



Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Quarterly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

DATE	April 19 th 2012
TIME	2:06 PM –3:00 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	Jodi Bass

Council Members	Present	Ex-Officials, Staff & Others	Present
Adam Garcia	X	Valerie Sumner (Staff)	X
Annette Kerr	X		
Carolyn Levering			
Cherie Nevin	X		
Christine Springer			
Dave Hunkup	X		
Irene Navis	X		
Jeffrey Brewer	X		
Karli Epstein	X		
Kelsey Piechocki	X		
Kimberly Ferguson			
Paula Martel	X		
Rick Diebold	X		
Rick Martin			
Russ Peacock	X		
Tanya Milelli	X		
Time Soule	X		

CALL TO ORDER – Valerie Sumner - Meeting called to order at 2:06PM

ROLL CALL – Valerie Sumner - We have a quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment at this time from the North or South

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes to approve

OPENING COMMENTS – Valerie Sumner (Acting Chairman) - Tod Carlini was replaced by Tim Soule as the Douglas County Council member; Linda Sienko (Washoe County) is working on a replacement as she is retiring. Gary Dunn (Carson City) has moved on and they are looking for a replacement. Kaydie Pascal (representative for Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD))

has been replaced by Karli Epstein; Scott Emerson (Southern Nevada Red Cross) has been replaced by Jeff Brewer. We also welcome the new Northern Nevada Red Cross representative - Tanya Milelli.

REPORT FROM REGION IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE: - Angela Nak. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would like to see National Preparedness Month in September turn in to a year round activity. Angela asked that all the members sign up for National Preparedness Month. She encouraged everyone to participate in the Region IX forum. The Individual and Community Preparedness Division Awards are going to come out soon; those nominated must be affiliated with Citizen Corps, a local government agency, schools or an agency that can validate their activities. The Citizen Corps Program (CCP) Homeland Security grant has been combined with other Homeland Security grants and will no longer have a separate grant award. Youth preparedness is a big campaign and a big push for youth. Many here have mentioned the Teen Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program that's started; FEMA is working on an annex to the CERT manual for teens. I encourage you to connect with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or different type of youth programs that already exist.

NEW CERT TRAINING: Valerie Sumner – The Tribal Nations completed a week long CERT Training comprised of 3 days of “Train the Trainer” and 2 days of “Program Manager” training; this training took place in Reno. People from Nevada and neighboring states attended this training. We are looking in to having a similar training in the North and the South.

REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Derek Russell discussed the Washoe County accomplishments – they've had an active year. 1 emergency call out to the Washoe Fire; 10 non-emergency activations; taught a CERT Academy and assisted with another Academy. Directed 21 CERT trainings, administered 35 team meetings and 26 inter-agency meetings including VOAD, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Local Emergency Planning Committee and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Managed 4 public outreach events and which allowed us to reach out to 3,500 people. We completed 4 Child ID events this quarter and photographed approximately 4,000 children.

Annette Kerr discussed the North East Region (Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, White Pine Counties) Just completed a table top with Southwest Gas; they have decided to incorporate volunteers into their emergency protocols and including how CERT volunteers can assist during an emergency into their manuals.

Another area we are working on is our Teen CERT and Youth Preparedness. We have started the process to incorporate what we are calling the “CERT Club of Elko High School” and currently train 13 teenagers (ages - 15 to 18).

We also assisted the Carlin Fire Department with putting on the Rural Firefighters Conference this summer.

Did an outreach program with the teens to do preparedness, showed a car accident and discussed how they can assist even in a drunk driving situation; there was an extrication and the Hospital was involved.

So in the last three months we have had 3 major exercises that are Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant.

Carolyn Levering discussed the Southern Region (Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye Counties) During the last quarter we administered 8 CERT courses with approximately 160-175 people trained. We participated in 7 disaster fairs and 4 different community events.

We had a new opportunity to participate in a drill with FEMA Task Force One on the Urban Search and Rescue Sighting; as a result they have asked us to supply 30 volunteers on a full time basis to handle their administrative functions when the team is activated and to allow their people to concentrate on deployment vs. completing the admin functions.

We participated in the Anthrax Drill (full scale exercise) last month and a smaller drill with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and N. Las Vegas/Henderson Fire Departments. Total volunteer hours were just over 1,000 hours and our interns added another 150 hours.

