

**MINUTES**  
**of the meeting of the**  
**CARSON CITY**  
**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

**December 1, 2009**

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on December 1, 2009, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 1, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stacey Giomi.

**2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

Voting members present were William Bergquist, Robert Charles, Kevin Curnes, Stacey Giomi, Linda Hurst, Hank Lucas, Bonnie Parnell, Lee Radtke, Ray Saylo, Darren Selby, Tom Tarulli, and Marena Works (which constituted a quorum).

Voting members absent were Jonathan Crawford, Brian Crowe, Dave Dawley, and Phillip Harrison. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Rhett Milne.

Also present were Michael Hurick (American Red Cross) and Moreen Scully (Carson City District Attorney's Office).

**3. Approval of September 1, 2009, Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Kevin Curnes, seconded by Ray Saylo, with motion carried, that the minutes of the September 1 meeting be approved.

**4. Public Comments and Discussion**

There were no public comments or discussion.

**5. Discussion and Action to Elect Alternate Chairperson for 2010 and 2011**

Stacey Giomi mentioned that Steve Albertsen had requested to be removed from the committee and didn't need to be replaced because the committee had another law enforcement representative. However, as Steve had been the Alternate Chair, a new one needed to be elected for a two-year term.

It was then moved by Robert Charles, seconded by Darren Selby, with motion carried, that Tom Tarulli be elected to serve as Alternate Chair for 2010 and 2011.

**6. Discussion and Action to Review and Approve the LEPC's Membership List**

After reviewing the committee's membership list (with the members' names, agencies they represent, and categories they're filling from the SARA Title III federal legislation), it was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Linda Hurst, with motion carried, that the membership list be approved.

**7. Discussion and Action to Review and Approve the LEPC's Bylaws**

After reviewing the committee's bylaws, William Bergquist asked whether the word "tribal" could be included on line 8 of page 2, so that the sentence would read "The LEPC shall consist of members who represent hazardous materials, emergency planning, and public safety interests at the local, state, *tribal*, and federal levels of government, private citizens, and the private sector."

As there were no further suggested changes, it was then moved by William Bergquist, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the word "tribal" be included on page 2, line 8, to read "local, state, tribal, and federal levels of government" and that the remainder of the bylaws be accepted as presented.

**8. Discussion and Action to Review and Approve the Annual Revision of the Carson City Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan**

Stacey Giomi said that he had reviewed the current Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan and was suggesting the following changes: Revising the date on the introductory letter; updating the information for the Tier II facilities in Carson City; revising the Quad County HazMat Team Standard Operating Procedures; revising the date of the HazMat Resource Directory; and adding language that the dates of the training programs (along with the drills and exercises which are part of that training schedule) were established by the Quad County Training Committee and were published on the fire department's website.

It was then moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Bonnie Parnell, with motion carried, that the committee accept the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan with the described revisions.

**9. Discussion and Action to Review and Approve the Annual Level of Response Questionnaire**

The Level of Response Questionnaire (along with the attached Hazardous Materials Team Capabilities Checklist) was distributed to the committee. Stacey Giomi informed the committee that the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) asks the LEPCs to let them know what level of response their HazMat Teams are as defined by the National Incident Management System along with the number of responders trained at the various levels. Carson City has a Type I HazMat Team, which is the highest level of response. Stacey said

that as there have been no changes since the 2008 questionnaire was submitted, this form will just be updated to reflect the current date of December 2009.

In response to a question by Bonnie Parnell, Stacey said that the State reviews this questionnaire and attached checklist annually (which defines what constitutes a Type I, II, or III HazMat Team) for the main reason of ensuring that the SERC does not allocate funds for a team that is asking for something beyond its level of training.

It was moved by Robert Charles, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the annual Level of Response Questionnaire be approved.

#### **10. Report of the October 8 Quarterly State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting**

Stacey Giomi stated that a lot of discussion at this SERC meeting, which was held in Las Vegas, revolved around the mercury spill that had occurred in Carson City (which was discussed at the previous LEPC meeting).

#### **11. Reports from LEPC Members**

- Stacey reiterated the details regarding the mercury spill that had occurred at an apartment complex in Carson City and said that additional mercury was discovered afterwards. The mercury went through the carpet onto the concrete below and, through cracks in the concrete, got into the dirt below the building itself. The estimated amount of mercury taken out was 20 to 25 pounds.

The Carson City Fire Department, Health Department, Environmental Division of Public Works, and Sheriff's Office all responded and were on scene for about a week, at which point they realized it was going to be a much longer event than originally anticipated. They also received help from numerous other agencies.

The owner ultimately hired a contractor for the cleanup and was able to get the level of mercury to a safe habitable spot and to reoccupy that building a few weeks ago.

- Bonnie Parnell mentioned that they were waiting to hear whether or not the legislature would be going into a special session.
- William Bergquist mentioned that several tribes recently got together and submitted a resolution to the Intertribal Council of Nevada and the Indian Health Board of Nevada requesting that they approve the formation of an Intertribal Emergency Response Commission. This commission would act somewhat the same as the State Emergency Response Commission and act as an umbrella organization for all the 27 Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (which are similar to the LEPCs). Will stated that as the tribes do not have many hazardous materials facilities or the resources to respond to any incidents,

they will be taking more of an all-hazards approach and try to get all the tribal governments up to speed with NIMS, etc.

In response to a question by Stacey, Will said that although they have the authority to regulate hazardous materials facilities, it has not been necessary to do so as they have kept an eye on these facilities and none of them have over the quantity limits. Stacey said that one of the reasons they encourage involvement with the tribal environmental people on this level is because the City has no authority to go into businesses on tribal lands but would like to have knowledge as to what was in those businesses because they do respond to incidents on tribal land. Will said that his office could be contacted in regard to this information.

- Marena Works said that in regard to H1N1, they have been doing a lot of school campaigns in Carson City and Douglas and Lyon Counties. All grade levels at all schools will be finished by the end of this week and they will then head back to Carson City for the younger children's second dose. Their participation has been good—over 50 percent in elementary, about 50 percent in middle school, and almost 30 percent in high school (which does not count those who might have received the vaccine through their own providers).

Marena mentioned that they will be meeting the next day with state health officers to try and make a determination on when to open the vaccinations up to the general public. And because they're expecting a huge response, they will hold a POD to do that, and following the POD, they will vaccinate through the Health Department. And although confirmed cases have bottomed out for the moment, she felt this was a good time to vaccinate because the flu tends to go in waves and it is assumed that cases will go back up again.

- Linda Hurst mentioned that the volume of patients at the hospital with flu-like symptoms has dropped considerably over the past four weeks and they have stopped testing for the swine flu.
- Hank Lucas said that the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Emergency Response Planning Commission, received a grant a couple of years ago to begin putting the hospitals in the state on 800 MHz radios, which has now been done in Northwestern Nevada. Hank said that he doesn't have the exact frequencies yet but when he does, he'll forward them along. The hospital has one channel which is Carson Tahoe; another frequency is a regional frequency to be used by Lyon, Storey, and others; a state channel which all state hospitals will eventually be on; and another one that will ring directly to Renown.

Hank addressed the fire department and the sheriff's office, saying that the hospital has upgraded the security system on its Behavioral Health Building so that it now has keypads. So, now, EMS personnel and the SO can use the same access code on this building as they use on the ambulance bay. However, one more keypad still needs to be installed on the front door of the building, which should be finished in around two weeks.

**12. Next Year's Meeting Dates**

Next year's committee meetings were scheduled for March 2, June 1, September 14, and December 7, all to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #1.

**13. Adjournment**

It was moved by Bonnie Parnell, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich