assessment
7	Mitigation	Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
8	Response	Infrastructure Systems
9	Prevention	Interdiction and Disruption
10	Recovery	Economic Recovery

Chief Cage spoke to the process of using the identified top five priorities established moving forward in the HSGP process, with Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General indicating the Commission would need to vote on the establishment of priorities for FFY 2017. Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve the top five rankings as presented. A motion was presented by Richard Perkins, the Perkins Group, and second provided by Robert Fisher. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously. The Governor thanked DEM for their efforts in this process.

**10. PRESENTATION BY SECURED COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, ON THE USE OF ADVANCED MOBILE ENCRYPTION SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA.**

Secured Communications, LLC (SC) representatives including David Fritsche, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Mike Haley, Chief Communications Officer, and Chris Perry, Chief Operations Officer presented an encryption technology solution developed for public safety, government, and critical infrastructure agencies. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Inspiration to develop the company based on issues identified during the Washoe Drive Fire;
- Groundbreaking opportunity to create operable/interoperable LTE Communications over an encrypted LTE network;
- Comparison of radio versus SC messaging;
- Comparison of “At a Glance” differences between SC and existing Enterprise Solutions;
- Overview of messaging load during standard operations in public and private industry as well as fusion center messaging/information activities; and
- Overview of what SC can deliver to Nevada.

Sheriff Lombardo spoke to the importance of interoperability and how this project could positively impact those efforts throughout the state. Lt. Governor Hutchison clarified the use of the application by the end user and controls in place to monitor access through administrative means. Sheriff Lombardo spoke to the extra benefit of having public safety personnel administering this type of application in lieu of an unknown entity. Mike Haley said it's multi-modal, encrypted, and closed system with user identification by groups. If fire needs to talk to fire, it would be a group. People will not be in a group if they don't belong in the group during emergent or tactical operations. The Governor expressed his appreciation for this presentation of capability.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval called for public commentary in both venues. Mr. Rick Shaw, Founder and Chief Executive Officer for Awarity spoke to the issue of addressing “first preventers” in addressing capability gaps in addition to referencing a press release related to TIPS Incident Reporting noting the positive impact that program has had in Sarpy County. The Governor referenced back to Agenda Item #3 noting the minutes reflected the agenda, and called for a motion to approve. (*Please see meeting minutes on Agenda Item #3*). Additionally, the Governor expressed praise

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for the efforts of the Nevada National Guard in response to flooding, and welcomed Special Agent in Charge, Aaron Rouse, to the Commission as a new member. Copies of the final Core Capability priority rankings were handed out to Commissioners for reference.

**12. ADJOURN**

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion presented by Sheriff Lombardo, and a second provided by Robert Fisher. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.