



**MINUTES
NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Attendance

DATE	Friday, March 22, 2013
TIME	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management
	Executive Conference Room
	2478 Fairview Drive
	Carson City, Nevada 89701
METHOD	Video-Teleconference
RECORDER	Karen Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Bertral Washington - Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Robert Dorsey – Vice Chair	X		
Steve Asher	X		
Sandra Baker	X	Selby Marks – HS Staff	X
Dick Casto	X	Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
Nichole Hart			
John Horton	X		
Chris Ipsen	X		
Carolyn Levering			
Steve Moyer	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Chief called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security performed a roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. No commentary in either location.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Washington requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes from the October 2, 2012 CIC Meeting. Motion to approve was presented by Dick Casto, International Gaming Technology with a second provided by Steve Moyer, NV Energy. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chair Washington instructed Committee that as they reviewed and vetted projects, his intention is to serve as an advocate for the Committee in taking issues to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. He thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Critical Infrastructure Committee.

5. REPORT ON THE NEVADA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PLAN (NCIPP)

Steve Moyer, Chair of the NCIPP Subcommittee presented a brief report on the recent meeting of the NCIPP Subcommittee acknowledging the impressive work performed by Irene Navis, Clark County Fire Department on the NCIPP. Mr. Moyer indicated that Steve Asher, Nevada Threat Analysis Center was elected as Vice-Chair. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for early May 2013 and will be held in accordance to open meeting law requirements.

6. UPDATE ON THE LAS VEGAS JOINT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP (JCIP) WORKSHOP

Gonzalo Cordova, Department of Homeland Security reported on the necessity of resources for infrastructure protection, noting that this is a national initiative currently in addition to the formation of regional focus groups. Mr. Cordova spoke to a joint symposium which is tentatively scheduled to occur between June and July of 2013 to include the State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and others. The symposium will allow for the opportunity to present new initiatives in addition to highlighting critical infrastructure in Nevada, Silver Shield, PLO programs, and work being done in the fusion centers. Participation is expected to be largely private sector in nature, but government agency participation is also expected. Chair Washington offered to help distribute this information, with Mr. Cordova indicating that all Committee members would receive invitations to this symposium.

Steve Moyer inquired if the symposium would reflect current cyber issues that the federal government is currently working on, with Mr. Cordova indicating that elements of that information will be included. Further discussion regarding Region 9 partnerships included interest in the focus on dams within Nevada, naming Mr. Robert Martinez as a contact for dam security. Mr. Cordova clarified with Mr. Martinez that Nevada has over 200 dams.

7. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE SILVER SHIELD PROGRAM

Rachel Skidmore, Silver Shield Project Manager for Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department updated the Committee on the Silver Shield program in southern Nevada with focus on program products and outputs, sustainment for Silver Shield, risk, threat, and vulnerability products and Fiscal Year 2013 data call results. Please refer to the PowerPoint document provided as part of this presentation.

Dick Casto indicated Silver Shield has been of tremendous help to his organization indicating that the program is an integral part of operations. Gonzalo Cordova presented concern with the voluntary participation aspect of this program, noting that he sees the same issues at the federal level. Chair Washington inquired as to whether there is an estimate of the number of assets in the state. Ms. Skidmore indicated that 2,600-2,800 high priority assets have been identified at the state level. Many local assets don't make it to the federal level reporting. Chair Washington also asked if there were any plans to train with participants that have gone through critical infrastructure protection training. Ms. Skidmore identified numerous exercises which will be taking place in the future.

Robert Dorsey, Silver Shield Project Manager for Washoe County Sheriff's Office updated the Committee on the program efforts in Washoe County with focus on Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center's infrastructure program overview, integration of DHS infrastructure programs into regional and local perspectives, special event management assessments, the Very Important Person Program, Deep-Dive client focused assessments, and stakeholder return on investment. Please refer to the PowerPoint document provided as part of this presentation.

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A question from the body regarding the effect to wild land firefighting with sequestration in place was posed to Vice-Dorsey. The Vice-Chair indicated that sequester is a topic of conversation in many areas, and currently the goal is to recognize and call out issues that affect criticality as necessary.

