

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

**March 5, 2013**

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on March 5, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 51, 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 Brian Crowe, Kevin Curnes, James Freed, Stacey Giomi, Lee Radtke, Dan Shirey, Tom Tarulli, and Marena Works, which constituted a quorum. Also present were Stacey Belt (Carson City Fire Department), Mary Ellen Radtke (Carson City Community Emergency Response Team), and Tina Russom (Carson City District Attorney's Office).

Voting members absent were Robert Columbro, Dave Dawley, Phillip Harrison, Joni Maestretti, and Ray Saylo. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Chris Smallcomb.

**3. Agenda Management Notice—Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.**

**4. Public Comments and Discussion**

There were no public comments or discussion.

**5. For Possible Action: Approval of December 4, 2012, Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Kevin Curnes, seconded by Dan Shirey, with motion carried unanimously, that the minutes of the December 4 meeting be approved as submitted.

**6. For Possible Action: To review and approve the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) FY 2014 Planning, Training, Equipment, and Operations Grant Application**

Stacey Giomi distributed a copy of the grant application to the committee, stating that an e-mail had been sent out to members beforehand asking if they had any items they wished to

request in this grant and that the only input he received was from Chief Shirey for direct response haz-mat equipment.

As background, Stacey mentioned that the Quad-County HazMat Team and the Training Officers' Admin Committee have been working over the last few years to have all of their haz-mat technicians and haz-mat IC certified personnel and responders begin to encompass a haz-mat response process known as HazMat IQ. This process, which has been adopted by the Quad-County, is basically a quick way to take action in the event of a haz-mat spill where lives are at stake and which also allows for long-term mitigation of that incident where lives aren't at stake. Part of this process is having the proper diagnostic tools, and although the Team has numerous tools at the technician level, HazMat IQ provides training and response capabilities for people at an operations responder level (which essentially includes all fire personnel).

This process recommends that each first response apparatus have a 5-gas monitor which monitors four gases (oxygen, carbon monoxide, LEL (lower explosive limit), and hydrogen sulfite) and which also has a PID (Photo Ionization Detector) which can detect presences that the other four gas detectors cannot. Also recommended by this process is that each first response apparatus have a Thermal Imaging Camera. Therefore, because the Team currently carries only 4-gas monitors and the cameras it carries are not equipped properly to work within the HazMat IQ system, they are requesting in this grant application three 5-gas monitors (for a total of \$9,370.95) and three Thermal Imaging Cameras (for a total of \$18,300) to be placed on each first response apparatus.

The remaining items being requested in this grant application are 16 haz-mat training suits (for a total of \$2,286). These were being requested because the suits they currently used were worn by multiple people, and this purchase would allow each technician to have his own assigned suit to be used for all his training sessions.

It was then moved by Marena Works, seconded by Kevin Curnes, with motion carried unanimously, that the grant application be approved as submitted.

## **7. Report on the January 10 Quarterly Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting**

Stacey Giomi reported on the following items that were presented at the January SERC meeting:

- A haz-mat related fire occurred in Carson City in late December at a company that produces non-FDA regulated supplements. As part of producing one particular supplement, a tub grinder was being used on a product, with the grinder eventually producing enough heat to reach the ignition temperature of the product, thereby igniting in the tub and then igniting through the flues. The challenge in fighting this fire was that the filters located in the ducts to catch the product particles were on fire, and once one was pulled, small particles of it would shoot to the next piece which would then also catch on fire.

- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) recently approved a contract with a vendor to teach hazardous materials courses consisting of haz-mat technician, operations, and awareness classes over the next two-year period—and although mainly aimed at fire services, they will also be done for an industry with a government or recognized fire brigade, such as the mining industry.
- The State Fire Marshal reported on the online permitting process, and Stacey said that the SERC continued to allocate funds in order to keep the software for this online database updated so that it remained a good product.
- Some local agencies were working together on presenting tanker training, and Richard Brenner, the haz-mat representative for Clark County Fire, was working with the SFMO to hire a company that would bring a mobile tanker around the state.

## **8. Reports of Committee Members**

- Kevin Curnes said that the school district's main focus at the present time was dealing with its budget.
- Brian Crowe said that the college received valuable direction from Sheriff Furlong last December in regard to changing some of its emergency procedures and also in his recommendation of the City of Houston film and FEMA training. As a result, all of the college's faculty and staff will be viewing this film and taking this training. Stacey Giomi mentioned that the Houston active shooter video was very worthwhile and could be viewed on YouTube. Brian also mentioned that the Chancellor received a letter from the Department of Homeland Security in regard to the Connecticut school shooting—and that each college would be making an independent response to this letter. Stacey then mentioned that the Governor has also requested the State Division of Emergency Management to send out a similar survey to each of the public and private schools in the state mirroring that requested information.
- Dan Shirey reported that the Fire Department will be involved with the hospital in putting on hazardous materials decontamination training.
- Jim Freed said that because the hospital has not been doing a very good job in regard to continuing education for haz-mat, a lot of their personnel have not been through a class for quite some time and many of their newer employees have not been through one at all. This was the reason he contacted the Fire Department—and they now have classes set up for late March to teach their staff haz-mat basic training. And as hospital staff also needs training in the Incident Command System, they are looking at getting some of these classes taught in April.

The hospital also has the Houston Active Shooter video on its internal education program for staff to review and realizes that it will need to develop an active shooter policy or protocol. They are also revamping and evaluating their Code Pink protocol (which is a

child or infant abduction) and are working with the Carson City Sheriff to have a plan that would involve his office.

- Marena Works said that the Health Department now has a separate program funded for the next year and a half to continue its annual flu campaign as well as to expand it to Douglas and Lyon Counties. Although a date has not yet been set for this POD (Point of Dispensing), Marena mentioned that as they have been trying to do it on the earlier side each year, it would probably be held the beginning of October.
- Tom Tarulli mentioned that the Fire Department's Battalion Chief received a call the other day that the hospital was going to a Code Yellow—and Jim Freed said that this code was used for what they termed internal disasters, which in this particular case meant an unusual high census causing the hospital to approach full capacity. Because of this situation, Dispatch was notified that the hospital might have to transfer an abnormally high number of patients to surrounding hospitals; however, as they were able to discharge a number of patients the following day, the Code Yellow alert was removed within 24 hours. Stacey Giomi then mentioned that due to the nature of this community, the hospital's emergency room cannot go on divert as it is too far to the nearest hospital—and the fire department would then have to remain with the patient until seen. Jim Freed said that the hospital does have additional cots that can be used—and additional staff who can be called in.

**9. For Possible Action: Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is scheduled for June 4, to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #51.

**10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**11. For Possible Action: To adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich