



## Meeting Minutes The Nevada Homeland Security Working Group

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	April 14, 2014	
	<b>TIME</b>	8:00 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Legislative Counsel Bureau Legislative Building – Room 4401 401 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall	
<b>Working Group Representative</b>		<b>Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>
Stacey Giomi		Carson City	
Rick Diebold		City of Las Vegas	x
Ryan Turner		City of Henderson	x
Michael Hernandez		City of Reno	x
Jeanine D'Errico		Clark County	x
James Ketsaa		Clark County School District	
Jim Pitts		Elko County	x
Daniel Thayer		Inter-Tribal Council	x
Rachel Skidmore		Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	x
(No designation presented by meeting date)		Lyon County	
Mark Hall		Nevada Air National Guard	x
Chad Westom		Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services	x
Chris Ipsen		Nevada Department of Administration	x
Jerome Tushbant		Nevada Department of Public Safety	x
Richard Nelson		Nevada Department of Transportation	
Angela Krutsinger		Nevada Hospital Association	
Michael Brown		North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District	x
Carlito Rayos		City of North Las Vegas	x
Bruce Barnes		NV Energy	x
Rob Reeder		Regional Transportation Commission WC	x
Jerry Keating		Regional Transportation Commission SNV	x
(No designation presented by meeting date)		Storey County	
Joseph Iser		Southern Nevada Health District	
Aaron Kenneston		Washoe County	x
Tracy Moore		Washoe County School District	x
Darin Balaam		Washoe County Sheriff's Office	x
Russell Peacock		White Pine County	x
(No designation presented by meeting date)		Northeastern Nevada	
Paul Donohue		Southeastern Nevada	
Carol Shank		Western Nevada	x
<b>Administrative Agent Representatives</b>		<b>Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>
Chris Smith		State Administrative Agent	x
John Steinbeck		Urban Area Administrative Agent	x
<b>Legal Representative</b>		<b>Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>
Samantha Ladich		Nevada Attorney General's Office	x
<b>Support Staff Representative</b>		<b>Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>
Karen Hall		Nevada Division of Emergency Mgt.	x

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chief Christopher Smith, State Administrative Agent (SAA) called the meeting to order shortly after 8:00 a.m. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM/HS) performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Smith called for public commentary. No commentary noted in either venue.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chief Smith called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the previous Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) meeting held June 13, 2013. Motion to approve presented by Ryan Turner, City of Henderson with a second by Russel Peacock, White Pine County. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT (SAA) AND THE URBAN AREA ADMINISTRATOR (UAA)**

Chief Smith welcomed the working group acknowledging the body's expertise in the process of vetting projects affecting the state of Nevada. Chief Smith indicated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has increased its efforts in identifying grant dollar usage, noting the critical importance of considering all aspects of all proposals including past performance, previous awards, and priority in line with the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) priorities. Chief Smith indicated that Nevada has one of the most democratic processes for reviewing these types of project requests.

Chief John Steinbeck, UAA greeted the working group as well, and applauded the cooperative effort to put forth projects that benefit the state of Nevada. Chief Steinbeck indicated his belief in the priorities set forth by the NCHS, emphasizing the importance of completing projects.

**5. HOMELAND SECURITY WORKING GROUP STATUS, PROCESS, AND TIMELINE**

Chief Smith presented an overview of the HSWG status, its processes, and relevant timelines. The group was tasked to develop and rank specific preparedness projects according to priorities using the collective knowledge of the voting membership. This process requires coordination between both the HSWG and the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). Highlights of the presentation included:

- The present status of the Department of Homeland Security's award and guidance for FFY14;
- The UASI grant award for FFY14;
- The compressed schedule beginning with the establishment of priorities by the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS), revision of both state and urban area strategies, and project proposal submission completion;
- Historical and current appropriations for FF14 to both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI);
- Emphasis on sustainment and the national preparedness system to demonstrate how projects support and sustain existing core capabilities to address gaps outlined in the State Preparedness Report and Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA);
- Emphasis on new funding requests for HSGP funding supporting capabilities having the ability of being deployable to support both regional and national efforts;
- 10 investment justifications (IJ) will be allowed for SHSP, and 10 will be allowed for UASI as defined by DHS. There is a limit of 10 projects within 1 IJ;
- Emphasis on important dates for both the HSWG and UAWG process.