Steve Asher, Silver Shield Project Manager for the Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC) updated the Committee on the program efforts the NTAC with focus on efforts related to terrorism, historical information, tourism, and natural hazards. The presentation highlighted fusion center baseline capabilities, accomplishments including special event assessments and vulnerability assessments, training, and challenges. Of particular significance is the challenge that this program is reliant on 100% grant funding. Without such funding, this program would be forced to terminate in July 2013. Please refer to the PowerPoint document as part of this presentation.

David Humpke, Reno Sparks Indian Colony inquired if any outreach had been made to tribal nations within the state, as he has not seen that type of communication. Mr. Humpke would like to coordinate receiving information on the training indicated within the presentation, thanking the Committee for allowing him to present his concern. Mr. Asher indicated that outreach presentations have been extended to the tribes through tribal meetings, through communication with tribal directors, and through the Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC). Mr. Asher also indicated that the three project managers throughout the state will be more than happy to roll out communication to any tribal entity upon request. Site assessments for critical infrastructure within tribal areas will also be available upon request. Chair Washington thanked Mr. Humpke for his attendance, informing him that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently conducting free active shooter training to state and local agencies, and that may be an opportunity for the tribes as well.

Vice-Chair Dorsey indicated that Washoe County is going through transition, particularly with Board of Governance speaking to the inclusion of the chief of Police of the Washoe Tribe. The Vice-Chair commended the work done by the other project managers throughout the state noting that there are some extremely challenging issues prioritizing critical infrastructure assessments.

Mr. Asher mentioned that Silver Shield is also working with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management on the school survey that will be presented to the Commission.

Chair Washington inquired on the funding issue presented by Mr. Asher, and what resolutions may be in the works to address the possible funding shortfall. Lieutenant Ryan Miller, NTAC addressed heading into 2013 grant funding cycle and the process of seeing what there will be available through deobligated funding from federal fiscal years 2011-2012 monies or non-awarded funding to continue Silver Shield. Last year, the Homeland Security Working Group ranking of this project was not helpful, but the project managers clearly have shown the importance of this program. Chair Washington agreed with this assessment, and urged the Committee to discuss this issue thoroughly. Steve Moyer urged that the Commission ranks this program higher so that the HSWG may address the program more effectively. Chair Washington agrees with these sentiments, and will give a report at the next Commission meeting regarding this concern.

8. STATE LOCAL TRIBAL TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Irene Navis, Plans and Operations Coordinator, Clark County Fire Department presented a historical overview on what the SLTTGCC addresses offering broad institutional knowledge from differing disciplines. Sequester has caused some postponements of business-related activities. Core capabilities which are of importance, and tie into the Commission priorities include infrastructure, cyber-security, and resiliency are important to critical infrastructure protection. Ms. Navis indicated that Jane Shunney, Southern Nevada Health District also assists on the public health side.

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Ms. Navis spoke to the Regional Resiliency Assessment Working Group's work in compiling state, local and tribal data noting that though the program is not funded, if interest exists, it may be able to be resurrected. Ms. Navis indicated this may be a potential agenda item to inquire which sectors may benefit from such assessments. Ms. Navis also spoke to several reports which she will route once completed in addition to sharing pilot testing tools created by DHS. Ms. Navis is looking to the Committee to inform her of what challenges the body sees as priorities and how DHS can assist in implementing some of the endeavors underway. A strong link must be made between cyber security and critical infrastructure. Ms. Navis also presented that Mr. Cordova is well known as a great security advisor for Nevada, making Nevada's programs known nationally.

The Chair and Vice-Chair thanked Irene Navis for her work on the critical infrastructure plan currently and for her future efforts on this project as well.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. The Chair thanked the Committee for meeting this day, noting he is looking forward to the next Nevada Commission on Homeland Security meeting on March 28, 2013 in addition to speaking to the Hawthorne incident requesting any support the Committee can give would be a benefit.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Washington called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to approve presented by Steve Asher, with a second provided by Steve Moyer. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.