Nevada Commission on Homeland Security
School Emergency Response Plans Presentation

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANNING & SAFETY

Nevada Department of Public Safety’s
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Legislative Requirements...

Schools are mandated by NRS 388 (Public & Charter) and NRS 394 (Private) to annually review, update and disseminate their Emergency Response Plans (ERP).

- Development Committee (NRS 388.241)
  - At least one member of their board of trustees;
  - At least one administrator of a school in the school district;
  - At least one licensed teacher of a school in the school district;
  - At least one employee of a school in the school district;
  - At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil;
  - At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency;
  - At least one school police officer; and
  - At least one representative of a state or local organization for emergency management.

- The membership of a development committee may also include any other person whom the board of trustees or the governing body deems appropriate.
Plan Development (NRS 388.243)
- One plan to be used by all the public schools in the school district
- Each development committee shall consult with:
  - The local social service agencies,
  - local public safety agencies, and
  - The director of the local organization for emergency management or, if there is no local organization for emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety.

The plan must include:
- The plans, procedures and information included in the model plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;
- A procedure for responding to a crisis or an emergency and for responding during the period after a crisis or an emergency has concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or an emergency that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or employee of a school in the school district or the charter school; and
- A procedure for enforcing discipline within a school in the school district or the charter school and for obtaining and maintaining a safe and orderly environment during a crisis or an emergency.
Legislative Requirements Continued...

- Review and Update (NRS 388.245) Each plan must be reviewed and updated at least once each year.

- In reviewing and updating the plan, the development committee shall:
  - Consult with the director of the local organization for emergency management or, if there is no local organization for emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety.

- The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall:
  - Post a notice of the completion of each review and update;
  - File with the Department of Education (DOE) a copy of the notice;
  - Provide a copy of each plan developed and each plan updated to:
    - Each local public safety agency in the county in which the school district or charter school is located;
    - The Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety; and
    - The local organization for emergency management, if any.

- At least once each year, provide training in responding to a crisis and training in responding to an emergency to each employee of the school district or of the charter school, including, training concerning drills for evacuating and securing schools.

- The NV DOE adopted the US DOE and FEMA’s guidelines for developing a high-quality Emergency Operations Plan’s. (NRS 388.255)

- Plans are considered confidential (NRS 388.259)
Division of Emergency Management’s Role

- In addition to County School districts, DEM works with representatives from the Charter and Private School District to ensure that EOP are on file as required by NRS 388 and 394.

- Support to jurisdictions that don’t have local EM support.
  - No schools have asked for support. All have reported being satisfied with their Local EM.

- Assistance with development of the Model Plan
  - Lori DeGristina, Planning Specialist, assisted with the development of the model plan. It was decided to use the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) to satisfy the needs and concerns.

- Coordination of training for School District personnel
  - DEM Staff has arranged for and assisted in acquiring FEMA training for school personnel. School staff was taken to the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD for training.

- 16 students from schools participated in DEM coordinated training in 2017 (our records program doesn’t track the students job organization. That has been corrected for 2018)

- 3 students from schools participated in DEM coordinated training in 2018
Outreach Conducted

- Since October 2015, we have
  - 1 Kickoff Meeting
  - 3 Conferences
  - 5 Trainings specific for school planning
- DEM coordinates with the Nevada Department of Education
  - Monthly calls to coordinate outreach to the schools regarding planning

Division of Emergency Management’s Role
Continued…
Last year (2017) Pool Pact, the Insurance Company that covers the 15 rural districts, assisted all of the counties with a vulnerable assessment, site assessment and an update/rewrite of their school Emergency Operation Plans.

School District Plans: Received 16 out of 17. 94% compliant.
  o Mineral County is the outstanding district. They have completed a plan and it is scheduled to go before the Mineral School Board for approval on April 17.

State Sponsored Charter School Plans: Received 47 out of 50. 94% compliant
  o The three non-compliant schools are:
    o Equipo Academy, Clark County
    o Legacy Traditional School, Clark County
    o Oasis Academy, Churchill County
Compliant and Non-Compliant Schools Continued...

- County Sponsored Charter School Plans: Received 20 out of 20. 100% compliant

- Private School Plans: Received 122 out of 136. 90% Compliant
  - The fourteen non-compliant schools are:
    - ROP Charter HS - Sierra Sage Academy, Yerington
    - Grace Christian Academy, Boulder City
    - Henderson International School, Henderson
    - International Christian Academy, Las Vegas
    - Kids Campus Learning Center, Las Vegas
    - Kids Campus Learning Center, North Las Vegas (2 locations)
    - Kindercare Learning Center, Las Vegas
    - Lake Mead Christian Academy, Henderson (2 locations)
    - Montevista Acedmy, Las Vegas
    - Nasri Academy for Gifted Children, Henderson
    - Word of Life Christian Academy, Las Vegas
    - Truckee Meadows School, Reno