



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

Attendance

DATE	Monday, December 16, 2013		
TIME	1:30 P.M.		
LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management		
	Training Room		
	2478 Fairview Drive		
	Carson City, Nevada 89701		
METHOD	Video-Teleconference		
RECORDER	Selby Marks		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Bertral Washington - Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Robert Dorsey – Vice Chair	X		
Sandra Baker	X	Selby Marks – HS Staff	X
Dick Casto		Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
Nicole Hart	X		
John Horton	X		
Chris Ipsen	X		
Carolyn Levering			
Steve Moyer	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Critical Infrastructure Committee Chair, Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Selby Marks, 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

Chair Washington requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes from the March 22, 2013 Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) meeting. Nicole Hart, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) presented a motion to approve the minutes with a second provided by Steve Moyer, NV Energy. All were in favor with no opposition.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chair Washington thanked the CIC for the work that has been done to date including collective efforts to identify cyber security concerns in the state of Nevada. The Chair indicated that he would like to include input from federal partners to incorporate additional input moving forward surrounding critical infrastructure throughout the state.

5. NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Chair Washington opened the nomination and selection of the CCIC Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Steve Moyer inquired if there were term limitations on each of these positions, with Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General indicating there is not.

For the Chair position, Steve Moyer nominated Chief Washington. No other nominations were put forth. All members voted in favor of this nomination with no opposition noted. Chief Washington was voted in as Chair of the CIC. Chair Washington thanks the CIC and looks forward to what the Committee can accomplish in the next year.

For the Vice-Chair position, Chris Ipsen, Nevada Department of Administration, nominated Robert Dorsey, Northern Nevada Regional Information Center. No other nominations were put forth. All members voted in favor of this nomination with no opposition noted. Mr. Dorsey thanked the CIC and looks forward to serving the Committee.

6. BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (RRAP)

Gonzalo Cordova, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Protective Security Advisor briefed the CIC on the proposed RRAP between southern California and southern Nevada. Mr. Cordova indicated that DHS has identified a southern California project which will focus on critical infrastructure assessment for the Cahon Pass corridor that will most likely take the form of an earthquake scenario. As this corridor is vital to business needs of Nevada, issues with transportation, information technology, telecommunications, and energy sectors, disruption in that corridor has impact to Nevada. This assessment should take place within the first 6 months of 2014.

Chair Washington agreed on the importance of this type of exercise assessment, indicating that the Fire Service often sends resources deep into California. Robert Dorsey inquired if the results of this assessment will be disseminated by DHS, with Mr. Cordova indicating that a report will go out to all partners. At this time, there is no anticipated protected critical infrastructure information (PCII) which will result from this assessment, and at this time the report information is expected to be for official use only (FOUO). Should any PCII information be uncovered during this assessment, classified results from the assessment will be shared with organizations that are certified users of PCII information.

7. STATE LOCAL TRIBAL TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (SLTTGCC) UPDATE

Irene Navis, Plans and Operations Coordinator for Clark County Fire Department briefed the CIC on current SLTTGCC activities in addition to regional initiatives related to Region IX and Nevada. Ms. Navis stressed the importance of representation on the SLTTGCC, noting that Nevada currently has only two representatives on that body including herself, and Jane Shunney, Southern Nevada Health District. As Ms. Shunney will be retiring soon, Ms. Navis indicated that nominations to the SLTTGCC are important, and she is enlisting the help of the CIC and Mr. Cordova to move those forward.

Ms. Navis reported that Region IX's resiliency report was completed in 2012 with favorable findings for Nevada. Moving forward, there is a need for future assessments that continue to focus on collaborative efforts to deal with critical infrastructure issues. With limited ability to participate in face to face meetings with regional partners due to sequestration, participation in real-time forums is limited. There is a large focus on Executive Orders and Presidential Policy Directives related to cyber security and critical information protection. Mr. Cordova also supported the important of the CIC's participation, along with other partners, to become involved in the nomination process so that Nevada's interests are well presented. Chair Washington inquired which individuals the Committee should be approaching for this effort, with Ms. Navis indicating that participation can be from any sector, be in private, chemical,

commercial, local, state, tribal, federal or even subject matter experts. Should individuals not wish to be part of the council proper, experts in the field can still participate in the process. Region IX is the most under represented area on the council currently, so applications are welcome. Chair Washington asked if Ms. Navis sees any changes coming with the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, and per Ms. Navis it appears there will be changes. The Chair indicated this may be a possible agenda item for the next CIC meeting.

8. VOTE TO APPROVE THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION

Chair Washington opened discussion on voting to approve a closed session of the CIC to receive a security briefing from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Chair read into record the provision under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.170 allowing any committee established under the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) to hold a closed session with prior approval of the Commission.

Christopher Ipsen commented that the Commission has discussed the necessity for this type of action in the past noting it is important to stay focused on those items that are confidential, establishing appropriate controls around such closed sessions, encrypting videoconferences, and formally dismissing public attendees during closed sessions. As bodies proceed with closing meetings, it is imperative to establish standards for appropriate process management. Chair Washington agreed, adding that information can be law enforcement sensitive as well as sensitive to organizations in both private and public sectors which could compromise the security of the state of Nevada.

A motion to close the CIC meeting so that CIC members could receive a security briefing from the FBI in reference to information that could potentially harm public services, facilities, or infrastructure was presented by Assistant Fire Chief Sandra Baker, Clark County Fire Department with a second provided by Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas. It was also read into record that in addition to committee members, support staff and the Senior Deputy Attorney General would be present during the meeting. Concern was brought forth by both Chair Washington and Christopher Ipsen on whether any information from the closed session of this meeting would be releasable. Robert Dorsey clarified that should anything be discussed that has a larger significance to the Commission; there is protocol in place to brief the Commission. All members voted in favor of closing the CIC meeting for the FBI briefing noting no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public comment. No public commentary noted in either venue.

10. CLOSED SESSION: CYBER SECURITY BRIEFING PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (F.B.I.)

The closed session portion of the CIC meeting ensued pursuant to the statutory exemptions under NRS 239C.140 and NRS 239C.170. As mandated by the Nevada Open Meeting Law, no action was taken during the closed session.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. No commentary noted in either venue.

12. ADJOURN

Chair Washington called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was presented by Nicole Hart with a second provided by John Horton, Boyd Gaming. Meeting adjourned at 3:41 P.M.