

Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter

Welcome to the Nevada Division of Emergency Management Quarterly Newsletter. We want this document to serve you and those you support. Our mission with this document is to provide information and updates on projects and programs that the division is working on. We are proud of the work we perform for the residents of the State of Nevada. In this edition, you will get a glimpse of the sections at NDEM, Operations, Homeland Security, Finance, Grants, Recovery & Mitigation. I do hope that you will be able to see some of the fantastic work that the dedicated staff of the NDEM produces.

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Chief and Homeland Security Advisor

Operations

NDEM Statewide Duty Officer Calls:

Responded to 22 requests for emergency and technical assistance and/or response, including search and rescue incidents, hazardous materials spills and wildfire response coordination efforts during January-March 2012.

NDEM SEOC Activations: The Washoe Drive Fire that occurred on January 19, 2012 burned approximately 3,177 acres and caused the evacuation of approximately 10,000 citizens in Washoe County. The State Emergency Operations Center was fully activated in support of Washoe County. Support and coordination provided included:

- Response of 21 Nevada local government Fire Engines were mobilized by NDEM, this is not including first responders.
- Response of 20 Fire Engines were ordered and mobilized out of California (CalEMA) utilizing our State to State agreement
- Over 25 Overhead resources were mobilized by NDEM, not including all first responders



- Recovery and Mitigation activities are ongoing; coordinate the Notice of Intent and Application process for the State Disaster Relief Account on behalf of state and local agencies.

March 27-29, 2012 the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated for a three-day full-scale Anthrax response exercise with:

- 14 state agencies (Emergency Support Functions – ESF),
 - Clark County and municipal agencies,
 - Sixteen local hospitals,
 - Twelve federal agencies, FEMA Region IX Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT)
 - Five private sector companies/authorities, and
 - Four non-governmental organizations.
- Response of the Preliminary Damage Assessment team; Local, State and FEMA and SBA representatives conducted a Joint Damage Assessment
 - Technical situational awareness products provided by the Nevada Threat Analysis Centers' Critical Infrastructure staff
 - In response to Washoe County's Declaration of Emergency NDEM prepared for the Governor's signature the State Declaration of Emergency
 - Coordination of a number of Emergency Support Function (ESF) agencies at the state level: Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada National Guard, Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada Threat Analysis Centers, Nevada Division of Forestry, Division of Insurance, Sr. Deputy Attorney General assigned to NDEM, Department of Public Safety IT staff, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - Collaboration with private sector partners to include but not limited to; NVEnergy, American Red Cross, Nevada 211, Verizon



Homeland Security

During the month of January, 2012, the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM) received a detailed report of the results from a comprehensive Site Assessment Visit (SAV) of the Carson City Capitol Complex buildings and grounds. The DEM coordinated with our federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Infrastructure Protection partners and the Nevada National Guard to conduct this assessment, which included the State Capitol, the Supreme Court, State Archives, the Blasdell Building, the Attorney General's Office, and the Governor's Mansion. Site Assistance Visits (SAVs) are non-regulatory risk-informed vulnerability assessments that assist with identifying and documenting critical infrastructures, vulnerabilities, protective measures, planning needs, and options for consideration to increase protection from, and resilience to, a wide range of hazards. The SAV is designed to enhance overall capabilities and resources for identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities, detecting and preventing terrorist attacks, and responding to and recovering from all-hazards events.

A second item of note is that the NDEM has worked closely with DHS to bring



to Nevada the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), and NDEM is proud to announce that we will be the HSIN portal manager for the State of Nevada. The NDEM HSIN website is in an early test phase and we expect to have the webpage “go live” later this summer. The HSIN Web portal makes possible the sharing of Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information among all levels of government in support of the Nevada and federal homeland security missions. HSIN provides the emergency management and homeland security practitioners several tools for collaboration, enhanced situational awareness, and document management all through a trusted and secure environment. There is virtual conferencing with HSIN Connect where users can collaborate securely, in real-time, from any location using chat, video, desktop

sharing, white board, and presentation features. Additionally, HSIN improves situational awareness through national-level tools such as the DHS Common Operational Picture (COP) and the Integrated Common Analytical Viewer (iCAV), providing users with access to information that can assist with data driven decision making. Users are given a secure platform to share and request information that supports situational awareness within their communities and across the nation. NDEM looks forward to sharing the HSN platform with our state agencies and local government partners to support a practical tool that is dynamic and flexible to meet the needs of our emergency management and homeland security partners. NDEM will also facilitate with the state intelligence fusion centers to utilize HSIN for specific information-sharing needs.

Planning, Training and Exercise

The focus of the PT&E program is to facilitate and support local, regional and state level and tribal nations collaboratively.

