



Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE	Monday, June 19, 2017	
	TIME	10:00 AM	
	LOCATION	Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	METHOD	Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Present	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
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		Chris Ipsen	X
Robert Fisher	X	Michael Roberson	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Aaron Rouse	X
Mark Hutchison			
Ikram Khan	X	Mike Jensen – Sr. DAG	X
Tom Lozich	X	Karen Hall (Analyst/Staff)	X
William McDonald	X		
Charles Moore			
Richard Perkins	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis			
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. No commentary presented in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Commission meeting held February 17, 2017. Motion was presented by Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), and a second was provided by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Governor Sandoval spoke to recent terrorism activities occurring internationally and in the state of Virginia urging law enforcement, military, and emergency medical services responders to remain vigilant in addition to expressing his gratitude for such efforts. The Governor also praised the efforts with ongoing flood mitigation in Northern Nevada as well cautioning about the upcoming fire season ahead given the extreme fuel load and extreme heat expected. Speaking to the fire currently in Verdi, the Governor urged the public to be aware of the fire danger and ensuring fire safety to avoid fire starts. Lastly, the Governor spoke to newly created Cyber Defense legislation including an appropriation of up to \$4,000,000 which could serve as a tremendous resource for the state. The Governor asked that a future agenda item be created to speak to this new legislation and the possibilities for the state.

5. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS.

Chief Caleb Cage, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the FFY 2017 HSGP process including the establishment of core capabilities by the Commission in February 2017 based on input from the 2016 Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report (SPR). On April 20, 2017, the Nevada Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) met prior to receipt of HSGP guidance to publically vet HSGP projects as submitted. In a series of subsequent advisory meetings including the Cyber Security Committee and the Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee to address specific questions regarding cybersecurity and communications issues, the process continued as HSGP grant guidance was finally released on June 2, 2017, prompting the final meeting of the HSWG on June 9, 2017, to rank prioritize the HSGP projects submitted and to present final recommendations to the Finance Committee. In total, the HSWG recommended funding 22 statewide projects and forwarded the recommendation of the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) to fund an additional 14 projects to the Finance Committee encompassing \$6,259,550 in project requests. During the final meeting of the HSWG, and the final rank-prioritizing of projects, \$43,543 remained available to apply towards existing projects which fell below the red line for funding. This amount could not fully fund any of the statewide projects remaining. Deputy Chief Steinbeck withdrew the Emergency Event Tracking System project from consideration, and as a result, the next project which could benefit from this funding was the Nye County Unmanned Aircraft System and Support Vehicle Project. Application of the remaining funding was approved and applied to the Nye County project.

Subsequently, and after the HSWG had met for the final time, the Nye County project was pulled for consideration as the amount funded could not adequately support the project. DEM Staff and UASI staff would recommend to the Finance Committee to push the remaining funding to the Statewide NIMS project to support local, county, tribal, and statewide initiatives.

Sheriff Lombardo recognized Deputy Chief Steinbeck for his tremendous efforts throughout this process for the urban area, as well as Chief Cage's efforts in embracing the process. Governor Sandoval also thanked the staff and various membership involved in the process noting that such effort creates more resources and protections for the people of the state.

6. REPORT ON THE JUNE 19, 2017, MEETING OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FFY 2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROJECTS

Chief Cage provided a report on the outcome of the June 19, 2017, Finance Committee meeting in which the recommendations from the HSWG meeting on June 9, 2017, were taken into consideration for funding 21 statewide HSGP projects in addition to 14 urban area projects. Of specific note was the Finance Committee's review and unanimous approval to apply \$43,543 of the remaining FFY 2017 HSGP funding allotment to the Statewide NIMS project as a result of the withdrawal of the Nye County Unmanned Aircraft System and Support Vehicle project that occurred after the final HSWG meeting on June 9, 2017. In total, the Finance Committee approved to move 35 projects totaling \$6,259,550 to the Commission for final review and approval today.

Sheriff Lombardo presented concern on separating cybersecurity projects into separate jurisdictional projects rather than having a statewide controlled effort for such projects. The Governor inquired what action was necessary today by the Commission for this agenda item, and Chief Cage indicated a vote for final approval to submit the HSGP Grant Application based on the Commission's approval of the presented recommendation of the Finance Committee was required. Dr. Khan presented a motion to approve as presented, with Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association, providing the second. Robert Fisher presented concern on whether funding under the Public Warning and Public Information project contained funding to support public information pertaining to the See Something, Say Something initiative, with Chief Cage indicating that is the case. All were in favor of the motion as presented, and motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval called for public commentary in both venues. Sheriff Chuck Allen, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, spoke to demanding week in Washoe County noting the extent of fire suppression efforts in addition to thanking members of his staff for their leadership. Chief Pilot Doug Russell, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, spoke to his efforts using Raven to monitor critical infrastructure status in addition to efforts applied to the fire including helicopters from the Nevada Division of Forestry,

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tankers from the Stead base, and numerous hand crews. Currently, the status of the Verdi fire is at 20% containment as a result of tremendous interagency effort and training. Deputy Chief Steinbeck thanked the DEM staff for their efforts and addressed the uptick in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) status as a good thing resulting from current threat components that are real. Deputy Chief Steinbeck cautioned that although more cities were funded, something is still seriously wrong with the risk methodology formula when Orlando, a city with the worst mass shooting in United States history, did not receive UASI funding. There needs to be continued support to fix this problem.

ADJOURN

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