## **6. REVIEW OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

Kelli Anderson and Rick Martin, NDEM/HS presented the HSGP program guidelines with the following highlights:

- New budget sheets require additional information to include fringe and travel detail;
- Emphasis on 2-year performance on this grant;
- Challenges with categorical project changes to personnel;
- Emphasis on environmental assessments on those projects requiring changes to building structure in any way;
- Authorized Equipment List (AEL) definition will be required;
- Emphasis on using quantity denotations on project proposals. Lack of identifying quantity could jeopardize funding;
- Using enough detail so that reviewers know what is being purchased. Do not include manufacturer or model number which could require the use of bidding to acquire the equipment.
- Narratives and budgets will be due on April 18, 2014.
- Templates for both the budget and narrative are available online. The document is combined.

Kelli Anderson indicated that if there are any issues with the templates, please let her know. It is important to break out personnel and fringe budget requests to ensure there is no overstep of the Price Act. Travel must be detailed out to ensure it's applied to the proper category. The detail budget needs to tie in with the priorities that are set. Chief Smith indicated that when FEMA sees these plans, that individual project leads plan accordingly and work the project. Expenditure of funds are often not expended as presented. When DHS sees this happening, it does not put a positive mark on Nevada which opens the state up for criticism and site visits. Not drawing down funds is looked upon negatively.

Kelli Anderson emphasized the importance of having money sit without showing any draw down history. Payments often take some time to reach NDEM/HS as well as quarterly reports. These same patterns are shown historically as well. There have multiple project change requests that come through. It's imperative to have a clean application. There are great challenges and successes, and right now we need to focus on FY2014 issues, and be moving away from FY2011 and FY2012. FY2013 monies remain unspent, with no draws. Ms. Anderson indicated that it benefits the state of Nevada to have strong programmatic management on all programs exists moving forward.

Chief Steinbeck also spoke to programmatic management and the UAWG's efforts to address this issue indicating that there are shovel-ready projects that can be completed with FY2011-2012 funding alleviating need for FY2014 monies. Chief Steinbeck instructed project managers to let him know if projects cannot be spent down so de-obligation can occur quickly.

## **7. HOMELAND SECURITY WORKING GROUP PROJECT PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS: STATE-WIDE PROPOSALS AND UASI PROPOSALS**

Chief Smith opened discussion on the project proposal review portion of the meeting with the request that presenters keep their presentations as concise as possible. Presentation length was requested to be no more than five minutes to allow the body to hear all proposals.

*The Working Group took a short break at 8:55 a.m., and resumed the project proposal presentations at 9:00 a.m.*

Working group was briefed by Chief Smith on the use of the iPad technology.

Below is a brief summary of the discussions between HSWG membership and presenting entities (Detailed project descriptions available by accessing the Homeland Security Grant Program webpage below: [http://dem.nv.gov/homeland\\_security/2014\\_Grant/2014\\_HS\\_Grant\\_Process/](http://dem.nv.gov/homeland_security/2014_Grant/2014_HS_Grant_Process/), file name *Project Proposals SHSP UASI FFY2014*:

**Project A: Advanced Persistent (Cyber) Threats Project** – Presented by Christopher Ipsen and Chris Long, Nevada Department of Administration (NDOA).

