

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
March 6, 2007

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on March 6, 2007, 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 and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stacey Giomi. Voting members present were Steve Albertsen, Ken Arnold, Robert Charles, Jonathan Crawford, Brian Crowe, Kevin Curnes, Stacey Giomi, Phillip Harrison, Linda Hurst, Hank Lucas, Lee Radtke, Tom Tarulli, and Daren Winkelman (which constituted a quorum). Non-voting member present was Rhett Milne.

Voting members absent were Dave Dawley, Ray Saylo, and Cliff Sorenson. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Yvon Weaver.

Also present were Laura Cadot (Carson City Sheriff's Office-Communications Division), Marjorie Knowles (Carson City Sheriff's Office-Dispatch), Darren Selby (Carson City Public Works), and Ken Tyler (State Fire Marshal's Office).

2. Approval of December 5, 2006, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Steve Albertsen, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the minutes of the December 5 meeting be approved as submitted.

3. Public Comments and Discussion

None

4. Discussion/Action to Appoint Darren Selby as a Replacement for Ken Arnold as the Local Environmental Representative on the LEPC

Stacey mentioned that as a result of some reorganization in the City's Public Works Department, Ken Arnold has been replaced by Darren Selby as the environmental person for the City and, therefore, Darren should replace Ken as the environmental representative on the committee.

It was moved by Ken Arnold, seconded by Bob Charles, with motion carried, that he (Ken) be replaced on the LEPC with Darren Selby.

5. Discussion/Action Regarding the Submission of the FY 2008 SERC Planning, Training, and Equipment Grant Application

Stacey reminded the committee that it had approved the application for this grant at its last meeting but that he wanted to give the members an update and entertain a reinforcement of that motion by informing them of what was now being considered for purchase.

He said that he has communicated with the emergency responders in the community as well as the City Public Works Department to discuss what should be requested through this grant. Some shortcomings had been identified through the exercise conducted with the National Guard Civil Support Team, one of which was the lack of evidence collection (formal evidence kits are necessary to maintain the ability to convict in environmental crimes or terrorist events). Other items needed revolved around respiratory protection (replacing SCBA bottles and masks, purchasing APR (air-purification respirator) masks, and upgrading the fit testing process (and that this testing could then be done for the Sheriff's Department and Public Works, and even other governmental agencies if requested). Another area of deficiency that had been noted was their ability to control alcohol-related fires as their current firefighting foam was specifically alcohol-resistant and that purchasing new foam would take care of this situation. He stated that all these items were being requested in the grant application.

It was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Daren Winkelman, with motion carried, that the application be approved.

6. Report of the January 11 Quarterly SERC Meeting

Stacey reported that the January 11 Quarterly SERC meeting had been held in Las Vegas. He mentioned that an informational e-mail had been sent to the committee following this meeting in regard to some of the regulations the LEPCs had to comply with. He also mentioned that there was a presentation at the meeting from the new State Fire Marshal, who has dedicated some funding opportunities for training, and that the fire department was currently working with that office in regard to some hazard identification training. Also, Dennis Pinkerton (who is in charge of training at the State Fire Marshal's Office) will be working with Tahoe-Douglas to put on a haz-mat incident command course.

7. Discussion Regarding Full-Scale Exercise to be Conducted March 8 (Discussion Only)

Tom Tarulli briefly reported on the exercise to be conducted on March 8 from 0900-1300, which will involve Carson City, East Fork, Central Lyon County, and Tahoe-Douglas Fire; the Sheriff's Office; and the School District. The scenario will involve a highjacked school bus with a gunman, with the bus eventually overturning at the Corporate Yard and a hostage being taken. This exercise will involve Care Flight; medical operations; mass casualty treatment, triage and transport; the incident command system; unified command; etc. He said that this exercise was not to be used as a test but rather as an evaluation.

Stacey mentioned that the State Division of Emergency Management had some exercise money left over from a federal grant that had to be used by the end of March—so this drill was thrown together at the last minute. This exercise will give them the opportunity to discover any shortcomings they may have, whether in equipment, training, etc.

8. Discussion Regarding Legal Requirements for Cleaning Up a Meth Lab or Suspected Methamphetamine Production Area (Discussion Only)

Phillip Harrison stated that with more meth labs being discovered and needing to be cleaned up in Carson City, he wanted to know who was legally responsible for the material's cleanup. Stacey replied that the owner of the property on which the material sat was the one who was legally responsible for its cleanup. For example, if the material was found in a motel room, the motel owner would be responsible; if on public land, the public entity would be responsible; if at a business or industrial site, that business or industry would be responsible. He did mention, however, that the number of labs found in urbanized or suburbanized areas has actually been decreasing in recent years and that no large-scale lab has been discovered in the surrounding counties for the past few years.

9. Reports from LEPC Members

- Rhett Milne said that as there has not been a lot of precipitation this winter, an early fire season was being predicted.
- Hank Lucas asked whether Sierra Surgical had agreed in regard to the antennas, and Stacey replied that the agreement had been signed the week before and would go before the Board the following Thursday, and that the antenna would be installed on the outside of the building. He said that a radio system was being installed in Sierra Surgical in an attempt to get fire communications within the hospital.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next committee meeting will be held June 5, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #1.

11. Adjournment

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich