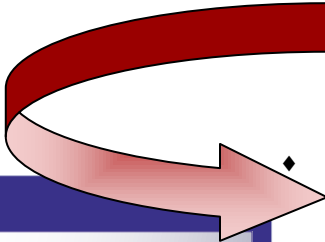




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### Nevada Division of Emergency Management's March News & Highlights

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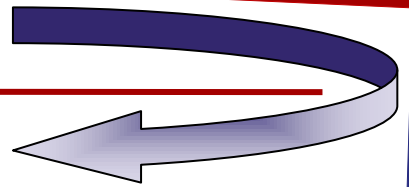
The Division of Emergency Management's monthly newsletter for March .

We hope that you find these newsletters helpful and we welcome any feedback to help us to support you in our overall mission.

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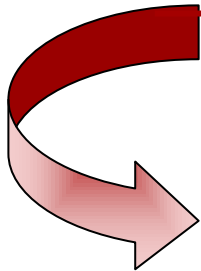
- ◆ Ops Chief is in the process of drafting DEM/NDF Interlocal Agreement and Scope of Work for review by interested parties. Goal is to have this completed by 4/4/16.
- ◆ The Field Operations Branch staff updated the WebEOC Project by importing SNCTC, NTAC, LVMPD, and DHHS agency boards from WebEOC 7.4 into the WebEOC 8.0 development environment.
- ◆ The Planning Section of PT&E has worked with the State Exercise Officer in support of the Mass Migration Workshop to be held May 17, 2016 in Las Vegas. This workshop is designed to provide information relevant to the development of a Mass Migration Concept of Operations Plan to support and be tested during the Vigilant Guard 17 Full Scale Exercise to be held in November 2016.
- ◆ The PIO coordinated an interview with KRNV's assignment editor, Scott Magruder with DPS Director James Wright and NDEM Chief /Homeland Security Advisor. The media story highlighted the heightened security measures at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, tips to take prior to the security checkpoint and a reminder to the public if you "Sees Something, Say Something" and report it to local law enforcement.
- ◆ NDEM hosted the Emergency Management Coordinating Council meeting with emergency management members and NDEM staff for a discussion of the seven strategic priorities identified in the previous meeting. The next meeting will be held in May, and it will address changes to the EMPG grant funding formula for the next funding cycle.
- ◆ Fiscal/Admin staff participated in training courses including Front Desk Safety & Security, All-Hazards Finance/Administration Section Chief, State budget module refreshers, defensive driving, and the NTAC ISIS overview.
- ◆ NDEM Planning attended a School Emergency Management grant conference in Washington D.C.

# Nevada Division of Emergency Management's March News & Highlights Continued...



- ◆ Ops Chief and Ops Officer attended a conference call regarding the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Incident Qualification System (IQS). This database is used to house training and qualification records for state and local jurisdictions for wildfire credentials. In Nevada it is managed by the Nevada Division of Forestry. It “rolls” up into the Resource Order and Statusing System (ROSS) which is the software used to deploy and tracking wildfire resources nationally. Local jurisdiction had questions regarding the access to, utilization of, administration of, etc. this database.
- ◆ Members of NDEM Recovery Section and FEMA traveled to Moapa Reservation to provide technical assistance, review open projects and develop additional Project Worksheets in support of disaster, FEMA-4202-DR-NV.
- ◆ The first Recovery Framework Task Force Meeting in Washoe County’s Regional Emergency Operations Center. There were 40 attendees throughout northern Nevada public agencies and private industry were in attendance and will be participating in developing the Recovery Framework Plan for the State. A duplicate meeting for Southern Nevada will be conducted on April 14.
- ◆ The Field Operations Branch staff and the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) inventoried the Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU) trailer containing various communications, electronic, computer equipment, and a generator. The trailer was delivered to and secured at the Nevada Task Force-1 facility. All but one handheld radio and one C/B radio were accounted for with the hand held possibly in the possession of Henderson Police Department.
- ◆ As of this date the Planning section has received 18% of the 144 private school EOPs, 53% of the Charter Schools EOPs, and 53% of the Public School EOPs. The due date for these documents to be received by DEM is April 30, 2016. Also, the Preparedness Manager had a phone conference with the Nevada Department of Education regarding the Grants for School Emergency Management (GSEM) and NDEM’s role in supporting the grant.

