

MINUTES

Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Nye County Emergency Management Building

1510 Siri Lane, Pahrump, NV 89060

Wednesday, May 8th, 2019, 9:30am

Meeting Available via Teleconference

Members Present in Pahrump

Amargosa Fire Dept. (Rich Flanagan)
Amargosa Town Board (Pat Minshall)
ARES-Amargosa Valley (Jack Sybolt)
ARES/RACES (Gerald Fuge, Steve Bird)
McGinnis MICA Medical (Diane McGinnis)
National Nuclear Security Admin (Lani Fellows & Zack Buchanan)
National Weather Service/Las Vegas (Dan Berc)
Nev. Dept. of Health & Human Services/Health Nurse (Genie Walker)
Nye County Emergency Management (Scott Lewis, Rodd Fernandes & Patrick Lazenby)
Nye County Public Works, Road Department (Wade Christensen)
Nye County Sheriff's Office (Under Sheriff Michael Eisenloffel)
Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue (Capt. Steve Moody)
So. Nye County Hazmat Team (Rich Flanagan, Ed Booss)

Members Present via Teleconference:

Beatty Fire Dept. (Mike Harmon)
Round Mountain VFD (Darrick Brown)
Nev. Dept. of Health & Human Services/Health Nurse (Beth Ennis)
Town of Tonopah (Chris Mulkerns)

LEPC Officers/DEM Staff Present:

Scott Lewis – Chair
Rich Flanagan – Vice Chair
Patrick Lazenby – Secretary & Treasurer
Rodd Fernandes – DEM Logistics Officer

Members Absent:

Civil Air Patrol
Desert View Hospital
Duckwater Fire Dept
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
Great Basin Water Co
Mercy Air
National Weather Service/Elko
Nevada Health Center/AV Clinic
Nevada National Security Site F&R
Nevada State Assembly
Nye Communities Coalition
Nye County Board of Commissioners
Nye County District Attorney
Nye County Health Officer
Nye County Public Works, Utilities/Airports
Nye County Search and Rescue
Nye County School District Transportation
Radio Education Network KPVF 98.1
Round Mountain Gold Mine
Talk Radio of Pahrump 106.9
US Ecology
Valley Electric Association

Guests Present:

Kara Barcomb Red Cross of So. NV.
Rhonda Franke-Healthy Living at Home LV
Tiffany Gamero-DOE
James Oscarson

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Non-Action Item) & Roll Call**: Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Non-Action Item)** – The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)** – No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 16th, 2019 LEPC meeting (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Motion to approve was made by Pat Minshall, seconded by Jerry Fuge, none opposed, the motion passed.
5. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Non-Action Item)** –
 - Responses: Chairman Lewis reviewed some responses and trainings by PVFRS as well as VFD & EMS units throughout the county, he also showed the committee a short slide show of some of the responses. The committee also watched a brief video of a response by Stockton, CA FD for an explosion of an illegal “honey lab” (hemp extraction lab). Dan Berc from NWS Las Vegas informed Chairman Lewis that NWS Las Vegas has HazMat response assets that can be requested by Nye County Responders.
 - Facilities: Chairman Lewis pointed out the Spillman monitor that has been set up in the EOC, explained some of the Spillman applications and how it will be useful in the event of an EOC activation.
 - Training: Chairman Lewis reminded the committee that Dan Berc from NWS is conducting a Severe Weather Spotter training in the DEM training room on Thursday, May 9th at 6:00pm. Also discussed the Active Shooter, Fusion Liaison Officer-Basic, Sovereigns and Transnational Terrorism trainings conducted at DEM by Mr. Jim Lopey, State of Nevada Threat Assessment Center.
 - Rosemary Clark Middle School Field Trips: Discussed the field trips by Rosemary Clark Middle School 8th grade classes. The students responded to and coordinated mock disaster exercises.
 - SERC: Patrick Lazenby explained what SERC is (State Emergency Response Commission), the agency who oversees LEPC’s throughout the state, discussed the last SERC meeting that was held on April 4th, 2019, SERC reported that all NV LEPC’s are in compliance at this time. Next SERC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at 1:00 pm.
 - Red Cross: Chairman Lewis introduced Ms. Kara Barcomb, Disaster Program Manager at American Red Cross of Southern Nevada, who has requested membership in the Nye County LEPC, Kara conducted her AMCROSS Disaster Program Overview at this time.
 - Future Projects: Chairman Lewis discussed some projects that Nye County DEM is looking into. These possible projects include upgraded surveillance cameras, drone use projects and pre-positioning firefighting foam trailers around the county.
6. **PRESENTATION** – Red Cross Disaster Programs overview, Ms. Kara Barcomb, Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross of Southern Nevada: Kara’s presentation included information on AMCROSS Disaster Programs. She discussed the capabilities of Red Cross during any sized disaster and programs available to citizens and businesses for disaster planning. She also emphasized the dire need for Red Cross volunteers in Nye County, especially Disaster Action Team members. Red Cross wants to conduct a sheltering exercise

