



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee

Attendance	DATE		Thursday, May 23, 2024		
	TIME		9:00 AM		
	METHOD		Zoom		
	RECORDER		Sherrean K. Whipple		
Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
David Fogerson – Chair	X	COL. Brett D. Compston	X	Aakin Patel	X
Billy Samuels – Vice Chair	X	Joe Colacurcio	X	Tennille Pereira	X
Taylor Allison	X	Bob Dehnhardt	ABS	Matthew Petersen	X
Andy Ancho	X	Kelly Echeverria	X	Ken Quiner	ABS
Jayson Andrus	X	Andrea Esp	X	Jay Robinson	X
Roy Anderson	X	Jeanne Freeman	X	Bill Savran	X
Travis Anderson	X	Eric Holt	X	Cary Underwood	X
Jon Bakkedahl	X	Timothy Hill	ABS		
Noah Boyer	X	Chris Lake	X		
Lee Cabaniss	X	Carolyn Levering	X		
James Chrisley	X	Rachel Marchetti	X		
Diana Clarkson	X	Desiree Mattice	X		
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Bunny Bishop	X	Melissa Friend	X	Kimberly Palma-Ortega	X
Heather Lafferty	X	Selby Marks	X		
Legal/Administrative Support Attendance					
Representative			Entity		Present
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General			Office of the Nevada Attorney General		X
Sherrean K. Whipple – Administrative Assistant			Nevada Division of Emergency Management		X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Fogerson, State Administrative Agent (SAA) called the meeting to order. Sherrean K. Whipple performed the roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Chair Fogerson opened the first period of public comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Fogerson called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the January 23, 2024 Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) meeting.

Jeanne Freeman, Carson City Health & Human Services, motioned to approve the minutes.

COL. Brett Compston, Nevada National Guard, seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed and closed.

4. Overview of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and the State homeland Security Program (SHSP)

Zach Edler, Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS) indicated some important dates to kick things off. Mr. Edler indicated that the finance committee will hold a meeting on June 14th at 9 o'clock.

Additionally, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Department will also hold a meeting on June 14th at 1 o'clock. Mr. Edler asked for representatives to be send to both meetings.

Mr. Edler noted that DEM will be submitting applications to FEMA on June 24th with October 1st being the prospective date for sub awards. Mr. Edler indicated that \$130, 883 will be spent in enhancing election security making this the only national priority area with minimum spend requirement of three percent total award for the year. Further, Mr. Edler indicated that \$1, 308,825 will be spend across all six FEMA-approved National priority areas, \$2,658,378 to law enforcement and terrorism prevention activities and \$4, 144, 612 to be allocated overall.

Mr. Edler addressed the burning issue concerning the 87-project email that was sent out. A wealth of projects which were left out in pre-award stage were either removed from consideration or left on cutting room floor.

Mr. Edler explained that this was widely because non-profit applications for the non-profit security program got confused with which program they were applying for and were stopped when they found out it needed to be a state local tribal territorial government in order to proceed. Mr. Edler clarified that of those 87 projects, 47 projects were complete between the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the urban area security initiative.

Ms. Freeman raised concerns about the numbers to be spend on election security and law enforcement. Mr. Edler clarified that the money was out of State Homeland Security Program allocation to Nevada, which was \$4,362, 750. \$4,144,612 was management and administrative cost removed from that number. Chair Fogerson then clarified that FEMA received a 10 percent decrease in the amount of funds in all preparedness grants in the federal fiscal year. Chair Fogerson explained that every year FEMA/DHS looks at which terrorism risk is for the state. He noted that the state remained at the same risk and threat level at to last year.

Chair Fogerson explained that the State Homeland Security funds are designed for statewide benefits. They should be things that can be affected in the 16 counties other than Clark. He further stated that Clark County had increased their risk one spot from last year.

Chair Fogerson indicated that UASI will be meeting on June 4th to do their projects. He also noted that DHS Secretary had increased law enforcement related spending form 25 percent to 35 percent.

Chair Fogerson thanked Noah Boyer for convincing DHS Secretary that The FBI should produce requirements for bomb team that is not private funding and that comes from Homeland Security funds. Chair Fogerson next clarified that projects can be jointly funded by both State Homeland Security Funds and UASI.

Chair Fogerson summarized by stating that there are 27 projects with an ask price of \$6.4 million, meaning 42.26 million worth of cuts in proposal.

