



## Meeting Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Meeting

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Friday, December 9, 2016	
	<b>TIME</b>	11:00 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management 2478 Fairview Drive, Training Room Carson City, NV 89701	
		Clark County Fire Department – Station #18 Emergency Operations Center – Second Floor 575 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Erica Hall	
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Caleb Cage	X	Erica Hall (Staff)	X
Gerald Antinoro	X	Katie Brady (DAG)	X
Stacey Belt	X	Kelli Anderson	X
Mary Camin	X		
Cassandra Darrough			
Adam Garcia	X		
Christine Gibbs Springer, Ph.D.			
Ronna Hubbard			
Ron Johnny			
Mary Ann Laffoon	X		
Constance Morton	X		
Irene Navis	X		
Shirlee Rhodes	X		
Tim Soule			

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chief Caleb Cage, Chairman of the Nevada State Citizen Corps Council, called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Erica Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM). Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. COMMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Chief Cage welcomed everyone and extended his gratitude for their attendance. He provided a brief overview of the organization's purpose and the reestablishment of the Executive Order in February 2016.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Cage opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Stacey Belt made a motion to approve the January 15, 2015 minutes as written. Adam Garcia seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Adam Garcia made a motion to approve the April 16, 2015 minutes as written. Shirlee Rhodes seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: Sheriff Antinoro arrived late and joined the meeting during Agenda Item #4. He did not participate in the votes for this agenda item.)

### **5. CITIZEN CORPS PURPOSE AND MISSION PRESENTATION**

Chief Cage provided an overview of the nationwide Citizen Corps mission statement. He went over the reestablishment of the Executive Order and the mission for the Nevada State Citizen Corps Council. He added that NDEM is in the final stages of their strategic planning process and explained how it relates to the goals of the council.

He opened the meeting for discussion or comments. There was none.

### **6. REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Chief Cage opened the meeting for discussion.

Shirlee Rhodes provided an overview of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Citizen Corps program. She explained that there are four different volunteer groups and each group provides a variety of support within the community. She noted that in 2016 the program has had more than 250 volunteers respond and assist with five emergency evacuations and 130 non-emergency evacuations. They have also participated in monthly team training and drills, as well as provided assistance with a multitude of events within the community.

Mary Ann Laffoon provided an overview of the Northeastern Nevada Citizen Corps and CERT Program. She noted the various classes she has provided or intends on providing and the successes with each.

Chief Cage asked if she is working with Sheriff Allen in Elko. Mary Ann stated Sheriff Allen is aware, but they have not sat down together to discuss.

Mary Ann continued with her program's success stories and the difference they are making with the students and the community.

Chief Cage asked what areas Mary Ann serves. She advised she serves the five counties of Northeastern Nevada; Humboldt, Lander, Eureka, White Pine, and Elko. She explained how the group gets the information out when the distance between areas is so great.

Mary Camin provided an update on the Southern Nevada CERT program. She advised their program has trained 482 people in 2016 and they have assisted in full-scale drills and countless outreach activities. She noted that in 2017 they are hoping to involve the area casinos (including Caesar's, MGM, Paris) and they have 15 classes scheduled (including Spanish CERT and small business CERT classes).

Irene Navis provided a brief report on Clark County's efforts. She advised that a Community Emergency Response Plan was completed for the Laughlin area. She noted that the overall plan didn't accommodate the outlying areas well due to the different and specific needs they have. They started with Laughlin at their request. In the course of the planning process there was a desire to start a CERT program so a class was provided. In 2017, they will be moving forward with other rural areas starting with Moapa Valley. They are continuing to advertise and engage the communities in Clark County to promote the CERT program. She continued to note the various events the CERT volunteers attended in the area and the training they have provided.

Stacey Belt asked who won the Preparedness Cook-off. Irene advised that Clark County won and will have to plan next year's event.

Connie Morton provided a brief update on the Southern Nevada VOAD. She advised there have been efforts to improve the standing of VOAD within the community and that they are working in conjunction with the Northern VOAD.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro advised Storey County has around 50 volunteers in their CERT program that assist with events in Virginia City. They are hoping for additional training to gain additional volunteers in the next year.

Chief Cage questioned how long training is. Mary Ann Laffoon advised her training is around 21.5 hours. Shirlee Rhodes added that training can vary.

Stacey Belt commented on Carson City Emergency Management's efforts. She noted that for 2017 they will be focusing on sustainability and they will work with the surrounding counties. She advised they are just now finalizing their 2017 training calendar, but will distribute it once it is available. She added that on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 there will be a Western Region CERT Rodeo; she encouraged all CERT teams to participate.

Chief Cage extended his thanks to the group for their presentations and involvement with recent events and exercises.

## **7. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) GRANT FUNDING FOR CITIZEN CORPS PROJECTS**

Kelli Anderson (NDEM) provided an overview of the status of current grant funding and what has been spent. She noted that everyone is right on track with their spending. She added that the process for FFY17 will start sometime between January and March 2017. She reminded the council to start building budgets and getting information compiled for the '17 proposal process.

Mary Camin asked if there was funding available for travel. Kelli Anderson advised there is money available for travel to the meeting and that with prior approval out of state travel to conferences is a possibility.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Ann Laffoon shared that she is on a youth council and that there are materials available to get the youth involved with preparedness. Mary Camin requested this information be sent to her. Mary Ann advised it should be available on FEMA's website, but she will send it out once it is sent to her.

Chief Cage thanked all involved with the meeting.

**9. ADJOURN**

Shirlee Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Antinoro seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.