



# Nevada Department of Public Safety

## Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security

Q4-2014

### Internship Programs

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management Homeland Security (NDEM) currently has Intern opportunities available.

We are looking for ambitious individuals that are interested in learning more about the state emergency management system for the State of Nevada.

The NDEM's internships provide a tremendous opportunity to gain invaluable experience in a variety of areas ranging from planning, training and exercise, public outreach to grants and fiscal responsibilities.

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## Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribe Disaster Declaration in Southern Nevada

On September 8, 2014, the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribal Reservation suffered an intense thunderstorm that created a flash flood event which resulted in damage to homes and property. Many residents were trapped in their homes, as they were caught off guard by the unusual depth, volume and speed of the floodwaters.

A Gubernatorial Declaration of Emergency and Presidential Declaration, pursuant to state law, for the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribal Reservation was issued on September 9, 2014. This Declaration activated state resources to assist local and tribal governments through the State Emergency Operations Plan and the United States Department of Homeland Security (FEMA Region IX) provided a team to assist Nevada in conducting a local, state, tribal and federal technical assistance and preliminary damage assessment.

The comprehensive preliminary damage assessment analysis was conducted the following week and revealed that severe damage occurred and that debris removal, emergency response and other protective measures resulted in substantial costs.



## Nevada Flood Awareness Week Kickoff Event



On October 10, Governor Brian Sandoval from Nevada attended the kickoff event for State's Flood Awareness Week in Reno, NV. Representatives from offices of Senators Reid and Heller also attended.

The event was coordinated as part of a NV Silver Jackets Pilot Study: *Northern Nevada Flood Awareness Week*. After the ceremony, the Governor thanked the Army Corps of Engineers for the support of advanced measures in Southern Nevada.

There were approximately 60 people at the event from local officials, National Weather Service Reno, FEMA Region IX, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, NV Division of Water Resources, UNR Cooperative Extension and the public.

The Nevada Flood Awareness Committee was formed in late 2013 to raise awareness among northern and rural Nevada where serious flooding events occur. The objectives of the committee are to effectively disseminate flood, flood preparedness and flood insurance and the steps individuals can take to mitigate the risk.

A team of local government officials and educators worked together to create an award winning website, [www.NevadaFloods.org](http://www.NevadaFloods.org).

During Flood Awareness Week (November 10-15), the committee organized events, exhibits and promoted the new website throughout the northern Nevada.



### Statewide NDEM Duty Officers Re-cap for 2014

**Total of 159 calls**

**26 incidents during 4th quarter**

**1 call out of state; SAR/ requested to assist New South Wales Police Department developing a Visual Search Plan (VSP).**

**Nine of the 17 counties had reportable incidents**



## Meet Stephanie L. Parker , Compliance Officer for NDEM

In 1999 Parker moved to Las Vegas, Nevada from Phoenix, Arizona to serve as a legal researcher and the Crime Prevention Coordinator within the Nevada Office of the Attorney General and Nevada Missing Children's Clearinghouse. During this 3 ½ year appointment, Parker utilized her 10 years of telecommunications, customer services consulting and organized labor representative skills working in the Litigation Unit, Criminal & Special Prosecutions Unit and serving on the boards of multiple community based organizations. Parker also participating in multiple taskforces and community outreach activities representing the Office of the Attorney General. "If I had to name one thing I am most proud of in my professional life, it would be playing a part in the initial creation of the Nevada AMBER Alert Plan. I know that it has saved the lives of many children" said Parker. Parker continues to serve as the Governor's appointed Chairperson for the Nevada AMBER Alert Committee that was

From 2005-2010 Parker was the Executive Director of Nevada Child Seekers, the only missing and exploited children non-profit organization in the state at the time. Taking the organization into its' 25<sup>th</sup> year during her term, she was able to diversify the funding streams to include several federal grants, direct and pass-through, local and county government grants, private grants, and successful fundraising campaigns that increased financial support to allow growth for the organization. With the exemplary team of board members and staff, the success contributing to our fiscal support enabled the organization to reach more Nevada children and families. The organization was the first recipient of the Non-Profit Missing Children's Organization of the Year and received an award by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice. In 2009 Parker was elected to serve on the Association of Missing & Exploited Children's Organizations, an international association made up of non-profit organizations addressing the mission of combating child abduction and exploitation.

The abundance of experience and learned skills over the years brought Parker to Carson City to work in the grants arena with the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Nevada Department of Education and now with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) as of October 14, 2014. "The folks at NDEM, sub-grantees and partners have graciously embraced me and it feels like I have found a home here."

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management held the annual "Emergency Managers Workshop," on October 14 -15 on the UNLV Campus in Las Vegas, hosted by Clark County Emergency Management. In honor of Nevada's sesquicentennial, this year's theme was "Celebrating 150 years of Resilience ."

The Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) provides a collaborative workshop environment for Whole Community stakeholders to engage in the creation of the Training and Exercise Plan (TEP). The TEPW also serves as a forum to coordinate training and exercise activities across organizations in order to maximize the use of resources and prevent duplication of effort.

Keynote speaker Joseph Pred, Emergency Services Department Chief Emeritus and Emergency Management Consultant, delivered an in-depth presentation on Black Rock City Emergency Management for the annual Burning Man event.

Additionally, several dynamic presentations by experts from a variety of agencies regarding the hazards in Nevada.

In attendance were representatives from numerous jurisdictions, tribal nations, and state entities. This workshop provided a platform for statewide participation in the emergency management activities, networking opportunities and information sharing.



## NDEM's Southern Nevada Supervisor, Bud Marshall Accepted to the National Emergency Management Leaders Academy

The National Emergency Management Leaders Academy is designed to provide the essential leader skills and tools for emergency management professionals to lead dynamic and resilient programs with a focus on strategic and critical thinking as well as complex problem solving. The goal of the Leaders Academy is to provide emergency management leaders with the core skills critical to performing leadership responsibilities such as program management oversight, effective communication, integrated collaboration and strategic thinking and complex problem solving.

Through a guided Leadership Action Project, participants are given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to think critically about key learning concepts of the program relative to their own and organization's strengths and weaknesses and apply learning to their performance environment.

Over 125 applications are processed and screened to select the 25 applicants that are selected for each year's cohort. A total of four, one-week courses comprise the Leaders Academy:

- Leadership I: Overview of Leadership in Emergency Management;
- Leadership II: Application of Personal Leadership in Emergency Management;
- Leadership III: Leadership in the Emergency Management Organization; and
- Leadership IV: Emergency Management Leadership in the Community and Profession.

The Leaders Academy is designed for current and emerging leaders in the emergency management. For more information go to Emergency Management Leaders Academy - <http://training.fema.gov>

### Happy Holidays from the Staff at NDEM

As we approach another Holiday Season, with all the joy, excitement and merriment that is part of the tradition; our staff would like to extend Season's Greetings to all of the local, regional and federal agencies, associates and partners of NDEM.

Your support during 2014 helped us on the journey to fulfill our mission of being the catalyst for institutional change at the division. We thank you for your support and endorsement of our efforts and we pledge to continue our services in the new year.



This holiday season is a time to reflect and celebrate the good fortunes in our lives. It is that time of year again when the spirit of family, friends and giving take precedence over the less meaningful things in life. We wish everyone a very happy holiday filled with peace, joy, goodwill and prosperity. Our thoughts are with the troops spending this holiday season separated from their families and loved ones.

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