

	MEETING MINUTES Nevada Commission on Homeland Security State of Nevada Network (SONNet) Committee	
	DATE:	Monday, February 4, 2013
TIME:	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 PM	
LOCATION:	Nevada Division of Emergency Management	
	Training Room	
	2478 Fairview Drive	
	Carson City, Nevada 89701	
METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
RECORDER	Karen Hall	
ATTENDANCE		
Member Name	Title/Organization	Present
Michael Haley	Committee Chair / Sheriff, Washoe County	X
Raymond Flynn	Committee Vice-Chair / Retired Assistant Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	X
Cory Casazza	Chief Information Management Officer, Washoe County	X
Lester Lewis	Network and Telecommunications Manager, Southern Nevada Area Communications Council	
Richard Nelson	Assistant Director of Operations, Nevada Division of Transportation	X
Chris Perry	Director, Department of Public Safety	
Christopher Smith	Chief, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security	X
Todd Vinger	Undersheriff, Washoe County	
Mike Zaccagnino	Director of Telecommunications, NV Energy	X
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REPRESENTATION		
Samantha Ladich	Senior Deputy Attorney General	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Michael Haley called the meeting of the State of Nevada Network (SONNet) Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. At the request of the Chair, Committee members called off their names if they were in attendance. Quorum was established for this meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Haley opened discussion for public comment from both the northern and southern venues. No commentary noted in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Haley requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 7, 2012 SONNet Committee meeting. A correction was noted by Raymond Flynn, Retired Assistant Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to amend Section 5, second paragraph to reflect Lieutenant Sean Anderson as opposed to Lieutenant Shawn Taylor.

A motion to approve the minutes with this correction was presented by Richard Nelson, Assistant Director of Operations for the Nevada Division of Transportation with a second provided by Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. All were in favor with no opposition.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chair Haley congratulated former Assistant Sheriff Raymond Flynn on his retirement. Raymond Flynn will remain on the Committee throughout his appointment term, and the interim will continue his representation with Major County Sheriff's as well for the State of Nevada. The Chair briefly commented on his meetings with former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge who now runs Ridge Global. Governor Ridge was instrumental in early discussions related to D-Block and preserving spectrum for public safety, and is continuing to push those efforts today. The Chair also met with William Lake, Chief of Media for the Federal Communications Commission related to the spectrum auction sale. The Chair also met with FirstNet members and Nevada Senator Harry Reid, in addition to several panels in Washington, D.C. to discuss the FirstNet project, highlighting the fact that Nevada is tracking well in this process. Collaboration is crucial at the state, public, and private level for this project to succeed. The Chair thanked Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for her efforts in support of this Committee.

5. STATUS UPDATE ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SUPPORTING THE SONNet BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

Chief Chris Magenheimer, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and SONNet Project Manager updated the Committee on the status of the current RFP aimed at building a solid business model in addition to supporting governance, particularly in legislative areas, commercial carriers, and support for the mission presented by FirstNet through NTIA. Twelve responses have been reviewed, evaluated and ranked with the top three responses to be forwarded to the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for approval. The approved RFP will be brought before the SONNet Committee as well. Chair Haley stressed that in his meeting with the FCC and FirstNet, the federal government is still working through the process of understanding this legislation, and the viability of resiliency is a foremost concern.

6. UPDATE ON THE FIRST PROPOSED REGIONAL MEETING OF WESTERN STATES AT THE MARCH 2013 INTERNATIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS EXPO (IWCE) IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Chair Haley updated the Committee on an upcoming meeting of Western States at the 2013 IWCE. Currently, the date set is March 14, 2013 at 10:30am. The meeting will take place in a conference room at the IWCE/LV Convention Center. Raymond Flynn wanted the participating states identified on record. Those states are Oregon, Utah, Idaho, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Arizona. Chair Haley also indicated that he has been in touch with Nebraska as well. Currently, California is not participating at this level as they are concentrating on the identification of internal issues before they move forward with state collaboration.

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Chair Haley called for a motion to support this meeting using FirstNet members a panel which can be questioned for issues the SONNet Committee may see in the future. As this meeting is by invitation only, Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General indicated that if the SONNet Committee participates as a “committee” at this event, the public cannot attend. Chair Haley will request from Director Perry to obtain invitations for SONNet members to attend this meeting.

Rick Nelson motioned, Cory Casazza seconded. All were in favor with no opposition.

7. BRIEFING ON MEETING BETWEEN SHERIFF MICHAEL HALEY AND FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION (FCC) CHIEF BILL LAKE, MEDIA BUREAU AND AUCTION

Chair Haley briefed the Committee on his meeting with Chief Bill Lake, Media Bureau and Auction. Currently, the auctions will be held open as long as it takes to obtain a good sale. Raymond Flynn presented concern regarding the fact that the majority of funding rolled out will be contingent upon sales from the spectrum auction. Chair Haley indicated his concern that as a rural state, Nevada will not be recognized alone, however if we coordinate as a region with other western rural states, this will raise a flag to attract the Federal Government to the need to address rural issues.

