



## Meeting Minutes Emergency Management Coordinating Council

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday, August 28, 2018	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
		Las Vegas Valley Emergency Management Center Executive Conference Room 7551 Sauer Drive Las Vegas, NV 89128	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference and Videoconference	
<b>RECORDER</b>	Shea Schultz		
<b>Committee Members</b>			
	<b>Present</b>		<b>Present</b>
Caleb Cage	x	Carolyn Levering	x
John Steinbeck	x	Jeremy Hynds	
Aaron Kenneston	x	Jackie Conway	
Joe Curtis	x	Misty Robinson	x
Rob Loveberg	x	Rachel Skidmore	x
Mike Brown	x	Stacey Giomi	
Bob Leighton	x	Gregory Goll	
<b>Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>			
	<b>Present</b>		<b>Present</b>
Samantha Ladich (DAG)		Shea Schultz (NDEM Staff)	x

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Chief Caleb Cage called the meeting to order and Shea Schultz called roll. A quorum was established.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Cage opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Cage opened this agenda item for approval of the minutes from the May 29, 2018, EMCC meeting. Carolyn Levering made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Misty Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### 4. PRESENTATION ON THE AMERICAN RED CROSS MASS CARE STRATEGY: AMERICAN RED CROSS READINESS INITIATIVE

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JaLae Thompson, American Red Cross, provided a brief presentation of the Mass Care Readiness Initiative. This initiative is a partnership with the states with the American Red Cross serving as a co-lead with FEMA for ESF-6. She explained that they have taken lessons learned from past events and are embarking on this initiative to increase the capability and capacity with mass care across the nation, but especially locally. They have defined readiness and broken it down into four elements. These include:

1. Trained People Available
2. Accessible Infrastructure, Programs & Systems
3. Supportive Community
4. Necessary Supplies Available

These four elements are broken down into different projects that will be completed through a two year process. Ms. Thompson noted that the supportive community element is the purpose of it all and through this they have the ability to come together with local emergency management agencies to discuss and ensure alignment with strategic planning for events.

Chief Cage requested additional information on the RC View portal that he received a presentation on previously and the capabilities that it may offer. Ms. Thompson provided a brief overview of the portal to members. This portal will provide emergency management agencies with the capability to view, real-time, available supplies, shelters, occupancy levels, and more. For example, it will provide damage assessment information including imagery and the exact locations of homes or areas that are impacted. She advised that the American Red Cross will be meeting with emergency managers to get a more in depth overview of the system to determine the best way to utilize the system.

Chief John Steinbeck asked what triggers the damage assessments that are done. Ms. Thompson explained that these damage assessments are what drives the individual assistance they provide and does not need to meet a certain threshold for them to perform them.

Chief Steinbeck commented that in Clark County they are attempting to identify the actual capacity of identified shelters by doing an in depth study of those identified. Ms. Thompson explained that the National Shelter System drives the information in the platform. They will be working to clean up and ensure the accuracy of the data within the system.

Misty Robinson questioned if there are plans in place to notify public health departments that food or shelter services are being provided. Ms. Thompson advised that this would happen during coordination at the emergency operations center (EOC).

Chief Bob Leighton asked if they will have access to login to the portal to view regional assets and damage assessment availability prior to an emergency. Ms. Thompson advised that the partner portal will allow partner agencies to view information and will not require a login. However, to view more in depth information on the data logins will be provided to partners.

Chief Cage spoke to reading about a similar technology that was started in Kenya in 2007 and used in Haiti in 2010 that used open source information to track survivors during major events. He explained that there was concern over disconnect on the resource side of things despite how successful it was. He noted this may be an answer to that in some respects. He questioned if there is a correlation to this and if there is an affected population end user component to this that would provide the geographic location of those that are in need. Ms. Thompson advised she will have to look into this and will get back with a response.

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Aaron Kenneston commended the American Red Cross on their work and thanked them for everything they provide. Ms. Thompson commented on this and advised they will be doing program reviews. Part of this will be to interface with partners to get direct feedback to drive improvements with relationships and get back to a heightened sense of readiness. She added that they appreciate the support.

