

Minutes

Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – 9:30am

Nye County Emergency Management Training Room

1510 E. Siri Lane, Pahrump, NV 89060

Meeting Available via Teleconference

1-775-751-4330 Pass code: 4321

Members Present in Pahrump

Amargosa Town Board (Pat Minshall)
ARES-Amargosa Valley (Jack Sypolt)
ARES/RACES (Gerald Fuge, Steve Bird)
Civil Air Patrol (Frank Bonesteel)
Desert View Hospital (Bonnie Stolzman)
McGinnis MICA Medical (Diane McGinnis)
National Nuclear Security Admin (Lani Fellows,
Elan Thompson, Casey Grove)
National Weather Service – Las Vegas (Dan Berc)
Nev.Dept.of Public/Behavioral Health (Sarah Hamrick)
Nye Communities Coalition (Albert Bass)
Nye County Board of Commissioners (Dan Schinhofen)
Nye County Emergency Management (Vance Payne)
Nye County Road Dept. (Andrew Raetz, Frank Raetz)
Nye County School District Transp.(Cameron McRae)
Nye County Search and Rescue (Matt Clayton)
Nye County Sheriff's Office (David Boruchowitz)
Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue
(Scott Lewis, James Perry)
Radio Education Network (Frank Maurizio)
So. Nye County Hazmat Team (Ed Booss)
Talk Radio of Pahrump (Geraldine Ahrens,
Harvey Caplan)
Valley Electric Association, Inc. (B. Lee)

Present via Teleconference

Beatty Fire (Mike Harmon)
Lorina Dellinger (Guest)
Mercy Air (Jamie Lewis)
National Weather/Elko (Clair Ketchum)
Town of Tonopah (Chris Mulkerns)

LEPC Staff – Pahrump

Missy Molt – LEPC Treasurer
Linda Tuck – LEPC Secretary
Tina Landsberry – Bylaws Committee

Members Absent

Duckwater Tribe
Nevada National Security Site F&R
Nye County Health Officer
Pahrump Counseling
Amargosa Fire Dept.
Duckwater Fire Dept.
Great Basin Water Co.
Nevada Health Center/AV Clinic Nevada
Public Health Nurse Nevada State
Assembly
Nye County District Attorney
Round Mountain Gold Mine
Round Mountain Hazmat
US Ecology

Guests in Pahrump

Justin Carhart
Arnold Knightly
Tiffany Lantow
Steve Osborne
Patricia Roller
Steve Rosenbaum
Darrin Tuck

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Call to Order**

Vance Payne called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A roll call was taken.

3. **Public Comment**

Vance Payne commented on the exceptional DOE Communications Drill and Table Top Exercise held on 1.17.18. We look forward to an after-action report at a future LEPC meeting.

Justin Carhart commented on the Functional Exercise at their RAD facility on 1-24-18 and appreciated the turnout. On 3.21.18 there will be a RAD & CHEM Functional Exercise. All are invited.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Dan Berc made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11.1.17 meeting. Jerry Fuge seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. **Election of New Officers**

Vance opened the election for **Treasurer**, currently Missy Molt. Upon further discussion, it was determined that this position does not require a vote since this position is to be permanently held by DEM staff.

Member at Large, Maureen Budahl, was unable to attend the meeting, but had previously conveyed she was willing to continue in this role. Dan Schinhofen nominated Maureen Budahl and Cameron McRae seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

6. **Subcommittee Updates**

Membership Review Subcommittee has received a new member application for Public Works Utilities and Airports. Vance Payne, Membership Review Committee Chairperson, made a motion to accept the application. Steve Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Planning and Training Committee – Vance Payne reported that 2018 training plans have been submitted by Southern and Northern Hazmat Teams, PVFR, and NNSS. We are awaiting approval from SERC and believe we will be in full compliance.

Grants and Finance Committee – SERC has recently distributed applications as follows:

-FY19 SERC Planning, Training, and Equipment Grant not to exceed \$25,000 (plus an additional \$4,000 if we are LEPC compliant, which can be used for supplies and a portion of our LEPC secretary's salary). This application is due 3.5.18 and must relate to the prevention of, mitigation of, and/or response to hazardous materials incidents.

Frank Maurizio of **KPFV Radio** submitted a request for solar panel batteries not to exceed the amount of **\$1,300**. Low Power FM (LPFM), ideal for serving rural communities, provides vital information during disasters for medical, fire, and police services. This digital alert system is useless without power. KPFV has all necessary equipment except these batteries.

David Boruchowitz from the **Sheriff's Office** requests **\$13,000** for hazmat training. Deputies need to be aware of how to identify a hazardous situation when they encounter one, as well as how to take precautions when necessary.

Chris Mulkerns from **Town of Tonopah** requests **\$650** for a handheld multi-gas detector, essential for identifying hazardous materials.

Vance Payne requests **\$10,050** to replace Level A suits and other critical response materials. A special shout out to Ed Booss for the time it takes to pressurize and test our suits and other equipment annually. Cameron McRae commented on how critical it is to keep stock maintained and in working order.

**Dan Schinhofen made motion to apply for these items as indicated above.
Steve Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.**

-FY19 United We Stand Grant, not to exceed **\$25,000**, is due 5.1.18, and applications must relate to activities supporting preparedness to combat terrorism. Requests must identify at least one of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security's priorities.

Vance Payne requests **\$12,000** for a Smith's Detection device which can detect WMD's, chemical agents, and other explosive materials. This will replace the outdated machine currently maintained by Station 51.

Vance also requests an amount not to exceed **\$13,000** for two additional tower-mounted surveillance cameras for DEM. These cameras have been useful for BLM, NDF, Law Enforcement, etc. and we are trying to add new ones to our inventory every year.

Jack Sypolt, Amargosa Valley ARES, needs modification to their automatic transfer switch to provide power to the town complex. The cost is around **\$1,500**. This item will be added to our wish list and Jack will get back to us with a firm quote.

Casey Grove, NNSS and Nye County resident and parent, voiced concerns about security at local schools. Cameron McRae reported that PoolPact has done risk assessment on the schools and NCSO is continually looking for ways to slow perpetrators and keep kids/teachers safe. Vance encouraged Casey to bring any ideas in written format. David Boruchowitz, Sheriff's Office, suggests that all our county buildings are assessed for safety and site security during a terrorist attack, simply installing items such as cement pilings or large decorative rocks may be effective.

**Cameron McRae made motion to apply for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
Dan Schinhofen seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.**

-Fireshows West 2018 Grant - The conference is in Reno in November on a first come first serve basis and the application is due 2.28.18. In the past we have spent \$18,000-\$22,000 so we can sign up for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**Cameron McRae made motion to apply for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
Dan Schinhofen seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.**

Hazmat Plan Review Subcommittee – Vance Payne reported that in order to coordinate our efforts and align our response plans with our partners, this year's Hazard Materials Plan included a Radiation Response Plan that mirrors Clark County.

Bylaws Review Committee – Tina Landsberry, Chairperson, advised no updates at this time.

Executive Subcommittee – Vance Payne advised there were no new items to report.

7. **Election of New Subcommittee Members & Chairpersons**

Planning & Training Subcommittee - Janet Pinner is no longer involved in LEPC. Diane McGinnis nominated Desert View Hospital Representative, Bonnie Stolzman, to take Janet's place. Bonnie accepted. Frank Bonesteel, Civil Air Patrol, volunteered to be on this committee also. Dan Schinhofen made a motion to approve these representatives and Jerry Fuge seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote. The representatives on this committee now include: Vance Payne (committee chair), Sharon Wehrly and/or David Boruchowitz, Bonnie Stolzman, Doug Rierson and Frank Bonesteel.

Grants & Finance Committee – Current representatives Missy Molt (chair), Sharon Wehrly and/or David Boruchowitz, and Frank Maurizio all agreed to remain on this committee. Dan Schinhofen made a motion to approve these representatives and Jerry Fuge seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

HAZMAT Plan Review Committee – Current representatives include Matthew Clayton (chair), Sharon Wehrly and/or David Boruchowitz, Dan Berc, and Richard Flanagan, and all agreed to remain on this committee. Dan Schinhofen made a motion to approve these representatives and Jerry Fuge seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Bylaws Review Committee- Current representatives include Tina Landsberry (chair), Maureen Budahl, Vance Payne, and Mike Harmon, and all agreed to remain on this committee. Dan Schinhofen made a motion to approve these representatives and Jerry Fuge seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Membership Review Committee – Since Irene Sanzare is no longer involved in LEPC, Linda Tuck was nominated to take her place by Diane McGinnis. This nomination being accepted, the representatives will be Linda Tuck (chair), Vance Payne, Maureen Budahl, and Diane McGinnis. Dan Schinhofen made a motion to approve these representatives and Jerry Fuge seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Executive Committee – automatically consists of our LEPC Officers and the Chairpersons of our subcommittees.

8. **Additions/Changes to LEPC “Wish List”**

Add Amargosa Valley RACES – Modification to Transfer Switch - \$1,500
Delete Tonopah Health Nurse Generator. Refrigeration has been moved to the new firehouse.
McGinnis Mica Medical – Sampling Kit - \$2,000
Desert View Hospital – HAZMAT/Decon Suits

9. **Grant Updates**

There were no updates or reports given by recipients of grant funds.

10. **Announcements**

Dan Berc, National Weather Service, announced Annual Stakeholders Meeting on 3.15.18 to be held at the new Henderson EOC. Diane McGinnis announced Mountain Man Rendezvous in Beatty the weekend of 2.9.18 - 2.11.18.

11. **Scheduling of Meeting**

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 9:30 a.m. at DEM. Matt Clayton made a motion to approve that date. Dan Berc seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

12. Public Comment

Steve Bird, Emergency Communications, thanks Vance and Missy for the assistance in upgrading communications equipment in the EOC both here and in Amargosa Valley to be in line with FEMA requirements. Steve encouraged all to obtain a HAM radio license.

Justin Carhart, NNS, announced ARES was recently given permission to come on site. To entice participation they will be running a lot more drills in the future with ARES involvement.

Vance Payne announced an upcoming meeting with Caleb Cage (NDEM) and Nevada Highway Patrol. It looks like we are going to become recipients of a mobile command post and communications center. This is a gently-used unit with less than 30,000 miles on it and we are excited about this new acquisition.

13. Adjournment

Dave Boruchowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and our meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.