5. FFY 2024 SHSP Project and Budget Proposal Presentations for New Programs

Chair Fogerson indicated that the committee will hear project and budget proposal presentations, limited to five minutes, from project representatives who submitted SHSP project proposal and budget.

Chair Fogerson called Serge Duarte, Carson City Fire Emergency Management and Sherriff as the first person to present.

Mr. Duarte explained that Carson City CERT was originally started in 2006 but has dwindled over the years based on number of people. Mr. Duarte stated that Carson City CERT has been going through a significant building of the team since 2021. He further explained that Carson City CERT has conducted three basic training academies since May 2023. Mr. Duarte stated that 33 people had been put through those three academies and 21 people retained as CERT members which is critical to the philosophy of Carson City CERT to retain as many people as possible into bedded, badged, Carson City team members who can respond to emergencies.

Mr. Duarte stated that in addition to the growth Carson City CERT has been doing internally, it has also established a deep relationship with Carson City emergency management to become an integral part of the emergency operations plan. In addition to that, Carson City has established a regional group of CERT program managers.

Mr. Duarte stated that he is working closely with Nevada State Coordination to develop an internal train to trainer program for CERT training which will be significant to expand train to trainer program throughout the state.

Mr. Duarte explained that Carson City CERT has never had any interoperability radios. Mr. Duarte further explained that the only available radios are FRS which are limited in range. Mr. Duarte asked for 10 radios that are NSRS or P25 capable to be able to have durable communication with other organizations.

Melissa Friend, DEM/HS asked Mr. Duarte whether he had contacted NSP because they were exiling P25 Phase 2 radios.

Mr. Duarte responded that he had not.

Ms. Friend asked Mr. Duarte to reach out to NSP for the surface radios which Mr. Duarte agreed upon.

Ms. Jeanne asked if the Carson City CERT project can be scaled down and why it's greater in money than it was last year. Mr. Duarte answered that the biggest growth in grant application was in radios. He further explained that his goal was to get experts to teach courses that promote impact to students.

Ms. Jeanne further asked if there were any restrictions relating to travel. Mr. Duarte responded by stating that he was not allowed to go out of the country. Mr. Duarte indicated that the City Manager in Carson City would approve the travel to U.S. territories as long as the travels are 100 percent funded.

Ms. Jeanne asked whether grant approves and allows it. Mr. Boyer responded to Ms. Freeman stating that he had attended an international conference held in Mexico the year which resulted to not being able to receive funds that year.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item B, Carson City Fire Emergency Sherriff and asked Mr. Bakkedahl to make the presentation.

Mr. Bakkedahl asked the committee for a grant application for Carson City County system totaling four buildings including municipal, justice, juvenile and alternative sentencing for a public address system which is a capital improvement project from the city's budget.

Ms. Freeman asked whether there were any additional costs outside of what's been presented or was retrofitting included in that cost. Mr. Bakkedahl replied by indicating that retrofitting was included within the normal city budget of public work facilities.

Mr. Boyer asked whether scaling a few buildings over a few years was more cost beneficial than getting it done at once. Mr. Bakkedahl responded by indicating that it was more affordable to do everything at once.

Mr. Boyer further asked Mr. Bakkedahl if he had the numbers as far as what it would cost for the two buildings compared to all of them. Mr. Bakkedahl stated that he does not have the numbers.

Mr. Cabaniss from Elko asked if there was any SISA Evaluation done to determine if the project was to be done. Additionally, Mr. Cabaniss asked for any other option that can fulfil the same need. Mr. Bakkedahl replied by stating that he had requested for assessment in May and promised to follow up on that. Mr. Bakkedahl clarified that the only option that can fulfil the same need was to extend capabilities to be able to communicate with each other as staff in the building but don't have ways to address the public.

Mr. Colacurcio asked Mr. Bakkedahl if he had received any quote that he had RFP for vendors.

Mr. Bakkedahl answered that he had gotten informal material cost from two vendors to see what actual cost would be to get an idea to facilitate all four facilities.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item C, Carson City Fire Emergency Management Sherriff for Carson City, EOC Technology and asked Mr. Bakkedahl to make the presentation.

Mr. Bakkedahl stated that by NRS, Carson City Fire Emergency Management is required to have an emergency manager and emergency management program. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that the city had put forth \$14.5 million in its own funding towards building and completion of a new emergency operation center building Mr. Bakkedahl further clarified that completion of the building would take place within 17 months.

