



## Quarterly Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Friday, February 15, 2013	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:30 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Executive Conference Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Selby Marks	
<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Sandoval – Chair	X	Karen Burke	X
Michael Haley – Vice Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Andy Flock	X	William C. Horne – Assemblyman	
Robert Fisher	X	Chris Ipsen	X
L. Scott Fuller	X	John Lee - Senator	
Adam Garcia	X	Christopher Smith	X
Dr. Warren Gilbert. M.D.	X		
Doug Gillespie	X		
Frank Gonzales	X		
Alfreida Jake	X		
Dr. Ikram Khan	X	Selby Marks (Staff)	X
Tom Lozich	X	Samantha Ladich (AG rep)	X
Richard Perkins	X		
Troy Wade	X		
Bertral Washington			
Bill Welch	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security called meeting to order at 9:30am. Roll call was performed by Selby Marks, Homeland Security Administrator for the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) and Homeland Security. Governor Sandoval informed the Commission that Assemblyman William Horne could not be present due to being in legislative session, and that Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security was in route to this meeting after having to appear at the Legislature as well. A quorum of voting members present was established for this meeting.

### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues. No commentary in either venue.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Governor Sandoval called for discussion and approval of the meeting minutes from the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) meeting held December 20, 2012. A motion was presented by Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), with a second presented by Tom Lozich, Executive Director of Corporate Security, MGM Resorts International. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Governor Sandoval conveyed to the Commission his wish to keep his comments brief due to the size of the agenda, wishing Commissioners a Happy New Year in addition to introducing Dr. Ikram Khan as the newest member to the Commission. Dr. Khan relayed he was honored to be asked to serve on the Commission, and he is looking forward to his new duties as a Commissioner. The Governor thanked Dr. Khan for his respected years of service to the State of Nevada.

**5. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SONNet COMMITTEE**

Sheriff Michael Haley, Washoe County Sheriff's Office and SONNet Vice-Chair in addition to Chief Chris Magenheimer, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and SONNet Project Manager reported on the recent developments with the federal First Responders Network (FirstNet) Board and the proposed release of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) state funding program for FirstNet.

Sheriff Haley presented a brief recap on several meetings to date pertaining to SONNet including a meeting that both he and Director Chris Perry, Nevada Department of Public Safety had with former Governor and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge regarding both security and infrastructure issues. Also discussed in brief were meetings with Media Bureau Chief William Lake pertaining to the spectrum auction as a funding mechanism, a meeting with Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, Storey County, Iowa and FirstNet member regarding FirstNet strategies. Sheriff Haley thanked Sheriff Gillespie for inviting him to the Major County Sheriff's meeting which assisted with many of these opportunities. Sheriff Haley presented additional overview of meetings with Deputy Chief Charles Dowd, New York City Police Department and FirstNet member pertaining to what New York City's views are as to what FirstNet is doing is doing currently. Sheriff Haley also met with Jeff Johnson, Fire Chief and Chief Executive Officer for the Western Fire Chief's Association indicating Chief Johnson will be present at the International Wireless Communications Expo in Las Vegas.

Sheriff Haley indicated that FirstNet is looking for collaboration, and that he has also met with Senator Harry Reid to promote SONNet's efforts to compete on a national level. Planning money is desperately needed. Washoe County and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District are currently funding this project as are other state assets assisting with this process. Success is related to these assets barring grant funding and planning dollars awarded. As the foundation is built for SONNet, it is imperative for state, local, and private entities to center decision making processes at the SONNet level with the Governor's permission. Randy Minyard indicated that federal assets should be included in this as well. Sheriff Haley made that correction, in addition to adding tribal assets as well. Chief Magenheimer reviewed the activities of the FirstNet Board, indicating Nevada has been allocated approximately \$2 Million dollars. In the past, tribal entities dealt separately for this type of grant funding, and they are now required to go through the state. Moving forward, the Chief will be working with NDEM on the grant application process. Presentations will be made to the legislature regarding SONNet's progress. Collaboration with western states continues. Governor Sandoval asked that all those that are affected by the grant deadlines are contacted due to the tight timeline. Chief Magenheimer indicated the outreach has been broad. Discussion ensued pertaining to FirstNet's ruling on how federal assets can be used in the state and local implementations. If Nevada can use federal assets, it may make the process less complex.

