



**STATE OF NEVADA
MEETING MINUTES
NEVADA INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE**

Attendance	DATE	Tuesday, February 25, 2025			
	TIME	10:00 a.m.			
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference			
	RECORDER	Loren Borst			
Ron Bollier —Vice Chair	X	Kelly Echeverria	X	Lisa Christensen	ABS
Roy Anderson	X	Scott Means	X	Billy Samuels	ABS
Jessica Brenner	X	Carol Lynn	X	James Simpson	ABS
Sean Burke	X	Don Pelt	ABS	Jerome Tushbant	ABS
Ryan Sommers	X	Matt Petersen	X	James Walker	X
Col John Krueger	X	Col Brian Howard	X		
Bill Elliott – Chair	ABS	Eric Wilson	X		
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General				Office of the Nevada Attorney General	X
Loren Borst – Administrative Support				Nevada Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (OEM/HS)	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair, Ron Bollier, Nevada Division of Forestry called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Loren Borst, Nevada Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (OEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice -Chair, Ron Bollier, opened discussion for public commentary.

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice -Chair, Ron Bollier, opened agenda item for approval of the minutes from the June 10, 2024, IMAC meeting. Roy Anderson, Washoe County School District Emergency Manager, motioned for approval of the minutes. Col. Brian Howard, Civil Air Patrol, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION ON REAL WORLD EVENTS

Rodney Wright, OEM/HS Operations Chief, informed the Board that the state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated eight times starting with the Super Bowl LIX with an activation level of enhanced duty officer. Mr. Wright explained that an enhanced status means that the EOC is available, and standing by for any jurisdiction to notify them and if there is an escalation they will notify the EOC manager to determine if the state EOC needs to stand-up. Mr. Wright further noted that in 2024 six of the activations were duty officer enhanced status, and one full activation of the state EOC in September due to the Davis Fire. There was also a partial activation in November for the Callahan Fire.

Mr. Wright went on to note there were Intrastate Mutual Aid Deployments in 2024, with the Davis Fire and noted the counties, costs, and equipment submitted for reimbursement by each. The total cost for reimbursement and equipment totaled \$ 707,216.03, with a total of 34 personnel, and 12 equipment items that were shipped to assist with the fire. There were also several events where OEM/HS staff were deployed to assist across the state with New Year's Eve, Formula One, the Nevada Day Parade, and the Davis Fire. Mr. Wright noted a bar graph including all of the duty officer calls for each county, with 202 total calls. They were ordered by counties that received the most calls and included the event types. Mr. Wright noted Clark, Washoe, and Elko County received the most calls, the top three event types were search and rescue, transportation, and fire.

5. PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT (EMAC) AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ASSIST TEAM (IMAT)

Rodney Wright, OEM/HS Operations Chief, stated that there had been 300% more EMAC deployments than in 2023, there were three deployments in 2024 compared to zero from the previous year. One deployment was for the Park fire in California where Lincoln County had sent a type 3 brush truck with personnel, North Las Vegas Police Department assisted with the Republican National Convention in Wisconsin, sending five officers to assist, and the last deployment was for Hurricane Helene, OEM/HS sent the Chief Resilience Officer, Heather Lafferty to assist during their response and recovery aspects in North Carolina.

Mr. Wright moved on to discuss the IMAT. He noted the draft policy from 2022 had

been edited and they are working on appendix items and will be reviewed by the committee once completed. He noted the comments provided in previous meetings had been incorporated; however, there were still many talking points the committee will need to have before the incident management team plan is on the board and built.

6. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA ASSEMBLY BILL 57 (2025) REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE NEVADA INTRASTATE MUTUTAL AID SYSTEM

Vice- Chair, Ron Bollier discussed the bill noting the bill was a Division of Forestry (NDF) push and a presentation to Legislature on the first house was held the week prior to the meeting where there was no opposition concerning the bill. He noted the next step for the bill was to be presented the following week and if it passes it will go to the floor session, and then to the Senate side for the same process. If it doesn't pass through either of the houses the bill will go nowhere though it is anticipated to pass due to zero opposition and a few members stepping up in support.

Jim Walker, Nevada Department of Transportation, asked what the philosophy was behind the changes. Vice-Chair Bollier responded that the bill aligns the wildland side with NRS 414A Mutual Aid with the regional fire chiefs and aligns NDF under NRS 414A wildland. He also noted it would align OEM/HS with NRS 414A on the structural municipal all-hazards side. Previously it was not written well, and the new bill clarifies and aligns OEM as the chair of the committee and NDF as the vice-chair.

Mr. Walker asked if there is anticipation that the restructuring is to be the genesis of changes to the IMAC, and if so, how big of a change is the committee looking at. Brett Compston, Chief of OEM/HS, responded there would be no change. There were two reasons for the edits, one being because NDF already manages all wildlife fire suppression mutual aid within the state, and two it gives NDF one of the two chair seats on the committee either to the Chief forester or her designee.

7. DISCUSSION ON INVENTORY OF LOCAL RESOURCES FOR THE INTRATATE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (IMAS)

Eric Wilson, OEM/HS reminded the committee that pursuant to NRS 414A the participating agencies in IMAS need to maintain a current list of personnel and equipment of the participant available for interstate mutual aid are submitted to OEM/HS annually. Mr. Wilson noted thus far they have received only Carson City's this year.

Matt Peterson, Fire Chief of Elko County, noted he had entered the meeting, then asked how the list should be submitted to OEM/HS from each city and county. Rodney Wright, OEM/HS Operations Chief, stated he would be taking over this role from Mr. Wilson due to a shift in job roles and that submittal to his email was acceptable.

Carol Lynn, Humboldt County Emergency Manager, asked if she could get a copy of the inventory list on record for Humboldt County so she may update her records. Mr. Wright said he would look into the matter and see what they can provide.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice- Chair, Ron Bollier opened the second period of public comment.

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice- Chair, Ron Bollier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager, made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Roy Anderson, Washoe County School District Emergency Manager. All were in favor of adjournment with no further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

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