- Project total \$650,000.00; SHSP funding request.
- Chris Ipsen presented a proposal from the Nevada Cyber Security Committee speaking to efforts to formalize Cyber Security as an entity within the Homeland Security umbrella with representation statewide. Focus is on advanced persistent threat and solutions moving forward including kill-chain technologies.
- Robert Reeder, Regional Transportation Commission Washoe County asked how this balances against the FY2013 project, with Mr. Ipsen indicating that FY2013 focuses on live feeds for malware and intrusion. This project audits firewall configuration to resolve issues so that the state is reactive to threat instead of proactive
- Ryan Turner, City of Henderson inquired about FY2011 statewide cyber assessment and that no funds have been expended. Mr. Ipsen indicated that he believed funds have been expended on the state side and will be on the urban area side. There was a final meeting in which software and hardware will be purchased, and that will draw down the monies left. It is a matter of taking what has been built and adding to the structure.
- Bruce Barnes asked for clarification on what agencies will be benefitted by this project. Mr. Ipsen indicated that a challenge to share software across government entities has been lessened by recent legislative events allowing the sharing of software to aggregate common approaches. Will represent counties and cities primarily.

**Project B: Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Cyber Security** – Presented by Assistant Sheriff Darin Balaam, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO).

- Project total \$306,475.00; SHSP funding request.
- Assistant Sheriff Balaam presented the project speaking to the increase of identity theft. Request is to purchase equipment and provide training for investigators.
- Rachel Skidmore, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department inquired if the Cyber Committee has reviewed this proposal. Assistant Sheriff Balaam indicated it has not.
- Chris Ipsen inquired how this would interact with other fusion centers or universities. Assistant Sheriff Balaam indicated there is close with University of Nevada Reno to identify cyber threats. Both the NTAC and SNCTC, as capabilities are enhanced, more sharing will occur.

**Project C: North Las Vegas Analyst for the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC)** – Presented by Sandra Sawyer, City of North Las Vegas Police Department.

- Project total \$120,000.00; UASI funding request.
- Ms. Sawyer indicated that an analyst within the fusion center since 2007, indicating that an embedded analyst within the fusion center to sustain local, state, and federal information sharing.
- Questions presented by Carlito Rayos regarding position funding through grant funding in FY 2011 and 2012. Ms. Sawyer is hopeful to retain seat at the SNCTC for FY 2013. Chief Smith inquired if seat was currently vacant and what would happen if this project was not funded. Ms. Sawyer indicated she is trying to fill in a gap of funding and fears loss of capability with no representative at the SNCTC.

**Project D: Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC) – Fusion Center** – Presented by Deputy Chief Ryan Miller, Nevada Department of Public Safety (NDPS).

- Project total \$536,900.00; SHSP funding request.
- Questions presented Bruce Barnes, NV Energy on how closely the NTAC works with SNCTC and if there is any room for consolidation or combining efforts. Deputy Chief Miller indicated that both fusion centers do actively work together, and each has a unique set of functions with the SNCTC addressing Clark County, and the NTAC servicing the other counties and tribes throughout Nevada. There are many states with more than one fusion center, and combining Nevada's fusion center resources may not be contributory to substantial cost savings for the state.

**Project E: Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC)** – Presented by Rachel Skidmore, LVMPD.

- Project total \$1,333,265.00; 33% UASI, 67% SHSP funding request.
- Rachel Skidmore presented a detailed overview of the SNCTC and its capabilities indicating that this center is the primary fusion center for the state of Nevada.
- Bruce Barnes inquired if all positions at SNCTC were grant funded, with Ms. Skidmore indicating that 65 of 95 seats are funded by LVMPD in entirety. All are full-time positions.
- Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County presented concern that although the SNCTC is important, that the request is the largest request for state funding, which cut into the portion of funding available for other necessary state-wide projects.
- Director Jerome Tushbant, Nevada Department of Public Safety inquired what would happen if this proposal was not funded. Ms. Skidmore indicated that many of the projects supported with this request are for sustainment, and without funding, continuity would be lost.

