



Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Quarterly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

DATE	January 19 th 2012
TIME	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
LOCATION	Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137 Carson City, NV 89701 Grant Sawyer Building 555 E. Washington Ave., Room 4412 Las Vegas, NV 89101
METHOD	Open Meeting Conference
RECORDER	Valerie Sumner

Council Members	Present	Ex-Officials, Staff & Others	Present
Adam Garcia		Valerie Sumner (Staff)	X
Annette Kerr	X		
Carolyn Levering	X		
Cherie Nevin			
Christine Springer	X		
Dave Hunkup			
Gary Dunn	X		
Irene Navis	X		
Kaydie Paschall			
Kelsey Picchocki			
Kimberly Ferguson			
Lynda Sienko			
Paula Martel	X		
Rick Diebold			
Rick Martin	X		
Russ Peacock			
Scott Emerson			
Tanya Milelli			
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CALL TO ORDER – Rick Martin – Chairman - 2:07PM start: This will be a brief meeting due to the fire situation in Washoe County.

ROLL CALL – Valerie Sumner – We do not have a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Asked for public comment from the North and South – no public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: As there is no quorum we will not be able to vote on the minutes.

OPENING COMMENTS – Rick Martin – The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Grant guidance should be coming out in mid-February. Everyone should start working on investment justifications and budget documents for their projects.

REPORT FROM REGION IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE: Angela Nak – It’s a pleasure to be here today. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently focused on Youth Preparedness. We are trying to find low cost, effective ways to push out information on Youth Preparedness. A “How to” preparedness guide is currently in draft form and will available soon. FEMA is currently working on revamping the Citizen Corps website. FEMA is also working on the Ready website to make National Preparedness a year round program instead of just during the month of September.

NEW Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) TRAINING AVAILABLE: Joe Bryan; Washoe Tribe member, talked about the importance of CERT teams in your area. Our team is constantly in training and we are currently finishing up the first level of training. Our youth are a valuable resource to add to CERT teams; we are trying to find ways to get them interested. The training in Reno recently covered “Train the Trainer” and “CERT Program Manager”. Among other things this training helps train CERT members to do initial triage.

Rick Martin discussed the participation in the Incident Command System (ICS) courses currently being offered through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM).

REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Annette Kerr from the Northeast section: Completed a lot of planning for a recent exercise in January. Helped one of the tribes in Owyhee complete a group of table top exercises and other types of training. Discussed the recent exercise for 33 CERT members assisting with a school bus exercise. Simulated the bus rolling over; the bus driver simulated a heart attack and the kids simulated different levels of medical issues. Out of this exercise we had 10 kids who want to join a CERT team. Multiple agencies and media groups assisted with the exercise. Our next exercise will be a derailment between Carlin and Elko which will shut down I-80.

Carolyn Levering: Training figures from Southern Nevada. Trained 96 people; conducted multiple presentations. Many volunteers worked on the Rock n Roll Marathon.

Irene Navis: Podcasts; Our latest podcast centered around the Red Cross and the Fire Department on their “Fire Hurts” campaign. The podcast should be posted to the Clark County website soon.

Steve Jay– Southern Nevada Red Cross - Red Cross community disaster education presenters gave a “Red Cross Ready” course to approximately 1,600 people. We handed out about 1,000 disaster preparedness pamphlets at a Nellis Air Force Base open house. We also completed a door to door campaign to pass out information on fire safety and prevention to approximately 150 homes.

SUB COMMITTEES INITIATIVES:

A - Program Committee -

- (1) We just received the information on the Gap Analysis; we are currently reviewing the information that was processed. We will also work with our Tribal Liaison to ensure the tribal communities are included in the Gap Analysis.
- (2) We are working on gathering more information on the Volunteer Manual. Reviewing information from other sources on the liability portion of the manual. Working with the Operations Section of NDEM on the Tiering system for volunteers and the movement of volunteers.

B - By-Laws Committee - Table while our Legal Section reviews the By-Laws.

C – Finance Committee – Table due to Finance Committee Chair being absent.

**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)
GRANT FUNDING FOR CITIZEN CORPS PROJECTS: - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT (DEM) Staff:**

Rick Martin - Many of the grants are coming up to their expiration dates and everyone needs to expend their funds within those time frames. We will include Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)11 and grant performance dates in the next overview.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carolyn Levering – Discussed the FFY12 and the deep cuts in the funding levels. Allocations to the Citizen Corps Programs should continue to at least receive base funding levels. Our Citizen Corps Projects will now go up against the other Homeland Security Grant Program projects so our Investment Justifications need to be strongly written.

Rick Martin – We are looking for suggestions from the members on items to add to the agenda in the future. We are also trying to attend a California Citizen Corps meeting and see how they run their meetings and bring any “best practices” back with us for the Nevada Citizen Corps Program.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned.