



# Meeting Minutes Resilience Commission

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	May 14, 2019
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 A.M.
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management State Emergency Operations Center 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, NV 89701
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Meagan Werth-Ranson

Commission Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Caleb Cage	X	Melissa Friend	X	Connie Morton	X
John Steinbeck	X	Mike Heidemann	X	Todd Moss	X
Roy Anderson	X	Eric Holt	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	ABS
Solome Barton	X	David Hunkup	X	Andy Rasor	X
Bunny Bishop	X	Jeremy Hynds	X	Carlito Rayos	X
Felix Castagnola	ABS	Kacey KC	ABS	Misty Robinson	X
Bart Chambers	ABS	Aaron Kenneston	X	Chris Tomaino	X
James Chrisley	X	Graham Kent	X	Rachel Skidmore	X
Cassandra Darrough	X	Annette Kerr	X	Corey Solferino	X
Craig dePolo	X	Mary Ann Laffoon	X	Malinda Southard	X
Michael Dietrich	X	Chris Lake	X	Mike Wilson	X
Dave Fogerson	X	Bob Leighton	X	Stephanie Woodard	X
Jeanne Freeman	X	Carolyn Levering	X		
<b>Legal Representative</b>			<b>Entity</b>		<b>Present</b>
Samantha Ladich – Sr. Deputy Attorney General			Nevada Attorney General's Office		X
<b>Analyst/Support Staff</b>			<b>Entity</b>		<b>Present</b>
Karen Hall			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North		X
Meagan Werth-Ranson			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North		X
Paul Burke			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North		X
Robert Plant			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North		X
Kendall Herzer			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - South		X
Annette Anderson			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - South		X

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chief Caleb Cage, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS), called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Meagan Werth-Ranson, DEM/HS. Quorum was established for the meeting.

## 2. Public Comment

Chief Cage opened discussion for public comment in all venues. Public Comment was not provided by the Carson City or Las Vegas venues

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Chief Cage called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the April 9, 2019, Resilience Commission (Commission) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was provided by Dr. Aaron

Kenneston, Washoe County, and a second was provided by Dr. Chris Lake, Nevada Hospital Association. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Monthly Review of Resilience Commission Annual Outlook**

Chief Cage presented the Commission with updates to the Annual Outlook. There were two changes made to the Annual Outlook from the Resilience Commission's last meeting. The first change was to include a presentation in July from the Emergency Preparedness Working Group. The second change was to move the Communications Briefing to an early date in the 2019 calendar year. The Annual Outlook will be used as a draft document. It will also be used to guide the work of the Commission moving forward.

#### **5. Briefing on Current Legislative Efforts Affecting the Statewide Resilience Strategy**

Chief Cage provided a brief overview on the current legislative efforts affecting statewide resilience including activities on the following legislation:

- Assembly Bill 71: Changes concerning expenditures related to disasters and emergencies;
- Senate Bill 15: Establishment of incident management assistance teams;
- Senate Bill 34: Revises provisions related to emergency management;
- Senate Bill 35: Creates the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee;
- Senate Bill 66: Revises provisions relating to emergency management;
- Senate Bill 67: Revises provisions governing local emergency management;
- Senate Bill 68: Provides for the expedited granting of certain provisional registrations to volunteer providers of health or veterinary services during an emergency declaration; and
- Senate Bill 69: Revises provisions relating to emergencies and cybersecurity.

The Legislative session ends June 3, 2019 and by then it should be clear what has passed and what has been signed. DEM/HS is still monitoring the same eight bills that have been discussed, not including Assembly Bill (AB)206 which is being carried by Assemblyman William McCurdy II. AB206 and AB71 were heard by the Senate Committee on Government Affairs on Friday May 10, 2019. They both passed out of the work session and will report to the Senate Floor. Senate Bill (SB)68 passed through both houses and was provided to the Governor for signature. SB15, SB34, SB35, SB66, and SB67 are all in a work session as of this morning. Justin Luna, DEM/HS, was at the working session and reported back that all bills were approved out of the working session and will move back to the Senate Floor. SB 69 went to the Senate Finance Committee as two state agencies put fiscal notes on it. This gave DEM/HS time to make a few amendments to the NRS 480 Section in regards to the Nevada Office of Cyber Defense Coordination (OCDC). Ms. Annette Kerr, Elko County, questioned whether or not any of the bills have had any significant changes made to them. Chief Cage advised that there have been minor amendments made to some of the bills but nothing major. However, SB69 did have significant changes relating to the roles and responsibilities of the OCDC. Very little of this, if any, had changes relating to DEM with the exception of removing DEM from also receiving incident response plans for Cyber Security as they already go to the Office of Cyber Defense Coordination.

