



Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Quarterly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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| DATE | July 18, 2013 |
| TIME | 2:00 PM –3:35 PM |
| LOCATION | Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137 Carson City, NV 89701 Grant Sawyer Building 555 E. Washington Ave., Room 4412 Las Vegas, NV 89101 |
| METHOD | Open Meeting Conference |
| RECORDER | Janell Woodward |

| Council Members | Present | Ex-Officials, Staff & Others | Present |
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| Adam Garcia | X | Valerie Sumner (Staff) | X |
| Annette Kerr | | Janell Woodward (Staff) | X |
| Alexandra Crocket | X | Colleen Platt (AG) | X |
| Betsy Hambleton | X | Elizabeth Ashby (presenter) | X |
| Carolyn Levering | X | | |
| Cherie Nevin | | | |
| Chris Cappas | X | | |
| Christine Springer | X | | |
| Charlotte Garber | | | |
| Dave Hunkup | X | | |
| Irene Navis | X | | |
| Jeffrey Brewer | | | |
| Kelsey Piechocki | X | | |
| Mary Ann Laffoon | X | | |
| Paula Martel | X | | |
| Rick Diebold | | | |
| Rick Martin | X | | |
| Russ Peacock | X | | |
| Stacey Belt | X | | |
| Tim Soule | X | | |

CALL TO ORDER – Rick Martin - Meeting called to order at 2:00PM

ROLL CALL – Janell Woodward called roll call and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Three minor typographical corrections were proposed. Russ Peacock motioned to approve the April 18, 2013 minutes with the corrections with Betsy Hambleton seconding. Minutes were approved by the committee with the changes mentioned.

OPENING COMMENTS – Rick Martin (Chairman) – Rick welcomed newly-appointed members including Mary Ann Laffoon with the Northeast region, Chris Cappas with United Way in Southern Nevada, and Alexandra Crocket with VOAD in Northern Nevada.

Rick let everyone know that everything they do and their hard work is appreciated. Rick encouraged everyone to go to our website where more and more information is being posted. He asked that they all please review the website to see if there is any other information they would like to see added to the site, www.dem.nv.gov.

Rick introduced Janell Woodward, NDEM staff, who has been and will be helping with the Citizen Corps group.

REPORT FROM REGION IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Nigel Rogers was present via teleconference to give an update. America's PreparAthon Initiative was given the green light but has been pushed back and is held up at headquarters for approval. There may be a soft launch during the first week of September but this is subject to change. National Preparedness Coalition is now known as National Preparedness Community, abbreviated as NPC. Over 27,000 members have joined as of last year. They are looking to have members engage with each other at a national level. National Preparedness Month is a year-long engagement and not just celebrated in September of each year. Everyone was encouraged to review www.ready.gov/pledge and make suggestions. Sign up at the Region IX board.

Everyone is encouraged to support youth members by helping to promote their message via social media. Contact Angela Nak if interested in collaborating with youth members. He also encouraged utilizing social media to get the message out regarding preparedness.

Region IX is in partnership with Arizona and Walmart to do a National Preparedness Month kickoff September 4. Governor Sandoval may be interested in doing a National Preparedness Month/PreparAthon kickoff. Angela will follow up with Valerie regarding this. There were no questions from the group for Region IX.

REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Betsy (North Region): They added a new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) academy this quarter which added a fifth academy. Fifteen students graduated from that academy with 22 graduating from the quarterly CERT academy in June. They are hoping for around 20-25 new volunteers. Typically about 60% join after an academy. They have been working with the Gap Analysis Group on the CERT tiers. They are doing succession training to replace members who are retiring or stepping down. The Child ID program head will step down. In the last 14 years, they have processed 30,300 children. They have done 33 team meetings this year with interagency training and special training with the Red Cross. They had 38 volunteers for Urgent Solidarity, 16 volunteers trained with 911 dispatch caller training with 14 trained with the reverse 911. They still have several more training events coming up this quarter including traffic control. There were no questions for Betsy.

Mary Ann Laffoon (Northeast Region): She attended the Rural Preparedness Summit in Fallon in May where she was able to participate with a lot of agencies all over Nevada which provided valuable contacts. She was able to work with people from the medical side. They worked with the Sheriff's office for the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) event in getting off-highway vehicles tagged. She was able to give over 300 people from the area information on CERT. She also was able to help give out the hazard mitigation plan questionnaire as a way to tie everything together in helping her local LEPC. She conducted classes in Jackpot, NV. She now has four training CERTs up there that the fire chief is very happy to have get going. He would like another CERT training in the fall. She conducted outreach in Battle Mountain and is hoping to provide CERT training in the fall. She will be traveling

to Austin, NV. She is always looking for ways to expand the Citizen Corps program. She has spoken with the local Walmart regarding an emergency preparedness booth.

Derek Russell (Northern Region): In March they completed a CERT with 22 new volunteers. Train-the-trainer brought Michael Rath and that was attended by 42 with several from out of state. They are in the process of setting up their next class with representatives from Storey County and Placer attending. We will be doing outreach with these groups to see if we can get some cross-border exercises going.