## Upcoming Exercise Schedule...



Exercises/Meetings	Dates	Location
Mass Migration MPM	April 7, 2016	Las Vegas
Media Training Day	April 18, 2016	Reno
VG-17 MPM/MSEL	April 19, 2016	Las Vegas
Grant Sawyer Meeting	April 20, 2016	Las Vegas
Inter-Agency Sand Table Exercise	April 20, 2016	Minden
NevadaAthon Exercise	April 28, 2016	SEOC
Mass Migration FPM	May 2, 2016	Carson City/LV
VG-17 NG MPM/MSEL	May 4-6, 2016	Sacramento, CA
Mass Migration Workshop	May 17, 2016	Las Vegas
Grant Sawyer Bldg FSE	May 18, 2016	Las Vegas
SCIP Workshop	Sept 13, 2016	Carson City
Vigilant Guard -17	Nov 9, 14-18, 2016	So NV & So CA



## National Missing and Unidentified Persons System Upgrade

Throughout the coming year, the National Institute of Justice will be upgrading the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) to provide additional features and make it easier for everyone to use — from the input of new cases to searches across the databases.

Office of Justice Programs will be updating the NamUs community on planned features and functions as well as release dates when they become available. The first of these new features under development that we want to announce is a new solution for reuniting families during critical incidents.

Mass casualty, large-scale, or multi-state incidents - often called “critical incidents” - present unique challenges when it comes to finding the missing and reuniting families. September 11th, the Boston Marathon bombings, hurricanes, disease outbreaks, and transportation disasters are just a few of the tragic incidents that have occurred on a massive scale and at a very human cost. NamUs has taken up the call to help law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, emergency responders, and the public reunite families during critical incidents. NamUs is currently developing technology to provide:

- A centralized, secure data warehouse for victim accounting (missing, injured, deceased and unaccounted for victims).
- Real-time victim data and situational awareness to help emergency officials guide the response.
- An intuitive interface that ensures the right data is collected on the missing.
- The ability for state emergency managers to collaborate and work with other states and federal resources seamlessly.
- Ways for the public to self-report themselves safe.
- Training materials and environments to promote preparedness.
- Free and secure access for state, local and federal officials. For nearly a decade, the National Institute of Justice's NamUs has brought together and assisted families, law enforcement, forensic experts, coroners and medical examiners to help reunite families and find the missing. NamUs is leveraging that deep experience and relationships to help do the same during the chaos of critical incidents.



### “NDEM’s Initiating Resource Typing Project”

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management has initiated a voluntary SAR resource typing project as part of the Homeland Security Grant Program. This project is designed to identify and classify search and rescue resources based on FEMA established standards for Search and Rescue / Emergency Support Function 9.

Under this process, SAR teams will be self-evaluated by their agency using typing standards based on the FEMA 508-8 standards adopted by the Nevada Board for Search and Rescue in 2011. Once the self evaluation is conducted, the report is provided to NDEM for inclusion in the Resource Management Program. The information allows the state and all jurisdictions to maintain an up-to-date resource list. The typing process also identifies gaps in SAR capabilities throughout the state so future planning, training, and exercise may be identified to strengthen this capability.

If you would like further information on this project, please contact the State Search and Rescue Coordinator at 775.687.0423 or at [pburke@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:pburke@dps.state.nv.us). The project is voluntary and at no cost.

# An Interview with Col. Carol Lynn, Wing Commander Civil Air Patrol

Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM): Outside your involvement in Civil Air Patrol, what is your background?

Carol Lynn (CL): I have been in education for over 40 years in many different capacities; elementary classroom teacher, school librarian, adult education computers, school principal, and all other duties as assigned. My educational background includes a Bachelor's, Master's, and almost PhD in the field of education. The 'almost' means that all the coursework has been finished but the thesis was not completed; I had to take time off to be a Wing Commander.



