



MEETING MINUTES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (EMCC)

Attendance	Date	Thursday, March 24, 2016	
	Time	1:30pm	
	Location	Nevada Division of Emergency Management 2478 Fairview Dr. Carson City, NV 89701	
	Method	Video - teleconference	
	Recorder	Chris Molnar	
Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members and Staff	Present
Chief Caleb Cage	X	Rose Marie Reynolds (DAG)	X
Aaron Kenneston	X	Chris Molnar (staff)	X
Rob Loveberg	X		
Carolyn Levering			
Ryan Turner	X		
Gregory Goll	X		
Jackie Conmay			
Dimitri Theodorou	X		
John Steinbeck			
LTC Cory Schulz	X		
Stacey Giomi	X		
Tim Spencer	X		
Joe Curtis	X		
Brian Burgess	X		
Michael Brown			
Misty Robinson			
Rachel Skidmore	X		
TOTAL:	12		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Caleb Cage, Chairman of the Emergency Management Coordinating Council, called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was performed by Chris Molnar, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (NDEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment in the North or the South.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brian Burgess moved to approve the minutes, and Joe Curtis seconded the motion.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER(S)

Chief Cage announced that Jackie Conmay, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, was appointed to the EMCC. She was unable to attend the meeting.

It was announced that Chief Tim Spencer was leaving his position as Chief of Reno Fire Dept. to accept a new position at South Lake Tahoe. Chair Cage will determine if he can stay on the council, or he will look for a replacement for Chief Spencer on the council.

6. EMCC STRATEGIC PRIORITY DISCUSSION

Chair Cage and Vice Chair Turner discussed how to address the strategies and the need to be more collaborative. Vice Chair Turner said the members need to take ownership to help and assist the Chief of Emergency Management. Chair Cage addressed Vice Chair Turner's points and agreed with him. Chair Cage also discussed accountability.

Chair Cage continued with priority **#1, EMPG Grant Funding Formula**.

He opened by promising the members a decision about the funding formula will be made this year. He told the members they would be carrying over the funding formula from last year to this year. He said they did receive an additional funding of \$19,000 from the EMPG grant, and suggested a discussion on the use of these additional dollars. He asked the members for input on this issue and said from now until October, they need to have a discussion in earnest to see what the next steps would be.

He suggested the members meet more often to discuss only the funding formula between now and the next quarterly meeting of the EMCC. Stacey Giomi said this issue is a critical component of emergency management across the state, he suggested a workshop dedicated only to EMPG. Joe Curtis agreed with Stacey and pointed out it was 3 years ago a major meeting was held and nothing was done.

A number of the members agreed a workshop should be held just for a discussion on the EMPG funding formula. Vice Chair Turner suggested the workshop should be held with all members present in the same facility. The members continued the need for the workshop and it was decided it will be held in May. Chair Cage will look at dates in May, and have Chris Molnar send out a few dates to see which one works best for the members. He wants the meeting to be held in the EOC in Carson City. He did state to the members that they will have a funding formula this year.

Chair Cage moved on to priority **#2, coordinate statewide emergency resources**, in conjunction with AB90 and statewide incident management team/incident management assistance team capabilities. He told the members he has been looking at a couple of options to develop this IMAT team. One option is to develop an internship program internally and the other option was to pursue an Americorp Grant. He explained it is a volunteer group that gets a stipend from the government, and join a government or non-profit program dedicated to a specific service, and are hosted by that agency to carry out that specific service. He stated Americorp is very interested in Nevada and having an emergency management role in the state. The volunteers would be housed by DEM and activated when DEM is activated for exercises or activation. He said this option probably won't work because an in-house manager is required and to accomplish building the IMAT team this year, this can't be an option at this time. He called Jim Walker and Kelli Baratti to the table to discuss the ongoing initiatives they have been working on to build towards this. Chair Cage told the members that the credentialing efforts could be an option as well as the ongoing discussions with the US Forestry and NDF about establishing an IMAT team. Also, he said they could use the AB90 committee to develop standards for it.

Kelli Baratti provided an update on the implementation of AB90, as it currently stands. She said it is waiting to be codified by the legislature. She told the members the committee has been formed and have drafted the bylaws. She discussed the development of the IMAT team, and the foundation that needs to be built, and felt IMAT should live with the AB90 committee, and gave an overview to the council on the reasons she felt that way. She also told the members that FEMA reached out to the Forest Service and asked them to identify teams in each of their regions, identify their capabilities and see if they are willing and ready to deploy.

Jim Walker discussed how DEM has been moving forward with credentialing for the state, in conjunction with FEMA, and making credentialing interoperable. He said this goes along with setting up the team, because they will need to be credentialed.

Vice Chair Turner said he thought the direction DEM is moving forward with is fantastic and agreed it should be with AB90. He commented on going through the EMAP process, they found they were not prepared for resource management standards and resources management plan. He offered to provide what they learned, in the perspective of city and county, on what they had to go through. He asked if EMCC could get a report from the AB90 committee on how it is doing, and have that report as a standing agenda item at each EMCC meeting. Kelly said it was very important for the locals to have this resource management information and the AB90 committee will be working on that.

The members continued a discussion on resource management and credentialing and agreed there was a “game plan” going forward of continuing the development of the credentialing system and the IMAT team concept and use AB90 to develop the standards and regulations.