Chair Fogerson clarified that Mr. Bakkedahl had received two \$1 million EOC grants for this project as well. Mr. Bakkedahl agreed stating that those were legislative ear marks that went towards construction of the building.

Ms. Freeman inquired on how to ensure the funds identified would support purchasing of equipment when building is being done considering inflation. Ms. Freeman further inquired whether any plan had been set forward for sustainability for maintenance and replacement of equipment.

Answering Ms. Freeman's first question, Mr. Bakkedahl explained that once awards were received, purchase of equipment would start and have it staged and ready to go in as construction is happening. The IT Department in Carson City had issued multiple RFIs suggesting that they would start doing installations throughout the process of developing the building once they got the equipment staged. Mr. Bakkedahl answered Ms. Freeman's second question by stating that there was no technology used in large format single wall screen. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that they were to use individual monitors that can be replaced one by one versus an entire screen, making it a much more affordable approach towards long-term maintenance.

Ms. Freeman asked if there was any conversation between Lyon County and Douglas County in Nevada about collaborative environment utilized by both counties.

Taylor Allison, Quad Counties Emergency Manager, explained that Lyon County had no fixed EOC and thus a great opportunity to come together and share space in that aspect where there is regional incident response. Kara Easton, Douglas County Emergency Manager echoed Ms. Allison saying that they could use that facility but would depend on its location.

Adam Wilson, Director of Emergency Management, Storey County echoed both Ms. Allison and Ms. Easton's comments.

Chair Fogerson, asked Akin Patel of Cyber Defense Coordination if there was any computer issue or cyber issue with the project. Mr. Patel assured us that there was no issue with the project. Mr. Patel asked Mr. Bakkedahl if there was any plan to secure the network that these devices would be on and keep them separate from general operating environment.

Mr. Bakkedahl clarified by stating that Frank Abella, IT Department was involved in the entire process. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that the department had gone through and facilitated how network was to be built.

Kelly Echeverra asked for clarification on whether Mr. Bakkedahl had requested information or made a bid and if so, how many organizations he had gotten potential quotes from. Mr. Bakkedahl responded clarifying that he had spoken to three different companies. Mr. Bakkedahl further explained that monitors were on the lower end of the cost and made it clear that the largest part was Creston type management software.

Mr. Boyer asked if the funding was to be received through a grant process or as a scalable amount of money and whether there was any plan B for funding. Mr. Bakkedahl answered that there was no plan B.

Mr. Samuels asked Mr. Bakkedahl if he could get the completion date for the construction and ensure the 460,000 funds going towards construction are for EOC and not for building of fire station for IT side. Mr. Bakkedahl assured that the funds were all for the emergency operation center part of the building.

Ms. Echeverria asked Mr. Bakkedahl if he had addressed the timeline question. Mr. Bakkedahl elaborated that the building was to be completed in 17 months, and there was no grant award until October so there was plenty of window with EHP already done.

Chair Fogerson, moved to Item D Carson Fire Emergency Management Sherriff, The Carson City Mobile Command and Communication vehicle

Mr. Bakkedahl requested for replacement of an over 20-year-old mobile command vehicle, COM 51, that's been in use for multiple years and areas. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that this vehicle will hold 12 people in a command set whereas the current one comfortably fits around four.

The request was established to meet all system requirements.

Ms. Freeman noted the unplanned cost of 25,000 in the budget. Ms. Freeman asked whether there was any planning to replace the vehicle and financing associated with that.

Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the sheriff had submitted for improvement projects within the city under general fund and had been removed due to cost and impacts. Mr. Bakkedahl noted that the cost was large, ranging from \$1.8 million to \$800,000 on lower end. Mr. Bakkedahl clarified that the \$25,000 for incidental stuff is when they're looking at integrating the technologies they have into the format of the vehicle.

Ms. Freeman asked a follow up question on whether the vehicle would be part of interstate mutual aid and would be deployed across the state from an interstate mutual aid aspect.

Chair David clarified that as federal requirement and so must be entered.

Mr. Bakkedahl echoed David's statement suggesting that it's required and has to be submitted.

James Chrisley inquired whether the 20-year-old vehicle was currently fully operational.

Mr. Bakkedahl explained that the vehicle was about 75 percent of the capability of how it was originally adopted and thus was still able to be used as a backup dispatch center.

Ms. Echeverria from Washoe County inquired whether it was possible to retrofit portions of the vehicle.

Mr. Bakkedahl answered that to get everything upgraded to current technologies and the wish list was about \$670,000 to \$700,000. Jon Bakkedahl confirmed that the cost of getting a new vehicle was preferable than upgrading the current one.

Ms. Echeverria asked how the vehicle was previously purchased, the frequency of use and how many in the region are sharable resources.

Mr. Bakkedahl stated that the original cost was general funding and some other general funding. Mr. Bakkedahl further stated that the vehicle was deployed at least on a quarterly basis depending on the season. Mr. Bakkedahl explained the vehicle was a control and command vehicle.

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Mr. Cabaniss, Elko County Emergency Management asked for the purchase of used apparatus as opposed to brand new.

Mr. Bakkedahl agreed that it was allowable under certain circumstances.

Mr. Cabaniss noted that Elko County had two of those vehicles. He clarified that purchase and upgrade was about \$300,000, a third of the cost suggested. He suggested that there were other options other than buying new apparatus.

Andrea Esp, Washoe County Health Preparedness, noted that Washoe County had received a vehicle the previous day from out of Wisconsin and asked if it could be shared.

Mr. Bakkedahl accepted that sharable resources would be great as long as it meets all radio requirements of Sheriff's office and control and command elements.

Misty Robinson, Southern Nevada Health District, explained that this was a customized vehicle with supply chain situation. Ms. Robinson asked whether it would be completed at the end of grant year as it was.

Mr. Bakkedahl answered that manufacturers in several conferences were saying that it would be available within 18 months unlike fire and ambulance apparatus which take 3-5 years.

Mr. Boyer asked Jon how he would prioritize the three sizable projects in Carson City.

Mr. Bakkedahl answered that purchase of new vehicle had the biggest impact due to the cost of purchase.

Chair Fogerson, moved to Item E, For License Plate Readers in Douglas County.

Ms. Easton, Douglas County Emergency Manager, made the presentation.

Ms. Easton stated that currently the capability of license plate readers was only in Lake Tahoe basin, and they are looking to expand to five intersections within Carson Valley so as to monitor traffic coming in and out of the jurisdiction. Ms. Easton further stated that the sheriff's office had used the platform to arrest many felony folks and other criminals.

Mr. Colacurcio raised a concern whether the intersection had been clarified and if permits had been requested.

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Ms. Easton clarified that there were five intersections 395 and 98, 207 which is Kingsberry grade and Foothill.

Ms. Easton further clarified that they were working on doing the permitting piece.

Mr. Patel asked whether cost associated with running power and data was addressed and included.

Ms. Easton answered that only equipment was included.

Mr. Patel asked Ms. Easton whether Douglas County would cover the cost.

Ms. Easton noted that they were looking for funding for the rest of that piece.

Ms. Freeman asked to extend the scalability of the projects.

Chair, David asked Ms. Freeman to identify the intersection.

Ms. Freeman clarified that she was concerned of the scalability from 16 Units at five intersections.

Ms. Easton stated that scalability would start at an intersection that's highlighting more cameras and dwindle down from there.

Ms. Freeman raised concerns about the sustainability plan for this project.

Ms. Easton explained that sustainability was through the sheriff's office so they would be looking for funding to provide maintenance on that.

Ms. Freeman asked Ms. Easton if they had any kind of plan currently.

Ms. Easton answered that they kind of have a plan currently.

Mr. Patel asked for any specific data standard requirements or data security requirements instituted on this project as a result of data sharing with some federal agencies.

Ms. Easton stated that she had no idea of that concern.

Mr. Boyer asked Ms. Easton if she knew the company.

Ms. Easton stated that they were looking at the Odin System because it would be interoperable with what is in the lake.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item F, Douglas County CERT.

Ms. Easton stated that they were looking to sustain the program as SHSP funds. Ms. Easton further stated that they currently had 32 members and were consistently recruiting.

Ms. Easton noted that they were working with Washoe County CERT and Carson City CERT to have a more regional approach so as to provide more regional deployment model. Ms. Easton stated that they were looking to improve training capabilities and so part of the request is to get more equipment to provide training and have hands-on approach for members.

Ms. Freeman asked if it was possible to secure a coordinator for \$1,500 a month from the budget which Ms. Easton agreed to.

Ms. Freeman asked whether it was possible to collaborate with East Clak Fire and Tahoe Douglas Fire to share fire simulation equipment and fire extinguishers.

Ms. Easton agreed that it was possible to share the equipment but also stated that they are using the supplies for training. Ms. Easton stated that there was a CERT program trying to be built for Lake Tahoe Basin so it will have all these supplies to deploy.

Ms. Freeman asked a follow up question on budget wondering how adult mannequin for medical triage and treatment training was costing \$1,300 for two while adult mannequin medical triage training was 10 per case. Ms. Easton clarified that the first mannequins are life and size and weigh 50-60 pounds giving a life-like experience when trying to move victims while the 10 per case are blow up mannequins used for exercise.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item G, Radio System Preventive Maintenance for Douglas County

Ms. Easton explained that the purpose of the project was to hire third party contractors to help get a prevention maintenance schedule within Douglas County for radio system. Ms. Easton noted that currently

there are two full-time radio techs responsible for maintenance of all infrastructure and subscriber units Ms. Easton elaborated that this project would support five response agencies and have approximately a thousand subscriber units.

Ms. Easton expounded that the purpose of this project was to hire someone who could dedicate specific number of hours to get county on track so that radio techs can then start afresh and move forward and be able to proactively make sure equipment is working.

Ms. Easton stated that along with that, two pieces of equipment service monitors are required to be used to provide lenience to ensure radios are functioning.

Mr. Samuels inquired whether they were expecting to support hiring a contractor for about 93,000 the next year or it was a one-time ask. Ms. Easton clarified that it was a one-time ask.

Ms. Echeverria wondered if there was an alternative funding source through mitigation.

Ms. Easton responded that little to no success was achieved using mitigation funds in the last couple of years and so was dismissed.

Mr. Boyer asked Ms. Easton if she had considered OJ Funding to which Ms. Easton replied by stating that she didn't know what OJ Funding was but promised to take a look at it.

Ms. Freeman asked Ms. Easton to explain what service monitors are and why two of them were needed.

Ms. Easton explained that service monitors are needed when a tech when a contractor is doing radio tests to help them determine what is going wrong and how they can fix it without needing someone on the other end of the radio. Ms. Easton further explained that two service monitors were needed because there are two radio techs plus the contractor.

Mr. Andrus asked Ms. Easton to rank the three projects.

Ms. Easton ranked radio system maintenance, CERT and license for plate in order of priority.

Ms. Clarkson, Las Vegas Metro Police Department asked what level of production was required for this project to have a success.

Ms. Easton answered that the project needed 200 hours at the most but would prefer to cut service monitors.

Chair Fogerson, asked the committee members to take a 10-minute intermission.

Chair Fogerson, called the meeting back to order at 10:32.

Chair Fogerson, asked for follow up with some items that grant staff and SWIC had been able to look up regarding first few items.

SWIC representative highlighted that she had been able to talk with Nevada State Police on break. Radios are taken care and have good life span on them.

Mr. Edler clarified that because Carson CERT Project was in Virginia Islands, the travel would be considered domestic and allowable under the grant program. Mr. Elder further clarified that there was no issue with vehicles used in city mobile command and communication as long as there was retrofitting.

Chair Fogerson, moved to Item H, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, ARMOR.

ARMOR Representative stated that all hazard regional multi-agency operations and response task force is requesting funding for a new robot platform to support various mission areas and unit taskforce responds to events in southern Nevada in accordance with proper request protocols. ARMOR Representative further stated that in 2023 and 2024, previously purchased robot platforms became obsolete and unreliable during downgrade operations. Operation cost to update those platforms exceeded cost of a new robot and warranty. ARMOR Representative explained that this project has various such as enhanced situational awareness and remote reconnaissance.

ARMOR Representative explained that in 2022 and 2023. ARMOR task force provided robotic support to southern Nevada tactical teams over 200 times. During vast majority of those incidents, a minimum of two robots were deployed to perform various functions. ARMOR Representative explained that while operating in hazardous environments, the robot platform can be outfitted with previously FEMA Grant purchase technology.

ARMOR Representative highlighted that the Department of Homeland Security had recognized soft targets in crowded places as appealing to terrorists because of accessibility and large number of targets. He explained that ARMOR supported and staffed over two dozen special events in South Nevada the previous year. Those events include EDC, Stanley Cup, Formula 1, New Year's Eve and Super Bowl. ARMOR Representative requested assistance as needed from local state and federal resources according to size, location, intelligence and special event assessment or C rating related to the event.

Ms. Robinson inquired from ARMOR Representative whether he would receive this robot by end of grant period which he agreed to.

Ms. Clarkson commented and pointed out that they had already sealed the project. She highlighted that they had originally gotten a request for three robots to replace the platforms that are critical to sustain the efforts, not just local but state efforts.