**5. PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 2019 COMPLEX COORDINATED TERRORIST ATTACK (CCTA) MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL FULL SCALE EXERCISE (FSE)**

Bud Marshall, Division of Emergency Management (DEM), provided members with an update on the status of the CCTA FSE planned for November of 2019. DEM in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Exercise Division and local partner/stakeholders are engaged in a planned three day FSE. He explained that this exercise will consist of three phases: intelligence processing, response to multiple attacks, and recovery operations. Jurisdictions are not required to participate in all three days and their participation would depend on what individual capabilities they would like to test. The purpose of this exercise is to identify best practices and validate improvements from lessons learned. He advised they are still working on identifying the core capabilities. The scenario and timeline for the exercise was overviewed; the exercise will involve two regional-centric, complex coordinated terrorist attacks, the intelligence gathering prior to these attacks, and the recovery activities following.

Mr. Marshall noted that a robust exercise planning team was developed in order to plan and execute this three day FSE. This team will meet on a scheduled basis to develop various components of the exercise. He added that they have received approval for technical assistance from the FEMA National Exercise Division and they will be integrated into the planning team.

Misty Robinson asked if they plan on having any biological components to the exercise and if they may need to activate certain capabilities within the health district to get an idea of how much participation will be needed. Currently, they will need to have representation through ESF-8. Mr. Marshall noted that as of this time they do not have any biological components outlined, but as they meet with each jurisdiction this may change. Chief Steinbeck commented that one of the main focuses in this exercise will be patient tracking and he anticipates the health district will need significant participation in this exercise for this.

Rachel Skidmore commended Mr. Marshall for the work that has gone into this exercise. She questioned if there has been any update on FEMA's involvement and the specific scenarios/support that will be offered. Mr. Marshall advised that the last word he received was that they were doing scoping of potential costs and contract support that could be offered on their behalf.

Chief Cage added to Ms. Skidmore's comment and thanked Mr. Marshall for his work noting the large and complex undertaking that is involved in something that is critically important.

**6. RESILIENCE STRATEGY UPDATE**

Chief Cage provided the history and development of the resilience strategy with the 90 day deadline that was given by the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS). The Commission required that this strategy and legislative recommendations be developed. He explained that the idea was to align the strategy around a set of goals toward developing a more resilient Nevada. There was significant consideration that was taken to ensure that a

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second layer of work would not be created for already full schedules and the need to streamline the current systems that are in place. In the end, the resilience strategy and 72 wide ranging legislative recommendations and policies were developed with the overall goal to maximize the resources that are currently within the system.

The resilience strategy and legislative recommendations were presented to the NCHS on August 15<sup>th</sup>. There were a few changes that were recommended by the Commission, however, given those changes the Commission voted to approve the report and continuation with next steps. These next steps include updating the report, partner outreach to ensure they are aware of the changes, and determining what is reasonable to accomplish in the next four months. He noted the importance of ensuring that this is in place for the next administration as well as grant programs that are to be aligned under the new effort. The Commission requested that they return in October with a status on the strategy, how the legislative recommendations have been developed into bill drafts, and an update on the grant process.

Chief Cage spoke briefly to the changes to the Homeland Security Grant Program process. The new process will have the Commission rank order 5-10 core capabilities and capacities in the state that require sustained funding rather than the current 5 core capabilities. Following the ranking of the capacities that the Commission has determined are worth sustaining they would go back to the partner organizations that have built these to develop a high level strategic plan that outlines the funding needs and capacity they would like to build. These projects would then be taken to the new Resilience Commission to be vetted.

Chief Steinbeck commented that while the current system that is in place works well, there is the opportunity to develop it into something better and the potential of it becoming a national model. He requested patience through this process. He added that one of the goals through this is to get more funding to the local levels and asked that members keep this in mind.

Rachel Skidmore spoke to her involvement in the grant process over the years. She commended Chiefs Cage and Steinbeck on the work they have put into this strategy and the proposed changes. She stressed that the changes that have been proposed are taking a process that has worked and moving it in a positive direction.

Chief Cage advised that the next step will be to update the final report that will be distributed to members once it is complete.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Cage opened the meeting for public comment.

Misty Robinson provided an update on The State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC). She explained they are starting a new working group specific to grants and the first project they have chosen will be cyber focused. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is requesting that the working group develop guidance on how to measure cyber projects and how to determine what projects should be using in the HSGP. Ms. Robinson is looking for any contacts that may be able to assist and help with this project. Chief Cage will put her in contact with an individual that may be able to help.

**8. ADJOURN**

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Chief Cage called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Skidmore made the motion for adjournment and Chief John Steinbeck seconded. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.

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