



**MINUTES
NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Attendance

DATE	October 2, 2012
TIME	1:00 p.m.
LOCATION	Legislative Counsel Bureau
	Legislative Building Room 3137
	401 S. Carson Street
	Carson City, Nevada 89701
METHOD	Video-Teleconference
RECORDER	Karen Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Robert Dorsey – Vice Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	
Steve Asher	X		
Sandra Baker	X		
Dick Casto	X	Selby Marks – HS Staff	X
Nicole Hart	X	Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
John Horton	X		
Chris Ipsen	X		
Carolyn Levering	X		
Steve Moyer	X		
Bertral Washington - Chair	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Robert Dorsey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. asking the Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) to observe a moment of silence for the fallen border patrol agent and injured border patrol agent involved in a shooting incident along the Mexican border this morning. Committee members and public participants observed a moment in silence in honor of both agents. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security performed a roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Dorsey opened discussion for public commentary with none noted in either the northern or southern venues.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Dorsey requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes provided from the March 20, 2012 CIC meeting. Motion presented by Steve Asher, Infrastructure Liaison Coordinator / NTAC with a second by Chris Ipsen, State of Nevada Chief Information Security Officer. All were in favor with no opposition.

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4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Dorsey instructed the Committee of the important work that lies ahead as presented by the agenda urging the Committee to work through each item as efficiently as possible.

5. NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Dorsey opened the nomination process for both Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the CIC. For the Chair position, Steve Asher nominated Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department with Steve Moyer, Corporate Security Director/NV Energy seconding the motion. Chris Ipsen nominated Robert Dorsey, NNCTC Infrastructure Liaison. For the Vice-Chair position, Chris Ipsen nominated Robert Dorsey, and Steve Moyer nominated John Horton, President/Las Vegas Security Chief’s Association. Per Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG), a second is not a requirement for nominations, only for voting.. Selby Marks, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security advised the Committee that DAG requirements are for individual membership to identify individual votes for each position. Karen Hall performed a second roll call to ensure membership was accounted for during the vote. Voting commenced with the following results noting that a vote for nominated CIC member John Horton for Vice-Chair did not take place due to the voting results indicated for Robert Dorsey. Chief Bertral Washington nominated as the new Chair, with Robert Dorsey remaining Vice-Chair for the CIC:

Voting Status for Chair Position Bertral Washington	
CIC Member	Vote
Robert Dorsey	No
Steve Asher	Yes
Sandra Baker	Yes
Dick Casto	Yes
Gonzalo Cordova	Absent
Nicole Hart	Yes
John Horton	Yes
Chris Ipsen	No
Carolyn Levering	Yes
Steve Moyer	Yes
Bertral Washington	Yes
Voting Results:	<i>In Favor</i> 8
	<i>Opposed</i> 2
	<i>Absent</i> 1

Voting Status for Vice-Chair Position Robert Dorsey	
CIC Member	Vote
Robert Dorsey	Yes
Steve Asher	Yes
Sandra Baker	Yes
Dick Casto	Yes
Gonzalo Cordova	Absent
Nicole Hart	Yes
John Horton	Yes
Chris Ipsen	Yes
Carolyn Levering	Yes
Steve Moyer	No
Bertral Washington	Yes
Voting Results:	<i>In Favor</i> 9
	<i>Opposed</i> 1
	<i>Absent</i> 1

6. REPORT ON THE THREAT, HAZARD, IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT (THIRA) PROCESS FOR NEVADA

Paul Burke, Division of Emergency Management briefed the Committee on the Threat, Hazard, Identification, and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process and how this process be put into use in identification of both threats and hazards within Nevada as well as understanding capability gaps in a ‘Whole Community’ environment. A draft of the state THIRA will be complete by the end of this

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week, with a goal date of November 9, 2012 for completion to coincide with EMAP accreditation efforts. Please refer to the handout provided.

Chris Ipsen added that cyber security is important in this plan, particularly looking at the capabilities of Nevada to respond to these threats. He looks forward to working on this project. Mr. Burke indicated the cyber component will be a part of the THIRA draft. Nicole Hart, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) posed a question to Mr. Burke regarding whether the November 9, 2012 due date and whether that date pertained to the state and UASI THIRA. Mr. Burke indicated a large portion of the THIRA comes from Clark County, and as such the contractor will be contacting (Chief Fernandez Leary, Clark County Fire Department or Emergency Manager for Clark County) understanding the time sensitivity for this project. Steve Moyer voiced concerns regarding the aggressive due dates, and asked if critical infrastructure would be engaged in the process or is it just contractor related. Mr. Burke indicated that he welcomed input from critical infrastructure interested parties contact Nicole Hart so their concerns can be addressed in this final project.

7. REPORT ON THE NEVADA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PLAN (NIPP)

Chief Christopher Smith, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security briefed the Committee on the NIPP calling for assistance from both the Committee members and Silver Shield to update the NIPP to ensure the 2009 version is brought current. The Chief identified the phenomenal amount of work put into this document previously. There have been some changes since that time including the last sentence of the introduction which was read aloud. The Chief stressed that infrastructure protection dealt with all types of threats including disasters. The document is designed around defining critical infrastructure, and completely covers assets.

Chief Smith requests validation of these assets asking for assistance from Silver Shield to complete that part of the project. Critical infrastructure components, particularly as they relate to the THIRA, there is a call for sector-specific counsel development that could be used as a vehicle this Committee could create for input to this Committee. Chief Smith recommends updating the NIPP and updating the annexes with a new draft being provided to the Committee membership at the next meeting to approve. The intent is to move this draft to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security at their next meeting.

Chris Ipsen brought up a point as to whether events were identified as infrastructure, such as the Nevada Air Races or other tourism-related events. Chief Smith indicated that the NIPP addresses tourism as a major economic driving force in the state, so efforts are truly geared at supporting the tourism base offering to amend the NIPP further if necessary. Mr. Ipsen did not think the NIPP needed to be changed at this time.

Steve Asher indicated it may take some time to update the annexes portion of this document, but will proceed with that task. Vice-Chair asked if the suggestion of a working group is warranted, with Chief Smith indicating that the topic of a working group may be appropriate at the next meeting. Samantha Ladich indicated that the current Committee could not work individually on the NIPP without being subject to Nevada Open Meeting Law. The advantage of a working group is that the work could be done outside the public forum. Vice-Chairman Dorsey opened discussion to poll for interest in creating a working group. Nicole Hart posed question to Samantha Ladich as to whether the current Critical Infrastructure Program Manager overseeing Silver Shield in the South can sit on this Committee. Samantha advised the Committee can appoint members outside the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security.

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Those indicating interest to sit on the CIC Working Group are as follows:

Steve Moyer indicated interest
Steve Asher indicated interest
Robert Dorsey indicated interest
Rachel Skidmore – Program Manager, Silver Shield, LVMPD
Angela Krutsinger - NVHA

Nicole Hart motioned for the creation of a sub-committee to the NIPP to include membership outside of the CIC body. Steve Moyer seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition.

8. REPORT ON THE LAS VEGAS JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORKSHOP (JCTAW)

Nicole Hart, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department briefed the Committee on the historical background in addition to current JCTAW activities including the workshop slated for October 9-10, 2012 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Las Vegas is the 9th key city to host this workshop. There are nearly 400 participants that will attend this event. Event participation was by invite only to ensure public and multi-agency participation. There was no public commentary after the presentation.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Dorsey opened discussion for public commentary with none noted in either the northern or southern venues.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Dorsey requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion presented by Dick Casto, with a second by Nicole Hart. Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.