#### **6. Fire Season Hazard Briefing**

John Christopherson, Deputy Administrator of Operations, Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), gave a presentation on the Fire Season Hazard Briefing. Deputy Administrator Christopherson provided the Commission with a set of statistics that showed that wildfires have steadily increased across Nevada since 2001 and provided background information on the correlation between the type of weather we experience as a state and the occurrence of wildfires. Looking ahead at the fire season for 2019, Nevada has had a lot of moisture in the Sierra Nevada and across the state. This leads subject matter experts to believe that there will be a delay in higher elevation fire starts due to the snow melt. At lower elevations, it has led to the rapid growth of low level vegetation creating

more fuel for fires. Normal fire potential has been predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the May, June, and July months of 2019.

In order to respond to wildfires, the State of Nevada has 150 fire departments across cities, counties, fire districts, and general improvement districts. There are 18 public safety answering points (911) or dispatch centers and five interagency wildfire dispatch centers. These resources create a 24/7 ability to respond to such incidents.

NDF has also been busy working on preseason preparations. This preparation includes training opportunities, a focus on reducing threat through fuel mitigation, and working with local jurisdictions by providing support with personnel and equipment. NDF also does fire prevention through local messaging. For example, in 2017, it was documented that 14 target shooting fires occurred. After running a series of messages across different platforms for the campaign, it was identified that during the 2017-2018 season, there were zero target shooting fire starts. This proves the messaging platform is an effective tool that is being utilized as a part of fire prevention.

Along with messaging, there are 26 current fire cameras around Nevada. These cameras help observe starting points of fires, fire behavior, and point of access. These cameras are a useful tool used to aid in initial responses. Mr. Christopherson spoke to the goals of NDF being to increase the scale of fuel reduction, focus on all agency partners, increase the collection of locally sourced seed for rehabilitation efforts, increase public awareness, and create sustainable markets in Nevada to utilize biomass products coming out of treatment areas. Mr. Dave Hunkup, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, asked if the cameras that are currently online are accessible by the public. Deputy Administrator Christopherson responded that the cameras are indeed accessible by the public for online viewing. Dr. Graham Kent, University of Nevada Reno, mentioned that a lot of new equipment and advances will be coming to the area in the near future.

Deputy Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, asked Deputy Administrator Christopherson to define what the initial attack period consisted of. Deputy Administrator Christopherson advised that initial attack is considered the first 24-hour period when most incidents can be managed and there is not a need to move into an extended attack phase. This initial attack period is 95% effective in control of an incident. Deputy Chief Steinbeck asked how often an Incident Management Team (IMT) is utilized after the initial attack period. Deputy Administrator Christopherson advised that beyond the first 24 hours and based on resources available, an IMT is used frequently, whether it is a Type III team, or otherwise. Deputy Chief Steinbeck pointed out that an IMT is in development, and he asked if there were any shadowing opportunities available. Deputy Administrator Christopherson spoke to the fact that they do use these incidents specifically for trainee opportunities to fulfill positions on said team. As far as shadowing, this is something that will need to be looked into.

Deputy Chief Steinbeck asked for clarification on the fact that California has a few statutes that allow for cases of enforced mitigation on private land in urban areas, and inquired if Nevada has something like this in place. Deputy Administrator Christopherson noted we do have statutes in place regarding enforced mitigation as it relates to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 474 however he did not believe that this NRS is typically enforced. There was some discussion as to the causes of fire being related to the lack of mitigation on private land with the answer being it was not believed so. Most of the fires Nevada has experienced are caused by human error. Deputy Chief Steinbeck asked if Nevada had any communities that are at the same threat/risk level as Paradise California. Deputy Administrator Christopherson noted that, yes; there are numerous locations in Nevada that are at that threat/risk level.

