



# Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

## Minutes

April 21, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center  
5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-action item]

Chair Brian Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Daniel Bond - RPD; Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Roy Anderson – WCSO; Michael Perry – WCSO; Andy Ancho - RFD; Shawn McEvers – SFD; Ryan Rizzuto – TMFPD; Francisco Vega - HD; Nick Klaich - TRIAD; Eric Millette – SFD; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Shyanne Schull – WC Animal Services; Brian Taylor – REMSA; Andrea Esp - WCDH; Zeb Nomura- IHCC Jessie Latchaw – IHCC; Rob Reeder – RTC; Matt Williams - UNR; Ben Davis – TMCC; Cody Shadle - RPSD; Rebecca Knapp – RPSD; Sara Skroch - RPSD; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Ian Dasmann – TMWA; Elizabeth Breeden – NV Energy; Tim Hill - NV Energy; and Joe Oleciregui (WCSO).

**ABSENT:** Jason Woodard - SPD; Clinte Bellamy - SPD; Tracy Moore – WCSO; Marc Bello – WCSO; Bill Harvey - WCSO; Sierra Hooft - UNRPD; Eric James – UNRPD; Chris Jones - SFD; Jim Kindness - SFD; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Russell Bamum - NLTFPD; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; Joe Kammann – TMFPD; Charles Moore – TMFPD; Alex Kukulus - TMFPD; Dale Carnes - RTAA; Mark Jongsma – RTAA; Chris Hicks – DA; Michelle Bays – DA; John Gurriere – DA; Jessica Adams – WCEM; Julia Ratti - SL; Quinn Korbolic – WC Tech Services; Chris Long – WC Tech Services; Tammy Wines-Jennings – WC Animal Services; Paul Burton – REMSA; Todd Kerfoot – REMSA; Kent Choma - NNMC; Brittany Nevin – VA; Mechelle Arenque – VA Hospital; Angela Reich – RTC; Wade Barnett – KOLO-TV; Ed Pearce - KOLO-TV; Amanda Windes – UNR; Scott Alquist – TMCC; Daniel Thayer – RS Indian Colony; Nida Harjo – RS Indian Colony; Lance Chantler – RS Indian Colony; Jonathan Prichard - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; and Stephanie Daus - NV Energy.

Also present: Legal, Wade Carner; S/T, Francisco Ceballos.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Taylor thanked Eric Millette for his involvement in LEPC over the years and celebrated his support of LEPC. Kelly Echeverria presented Eric with an award to commemorate his membership. Eric thanked Brian for the acknowledgement.

**3. Approval of February 17, 2022, General Membership Minutes – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Brian Taylor, LEPC Chair**

*It was moved by Eric Millette, seconded by Roy Anderson to approve the minutes as written.*

There was no public comment.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Secretary/Treasurers Report – Information on existing FY 22 Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE), FY 22 United We Stand (UWS), and FY 21 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Grants. Information and upcoming FY 23 LEPC grants, member information, and trainings. – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary/Treasurer**

Francisco explained that for the FY22 HMEP Mid-Cycle grant, the award amount was \$14,484 and is valid through September 30th of this year. The grant is still in the approval process to be used for backfill for HAZMAT exercises.

He continued on to discuss the FY 22 OPTE grant which was awarded for \$29,000; the remainder of this fund is \$17,626 and is valid through June 2022. Of the \$4,000 designated to operations, \$2,626 remains. For the equipment portion of the grant, both the Toxic Vapor Analyzer for SFD and the replacement harnesses for SCBAs for WCSO have been procured and reimbursement of those funds are processing.

The FY 22 UWS grant is also in process, Francisco explained, saying that the lasers for WCSO have been purchased and reimbursed. The Ballistic Helmets for REMSA have been purchased and are in the process of being reimbursed for \$15,122.50. He said that the Ballistic Plates for TMFPD will be purchased soon and the reimbursement of \$15,122.50 for that can be processed. Currently he said the remainder of the grant is at \$30,226.06. Once the purchases have been processed however, these funds are on track to be utilized before the expiration date.

He said that both of the FY 21 HMEP grants have been processed and final reports have been sent off. These grants are complete and will not be presented in a General Membership meeting again.

Francisco went on to discuss the HSGP grants. He said that of the \$188,473.79 awarded for FY 20 COOP, \$10,132.53 remains. For the FY 20 Program Assistant grant, \$35,805.55 remains. Once those funds are depleted, he explained that they will continue into the FY 21 Program Assistant grant.

He then provided an update of upcoming grant applications. For the FY 23 OPTE grant, he said applications are being reviewed by the state. This grant has already been discussed by the Grants and Finance committee and will be discussed more thoroughly for the next agenda item.

For FY 23 UWS, \$32,000 has been awarded. He explained that this grant needs to be discussed at the following GF committee meeting on May 19th. He asked that anyone wanting to apply, send their applications through the website before May 13th which will allow him time to prepare applications before the meeting.

For the FY 22 HMEP Mid-Cycle, the state has opened the grant again for COVID related materials. He said to reach out to him for more information. The end date for this grant is not clear at this time. Francisco suggested a deadline of May 13th as well, so it can be voted on in the next GF meeting as well.

#### **5. Approval of OPTE Application – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Presentation and approval of the Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) grant application – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary/Treasurer**

Francisco explained that the OPTE application was approved by the Grants and Finance committee at the last meeting. The application was from the Reno Fire Department, Urban Search and Rescue Committee, to be used for a Hardline USAR Task Force Kit. Their current equipment is old and out of date. He reiterated that the application was approved by the GF committee on March 17th. The application is asking for a total of \$24,850.

