



## Quarterly Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Thursday, March 28, 2013	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:30 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Executive Conference Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall	
<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Sandoval – Chair	X	Karen Burke	X
Michael Haley – Vice Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Andy Flock		William C. Horne – Assemblyman	
Robert Fisher	X	Chris Ipsen	X
L. Scott Fuller	X	Christopher Smith	X
Adam Garcia	X		
Dr. Warren Gilbert. M.D.			
Doug Gillespie	X		
Frank Gonzales	X		
Alfreida Jake	X		
Dr. Ikram Khan	X	Selby Marks (Staff)	X
Tom Lozich		Samantha Ladich (AG rep)	X
Richard Perkins			
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Troy Wade	X		
Bertral Washington	X		
Bill Welch			

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security called meeting to order at 9:30am. Roll call was performed by Selby Marks, Homeland Security Administrator for the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) and Homeland Security. Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues, indicating that should any member of the public wish to provide public commentary on Agenda Item 13, it would be appropriate to do so at this time. Angela Krutsinger, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) indicated that Bill Welch, NHA was detained due to an emergency board meeting, offering his apologies. No other commentary noted.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Governor Sandoval called for discussion and approval of the meeting minutes from the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) meeting held February 15, 2013. A motion was presented by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants with a second by Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Governor Sandoval welcomed both the public attendees and the Commissioners, including offering congratulations to Commissioner Rosemary Vassiliadis in her new position as Director of McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas.

**5. NEVADA SCHOOL SAFETY SURVEY AND RESULTS**

Governor Sandoval opened discussion on the current state of Nevada School Safety, asking the Nevada Threat and Analysis Center (NTAC), Washoe County, and Clark County representatives to present their respective presentations to the Commission

Roy Anderson, Crisis Response Planning and School Safety Officer for Clark County School District presented the results from the Clark County Survey. Tracy Moore, Emergency Manager for Washoe County School District presented the result from the Washoe County Survey. Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security presented results from the NTAC Survey pertaining to the rural areas.

The Commission showed particular interest as it relates to the vulnerabilities within the current school environment, with Governor Sandoval emphasizing the importance of training. Sheriff Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Sheriff Haley, Washoe County Sheriff's Office indicated training is conducted regularly, although with identifiable gaps in part due to resource issues. Noting the recent occurrences in events such as the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, the Commission discussed the need to strengthen measures to prevent these emergencies through use of information sharing identifying those that may want to cause harm before they are able to do so. Commission discussion led by Dr. Ikram Khan, President of Quality Care Consultants, Robert Fisher, President/CEO Nevada Broadcasters Association, and Richard Perkins recognized that there are assets that can be of use to the State for the purposed of training, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There are serious issues pertaining to the lack of resources in regard to officers, inadequate transportation, and lack of law enforcement presence in and around schools, all of which affect school safety. The Commission showed interest in identifying issues before they become emergent, with discussion focusing on working with the Legislature on weapons purchasing, mental health notifications, and background checks. Fire services also provides a high level of training including shelter-in-place and earthquake drills, with specific note that there is a possibility that fire services could work with its protection engineers on enhancing building codes to increase safety.

Governor Sandoval requested a report denoting the types of resources the State has at its disposal to assist the Department of Education with increased school safety measures. Chief Smith emphasized the Commission's responsibility to look at its priorities moving forward, and he will provide a report at the next meeting regarding training updates for the State. Chief Smith indicated he has already been in discussion with the State Superintendent to move this anticipated request forward. Chief Smith will provide such a report to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

**6. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SONNet COMMITTEE**

Sheriff Haley and Chief Magenheimer, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and SONNet Project Manager reported on the grant application process related to SONNet, indicating that the grant application is now in peer review with hopes of that process being completed in April 2013. Discussion focused on the fact that more state collaboration is occurring in the western region. FirstNet has indicated that they should have a business plan within the next 60 days. They want to include secondary users, utilities, and education into this program. The Utilities Telecommunications Council and NV Energy were also met with, and the intention is to leverage as much of this infrastructure as possible.

Chief Smith added that an overview was presented as to what SONNet means for the State of Nevada, specifically speaking to the planning grant itself to ensure great outreach. The planning grant will help create the foundation by mid to late summer. Sheriff Haley asked the Governor that as the Governor meets with other Governors, he continue to nurture their assistance for their collaborative work. Nevada has a bigger footprint due to this type of collaboration.

Robert Fisher wanted to remind the Commission that it fell upon problems two years ago in that experienced members of the Legislature were not adequately informed of what the Commission was doing for the state of Nevada.. With new legislators now, the Commission must continue to educate the Legislature so the Commission can continue to retain support.

**7. UPDATE ON STATEWIDE CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAMS**

A presentation on Citizen Corp, and the importance of the services provided within that umbrella was given by Rick Martin, Chair of the Statewide Citizen Corps Council. He emphasized the accomplishments of Nevada's Citizen Corps, and the CERT. Special emphasis was given to the importance of the Silver Shield program. In FFY12, the funding stream is no longer dedicated. The Commission needs to prioritize correctly to ensure this stays funded. Dr. Khan spoke to the availability of resources though sources such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as well as many other groups. Sheriff Gillespie indicated southern Nevada is very active in Citizen Corps via the LVMPD volunteer program and police alumni association.