Dr. Aaron Kenneston noted on the record that he appreciated the cameras and all the work that has been done on getting them up and functioning. Dr. Kenneston also mentioned that NV Energy has been extremely proactive on working on de-energizing plans and de-energizing lines quickly in cases of emergencies. Deputy Chief Dave Fogerson, East Fork Fire Protection District, wanted to offer clarification on the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) codes. WUI codes have been adopted under Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 474 under the State Fire Marshal.

Everything has been adopted under the current edition except for building materials. Fire protection districts cannot adopt or enforce ordinances; it takes the city or county to do so as well. The Fire Protection Districts makes the recommendation to the city or county to adopt it as well. There is a big push to get everyone to adopt the WUI codes. Deputy Chief Fogerson also spoke to a piece of legislation that is currently pending that would require the power grid companies to work with the local fire agencies to write Community Wildland Fire Protection Programs that would protect their power supplies but would also help their communities in creating joint assistance.

## **7. Review of Current Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Reobligation Guidelines and Process**

Ms. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the current Homeland Security Grant Program Re-obligation Guidelines and Processes to the Commission. Ms. Anderson spoke to the document that was provided and noted the different sections as they relate to extensions and budget modifications, requesting funding, special approvals, and time sensitive issues. Ms. Anderson stressed that like projects will be grouped together and to be aware if projects get grouped with another project that has compliance issues, those projects will also be put on hold. Ms. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, had concerns with the due dates especially since June 1, 2019, is quickly approaching and wanted to know when they would receive notification of the amounts that were available. Ms. Anderson advised that this was put out there for the Urban Area in previous days. There was significant discussion surrounding the idea of moving the dates as long as it is released twice a year. Ms. Levering requested a three to four week notice of how much funding will be available; this will help with the overall awareness. Ms. Anderson agreed and believes that once a good schedule is established, this will not be an issue moving forward allowing for close out of the grants. Chief Cage noted that the HSGP grants will be submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on May 29, 2019. At the very least, we will continue to use this as a draft document and will ensure that it is on the June 2019 Commission agenda. Ms. Anderson mentioned there was \$57,612.00 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) in de-obligations. The state does not have any de-obligations at this time. Deputy Chief Steinbeck asked if it was possible to add in a certain number of days, Project Change Request (PCR) or extensions, or any other answers to get back to the requesters this document for consistency. Ms. Anderson commented that if it can be approved internally it could be two weeks and if it needs to be approved externally by DHS it can be hard to judge the timeline. This could take longer during grant peak season. Deputy Chief Steinbeck requested that there be notice that the request has been submitted and in the que. That would be helpful. Ms. Anderson advised she will add that to the document for future meetings.

\*\*\*break at 10:23 a.m., return at 10:36 a.m. \*\*\*

## **8. Overview of Nevada Recovery Efforts**

Ms. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the current statistics relating to recovery efforts. Further discussion was provided for federal disasters 4303 and 4307 indicating the number of grants awarded, amount awarded, paid to date, balance, and pending reports for each disaster as of May 7, 2019.

## **9. Homeland Security Grant Program Financial Update**

Ms. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to the Homeland Security Grant Program Financial Update. The document provided included a list of all the awards for all the open years, how much the awards were for, claims to date, de-obligation/re-obligation amounts, and balances for each award. The form included amounts for FFY 2016, FFY 2017, and FFY 2018. It was highlighted that this form will undergo a few updates and changes to make it easier to read and understand.

