



# Meeting Minutes

## Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee (NPSCC) Grants Subcommittee

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Friday, March 4, 2016	
	<b>TIME</b>	1:00 P.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Executive Conference Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
		Clark County Fire Department, Station #18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 575 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference and Videoconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Janell Woodward	
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Kevin Judice	X	Janell Woodward (NDEM Staff)	X
Michael Brown	X	Samantha Ladich (DAG Rep)	X
Matt Morris		Kelli Anderson (NDEM Staff)	X
Mitch Sperling	X	Andy Gagliardo (NDEM Staff)	X
Scott Taylor	X		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Chair, Kevin Judice called the meeting to order and Janell Woodward called roll. A quorum was established with 4 of 5 committee members in attendance.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair, Kevin Judice opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

### 3. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2016 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROJECT PROPOSAL REVIEW.

Chair, Kevin Judice opened this agenda item asking for presenters for each project. Eight total projects were reviewed; three HSGP and five Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) projects. Chief John Steinbeck requested that they be able to present first as they had four projects to present.

**Project TT:** FAO Alternate Facility and Dispatch Training Center – UASI

This request is for an alternate fire alarm location. Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, North Las Vegas and Clark County work as one and work out of one dispatch center. If a catastrophic event were to occur, they do not have a secondary secure location where they can relocate. The proposed secondary location would allow for both backup as well as

training of new dispatch personnel. Located in the Clark County School, this prepares students to be able to go to work right out of school.

Questions:

Chair, Kevin Judice indicated that at the first Homeland Security Working Group meeting on March 2, project presenters were asked if their project was all or nothing or if they would be able to scale back with partial funding.

Answer: Yes, this project would be able to scale back as necessary.

Mitch Sperling asked how the current facility for the academy is funded, how often they update equipment.

Answer: There are 30 working consoles with computers just upgraded a year or two ago. They do not have access to the current radio system and part of the grant request is to obtain actual dispatch consoles that would allow the alternate location to utilize the Southern Nevada Area Communications Council (SNACC) system.

Kevin Judice asked if the software in the proposal is for new software or for upgraded software.

Answer: This is training software and they will also have actual use software with an annual cost built into the proposal.

Kelli Anderson asked whether they had the breakdown of the equipment in item C of the proposal; i.e. what is the cost of the radio consoles versus furniture?

Answer: Lou stated it was \$365,000 for seven consoles, 65,000 per dispatch console.

Does a student have to pay to attend school there?

Answer: This is a magnet public school with students chosen by lottery with no extra fees to attend school.

How many would be functional versus ideal:

Answer: Six would be minimal with 15 ideal.

Kelli Anderson asked what radio system this would hook into.

Answer: This would tie into the SNACC radio system.

**Project II:** Southern Nevada Incident Management Team Enhancement - UASI

This project is to obtain radios for enhancement of the Southern Nevada Type III Incident Management Team. A portion of the proposal includes trainings. Clarification was provided as to the core capabilities listed. This should have been a 4/5 representing both Operational Coordination and Operational Communications.

Questions:

Kevin Judice asked if this was an all or nothing proposal.

Answer: Chief Steinbeck stated this could be proportional purchasing whatever radios they could with the amount of funding provided.

Kelli Anderson asked what radio system this project would tie into.

Answer: This project will tie into the Federal partner systems.

**Project RR:** Clark County Emergency Communications Project – UASI

This project requests Emergency Alert System components including radios for remote fire departments. This project would be able to reduce funding proportionately. Radios have reached their lifespan and will no longer be supported by the manufacturer.

Questions:

Kelli Anderson asked whether this request hooked into any specific radio system.

Answer: Lou stated the 700 MHz radios will be able to work on both SNACC and Las Vegas Metro's system.

**Project QQ:** Communications Security Microwave Links Project - UASI

This is an Operational Communications project and not Cybersecurity. This project enhances public safety transport network communications. Currently their microwave links are at capacity. Many different areas benefit from this. This project is an all or nothing project and would not be able to be reduced.

Questions:

Kevin Judice asked how this project is currently funded.

Answer: It is exclusively maintained by Clark County. This was created as an interoperable shared system and not a pay for use system.

Mitch Sperling asked whether there was a backup if this system goes down or would it just be dead.

Answer: If any one of the links goes down, the system is essentially brought to its knees. If one portion goes down, they cannot go somewhere else.

Kevin Judice: This funding does not solve the architecture issue but simply covers what is there.

Mitch Sperling asked whether the system as it currently exists would be P-25 compliant.

Answer: Existing as it is now, it is P-25 compliant. If there are additional needs from one of the user groups, they will not be able to meet those needs.

**Project SS:** P-25 Phase II Radio Upgrade (NLVPD) – UASI

This project is to obtain approximately 10 radios for a P-25 upgrade. Current radios will reach an end-of-service in 2018. These radios will be exclusively used by the SWAT teams. This project could be reduced and utilized to purchase even one or two radios.

Questions:

Shawn Tayler asked if these radios would be used to interact with Las Vegas Metro's Phase II system or only for North Las Vegas on the SNACC system.

Answer: These radios will be Phase I and Phase II capable. SWAT teams move together on calls and all are moving to the AES encryption.