**Project F: City of Las Vegas Communicator Enhancement** – Presented by Rick Diebold, City of Las Vegas.

- Project total \$100,000; 85% UASI, 15% SHSP funding request.
- Rick Diebold spoke to the communicator program as a reverse 9-1-1 program. Machine originally purchased in 2002 with project impact funds. Partitions were initially set up with government and non-government agencies. Fire wall issues prevent hosting this system.
- Chief Smith inquired if any additional grant funding could be pursued through other means, such as through the state health department. Mr. Diebold indicated that additional funding inquiries have been pursued through other available funding streams.

**Project G: Public Warning and Public Information** – Presented by Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County.

- Project total \$300,000.00; SHSP funding request.
- Dr. Kenneston spoke to the sustainment of the original initiative with emphasis on continuing progress on this project. Dr. Kenneston also explained remaining funds and the plan to expend those funds. Discussion ensued about the current fiscal year's upcoming events under this project with emphasis on alert messaging and training statewide. This initiative cuts across all core capabilities
- No questions presented from either venue.

**Project H: S.P.A.R.T.A.N. Schools Prepared And Ready together Across Nevada** – Presented by Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County.

- Project total \$125,000.00; SHSP funding request.
- Dr. Kenneston indicated that there has not been a lot of activity from DHS funding towards this initiative, although we have had local issues which this addresses. 17 district school plans have been completed in addition to outreach to charter schools. Plans have been placed on NDEM's server for access. Dr. Kenneston advocates putting a moderate amount of funding toward more outreach to schools, indicating creating a type of summit to bring back people to the table to talk about what the state can do to prevent catastrophic events within schools.
- Rachel Skidmore inquired if this project had completion, with Dr. Kenneston indicating that this was the case with inclusion of private and charter schools. NDEM still maintains the database at the server level. Funding this proposal would allow for a summit to bring together participants in this project as well as any wayward entities that could not participate initially.

**Project I: Advanced CBRNE Detection & Decontamination – ARMOR Task Force** – Presented by Doug Huffmaster, LVMPD.

- Project total \$620,000.00; 60% UASI, 40% SHSP funding request.
- Doug Huffmaster presented the need to sustain ongoing initiatives and replace outdated equipment past its service life. Safety needs to be maintained for the citizenry of Nevada.
- Carlito Rayos, North Las Vegas Emergency Manager inquired if Mr. Huffmaster foresees loss in capability with other agencies if funding should not be granted. Chief Jerome Tushbant, Capitol

Police inquired if there is any duplication of equipment which could be identified. Mr. Huffmaster indicated that the CST unit will be moving, and that does cut into the capability of response.

**Project J: Citizens Corp** – *No presenter*

- Project total \$39,520.00; UASI funding request.
- Body moved to the next proposal due to no presentation on this project.

**Project K: Homeland Security Working Group Process** – Presented by Kelli Anderson, NDEM/HS.

- Project total \$41,040.00; SHSP funding request.
- Kelli Anderson presented the proposal background and explained all program balances and systems in place to draw down funds through procurement of grant management system. Spoke to travel and overtime needed to put this process together.
- Chief Smith thanked the NDEM staff for the heavy lift throughout this process noting the efforts of Kelli Anderson, Rick Martin, Karen Hall, and Sonja Williams.
- No questions presented in either venue.

**Project L: Statewide NIMS / Preparedness** – Presented by Paul Burke and Kelli Baratti, NDEM.

- Project total \$436,500.00; SHSP funding request.
- Paul Burke and Kelli Baratti, NDEM spoke to how this investment continues fundamental training for NIMS, with training going to 17 jurisdictions, tribal entities, non-governmental agencies, and local partners in addition to credentialing. Ms. Baratti spoke at length about the importance of credentialing and the impact it has on emergency operations. This project would enhance access to state and federal partners.
- Ryan Turner inquired on grant balances indicated for FY2011/2012. Kelli Baratti indicated funding had been allocated and encumbered for the project in the areas of equipment, software, and resource manager. Due to the overlap of FY2011/2012, a project change request was done in 2012 to leverage monies further purchasing more for the credentialing project. Monies will be spent before the end of the grant cycle.
- Paul Burke spoke to the immense amount of capability needed to support the Vigilant Guard exercises
- Carlito Rayos inquired if the VG exercise would be state-wide, with Lt. Colonel Mark Hall, Nevada Air National Guard indicating confirming that is the case.
- Rachel Skidmore inquired if any of Ms. Baratti's salary was part of the proposal, with Ms. Baratti indicating it is not part of this proposal.

