



Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE	December 20, 2012	
	TIME	9:00 A.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Executive Conference Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, NV 89701	
	METHOD	Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Present	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Governor Sandoval, Governor	X	Christopher B. Smith	X
Michael Haley	X	Assemblyman Horne	
Andy Flock		Senator Lee	
Robert Fisher		Kevin Favreau	
Bertral Washington	X	Karen Burke	X
Bill Welch	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Doug Gillespie	X	Gonzalo Cordova	
Adam Garcia	X		
Dr. Warren Gilbert			
Troy Wade			
Tom Lozich	X	Selby Marks (Staff)	X
Richard Perkins	X	Samantha Ladich (AG rep)	X
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Alfreida Jake	X		
Scott Fuller	X		
Frank Gonzales	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Roll call performed by Selby Marks, Homeland Security Administrator, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Quorum was established for this meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues. No commentary noted in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sandoval called for discussion and approval of the meeting minutes from the NCHS meeting held October 16, 2012. Sheriff Michael Haley, Washoe County Sheriff's Office motioned to approve, with Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department seconding the motion. All were in favor with no opposition.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Governor Sandoval thanked the Commission and public participants for participating in this teleconference, wishing everyone happy holidays. The Governor discussed the recently released report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation highlighting key points within that report which may lead Nevadans to conclude the state is ill prepared for emergencies. Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security reiterated the fact that the report is based on public health preparedness which was the first report released on states. Last year this foundation reported on cities.

5. REQUEST TO REALLOCATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDS

Governor Sandoval introduced Sheriff Doug Gillespie. Sheriff Gillespie thanked the meeting participants for their efforts given the timeliness of the requests now under consideration by the Commission. Giving a brief overview of the December 12, 2012 Finance Committee, the Sheriff indicated that of the four requests which came before the Finance Committee prior, three had been denied. The denials were caveated with instruction for project managers to seek approval for their individual projects from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Working Group. The Sheriff asked to deal with these three projects first, which included the following:

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NCHS-47: Silver Shield (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD))

Both NCHS-52 and NCHS-53 were combined as they were brought forth under the same funding stream. Steve Martin, City of Las Vegas presented this information, assisted by Laura Fucci, Chief Information Officer, Clark County. The Finance Committee found this program did work in conjunction with statewide approach for cyber. It was approved by the Finance Committee on a vote of 7 to 1, with the no-vote related to concern that this request had not received prior approval by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Sheriff Gillespie indicated that advice from the State supports that these projects would meet with DHS approval. NCHS-47 received a unanimous approval by the Finance Committee upon second review. Initial denial was due to the fact that this project never received UASI approval. Lieutenant Jim Seebock, LVMPD obtained that approval, and the Finance Committee moved to approve.

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve NCHS-52, NCHS-53, and NCHS-47. Motion to approve was presented by Sheriff Michael Haley, with a second by Chief Adam Garcia, Director of Police Services, University of Nevada – Reno. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion moved to the remaining project listed below:

NCHS-60: Fusion Center (Nevada Division of Investigation/Department of Public Safety)

Sheriff Gillespie presented discussion pertaining to NCHS-60 in that this was a new request that had been presented by Lieutenant Ryan Miller, Nevada Division of Investigation. The request was approved by the Finance Committee for the purchase of the information tracking management system called Fusion Core. The vote of 5 to 3 was not unanimous as a result of concern that this system existed in other fusion centers already. Lieutenant Miller was able to present a compelling case as to the need for such a system in each fusion center, which was supported by Lucas Foletta, General Counsel to the Governor of the State of Nevada. Ultimately, the Finance Committee supported moving forward with this purchase. Sheriff Gillespie indicated that the Commission would be briefed on the status of fusion centers in the state of Nevada at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

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Governor Sandoval opened discussion on this project. Sheriff Michael Haley brought forth discussion pertaining to efforts regarding fusion center information distribution. The Sheriff indicated that he, Sheriff Gillespie, and Director Chris Perry, Nevada Department of Public Safety have worked diligently to find solutions to fusion center processes as they relate to both NTC and NNTC. Sheriff Haley indicated his commitment to a process for discussion, and in the interim supports the Fusion 360 tool for the NTC noting its value irrespective of what the state does moving forward.

Governor Sandoval thanked everyone for their efforts regarding this issue. Chris Ipsen, Chief Information Security Officer, State of Nevada Department of Administration indicated his support speaking to the technical components of the Fusion Core system as they related to the efficacy of the solution. Mr. Ipsen noted there is merit to having consistency across existing fusion centers, with particular emphasis on licensing issues.

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve NCHS-60. Sheriff Haley presented a motion to approve as stated, with Chief Garcia seconding the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary. Chief Garcia provided an update to the Commission on current issues at the University level emphasizing training monies received to train for immediate action teams such as was used in the recent Connecticut shooting incident. The Chief indicated that 35 officers have been successfully trained in Active Shooter events over the course of three days, and as a result, the University of Nevada Reno will be looking for additional funding in the future for this training not only in Reno, but in Clark County as well. Chief Smith indicated an appreciation in support of this effort noting he can look to de-obligated funding, '09 funds that will expire at the end of this calendar year, and ideally looking to next grant cycle for funding.

Governor Sandoval indicated a need for an agenda item on an update related to school security, which he feels would be most beneficial. Sheriff Haley added that last legislative session, a bill draft request was put forth in relation to weapons being carried on University grounds, of which he himself did not support as the President of Sheriffs and Chiefs with support of that organization. He believes this will come back up, and we need to have a discussion about this issue relative to what our position will be regarding schools. The Governor indicated this is important, but wanted to focus on best practices currently in place for school security. Chief Smith indicated that the Commission did fund a school initiative, and he will ensure the Commission receives an update on this effort. Sheriff Haley indicated that Washoe County Sheriff's Office has acted as the lead response for all safety issues in schools in support of school police, acting as a consolidated team with other law enforcement agencies. Regular exercises are carried out to enhance response capabilities. Governor Sandoval indicated particular interest in point of entry control, requesting feedback from the two largest school districts. Chief Smith indicated his support of this request and will have the districts present to report. Chief Garcia also spoke to his lack of support for guns on campus currently, and offered to sit with Chief Smith, in addition to other K-through-12 Chiefs to discuss where we need to go with higher education. Chief Smith supported this request.

7. ADJOURN

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn. Sheriff Gillespie presented a motion to adjourn, with Chief Garcia seconding the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.