



Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Quarterly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

DATE	April 18, 2013
TIME	2:00 PM –2:44 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	Valerie Sumner

Council Members	Present	Ex-Officials, Staff & Others	Present
Adam Garcia		Valerie Sumner (Staff)	X
Annette Kerr			
Betsy Hambleton			
Carolyn Levering	X		
Cherie Nevin			
Christine Springer	X		
Charlotte Garber	X		
Dave Hunkup			
Doug Whitehill	X		
Irene Navis	X		
Jeffrey Brewer	X		
Kelsey Piechocki	X		
Kimberly Ferguson			
Paula Martel			
Rick Diebold	X		
Rick Martin	X		
Russ Peacock	X		
Stacey Belt	X		
Tim Soule	X		

CALL TO ORDER – Rick Martin - Meeting called to order at 2:00PM

ROLL CALL – Valerie Sumner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No changes to the minutes were proposed. Stacey Belt motioned to approve the January 17, 2013 minutes with Tim Soule seconding. Minutes were approved by the committee.

OPENING COMMENTS – Rick Martin (Chairman)

Rick thanked all for attending and for their contribution to the organization. Rick drew attention to agenda item #9. We are expecting FOA (funding opportunities announcement) from the Federal Government. We have heard a date of May 10 which will give a very short turnaround time for submitting proposals. Applications must go before Homeland Security Working Group, Finance Committee and the Full Commission.

Rick introduced Colleen Platte as the new Attorney General and welcomed her to the meeting and to the group.

REPORT FROM REGION IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Rick asked if anyone was available for this agenda item and no one available for this report.

REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Derrick Russell for Washoe County Sheriff's Citizen Corps. In March they completed a CERT with 22 new volunteers. Train-the-trainer brought Michael Rath and that was attended by 42 with several from out of state. They are in the process of setting up next class for the first two weeks of June with representatives from Storey County and Placer attending. They will be doing outreach with these groups to see if we can get some cross-border exercises going and a little more cooperation

Valerie commented that John Michael (Storey County) was helping to do an academy in Spanish. She has books and instructor manual in Spanish and Washoe County also has books for this purpose and in planning phase. They are also heavily involved with school district in Washoe County for Urgent Solidarity on May 23 with 48 victims and some triage and head-to-toe during exercise.

Mary Ann updated the council on her activity with LEPCE on HAZMAT mitigation plan. She has written a proposal for a local high school to see about putting in a teen CERT program. Also partnering with Elko County Sheriff's Office for a new search and rescue trailer. Will be teaching volunteer fire department CERT classes. Also branching to Lander County and Wells and perhaps with tribal agencies.

Grant: Over the last quarter 7 CERT courses with 114 participants, 4 CPR first aid courses, 3 review courses for search and rescue, and participated in a couple of community fairs. One CERT team won the local and regional competitions and will represent national HOSA competition in Nashville in June.

Carolyn: Two students at Veteran's Tribute Career and Technical Academy are applying for 2013 youth preparedness council. The power of endorsement from Citizen Corps will make them good candidates. No representation from Nevada last year. All application items due tomorrow, April 19. Letters of recommendation were written.

Tim Soule: Up to 73 members with goal of 75. Four went through Train-The-Trainer class. Additional EOC training, CPR training, large animal training, Red Cross shelter management and psychological first aid. They did a Corporate CERT for Starbucks. Planning for CERT rodeo with Carson City for late summer or early fall.

Stacey Belt: Five participants went through CERT Train-the-Trainer in Washoe County. Ability to collaborate with partners in local counties. CERT rodeo with Douglas County, Storey and Lyon. Drill June 8 with assistance to local medical reserve corps in putting up mobile medical facility. Inventory rehab equipment and supplies and get ready for fire season.

Irene: Clark County OEM staff manned a booth for all four days of county fair. It is a huge draw with upwards of 70,000 attendees over the dates from multiple states. Provided preparedness information, wildfire awareness, see something/say something campaign. Volunteer emergency preparedness.

SUB COMMITTEES INITIATIVES:

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

(1) CERT Tier levels:

Derrick: Nothing to contribute at this point.

Valerie: Asked if everyone has been able to review the levels. Tim stated getting to Tier 1 or 2 might be difficult. Would not have that many events in a year to be able to attain that.

Stacey: Asked is there is a way to leave some of the particulars blank? Could it be adapted for smaller counties who might have difficulties reaching Tier 1?

Valerie asked everyone to look at the tier levels and see what might work for everyone. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Rick Diebold: Concentrate on training and not meetings. Local organizations can say what you have to do in addition to the training.

Valerie asked for feedback by email regarding what they like and other thoughts. Betsy and Derrick are working on a code of conduct for Washoe County that will be brought before the council to create a universal code.

Irene: It would be helpful to identify what might be helpful or useful versus what is mandatory. This way everyone is clear on expectations.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) GRANT FUNDING FOR CITIZEN CORPS PROJECTS:

Rick: We show some remaining balances and said he hopes there is spending program for them because they will end in June.

FY 10 will end in June. If you can't use the funding, we need to know immediately.

Extensions are being issued as necessary and justified. Rick said please pay attention to balances and get with your financial people.

FY13 process going forward. Rick said to be aggressive in putting information together. It is important to match your commission priorities with core capabilities. FEMA sent out an overview and guidelines for helping match capabilities to Citizen Corps. Will be helpful to match to both commission priorities and Citizen Corps priorities. Very important to show criticality of this group.

Irene: Suggestion – it might be helpful to have the state strategy and urban area strategy distributed. Valerie will send this out to members. Page 5 of FEMA's "Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Programs Core Capabilities Tool" has a table with the five different groups to utilize. If you click on the link on page 5 it will take you to page 13 for full explanation of the related core capability for Citizen Corps. Valerie stated she welcomes any questions.

Rick stated that we should show up in numbers to present programs and have leaders of groups there to support Citizen Corps program.

Irene: Threat and hazard identification sheet – wondered if the final THIRA ever got out to everyone. Rick will check on what can be released.

May 10 is the buzz date coming from Federal Government. We normally have 80 days to return applications but Kelli Anderson stated 45 days at this point.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Brewer commented. They have a full-time volunteer helping to facilitate a Spanish format for reaching out to Spanish community to present preparedness with south community education.

No other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rick Diebold moved and Jeff Brewer seconded. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting July 18, 2 PM at legislature building.