## **10. Discussion of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Allocations**

Ms. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke briefly about the three documents that were provided for this agenda item regarding 2010 Population Census, threats by Jurisdictions and the EMPG 2013 potential formula information. These documents show where we are with existing allocations. These documents are only a data tool to start thinking about as the Commission goes into the June, July, and August 2019 meetings. Dr. Craig dePolo, University of Nevada Reno, questioned where the state analytics came from regarding the hazards and threats. Ms. Anderson advised that this information was pulled from archives and she was unable to provide further background. These forms are to be used as draft documents and give historical information that could be used for future reference. There was a great deal of discussion on the age of the information on the documents and it was suggested to use current information regarding population. Ms. Levering mentioned that the EMPG is a federal grant that is given to states based on population. There are no other factors, the fact that we are looking at other ways of using this funding to locals outside of a straight population formula is a responsible thing for the Commission to be doing. Population will always be in the heart of this conversation. Ms. Annette Kerr wondered if we are still requiring jurisdictions to fill out a Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA). Ms. Anderson advised the THIRA is a requirement for all FEMA grants. It is a requirement of the states to submit a THIRA and a Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA) and that it has never been considered for the EMPG as it does have other criteria that are attached. The state has to have a State Emergency Management Plan, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and data points to be eligible; they are close to the same requirements for Homeland Security products. DEM has never looked at gaps and capabilities of jurisdictions receiving EMPG funding. Without Emergency Managers we would not have a program and that is where 90% of funding is allocated to. It is allocated as the salaries of Emergency Managers. There is not a lot of wiggle room in EMPG funding for anything other than baseline emergency management. Deputy Chief Fogerson discussed that this has been a hot topic every time it has come up. The Commission needs to look at how this impacts the state. Chief Cage noted that this money should be used for statewide preparedness.

## **11. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Resilience Commission Status, Process, and Timeline**

Chief Cage gave an update on future meetings and how the process of future meetings will go. This Commission will hopefully be approving today, a set of recommendations for maintenance projects to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is set to meet on May 23, 2019. The Finance Committee may make changes and any other recommendations and forward their approved recommendations onto the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS). The NCHS is set to meet on May 28, 2019 to finalize this process. The HSGP grants are due on May 29, 2019 to DHS through FEMA. By that time, full applications will have been submitted and DEM should have a close estimate on what the final Homeland Security approval will look like. DEM will work with all sub grantees to ensure the Investment Justifications align and are ready to go. Finally, if the grant application is approved, funding will start in September or October of this year.

## **12. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Investment Justification (IJ)**

Ms. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, provided an overview on the FFY 2016-18 financials. Ms. Anderson mentioned that the document that was included in the packet is a living document and will be modified in the future as changes arise. Ms. Anderson provided a historical background on the document and discussed the changes the form has previously gone through. In regards to the Investment Justifications, Ms. Anderson and staff have been working on grouping similar projects via proposals. Typically the grouping is not released until the voting by this Commission is completed. This process has already been completed for the Urban Areas. This information will be released after the vote. There are currently two documents that are due. The Maintaining Capacities Investment Justifications are due on Wednesday May 15, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. The other Investment Justifications for projects outside of “maintaining capacities” are due on Monday May 20, 2019; by 5:00 p.m. Ms. Anderson and her staff will provide a call in number for anyone needing technical assistance. Ms. Anderson gave a reminder that some projects that we are submitting this year are cutting edge and that these projects will take some work to get



through DHS and FEMA. The issue with grouping is that projects may be grouped with one of those projects potentially that have compliance issues. If a project gets grouped with one of these projects, that project will also be put on hold. Deputy Chief Steinbeck asked for a timeline regarding how long a project hold could take. Ms. Anderson advised typically that every year at least one Investment Justification is put on hold. Usually, the Investment Justification has a hold and the state is unable to draw the money. By the time DEM submits the sub-recipient application is out the door, and those issues have been fixed as DEM has 45 days to pass through the money. Very rarely will it extend past the 45 days. Some of the projects are believed to possibly have a hold up to 90-120 days, but it is really hard to determine the timeline without having received any feedback from FEMA/DHS. Ms. Anderson is expecting to hear something from FEMA/DHS by the end of August 2019 or very early September 2019. Ms. Carolyn Levering inquired as to who was leading each Investment Justification for each project and what projects are included. Ms. Anderson advised the Urban Area was given their suggested groupings yesterday. The SHSP suggested groupings were completed yesterday and reviewed by Chief Cage. DEM did not assign project leads as this will be a little challenging. Ms. Anderson suggested that project proposers get together and decide who will take the lead and work out those specific details together.

### **13. Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) Meeting Review**

Deputy Chief Steinbeck, CCFD, gave an update on the recent Urban Area Working Group Meeting. The urban area received project proposals for a total request of \$6,017,954.00 during the review process. The UAWG voted to fund projects totaling \$ 4,700,050.00 with a balanced budget. The UAWG approved seven “maintain capacity” projects. The remaining projects were all categorized as new even if they have been funded in the past but did not match the requirements. “Maintained” projects included the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and Metropolitan Medical Response Systems (MMRS). There are some new projects that are in the works. They will have some difficulties, but we will fight to have these approved as it is believed they have a significant importance.

### **14. Recommendations for Communications Projects Submitted for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process**

Ms. Melissa Friend, DEM/HS, gave background as to her role and responsibility on this Commission. Ms. Friend is serving as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. She has been tasked with looking at projects to ensure all communication projects statewide are interoperable. This was taken into consideration while looking at the ranking of these projects and the scoring matrix was used to aid in this process. There were a total of five projects that were originally deemed to be Communication related projects. Project GG, Metro Wireless Mesh Network, did not align with Safecomm guidelines as far as a communication project so it was removed from consideration. The remaining four projects all fell within a few points of each other. The ranking for funding was as follows:

1. XX -NIMS Communication
2. Q -Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
3. EE – LVMPD DOC Dispatch
4. QQ – Southern Nevada IMT

### **15. Recommendations for Cybersecurity Projects Submitted for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process**

Deputy Director Michael Dietrich, Nevada Department of Administration and Administrator Shaun Rahmeyer, ODCD, served as a Cyber Security subject matter experts for the Commission. There were a total of five projects up for consideration and these were determined to be Cyber Security related. The scoring matrix was used to make sure that; we were aligning the solutions with the Cyber Security focus area and need, that there would be a

statewide impact, large regional impact, and there were clearly identified goals and objectives. The ranking for funding is as follows:

1. K- Nevada Secretary of State Netflow and Intrusion Detection System
2. RR -Nevada Office of Information Security
3. J - Washoe County Sheriff's Office
4. I - Southern Nevada Health District
5. Y- Nevada EITS

Mr. Dietrich recommended the first four ranking projects should be funded. The fifth project, Project Y, was not recommended for funding as it is believed to need a little more work to determine the best tool to fulfil this need.

Dr. Jeanne Freeman, Carson City Health and Human Services, had questions regarding Project RR. Chief Cage noted that Project RR was for vouchers for state employees to be trained on Cyber Security. Dr. Freeman questioned whether or not the vouchers were going to be distributed to the jurisdictions around the state or if that process was modified. Ms. Jenet Hensley, Office of Information Security, noted there will be a total of 60 vouchers split equally between city, county, tribal entities and state employees. Dr. Freeman questioned the process for distribution and if there would be a prioritization on who gets the vouchers. Ms. Hensley advised that Shaun Rahmeyer will be in charge of distributing the vouchers based on primary stakeholders with certain criteria. Chief Cage referenced that this Commission would have an interest in being involved with the voucher process and if funds are available for this, this is a perfect opportunity of this Commission to have oversight. James Chrisley, McCarran International Airport, requested clarification on Project Y, and if this project did not meet the qualifications to be funded. Mr. Dietrich noted that was correct; there is no recommendation for funding at this time.

#### **16. Discussion of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Project Proposal Modifications and Budgets**

Chief Cage elaborated on the review of FFY19 HSGP project submissions for SHSP as follows. The Homeland Security Grant Program was awarded a little over \$4,000,000.00 this year. The Urban Area was awarded around \$5,000,000.00 for projects in both areas. The Urban area came in initially \$800,000 under the requested total for that \$5,000,000.00 and Homeland Security was \$400,000 over requested. That does not represent the administration portion that the state absorbs in order to run Homeland Security programs in the state. Nevada was the closest it has ever been on actual project requests.

Typically the process would begin with the THIRA voting process with the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security where they would approve five core capabilities and fit our projects into them. Due to declining dollar amounts and uncertain dollar amounts, we decided that part of the Resilience Commission strategy would be to fund strategic capacities to be maintained and use remaining funds for competitive projects. Every project in SHSP in State Homeland Security Grant Program under the "maintain capacity" can be approved today based on the funding. The way the Commission was able to get under the FFY19 Federal SHSP Allocation for the Homeland Security Grant Program is by first removing one project where the presenters failed to show up and provide information, second, a reduction to Statewide National Incident Management Systems (NIMS), and third, a removal of a majority of shared projects requested by urban area. Chief Cage expressed significant appreciation for Deputy Chief Steinbeck for taking on those projects so the Commission could fund all of these projects under SHSP with the surplus the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) had. The Commission is still going to go through the proposed processes to ensure all projects are appropriately vetted.

Deputy Chief Steinbeck stated that the Urban Area funded really excellent projects and is hopeful that the same can be done for statewide projects. Dr. Freeman opened discussion on Project R, stating there was a discussion on moving these funds over to UASI, and asked if this is the move that should be made. Dr. Freeman wanted to be

clarifying that we will still have ability to coordinate with Ms. Carolyn Levering and her shop so we don't lose the opportunity for this. Ms. Anderson advised this would be the case, that DEM will still have the ability to coordinate and not lose that ability based on funding. Ms. Annette Kerr, Elko County, asked what the amount of EMPG was. Ms. Anderson mentioned that we do know how much we are receiving, we will not be using current funding to support this project and will be using past funding. We will not be able to wait for current 2019 funding. We will be using 2017 or 2018 depending on needs and about \$20,000 will be taken out of the state share of this funding. Deputy Chief Fogerson wanted to know which project was dropped. Chief Cage advised it was Project LL in the amount of almost \$230,000.00

### **17. Resilience Commission Review and Ranking of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and SHSP/Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Split Project Proposals and Budget Funding Decision**

Chief Cage provided an explanation as to what was expected to happen under this agenda item. The Commission has two objectives here. It will review the projects and vote on whether or not to approve the projects under the "maintained" category. The next step is to rank order the competitive projects. After all ranking sheets are collected, the Commission will vote to approve the motion. Deputy Chief Steinbeck requested clarification on if there is a need to make "maintain projects" ranked. Chief Cage noted that we are not ranking maintenance projects. Ms. Carolyn Levering made a motion to recommend funding for the "maintained projects" listed in A-X as listed in detail for SHSP column total of \$3,079,870.99. Deputy Chief Fogerson provided a second motion. Motion passed unanimously.

\*\*\*\* break for lunch, broke at 11:51 a.m., returned at 12:30 p.m. \*\*\*

#### **Project XX: NIMS - Communications**

Presenter: Melissa Friend, DEM/HS  
Funding Request: \$12,400.00 [SHSP]  
Discussion: Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Project RR: Security Skills Professional Development for Information/Cyber Security Professionals**

Presenter: Robert Dehnhardt, Nevada Department of Administration  
Funding Request: \$229,140.00 [SHSP]  
Discussion: Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Project WW: Statewide NIMS Competitive**

Presenter: Kelli Baratti, DEM/HS  
Funding Request: \$166,655.00 [SHSP]/ \$50,000.00 [UASI]  
Discussion: Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Project AA: WCSO Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC)**

Presenter: Lieutenant Corey Solferino, Washoe County Sheriff's Office  
Funding Request: \$53,358.55 [SHSP]  
Discussion: Ranked 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Project MM: Homeland Security Program Assistant**

Presenter: Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County  
Funding Request: \$91,158.00 [SHSP]  
Discussion: Ranked 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Project II: WCSO Air Purifying Respirators and SCBA**



Presenter: Lieutenant Corey Solferino, Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Funding Request: \$190,160.00 [SHSP]

Discussion: Ranked 6<sup>th</sup>

**Project Y: Cyber Tool Tracking System**

Presenter: David Axtel, Nevada Department of Administration

Funding Request: \$50,000.00 [SHSP]

