

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

September 1, 2009

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on September 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 Robert Charles, Brian Crowe, Kevin Curnes, Stacey Giomi, Phillip Harrison, 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 William Bergquist, Jonathan Crawford, and Dave Dawley. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Rhett Milne.

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

Stacey informed the committee that Steve Albertsen had notified him that he would no longer be able to serve on the LEPC because of a conflict with another committee he's on at the state level. And as Steve is the alternate chair for the committee, the LEPC will need to elect a new alternate chair at its next meeting in December (as the information had come in too late to place the item on this agenda). He further mentioned that law enforcement would continue to be represented on the committee through Ray Saylo.

3. Approval of June 2, 2009, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Robert Charles, seconded by Phillip Harrison, with motion carried, that the minutes of the June 2 meeting be approved.

4. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments or discussion.

5. Discussion and Action to Approve the FFY 2010 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Application

Stacey Giomi said that this was the usual time of year for the LEPC to apply for this hazardous materials training and planning grant. The training component used to be the HazMat Explo in Las Vegas, but because Clark County lost the staff personnel who organized this event in the past, it had to be cancelled this year. The State Emergency Response Commission then tried to find a backup training event and decided to tack on a hazardous materials component to the Governor's Silver State Safety Conference in Reno. Stacey felt that because of the minimal interest shown in this conference due to the haz-mat component not appearing to be very strong, they would not put in an application for these training funds. He felt that within the next year, they should be able to find another replacement for HazMat Explo, such as California's "Continuing Challenge" or an expansion to the Fire Chiefs Leadership Conference in Reno.

However, with the approval of the committee, he said that he might like to put in an application for planning funds in regard to a regional fire dispatch center. He said that the four counties of Lyon, Douglas, Storey, and Carson, along with the haz-mat teams in those counties and the fire departments with which they are associated, are trying to determine the feasibility of having a regional fire dispatch center. The planning monies would then be used to conduct a feasibility study to look at having the four counties combine into one fire dispatch, which would essentially drop the boundaries between the fire departments and the fire districts and allow them to utilize each other's resources so that the closest units would be dispatched. As they now heavily relied upon each other for mutual aid, this combined dispatch would be very beneficial in speeding up that process.

Stacey said, however, that because the training and planning monies were separate in this grant and SERC preferred the LEPCs to not apply for the planning funds until the training requests were processed, he would apply for these planning funds sometime before the end of the calendar year if the committee so agreed.

It was then moved by Lee Radtke, seconded by Marena Works, with motion carried, that the LEPC apply for a grant to conduct a feasibility study as outlined above.

6. Discussion and Action to Have the LEPC Appoint a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Direct the Emergency Management Director to Manage the Process

Stacey Giomi said that the City was in the process of updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan and that most of the LEPC members had been invited to participate in that process. An initial meeting for this purpose has since been held, at which time it was mentioned that the LEPC would be the appropriate group to appoint a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and direct the emergency manager to manage that process. He said that all LEPC members did not need to serve on this committee but that the LEPC as a whole could oversee the process. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee is primarily charged with writing the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which needs to be updated every five years—and although the federal

government does not mandate this update, it is needed if you want to apply for and receive any disaster mitigation, disaster response, or post-disaster funds.

It was then moved by Bonnie Parnell, seconded by Kevin Curnes, with motion carried, that the LEPC appoint a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and direct Stacey Giomi to manage it.

7. Report of the July 9 Quarterly State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting

Stacey reported that there were some grant application discussions at the meeting, mostly dealing with internal matters regarding other LEPCs' operating grants.

As reported at the last meeting, Stacey again mentioned the mercury shipments scheduled to be transported to the Hawthorne Army Depot in regard to the federal government's strategic stockpile of precious metals. These shipments should be coming through Nevada within the next six to eight months; however, Stacey did not believe any of it would be traveling through Carson City as it would be coming from the east coast.

Stacey also mentioned that in about a year's time, there will be some leftover hazardous waste (non-liquid radioactive material) being transported from labs that have essentially been shut down in California to a cleaning site in Idaho prior to that material being sent to its permanent site in Carlsbad, New Mexico—so some of that material might be coming through this area.

8. Reports from LEPC Members

- Kevin Curnes said that they were looking for funds for schools. They set their educational process to the amount of money they have and, unfortunately, sometimes that amount changes after their programs begin and they then have to downsize.
- Brian Crowe said that the college's enrollment was up but its funding was down. They are currently looking at the traffic problems they're having both coming in and going out on College Parkway. Brian also mentioned that they will be conducting their lock-down drills on September 9 in Carson City and that anyone was welcome to attend.
- Bonnie Parnell mentioned that a bill had been passed at the last legislative session, thanks to the help of Marena Works, which expanded the number of people who could respond to a flu outbreak as well as the number of people who could administer the flu vaccine. Stacey said that he believed the Carson City Fire Department would be the first in the state to have its EMTs and Paramedics trained and that Marena has put together a training program which is being submitted to the State EMS for approval and, based upon that approval, the department plans to become a component of their immunization plan.
- Marena Works said that the Health Department was planning for vaccines and doing the H1N1 campaign. They have talked to both the school district and the college and will be doing programs in both as soon as they have a sufficient allotment of vaccines and finish immunizing their first target groups. There will also be a large media campaign because

the target groups are in a different order than usual, with the over-65 group being the last targeted group to be vaccinated.

Seasonal flu shots will be given at a clinic on October 10—a walk-in at the Senior Center and a drive-through at the National Guard—and Marena said that they were still seeking volunteers to work on that day. Stacey asked Marena to have Angela contact Gary Dunn in order to seek out some CERT members.

Bonnie mentioned that she has been receiving a lot of calls from her constituents saying they were concerned about there not being enough vaccines for their school-aged children, and Kevin replied that the schools have already sent out flyers to all their students explaining the situation. Marena said that Carson City will be receiving a population-based allotment and that when the vaccine goes out to the various counties, it will be distributed among the public health departments and the private providers. Also, the first group to be vaccinated will be pregnant women, and they will not do the campaign in the schools until they have sufficient vaccine to go around.

- Linda Hurst said that the Emergency Department and the hospital have been very busy this summer, with the highest volume she's ever seen during this time, and felt this would probably continue into the fall. They are also gearing up for the H1N1 and that all healthcare providers and first responders will be given their vaccinations.
- Robert Charles mentioned that the Training Division of the Fire Department works very closely with Public Works in terms of emergency management, OSHA-related training, and safety training, and that he and others will be going to the national conference for public works in a couple of weeks as keynote speakers on NIMS. He said that he had made a very short presentation on this last year in Las Vegas which generated a lot of interest from people using a similar model.
- Stacey Giomi reported to the committee on a recent mercury event that occurred at a 20-unit apartment complex in Carson City.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next committee meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #1.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Phillip Harrison, seconded by Darren Selby, with motion carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich