**GOVERNOR LED COMMITTTEES**

**Nevada Commission on Homeland Security**

In 2003 the Nevada Legislature created the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) as a response to the terror attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. As described in Chapter 239C of the Nevada Revised Statues (NRS 239C), the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security is tasked with several responsibilities directed toward making recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, local governments, private business, and citizens about actions and measures that may be taken to protect the citizens and visitors to this State from potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies.

The duties of the Commission include:

Making recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, State agencies, local governments, businesses, and private citizens about actions to be taken to protect against terrorism.

Making recommendations, through the Division of Emergency Management, on the use of money received by the State from homeland security grants or related programs.

Proposing goals and programs to counteract acts of terrorism.

Ensuring the safety of Nevada’s residents and the critical infrastructures of the State by identifying the susceptibility of those infrastructures to terrorist acts.

Examining the use and deployment of response agencies.

Reviewing the interoperability of the State’s communications systems and the efficacy of emergency (911) telephone systems, including establishment of a state plan for the compatibility and interoperability of the State’s information and communication systems for response agencies and advising the Governor about such systems with particular emphasis on public safety radio systems.

Coordinating between government agencies to avoid duplication; and

Submitting an annual briefing to the Governor on the assessment of the State’s preparedness, including an assessment of response plans and vulnerability assessments of utilities, and public and private entities.

The Nevada Commission on Homeland Security has the responsibility to advise the Governor and the Legislature on any and all means that will improve the safety and security of the State, our residents and visitors.

**NRS MANDATED COMMITTEES**

**Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee**

The Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) is established in Chapter 239C of the Nevada Revised Statutes, which was passed and approved through Senate Bill 35 of the 80th Session of the Nevada State Legislature in 2019. It was previously established as the Resilience Commission under Executive Order 2018‐4, entitled, “Implementation of Nevada’s Statewide Resilience Strategy,” signed by Governor Sandoval on March 12, 2018, and under the authority of the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management as permitted by NRS Chapter 414.

The Committee was established to streamline Nevada’s existing emergency management and homeland security public body structure, grant allocation processes, as well as mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. The Committee ensures statewide collaboration in the development and implementation of all homeland security and emergency management preparedness initiatives and propose balanced allocation of grant funding to address statewide needs.

The Committee serves in an advisory role to the Chief of DEM. Therefore, the mission of the Committee is to provide recommendations, and as a result, will not usurp the power of the State Administrative Agent to manage the multiple grant funding streams that enter the State of Nevada.

The Committee serves in the capacity of, and complete the functions of, the State Senior Advisory Council, the Homeland Security Working Group, the State Interoperability Executive Board, the State Interoperability Governance Board, Emergency Management Coordinating Council, Nevada Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee and Subcommittee, Nevada Earthquake Safety Council, and the Citizens Corps Council.

**Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council**

The Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (NTECC) is appointed and authorized by the 27 federally recognized Tribes in Nevada and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. NTECC is responsible for providing support to the 27 federally recognized Tribes in Nevada in all hazards emergency management, obtaining grants, and serving as an advisory body to the Chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management.

The DEM is the state agency responsible for the administration of emergency preparedness, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation. It is established by the Nevada Legislature in Chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

All federally recognized Tribes in Nevada may have one voting representative on the NTECC. No federally recognized Tribe in Nevada shall have more than one representative appointed to the NTECC. The Tribal Chairperson will provide a letter of designation to the Chief of NDEM for the selected tribal representative. The Chief of NDEM will officially appoint the selected tribal member to the NTECC.

The purpose of NTECC is to serve as an advisory body for DEM for policy and programmatic functions for the 27 federally recognized Tribes in Nevada with respect to emergency management on Tribal lands in the following ways:

Advise DEM in the development of programs and policies regarding the implementation of Tribal emergency management programs.

Provide oversight in the distribution of funding available through the DEM and other grant sources.

Encourage the creation of Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERC), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Increase knowledge, skills, and education of emergency management and preparedness.

Encourage Tribal participation and input on Nevada emergency management commissions and committees.

Encourage Tribal compliance to the Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA).

Assist federally recognized Tribes in Nevada with emergency operations plans, tribal hazard mitigation plans, public health preparedness plans, tribal hazard vulnerability assessments (HVAs), training plans, exercises and drills.

Promote state-wide Tribal compliance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, and the National Incident Management System.

Encourage federally recognized Tribes in Nevada to opt-in to the Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid System.

Promote inter-operability communications, mutual aid agreements, and coordination/cooperation from federally recognized Tribes in Nevada to all Nevada jurisdictions, DEM, other state agencies, and federal agencies.

Maintain Tribal sovereignty with respect to each Nevada Tribal government and their members.

**State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee**

The State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee was established to:

Notify providers of health care, as defined in [NRS 629.031](https://nevada.public.law/statutes/nrs_629.031), in writing of the requirements of [NRS 629.043](https://nevada.public.law/statutes/nrs_629.043).