**Project M: Statewide Citizen Corps Council** – Presented by Valerie Sumner, NDEM/HS.

- Project total \$9,150.00; SHSP funding request.
- Valerie Sumner presented the value of Citizen Corp initiatives.
- Chief Smith inquired where the funding comes for support staff supporting this initiative. Per Rick Martin, NDEM, support is federally funded through both EMPG and DOE in Principal grants. No state funding is used for these personnel.

**Project O: Mass Fatality Preparedness** – Presented by John Fudenberg, Clark County.

- Project total \$225,000.00; State-wide funding request.
- Mr. Fudenberg spoke to the inaccuracies in the funding drawdown spreadsheet, with Kelli Anderson clarifying the reasons Mr. Fudenberg's and the State's totals differed.
- Lt. Colonel Hall praised the effort of this project as multi-agency in nature, and inquired should funding not be available, what would happen. Per Mr. Fudenberg, training and exercise efforts would have to be scaled back.

**Project P: Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/CERT Program** – Presenter Mary Ann LaFoon, Elko County.

- Project total \$65,225.00; SHSP funding request.
- Mary Ann LaFoon requested funding to continue efforts in outreach to Nevada counties, speaking to partnerships with tribal bands allowing community wide outreach for CERT training. Also discussed was a pilot program in West Wendover with high school students being trained in CERT by taking home projects to create emergency plans. The program is trickling down to the community.
- No questions presented

*The Committee took a short break at 10:32 a.m., and resumed the project proposal presentations at 10:40 a.m.*

**Project Q: Tribal NIMS** – Presenter, Regina Marotto, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada.

- Project total \$125,485.15; SHSP funding request.
- Ms. Marotto spoke to inaccuracies in both FY2011/2012 budget balances, with Kelli Anderson explaining the difference is in the timing of reports NDEM has received from ITCN. Ms. Marotto confirmed reports were in process of being delivered, and at that time Ms. Anderson will update the numbers.
- Discussion ensued as to why this is a stand-alone project, with Ryan Turner inquiring if there are any other available funding sources for tribal entities to draw from moving forward. Per Ms. Marotto, EMPG funding is available to tribes to handle programmatic administrative management in addition to a few other federal sources. However, all but three tribes can benefit from these funding sources due to restrictions.

**Project R: Washoe County TRIAD Regional Hazardous Materials Team Capability / Sustainment** –

Presented by Captain Joe Nishikida, Reno Fire Department.

- Project total \$174,500.00 / State-wide funding request.
- Captain Nishikida spoke to the sustainment of equipment which has outlived its useful life. Current equipment will no longer be serviced. Department funding has been used for continued maintenance. Outreach does occur with the quad counties into Douglas and Elko counties.
- Robert Reeder, Regional Transportation Commission, Washoe County inquired on whether this request was to replace or expand the inventory of multi-gas equipment. Captain Nishikida indicated that this would both enhance and replace existing multi-gas equipment.
- Chief Smith inquired if Captain Nishikida has ever directed efforts to find funding through other funding streams. Captain Nishikida said those options have been exhausted.

**Project S: Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)** – Presented by Chris Sproule, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue.

- Project total \$190,000.00; UASI funding request
- Chris Sproule indicated that projects S and T are the same, just asking for funding through either funding stream. This project focuses on mass casualty and incident management. This is all-hazards based. This request is to sustain the program to continue supporting core capabilities.
- Chief Steinbeck noted significant funding still present in FY2011/2012/2013. Mr. Sproule indicated that balances were lower than indicated, and Kelli Anderson asked for reports to be sent in to NDEM so that grant balances can be drawn down. Also discussed was the scope of this project, and there are no project changes.
- Rachel Skidmore made inquiry on personnel notation on budget, and that correction was noted by Mr. Sproule.
- Bruce Barnes clarified with Mr. Sproule that Project T should have same correction.