**Project NN:** North Central Nevada Mobile Command Vehicle/Mobile Dispatch – HSGP

This project is requesting the purchase of an emergency mobile command vehicle with a dual capability of an emergency dispatch. Humboldt County encompasses about 10,000 square miles. There are two major highways that run through Humboldt County as well as two railroads. Primary industry in the area is gold mining. Chemicals are transported and utilized throughout the area. They are basically on an island with only two internet services coming through the area. They also provide rescue services to Pershing and Lander Counties. Agencies able to share this resource include Winnemucca Police Department, Winnemucca Fire, Humboldt County Fire, Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada Department of Public Safety Investigations Division, Lander County Sheriff's Office, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, Lovelock Police Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Humboldt County Hospital, and the Eureka County Sheriff's Office.

This request was made because last year the AT&T line was severed outside of Fernley which cut off their all of their communications including Pershing, Humboldt, Lander and parts of Elko Counties and there was no redundant system available for use. This vehicle would provide that system if this ever happened again. They were forced to work off of satellite phones and transferred their emergency communications to Lyon County Sheriff's Office. Humboldt County also borders Oregon and Humboldt County has deputies that are cross-state/county deputized.

All of these counties are tied together with the same records management system and there is an agreement in place to share that information in an emergency.

They could potentially reduce their request and purchase a used vehicle if they could find one.

Questions:

Kelli Anderson pointed out that this is similar to the proposal of II under UASI which covers both Operational Coordination and Operational Communications.

Mitch Sperling asked Sheriff Allen if he was saying this would be a regional asset.

Answer: Yes, this would be a four-county regional asset. This vehicle could also be utilized anywhere in the state if needed. The vehicle being looked at does not require a specialized driver's license.

**Project OO:** Northern Nevada Homeland Security Radio Cache – HSGP

This project is a radio cache that last year was a part of Operational Coordination. The full amount was granted last year but money was returned so that other projects could be funded. This project requests the remaining funds required to purchase the remaining radios to complete the cache. This radio cache is utilized for all emergencies.

Questions:

Kevin Judice asked whether there was some type of direction with regard to weighting of ranking with regard to projects that are being sustained versus new projects.

Answer: Kelli Anderson stated that is up to this body to determine the need. This has not been done in the past to her knowledge. There are some compliance issues and one of these is that it specifically states we must following our Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) or it cannot be funded per the FY16 HSGP Grant Guidance.

Aaron Kenneston called in at this point. He stated the original cache was 58 radios and 1 was lost by a search and rescue group in the snow. This was submitted last year and

funded but a voluntary reduction in funding was taken so that other projects could be funded. They are simply trying to complete the cache this year.

Mitch Sperling asked about the capabilities of the XG-75 radios radio.

Answer: Shawn Tayler stated the model is a 700 and 800 MHz equipped with the AS encryption. This radio can be utilized across the state.

**Project PP:** Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) – HSGP

Kevin Judice asked for clarification about the requirement for a SWIC. Kelli Anderson indicated that it is a mandatory requirement that each State have a SWIC in order to obtain communications grant funding. Kevin stated that without a SWIC, none of the other proposals really matter.

Kelli stated the SWIC proposal is asking for funding to pay salary and related costs to the state to have a SWIC. This position is currently leveraged 50/50 with another grant, the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP). The state believes that even this funding should be reviewed through the same process as every other project proposal.

Questions:

Mike Allen asked just how much funding is available for this grant program. The projects reviewed today are for the Homeland Security Grant for FY16. That includes both State Homeland Security Project (SHSP) and UASI.

The ranking process took place at this point. Instruction was provided regarding having each member read their ranking into the record and Janell would feed this ranking into her spreadsheet and provide the results for the final ranking.

Janell read into record ranking received from Matt Morris and Mike Brown. Kevin, Scott Taylor and Mitch Sperling all read their rankings into the record. Please see attached final ranking spreadsheet. The SHSP projects ended in a numerical tie for second place. In this case, the committee decided to take majority ranking to complete final ranking which resulted in the following final ranking.

Janell read into record the final results as follows:

SHSP Projects:

1. PP – Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)
2. NN – North Central Nevada Mobile Command Vehicle/Mobile Dispatch
3. OO – Northern Nevada Homeland Security Radio Cache

Chair Judice asked for a motion to accept the ranking. Process was decided to add up ranking scores and then tie breaker would be majority ranking. Mitch Sperling made a motion to accept the ranking as noted above. Scott Taylor seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Scott made a motion that for future voting of ranking, numbers would be added up and tie breakers would be done by majority. Mitch Sperling seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## UASI Projects

1. QQ – Communications Security Microwave Links Project
2. RR – Clark County Emergency Operations Comms Project
3. II - Southern Nevada Incident Management Team Enhancement
4. SS – P-25 Phase II Radio Upgrade (NLVPD)
5. TT – FAO Alternate Facility and Dispatch Training Center

Mitch Sperling made a motion to approve the UASI ranking as read into record. Scott Tylor seconded. All were in favor and the UASI ranking was approved.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Chair, Kevin Judice opened the meeting up once again for public comment. Irene Navis asked if Chair Kevin Judice would like a place on the UASI agenda to present the ranked results or if he would like Chair John Steinbeck to share the recommended ranking. These recommended rankings will first go to the full NPSCC and that committee will determine how the results are passed to the Homeland Security Working Group and the UASI.

Mike Allen expressed his thanks for the committee's support.

## **5. ADJOURN.**

Chair, Kevin Judice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mitch Sperling made the motion for adjournment and Scott Taylor seconded. All were in favor with no opposition and the meeting adjourned.