

Storey County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2010- 10:00 A.M.

Food Bank of Northern Nevada

550 Italy Drive

McCarran, NV 89434

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Curtis at 10:04 A.M.

INDIVIDUALS PRESENT

Cindi Mitchell (voting) Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Dave Ballard (voting) Storey County Communications
Jeff Collins- NDEP
Jack Yates- NDEP
Tim Trout (voting) Hardie Board
Mike Nevin (voting) Storey County Public Works
Brett Warne- TRI Water & Sewer
Fernando Ortiz (voting) Wal-Mart
Connie Butts- Canyon GID
Gabino Swarez- Wal-Mart
Jerry Prentice- Wal-Mart
Steve Guevin- Storey County Community Development
Dean Haymore (voting) Storey County Community Development
Michael Hurick (voting) American Red Cross
David Walizer- Clean Harbors Environmental
Al Wurth (voting) NV Energy
Tom Taromina (voting) HAM Radio Representative
Sam Sturgeon (voting) ALCOA
Cherie Nevin (voting) Storey County Emergency Management
Joe Curtis (voting) Storey County Emergency Management

INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable introductions of all present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2010 MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the February 10, 2010 LEPC Meeting Agenda by Dean Haymore. This motion was seconded by Cindi Mitchell. All present in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the October 7, 2009 LEPC Meeting Minutes by Mike Nevin. This motion was seconded by Dean Haymore. All present in favor. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Curtis gave overview of the items that need to be submitted to SERC each year to stay in compliance. Curtis noted that this information has already been submitted to SERC as it was due on January 31, 2010 and our LEPC meeting being held late. Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Annual Review the plan was reviewed and no changes were made for this reporting year.

As part of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Annual Review we must review and submit the following items:

- Contact information
- Equipment list
- Training and exercise schedules
- NRT-1A form
- Letter of Promulgation

By-Laws also have to be reviewed; last year considered potential changes to bylaws and ended up not making any changes. This year the by-laws will remain the same as nothing was brought forward.

Motion was made to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Annual Review items for submission to the SERC by Dean Haymore. This motion was seconded by Brett Warne. All present in favor. Motion carries.

Dean Haymore posed the question about online Hazardous Materials reporting system and asked that J. Curtis get the information to Dean to be placed in the New Business Application package for Storey County. J. Curtis reported that Businesses must report online as well as hard copies to the local Fire Department and LEPC. Further spoke about training that was held a couple of years ago on the new database. Joe offered help to any businesses needing assistance in reporting. Steve Guevin asked about hard copies and if the system downloads directly to the county. J. Curtis said no, still need to print and submit a hard copy. S. Guevin reported that some of the chemicals are not listed in the database. J. Curtis will pass this along to the state. Jerry Prentice reported that Wal-Mart was having issues signing onto the system. ****EM will work Jerry to get this resolved****

NDEP- Jeff Collins working with DEM on State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Al Wurth asked about the cutbacks with the Fire Department and was wondering further about these topics. J. Curtis spoke with Fire Chief Gary Hames and relayed that as a result of the economic times, the county has recommended certain layoffs to occur within the county. If the FD does layoffs, it means that they won't be able to fully man the station. If this should occur, station will be closed. No specific date set for closure. The shutdown won't be 100%, Public Works and Community Development still have a presence and possibly seasonal fire staffing during the fire season. Once something does happen responders will come from Lockwood Station 4. Jerry Prentice said that maybe look at volunteer fire organization in TRI. J. Curtis said that this is a good idea but there are a lot of ramifications that would go into this and there have been discussions on this issue. Al Wurth said that this also calls to the fact that businesses need to maintain vigilance on their in house response programs so that they can accommodate for response times.

J. Curtis- spoke about infrastructure survey for the entire state. Identifying critical infrastructure in each county as part of a project through that State Homeland Security office. Explained that these folks may be going around, state Fusion office. They have been instructed not to contact any businesses in the county without first notifying someone in the county first so that we know that they

are out doing this. If they do contact business, ask if they have notified Storey County. County officials want to be with them when they do the surveys. County met with the head of this program on 02/08/10.

Tom Taromina reported that the HAM Radio Western Regional Emergency Planning Convention will be held in Reno in May 2010. If interested let Tom know, still recruiting HAM Operators for the Storey County group. J. Curtis regional emergency management personnel, potential purchase by Washoe for a bunch of small radio packets to be placed in EOC throughout the state. T. Taromina stated that these are called go packs.

Sam Sturgeon asked what the interest in proving trainings to the business community in TRI. T. Taromina reported that he would look into this.

J. Curtis- spoke about the size of the buildings in TRI and getting radio communication out. D. Ballard said that Douglas County has recommended that for some of their larger businesses that they have to a small radio repeater placed in the building to alleviate possible communication issues.

Brett Warne said if the county can get a repeater to run off of solar, they can place on one of the water tanks in TRI.