Rick Diebold was not available so Carolyn gave a summary (Southern Region). She reported they conducted six new CERT training courses for a total of 152 people. They did CPR and first aid training in six classes with about 70 people. They conducted five fire extinguisher training and refresher courses for a total of 80 people. They did three faith-based community presentations averaging about 12 people each. They held community events including Thomas the Train in Boulder City, American Red Cross pool safety, Pirate Fest, Nevada Task Force National Guard exercise, and the Eldorado parade and rodeo. They supported the Encore exercise, Department of Homeland Security Surveillance and Detection team training, and the US Conference of Mayors. Their next report will include significant support to the Carpenter 1 Fire which is ongoing but greatly diminished at this point. CERT volunteers augmented the Red Cross volunteers for a shelter as well as logistical support for Red Cross activities. She stated the average cost of the Carpenter 1 Fire has been \$1.2 million per day for just fire support and prevention. There were no homes lost and no people killed.

Dave Hunkup: They had a two-day conference at Grand Sierra Resort that was sponsored by the Elko Band Council with a pretty good turnout. They gave out 300 CERT bags to a lot of the tribes that were purchased with grant money. Debbie O'Neil from Duckwater registered as a new CERT organization and is awaiting approval. She requested some CERT training materials from Valerie. They will have another CERT training on July 19. In 2012, they had 33 trained. They are hoping for 30 again this week with a combination of refresher and new participants. Rick stated that Valerie did get their registration for them.

Rick Martin asked for any other comments. Paula Martel (Southern Region Medical Reserve Corps) stated back-to-school clinics would be starting soon as well as flu clinics. Medical Reserve Corps was not required for the fire much but some volunteers did participate preparing food. They had one veterinary volunteer who took an evacuee from the shelter to see her pets. They have been doing psychological first aid training regularly. They have a new training officer who is connecting them with new training opportunities including trauma EMS. Some first aid training for health care professionals was a little boring so they were finding other training. A bomb specialist will do a presentation for them.

Irene Navis (Southern Region): They are now officially entering the recovery phase of the Carpenter 1 Fire. They are utilizing two venues to address public concern including Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) to identify community resources. They were able to use United Way as a venue for recruiting additional volunteers. There will be a community meeting to talk about flood risk post fire. Homeland Security did recently approve funding. Clark County was approved for a statewide outreach planning. She would like to leverage Citizen Corps and CERT and ensure they are included in the plan. They participated in the Pine Needle Pickup event at Mt. Charleston in June for the third year in a row. Rick will get in touch with Irene regarding the outreach planning process.

Stacey Belt: The Carson City CERT team participated in a drill in the past quarter assisting the Carson City Health and Human Services Department in deploying their mobile medical facilities with 26 volunteers participating. They also participated in three community events providing printed literature to the public. They have conducted some training and conducted their annual inventory of supplies and equipment and identified some gaps. They are preparing for the next quarter where they will conduct psychological first aid training with a regional approach for Incident Command (IC) courses for volunteers in Northern Nevada. They will participate in a full-scale exercise dealing with the annual flu season. She introduced Dyan Wilson who was at the meeting.

Tim Soule (Douglas County): They did a number of trainings including large animal evacuation. They are trying to work with Carson City to put on a CERT rodeo. The date needed to be changed but they are working on another time for this next quarter.

Chris Cappas (Southern Nevada United Way): They have been working closely with VOAD in volunteer efforts. They posted on their website and have about 100 volunteers ready to go for the recovery phase of the Carpenter 1 Fire.

Alexandra Crocket (VOAD): They participated in the May Spartan Urgent Solidarity exercise. They helped solidify VOAD's knowledge for the new programs. They are going to participate monthly in Region IX FEMA forum calls. They have recently changed the meeting times to first Wednesday's at 1 PM.

SUB COMMITTEES INITIATIVES:

A - Program Committee, Progress on the below items the program committee is working on.

(1) CERT Tier levels:

Valerie deferred to Betsy who has been working on the tier levels.

Betsy went over the handout on the CERT Tier levels that have been put together that might be applicable statewide to all CERT organizations. Tier level 1 is highest and best. She went over the different hazards, responsibilities, competencies and training required for each tier. Considerable time was spent going through each tier with input and thoughts from everyone in the group. Background checks was a major issue with some performing background checks and others approaching it differently. Cost is an issue for many. It was suggested that this needed to be a standardized process as CERT volunteers will potentially cross county lines. Vaccination requirements were discussed. This is just a preliminary guide and continues to be an ongoing process. There was extensive discussion for the entire Tier Level handout. Each area has a wide variety of situations and so some of it must be individualized by county. Valerie suggested continued work on the tiers and to put off voting until the next meeting in October. Rick Martin commended everyone's hard work on this project. There were no other comments or suggestions.

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

Rick went over the financial overview handout and pointed out the declining balances from previous years. FY10 will end in June. If you can't use the funding, we need to know immediately. He stated we may be getting approval for FY13 through the Homeland Security grant process. Secretary Napolitano stated two priorities and Rick stated that our groups had to be funded so we were fortunate this year that we got funding for some of our CERT groups.

HAZARD MITIGATION PRESENTATION

Elizabeth Ashby gave a presentation on how Hazard Mitigation relates to the Citizen Corps group. Elizabeth offered printed materials that can be provided to groups and also the public. This helps with outreach for hazard mitigation awareness. She talked about the various hazard mitigation projects that are already being accomplished by each county. She offered any support she is able to provide.

In response to Elizabeth's question regarding what she could do for everyone, Carolyn addressed the flooding issues after the fire down in Southern Nevada. Several storms were expected over the upcoming weekend. She asked what funding might be available. Elizabeth offered her a list of other projects as FEMA grants can take 2-3 years to get money to the subgrantee. She will send the list of links to all involved. Clark County Public Works are up on the mountain trying to do what they can with regard to post-fire flooding.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Betsy Hambleton moved and Stacey Bell seconded. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting October 18, At 2 PM at legislature building.