



Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes

June 15, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Zoom Call/Regional Emergency Operations Center
5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

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

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

PRESENT: Daniel Bond - RPD; Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Becky Josten – SPD; Noah Boyer – WCS; John Galicia – UNRPD; Michael Perry – WCSD; Brad Jensen – RFD; Aaron Wike – RFD; Kevin Jakobos – SFD; Joe Kammann – TMFPD; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Gary Muro – DA; Nick Klaich – TRIAD; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Gary Zaepfel – WC Tech Services; Robert Wooster – WC Animal Services; Ciera Sampson – RS Indian Colony; Brian Taylor – REMSA; Stephen Shipman – WCDH; Zeb Nomura – IHCC; Jordyn Marchi – IHCC; Brittany Nevin – VA; Rob Reeder – RTC; Mark Maloney – RTC; Tracy Moore – RTAA; Wade Barnett – KOLO-TV; Matt Williams – UNR; Jennifer Delaney - UNR; Tunj Dogan – TMCC; Rebecca Knapp – RPSD; Joe Olaciregui – CERT; Aaron Reyes – TMWA; and Ian Dasmann – TMWA;

ABSENT: Jason Woodard – SPD; Clinte Bellamy - SPD; Shawn Congden – SPD; Bill Harvey - WCSD; Sierra Hooft - UNRPD; Seana Baker – WCSD; Roy Anderson – WCSD; Andy Ancho – RFD; Chris Jones - SFD; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Russell Barnum - NLTFPD; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; Ryan Rizzuto – TMFPD; Chris Ketring – TMFPD; Cory Whitlock – RTAAF; Sean Holbrook – RTAAF; Francisco Vega – HD Air; Michelle Bays – DA; Chris Hicks – DA; Jessica Adams – WCEM; Sean Thaler - WC Tech Services; Shyanne Schull – WC Animal Services; Tammy Wines-Jennings – WC Animal Services; Paul Burton – REMSA; Todd Kerfoot – REMSA; Andrea Esp – WCDH; Raquel DuPuy Grafton – WCDH; Kent Choma – NNMIC; James Riley – VA; Ben Carpenter – RTC; Ricardo Duarte – RTC; Angela Reich – RTC; Ed Pearce - KOLO-TV; Ben Davis – TMCC; Sara Skroch – RPSD; Daniel Thayer – RS Indian Colony; Lance Chantler – RS Indian Colony; Jonathan Prichard - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Cody Shadle - RPSD; Scott Alquist – TMCC; Terry Donshick – CERT; Rebecca Knapp – RPSD; Stephanie Daus - NV Energy; Elizabeth Paulsen – NV Energy; and Tim Hill - NV Energy.

Also present: Wade Carner – Legal; Francisco Ceballos - Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Means – SFD; Christa Morter – NANG; Shari Grennan – DEM; Jim Rich – Red Cross

2. PUBLIC COMMENT -

Shari Grennan from the Division of Emergency Management shared that Brian McClain, the Rural and Frontier Preparedness Coordinator, is now heading the LEPC program. She is currently at the rural summit in Fallon but her and others from DEM will be more present in LEPC meetings. She also shared a workshop in Carson on October 10th or 12th. The Access and Functional Needs Coordinator is reworking the G197 Integrating Access and Functional Needs. This will be implemented with FEMA Region 9 in August. They are working on Recovery Grants for DR4303 on the January 2017 Floods, DR4523 on Covid-19, and DR4708 on the March 2023 Atmospheric River Event. She said there is a FEMA team on sight for DR4308.

3. Approval of April 20, 2023, General Membership Minutes (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) – Brian Taylor, Co-Chair

Francisco suggested a correction of Wade Carner's name.

It was moved by Noah Boyer, seconded by Don Pelt to approve the minutes with the correction of Wade Carner's name.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. SERC Grant Equipment and Utilization Review – A presentation from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) on SERC grant award equipment over the years.- Zeb Nomura , TMFPD

Zeb Nomura explained that he will be sharing on the equipment received through LEPC grant funds in the past few years. He began with the ceramic ballistic plates, saying they have a ten-year shelf life and have helped in equipping their expanding work force.

The second item was the Cyanokits. He said they received 16 kits which were distributed throughout Truckee Meadows, Reno, and Sparks. These are helpful in the case of structure fire events where exposure to cyanide is likely. Having two on site is optimal.

The MultiRae Monitors were also received – enough to place in all of their engines. These are helpful for first-in crews to determine the exposure rates present.

Brian Taylor commented that these are the grants at work protecting the community.

Francisco Ceballos asked on behalf of Brittany from the VA what the shelf life is of a Cyanokit.

Zeb explained that it is about 2-3 years and said they are quite expensive to purchase – about \$900 per kit.

Francisco said the follow-up question is how many does TM use per year.

Zeb said one was used a few years ago for a patient, not an employee. Less than one a year is used.

Nick Klaich added that Sparks used one last year, possibly two.

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

Francisco Ceballos said FY 23 OPTE funds have been utilized in full. The Reno Fire Department was able to get the USAR Task Force Kit as well as the Mobile Air Supply System. The request for reimbursement process has begun for these items.