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management & Office of Homeland Security has invested Homeland Security Grant Funding and Emergency Management Performance Grant funding, into an integrated PT&E program to support the four mission areas of Emergency Management: Mitigation/ Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Having a fully integrated PT&E program is one of the most effective ways to measure the preparedness of Nevada's plans, equipment, and training within an all-hazard environment.

In order to ensure maximum levels of readiness for state emergency response and recovery operations; NDEM coordinates and conducts periodic reviews of plans, facilitates and delivers trainings and exercises in

order to ensure that effective actions are followed and that we are in compliance with national emergency response (NIMS/NRF) standards.

The State PT&E Program is designed to:

- Conduct comprehensive, annual PT&E needs assessments in cooperation with local Emergency Managers, Tribal, and state agencies
- Provide a self-sustaining structure to facilitate training and conduct exercises from the beginning to end stages of planning, design, execution, and evaluation;
- Conduct reviews; and assist in the development of local plans, emergency operation plans, and standard operation plans; to ensure that CPG-101 compliance is met.

Southern Nevada Division of Emergency Management

The Southern Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) office, located at 215 E. Bonanza on the northern outskirts of downtown Las Vegas consists of two NDEM employees: a Grants and Project Analyst supervisor (Bud Marshall) and one Project Officer (Hanne Epstein). The Southern NDEM office provides an extension of NDEM support to its assigned region of five southern Nevada counties: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye and White Pine.

NDEM South's primary mission is to provide general emergency management technical assistance to the whole community partners throughout the region during steady-state or periods of no emergencies as an extension of NDEM in Carson City. During emergencies or disasters they serve as Field Liaisons to the affected counties within their assigned region or elsewhere when called upon. Time permitting, the Southern NDEM staff attend and represent the NDEM at the several meetings, training events and exercises throughout the region.

Mr. Marshall is the Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) Program Manager and is the Project Leader for the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). He serves on the Southern Nevada EOC Standardization Committee and is the National Emergency Manager's Association (NEMA) representative to the EMAP Technical Committee / Standards Sub-committee. Bud Marshall hosts monthly "breakfast coordination" meetings with the local emergency managers and continues assisting with the Resource Management Program

monitoring and updating the FY08 and 09 Resource Management grants.

The Emergency Preparedness Working group (EPWG) started in 2000 as a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) "good neighbor" program to provide funding assistance for select local jurisdictions to prepare for the consequences of an off-site, transportation accident involving low-level radiological waste being shipped to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). The EPWG funds preparedness activities for Clark, Elko, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties. An agreement between Elko County and the City of West Wendover provides for the funding of activities exclusively to West Wendover.

Hanne serves as one of three NDEM WebEOC / Resource Manager Administrators and is the Emergency Management Coordinating Council (EMCC) Program Coordinator. She also provides administrative support for the Nevada Communications Steering Committee (NCSC) and the Long Term Evolution (LTE) Working Group. Hanne also continues assisting with the Resource Management Program entering and updating the state's resource database into Resource Manager.

During the period January through March 2012 Bud and Hanne provided the following support and/or representation in the Southern Region:

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- Meetings (Nevada Commission on Homeland Security, Homeland Security Working Group, Cyber Security Initiative, Mesquite Motorcycle Rally)
- NCSC (January and March bi-monthly meetings / NCSC Grant Subcommittee meeting)
- LTE (monthly meetings)
- EPWG (Quarterly Meeting February 23rd / Quarterly Report / 3 Project Change Requests / tracking FY11 expenditures and FY12 Grant Application)
- EMAP (NDEM Kickoff Meeting January 18th / Project Reports / EMAP Standards Review / Interviews with NDEM staff)
- Local Coordination (Monthly Emergency Managers meetings with Clark County, Henderson, Clark County School District)
- Exercise (Facilitated New York New York Hotel & Casino TTX / Controller for Clark County Simple Truth FSE, NDEM Drill, NASCAR Rodeo)
- SatCOM #1 (Support (Monthly Maintenance / Quarterly Inventory)
- Technical Support (Ten Clark County technical support meetings with Resource Manager database transfer)
- Training (Controller/Evaluator training for Simple Truth / WebEOC-Resource Manager training with NDEM staff / participant in DHS Agriculture and Food Safety 3-day course)

The Fiscal Section

The Fiscal section is responsible for compliance and financial reporting of Homeland Security, Emergency Management and Disaster grants. In addition to fiscal grants management, we are responsible for developing and administrating the Division's biennial budget.

Additionally we provide internal services to the Division, including coordination of travel, working with the Division's program managers to ensure contracts are executed in a timely manner, and accounts payables that include reimbursements sub-grantees.

Our collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) ensures that we provide the most comprehensive and critical financial data during an emergency.