Develop a plan for performing the duties prescribed in [NRS 414.285](https://nevada.public.law/statutes/nrs_414.285) during activation. Such a plan is confidential and must be securely maintained by each person who has possession, custody or control of the plan.

On or before January 31 of each year, submit a report to the Chief, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next session of the Legislature, if the report is submitted in an even-numbered year, or the Legislative Commission, if the report is submitted in an odd-numbered year. The report must include, without limitation:

A description of the activities of the State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee for the immediately preceding calendar year; and

A summary of any policies or procedures adopted by the State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee for the immediately preceding calendar year.

**Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee**

The Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee was established through the authority contained in Assembly Bill 90 as passed by the 78th Nevada Legislature and signed into law by Governor Sandoval on May 14, 2015.

The Committee advises the Chief of the Division on issues related to emergency management and intrastate mutual aid in this State.

The purpose of the Committee is to develop comprehensive guidelines and procedures regarding, requesting intrastate mutual aid; responding to a request for intrastate mutual aid; recordkeeping during an emergency or disaster for which intrastate mutual aid has been requested; and reimbursement of costs to assisting participants.

**State Search and Rescue Board**

Search, and Rescue (SAR) in Nevada is handled at the local level and is the responsibility of the County Sheriff's Office. The local SAR units provide aid to people who may have become lost or are in distress or imminent danger. The general field of search and rescue has most of its members who volunteer their time and skills to their communities. Many SAR teams have specialty units (such as Mounted SAR, Swift-water Rescue, Alpine Rescue, Drone Teams, etc.) to provide specific rescue capabilities for their areas, usually determined by the type of terrain in their response areas. The primary focus of SAR teams is life safety.

The Board for Search and Rescue was established by the Nevada Revised Statutes under NRS 414.170 in 1983. Members of the Board are appointed by the Chief, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the board composition is guided by statutory requirements. It includes: One member representing the Nevada Wing of the Civil Defense Air Patrol; One member from the Nevada National Guard; Four members from the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association; One member from the Health Division; One member from the Division of Forestry; A Search and Rescue representative belonging to a law enforcement agency, and One member from the Nevada Fire Chief’s Association

The Board meets quarterly to discuss search and rescue issues such as training and exercise activities, format policy related to search and rescue, establishes and approves standards for personnel and courses, and reviews operations to provide recommendations for operational improvements statewide.

The Coordinator for Search and Rescue appoints members and manages the Training Committee. The Training Committee establishes recommendations for organizations specializing in search and rescue and certify organizations which meet those recommendations at the appropriate level.

**NRS 414: “Power of the Chief” Developed Committees**

**Nevada Emergency Preparedness Working Group**

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) & Agreement in Principle - The funding enhances readiness to Nevada communities to respond to Hazardous Materials (HAZ-Mat) incidents involving radiological materials.

The Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) was established by the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management through the authority granted in NRS 414.040, which authorizes the Chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management to carry out programs for emergency management. The EPWG is subject to and under the direction and control of the Chief of DEM and the Department of Energy.

The purpose of the EPWG is to provide a forum for coordination of the low-level waste program between Nevada National Security Site , DEM, and the counties of Clark, Elko, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine to develop an operational level emergency response capability.

Working Group objectives include:

Advising the Chief on grant administration coordination, including development of grant guidelines, standardization of grant applications and reporting requirements, and coordination on other crosscutting grant administrative issues.

Coordination of multi-county initiatives such as equipment standardization, enhancement of communication systems, and training development and conduct.

Advise the Chief on a concurrence on NNSS grant funding distribution.

Coordination of NNSS equipment loans to the six counties.

As a Work Group, the EPWG promotes activities that contribute in a meaningful way toward building disaster resistant communities in the State of Nevada.

**Nevada Hazard Mitigation Working Group**

The Nevada Hazard Mitigation Work Group (HMWG) is established through the authority

contained in Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 414, which authorizes the Chief of the

Nevada Division of Emergency Management to carry out the emergency

management program for the State of Nevada.

The purpose of the Work Group is to advise the Chief on hazard mitigation assistance which includes planning, projects, and policies. All hazards, including natural and man‐made, may be considered, and the Work Group should adhere to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Nevada Hazard Mitigation Work Group is responsible for

Provide recommendations for the implementation of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan,

through the following actions:

Encourage local and regional, multi‐jurisdictional governmental agencies, and the

private sector to prepare their own hazard mitigation plans; and

Support the preparation of appropriate proposals from state agencies and

encourage local and regional, multi‐jurisdictional governmental agencies to

submit proposals for HMA in Nevada; and

Review proposals submitted for HMA and make recommendations to the Chief for

priorities for funding; and

Assist NDEM in the preparation of formed proposals to FEMA for HMA; and

Promote activities that contribute toward building disaster‐resistant communities

throughout Nevada; and

Assess risks from hazards in Nevada and use risk assessments in the development

of Hazard Mitigation Plans and in the evaluation of proposals for HMA.