My personal life has encompassed the raising of three sons, numerous pets, skiing, scuba diving, hiking, and anything else that comes my way. My family is scattered across the country in CA, PA, VA, and NC. This gives me lots of places to visit when I have time. I enjoy putting my dogs in my little RV and exploring all kinds of places across the country.

NDEM: How did you get involved in Civil Air Patrol in Nevada?

CL: This is an interesting story. I came to Nevada in June 2005, and brought three dogs with me. Upon arriving I found a local dog park and visited it nightly. I met a retired couple who were both Air Force Colonels and they were members of Civil Air Patrol. I listened to them talk about the exercises and started to ask questions. I was under the impression you needed to be retired military in order to participate. They invited me to a meeting in December 2006, and the rest is history.

NDEM: What is your current role and your current duties and responsibilities with Civil Air Patrol?

CL: My current role is Nevada Wing Commander and I am still working in the "all duties as assigned" environment. I oversee a great team of volunteers that work very hard to maintain a balance between life outside and inside CAP. I work to make sure that the members have the resources they need to be ready to "answer the call" when tasked by the Air Force to perform missions, create a youth program for our Cadets, and work with outside organizations to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) education.

NDEM: What does Civil Air Patrol do for the Emergency Management Community?

CL: Our service to the Emergency Management Community has changed over time. We began in 1941, as a coastal patrol watching for submarines that might be approaching our coasts during WWII. After the war, the value of trained civilian pilots was recognized and Congress realized that we could continue to expand our capabilities and the growth began. Over the ensuing decades we have developed the training and personnel to become an active participant in search and rescue, disaster relief, personnel transport, mercy missions, blood deliveries, damage assessment, aerial photography, point of distribution tasks, ground teams, and more.

NDEM: What does Civil Air Patrol do outside of Search and Rescue support?

CL: As mentioned previously, we have a youth program, our Cadet Program, that works with youth ages 12 – 21 that includes academics, leadership, and physical fitness curriculums. This program is supported by the Air Force not only financially, but also with facilities, uniforms, activity coordination and support. There is a close relationship in the CAP-USAF structure that benefits this program greatly and every year we send several Cadets to service academies, the military, pilot training, and numerous fields of study. This is the "farm team" for our future leaders.

# An Interview with Col. Carol Lynn, Wing Commander Civil Air Patrol Continued...



The third component of our mission is Aerospace Education. This component takes several forms from doing presentation at local squadron meetings to working with large organizations to inject STEM activities and programs. We look for all opportunities to support schools and organizations with activities and materials to promote the science and technology fields and build our nation's capacity within those fields.

NDEM: How is Civil Air Patrol organized throughout Nevada?

CL: All Civil Air Patrol activities happen at the Squadron level. These are groups that meet and train locally. There is a structure set by regulation that describes the organization and operation of each of these squadrons that ensures the consistency needed state and nation wide for efficient mission accomplishment.

Squadrons can take three forms; Senior only, Composite, and Cadet. We currently have one squadron in Las Vegas that is a Senior squadron, which means it has only adult members. The majority of our squadrons are Composite squadrons, which include both adults and cadets. Finally, we have two that are Cadet squadrons, which are housed within schools and include students within those schools.

In Nevada we have 15 squadrons in numerous locations throughout the state; Truckee, South Lake Tahoe, Elko, Carson City, Reno, Minden, Winnemucca, Henderson, Las Vegas, and two school squadrons in Las Vegas.

NDEM: What incidents have you been involved with since joining Civil Air Patrol?

CL: This is a hard one to answer since none of our "incidents" have specific names or identifiers. I have reached the level of Incident Commander so that means that I get involved in many of the missions assigned to us by the Air Force. Most of these are searches for missing aircraft or people, but have included transport of materials and personnel.

NDEM: How do you work with partners throughout the state to enhance their efforts?