**Project T: Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)** – Presented by Chris Sproule, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue

- Project total \$190,000.00; UASI funding Request
- Project T discussion combined with Project S

**Project U: Southern Nevada CERT** – Presented by Rick Diebold, City of Las Vegas

- Project total \$190,000.00; 85% UASI, 15% SHSP funding request
- Mr. Diebold spoke to the importance of the southern Nevada CERT project in addition to a historical overview of the CERT program in southern Nevada.
- Bruce Barnes inquired on the programs included in this funding request. Mr. Diebold read off list of several programs relevant to the southern Nevada CERT.

**Project V: Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Citizen Corps Program** – Presented by Assistant Sheriff Darin Balaam, Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

- Project total \$59,163.42; SHSP funding request.
- Assistant Sheriff Balaam presented the importance of the WCSO Citizen Corp program as a whole.
- Chief Jerome Tushbant, NDPS inquired as to what effect this project has outside Washoe County. Assistant Sheriff Balaam indicated that the program reaches out through its work with the regional emergency operations center and numerous other counties in time of need.

**Project W: Henderson Regional Hazmat Team** – Presented by Chief Steve Goble, City of Henderson Fire Department.

- Project total \$310,000.00; UASI funding request.
- Chief Goble spoke to the importance of the Henderson Regional Hazmat Team and the level of service provided in the region serviced.
- Chief Steinbeck opened up discussion on the challenges the team faces when operational level units are separated, and to what extent is the team waiting for assistance from fire and rescue in addition to ARMOR. Chief Goble indicated that with known incidents in the valley, his team can respond and will call for assistance when needed.
- Carlito Rayos, North Las Vegas Emergency Manager inquired about training.
- Chief Smith inquired about long term sustainment.

**Project X: Southern Nevada All Hazard Incident Management Team** – Presented by Chief Michael Johnson and Larry Haydu, Clark County Fire Department

- Project total \$30,000.00; 67% UASI, 33% SHSP funding request.
- Chief Johnson and Larry Haydu spoke to the importance of depth within this team and the need to sustain this capability.
- Chief Steinbeck inquired what the makeup of the team was currently. There are 3 fully staffed units with a deputy in each unit. Chief Steinbeck also inquired on what would be the date in which this could be fully deployed throughout the state. Per Chief Johnson, it appears this could be done within the next six months. Deployment process includes request to the State and subsequent outreach to various agencies for the team to be assembled.

**Project Y: Statewide Continuity of Operations & Government Sustainment Project** – Presented by Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County and Irene Navis, Clark County Fire Department.

- Project total \$300,000.00; 85% UASI, 15% State-wide funding request.
- Both Dr. Kenneston and Irene Navis presented the need to sustain this project, indicating that until there was a priority change, this project has always been in the top three priorities. This would allow the continuance of COOP training through taskforce efforts, workshops, and emphasis on operations. Ms. Navis complimented Dr. Kenneston on his efforts in this area.

**Project Z: Clark County EOC Enhancements** – Presented by Irene Navis, Clark County Fire Department

- Project total \$70,000.00; UASI funding request.
- Irene Navis presented the need for this project to enhance space needed at the training center. The goal is to do this in phases.
- No questions were asked in either venue.



**Project AA: Integrated Resource Tracking, Emergency Alert and Awareness Project** – Presented by Arlene Chapman, Resource and Logistics Coordinator, Clark County.

- Project total \$131,279.00 ; UASI funding request.
- Arlene Chapman spoke to the necessity to track and warn the urban area community with a need to integrate resources.
- Chief Smith inquired how this would integrate with the current state system, with Ms. Chapman indicating that this project would dovetail well with the state WEB EOC. Discussion also ensued about vendor choice and the ability to change vendors if needed.
- Bruce Barnes appreciated the utilities being included in this effort in addition to the overlay of infrastructure so first responders are informed. Mr. Barnes asked if this was an add-on only, with confirmation from Ms. Chapman that this is the case.

