



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

Attendance Roster

	DATE	Thursday, March 13, 2014	
	TIME	2:00 P.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management	
		Training Room	
		2478 Fairview Drive	
		Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Bertral Washington - Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Robert Dorsey – Vice Chair	X		
Sandra Baker	X	Karen Hall – HS Staff	X
Dick Casto		Joseph Reynolds – DAG Rep.	X
Nicole Hart	X		
John Horton	X		
Chris Ipsen	X		
Carolyn Levering	X		
Rachel Skidmore	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Critical Infrastructure Committee Chair, Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security performed a roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. No commentary in either location.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Washington requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes from the December 16, 2013 Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) meeting. Nicole Hart, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) motioned to approve the minutes with a second provided by John Horton, Boyd Gaming. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chair Washington spoke to the Committee’s efforts to gain information to make timely and necessary recommendations to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. The CIC is set to meet quarterly.

5. STATE LOCAL TRIBAL TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (SLTTGCC) UPDATE

Irene Navis, Clark County Fire Department briefed the Committee on the purpose of the SLTTGCC and recent activities in that arena. At the next plenary meeting scheduled for May 6-7, 2014, discussions will include relevant issues to the CIC. Roll out of the IP Gateway system which replaces the ACAMS system is moving forward as a tool used to analyze critical infrastructure. Any issues or concerns with this transition should be brought forward at the national level. The SLTTGCC serves as a repository for best practices, and will be taking a central role in achieving a regional resiliency position as tasked by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) directorate. Ms. Navis, as a result of Jane Shunney's retirement from the SLTTGCC, urges the group to reach out for nominations for a replacement. It is a great opportunity to have a voice at a national level, especially in Region IX.

Chris Ipsen, Nevada Department of Administration inquired how the CIC members can help the SLTTGCC best represent Nevada's critical infrastructure needs. Ms. Navis asked that if there is issues that need to be brought forward in terms of policy or best practices in cyber security, this would be a good venue. Also the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) looks at assessments as well which can be brought to DHS for consideration. Mr. Ipsen asked if the focus should be state or regional in nature, with Ms. Navis indicating national policy seems to predicate taking a regional approach.

Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas inquired how nominations are processed, with Ms. Navis indicating Gonzalo Cordova, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would be the conduit for that process. Rachel Skidmore, LVMPD inquired if states are limited to only 2 members, with Ms. Navis indicating the body does want to expand but also does not allow for duplicate representation from state or local entities.

6. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEY RESOURCES (CIKR) ACTIVITIES IN NEVADA

Gonzalo Cordova spoke to several initiatives including the release of the IP Gateway as the CIKR repository of information to include a section that contains all of the vulnerability assessments conducted by DHS in the state of Nevada. The state already has access to part of this program as does SilverShield. In the future will be the Infrastructure Survey Tool and the Special Event and Incident Management tool. This process was briefed to the HAS and the Nevada Threat and Analysis Center, with future plans to brief the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center and Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) These briefings must be in a secure environment and only those individuals certified in Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) may participate. The HSA has requested more training from DHS for bomb threat protection including IED training, bomb-making materials program, and protective measures training. Training will be listed on NDEM/HS's website. Mr. Cordova also noted there will be Active Shooter training in Reno on April 22, 2014. There may be another active shooter workshop put on by DHS later in the year. In 2010, DHS conducted a regional resiliency program focusing on the Las Vegas Strip. This year, DHS is conducting another assessment focusing on Cajon pass with focus on impact to critical infrastructure as a result of a large earthquake.

Robert Dorsey, NNRIC asked if there will be training opportunities for both the IP Gateway presented by Mr. Cordova. Mr. Cordova indicated that there will be a train the trainer approach with this initiative. Chair Washington inquired on the active shooter training mentioned earlier, and is interested in what framework the training will take. Mr. Cordova indicated this is not tactical training, but rather preparedness in regards to historical, motivational, psychological, and plans available at the local level.

7. BRIEFING ON CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYBER SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING NEVADA

Chair Washington indicated that this agenda item has been stricken for today's meeting, and discussion moved to Agenda Item #8.

8. DISCUSSION ON THE NECESSITY TO INCLUDE SECTOR SPECIFIC COUNCIL LANGUAGE IN THE CURRENT NEVADA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PLAN (NCIPP)

Angela Krutsinger, NCIPP Chair, Nevada Hospital Association briefed the CIC on the current status of the NCIPP update. Focus was placed on the influence the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) has had in the current version of the NCIPP, specifically sector-specific coordinating councils. The current plan indicates that Nevada will create sector specific coordinating councils and that will act as a benchmark for the NCIPP. Discussion regarding the fact that there are no sector-specific coordinating councils in Nevada ensued with some consensus that since there are such councils nationally, it may not make sense to duplicate in the NCIPP. Ms. Krutsinger wanted to bring this to the attention of the CIC and receive feedback as to whether to strike this language and replace with what would work for Nevada. Due to scheduling issues, the updated language isn't available. It was discussed that Nevada does not have the infrastructure to create and maintain 16 councils; however using a whole community approach may be the better option.

Gonzalo Cordova indicated that the reason there are councils at national level is that DHS needs more visibility in what happens in key critical infrastructure sectors. His suggestion is to make sure that this committee has representation on each of the 16 sectors if possible, particularly in the lifeline utilities, and information technology communications.

Rachel Skidmore, LVMPD inquired on the request to strike sector-specific language from the current draft of the NCIPP, and whether there would still be language to address sector-specific plans (SSP) whether those be consolidated or specifically selected. Ms. Krutsinger spoke to this request indicating that SSP's are difficult to create due to lack of participation in creating the plans, conceding however that participation at the committee level may alleviate that issue. Having one plan addressing separate sectors would be more beneficial than a silo approach. Silver Shield would work well with individual sectors. Ms. Skidmore indicated that SSP's are updated at the federal level, and she encouraged the CIC that if it chooses not to have sector-specific coordinating councils, that there is still some level of SSP, either by looking at risk or just identifying key issues affecting Nevada.

Chair Washington inquired if Nevada is represented in each of the national sectors, with Mr. Cordova indicating that there are several sectors represented (i.e.) SLTTGCC, Dam Sector, and Commercial Facilities/Gaming Subsector, any maybe others. Per Mr. Cordova, that makeup of the national sectors is normally high level individuals as subject matter experts. Discussion ensued about a potential cross-sector committee to write a cross-sector plan as well as the avenue to gain more representation for Nevada at the national level. Ms. Krutsinger indicated that she could reach out to the medical sector to see if there is any representation from Nevada to identify which sectors may not have representation as a starting point.

Robert Dorsey spoke to a risk based analysis to understand our critical sectors in Nevada. If we are looking to put resources where needed, the committee can identify components that are critical out of the 16 sectors to put forth energies in those areas. Ms. Skidmore motioned that sector specific coordinating councils can be struck at the state level with the intention to bring forth a new draft of the NCIPP with new language reflecting the direction Nevada wishes to take. Nicole Hart seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. The Chair inquired if there was a need to agendaize a request to have CIC members speak to how they feel the Committee is moving forward with instruction from Joseph Reynolds, Chief Deputy Attorney General that it should be an agendaized item.

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Chris Ipsen updated the CIC on recent events related to cyber security. Mr. Ipsen is encouraged by DHS's recognition of Nevada's efforts in this area. Organizational changes at the federal level will open opportunities for the State Of Nevada. Chair Washington praised several individuals and organizations for cooperative efforts in speaking to critical infrastructure including LVMPD, Nevada Highway Patrol, and Congressman Steven Horsford among others.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Washington called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was presented by Carolyn Levering, with a second provided by Rachel Skidmore. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.