Robert Fisher questioned the appearance of homeland security grant dollars that go unspent according to the grant overview provided to the Commissioners, particularly with the effort it takes to keep every dollar. Rick Martin indicated that the disadvantage of this overview doesn't display budgets or spending plans on how grants are to be drawn down, assuring Mr. Fisher that the balances will be drawn down.

**8. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (CIC) MEETING UPDATE**

Chief Bertral Washington, Critical Infrastructure Committee Chair offered his gratitude in serving as the Chair, thanking both Captain Primus and Robert Dorsey for their contributions in prior years. Chief Washington presented a summary of the CIC meeting held March 22, 2013 highlighting updates which the CIC received on the Silver Shield Program which is comprised of three programs that work together to protect critical infrastructure. Chief Washington reported on presentations given on behalf of the Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (NNCTC), Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC), and the Nevada Threat and Analysis Center (NTAC) by Robert Dorsey, Infrastructure Liaison Officer Coordinator (CIC Vice-Chair, NNCTC Project Manager), Rachel Skidmore, SNCTC Project Manager, and Steve Asher, Infrastructure Liaison Officer Coordinator (NTAC Project Manager) respectively.

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Highlights of the presentations noted above included developments in the VIP Program, an increase in the number of sites now on ACAMS, cost savings as a result of the use of OratorPlus, assessment of 1,155 assets out of 2,600 current assets throughout the state, and focus on CIKR. All 63 schools have been assessed, 34 TLO's have been performed since 2009, and 630 students have been certified to date.

Chief Washington emphasized that Silver Shield is at risk of closing in July 2013 if not funded moving forward. The project managers have all significantly increased efficiencies with less funding to do so. Also included in the discussion was a need to gain more participation in the private sector pertaining to critical infrastructure. Moving forward, the CIC strongly recommends that the Silver Shield program be a priority.

Sheriff Haley presented discussion on whether the CIC is appealing any suggestions that the program be closed, or if it is reprioritizing to keep the program running. Chief Washington stressed that Silver-Shield had fallen in priority, and they wanted to identify the need to keep Silver-Shield running.

**9. UPDATE ON THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP). REVIEW OF COMMISSION PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2013 PRIORITIES**

Chief Smith and Chief Fernandez Leary, Clark County Fire Department (Emergency Manager for Clark County and Urban Area Administrator) presented information summary information pertaining to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) process to include the Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) and the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG).

A presentation of each Commissioner's chosen priorities was read into record by each Commissioner, with a summarized ranking list provided to all Commissioners and the public identifying the combined priority results.

**10. DELIBERATION ON THE PRIORITIES RANKING, DETERMINATION AND SELECTION OF FFY 2013 PRIORITIES**

The Commissioners discussed the results of the priorities determination adopting the top 10 priorities to include:

- Intelligence Information and Sharing (Mission Area: Prevention)
- Cyber Security (Mission Area: Protection)
- Public Information and Warning (Mission Area: All)
- Operational Coordination (Mission Area: All)
- Critical Communications (Mission Area: Response)
- Intelligence Information and Sharing 2 (Mission Area: Protection)
- Community Planning (Mission Area: All)
- Threat and Hazard Identification (Mission Area: Mitigation)
- Public Health and Medical Services (Mission Area: Response)
- RESP Infrastructure Systems (Mission Area: Response)

Sheriff Doug Gillespie presented a motion to approve, with Sheriff Haley seconding the motion. Sheriff Gillespie added that Silver-Shield falls within several of these priorities, though there still must be pressure on investment justifications to be carried by state and local jurisdictions as Homeland Security grant funding tightens. Chief Smith indicated that funding wasn't seen last year as they didn't fall within core capabilities. .

**11. NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD CAPABILITIES BRIEFING**

Lieutenant Colonel David Sellen, Nevada National Guard presented a detailed capabilities overview of the Nevada National Guard's 92<sup>nd</sup> Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team highlighting the unit's ability for rapid deployment, first responder assistance, provision of both medical and technical advice, and the identification of state and federal military response assets.

**12. UPDATE ON THE CREATION OF A GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR THE NEVADA FUSION CENTERS**

Governor Sandoval, due to time limitations, asked that this agenda item be moved to the next Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

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

Governor Sandoval opened discussion on the requests to reallocate HSGP funds, asking Sheriff Gillespie, Finance Committee Chair to go through the recommendations as noted on the agenda. Sheriff Gillespie indicating that this year, there were a significant amount of de-obligation, and re-obligation requests. The Finance Committee did not recommend funding of several project requests to include:

- NCHS-86 Re-Obligation: Continuity of Operations Plan (University of Nevada - Board of Regents) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request.
  - On a vote of 6-0 in favor of not recommending this project, the Finance Committee felt that Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans were already available, and funding had already been given to this requestor.
- NCHS-78 Re-Obligation: Communication Terminal Repeater Project, Jaime Eros (Reno-Tahoe Airport) FFY 2010 Re-Obligation Request.
  - Due to a tie in the vote of 3-3, this request failed in part due to the fact that there was not consensus as to whether Reno Tahoe Airport was responsible to upgrade their radio system in lieu of using Homeland Security monies to do so.