We strive to provide excellent service, assist with the coordination of emergency preparedness activities related to the fiscal environment, and provide for a better, stronger Division of Emergency Management.

National Council of Statewide Interoperability

NCSWIC is the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators. Jeff Yeagley is Nevada's SWIC, mandated by Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications, to represent Nevada statewide, regionally, and nationally on all matters regarding interoperable communications.

SAFECOM is an emergency communications program within the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC). In December 2011, NCSWIC and SAFECOM held their very first combined meeting:

<http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/SAFECOM-NCSWIC%20Joint%20Session%20Exec%20Summary.pdf>

Critical, interoperable communications (ICOMMS) moved up a notch on Nevada Commission of Homeland Security's priority list due to the Statewide Interoperable Coordinator (SWIC) Jeff Yeagley and Certified Project Manager (CPM) David Fein reaching out to the Governor, Nevada Sheriffs, Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, and

FEMA Statewide Emergency Support Functions from January until now. Combining the "Jeff and Dave Road Show" with highly diverse Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) work shops, over 300 stakeholders to date are much more aware of where Nevada needs to go with current voice and data technology.

A few alumni of recent PSIC Training: Jim Sherard (LVMPD Radio Systems), Laura Fucci (Clark County Chief Information Officer), Lisa M. O'Brien and Christina Donovan (LVMPD Communications), Harold Sherard (LVMPD Radio Systems). SATCOM instructor Bobby Wartgow front and center!

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:HR03630:@@L&summ2=m&>

The SWIC and CPM are coordinating closely with all State leaders beefing up Nevada's virtual core infrastructure (NCORE), 26 Cross-Band Repeaters, Tribal Rural connectivity to the NCORE, and updating the Nevada Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Guide/Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans.

COMING UP

Hungry for more? Sign up now for the Nevada Interoperable Communications Seminar May 9th thru the 11th http://dem.state.nv.us/SPW_Register.shtml

There will also be several weeks of OEC/ICTAP (Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance) work shops coming up next quarter. The climax event will be a July statewide ICOMMS exercise. More details in the next newsletter!

A second combined NCSWIC/SAFECOM summit is scheduled for Los Angeles, June 12th through June 14th. Jeff will assess the national effort to narrowband all Public Safety, Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio equipment and work with other national leaders to assess current 4G/LTE Broadband initiatives pending FCC guidance on how to proceed with governance, engineering, and roll-out of the \$7B National PSBN.

Mitigation & Recovery

The purpose is to provide assistance to families and individuals; businesses and private nonprofit organizations; public agencies; and tribal governments in returning to normal day-to-day operations.

State Tactical Assessment Response Team (START)

A team of local and state personnel conducts the joint Damage Assessment. The joint assessment is a specific process used to gather supporting information for the Governor's request for a local, state or Presidential disaster declaration.

Public Assistance Program

FEMA funded post-disaster program providing assistance to public entities in the restoration of public infrastructure to pre-disaster conditions.

Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMA)

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from

future disaster damages including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL). The current Guidance covers HMA applications submitted during the FY 2013 grant cycle and for disasters occurring on or after June 1, 2010. Eligible Tribal entities may apply directly to FEMA.

The Recovery and Mitigation staff works closely with FEMA in the implementation of the Individual Assistance program, and with the State Department of Administration in processing applications for funding from the Disaster Relief Account.

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Grants Management Section

Applications for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP), Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), and the Tribal Homeland Security Program (TSGP) are due to submit to the federal government by May 4, 2012.

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) The FY 2012 HSGP plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive – 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the National Preparedness Goal (NPG). HSGP is comprised of three interconnected grant programs:

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
 - SHSP supports the implementation of state Homeland Security Strategies to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.
Available funding: \$2,661,250
- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
 - UASI program funds address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and assists them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.
Available funding: \$1,648,798

- Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)
- Not applicable in Nevada

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific FY 2012 UASI-eligible urban areas.

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2012/fy12_nsgp_foa.pdf

This is a discretionary and competitive grant and the State applies on behalf of the nonprofit organization(s).

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The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program provides resources to assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards. The FY 2012 EMPG Program plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the National Preparedness Goal (NPG).

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Available funding: \$4,302,537

TRIBAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

THSGP provides funding directly to eligible tribes to help strengthen the nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. This is a discretionary grant.

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/thsgp/>

For more information contact our Tribal Liaison.

Application due date: May 4, 2012

The Division's New Tribal Liaison position

This Tribal Liaison position is to serve as a resource, and communication link between the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Nevada's 27 Tribal Nations, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN), Intertribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC), and other agencies and entities providing direct or indirect services and grants to Nevada's Native American communities.

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