



Meeting Minutes Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee

Attendance	DATE	Tuesday, June 12, 2018	
	TIME	1:00 P.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	METHOD	Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Shea Schultz	
Committee Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Jim Wright	x	Samantha Ladich (AG Rep)	x
Scott Taylor		Shea Schultz (NDEM)	x
Sandra Barfield	x	Kelli Anderson (NDEM)	x
Gary Hames	x		
Chris Ipsen	x		
Chris Lake			
Rudy Malfabon	x		
Dane Mattoon			
William Olsen			
Vincent Puglia	x		
Ryan Sommers			
Michael Dietrich	x		
Caleb Cage	x		
Tom Lawless			
Melissa Friend			

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Co-Chair Director Jim Wright called the meeting to order and Shealyne Schultz called roll. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Co-Chair Director Wright opened the meeting for public comment.

Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, introduced herself as the emergency manager for the city. She spoke in regard to agenda item four and the mass notification system. She noted concerns with the project and the vetting process. As such, she believes it requires more planning and consultation with stakeholder agencies prior to moving forward as a priority.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Co-Chair Director Wright opened this agenda item for approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2018, NPSCC meeting. Sandra Barfield made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Chris Ipsen seconded. Rudy Malfabon abstained. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. REVIEW OF SUBMITTED COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Chief Caleb Cage provided an overview of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) process and the purpose of today's meeting. He spoke to the prior meeting with the NPSCC Grants Subcommittee and the full NPSCC where submitted communications projects were vetted and ranked by priority. He explained that due to certain changes with the 2018 grant, the process needed to be adapted at the Urban Area level to ensure quality projects are received and funded. He noted that one reason for the meeting is to review the communications portion of the additional projects and vote on whether these are acceptable communications projects or not.

Rachel Skidmore, Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center (SNCTC), provided an overview of the mass communicator project. She noted that at the last Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) meeting they received notice of the ability to increase their project if needed. On their enhancement project a line item for a mass communication platform was added. Rich Hogan, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), provided background on this platform. He explained that the current method that they utilize for communicating was reaching the end of life in terms of functionality. He spoke to the current functionality needs and the challenges they have faced with past incidents. The new system would allow mass communication functionality that can be uploaded in the system. Mr. Hogan overviewed how the new system would be beneficial with regard to communicating during incidents and the different capabilities.

Chris Ipsen questioned the sustainability of this project and if they will continue to use Homeland Security funds for this. Mr. Hogan confirmed that the intent is to sustain this with Homeland Security funds going forward.

Melissa Friend, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), advised this project meets the priorities that were set by the NPSCC for communications projects.

Director Wright asked for a motion to approve this project on meeting the communications needs for the grant process. Vincent Puglia made a motion and Sandra Barfield seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Lt. William Huddler, LVMPD, provided an overview of the Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capability Project (MACTAC). He spoke to past incidents and the issues that were faced due to radio failure. This project will allow for the purchase of equipment that will allow for communication in the event of a radio failure. There was discussion on the specific radio failure and how the project will provide a solution.

Chris Ipsen questioned if there has been validation of this as a solution and if there has been any concept testing. Lt. Huddler answered that this has been tested in a training and exercise environment with success.

Melissa Friend confirmed that this project fits the communications priorities.

Director Wright asked for a motion to approve this project on meeting the communications needs for the grant process. Chris Ipsen made a motion and Sandra Barfield seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Co-Chair Director Wright opened the meeting for public comment. Chief John Steinbeck thanked the NPSCC for taking the time for the meeting and the work that was put into its coordination.

6. ADJOURN

Co-Chair, Director Wright, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vincent Puglia made the motion for adjournment and Sandra Barfield seconded. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.

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