



# Meeting Minutes

## Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Monday, September 20, 2021			
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 a.m.			
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 405 396 0059			
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall			
<b>Appointed Voting Member Attendance</b>					
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Steve Sisolak	X	Joseph Lombardo	X	Darin Balaam	Abs
Lisa Christensen	Abs	Todd Fasulo	X	Mitchell Fox	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Ikram Khan, M.D.	X	Kate Marshall	Abs
Charles Moore	X	Richard Perkins	X	John Steinbeck	X
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X	Patricia Wade	X	Bill Welch	X
<b>Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance</b>					
Karen Burke	Abs	Gonzalo Cordova	X	Christopher Ipsen	X
David Fogerson	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	X	Aaron Rouse	Abs
<b>Legal and Support Staff Attendance</b>					
Samantha Ladich	X	Karen Hall	X		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Steve Sisolak called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sisolak opened the first period of public comment for discussion. No public comment was presented in written or verbal form during this agenda item.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to amend or amend and approve the draft minutes from the May 4, 2021, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) meeting. Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Mitch Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association, seconded the motion. No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Chief David Fogerson, DEM/HS, provided the quarterly report on the Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.310. DEM/HS completed the development of NIMS/Preparedness Framework, with hardcopies being printed and mailed to each county, city, and tribal emergency manager throughout the state. The framework details NIMS requirements for each jurisdiction as well as preparedness guides for each program. Currently, DEM/HS is focused on efforts to reduce and consolidate personal protective equipment (PPE) storage to one warehouse by June 30, 2022. The goal is to close the northern warehouse and to retain a southern warehouse location. The northern Nevada warehouse lease expires June 30, 2022, and the southern warehouse lease has been extended through December 31, 2022. The reduction of PPE will be accomplished through distribution to state, local, tribal, and non-profit agencies.

Chief Fogerson spoke to the recent response to the Caldor Fire incident, and the challenges presented for the communities and responders in California and Nevada as a result of the fire. Emphasis was placed on the tremendous support that was provided to this incident from Nevada, coordination efforts related to incident response and support, and the use of southern Nevada resources to backfill northern Nevada resources which was the first time this has been done in the state. Crews and engines from southern Nevada and eastern Nevada backfilled the Tahoe Basin Fire Stations to allow rest for their staff and allow them to put all efforts towards the wildland fire. Several shelters were opened in Douglas, Carson, and Washoe counties in support of California and Nevada evacuation of the Tahoe Basin. Nevada National Guard, Nevada Department of Transportation, and the Nevada Highway Patrol supported evacuations with traffic control points and responder traffic support.

Chief Steinbeck thanked Chief Fogerson for his and his agency's work in support of the incident and encouraged moving forward with continued exercises and process refinement regarding resource orders and reimbursements. Governor Sisolak thanked Chief Steinbeck for sending his personnel up to assist as well. Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, spoke to challenges with evacuation communications between Nevada and California, and the need for communication between officials to be improved. Chief Moore spoke to concerns regarding evacuation orders to Douglas and Washoe counties with little notice. Chief Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS found out about the evacuation notices from the media, and not from incident officials. Chief Fogerson acknowledged that there were obstacles and missteps due to that fact, and a lack of necessary communication regarding the evacuations. An after-action report will be completed to document the event and to strengthen how these issues will be handled in the future. Governor Sisolak thanked Chief Fogerson for using this as an opportunity to strengthen capability.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sisolak called for the second period of public comment. Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association, indicated that he had been on the entire call and had some technical difficulties preventing him from responding to the roll call. Mr. Welch was recorded as present for the meeting.

5. **ADJOURN**

Governor Sisolak adjourned the meeting the meeting, noting no motion necessary.