Sheriff Gillespie also indicated that several projects were tentatively approved with the condition that line item details were clarified. Although several projects were not recommended for approval by the Nevada Communications Steering Committee, the Finance Committee opted to approve the purchase of handheld radios for Mesquite and Henderson Police Department. Project request dollar totals for both the UASI and SHSP came under the allocated budget amounts, and specifically with the SHSP funding, Sheriff Gillespie indicated that Chief Smith, as the SAA has the authority to redirect that funding appropriately.

Sheriff Gillespie also informed the Commission of the annual voting results for both the Chair, and Vice-chair positions within the Finance Committee. Sheriff Gillespie will remain the Chair, with Chief Giomi as Vice-Chair.

Funding requests shown below were approved by the Commission:

- NCHS-61: Expansion and Maintenance of Citizen Corp (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) FFY 2011 Citizen Corp Program (CCP) - \$4,000.00

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- NCHS-62: Silver Shield (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) FFY 2010 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - \$7,696.12
- NCHS-63: Fusion Center, (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) FFY 2010 SHSP - \$85,224.91
- NCHS-64: Advanced Improvised Explosive Device (IED)/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) (Douglas County) FFY 2010 SHSP - \$61,572.43
- NCHS-65 De-Obligation: Interoperable Communication Coordinator/Project Manager, Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 UASI - \$122,000.00
- NCHS-66 Re-Obligation: Clark County School District Standard Operating Procedure Communication Project (Clark County Office of Emergency Management) FFY 2010 UASI. \$50,000.
- NCHS-67 Re-Obligation: Advanced Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection and Decontamination (City of Henderson) FFY 2010 UASI - \$17,904.00
- NCHS-68 Re-Obligation: Interoperable Communication (City of Henderson Police Department) FFY 2010 UASI - \$84,000.00
- NCHS-69 Re-Obligation: Advanced IED/WMD (City of North Las Vegas Police Department) FFY 2010 UASI. - \$19,008.00
- NCHS-70: Citizen Corp Program (Elko County Emergency Management) FFY 2010 CCP. \$7,200.00
- NCHS-71: Fusion Program (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) FFY 2011 - \$56,056.94
- NCHS-72: Nevada Dispatch Interconnect - Communications (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) FFY 2012. \$25,000.00
- NCHS-73: Advanced IED/WMD (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) FFY 2010 - \$24,287.33
- NCHS-74: Las Vegas Fire Rescue (City of Las Vegas Emergency Management) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 - \$14,846.50
- NCHS-75: Citizen Corp Project (Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security) FFY 2010 -\$19,509.00
- NCHS-76 Re-Obligation: Communication/Fusion Center (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) FFY 2010 Re-Obligation Request \$246,350.50.
- NCHS-77 Re-Obligation: Communication Accessories Sustainment (Washoe County Emergency Management) FFY 2010 Re-Obligation Request - \$17,655.00
- NCHS-79 Re-Obligation: Communication (Mesquite Police Department) FFY 2010 Re-Obligation Request. \$67,608.00
- NCHS-80 Re-Obligation: Specialized Computers for Sensitive Applications Cyber Security (State of Nevada - Enterprise IT) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request - \$86,037.00
- NCHS-81 Re-Obligation: Communication (Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request - \$12,027.95
- NCHS-82 Re-Obligation: Tribal NIMS (Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request -\$46,730.60
- NCHS-83 Re-Obligation: Citizen Corps Project (Elko County Emergency Management) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request - \$11,212.50
- NCHS-84 Re-Obligation: CBRNE Personal Protective Equipment (City of Reno) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request -\$111,515.50
- NCHS-85 Re-Obligation: Citizen Corp Project (Washoe County Sheriff's Office) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request - \$14,972.00
- NCHS-87 Re-Obligation: Emergency Notification System (University of Nevada - Board of Regents) Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Re-Obligation Request - \$111,350.53

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Dr. Khan presented the motion to approve these projects, with a second presented by Chief Bertral Washington. Governor Sandoval wanted to ensure no Commissioner had any further question, with none noted. All voted in favor with no opposition, noting several members abstained from voting on several projects to ensure there was no conflict of interest. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval called for public commentary. Jim Earl reiterated his earlier commentary on reinforcing cyber security. Kenneth Moen, Reno Tahoe Airport (RTA) presented a clarification pertaining to the project request brought forth by RTA at the Finance Committee meeting on March 26, 2013. Mr. Moen requested that the Commission revisit this issue, as the RTA is a major portal into Northern Nevada and necessary during disasters, noting that as modified, funding was available for this project. Regina Marotto informed the Commission that she is currently preparing a list of recommended replacements for the sole tribal representative position recently vacated on the Finance Committee. Bob Fisher wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**15. ADJOURN**

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn. Multiple motions were presented with multiple seconds. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.