



Meeting Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Meeting

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, January 18, 2018	
	TIME	9:30 A.M.	
	LOCATION	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	
	METHOD	Video & Teleconference	
RECORDER	Stephanie Parker		
Council Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Caleb Cage	X	Stephanie Parker (Staff)	
Gerald Antinoro	X	Samantha Ladich (DAG)	
Stacey Belt (Phone)	X	Kelli Anderson	X
Mary Camin	X	Sonja Williams	X
Cassandra Darrough (came in after roll call)	X	Kendall Herzer	X
Katherine Dew	X	Shealyne Schulze	X
Christine Gibbs Springer, Ph.D.		Deborah Moran SNHP-MRC	X
Dave Thomas	X	Carolyn Levering (Remote Attendance by VTC)	X
Mary Ann Laffoon (Phone)	X	Chad Rogers (Remote Attendance by VTC)	X
Constance Morton	X	Kara Easton (Remote Attendance by VTC)	X
Irene Navis	X		
Michael Perry	X		

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 Shealyne Schulze, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. COMMENT FROM THE CHAIR

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Chief Cage welcomed new appointed Councilmember Kathrine Dew with Carson City Health and Human Services, Quad County Medical Reserve Corps.

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 November 16, 2017 minutes as written. Irene Navis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

5. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

Chief Cage opened for Council Members updates and below is a summary:

Chief Cage opened the meeting for discussion or comments. There was none.

Stacey Belt reported on Carson City CERT program and the Volunteers In Policing (VIPs) Activities. Katherine Dew will report on the Quad County Medical Reserve Corps.

- CERT is focusing on EOC operations to include areas identified in need of improvement in responding to the two activations last year.
- Working on getting Key cards access and credentials so the CERT volunteers can be deployed first to the EOC to get operationally set-up for the activation.
- VIP's continue to work on their mission with the Sheriff's office and activities they are still involved with are to assist deputies with clerical work like warrants, they man the mobile radar units and more.
- VIP's new program is VIP for VETS and they assist Vets with transportation from Minden and Carson City to Reno for medical appointments and other needs.
- VIP's currently have 150 volunteers and continue to expand the services they provide.

Katherine Dew reported on the Quad County Medical Reserve Corps.

- The MRC volunteers are actively involved in the creating of comfort kits that help in distracting victims of disasters. The MRC volunteers also knit and crochet bunnies for the kits for the kids.
- MRC has been working with Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in the high schools to identify deficiencies in health preparedness. Students are working with school nurses to bring greater awareness of Code Blue, working on medical response plans for school and home. The MRC volunteers are engaged with the students at the schools.
- MRC held training on Access and Functional Needs January 11, 2018 in Las Vegas. The training accommodated 28 participants. The next training is March 7, 2018 in Reno and the location has not been determined yet. Once a location is determined, Katherine will send to Stephanie Parker to disseminate to the group.
- MRC will hold a Table Top Exercise (TTX) for Access and Functional Needs in Carson City in March, possibly March 13 or 15. Once solidified, will send the information to Stephanie Parker for dissemination to the group.
- MRC is working with American Red Cross (ARC) to bring Psychological First Aid training to Carson City on March 14 from and the class will be limited to 30 people.
- Quad County is working on sheltering training and will send specifics out when solidified.
- Any questions on the training can be directed to Katherine Dew.

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- Stacey Belt added that the Carson City CERT, VIP and Quad County MRC are collaborating on bringing Family Assistance Center training to Carson City on February 28.

Chief Cage asked if the TTX and the Psychological First Aid training would be open to other jurisdictions and Katherine Dew advised although the priority is for the Quad County, yes it is open to other jurisdictions.

Mary Camin reported on City of Las Vegas CERT activities.

- In 2017 there were 597 volunteers trained.
- March 10 there will be a full scale exercise for up to 75 participants for the CERT Refresher and Enhanced Training.
- We will have a CERT class provided in Spanish, to be held at North Las Vegas Fire Department in February. Univision did an interview on this so there is great response and FEMA is sending someone to teach the class.
- The Las Vegas CERT will begin a new session with HOSA in 3 weeks. Carolyn Levering added a brief overview about HOSA explaining it is a program connected with Career and Technical Education (CTE) within the Clark County School District (CCSD) and is in several CCSD vocational schools that have public safety and healthcare related curriculums or health occupations clubs. Carolyn was able to go speak to a group in December about the 1 October incident and there were over 200 students in that club.
- Interest has significantly increased after 1 October. Chief Cage shared that he and Carolyn Levering had a conversation previously about the State of Nevada Department of Education CTE Grant program. He further shared there had been conversation with them about opportunities that may be available around the state.

MaryAnn Laffoon reported on Northeastern Nevada CERT program activities. Activities included:

- Working with students in the CTE program at Battle Mountain High School with their HOSA program
- Still working with the Spring Creek HOA providing CERT training for their staff and know a great show of interest from the community so holding an informational night for the community January 23.
- As a member of the Elko County LEPC she is assisting in taking all the county emergency response plans, deconstructing and reconstructing to ensure they all intermesh.
- When completed with the sheltering plan will share with the other jurisdictions the Northeastern Nevada CERT supports.

Chief Cage also added that per Nevada Revised Statute (Statute) All Emergency Operations Plans and Emergency Response Plans must be submitted to the Division of Emergency Management (DEM). This is not for approval but as the State designated repository. If any jurisdiction is updating or has a plan that has not been submitted, please submit those to DEM. We need to make sure we have the most up-to-date plans on file at the state level.

Connie Morton reported on Southern Nevada VOAD'S has been speaking to community groups about the volunteer roles of the 1 October incident since our last meeting.

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Dave Thomas with the Douglas County CERT advised that he started July 2017 and the following are the activities for the Douglas County CERT since that time.

- Have set-up the two (2) evacuation shelter trailers twice due to wildland fires.
- Working on obtaining a third evacuation shelter trailer. Will be locating the trailers strategically throughout the County for quicker access depending on location need for a disaster.
- The New CERT Training class was held last week bringing the total number of CERT members to approximately 80-85.
- Conducted Family Preparedness for the Community for spouses of first responders.
- Attended the Mass Fatality Family Assistance Center training in Washington in November.
- Dave will be meeting today with the American Red Cross on the Sound The Alarm campaign to be held in April or May 2018.
- Participated in the annual food drive and Douglas County did very well again this year.
- Scheduled to participate in the Quad County Hazmat Drill in March.
- The CERT also participated in numerous community events.

Chief Cage asked Dave Thomas if he would provide more detail about what was learned at the MCI training he attended in Washington at the next meeting and Dave agreed.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro reported that the Storey County CERT program has been working on trainings since the last meeting and some of their members went out on a couple of rescues. He also stated that they have the Smoke Alarm program all figured out.

Irene Navis advised that her last day will be February 23, 2018 and reported on the CERT activities in Clark County.

- Continued increase in requests for preparedness training since the 1 October incident.
- Continued promotion of the CERT program in the outlying areas of Clark County in preparing for the flood season in remote areas.
- Fire Station and Community events continue to draw 200-300 people since the last meeting.
- Expanding partnership with more of the private sector to include resorts, medical, nursing homes.
- Expanding outreach to populations with sensory disabilities and other needs folks.
- Irene Navis will be conducting a session at the Directors Conference on reaching populations with sensory disabilities and other needs folks.
- Working on the Vegas Strong initiative to include the Resiliency Center, the marketing group working to get the word out in many forms of media including the new website (<https://www.vegasstrongrc.org>), to help victims navigate the resources available to them. Although the application for victims to submit to be eligible has a sooner deadline, the initiative is expected to last about three (3) years.

Mike Perry from Washoe County Sheriff's Office reported on the following activities:

- Washoe County CERT continues to support the TSA DHS drills and have conducted 11 since November.
- Strong marketing on the CERT Basic Academy that starts tonight. Have 37 participants confirmed, another 14 that are on the roster for the Academy that starts in April and

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several on the waiting list. In addition to the 1 October incident in Las Vegas, the recent floods in the San Bernardino County area have also been a motivating factor in many of the sign-ups for CERT.

- Situational Awareness and De-Escalation training in an open forum with 50 participants
- Working with the Humane Society to reinstitute the Animal Rescue Team (ART) for large animal rescues. We have some Douglas County volunteers participating pending legal approval.
- CERT volunteers will participate in the May 19 Washoe County Incline Village exercise and will host a safety fair. Carson City CERT volunteers have expressed interest in participating as well and we are working on including them.
- The Washoe County CERT has a website <http://wcsvolunteer.org>.

Deborah Moran with Southern Nevada Health District reported on the activities of the MRC in Southern Nevada.

- MRC is working on updating the plan and a volunteer reception centers is needed to incorporate. Stacey Belt advised Deborah that she has a Volunteer Reception Center plan for Carson City and will forward it to her to use as a template.
- Received so many applications for volunteering since the 1 October incident, and working through them. Most people change their minds when they learn of the training. She reminds them that they cannot be deployed without the training.

Cassandra Darrough from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, also a tribal council member and nominated by the Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Council (ITERC) as the CERT Coordinator reported on the tribal CERT activities.

- Eastern tribes have shown great interest in CERT programming in many isolated areas. After seeing what the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe dealt with during the flooding events last year, they recognize the lack of resources and the distance of any resources they would need.
- Collaborating with many tribal police departments and looking to start CERT trainings in February/March.
- Been working with high school to have an EMR/CERT class for next session.

6. REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chief Cage opened the meeting for discussion.

All volunteer activities were reported in the Citizen Corps Members reports.

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

Sonja Williams (NDEM) provided an overview of the status of current grant funding expenses and balances for FFY15, FFY16 and FFY17.

Kelli Anderson advised all potential sub-grantee applicants who plan on submitting applications for FFY18 funds need to work on their FFY18 Investment Justifications and

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budgets. If templates are needed, reach out to Sonja Williams or Stephanie Parker. Once the announcement comes out, the turnaround time will be short.

8. DISCUSSION ABOUT STOP THE BLEED AS AN INITIATIVE THE COUNCIL WILL FOCUS ON FOR 2018

Discussion took place related to the desire of the group TO TAKE ON THE Stop the Bleed training as an initiative for 2018. Members leaned toward the “Be The Help Until Help Arrives” training instead as it is more comprehensive, easier to implement, would be more approachable to a greater number of community members and is applicable to more types of disasters. Materials exist and the materials and focus is on a “back to basics” approach. Katherine Dew suggested this be a training that is hosted by Citizen Corps then it would be available for use by CERT, MRC and the general public. Citizen Corps would be responsible for coordinating and securing the venue, setting up the location, covering the cost of printed materials. Deborah Moran said she could get MRC volunteers to facilitate the training in Southern Nevada when asked by Chief Cage.

Katherine Dew directed attendees to look at the video on <https://mrc.hhs.gov> related to the training that can be looped and shown at community fairs. (<https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>)

The Council advised they are looking at DEM to sponsor this training with administrative support with the representatives here at the table doing the trainings in their communities. Mike Perry asked about also having the printed materials and brochures printed by the State. Sonja Williams advised that their might be state CCP FFY15 and FFY16 funding available and she will check with Kelli Anderson. She also advised that a location that could be considered is the State EOC for training. Chief Cage asked Sonja to follow-up and check on those items.

Mike Perry made a motion to make the Be The Help Until Help Arrives program an initiative of the Council for 2018. Katherine Dew seconded the motion. The motion includes for the State of Nevada to provide administrative support to include logistics, coordination and funds for printed materials, pending funds being available and that there be four (4) trainings held this year to include one (1) in the north, (1) in the south, one (1) in Elko and one tribal training to be held at ITERC or a specific tribe. The motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION OF HEARING IMPAIRED AND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS PLANS

Chief Cage opened up discussion on the direction the council wants to take on the resources to address the hearing impaired and non-English language needs as discussed at the last meeting. Katherine Dew advised that offered to create a Citizen Corps Roster in VESTA. She advised that she speaks Spanish and that Stacey Belt has CodeRED in Carson City and can create groups to be used. The deficit is that these resources do not address the resource of American Sign Language (ASL). Stacey Belt advised that the Carson City Public Information and Communications group is working on this deficit.

Discussion ensued and Chief Cage summarized that the Council is here to ensure when an event or crisis happens there are resources for public alerts and for press conferences and things of that nature and knowing that resources can be leveraged across jurisdictions. The goal is to have the different jurisdictions bring names and contacts to the table of who can fill the gaps.

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Irene Navis stated that some of these things are included in the Department of Homeland Security's Hometown Security new initiative. She further stated that we should look at this the next time funding is sought from DHS for planning, equipment, materials and technical resources. The strategy must be that CERTs do have a nexus to terrorism with that request.

Chief Cage advised that we will have the Hometown Security initiative on the next agenda so that we can begin to build into future funding requests for the CERT program.

Chief Cage reminded everyone that there are State contracts through Health and Human Services available to use for translation services during incidents. Jurisdictions needing those services can put in requests through their respective jurisdiction Emergency Managers.

Chief Cage said we will look to meet with this same frequency so the next meeting we will schedule for March.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Cage opened up for public comment. There was no public comment.

11. ADJOURN

Irene Navis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11am. MaryAnn Laffoon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.