



**STATE OF NEVADA
MEETING MINUTES
NEVADA INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE**

Attendance	DATE	June 12, 2023			
	TIME	10:00 a.m.			
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference			
	RECORDER	Lisa Miller-Hobbs			
Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Jeanne Freeman—Vice Chair	ABS	Kelly Echeverria	X	Ken Quiner	ABS
Roy Anderson	X	Sam Hicks	ABS	Billy Samuels	X
Ron Bollier	X	Carol Lynn	X	James Simpson	X
Sean Burke	X	Don Pelt	X	Jerome Tushbant	X
Tod Carlini	X	Matt Petersen	X	James Walker	X
LTC Kyle Cerfoglio	ABS	Col Brian Howard	X		
Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Jon Bakkedahl – Chair	X				
Legal/Support Attendance					
Representative		Entity			Present
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General		Office of the Nevada Attorney General			X
Lisa Miller-Hobbs – Administrative Support		Nevada Division of Emergency Management			X
Eric Wilson – IMAC Mutual Aid Coordinator		Nevada Division of Emergency Management			X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Jon Bakkedahl, called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Lisa Miller-Hobbs, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bakkedahl, opened discussion for public commentary.

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Bakkedahl opened this agenda item for approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2022, IMAC meeting. Billy Samuels motioned for approval of the minutes. Roy Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Bakkedahl introduced new members Sean Burke, Emergency Manager Pershing County and Colonel Brian Howard, Wing Commander of the Civil Air Patrol and allowed each member to speak and provide limited professional background information. Chair Bakkedahl requested that if members feel that there may be representation lacking on the Committee, that they please be sure to inform Eric Wilson of DEM so as to ensure the Committee has well-rounded coverage in representing the state.

5. PRESENTATION OF REAL-WORLD EVENTS

Eric Wilson, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS), first noted that the fiscal section of DEM is severely understaffed and are still in the process of collecting invoices and tallying totals for the real-world incidences. Mr. Wilson indicated that the running total as of 1.5 weeks earlier is \$98,884.63. Mr. Wilson next informed the Committee of 36 resource requests that were deployed to both Eureka and Lincoln Counties, including things like: printers; personnel; shelters; wireless cell on wheels (COWs); sandbags; HESCO barriers; and equipment. Mr. Wilson reiterated that DEM is still tallying the totals and will have a more complete spreadsheet for Committee members once that work is complete.

Billy Samuels requested a list of all the counties/jurisdictions/agencies that have requested resources over the last several years, noting that this would provide a more well-rounded idea of what additional members might be needed as part of the Committee.

Chair Bakkedahl indicated that this could be included as part of the report that is presented at the fall meeting.

Matt Petersen indicated that one of the things lacking at the state level is in-briefing packets that can help incoming teams get going on the ground earlier.

Chair Bakkedahl explained that DEM has heard some of this same feedback from deployed teams during after-action meetings and as a result, DEM will be putting together in-briefing packets that will have all the necessary information available for LNOs when they arrive.

Carol Lynn concurred that this would also be helpful at the county level, and volunteered the help of Humboldt County, should it be needed.

Tod Carlini noted his belief that the Committee should consist of a proper blend of

participants.

Colonel Brian Howard suggested including any major VOADs, ARES, RACES, or some kind of communication concept into the team.

Tod Carlini asked DEM how it worked out on their end in terms of process.

Chair Bakkedahl indicated that DEM uses the same resource request process through events that people would submit to the logistics section, and noted that this worked out well, especially in working with the two smaller counties in the determination of what resources needed to be sent to augment what the counties already had in place.

Melissa Friend concurred that the process worked well and indicated that DEM is working on getting together a list of qualified people from all jurisdictions to be able to assist.

Rodney Wright suggested that the list to which Ms. Friend referred would make it easier in the case of an incident as opposed to calling different agencies to see who can be available.

Matt Petersen questioned if there is a barrier preventing the use of IROC and IQS from maintaining those qualifications.

Melissa Friend explained that when DEM turned over the deployment of local resources to the local dispatch center, its access to IROC was terminated and that Ms. Friend is in the process of actively trying to restore that access.

Matt Petersen indicated the need for a trainee component directly in line with moving people around the state so as to be developed for the future.

Melissa Friend explained that when resources are deployed out into the field, trainees are attached whenever possible as an active part of DEM's process.

Matt Petersen concurred and clarified that his comment centered on the need to communicate to elected officials, county managers, and city managers that allowing their people to participate in trainee roles is setting the state up for success as a whole rather than by jurisdiction.

Billy Samuels commended the state for the work they did in allocating out the necessary resources and noted the difficulty in having a list for all resources, citing the example of heavy equipment operators, who are not readily identified. Chief Samuels concurred with Mr. Petersen's commentary regarding trainees, and asked if the state is still considering have two different incident management teams with the north and the south with Tonopah as the dividing line.

Chair Bakkedahl indicated that this topic would be addressed under the next agenda item. Chair Bakkedahl next informed the Committee that DEM spent \$1

million in those resources and that will be part of the reimbursement package, with the original estimate for the disaster being well over \$10 million. Chair Bakkedahl indicated that because the state minimum is \$5 million, the state will easily be able to comprise that information into total costs as it continues to work through the federal declaration.

6. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT) AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM (IMAT) ROLE FOR THE ATMOSPHERIC RIVER II

Melissa Friend, DEM/HS reported that in the Atmospheric River, DEM deployed an IMT, which ended up in Eureka County, and IMAT, which ended up in Lincoln County. Ms. Friend explained that qualified personnel were pulled from all local jurisdictions, as well as from DEM staff for liaison officers.

Chair Bakkedahl added that the focus under state statute 414 indicates that the state will have incident management assistance teams because that is the role of emergency management. Chair Bakkedahl noted that the issue now is in regards to the state and the resources and qualifications, FEMA mandates that for the state to receive FEMA's grants, resources deployed into the field need to be NQS-qualified, which is different than the NWCG qualifications. As such, Dem, needs to play the balance of qualifications based on the funding stream being used to deploy the teams into the field.

Matt Petersen expressed his belief that there is way to track both NQS and NWCG in the current system.

Billy Samuels concurred, and again asked if the state is still considering have two different incident management teams with the north and the south with Tonopah as the dividing line.

Chair Bakkedahl confirmed that this is exactly the plan, in the hope that resources can be pulled from the unaffected part of the state to address issues in the affected part of the state. Chair Bakkedahl, addressing Matt Petersen's earlier comment, further noted that the only thing that does not currently crosswalk between NQS and NWCG is a taskforce and strike team unit leader.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bakkedahl explained that the Committee has had issues making quorum for its meetings and as such, presented the idea of determining a preset day and time for these quarterly meetings a year in advance so as to provide members with plenty of notice of scheduled meetings in hopes of regularly making quorum.

Matt Petersen asked if this group has the ability to have working committees and how best to bring forward relevant products such as briefing packets.

Chair Bakkedahl explained that it needs to come through this Committee as an agenda item and as such, members with something to present should get that

information to DEM a couple of weeks prior to the planned meeting so as to add an agenda item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bakkedahl asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Samuels made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Matt Petersen. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.