Chair Cage moved forward with priority **#3, increase disaster recovery capacity**. He gave an overview of this priority, starting with an explanation of Aaron Kenneston’s receipt of a Homeland Security grant, to develop the statewide disaster recovery framework, and was a step in building this capacity. He told the members the Homeland Security Working Group would be considering an enhancement of the grant at their next meeting. He said DEM oversees the Disaster Relief Account and there is \$5 million in the account, with up to \$500,000 a year that rolls into the Emergency Assistant Account, which DEM also oversees. He explained that one of the statutory requirements was the State of Nevada have regulations for administering that account, and DEM is in the process of establishing those regulations, which increases compliance for the state.

Chief Cage continued by telling the members that DEM has developed a concept, which is a recovery reserve team, similar to IMAT, but funding could be a problem with this.

Vice Chair Turner asked if the EMCC could have a regular update from the statewide disaster recovery framework taskforce, as well as DEM give an update on their recovery efforts.

Priority #4, school safety coordination, was the next item that Chair Cage brought forward. Chair Cage explained the reason this was a priority, and expressed his thanks to the council for supporting this priority. He updated the members on SB205, which requires all schools, public, private and charter to develop EOP’s and those approved by the State Department of Education. He said they also stood up the Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, within the department. He told the members DEM has a consulting role, through the bill, to assist the schools throughout the state, but the approval process is still with the department. He said the department has received a federal grant from the Department of Education, the “Grant for School Emergency Management”, and explained they have an employee at their department and DEM has an employee in the office that work on this grant. Jim Walker clarified the

role of DEM is to assist in the school planning, not to overstep the counties. He said the DEM directive is dealing with the school districts, not just the individual schools.

Joe Curtis asked if DEM was coordinating with the state pool pact insurance organization, and Jim replied that the goal of the grant is to develop high quality emergency management plans for the school districts and that is being done through the contract with the organization and DEM is working with the insurance organization.

The members continued to discuss the pool pact insurance organization and the plans for the school districts and SB205. Jim told the members the contractors are working with the Department of Education. He did clarify the grant does not cover private schools or schools not chartered by the state or counties. He explained DEM is tasked with looking at the plans to make sure they are completed and SB205, requires school plans be submitted to DEM and is required to receive copies of the plans and store the plans on site. He said DEM does not go thru the contractor to get those plans.

The school safety coordination discussion continued among the members. Ryan Turner suggested the school statewide committee have a member of the committee attend an EMCC meeting and report their activities.

When questioned about difference between private school plans and public school plans, Jim clarified that there were 2 statutes. He said one applies to public schools and one applies to private schools, and between those 2 statutes, the schools are required to submit their plans to DEM, but the grant funding only applies to public schools.

Chair Cage moved onto **priority #5, better statewide coordination of planning, training and exercise.** He told the members that DEM is developing training plans that coincide with exercise plans, as well as planning plans. He said those will run on an annual cycle and will culminate with a full scale exercise and then will fit into a family of exercises. He said that would bring state, local and tribes on board to work together. Col. Schulz gave a short overview of VG-17 and would like to see all jurisdictions to come forward and be involved in the exercise.

Introducing **priority #6, Statewide Emergency Managers Association,** Chair Cage asked Vice Chair Turner to give an update on the ongoing efforts to develop the association. Ryan said Bud Marshall, Joe Curtis, Dave Fogerson and him have taken on the task of forming the new association. Ryan told the members the name of the new association is Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association (NEPA), a professional association for Emergency Managers in the State of Nevada. He pointed out the association will be focused on excellence with everything they do. He explained the association will provide legislative support and will be a private association, so it can accept funding. He said the association hopes to co-sponsor the DEM director's conference in 2016. He concluded by stating the founding members of the association will be reaching out to recruit new members and he will be sending the by-laws to Chris Molnar to distribute to the EMCC members.

Chair Cage brought forward **priority #7, Collaborative Operating Groups (COG)**, for the members to discuss opportunities to enhance these groups in Nevada. He said he would be getting with Aaron Kenneston and would give a presentation on this priority at a future EMCC meeting. Kelli Baratti told the members that Aaron had reached out to her about the contract he has and she told the members there are only 10 licenses for the entire state. She said Aaron has hired Chris Megenheimer to give direction on the development of the COGs throughout the state. She told the members one of the COGs will be the Amber Alert COG and will be administered by the Department of Public Safety dispatch, and all of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) will be the point of contacts for the Amber Alert. She said they will be breaking up the state in sections to stay within the available 10 licenses.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The members decided to hold a meeting in May and the only item on the agenda would be an EMPG workshop. Chair Cage would like everybody to attend the workshop in Carson City, at DEM, but told the members it may not be likely, because there is no budget to help with the travel to Carson City.

Chair Cage said the following meeting will include standing items AB90, statewide disaster recovery effort, and an update from the school safety subcommittee.

The members held a discussion on future meetings and agendas and asked if presentations and quarterly reports could be written and submitted prior to the meeting, or written prior and handed out at the meeting, and then discussed among the members. They felt that would help control the length of the meeting. A discussion was also held on the length of the meeting and keep it to 1 ½ hours, if possible.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Burgess thanked the staff of the Director's Conference for a very productive workshop.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Cage asked for a motion to adjourn. Stacey Giomi moved to adjourn and Rob Loveberg seconded the motion.