**6. PRESENTATION OF THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY (SHSS) AND THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY.**

Angela Krutsinger, Director of Preparedness for the Nevada Hospital Association presented an overview on the State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) thanking the advisory committee members, Selby Marks, and Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for their efforts in creating this document. This document is presented for review and possible approval. Update to the SHSS is done to align with national preparedness goals and Homeland Security Commission goals. A line by line review/revision of entire document to streamline document for clarity has been completed on January 9, 2013. Chief Smith worked with the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) to help them align with the State Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG). This is important as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) uses the SHSS document to build grant applications. Governor Sandoval relayed this was quality work, and appreciates the time and effort applied. Consolidated reports/presentations are often overlooked as to the amount of work required to provide such items.

Deputy Fire Chief Fernandez Leary, Clark County Fire Department presented an overview of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Strategy. Input was received by UAWG, Department of Emergency Management staff (DEM), federal agencies, and subject-matter experts. This revision is by far the best. Far greater input and participation was presented. The document has adopted the same format as state strategy to make it easier moving forward. Commission's priorities are clearly presented including additional goals. Evaluation plan improvements make it easier to track these goals. Deputy Chief Leary thanked all members for their efforts.

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve the SHSS. Motion provided by Sheriff Haley, with a second provided by Sheriff Gillespie. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously. Governor Sandoval congratulated all for their hard work.

Karen Burke, Federal Security Director for the Transportation Safety Administration was impressed with the collaboration and felt this was an excellent effort, thanking Ms. Krutsinger for her leadership on that Committee.

**7. UPDATE ON THE FIRST RESPONDER CREDENTIALING PROJECT**

Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Kelli Baratti, Program Manager, Nevada Division of Emergency Management presented an update on the NIMs Credentialing Project updating the Commission on the project overview, request for proposal process, card issuance, and implementation and sustainment of the project. Chief Smith congratulated Ms. Baratti on her efforts and leadership with this process.

Dr. Warren Gilbert, M.D. inquired if this is going to be the process to develop the criteria. Chief Smith indicated criteria have been identified already. Dr. Gilbert indicated that a good resource may be the military due to the levels of response they have capability for, notwithstanding security levels. Chief Smith would like to talk to the military as to how they would like to develop that system. Ms. Baratti indicated that there is already compatibility with the military, noting that at both state, and federal level, that resource is ready. General Frank Gonzales, Nevada National Guard inquired about the look of the card, and what value will it have with other agencies. The General was concerned about a standard being used. Chief Smith presented discussion on bar-coding efforts that addressed this issue. Chris Ipsen stressed that it's important to denote what the credential is, with absolute resolution as to whether people are who they are. Discussion ensued on the process of the contractor testing period and accountability. Robert Fisher, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Nevada Broadcasters Association brought up the fact that broadcasters are first responders and may need to be incorporated into this process and Nevada Statute were ignored as it pertains to this process. Chief Smith suggested engaging this community in identifying the eight mission areas for FEMA. Chief Smith suggests engaging the broadcast community as well as other public responders

noting that he doesn't see any roadblocks to this process. Sheriff Haley appreciated the in-depth report and noted how the process would work moving forward.

Governor Sandoval inquired as to who would be eligible for PIVI cards, with Chief Smith indicating that candidates would be deployable resources to other states. The Governor also inquired that with regard to Mr. Fisher's inquiry, broadcasters would be identified as public safety entities within the state. Troy Wade indicated it may be a good idea to check with Nellis Air Force Base for how they manage their credentialing process.

**8. BRIEFING AND UPDATE ON THE NEVADA COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE (NCSC)**

Louis Amell, NCSC Chair and Communications Director, City of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and George Molnar, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) presented to the Commission a presentation on the work of the NCSC involving communications projects and the status of communications and interoperability in Nevada. Mr. Molnar indicated that Nevada is a leader in interoperability. Nevada's Statewide Interoperability Communications Plan (SCIP) has recently been completed, winning praise at the federal level. There are plans to craft such a plan nationally. Nevada is the second state in the union to create a SCIP. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) guidance for broadband planning suggests coordination with a SCIP for coordination of funding, and Mr. Molnar indicated Sheriff Haley's leadership in SONNet has been extraordinary in helping to coordinate efforts with NCSC and SONNet. Communications exercises continue to continually improve interoperability efforts. Narrow-banding efforts within Nevada are within the top 10 in compliance nationally, ahead of Utah and California.

Robert Fisher inquired on a past decision that the Commission voted in favor of \$750,000 to create a media center in the State Capitol. In case of emergency, the Governor could have access to statewide television and radio. Mr. Fisher asked if the Governor would have immediate access in the Guinn Room. Mr. Molnar indicated he would get back to Mr. Fisher and realizes the importance of his request. He currently does not know the status. Mr. Fisher indicated that he believes the equipment is not in that room, and asked for follow-up.

Sheriff Haley shared praise for Mr. Molnar's efforts in aiding the SONNet Committee in the capacity of the SWIC. He feels the report that was just given shows why the grant application on the Long Term Evolution project will be successful. Governor Sandoval thanked everyone for the good work.

**9. BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP) PROJECT**

Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager and COOP Project Director, provided the Commission a detailed briefing on Nevada's COOP and Continuity of Government (COG) Project highlighting important definitions, the Federal Continuity Directive, Continuity Guidance Circulars, the elements of COOP, the reasoning behind why the COOP is necessary including best practices, COOP as a top-three priority within the Nevada State Homeland Security Strategy, and report on how the process is working to date. Presentation also included discussion on existing plans, task force efforts, private sector collaboration, and studies pertaining to counties, cities, and tribes. Mr. Kenneston touched on pilot projects for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, City of Henderson, and the Moapa Paiutes Tribes. Assistant Sheriff Greg McCurdy, LVMPD presented a brief overview on the Southern Nevada Pilot Project. He focused on how to prepare employees to respond in a critical emergency, particularly in light of events such as the Katrina hurricane. Noting significant progress in completing the pilot project as scheduled, Assistant Sheriff McCurdy looks forward to working more with Mr. Kenneston. Chief Steven Goble, Henderson Fire Department also briefly updated the Commissioners on his pilot program. He indicated that the City of Henderson is more than 90% complete, and looking for project wrap up in February 2013. Through this process many areas have been identified to make the community safer.

Mr. Kenneston thanked the Commission for its support. Governor Sandoval also thanked Mr. Kenneston for the presentation. Mr. Fisher inquired as to what the three top threats are to COOP, with Mr. Kenneston indicating that earthquakes are of primary concern here. General Frank Gonzales, Nevada National Guard inquired about the percentage of communities prepared including a COOP. Mr. Kenneston indicated that many state agencies are prepared, but there is room for improvement. Governor Sandoval inquired how far we have come to date. Mr. Kenneston indicated that we are at about 30% complete, which does not include those agencies engaging in this process separately. Sheriff Haley indicated that there are challenges with this process, particularly with full time employees. Reduction in manpower requires looking outside agencies to provide essential services. Tom Lozich indicated as to how much the private sector has been involved with the COOP, with Mr. Kenneston indicating that a great deal of work has been pushed toward the private sector. Gonzalo Cordova, Department of Homeland Security focused on Presidential Directive 21 in addition to new directives that are beneficial to understand pertaining to this initiative. Sheriff Gillespie praised Mr. Kenneston's work on this project. There were many operations not prepared as thoroughly as possible prior to catastrophic events, but we are headed in the right direction. The Commission needs to ensure this stays on point, as funding levels are reduced, and priorities change. Karen Burke reiterated how Homeland Security has revised approach to COOP, noting the Surge Approach to obtain FEMA training which may be of benefit to any state. Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County Deputy Director of Aviation spoke to the current plan she has in place at McCarran International Airport, and she wants to ensure that plans do not contain any conflicts with existing emergency plans, security plans, etc.

**10. PRESENTATION OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY 2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

Selby Marks, Homeland Security Administrator, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security briefed the Commission on the 2012 Annual Report highlighting committee activities reports from the Finance Committee, Critical Infrastructure Committee, Legislative and Bylaws Committee, State of Nevada Network Committee, and State Homeland Security Strategy Advisory Committee. Overview of Executive Order Committees including the Homeland Security Working Group, Nevada Communications Steering Committee, and the State Citizen Corps Program. Mr. Marks also spoke to the information provided by Nevada State Health Division and the Nevada Hospital Association pertaining to health preparedness.

Robert Fisher praised the work that Governor Sandoval has done regarding Homeland Security in addition to thanking Selby Marks for the extraordinary report. Governor Sandoval is honored to work with everyone and recognizes the level of engagement to accomplish this project. The Governor accepted a motion to accept and adopt this report. Motion presented by Robert Fisher, and seconded by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants.