FY 22 HMEP Mid-Cycle grant still has the full reward because the Full-Scale Exercise was completed just last week. The After-Action report is needed before a request for reimbursement can be submitted.

FY 21 HSGP COOP has \$19,026.58 remaining. Once this is completed, LEPC will move into the FY 22 HSGP COOP funds. He explained that FY 21 HSGP Program Assistant funds have \$15,000 remaining. A grant-change request was submitted to use those funds for Perimeter – a situational awareness software. The County has taken on funding the Program Assistant grant, so these funds were available for other uses. For FY 22 HSGP Animal Trailers, this grant has been spent and the trailers will arrive in the next 2-3 months.

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

Kelly Echeverria said it appears we have dodged a bullet in terms of weather recently and avoided disasters so far. She explained that REM is working on an update to the Damage Assessment Plan in coordination with DEM on Friday. She met with the Family Assistance Center plan vendor recently and they will have a draft by the end of the month.

The Mass Care and Evacuation Plan is in phase two. Phase one was incorporation of non-congregate sheltering. The vendor was here last weekend reviewing locations for possible bulk sheltering distribution locations. City of Reno provided a very extensive list for the vendor to consider.

There is a Full-Scale Evacuation Exercise in Incline Village on August 16th. This is to simulate evacuation of the Second Creek Neighborhood to the Rec Center where there will be a Preparedness Fair. Kelly thanked all the community members associated with that exercise. In preparation, they are working on a video with 88 Studios to help set expectations in an

evacuation. They are working to integrate as many languages as possible into the video so the reach can be as wide as possible in the community.

She said Perimeter is up and running. First responders have been trained to use this application and are ready to go. She explained that she recently spoke with Storey County, who might be coming on board as well which makes it Carson, Douglas, Washoe, and Storey participating in the pilot project.

There is a vendor who will be assessing avalanche threat in Incline Village and Crystal Bay and provide recommendations for best practices. The last assessment for this was a few decades ago so it is time for an update.

The COOP Tabletop and training for Nevada Division of Emergency Management occurred yesterday. They will be onboarding Humboldt County and Sparks in July.

The animal trailers should be delivered in July at the latest. From the Caldor Fire, we found there were issues sheltering pets close to evacuees. These trailers are high-tech with air conditioning and waste management.

She added that they are hiring in the office for Mitigations. Washoe County has an internal list of candidates to be assessed first. If there are no qualified candidates, the position will become public. She will provide an update on that if the position goes public.

7. Update on the Radiological Task Force – A briefing on current radiological issues within the region –Scott Alquist, Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)

Francisco said Scott emailed to say he would not be able to make it and he did not have anything new to share with the group.

8. 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 Olaciregui, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) or Designee

Michael Perry said CERT, as always, is very busy in the summer. Volunteers will be present for the Reno Rodeo, the Incline Parade, and the Incline Sky and Drone Show. He said there is another CERT Academy in July. They are helping with Christmas in July, Washoe County Food Bank, Hot August Nights, Back to School Night, a vaccination clinic, and an RAT Academy, as well as Reno K-9 11 and Balloon and Air Races.

Brian added that CERT is working on a training for initial patient triage in the case of region-wide disaster. Michael Perry added that this was good because that aspect was removed

nationally but locally has remained in place. Brian said this is just for a regional emergency event.

Noah Boyer added that, with the Reno Rodeo, the Sherriff's department could not pull off management if that event without the volunteers from CERT.

9. Update on State Emergency Response Commission – A briefing on grants status and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) happenings – Designee

Francisco explained that SERC has hired a new administrator and are hiring an assistant for her. For FY 24 UWS funding, the committee approved it and now it needs to be approved at the SERC quarterly meeting next month. Once this is done, the award will be accessible to LEPC.

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

Brian Taylor said there was a great training at UNR recently. There was a group of local experts and practitioners present for the exercise. It was the day before the Full-Scale Exercise at the Airport. We trained over 400 public health students, nursing students, and nursing graduate students on ISC. There was a training and an exercise. It was well received and organized and will be happening again next year.

Jennifer Delaney thanked Brian and said she has received a huge response from LEPC members in terms of providing support. She said she appreciated having the expertise of LEPC members who were involved. She is looking forward to how this exercise will grow.

Noah Boyer said July 7th there is a Lunch and Learn. There was a class a month ago on Bombing Prevention which was an eight-hour class. They have broken this class into two-hour blocks. July 7th will be the first two-hour block at the Regional Public Safety Training Center from 10am-12pm.

11. LEPC Chairperson/ 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 August 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

There was no comment.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Michael Perry added that site walks for public schools are available. He said to let him know if members are interested in a tour; he can facilitate that. JWood Raw Elementary and Stone Brook Elementary are two new schools being built.

Francisco Ceballos mentioned that next meeting there will be another presentation on LEPC grant funding from a member. He asked for volunteers for the next meeting to email him.

Brian Taylor clarified that they would like anyone who has received supplies through LEPC to share on those funds and how they were used for the community. Francisco added that it can be a simple presentation.

13. Brian Taylor adjourned meeting at 10:39am.