George Molnar presented concern that the amount of funding Nevada will get is capped and may be far less than is necessary. In the Communications world, there is resistance to this buyout. Chair Haley is looking for early planning money because of this issue, again stressing the need for collaboration.

8. BRIEFING ON FORMER PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR TOM RIDGE’S EFFORTS IN RELATION TO SONNet AND PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK (PSBN) IN WESTERN STATES

Chair Haley briefed the Committee on his meeting with former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge relating to both the SONNet and PSBN efforts to date. The Chair stressed that Mr. Ridge gave a positive report to Governor Sandoval noting the special efforts currently underway as a result of Governor Sandoval’s initiative in creating Nevada’s SONNet Committee early. Director Perry also met with Tom Ridge.

9. BRIEFING ON CURRENT STATUS OF HOUSE RULE 3630 (HR3630) AND NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 ACTIVITIES

Chief Magenheimer addressed the importance of HR3630 and Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) and asked Gwen Brandenburg from the Galena Group to provide an overview. Ms. Brandenburg discussed the evolution of NG911, highlighting that Washoe County is the first and only “Cloud-Based” system in the nation. As the next generation of 9-1-1 will be an I/P platform, moving away from discrete dispatch numbers, the allowance of texting, and ability for the public to send pictures or video will be an enhancement moving forward. Though operational issues still exist, Washoe County will be able to receive this type of data in the future. Wireless carriers are still in the process of enabling this technology, with a projected timeframe of completion within the next two years.

Legislatively, the NRS establishes county control in the collection of taxes/surcharges to pay for 9-1-1 services. Many smaller rural counties do not do this as the costs related to collection outweigh the benefits of doing so. In addition, HR3630 encompasses the 9-1-1 Advancement Act in which \$115,000,000 will be dedicated to NG911. Though this money will most likely be handed out through grant funding, Nevada is not currently in a position to benefit from this as the state does not have a dedicated 9-1-1 Coordinator.

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Chair Haley inquired as to whether the Galena Group is working with any customers on the need for a failsafe mechanism such as HF should other infrastructure fail. Currently, Galena Group is not engaging in those discussions; however Ms. Brandenburg will gather more information on the topic and forward to the Chair.

Chief Magenheimer informed the Committee of the NCSC creation of two subcommittees, the NCSC 911 Coordinator and NCSC Next Generation 911 subcommittees stressing that all bodies need to work together on broadband and next generation issues. George Molnar also stressed the importance of working together, indicating that he and Craig Harrison are currently researching HF Spectrum. Chair Haley also met with (?) to pitch the need for a backup system. He indicated that FEMA is very interested in Nevada's outreach efforts. The Chair also indicated that he does not want to interfere in the efforts the NCSC is making relating to 9-1-1 activities. He would like to meet with the Galena Group, members of the NCSC, and with the SONNet Committee to discuss how the bodies can work together.

10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING REGARDING STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT HOUSE RULE 3630 (HR3630)

Chief Magenheimer presented information to the Committee noting legislative interest in the progress SONNet is making. The Chief offered to present a briefing to both the Judicial Committee of both the Nevada State Assembly and Senate.

Discussion ensued as to who on the SONNet Committee would be appropriate to brief the Legislature, with final commentary that the Chair will be present in addition to another SONNet Committee member appointed by the Chair to speak to this issue.

Raymond Flynn inquired as to when this briefing would occur, and when it does wishes to ensure that lobbyists in support of this mission are available to respond should the Legislature have any questions. Chief Magenheimer will inform the Committee as to when this briefing will occur.

Cory Casazza made a motion to approve the selection of a SONNet Committee member by the Chair to brief the Legislature. Chief Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition.

11. REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION INFORMATION GATHERING TOOL

George Molnar, Nevada Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) reported on efforts to push information out to state-wide agencies relating to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) information gathering tool. He has drafted a memo that is to be distributed which will go out to each agency.

Raymond Flynn motioned to approve the support of distributing this memo as noted above. Chief Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Magenheimer discussed he and Rick Nelson's attendance at the UTC Regional Conference highlighting the importance of the utility executives speaking to how the utilities, in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety will work together.

P.J. Schneider, with Alcatel Lucent invited the Committee to attend the IWCE.

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Chair Haley reiterated the importance of collaboration in efforts to move forward with the SONNet project.

13. ADJOURN

Chairman Haley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion presented by with second provided by. Cory Casazza made the motion to adjourn, with Chief Smith seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned.