



Meeting Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Quarterly Meeting

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, January 15, 2015	
	TIME	2:00 P.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management 2478 Fairview Drive, Training Room Carson City, NV 89701	
		Clark County Officer of Emergency Management 575 E. Flamingo Road, 2 nd Floor DOC Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Janell Woodward	
Council Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Adam Garcia	X	Valerie Sumner (Staff)	
Alexandra Crocket	X	Janell Woodward (Staff)	X
Carolyn Levering	X	Colleen Platt (AG)	X
Chris Cappas		Bud Marshall	
Christine Springer		Kendall Herzer	
Dave Hunkup			
Fernandez Leary		Randi Hunewill	X
Gerald Antinoro			
Irene Navis	X		
Kelsey Piechocki			
Mary Ann Laffoon	X		
Paula Martel	X		
Rick Diebold			
Rick Martin	X		
Russ Peacock			
Shirlee Rhodes	X		
Stacey Belt	X		
Tim Soule	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Rick Martin, Chairman of the Nevada State Citizen Corps Council, called meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Janell Woodward, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM). Quorum was not established at the beginning of the meeting. Deputy Attorney General, Colleen Platt, stated the meeting could continue as informational but they would not be able to make any decisions until a quorum was reached. A quorum was eventually reached and the approval of the minutes was then addressed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Martin opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues. There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Martin asked for any changes to or comments regarding the minutes from the October 16, 2014 minutes. Irene Navis made a correction to the minutes for item #7 stating that where it says "Moapa Band of Paiutes" it should instead say "Elko Band." With the correction noted, Irene Navis moved to approve the October 16, 2014 meeting minutes and Carolyn Levering seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. REPORT FROM REGION IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Rick Martin asked if there was a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX representative present but none was available.

5. REPORT IN FLASH FLOODING AND THE RECOVERY PROCESS

Rick Martin again indicated there have been several flash flood events in Clark County this past year. The Governor requested a Presidential declaration on behalf of Clark County and the Moapa Band of Paiutes. The Moapa Band declaration occurred on November 5, 2014 and a joint field office was set up with teams from both NDEM staff and FEMA expected to run for several more weeks. There are about 20 projects running to help put infrastructure back together including dams, road systems, and helping out with emergency response which occurred during the event. These operations are getting ready to close down and will go to a virtual joint field office (JFO) to continue collecting data. The last disaster in the state was in 2006. Of note, in a Presidential declaration, the County needs a higher threshold to get approval than the rest of the state. Clark County was unable to obtain a declaration as they failed to meet the higher threshold.

Irene Navis added that they were able to leverage the state and county hazard mitigation plans and go through a simple process to add provisions for the Moapa Band in updating the plan. While the County was not able to meet the FEMA threshold, they were able to meet the threshold for the Small Business Administration (SBA) and worked with the SBA to process applications on behalf of Moapa residents.

6. REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chief Adam Garcia, University of Nevada, Reno, (UNR) Police, indicated they have entered into discussions with Shirlee Rhodes of the Washoe County Citizen Corps as to the role of the Campus Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) and how they would interact with the Washoe County CERT. They are looking at potential changes in leadership, practices and goals looking for a significant expansion in their Campus CERT. Chief Garcia will make sure the Council is aware of what they are doing.

With regard to the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), they will be having a regional active assailant exercise on March 19th from 9AM to noon. Chief Garcia invited Council members to attend this exercise as observers. Chief Garcia also extended an invitation to the Governor and spoke with the Homeland Security Commission. The regional plan put together with the City will be activated for this event with Washoe County, Sparks and some other regional partners.

Irene Navis, Clark County Office of Emergency Management, stated a side effect of the standing water from flooding was mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus. Clark County was able to educate the public regarding the West Nile Virus. Additionally, Clark County was able to assist with public outreach for the SBA program related to the flooding.

In September, they held a brown bag lunch program for County employees providing tips on home and business preparedness. They also participated in the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Preparedness Fair, Mesquite Night Out and a number of other events in support of Preparedness Month. In October, they worked with the Public Safety Committee of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board doing outreach to Laughlin residents as well as working on a local emergency preparedness plan for the community. A number of rural communities are also doing the same thing and Clark County is providing a template to these rural communities. This connects to Clark County's Emergency Operations Plan which already has provisions for rural communities. The County Health Fair was held in November geared toward County employees. In December, Irene, along with Carolyn Levering, provided a presentation to the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition on homelessness and getting word out regarding what services are available. Clark County is now preparing for their next round of outreach. Clark County has also received visits from foreign dignitaries wanting to learn about how emergency management is done here and these groups have included South Korea and Canada. Carolyn Levering stated that Las Vegas has also been visited by Britain.

Mary Ann Laffoon, Northeastern Nevada CERT, has had the opportunity to reach out to several faith-based organizations meeting with several churches. Nevada Child and Family Services would like her to continue to help with their disaster and emergency plans for families by making a video that can be placed on a website in an attempt to reach more families. Mary Ann completed the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) training for their upcoming live exercise in May 2015. Additionally, Mary Ann completed the Traffic Incident Management System training. The Northeastern Nevada CERT was involved in the Snowflake Festival providing traffic control, safe crosswalks, perimeter control and crowd control. These included both adult and young adult CERTs. The West Wendover High School Public Safety Class has started their CERT classes with 20 students and one block this year. The Great Basin College Nursing Program CERT classes will be April 3, 4 and 5. This will allow these students to be through the training prior to the Live earthquake exercise so they will be able to participate in a large-scale drill.

Mary Ann will be attending the Pillow Case training with Red Cross soon, as well as disaster training. They are working to set up a sheltering exercise sometime in late spring. Next week, Mary Ann and some of the other CERTs will be part of the Elko County Sheriff's Office active assailant training in the schools.

Finally, Mary Ann gets to go to Washington DC at the end of January regarding the National Youth Strategy to be part of the collective initiative and dialogue.

Paula Martel, Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada introduced Michelle Stanton who co-coordinates the Medical Reserve Corps. Paula stated she is looking to retire this year. Winter has been quiet for them. They have started to create a blood draw team and are very proud of this team. They will also provide first aid volunteer support. They are looking forward to spring when things will pick up and get busier. Rick Martin thanked Paula for the great job she has done with the Medical Reserve Corps.

Shirlee Rhodes, Washoe County Citizen Corps, stated the last quarter has been quiet for Washoe County as well. They participated in the Fire Shows Reno in October and Memorial

Stair Climb. In November, they conducted their last drill of 2014 called the safe extraction drill focusing on carries with a technically difficult cribbing exercise. They participated in an Ebola drill at Incline Community Hospital. They also participated in several holiday-related public safety events. They had their last 2014 CERT academy in October with their first 2015 CERT academy next week. They are still conducting team CERT training with several high schools looking to expand that program.

Stacey Belt, Carson City CERT, stated Carson City had a quiet last quarter of 2014. They participated in two separate full-scale active assailant exercises that were conducted at the Court House. All Court House staff and City staff were invited to participate as well as the Carson City CERT team participating as the public. In October, Shirlee Rhodes and Stacy Belt participated in a national FEMA webinar where they presented some best practices learned in Nevada about hosting a CERT rodeo. Carson City will be participating in a couple of regional family assistance center exercises with a table top in Washoe County in February and a drill in Carson City in March.

Chief Adam Garcia added a thank you to Shirlee Rhodes stating the Washoe County CERT will play an active role in UNR's active assailant drill.

Tim Soule, Douglas County CERT, stated that it was also a relatively slow quarter for Douglas County. They participated in a couple of community events and did a number of public presentations. They also participated in a joint CERT class with Carson City. They are moving forward with adding an additional function for their CERT team to assist with fire rehab for the East Fork Fire Department.

