



Meeting Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, July 17, 2014	
	TIME	2:00 P.M.	
	LOCATION	Legislative Council Bureau 401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137 Carson City, NV 89701	
		Grant Sawyer Building 555 E. Washington Ave, Room 4412E Las Vegas, NV 89101	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Janell Woodward	
Council Members	Present	Staff and Others	Present
Adam Garcia	X	Valerie Sumner (Staff)	
Alexandra Crocket		Janell Woodward	X
Carolyn Levering	X	Colleen Platt (AG Representative)	X
Chris Cappas			
Dr. Christine Springer		Shirlee Rhodes (Washoe Co CERT)	X
Dave Hunkup		Ronna Hubbard (Douglas Co CERT)	X
Fernandez Leary			
Gerald Antinoro	X		
Irene Navis	X		
Joan Jeffers			
Kelsey Piochocki			
Mary Ann Laffoon	X		
Patrick Macan	X		
Paula Martel	X		
Rick Diebold	X		
Rick Martin	X		
Russ Peacock	X		
Stacey Belt			
Tim Soule			

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Rick Martin called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Janell Woodward called roll and a quorum was established during the following public comment portion once Sheriff Gerald Antinoro joined the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Steinbeck gave a short presentation regarding the Nevada Child Seekers search forces which meets about once per quarter. They do most of their work in Southern Nevada but also have an office in Northern Nevada. They are reaching out to all CERT groups to see if they are interested in this program. Chief Steinbeck will be reaching out but he can also be reached through his office or at his cell phone number 702-219-7859 regarding information on this program. Printed material is available as well as the website at www.nvchildseekers.org.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair, Rick Martin called for approval of the meeting minutes from the Nevada Citizen Corps Council meeting held April 17, 2014. Paul Martel had changes to the wording of her portion of the minutes. Changes were so noted. Irene Navis made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested changes. Mary Ann Laffoon seconded. All were in favor with no opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

5. OPENING COMMENTS

Chair, Rick Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their participation. Rick announced that the Homeland Security Working Group reviewed the Citizen Corps applications and prioritized them for the Homeland Security Commission who approved funding support of the Citizen Corps program for FFY2014.

6. REPORT FROM REGIONAL IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Chair, Rick Martin asked if there was a representative from FEMA Region IX on the phone to give a report to the group. A representative for FEMA Region IX was not present at the meeting or on the telephone.

7. REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Shirlee Rhodes, from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, stated Washoe County completed a CERT Academy in April with 17 graduates. They are currently in the middle of a CERT academy and expect to graduate 19 volunteers. They have conducted several trainings and drills including their redesigned traffic safety and flagging class for nearly 50 volunteers, annual search and rescue drill at the University, a 201 call-taking training, and Washoe County participated in the collaborative effort with Douglas County and Carson City for a competitive CERT rodeo. This was very well received by the volunteers. This spring, Shirlee was tasked with managing the recruitment of all the volunteers for the Broken Wing exercise with recruitment of nearly 100 volunteers from various outside agencies with the bulk of them from Citizen Corps volunteers. About 65 volunteers participated as role players or assisted with security. Along with various child ID events, the Washoe County CERT volunteers assisted with the annual rodeo event. Rick Martin asked whether the CERT rodeo would be reported and Shirlee indicated that it was planned to be repeated each year.

Maryann Laffoon, from the Northeast Nevada/Elko area, stated that her area lost one of their trained volunteers to the Washoe or Carson City area because of a move. Maryann completed the 21-hour course in the school system with 34 students completing this course. She plans to continue the program with new students next year. Maryann is hoping to

extend this program into other Elko County Schools. The Northeastern Nevada CERT participated with Elko Fire in the Highland Manor Nursing Home/Retirement Village fire drill. During this exercise, they found there is a three-story non-assisted living unit there. These are seniors living on their own who could potentially be trained as CERT volunteers in order to help there at the home and also in Elko County. Maryann went before the Commission in order to get approval to continue the CERT program and was successful with this. Maryann also participated with ITRC in South Fork with people coming from the Lee area which is non-reservation as well as people from Carlin. She worked with Daniel Thayer and presented an academy out there with 13 volunteers. Maryann is also looking into the Boys and Girls Club of Elko starting talks with them about bringing the program to the Club. She would utilize the same curriculum she uses with the school system. K-Mart will be having a Safety Fair on October 4. Maryann is working with K-Mart to bring a lot of volunteers in on emergency preparedness and getting this information out. Maryann was also part of the Cops and Burgers fund raiser event for Special Olympics.