Discussion: Recommended not to fund

Deputy Chief Steinbeck questioned what the remaining balance of the SHSP grant would be with all of these projects being funded. Chief Cage advised the remaining balance for the SHSP would be \$50,882.46. Deputy Chief Steinbeck requested that the Commission open all six of the approved projects to see if anyone could and would be willing to take any reductions to their projects as this time. None of the projects could take any decreases in funding amounts for the intent of the projects to remain the same. There was discussion as to the possibilities of using the \$50,882.46 to put a mass casualty kit in every school very similar to what Clark County has been working on. Chief Cage mentioned that this discussion did not fit into the current agenda item and the discussion would need to wait until the next meeting. Deputy Chief Steinbeck recommended that the remaining funds be left for the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to distribute, and asked that the SAA look at the mass casualty kits in the future. Deputy Chief Fogerson stressed the importance of looking at these kits statewide, stating we could use public health preparedness funds. This would be a good project to see how we tie public health preparedness funds with the state so we can do something similar to include rural areas. Deputy Chief Steinbeck noted that he would like to see these kits in every school in Nevada. Chief Cage asked what the dollar amount looked like for these mass casualty kits. Mr. Mike Wilson, Clark County School District, mentioned that the cost is around \$600.00 per school. The discussion moved back to voting on the ranked projects. Ms. Carolyn Levering made a motion to recommend for funding Projects XX, RR, WW, AA, MM, and II. A second was presented by Dr. Chris Lake. The motion passed unanimously. No opposition. Chief Cage moved to reopen the vote for maintenance Projects A-X and move to approve once again with the caveat that the SAA has the flexibility to distribute the \$50,882.46 for Projects A-X with the Commission's approval. Dr. Freeman recommended that the Commission make an amendment in regards to Projects A-X, it needs to be noted that Project I is not included as a maintenance project. Project I should not be included in the motion for Projects A-X. Chief Cage made the motion that Projects A-X, not including Project I, be approved for funding with caveat that the \$50,882.46 can be distributed among these projects by the SAA in the administrative process following this meeting. Dr. Freeman provided a second. Deputy Chief Steinbeck asked for clarification on whether the \$50,882.46 could only be used for the maintenance projects or if this funding could be used for new projects. Chief Cage advised that the funding was limited to the maintenance projects because they have already been fully vetted and the second is regarding agenda item #17 which authorizes the Commission to vote or modify these maintenance projects as they exist. Ms. Carolyn Levering noted that we still have Finance Committee and Nevada Commission on Homeland Security meetings that need to occur before the final approval for anything we do here today. It was suggested to pass a recommendation to the Finance Committee to handle the remaining balance of these funds. This is an opportunity to defer to the other committees. Both Chief Cage and Dr. Freeman withdrew their motions. Ms. Levering made a motion to reapprove the grant projects A-X, with the removal of I, for reconsideration of increased funding with the balance of \$50,882.46 and open up the prospect of adding funds to the previously withdrawn project MMM for consideration by the Finance Committee at their next meeting. Dr. Freeman provided a second. There was some concern as to limiting the funds for only project MMM. Ms. Levering amended her motion to remove project MMM specifically but include the possibility of funding the mass casualty items for the schools. Dr. Freeman advised that this matches her second motion still. Motion passed unanimously.

**18. Next Steps in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process**

Chief Cage spoke briefly regarding the next steps in this process. The staff of DEM will start working on processing all the IJs, determine the best use of the \$50,882.46, and provide recommendations to the Finance committee on May 23, 2019. On May 28, 2019 we will have a meeting with the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security to vote to approve. Once this is complete the Commission will meet on June 11, 2019 and discuss the final outcome. The last step in this process is to distribute the funds starting in the fall.

**19. Public Comment**

Chief Cage opened discussion for public comment. Dr. Freeman had concerns with what the Commission is doing in relation to grants. Dr. Freeman spoke to having concerns with what we are doing with maintenance funds with lack of certainty with UASI funds, funding applied to maintenance projects and how that will impact our state. There needs to be conversation on sustainment to allow new capacities to be addressed. How much is deobligated from maintenance projects, and how often are scopes changed for these projects and the intent to maintain. Dr. Freeman is concerned about projects in place for many years, but is there some sort of way on how we can move to sustain some of those projects to start supporting other capacities. MS. Mary Ann Laffoon, Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Coordinator, took the time to thank all of the state staff for all the work they do. Deputy Chief Steinbeck also conveyed his gratitude to all the staff at the state.

**20. Adjourn**

Chief Cage called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Ms. Mary Ann Laffoon and a second was provided by Ms. Carolyn Levering. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.