Sean Ward, Red Cross in Southern Nevada, stated they are continuing their home fire preparedness campaign. They have a goal over the next five years of lowering fatalities and injuries from home fires by 20%. This is being accomplished by going out and installing fire alarms and checking batteries in homes. They went to Pahrump in December and installed about 23 smoke alarms in various buildings with a great response. They will also be in Las Vegas and City of North Las Vegas offering installation of smoke alarms. They conducted a sheltering exercise in the City of Henderson a couple of weeks ago teaching them how to run a shelter.

The Red Cross is changing its regions. While Nevada had two regions, north and south, in the past, Nevada now just has one region for the entire state with two chapters.

Carolyn Levering, Las Vegas CERT, stated last quarter was busy for them with five separate CERT classes. They offered Incident Command System (ICS) ICS-300, ICS-400, first aid and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training with a total of 232 participants. They also provided non-certificated training with 555 participants, most of whom were part of fire extinguisher training provided for the Las Vegas Valley Water Authority on their safety day on October. They did some presentations for various groups. A large group participated in the police academy exercise with 110 participating over the course of two days. Their core volunteer group donated 223 hours of their time. Their CERT program contractor, Paige Spencer, has retired after 15 years. This has been a huge loss for their program. They started an employee preparedness program designed for City employees with about 80 people so far and a goal of 400 by the end of the fiscal year. They have received great feedback.

Carolyn also stated that the International Association of Emergency Managers will have their annual conference in Las Vegas in November. They have asked, and Carolyn agreed, to chair their host committee. One of their wish list items includes CERT volunteers to assist

conference attendees with directions. The Paris Hotel is the site of the conference. This is not limited to CERT volunteers so others can also help. November 13-18, 2015.

Alex Crockett, 211 and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), stated 211 has been participating in a disaster response group looking at ways they can respond to disasters statewide. As of the last VOAD meeting, Alex is the new chair. They have created new committees to try to increase their membership. Next quarterly meeting is February 4. Please let VOAD know if they can help by participating in exercises.

Randi Hunewill reported on behalf of the State Department of Education and North Lyon Fire Department CERT program.

Regarding the State Department of Education, Randi has been working with Valerie on how to get their high school programs certified with CERT and be more involved. Randi stated the state Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) conference is in Las Vegas on March 16-17 and there will be a CERT event. They would appreciate if those in Las Vegas area could participate in helping as judges. There will be about 800 kids for that event.

Randi informed Carolyn that she has about 3000 kids in the Las Vegas area in Public Safety trained in CERT who she might be able to utilize for the International Emergency Manager's Association Conference.

In June, Randi will represent the state of Nevada in Anaheim at HOSA's national conference working with LA Fire doing a CERT workshop for the state health science directors.

North Lyon County Fire Department is sponsoring the newest CERT group. They just completed their first academy with one of their participants in attendance at the meeting. This new group worked with the Red Cross installing 77 smoke alarms. They also have participated in some community events. Gene Larson, gave an overview from a participant's perspective regarding their initial CERT training.

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

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)11 and FFY12 are closed. We do not yet know what has cleared the system for FFY13 and FFY14 and the information distributed to the committee is what was current at that time the report was created. Rick encouraged everyone to pay close attention to their declining balances.

Rick also reminded everyone that we are in a 2-year cycle now and not the 3-year cycle as we previously have been. FFY14 was just submitted and all awards have gone out. He stated we are not sure how much we will receive but it will be a competitive process and everyone should prepare their investment justifications.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Martin opened discussion for public comment. Mary Ann Laffoon wanted to thank NDEM and everyone involved in the Citizen Corps groups. She wanted everyone to be reminded that Nevada is doing something and doing a great job.

9. ADJOURN

Irene Navis moved to adjourn the meeting and Paula Martel seconded; the meeting was adjourned.