With Teen CERT we are working with Veteran's Tribute Academy; the program will be implemented next semester and it will be a curriculum program along with ICS 100 & 200 for the school. We are also working with another Academy on the far south side of Las Vegas that teaches medical skills to their High School students.

Irene Navis (Clark County) The Simple Truth Exercise encompassed a lot of Volunteer support and I want to recognize the American Red Cross, the Medical Reserve Corp, and students from the Veterans Tribute Academy. We had 46 agencies involved with 430 registered participants.

We participated in the County Fair in one of the booths; we gave away our last 200 weather radios from a grant several years ago and we gave away 100 CDs with preparedness information on them.

Dave Hunkup (Tribal Nations) We have administered CERT training for the following Tribes - Duck Valley Shoshone/Paiute Tribe, Owyhee, Washoe Tribe and two in the Temoke Tribe, Western Shoshone, Battle Mountain area and Elko area.

A Train-the-Trainer course is being offered in Laughlin during May. It will be opened to Nevada Tribes first and then it will be opened to California and Arizona tribes; then to Nevada Counties.

Washoe Tribe held a CERT Training in March for their 5 communities; approximately 40 people attended.

The Reno Sparks Indian Colony donated a 1997 Jeep to the Carson City CERT Team.

SUB COMMITTEES INITIATIVES: Valerie Sumner and sub-committee chairpersons

A - Program Committee, Progress on the below items the program committee is working on.

(1) Gap analysis: of the volunteer requirements needed to respond to an earthquake in each of the regions.

We received the information that was completed by Kaydie Pascal on the Gap Analysis. Annette Kerr did work with Kaydie; they worked on putting the process together.

(2) Manual for volunteers on what they need to do in an emergency as it relates to movement from one jurisdiction to another; the typing (a definition of what skills and requirements are needed to be a certified volunteer in Nevada) of volunteers from basic volunteer to highly skilled volunteer; and liability issues related to volunteers.

We have obtained a lot of information about liability from other states that we're trying to compile. What we're going to try and do is get with our Operations Section of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) because they have been working on Web EOC components that involve adding in some of that volunteer information.

B - By-Laws Committee: Valerie Sumner – This item has been tabled until next meeting.

C – Finance Committee, Rick Diebold – No information at this time.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) GRANT FUNDING FOR CITIZEN CORPS PROJECTS: (Discussion) – NEVADA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (NDEM) Staff:

Kelli: Reviewed the information yesterday and there are no issues with grant award spending. I'm here to field any questions regarding grant funds that I can answer.

FY12 FUNDING FOR CITIZEN CORPS PROJECTS: Valerie Sumner - Discussion on Investment Justification and funding for Citizen Corps Projects for the FY12 Homeland Security Grant Award.

Other projects were considered a higher priority this fiscal year by the Homeland Security Commission and the Homeland Security Working Group. Those projects with higher priorities who received funding were cut back on their funding which enabled two of our projects to get funded. I would like to ask Kelli to discuss what the options are on trying to obtain other funding.

Kelli Anderson: We are in a hold pattern until April 26th until the Homeland Security Commission meets. Once that happens they may discuss de-obligated funds. NDEM does have some de-obligated funds that we may be able to use to fill gaps, but, it's at the discretion of the Urban Security Administer and the NDEM Chief, then it goes to the Homeland Security Commission. One thing we will come up against with the de-obligated funding is the period of time that the grant award has left. We do have some funding to possibly fill some equipment gaps that are "one shot" fundings.

Annette: When is the deadline for the applications to be turned in?

Kelli: There are no deadlines at this point, if you would like to turn one in we will try to fit your project where the performance period will allow. How we do this, the Division of Emergency Management as the programs come in, adds them to a list and then we have a team of people that review the list of projects and then they prioritize the projects. Only projects under \$100,000 without a scope change can we review internally, once those are reviewed internally then we just issue the award. Anything that is a scope change from the original DHS grant award would be deemed something that has to go in front of the Finance Committee and Full Homeland Security Commission. So to answer your question we can take your request today or we can take your request in three months from now because we get de-obligated funds throughout the year almost every month and then we push that money back out.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

ADJOURNMENT: Acting Chairman – Meeting Adjourned