



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE		Tuesday, February 27, 2024			
	TIME		1:00 PM			
	METHOD		Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 686 738 8625			
	RECORDER		Sherrean Whipple			
Appointed Voting Member Attendance						
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	
Governor Joe Lombardo - Chair	X	Mitchell Fox	X	Chief John Steinbeck	X	
Sheriff Kevin McMahon – Vice-Chair	X	Chief Fernando Grey	ABS	George Togliatti	X	
Col. Brett Compston	X	Dr. Ikram Khan	X	Rosemary Vassiliadis	X	
Sheriff Darin Balaam	X	Chief Charles Moore	X	Patricia Wade	X	
Spencer Evans	ABS	Harriett Parker	ABS	Bill Welch	X	
Todd Fasulo	X	Richard Perkins	ABS			
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance						
Karen Burke	X	Christopher Ipsen	X	Aakin Patel	X	
Gonzalo Cordova	X	David Fogerson	X			
Skip Daly	X	P.K. O'Neill	X			
Legal and Support Staff Attendance						
Samantha Ladich	X	Sherrean Whipple	X			

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Joe Lombardo opened the first period of public comment for discussion.

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo called for a motion to amend or amend and approve the draft minutes from the November 29, 2023, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security meeting.

Michell Fox motioned to approve the minutes. Patricia Wade, Wade Development, seconded the motioned to approve the minutes.

No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. SUPER BOWL LVIII

Deputy Fire Chief Billy Samuels, Clark County Emergency Manager, and Lt. Kendall Bell, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Chief Billy Samuels commended the LVMPD, their special events, the Fusion Center, and Emergency Management for the dedication to making this event a success. Chief Samuels explained that from an Emergency Management perspective, these events are scaled up with a lot local, state, and federal resources in preparation for the worst-case scenario, while at the same time practicing for the next event or incident. Chief Samuels indicated that 36 subcommittees were created for this event, and were designed, coordinated, and collaborated by Metro to ensure that the needs of the memberships were being met. Chief Samuels further noted that there was another command room with Clark County IT Ops, which were responsible for all the cellular connectivity and other communications issues. Chief Samuels indicated that emergency support functions 1 through 15 are set up at the Multi-Agency Coordination Center, which encompasses all lifelines, including power, water, and gas, as well as transportation, IT, emergency management, and information and sharing that would normally occur during any pre-planned events. Chief Samuels further noted that command and general staff were set up to ensure coordination among all the jurisdictions. Chief Samuels indicated that Clark County is very fortunate that its jurisdiction is set up the way it is and that the same federal partners who always support the local avenues end up being the same people from one event to another. Chief Samuels indicated that during the event, LVMPD did a brief-out every hour on the half hour through the end of the event, and that the MAC brief-outs occurred every hour on the hour and included all emergency support functions and information on what was happening throughout the valley. Chief Samuels next discussed the pre-designated reunification center, noting that rather than holding it at Government Center as was the case with Formula-1, an MOU was in place with the Thomas & Mack so that the university system was able to play that role. Chief Samuels attributed the success of the event to the partnership Metro created with all the partners involved.

Governor Lombardo requested the status of the after action for both this event and the Formula-1 when available.

Chief Billy Samuels indicated that he would work with DEM/HS and David Fogerson to get the after-action for F1 and the Super Bowl, if done by that time. Chief Samuels explained that the after-action would be coordinated with multiple agencies.

David Fogerson concurred that he would work with Chief Billy Samuels to get this done.

Lieutenant Kendall Bell, LVMPD Special Events, informed the Committee of the honor of being one of the Super Bowl public safety committee co-chairs, along with the late Deputy Chief Warren Whitney. Lieutenant Bell indicated that this event brought on a higher level of exposure for Las Vegas due to the SEER level and the NFL and Superbowl's worldwide footprint. Lieutenant Bell discussed the formation of the subcommittees comprised of first responders, local state partners, impact resort partners, and NFL organizers, and the weekly, biweekly, monthly, and quarterly meetings that occurred with these different groups. Lieutenant Bell indicated that the efforts ensured early and consistent information sharing and collaborative planning efforts, and also allowed LVMPD to leverage resources essential to the success of events, including: canine; personnel; drone mitigation; and social media. Lieutenant Bell commended first responders and resort partners alike for facilitating the success of this event. Lieutenant Bell described the Public Safety Officials Program, which allowed Nevada to send delegates down to review processes, which Lieutenant Bell indicated that was invaluable to the planning efforts. Lieutenant Bell indicated that the planning efforts were not solely focused on the stadium but rather included an overarching approach to ensure that Fremont Street and the strip were also safe. Lieutenant Bell next discussed the event itself, noting that this was the most watched show ever on tv, had the highest Super Bowl prices ever, and the highest number of people attending the fan experience ever during the Super Bowl era. Lieutenant Bell informed the Commission of the challenges faced by Metro: canine; credentialing; and protesters, but noted that the event, overall was very successful with no major critical or unusual events impacting it.

John Steinbeck praised the work done to make the event such a success.

Karen Burke also praised the work done to make the event a success.

Sheriff Kevin McMahon informed the group that an after action is in progress for the UNLV shooting and indicated that the Super Bowl after action will likely not be ready by the next meeting.

Governor Joe Lombardo noted that this is understandable, then next shared with the group that Roger Goodell, Commissioner of the NFL, sent a letter thanking the Governor and Sheriff McMahon for their efforts at the Super Bowl. The Governor next questioned how the pre-event visits are being funded.

Lieutenant Kendall Bell explained that each city has a host committee that raises funds for these types of visits and indicated that an additional \$5 fee was added for every badge, which also helped to fund the VPSO program, along with the resort partners helping to offset some of the cost. Lieutenant Bell added that the rooms themselves are paid for by the NFL.

Governor Joe Lombardo questioned whether or not state emergency management can become involved in those visits.

David Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS can certainly become involved if asked and noted that this particular event already had all the necessary funding and therefore, DEM/HS was not asked, but moving forward would be happy to look into ways to partner better with the local government.

Governor Joe Lombardo asked about the insufficient number of canines.

Lieutenant Kendall Bell explained that the county simply does not have sufficient canine to support all the different events but that Lieutenant Goodwin had been able to make do with what he had to accomplish all the missions.

Governor Joe Lombardo commended the work that went into making the Super Bowl a nationwide success.

John Steinbeck questioned if canines were a local resource that needed enlarging.

Lieutenant Kendall Bell noted that there would likely not be enough in Clark County for a SEER-1 event, but also noted that there would not be a need without that SEER-1 event. As such, for the Super Bowl, Metro was able to source from other states, who sent their dogs. Lieutenant Bell reiterated that unless SEER-1 events are expected to take place annually or more often, Clark County would not require more dogs.

5. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROCESS 2024

Jared Franco, DEM/HS, informed the Commission that the draft timeline is in the meeting materials. Mr. Franco explained that these are tentative dates, noting that FEMA expects the NOFO drop date around March 23, but because of the CR continuing with the federal government, nothing is certain as of yet. Mr. Franco indicated that FEMA did say that the state will have 60 days from the time the NOFO drops to get the applications in and approved and pushed to FEMA. Mr. Franco informed the Commission that applications will open five days after the NOFO drops, the sub-recipients will then have 30 days to submit their applications, and another 30 days to work with DEM/HS staff to ensure that they are ready to go for all of the public committee approvals. Mr. Franco assured the Committee that once DEM/HS receives notice of more solidified dates, the information will be shared with all partners.

Governor Joe Lombardo questioned if any of DEM/HS 's grants will be affected by the CR.

Jared Franco explained that he does not know for certain, but expects that it will affect dates and the timeline, but not funding.

Governor Joe Lombardo requested that DEM/HS provide some public notice to the partners regarding what it would look like in the emergency management world should the CR have an effect.

David Fogerson concurred that DEM/HS would do so and added that most of the emergency response side from FEMA and DHS will still be available, and it would likely be just grant staff that would be considered non-essential personnel.

Governor Joe Lombardo indicated that this could just be a standard template that could be sent out anytime this occurs.

6. REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

David Fogerson, State Administrative Agent (SAA), informed the Committee that the NIMS discussion is an NRS requirement for every quarterly meeting, and reported that DEM/HS continues to provide trainings and certifications, and that multiple trainings are taking place currently with a focus on eastern and rural Nevada. Mr. Fogerson noted that DEM/HS will be at the Nevada Preparedness Summit in Las Vegas holding discussions about how to improve this process, how to get people credentialed, and to discuss the future of the IMAT required under NRS.

John Steinbeck asked for more detail regarding the requirements of the team.

David Fogerson explained that FEMA requires that people meet certain incident qualifications. Mr. Fogerson noted that DEM/HS has not done a great job of documenting these qualifications and has relied more on word of mouth than they should and as such, DEM/HS staff will be meeting with emergency management partners this upcoming Thursday to discuss the rules and document them, as well as to discuss how best to implement them in the state. Mr. Fogerson explained that NRS requires that DEM/HS fields two teams and noted that the Southern Nevada Incident Management team is fielded by UASI, and the rest of the state is serviced by an ad hoc team. As such, Mr. Fogerson indicated the importance of ensuring professional qualifications, as well as discussing how the teams should look in the future.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo opened the second period of public comment for discussion.

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mitchell Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association, motioned for adjournment.

All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.