



## Quarterly Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

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| <b>Attendance</b>         | <b>DATE</b>     | Friday, June 21, 2013  |                |
|                           | <b>TIME</b>     | 9:30 A.M.  |                |
|                           | <b>LOCATION</b> | State Capitol Building Annex<br>Guinn Room – Second Floor<br>101 N. Carson Street<br>Carson City, NV 89703 |                |
|                           | <b>METHOD</b>   | Video-Teleconference   |                |
|                           | <b>RECORDER</b> | Karen Hall   |                |
| <b>Commission Members</b> | <b>Present</b>  | <b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members,<br/>Staff and Others</b>  | <b>Present</b> |
| Governor Brian Sandoval   | X               | Karen Burke  | X              |
| Michael Haley             |                 | Gonzalo Cordova  | X              |
| Andy Flock                | X               | William C. Horne – Assemblyman   |                |
| Robert Fisher             | X               | Chris Ipsen  |                |
| L. Scott Fuller           |                 | Christopher Smith  | X              |
| Adam Garcia               | 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           |                 |  |                |
| Rosemary Vassiliadis      | X               |  |                |
| Troy Wade                 |                 |  |                |
| Bertral Washington        | X               |  |                |
| Bill Welch                | 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. Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues. Chief Andreas Flock, Sparks Fire Department and Chief Adam Garcia, University of Nevada-Reno confirmed their attendance to this meeting. No other commentary noted.

### 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 March 28, 2013. Motion to approve presented by Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Tom Lozich, Executive Director of Corporate Security, MGM Resorts International seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Governor Sandoval expressed concern regarding Commissioner Troy Wade, Chairman of the Nevada Alliance for Defense, Business, and Energy and Christopher Ipsen, Chief Information Officer for the Nevada Department of Administration as both commissioners could not be in attendance. The Governor asked all to keep both Commissioners in their thoughts.

**5. REPORT ON THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL (SB) 39 AMENDING NEVADA REVISED STATUTE (NRS) 239C**

Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security briefed the Commission on the recent passage of SB39 amending NRS 239C providing the ability for committees under the Commission to hold closed meetings. Committees under the Commission may now hold closed meetings under the current law, with the exceptions noted in that law, with prior approval of the Commission. Approval for closed meetings must be requested at a Commission meeting prior to the Committee's need to hold any closed meeting.

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

Chief Chris Magenheimer, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and SONNet project manager briefed the Commission on recent developments with the federal First Responders Network (FirstNet) board in addition to providing an update on the territory consultation meeting held between FirstNet and the National Governor's Association meeting on May 29-30, 2013. Monies from the State and Local Interoperability Grant Program (SLIGP) show a roll-out allocation timetable of between 30 and 60 days should states be able to meet the requirements of the grant. This will assist with assist with governance and outreach needs. FirstNet wishes to leverage as many state assets as possible, using grant program to obtain info to expedite roll out of bb network. FirstNet will conference with state Governors to drill down what each state needs to do to prepare as new information comes out. The time will be established most likely within the next 30 days.

**7. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2013 HOMELANDSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS**

Chief Smith briefed the Commission on the 2013 HSGP reiterating receipt of DHS guidance was received after the Commission established its priorities knowing that DHS had an accelerated process timeline this year. Normally, the process is allowed 81 days. This year it was to be done in 42 days which was a big push for the entire group to endure. HSWG met twice. Additional priorities were added by DHS after the Commission had established its priorities to include implementation of national preparedness system, whole community approach to homeland security and emergency management, building and sustaining law enforcement terrorism prevention capability, maturation and enhancement of state and major urban area fusion centers, innovation and sustained support for the national campaign for preparedness, and lastly approval of immediate emergency victim care at mass casualty events. These additional priorities were included in the review of 35 total projects, which were pared down to 18 projects for approval. Projects were ranked and reviewed upon funding at 100, 75, and 50 percent levels. Chief Smith thanked the members of the HSWG during this difficult process as well as thanking NDEM staff for their efforts in order for the Commission to see this information in such a short period.

Robert Fisher, President and CEO of Nevada Broadcaster's Association relayed his respect in having attended the HSWG meeting noting the immense amount of compromise exhibited at the meeting. Mr. Fisher indicated that he felt the HSWG was enlightening and extraordinary to be a part of, suggesting Commissioners attend this meeting to understand the amount of compromise necessary.

Chief Fernandez Leary spoke to the difficult year the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) has faced with the elimination of the funding stream supporting projects from this area. Chief Leary relayed the extraordinary effort of the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) in working through that issue with a collaborative spirit and transitioning project requests to reflect statewide relevance. He thanked the working group, NDEM, and UASI for their efforts.

**8. REPORT ON THE JUNE 19, 2013 MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FFY 2013 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROJECTS**

Sheriff Gillespie, Chair of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Finance Committee briefed the Commission on the process leading up to the Commission's final approval of proposed project requests. Based on the criteria given by DHS, the Finance Committee voted unanimously on forwarding the balanced budget to the Commission for approval. Sheriff Gillespie presented concern at the Department of Homeland Security's mandate to fund response and mitigation projects in lieu of prevention projects which hinders local law enforcement tremendously. In addition, the Sheriff thanked the Governor for his assistance in forwarding correspondence regarding this issue to DHS. Continued enhancement in the level of prevention will require funding from the federal level.

Robert Fisher presented concern that in lieu of the Commission's priorities, the HSWG appeared to have another set of priorities. Sheriff Gillespie indicated that one of the challenges of the process is the development of priorities prior to grant guidance. The working groups have done a good job of trying to incorporate Commission priorities with DHS priorities. Due to timing of when grant guidance comes out, there is very little time for the Commission to come together and develop priorities. The Sheriff indicated as funding dwindles, the focus needs to be placed on absorbing positions into jurisdictional budgets pertaining to full-time employment. Dr. Warren Gilbert echoed Sheriff Gillespie's concern, noting particular concern at the lack of funding for prevention. Although there is not much that can be done from the federal level with respect to prevention, he feels the State needs to make prevention a priority.

Governor Sandoval presented inquiry as to what scope changes would be evident in the projects being presented before the Commission should the funding have not been decreased. Sheriff Gillespie indicated that the loss of UASI funding hampered the ability of the State to allocate funding to statewide projects. In addition, with the priority shift to Citizen Corps and MMRS by DHS late in the process, that hurt funding for other projects. Nevada is not alone in this challenge. The determination of threat levels within respective communities is a questionable process referred to as clustering. This clustering gives credit to Las Vegas for only one convention center.

Robert Fisher presented concern with regard to the reported amounts of fiscal year dollars not yet spent for previous years. Chief Smith indicated that on a majority of cases, sub

grantees had just recently received the funding to expend toward existing projects or have ramped up projects to spend remaining funding awarded.

Karen Burke, Transportation Safety Administration, asked if there is opportunity in the future for Nevada to position itself better so that the threat matrix better reflects Nevada specifically. Sheriff Gillespie indicated that there is little representation from local law enforcement at the federal level. Folding into the funding process natural disaster response and recovery also makes this process worse, as these competing interests pull dollars away from prevention projects. At the federal level, how the threat matrices are developed is not transparent. Sheriff Gillespie indicated that the Governor has taken on an active role in trying to make this process more transparent. The Sheriff believes that the Governor's Association may be able to work with DHS to look at this process. Robert Fisher spoke to the vast amount of public traffic on the Las Vegas Strip, noting that the amount of public at risk is an everyday event with respect to the Boston bombing incident which took place at a once per year event in that area. Chief Smith indicated that the City of Orlando lost their urban area funding for much of the same reasons Las Vegas lost ground due to issues with convention center placement. The Chief indicated that the process of not being able to determine how threat matrices are created must become more transparent, urging the Governor to continue his fight to help Nevada. The Governor indicated that he will use the ability he has to further this discussion at the federal level.

Sheriff Gillespie motioned to approve the 18 project requests presented to the Commission for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 funding. Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval called for public commentary. No public commentary noted in either venue.

**10. ADJOURN**

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was provided by Sheriff Gillespie, with a second provided by Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County Department of Aviation. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.