Carolyn Levering stated the City of Las Vegas trained 227 participants in CERT and ICS training courses. They also had some non-certificated courses including their fire extinguisher course and Nevada Task Force mobilization and demobilization training for which they had 221 participants. Additional community presentation activities included 432 participants for events such as their Task Force Deployment exercise, support for the Tremor 14 exercise, as well as Pirate Fest, Communications Rodeo, and finally the Fallen Officer providing logistical support for both funerals in the recent shooting event. Rick Martin stated that last quarter Rick Diebold comments that the City of Las Vegas was going to do some testing of some new courses and asked whether this was accomplished. Rick Diebold stated this will take place in the next quarter.

Dave Hunkup was not in attendance and there was no one else available to speak on behalf of the Tribal Nations.

Sheriff Antinoro, representing Storey County, stated they are working on getting their group up to speed and have had some of their people attending the Washoe County CERT academies. Sheriff Antinoro stated Storey County hopes to have their CERT program up and running in the not too distant future. Shirlee Rhodes offered to bring training to Storey County locally if that would be of help to them and Sheriff Antinoro will be in further contact with Shirlee.

Patrick Macan, Red Cross, stated they have been busy. On Saturday, July 5, they responded to a multi-unit fire. The Red Cross was able to open a shelter immediately in Reed High School. They stayed open until Monday morning and Patrick stated this showed their volunteers are ready to help at any time, particularly over holiday periods. Red Cross finished a Wilderness and Remote First Aid class for children ages 14 to 18. They had 15 children. They do have funding for another course to be held August 8-10 in Reno with only 15 spots available. All three days must be attended to obtain credit. This course includes CPR and you can call the Reno Red Cross at 775-865-1000 to sign up for the course. This course is thanks to the Helen Close Foundation.

Chief Adam Garcia, UNR, had nothing to report.

Russ Peacock, White Pine County, had nothing to report.

Irene Navis, of Clark County, said their primary venue for outreach has been with Clark County Fire Department open houses across the county in both rural and urban areas. They find this to be a very successful venue for them. They have also forged a partnership

with the Atomic Testing Museum which is next door to Clark County's main Fire Department offices. They supported an event for the museum in June which was a Friends and Family day. City of Las Vegas CERT was also in attendance with Clark County. The museum is planning to do at least two of these events per year and have asked for support from Clark County and City of Las Vegas. Clark County continues to work on their public outreach plan which is funded by Homeland Security funding.

Paula Martel, Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada, stated their teams are ramping up for back to school clinics offering vaccines, helping with screening forms, and line controls. There were three TB outbreaks last year. Currently Paula is putting together a group of medical professional volunteers who are able to draw blood as well as are FIT tested. In the past, they had those who could draw blood and those who were FIT tested, but these were not necessarily people who were both. They are also further developing their plan for how animal professionals will be utilized in the event of a disaster.

Shawn Moore from Red Cross Southern Nevada gave an update stating they had their chapter-wide exercise with a truck rollover scenario opening two shelters utilizing over 80 volunteers. They were also involved in the funerals for the officers shot in the line of duty mobilizing the day of the event to help officers involved as well as the funerals. They have trained 25 new Disaster Action Team (DAT) members. They have a new program with the Pillow Case Project for 3rd through 5th grade, and have had their Disaster Institute with over 100 trained. They are striving to ensure they have enough volunteers trained for each area. They trained 40 new shelter staff. They sent staff to Arizona with a Red Cross pilot program working with undocumented children. They are working on response, increasing capacity to respond in Southern Nevada, and also their region.

Rick Martin stated all of these reports are very important with this information going to the Governor's office as well as other federal partners.

8. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) GRANT FUNDING FOR CITIZEN CORPS PROJECTS

Chair, Rick Martin stated the spreadsheet given was not totally up-to-date as it was created July 9 but the quarter closing date was June 30 and reports are not due to Division of Emergency Management until August 15 so not all current information is reflected in the report. Therefore, we are already aware there are discrepancies between what is reflected on the current report and the actual final information. There will also be some deobligations. Rick stated everyone should be aware that 2011 and 2012 are closing at the same time and, in fact, have already closed unless someone has a very substantial justification for extension and this would be only for a couple of weeks. The reason both years closed at the same time was because the FFY2012 performance period shortened from 3 years to 2 years. All grants are now on a 2-year performance period. Rick stated FY13 will close this time next year and asked everyone to please pay attention to their spending plans, etc. FY14 has not yet been officially approved by the Federal Government. Irene Navis stated the Elko Band Council for 2011 was an award through Clark County and they have been working with Elko Band to finalize their quarterly report to reflect their spending.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair, Rick Martin asked for any public comment. There was no public comment. Rick Martin thanked Janell Woodward, Valerie Sumner and Bud Marshall for help in supporting the Citizen Corps. Rick also thanked everyone for attendance at the meeting.

10. ADJOURN

Chair, Rick Martin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Adam Garcia moved and Carolyn Levering seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.