LEPC also applied for \$2,000 to be used for transcription services and \$2,000 for operations. The grant total came to \$28,850.

*It was moved by Eric Millette, seconded by Kelly Echeverria to approve the OPTE application for \$28,850.*

There was no public comment.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **6. Presentation from TRIAD on Grant Allocated Items – Andy Ancho, LEPC Vice Chair**

Andy Ancho presented on the Toxic Vapor Analyzer which was purchased for the TRIAD and is housed at Reno Station 11. It is a photo-ionization and fire-ionization device which is used to detect volatile organic or inorganic compounds. It is being used as a front-line tool right now and replaced a very old and unserviceable model. This equipment enables the TRIAD to detect leaks much faster and is the only piece of equipment of this kind in the area. He explained that the TRIAD is trying to purchase two more of these devices to be housed at other stations in the region, making response times faster.

Nick Klaich added that the way policy is written, the county wants to be able to run two simultaneous events at a time, either within the county or to support events outside of the region.

Andy said that it is currently difficult for municipalities to recuperate costs for equipment or overtime at a scene. He explained that they are working on going through NRS 459.770 to get that adopted to the council and rewrite code.

Brian Taylor thanked Andy for his presentation and clarified that it was funded through OPTE. He added that he supports looking for funding to purchase more of these devices for the region.

### **7. Update on Regional Emergency Management Events - A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings, and exercises. – Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager**

Kelly Echeverria explained that LEPC participated in the CBRNE exercise in March and looks forward to an after-action report on the exercise next month.

She said that LEPC, as well as roughly 62 others, will be heading to Maryland for a tabletop exercise at the FEMA Emergency Institute. She explained that they have attended before in 2015. Each year two jurisdictions are selected to participate in person. Originally this was scheduled for 2020 but was canceled for obvious reasons. She said that if members would still like to participate in the event, to reach out.

She added that the OPTE application was tentatively accepted by SERC. Recently however, SERC told all of the LEPCs that their bylaws do not meet their standards. Clarification on this issue from SERC has not been provided. Wade Carner is speaking with the DA on this subject to help rectify the issue. Washoe and Storey County have decided to fight the rejection of their bylaws and are the only counties that have not made changes before receiving clear explanation as to why this is necessary.

She added that today Emergency Management has a meeting with Burning Man.

The COOPs for TMCC and College of Southern Nevada have wrapped up with tabletop exercises. They were able to produce after-action reports and LEPC will provide feedback on their plans.

Brian Taylor added that he was present for the SERC meeting in which Kelly presented their position on changing bylaws. He said she did this effectively and thanked everyone who is part of rectifying the issue.

### **8. Update on the Radiological Task Force - A briefing on current radiological issues within the region – Francisco Ceballos on behalf of Scott Alquist, Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)**

Francisco said that Scott Alquist emailed him to say he would not be able to attend the meeting and that there are no updates for the area.

**9. Update of Washoe County Citizen Corps - A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) – Joe Oleciregui, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) or Designee**

Joe Oleciregui said that to date this year, there have been 2,804 hours of service with 121 volunteers. There have been 28 team meetings and 35 trainings. One Academy has been completed and the second Academy starts tonight. There have been a few outreach events including the Reno Boat and RV Show where they spoke with 400 people about CERT and collected 40 emails for further contact on participation. They also did the Biggest Little Easter Egg Hunt where they conducted a Child ID and processed 125 children.

There are 15 people signed up for the next Academy and they expect some walk-ins as well. They are supporting various events including Earth Day, the Mallard Force Unit Training, Mom’s On the Run, Barks and Badges, Take Your Child to Work Day and others where they will be supporting traffic control, participant safety and conducting Child IDs. They have another outreach on April 30th for the Safety Fair in Sparks. By the end of the year they will have conducted 25-30 outreach events.

**10. Update on State Emergency Response Commission – A briefing on grants status and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) happenings – Tami Beauregard or designee**

No one from SERC was present to present on this item.

**11. Training Review – Briefing on trainings that have occurred in the past 2 months and requests for future trainings. Upcoming Trainings. – Brian Taylor, LEPC Chair**

Brian Taylor discussed the CBRNE Exercise. He said there was a great deal of preparation and involvement from people throughout the community. They are working on the after-action review for this training currently. It was a good opportunity to analyze best practices and places of improvement. He also added that the ICS classes were well-attended. He said he is looking forward to the event in Maryland to improve community participation and response.

Kelly Echeverria added that LEPC has asked the state to hold an ICS EOC Interface class which would be more applicable for participants. Hopefully this can happen before the Maryland training. She explained that for the latest class, the participants were brand new to the EOC so it was more of a training than a test. She said it is important for members to get this training if possible.

Brian Taylor asked Francisco to share the dates of those trainings when they are available.

Francisco added that there is a Chemical and Radiological Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism course on April 28th and 29th online. He also said that Tami shared a Delivery of Hazardous Materials and/or Related Fires Training application which is free at a certain level.

Brian said that if anyone is interested in training, to email Francisco for information or to suggest needed trainings.

**12. LEPC chairman/board member announcements/items and selection of topics for future meetings - No discussion among committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled on June 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

There was no comment on this item.

**13. Public Comment –**

Michael Perry said that he is working on a Site Familiarity Tour with the new HUG likely at the end of June. He will be holding a walk of the new facility.

Brian asked that that information be shared with Francisco to share with the group.

**14. Brian Taylor adjourned meeting at 10:48am.**