OLD BUSINESS

EOC Training- J. Curtis reported that EOC Exercises/Workshops were held in Virginia City and Tri in October 2009. These went off well and good feedback was received. Now looking at sometime in early summer to look at doing these sessions and ramp up to make more of a functional exercise. Have a contractor work with us to produce these exercises.

Michael Hurick reported that Carson City will be hosting a small field exercise on May 8th and in June; Sierra Fire will be hosting another evacuation exercise.

GRANTS

Approve SERC Operations & Equipment Grant- Chairman Curtis presented the 2011 SERC Operations and Equipment Grant Application to the committee. During this grant cycle Storey County LEPC proposes to apply for the following items that have been submitted from various county departments

- **QRAE II CONFINED SPACE GAS DETECTOR/SENSORS AND CABLE ADAPTER.** These items are being requested by the Fire Department to replace and upgrade their current equipment.
- **SCOTT AIR PACK** this would be placed on the Battalion Chief's response vehicle.
- **PORTABLE CHANGEAB MESSAGE BOARDS-** continue to move forward with acquiring another one of these. Public Works manages these units. M. Nevin spoke about the cost savings last year and being able to purchase 2 of these instead of one. This would allow for placement of these signs to be better placed within the districts of the county.
- **KENWOOD VHF PORTABLE HANDHELD RADIO P25 Compliant-** this item would be placed in the county EOC and add to the already established cache.
- **DELL MOBILE PRECISION LAPTOP COMPUTER-** for use in EOC. Some time back we purchased 5 laptops and one of them was stolen over the last year in a half. Looking to replace one of these.
- **29,370.00 total amount and what we propose to submit for the grant cycle.** M. Hurick- roughly \$650.00 dollars left and Joe recommend the preparedness kits from the Red Cross. Placing these kits in various county offices. Looking at 30 person kits or just the backpacks. Will follow up further on these items.

Motion was made by Dean Haymore to approve the SERC Operations & Equipment Grant Application for submittal to the State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission as presented with the addition of adding Red Cross Disaster Response Kits to the application. This motion was seconded by Al Wurth. All present in favor. Motion carries.

J. Curtis the next grant will be UWS and is about \$30,000. Solicit suggestions or thoughts on any items looking to acquire for this grant.

Submitted EOC Grant for around \$400,000 to enlarge the EOC in Virginia City. Expand the building to the south and the east. Add space and restrooms. We have been told that it is not likely that we will receive this year but could chance in the future.

Backup EOC function at St. 5 all the materials are in place the space just needs to be built out.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS REPORT- Chairman Curtis

J. Curtis reported that Emergency Management had to submit plans for budget cuts to the county. We also applied for EMPG funds to supplement possible budget losses.

J. Curtis reported that the Microwave System that we have been working on for the last two years continues to move forward. This is a 1.2 million dollar federal grant. This project is being done on regional basis. A meeting was held on February 2, 2010 and reviewed request for qualifications, will the send out RFP and move further along.

J. Curtis spoke about the Earthquake/Seismic Conference to be held with representatives from Storey County, State Emergency Management and University of Nevada officials. J. Curtis proposed UNR to get a graduate student to do a doctoral study on this. Looking like this conference will be held in the next month or so.

COOPERATING LEPC MEMBERS REPORTS

Dean-chart industries coming in. Restaurant opening by the end of the month hopefully. Dell Computer moved out. Spoke about the USA Parkway Extension and that NDOT and Lyon on board to move forward. Spoke about work done on the river park areas in Lockwood.

Mike Nevin said that Wal-Mart has been very good about notifying Public Works of road conditions.

J. Curtis wants to mark various streets with evacuation route signs and doing this at some point in time

Tom Taromina reported that he has been appointed Chair of a committee that is part of the Northern Nevada Development Authority.

Connie Butts- built a new waste water plant out of the flood zone.

Dave Ballard- Washoe County submitted a grant on behalf of Storey County to NCSC. 2.5 million Grant this grant didn't end up going though and may be pursued in the future.

Sam Sturgeon- Alcoa still hanging in there. 2 on staff. Might have a research group looking to use the facility and more personnel.

NDEP- Jeff Collins: been in position for 6 weeks. Supervise the Carson River Mercury Site have a proposal to EPA to do additional work. Working on database for mine sites in the Comstock Area.

Michael Hurick- Getting a lot of Haiti related calls and donations. Welcome to work with Red Cross for CPR and First Aid Training.

Cindi Mitchell- did a hungry study this year; the # of individuals hungry in the state is up 300%. Kicked off their solar system, 150 kilowatt.

Jerry Prentice- Thanks to Mike Nevin and PW Crews for the snow removal. Introduce his new co-worker Gabino.

Fernando Ortiz- good job on snow removal...no accidents.

Tim Trout- since the 1st of December working to hire more at their facility up to 25. Looking to start working on Waste Water Pond behind Hardie Board.

DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on April 7, 2010 in Virginia City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made for adjournment at 12:00 PM by Tim Trout. The motion was seconded by Fernando Ortiz. All present in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cherie Nevin

These minutes are presented in a summary format and are not verbatim.