Chief Smith asked the body if it could push forward to finish the remaining projects. Dr. Kenneston inquired if the body would be prioritizing the projects this afternoon. Rob Reeder presented concern about the amount of funding for multiple fusion centers, and at some point the body needs to speak to the hard reality. Chief Smith spoke to the second meeting of the HSWG which will drive those discussions. He referred to Agenda Item #8.

**Project BB: Southern Nevada Fire Operations Hostile MCI Ballistic PPE** – Presented by Chief Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department

- Project total \$118,708.00; UASI funding request.
- Chief Steinbeck spoke to the immense effort put forth into the project. FEMA's response to this effort has been very positive.
- Ryan Turner clarified that de-obligated funds were awarded, with Chief Steinbeck indicating that the intent of putting this project through was in case the funding does not come through. If it does, this will be pulled.

Chief Smith moved into the communications projects area. Kelli Anderson presented that there may be issues with UASI presenters for these next series of projects due to the fact that they were presenting at the UAWG.

George Molnar, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) spoke to the criteria to meet the goals of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Mr. Molnar read into record goals and priorities of the SCIP.

**Project CC: SNACC P25 Site Expansion** – Presented by Jose Suarez, SNACC.

- Project total \$300,000.00; UASI funding request.
- Mr. Suarez presented the need for the SNACC P25 site expansion in keeping up with technical requirements. There are approximately 10,000 users within SNACC. Coverage and capacity improvements to the SNACC system will be the resultant effect of this project being approved. This project will be added to the existing simulcast system in operation today. P25 readiness by 2018 is the goal.
- Chief Steinbeck inquired what would happen if this isn't funded, with Mr. Suarez indicating P25 readiness would be impacted. The delay will create a large issue for SNACC
- Chief Smith inquired if there's any issue with vendor identification, and why Motorola is denoted as the vendor. Motorola is the core system per Mr. Suarez, and Metro has already put in place Motorola product.
- Dr. Kenneston inquired if this is for the purchase of hand-held radios, with Mr. Suarez indicated that this is for infrastructure, not radios.

**Project DD: HPD Interoperability Communications** – Presented by Tina Emrich, Henderson Police Department.

- Project total \$112,480.00; UASI funding request.
- Ms. Emrich indicated that they are trying to develop interoperability capability with updating infrastructure. Vulnerabilities have been found in the dispatch center. She is asking to add 2 stations to enhance the ability to take 9-1-1 calls. This center is a backup facility used by many agencies. In the event the system goes down, response to 9-1-1 calls needs to continue.
- No questions from either venue.

*The Working Group took a short break at 12:07 p.m. and resumed the project proposal presentations at 12:15 p.m.*

**Project EE: 800 MHz Interoperability** – No Presenter

- Project total \$349,300.00; 5% UASI; 95% State-wide funding request

**Project FF: Interoperability Radio Upgrade P25 Phase II** – Presented by Julie Black and Lester Lewis, Clark County.

- Project total \$350,000.00; 50% UASI, 50% State-wide funding request.
- Ms. Black is requesting funding to begin Phase II deployment for approximately 400 radios.
- Working group had a lengthy discussion on the upgrade to software and the impacts to the state. Rachel Skidmore asked if this is a true combined request, and Ms. Black confirmed it is. Dr. Kenneston inquired on if this is a shared system where membership pays annually to maintain the system and whether this could be pulled from another funding stream. Lester Lewis said that this is taking SNACC's radios to a standard not only in Clark County, but nationally. Subsequent commentary by Ryan Turner, Chad Westom, and other body members ensued to identify the need for this project.