and evaluation and citizen disaster preparedness trainings in addition to volunteer recruiting events.

7. **VOTING IN OF NEW OFFICER (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Discussion and possible nominations & vote for At Large member of the LEPC (1-year term). Patrick discussed the need to fill this vacant position, no LEPC members had any suggestions or nominations. Patrick announced that Rodd Fernandes has expressed interest in the position and placed the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Steve Bird, none opposed, the motion passed to appoint Rodd Fernandes as Member at large for a period of 1 year, to expire May 8th, 2020.
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Subcommittee members have opportunity to provide the LEPC with any updates.
- ❖ Executive Subcommittee (Scott Lewis): No update.
 - ❖ Planning & Training Subcommittee (Scott Lewis): Chairman Lewis noted that DEM/PVFRS is in the process of re-working some exercises and discussions with mutual aid partners to decide what exercises would be prudent for the county to participate in with response partners.
 - ❖ Grants & Finance Subcommittee (Patrick Lazenby) **ACTION ITEM:** Patrick Lazenby informed the committee that LEPC approval is needed for DEM to apply for 2 SERC grants: FY19 Mid Cycle SERC/HMEP Grant for funding to send 20 attendees to the 2019 FireShows West conference from 10/28/19-10/30/19; **and** FY20 SERC/UWS, IT is Looking into communications equipment for the SERC/UWS grant. A Motion for approval to authorize DEM to apply for the FY19 SERC/UWS Grant **and the FY19 SERC/HMEP Mid Cycle grant was made by Jerry Fuge and seconded by Steve Bird. Vote was taken, none opposed, motion passed. Patrick** also informed the committee that DEM has requested an exception to the deadline of (3/31/19) to submit FY20 HMEP Grant and FY20 SERC/OPTE Grant. As of 5/08/19, no response received.
 - ❖ Hazmat Plan Review Subcommittee (Rich Flanagan) – **ACTION ITEM:** Rich Flanagan informed the committee that per the last LEPC meeting on January 16th, 2019, the LEPC HazMat Response Plan has been updated to include a training plan for the Southern HazMat team for 2019. A motion to approve the LEPC HazMat Response Plan as presented was made by Jack Sypolt, seconded by Steve bird. None opposed, the motion passed.
 - ❖ Bylaws Review Subcommittee (Mike Harmon): No update
 - ❖ Membership Review Subcommittee (Patrick Lazenby for Frank Bonesteel) – **ACTION ITEM:** Patrick introduced 2 organizations requesting membership into the Nye County LEPC: Healthy Living at Home, Las Vegas, Hope Thigpen, RN & Rhonda Franke, RN; American Red Cross of Southern Nevada, Disaster Program Manager, Kara Barcomb & Donna Robinson. Rhonda Franke, who was present for Healthy Living at Home, introduced herself, explained the mission of the company and how they can benefit the community in the event of a disaster. They work with elderly & home bound patients and can be of service by helping to provide medical care in the event of a disaster. The committee considered the presentation by Kara Barcomb her introduction to the Committee. James Oscarson was also present and introduced by Chairman Lewis. James told the Committee that he is here representing the company “Ready Responders”, a group of EMT’s, Paramedics & Nurses who work under a physician’s group. They currently work with high risk Medicaid patents providing home health care and post hospital visit follow up. They plan on expanding to Pahrump in June of this year and will seek LEPC

