



Meeting Minutes Nevada State Citizen Corps Council Quarterly Meeting

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, April 16, 2015	
	TIME	2:00 P.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management 2478 Fairview Drive, Training Room Carson City, NV 89701	
		Clark County Officer of Emergency Management 575 E. Flamingo Road, 2 nd Floor DOC Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Janell Woodward	
Council Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Adam Garcia		Valerie Sumner (Staff)	X
Alexandra Crocket		Janell Woodward (Staff)	X
Carolyn Levering			
Chris Cappas		Colleen Platt (AG)	X
Christine Springer		Kendall Herzer	X
Dave Hunkup	X		
Fernandez Leary			
Gerald Antinoro			
Irene Navis	X		
Kelsey Piechocki	X		
Mary Ann Laffoon	X		
Rick Diebold			
Rick Martin	X		
Shirlee Rhodes	X		
Stacey Belt	X		
Tim Soule	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Rick Martin, Chairman of the Nevada State Citizen Corps Council, called meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Janell Woodward, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM). Quorum was not established for the meeting. Deputy Attorney General (DAG), Colleen Platt, allowed the meeting to go forward for discussion only items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Martin opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues.

Randi Hunewill, Nevada Department of Education, stated the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) conference was held on March 18 in Las Vegas. They held a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) event with Las Vegas CERT judging the event. Twenty teams competed and Las Vegas won the event with Washoe County CERT coming in second. Three teams will be sent to the national conference on June 24 in Anaheim, CA.

Additionally, Randi stated that NDEM, under guidance of Valerie Sumner, is working the Department of Education to put on a professional development on April 30 called NevadAthon, an event for America's PrepareAthon.

Rick Martin voiced his appreciation for those attending the meeting, both members and public, and for all they do.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As no quorum was present, this agenda item was put off until the next quarterly meeting.

4. REPORT FROM REGION IX FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Heidi Stenner from FEMA Region IX greeted everyone, thanked everyone for what they are doing. She pointed out the efforts of Mary Ann Laffoon in supporting America's PrepareAthon. Elko has been featured in two regional newsletters over the last couple of weeks recognizing their efforts. Heidi stated that the main goal of America's PrepareAthon is to try to get people to take action and indicated that she felt that the Nevada CERT groups embody this goal.

5. REPORT ON CITIZEN CORPS/VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Stacey Belt, Carson City CERT, stated their CERT team has been conducting monthly CERT skills training events on Thursday nights with four of those events so far and these are scheduled through the end of June. Their CERT rodeo is a combined effort of Douglas County, Carson City and Washoe County where the CERT teams are brought together to demonstrate skills as a team in a fun and challenging format. This is planned for June 27 and is registered as a PrepareAthon event. On May 2-3, Carson City CERT is working with the Carson City Fire Department for May Wildfire and Prevention Awareness Month which will be held at Station 54. This will include distributing information regarding kits and knowing how to be prepared to walk out the door with important papers should an emergency occur, as well as creating defensible space. The following day they will hold a hike taking members of the public out and showing them an area where fuels have been reduced. This will most likely also be registered as an America's PrepareAthon event.

Mary Ann Laffoon, Northeastern Nevada CERT, shared her experience going to Washington DC where she was honored at a national level as an Affirmer for Youth Preparedness. This honor included people from all different walks of life who have come together to push the youth initiative. Part of the discussion included collaboration and Mary Ann was able to say that Nevada does much of this already.

Elko has been preparing for a live earthquake exercise on June 1. Mary Ann stated she recently completed training with a group of 19 nurses. She continues with the high school with one section offered in the Public Safety class with 15 students. She is partnering with the Red Cross for the Pillow Case Project. The Fire Marshal and Home Depot are sponsoring a wildfire awareness event similar to Carson City. On June 1, Elko County will culminate with their Live Earthquake Exercise.

Finally, Mary Ann is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to set up a summer teen CERT program. Rick Martin asked about the youngest group of kids Mary Ann is working with and she stated that would be the Pillow Case project which is 2nd and 3rd graders. Otherwise, the teen CERT is provided in the high school classroom setting.

Randi Hunewill reported on behalf of the newly developed North Lyon County Fire Department CERT program. They are up and running and having their training the first Monday of every month. Last Saturday they installed 73 smoke alarms and handed out fire extinguishers in Fernley. On April 30, they are doing disaster kits for the community. May 2 is their open house for Wildfire Preparedness event. A shelter in place training and psychological mental aid class will be held May 9. They will be partnering with Washoe County in June.

Randi stated she is working with the Burning Man Association as most of these attendees come through Fernley. They are working to try to connect CERT with Burning Man to provide basic first aid and hydration. In July, they will hold their second academy extending it outside of Fernley and opening it up to Lyon County residents.

Randi also thanked Kelli Anderson and Rick Martin for all of their support regarding Citizen Corps groups which put her at ease when she was so nervous prior to addressing the Homeland Security Working Group at the Homeland Security Working Group meeting on April 14.

Randi also shared that they are submitting a grant for developing fire prevention curriculum for pre-K through 12 that will utilize their CERT members as instructors. This curriculum will follow the common core and next generation science classes that will hopefully allow them to get in the door with education.

The North Lyon County Fire Department CERT is in the organizational stages and Randi introduced Ron Johnny, assistant program manager, and Gene Larsen, lead team leader.

Ron and Gene both gave brief overviews of their backgrounds and are both assisting in leading the North Lyon County Fire Department CERT program.

Dave Hunkup, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, stated there is a CERT training academy this weekend at the Carson Colony that the Washoe Tribe is hosting. Dan Thayer will be involved as a trainer as well as the tribal trainers. The Red Cross did shelter training in Hungry Valley last weekend with a pretty good turnout. Dan Thayer and Dave Hunkup are working together on having a team CERT this summer for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has a summer youth program and this would be a great opportunity to introduce the teens to the CERT program. The date for this is still to be determined. Additionally, they are working on another CERT training academy for their community, probably in Hungry Valley. This date also is yet to be determined. Finally, Dan Thayer, volunteer Fire Chief for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, received a small grant of approximately \$500 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to do an evacuation drill in Hungry Valley. This will be a wild land fire event and they will try to involve their whole community and will invite some other organizations such as Red Cross.

Shirlee Rhodes, Washoe County Citizen Corps, stated their program has one Citizens' Homeland Security Council group that has been very active. They did about 13 confidential airport security testing missions in the first quarter of 2015. They have six CERT teams that all meet every month and do trainings. About 30 volunteers attended the FEMA pre and

post-earthquake inspection class. They now have a go-team of their volunteers in the event of an earthquake disaster who can help with post disaster assessment. Red Cross also did shelter training for Washoe County which was combined with a psychological first aid course. They now have at least 40 volunteers who have had at least one training in shelter operations. They participated in UNR's full-scale active assailant exercise on March 19 with about 26 volunteers helping to provide perimeter security and directions. Additionally, they provide support to the Washoe County Emergency Operations and the Sheriff's Department in various aspects. Washoe County held an academy in January with 17 graduates with 11 active volunteers from that group. They are currently in the middle of their April Academy. There will be a full-scale exercise May 30 at Incline Village which will be a wild fire evacuation exercise. Washoe County will also host another CERT academy the end of June and trying to pull in as many as they can.

Rick Martin encouraged everyone to go onto the NDEM website and look at the training calendar as they are many great training opportunities. FEMA will be providing a damage assessment training that will teach how to put a monetary value to damage in a disaster. This will be June 22-23 in Carson City and June 24-25 in Southern Nevada.

Janell Woodward stated that there will be additional earthquake training on May 12 at the Reno Emergency Operations Center (REOC) which will include a train-the-trainer class for businesses and community groups to be able to take this training back to their respective groups, as well as a nonstructural hazard mitigation class. All of the FEMA earthquake classes build on each other.

Sean Ward, Red Cross in Southern Nevada, stated they were down in the Laughlin and Bullhead City area doing a home fire campaign installing over 200 smoke alarms in one afternoon. They are in the middle of a drowning prevention event in the cities of Henderson and Las Vegas giving out door hangers on the ABCDs of drowning prevention. They are gearing up for their full-scale exercise on May 16 in shelter care. They have completed half of the City of Las Vegas shelter training. They are attempting to ensure that all of the Parks and Recreation groups are fully trained in shelter care. As far as the PrepareAthon goes, they are going to continue their home smoke alarm campaign.

Irene Navis, Clark County Office of Emergency Management, stated they continue to average 3-5 events per month. They continue to see a trend that started last year with regard to requests for presentations and the types of groups requesting presentations. Many of these requests are coming from home associations asking them to participate in their outreach activities with neighborhood safety as well as materials that will aid them in the development of community emergency response plans. They are also getting a lot of requests for outreach materials to help prepare the clients of senior housing as well as dialysis units to help with emergency preparedness. Clark County continues their monthly fire department open houses providing outreach materials to 200-300 people each month. In March, they provided outreach materials to the Moapa Band of Paiutes at their Child Abuse Prevention event. April has been fairly hectic and busy. Materials for Emergency Preparedness are on display at the Clark County Government Center to celebrate National County Government Month. The County Government Center receives thousands of visitors each day. They partnered with NDEM and the City of Henderson at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) public safety career fair earlier in April. They participated in the county fair last week for four days talking to a lot of people about emergency preparedness. The county fair usually draws about 70,000 in total. The location of the fair was especially relevant as the people of that area were either happy they were prepared for the September flooding or found out the hard way the necessity of emergency preparedness.

The County Government Center is sponsoring an "Ask the Expert" day on April 24 which will include a number of county departments including the Office of Emergency Management. In May, they will coordinate with the Building Department for Building Safety Month with a different theme for each week of the month.

Tim Soule, Douglas County CERT, stated they have another CERT basic class coming up and are also preparing for the CERT rodeo in Carson City. They have a mass care shelter exercise scheduled for the third weekend in June.

Kelsie Piechocki, United Way of Northern Nevada, had no updates to provide.

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

The financial overview was provided in the handouts. Rick Martin asked that everyone please pay close attention to their declining balances and performance periods. The handouts will not show anything pending. Currently, the FY13 grant period ends on May 31.

We are in the FY15 process for the Homeland Security grant. Most attended the first meeting on April 14 for the Homeland Security Working Group. The next deadline is May 17 where the detailed budgets and narratives need to be sent to NDEM, postmarked by midnight. The next Homeland Security Working Group meeting will be April 28 and it will be at this meeting the projects will be reviewed and ranked by the Working Group. This is a pivotal meeting where all financing will be discussed.

Kelli Anderson introduced herself to the group stating she is the Grants and Projects Supervisor for NDEM. On a personal note, Kelli publically thanked Mr. Johnny for taking good care of her son when he was injured at a football game. She stated she was very impressed with the project submissions by the Citizen Corps groups. If there are any questions, please contact NDEM. Kelli also reminded everyone that if there are any funds to be deobligated, to please be sure to communicate with NDEM so that those funds can be used by another group if at all possible.

Additionally, the Finance Committee meeting will be May 11 and the Homeland Security Commission meeting will be May 15.

Randi Hunewill asked for clarification of the need to attend the May 11 Finance Committee meeting. Kelli Anderson recommended to the group that they attend all the meetings as you never know when questions might arise from any/all of the various meetings related to this grant process. Everyone should be available at these meetings to answer any questions arising about their submitted projects. If no one is available to answer questions, the project will not be funded. This can be through a call-in process or in person. Please contact Karen Hall, NDEM, if you need a line opened for any of these meetings.

Valerie Sumer will be the lead for the investment justifications for Citizen Corps groups that are due April 17.

Rick also took the opportunity to introduce Suz Coyote who is the Public Assistance Officer at NDEM.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Martin opened the meeting for public comment; there were none. Rick thanked Janell, and Valerie who helped to put the meeting together, as well as Colleen Platt, and Kendal Herzer who helped with the southern venue.

8. ADJOURN

Rick Martin adjourned the meeting.