**Project GG: Disaster Recover for SCOPE II** – Presented by Julie Black, Clark County.

- Project total \$1,121,500.00; UASI funding request.
- Ms. Black presented this project as well to establish a redundant co-location data center.
- Working group discussed at length the need for this project.

**Project HH: Nevada Core Northern Interconnect** – Presented by Shawn Tayler (need organization)

- Project total \$726,125.00; SHSP funding request.
- Chief Smith inquired what would happen should this not be funded. Per Mr. Tayler, there are several approaches that could be taken to reduce redundancy, and he most likely could reduce his request in that event. The gaps which would occur surround the reliance of fiberoptic communications and the bridges within those systems.

**Project II: Statewide Interoperability Coordinator** – Presented by Rick Martin, NDEM/HS.

- Project total \$116,060.00; State-wide funding request.
- Rick Martin presented this request as an important need for the state of Nevada. This position is solely funded through federal grants to ensure extensive outreach via workshops, assistance with exercise functions, and as a required component of the THIRA. In addition to the SCIP component as well, the SWIC vets most of the communications projects. As part of FY2014 grant guidance, grantees must describe how activities align with priorities.
- Ryan Turner inquired if the SWIC position is a contracted position. This was verified by Mr. Martin.

**Project JJ: Northeast Urban Area Operational Communications Controller and Consoles Project** – Presented Richard Resnick, City of Mesquite

- Project total \$248,000.00; 50% UASI, 50% State-wide funding request.
- Chief Smith inquired about the deficit on the street currently, with Mr. Resnick indicating it is critical.
- Commissioner Carol Shank, Lincoln County inquired what the needs were to update radios.

**Project KK: Northeast Urban Area Operational Communications Site Repeater** – Presented by Richard Resnick, City of Mesquite.

- Project total \$228,250.00; 50% UASI, 50% State-wide funding request.
- Carlito Rayos inquired if both Utah and Arizona have made commitments, with Mr. Resnick indicating both states have committed.

**Project LL: Regional Dispatch Backup Enhancement** – Presented by Karl Nieberlein (Need organization)

- Project total \$600,000.00; State-wide funding request.
- Ryan Turner inquired on what the total number of the equipment request is, with Mr. Neiberlein indicating 10. The stations are identical to those at the regional emergency operations center.
- Chief Smith inquired if this project replaces the existing 6 they have for a total of 10 consoles.

**Project N: Douglas County CERT Program** – Presented by Valerie Sumner, NDEM/HS.

- Project total \$19,500.00; State-wide funding request.
- No questions presented by the working group in either venue.

**Project MM: HSGP Support and Public Information** – Presented by Irene Navis, Clark County Fire Department.

- Project total \$100,000.00; 40% UASI, 60% SHSP.
- Companion project to Project K per Irene Navis.
- No questions presented by the working group in either venue.

## **8. PROJECT PROPOSAL FUNDING DISCUSSION**

Chief Smith led discussion on the fact that the total dollar amount of initial project proposals far exceed the amount of State-wide or UASI funding allocated by DHS for FY2014. The reality is that not all project can be funded. Chief Smith urged that all parties need to be open to making recommendations on how to best fund those projects serving the state of Nevada in addition to urging project leads to look at leveraging projects to maximize effectiveness across the spectrum of priorities. Chief Steinbeck continued the discussion speaking to urban area projects, and the upcoming UAWG meeting on April 15, 2014. Chief Steinbeck indicated the UAWG will strive to pare down projects as possible.

Kelli Anderson reviewed the HSGP process timeline and important due dates.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gina Marotto made a request to be given more than one week to complete investment justifications as the timeframe restricts participation by the tribes and perhaps other submitters. Ms. Marotto also requested an update from Chief Smith on the placement of a tribal member on the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Finance Committee. Chief Smith indicated he had no update on that placement, but would follow up with Governor Sandoval's office. Chief Smith appreciated the follow-up by Ms. Marotto.

## **10. ADJOURN**

Chief Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion presented by Ryan Turner, with a second provided by Rachel Skidmore. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.