membership at a later date. Jerry Fuge made a motion to grant LEPC membership to both Healthy Living at Home and the American Red Cross of Southern Nevada, the motion was seconded by Steve Bird. None opposed, the motion passed. Diane McGinnis mentioned that we did not take roll at the beginning of the meeting, and that the attendance for the last meeting was not included with the minutes for the January 16th, 2019 LEPC meeting. Chairman Lewis advised that he and Patrick had also discussed that issue a few minutes previously, and that he will take roll before the end of the meeting for the record. Patrick will include an attendance list with all future meeting minutes.

9. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO LEPC “WISH LIST” ITEMS (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Chairman Lewis asked the Committee to review the attached “wish list” and recommend any changes. Pat Minshall stated that the Town of Amargosa would like to modify the current item on the wish list for the town of Amargosa to show that instead of asking for separate backup generators for the fire station and ambulance barn, they would like to have a single 125-150KW, pad mounted diesel generator for the Amargosa community complex. The generator would be used as backup power in the event of an extended power outage for the entire town complex, which includes the Amargosa VFD, Ambulance barn & Nye County Sheriff’s Office Substation as well as the town offices, library, and power to the water supply (well) for the complex. Steve Bird made a motion to approve the change to the wish list, motion was seconded by Pat Minshall, none opposed, the motion passed.
10. **GRANT UPDATES (Non-Action Item)** – Patrick Lazenby updated the committee on the following:
- FY19 SERC Grant: Received all ML35-12 Deep Cycle Solar Batteries & All Level A Tychem Suits and Protégé 4 gas monitor. Once all invoices are paid, grant will be closed out.
 - FY19 United We Stand Grant (SERC): All items received (4 Axis Q6155-E Surveillance cameras & LCD 3.3 CWA identifier), Once all invoices are paid, grant will be closed out.
 - FY18 EPWG Grant: Approval received to reallocate \$42,208.60 from Personnel to equipment to purchase FF/EMS PPE, total equipment budget = \$52,208.60, to purchase PPE for volunteer FF/EMS personnel. Remainder of personnel budget of \$39,791.40 will be used for DEM Administrative Assistant salary.
 - FY19 EPWG Grant submitted 3/26/19 for 2 SABRE 5000 Handheld trace detector for explosives, chemical agents/TIC & narcotics, 2 SABRE 5000 consumables kits & training for 8 SABRE 5000 Operators.
11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Non-Action Item)** – Patrick Lazenby told the Committee about the Nevada National Guard 92nd Civil Support Team (CST) June Road Show in Nye County, 24-28 June 2019. They will be coming through Tonopah, Beatty and Pahrump to provide briefings on their capabilities and what they can do to help local responders during a HazMat/CBRN incident. Patrick also mentioned the updates that have been made to the Nye County DEM website, which now includes a link to Current Situation Reports from the Nevada State DEM; Current Events, such as the household hazardous waste collection; DEM Alerts, such as the measles outbreak in addition to upcoming training events. The goal is to keep the web site recent and relevant.
12. **SCHEDULING OF MEETING (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Tentative Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, August 7th, 2019, 9:30 a.m.**, in the DEM Training Room. The committee confirmed the currently scheduled meeting date of Wednesday, August

7th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. As mentioned above, Chairman Lewis conducted a roll call of those in attendance and on the telephone.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd) (Non-Action Item)** – No public comments.
14. **ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion made by Steve Bird, Seconded by Jerry Fuge, none opposed, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.