



## Minutes Nevada Homeland Security Commission Critical Infrastructure Committee Meeting

### ATTENDANCE

<b>DATE</b>	March 20, 2012
<b>TIME</b>	1:00 PM
<b>LOCATION</b>	3050 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas NV 2478 Fairview Dr., Carson City NV
<b>METHOD</b>	Conference
<b>RECORDER</b>	Selby Marks

Committee Members	Present	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
		Gonzalo Cordova (Ex-Officio)	X
Bob Dorsey, Vice Chair	X		
Sandra Baker			
Steve Asher	X		
Nichole Hart	X		
John Horton	X		
Al Gillespie			
Carolyn Levering			
Steve Moyer	X		
Chris Ipsen	X		
Dick Casto			
		Selby Marks, Homeland Security Commission Staff	X
		Samantha Ladich, AG Representative to the Commission	X

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 1:05 PM Vice Chairman Bob Dorsey called the meeting to order. Selby Marks called the roll and quorum was established.

### COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Vice Chairman Dorsey welcomed the members to the meeting. He explained that the former Chairman, Brett Primas had resigned his appointment due to a change in his job duties with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment in the North or the South

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Asher moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded and approved.

### COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY – PRIORITIES UPDATE (Discussion only)

Irene Navis, Director of Emergency Management/Homeland Security for Clark County and Urban Area Administrator for Las Vegas. She stated there has been a drastic cut in Homeland Security grant funds and explained that the following day there would be a Homeland Security Working

Group meeting to discuss this funding. She said this would be the first look at projects brought forward. She stated she wanted to put it in context as to what she was hearing nationally. She said there were 2 directions being taken. One direction is the national preparedness goal and the national preparedness framework towards looking at all assets nationwide as potential national assets important in the context of critical infrastructure.

Ms. Navis went on to discuss how deployable equipment as well as buildings and facilities that are potentially of national homeland security significance are particularly important in Nevada because of the various assets we have that are important nationally and internationally. She feels Nevada is not given full credit for those facilities, based on existing definitions, in terms of the 18 sectors and the overall critical infrastructure program. She thinks that is something we can look at and influence, either thru the Governor's office or thru local groups like the one she belongs to. She feels it is important to look at critical infrastructure as an overarching program as opposed to a singular program. It will help the Critical Infrastructure Committee as a group because critical infrastructure is touched by everything and touches everything. She feels if the group has this mindset, it will help with the goals of the committee as well as the Homeland Security Commission as a whole.

Ms. Navis discussed how at the last meeting of the Homeland Security Commission, 7 priorities were indentified for FY 2012. She said there should not be a worry if critical infrastructure was not called out as one of the 7 priorities because everything on the list has a tie-in to critical infrastructure.

She wanted it on the record that in the National Preparedness Goal and Core Capabilities, the term "critical communications" has been changed to "operational communications." By definition, they are one in the same.

She addressed public health and medical services, adding that Silver Shield focused on the medical sector in the past year. She felt it was important to point out that health and medical services are also part of critical infrastructure.

She discussed how there should be a stronger link between cyber security and physical assets. She suggested that the committee look at ways to strengthen this link between the cyber and physical infrastructure.

Ms. Navis concluded her presentation by stating the federal government is stressing community resiliency and they are pushing for regional initiatives. She stressed that the Critical Infrastructure Committee is poised to jump on this trend and make the most of it for Nevada.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE NEVADA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FFY 2012**

Chris Smith, Chief of the Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security discussed now the Department of Homeland Security is in a transition year in the grant process as we know it. FFY 2012 has been reduced substantially across the board for all states. In FFY 2013, DHS is regionalizing projects and investment justifications. He told how the Homeland Security Commission, thru data provided by the State Preparedness Report, indentified 7 areas for the working group to look at.

#### **REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) COMMUNITY CYBER SECURITY MATURITY MODEL IMPLEMENTATION**

Tim Cary, Exercise Officer with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, discussed the DHS community cyber security maturity model, stating that DHS has funded it for 5 years. He said that each year states compete for this program and it goes along the lines of a community concept and how a community is defined. He noted that Nevada had

competed for the program, with the Governor's signature, and the state came in second. DHS said they could only support one state, but because of the advanced cyber awareness that has been done in Nevada, DHS secured funding for the state. He explained what all of the funding supported, regarding cyber security and infrastructure. He said the two counties that are the models for the program are Washoe County and Carson City (representing State Government) combined into one community, and Clark County. He stressed that leadership was the key to these models. He continued with his power point describing the nonprofit center involved in the model, and the different phases of the approach. Phase one described the tabletop exercises that will be occurring in the future. He again stressed that leadership is important and not just for cyber personnel, but for all "bosses" in the public and private sectors. He discussed who was all involved in the private and public sectors, how the media is involved, and who are the state and local contacts and what they provide. He also talked about the future exercises in the state.

He concluded by stressing how important this 14 month program is for Nevada.

A short discussion was held on the merits of the program and how important it is for Nevada.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angela Krutsinger from the Nevada Hospital Association asked that the information on all of the exercises be sent out with times and locations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**