**11. REPORT TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY – OVERVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM. REVIEW OF COMMISSION PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2013 PRIORITIES**

Chief Christopher Smith thanked the Governor as a steadfast supporter of this grant program in addition to extending gratitude toward the Commissioners and Department of Emergency Management staff for their interest and input into this process. Deputy Chief Fernandez Leary was also thanked for his contribution, and recognized as the newly appointed Urban Area Working Group Chair. Chief Smith and Deputy Chief Leary presented a complete overview of this process noting perspectives, prior year priorities, grant funds invested, alignment of core capabilities with the grant application, presidential directives affecting the process, national preparedness goals, the priorities selection process, status of FFY2013 Homeland Security grant funding, and state/urban area strategies. Also presented was information pertaining to the State Preparedness Report (SPR) and Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA). Highlights included review of participants, explanation and assessment of the SPR and THIRA, risk level evaluations, core capability assessment per mission area, and the Commission's direction for the FFY12 process.

Sheriff Haley indicated an example of AT&T landline and cellular failure in Reno recently and where that would fall within this strategy to deal with this type of occurrence. Chief Smith indicated that this would fall into several categories, as this impacted not only PSAP's, but also access to internet. There's a myriad of capabilities that support this type of problem. It is imperative to have a backup plan for these types of instances. The purveyors of this type of service need to engage in this process.

Robert Fisher indicated that depending on the type of emergency, radio is often not down. It is possible that core capabilities should include broadcaster participation for public information and warning. Governor Sandoval asked Chief Smith to respond by including Mr. Fisher's constituency included. Chief Smith believes the Broadcasters are included in new initiatives moving forward. Alfreida Jake, Elko Band Emergency Manager posed a question to Chief Smith pertaining to the tribal areas, and when looking at core capabilities is there a way we can create an outlet to combine several hazards together to keep reservations safe. Chief Smith indicated that when we plan for the worst, we are looking at major disruptions allowing us to deal with lesser events. He indicated the tribes would not be left to deal with this alone; they will receive the resources they require. Troy Wade, Chairman of NV Alliance Defense, Business, Energy presented discussion pertaining to nuclear and radiological issues, and whether the State has reached out to NV Energy. Chief Smith will ensure reaching out to this entity in the future.

**12. REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL (CWAG)'S TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEXICAN PROSECUTORS**

Glade Myler, Retired Senior Deputy Attorney General presented a report to the Commission on the training methods used to teach Mexican prosecutors to present trials using the Oral Advocacy method currently in use in the United States. Changing constitutions in Mexico are beginning to allow trials, however not all states within Mexico currently allow this. Mr. Myler presented his concern that the lack of training can increase corruption within the legal system of Mexico. Mr. Myler hopes to stem this corruption with this program. He referred to the article provided to the Commissioners by Morgan Smith explaining more fully the details of this process. No questions were presented to Mr. Myler.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval called for public commentary from both the northern and southern Nevada. Glade Myler presented both concern over the continuity of government operations as discussed earlier in the meeting, stating he feels the biggest threat is apathy. Noting that small businesses cannot recover from large disasters, Mr. Myler praised Aaron Kenneston on his efforts in Washoe County to alleviate some of issues affecting continuity. Terry Bohl, Moapa Tribe Emergency Manager commented briefly on his concerns regarding the SONNet Committee and the lack of Tribal representation on that body. He encourages SONNet to reach out to the tribes to identify gaps in interoperability. Mr. Bohl also presented concerns with a memo of understanding recently sent to the tribes which Mr. Bohl relayed interferes with tribal sovereignty. Mr. Bohl indicated it is his understanding that by not signing this agreement, the tribes will no longer be eligible for grant funding. He is particularly concerned about the requirement regarding grant funded equipment being counted toward assets of the State of Nevada. Mr. Bohl is requesting that the Commission review this memo of understanding, and he also relayed that the tribes will not sign this agreement at this time. Governor Sandoval thanked Mr. Bohl, and Chief Christopher Smith will speak to this issue with Mr. Bohl at a time to be determined after this meeting. David Fein extended to the Commission an offer for free/no cost exhibitor passes to attend the IWCE Conference in Las Vegas.

**Approved by the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security on March 28, 2013.**

Governor Sandoval posed a question to Chief Smith as to whether or not there will be an agenda item pertaining to school safety on the next Commission agenda. Chief Smith will ensure there is an item on that agenda to include updates from Washoe County, Clark County, and the Nevada Threat Analysis Center.

14. **ADJOURN**

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion presented by Sheriff Haley. Motion seconded by Tom Lozich. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.