CL: We have always been ready to work with partners throughout the state, but have been the "best kept secret" in the state. We are currently working with DEM and local Sheriff departments to strengthen relationships and share information about our capacity to offer support. So, I will have to get back to you on this.

NDEM: Do you have any upcoming events or efforts where people can learn more about Civil Air Patrol and what you do?

CL: We have recently put our contact information in print and online newspapers across the state that will enable anyone to call for more information. We are also present at both the Reno Air Races and Aviation Nation each year ready to answer any requests for information. We have a website that is public and easily accessible, [NVWG.CAP.GOV](http://NVWG.CAP.GOV). Finally, we have a presence in social media on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. I am sure that our Public Information Officer has added more as we speak. Her contact information is Lt. Mayan Tooker, [maryan\\_tooker\\_pao@yahoo.com](mailto:maryan_tooker_pao@yahoo.com).

NDEM: What is your vision for the future of Civil Air Patrol?

CL: Growth in members, Growth in capacity, Growth in service, Growth in relationships.

## Meet Kelli Baratti, NDEM's Operations Chief

Kelli Baratti has lived her entire life around public safety in one form or another. Born to service members in Frankfurt, Germany, she was raised in northwest Washington State, where she spent much of her early youth with her grandfather, who was a Fire Warden for the State, leading her to want to work in a fire lookout tower in the area when she grew up. While this might have been her initial dream, her career in public safety evolved over time to include firefighting, resource coordination, and emergency operations at the state level.

After moving to northern Nevada with her family, Kelli took a position with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection in an administrative role. While there, she also assisted in the development and management of several new programs that introduced her to the many elements of emergency management. She assisted in the Division's Chemical Catastrophe Program, the Leaking Underground Storage Program, the State's first Superfund project, and others. It was in this role that she was also introduced to the State Emergency Response Commission for the first time.



Beyond these state-level efforts, Kelli also began her career as a first responder while at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. During her time with the agency, she set out to complete an Emergency Medical Technician program in her own time, and many of her fellow classmates were members of Warren Engine Company #1 the volunteer fire department from which the Carson City Fire Department evolved. They asked her to consider training and trying out for the department, and though she was not sure it was the right path at first, her first time fighting fire on the propane prop convinced her that joining the Volunteer Fire Department was the right decision to make. After her training, she went on to be voted in as the first female member of the Warren Engine Company No. 1, the oldest continuously operated Volunteer Fire Department west of the Mississippi River at the time.

Her passion for volunteering in the first responder community led to serving on the Nevada State Firefighters Association Board of Directors for 8 years and a choice in career change when she left the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to join the Nevada Division of Forestry. At Forestry, Kelli and others led the major portion of the State's response effort during the Flood of 1997 in Northern Nevada, where she worked in the Planning Section on the Incident Management Team. It was during this time that she grew to appreciate and understand the importance of coordinating and delivering resources to requesting agencies.

For the first five months of 1997, Kelli worked the flood response and recovery effort, but by the end of the same year she was testing to become a career firefighter for Forestry. She is proud to have been the only woman and the oldest member of the fire academy class. She was successful, and began her career as a firefighter for the Nevada Division of Forestry in 1998. Although she would stay with Forestry for the next eleven years, family concerns led her to leave behind her dream of firefighting two years after attaining her goal, but she still found ways to contribute to Forestry's efforts by participating in fire prevention and a Type II Incident Management Team. It was her involvement with this team that she learned the incident business management side of emergency response and management, which would be the focus of her remaining years with the agency, a period that resulted in the early formation of the State Mutual Aid System. She continues to serve her community as an elected member of the Central Lyon County Fire District Board of Directors.

The early efforts to establish the State Mutual Aid System only provided a foundation for the statewide effort, though, and she would play an instrumental role in seeing the effort through when she left the Nevada Division of Forestry and joined the Division of Emergency Management. With her new agency, she became the Operations Chief, focusing on filling orders for resources to agencies throughout the state and country during emergencies and disasters, a role that led to her finalizing the establishment of the State Mutual Aid System through the passage of Assembly Bill 90 during the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. She is currently overseeing the Division's efforts to implement Assembly Bill 90 by collaborating with partners throughout the state to build accompanying policies and procedures.

In addition to her day-to-day role as the Operations Chief, Kelli serves as the State Emergency Operations Center Manager. In this role, she oversees the Center's structure, procedures, and communications during activation, while also testing and updating plans and procedures when the Center is not activated. Her life experiences and long career in many aspects of response and recovery allow her to excel in this role on behalf of the state and its many partners.



## An update from Susan Coyote, Public Assistance Officer

Last year saw emergency declarations in nine local jurisdictions across Nevada. NDEM Recovery staff work to keep current on the progress of recovery and assist as needed in Clark County, the City of Caliente, City of Carlin, Douglas County, Lyon County and the Moapa Reservation.

It's been a busy year so far for NDEM's Public Assistance Officer, Suz Coyote. In January she attended the ITERC meeting and a where FEMA region IX staff presented the second draft of the Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance.

In February Suz attended a week-long Public Assistance for Community Recovery Course at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She learned how to develop the primary document in Public Assistance, the project worksheet. She valued the opportunity to follow the process from damage assessment through to the beginning of the recovery process. Suz also participated in FEMA's Grants Management Modernization Session in Oakland, CA. The three day course allowed participants to give input on the current systems and make suggestions for a new and improved system. While there she met with FEMA Region IX partners and made plans for a site visit to Moapa.

NDEM and FEMA work closely with Moapa Band of Paiutes on their recovery efforts for the presidentially-declared disaster that occurred in September of 2014. Long-term recovery is a complex process that takes years to complete. Each individual recovery project goes through a series of reviews that takes into account insurance, environmental impacts, natural and cultural resources and a host of federal laws and policies. A collaborative process involving the coordination of NDEM staff, FEMA staff, Moapa staff and local contractors, biweekly teleconferences brings these partners together to answer questions and keep progress moving forward. Of the 19 projects identified, 9 have been obligated and work is in progress. Moapa's new project manager, along with members of the tribal council met with NDEM & FEMA staff to review project sites and capture details needed for the environmental and historical review. Now five more projects are within 30 days of being approved. Suz will return to Moapa with FEMA staff in April to assist the new project manager with completing scopes of work for the last five projects

March was the kickoff of the Nevada Disaster Recovery Planning process lead by Washoe County Emergency Management and contractor Ecology and Environmental. The object of this process is to develop a statewide disaster recovery plan that incorporates intermediate and long term recovery and can be used by local governments as a guide to long term recovery and increased resiliency. The NDEM recovery staff, including Suz, is part of the core of the task force. The task force is comprised of stakeholders from all sectors involved in the response to or recovery from disasters. Task force meetings are taking place in Northern and Southern Nevada. Disaster Recovery Training will also take place in Reno, Las Vegas and Elko throughout 2016. When the plan is completed in December, a conference will be held in Reno, NV.

As the statewide recovery plan is being developed, Suz will be gathering partners from around the state to update the Nevada Response and Recovery Guide for Local and Tribal Governments and the ESF 14 Recovery Support Function Annex of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. FEMA has just published their new Damage Assessment Operating Manual which will figure heavily in the development of new guidance on damage assessment.

Suz is participating in the update of ESF-6, Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services, which assists state and local response efforts to meet the mass care needs of victims of a disaster to include shelter, feeding, first aid and disaster assistance information. Plans under development include Mass Care, Reunification and Volunteer and Donations.

FEMA made and advance notice of proposed rule that posed the institution of a "disaster deductible." This rule would have states buy down their deductible with local efforts in hazard mitigation, disaster relief accounts for public assistance and individual assistance. Chief Caleb Cage, Recovery Manager Rick Martin arranged a call with FEMA Region IX recovery staff to learn more about the potential of this proposed rule. Suz reached out to emergency managers across the state to solicit input and encourage comments on the Federal Register. Suz submitted comments in March to the Federal Register on behalf of NDEM.



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