Ms. Clarkson supported the order to sustain the current efforts of ARMOR Agency.

Ms. Freeman inquired the number of robots that ARMOR had and the typical lifespan of a robot.

ARMOR Representative responded by explaining that currently five robot platforms were functioning. Additionally, he explained that they cannot maintain previous capability of outfitting two platforms.

Ms. Freeman inquired about the number of times the robots had been used with different entities throughout Clark County. Additionally, she asked whether there had been any conversation with various entities about shared cost with purchasing a new robot or even having associated cost with the robot.

ARMOR Representative explained that shared cost with ARMOR task force is personnel and vehicles.

Ms. Freeman asked whether there was a shared cost of this equipment which ARMOR Representative agreed.

Ms. Freeman asked whether with the aging fleet they would anticipate hearing from the representative on a yearly basis about another robot replaced.

ARMOR Representative explained that he didn't foresee it happening yearly but foresees it happening in the future.

Ms. Freeman inquired whether ARMOR Representative had approached UASI about the application he had put forward to which the representative replied as negative.

Chair David, asked for statistics on how often robots were applied within Clark County UASI area.

ARMOR Representative stated that in the last several years, robots had been deployed once in Lincoln County.

Chair David inquired if ARMOR Representative was looking for state funds instead of UASI funds for this project. Ms. Clarkson clarified that it wasn't just UASI asset, but rather ARMOR team was able to go to state so they have never denied the request that came from any other county and would never deny that request.

Chair David noted that Anonymous were concerned that this could only be purchased by an FBI recognized bomb team. Grant staff looked it up and it was eligible for purchase by ARMOR.

Replying to Mr. Peterson, ARMOR Representative clarified they only work with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Bomb team. Mr. Boyer chimed in by stating that they deal primarily with the four bomb squads. He further stated that they have very strong collaborative effort in north with Hazmat partners.

Replying to Ms. Echeverria, ARMOR Representative explained that they did not pursue any other funding for the robot.

Responding to Mr. Boyer, ARMOR Representative stated that he had reached out to manufactures of two robot platforms and one experienced failure. He further stated that introducing large platform robots is impractical so as smaller robot platform is necessary.

Chair Fogerson, moved to Item I Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism

Ms. Clarkson presented the South Nevada Counterterrorism center SHSP 24.

Ms. Clarkson stated that Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Centre (SNCTC) comprised of 20 different partner agencies and more than 100 personnel. SNCTC assesses threats and suspicious activity reports in order to prevent acts of terrorism. SNCTC aligns with one of six strategic priorities identified by DHS. SNCTC is seeking to fund sustainment for two personnel with fusion center

SNCTC is also seeking funding for sustained funding for sustainment of printing materials and website design. SNCTC is asking for two additional special event computers deployable.

SNCTC is requesting funds to send personnel to announce conference for training.

Ms. Freeman raised two concerns. She noted that the application doesn't match the detailed budget. Additionally, she noted that the issue of request for counterterrorism center had been made for the last four years to stop putting computers in budget for ask.

Ms. Clarkson clarified that updated line-item budget is the most accurate detector and that equipment is necessary to maintain operations thus has to be included.

Ms. Freeman asked Ms. Clarkson not to ask for computer equipment which she stated that she can't make commitment to because there are multiple partner agencies involved.

Mr. Patel asked for scope of work from cyber analyst in report. Ms. Clarkson answered that monitoring of cyber security and having a good understanding of global threats was essential.

Cary Underwood clarified cyber intelligence analyst position had an established relationship with FBI Cyber task force, DHS and Intelligence.

Ms. Echeverria asked for a breakdown of computer hardware, PCs, monitors and tablets.

Ms. Clarkson explained that fusion center computers require more robust systems to handle all processing. She further added that 36 computers are current audit in order to replace 5-year life cycle for ones coming in next fiscal year.

Mr. Bakkedahl asked if there were any other grant considerations where Ms. Clarkson respond that they went to UASI for additional products.

Mr. Bakkedahl asked for access level on the number of project change request, PCRS and obligated funds. Ms. Clarkson stated there no specific number for PCRS.

Mr. Bakkedahl asked breakdown of coordination with Entac, Enrich out of Reno. Ms. Clarkson answered that specific licensing and requests for software are specific to SCTC personnel.

Cary Underwood clarified that he was communicating with Desiree Mattice and Bob Dehnhardt to choose solutions with long term plan. He further clarified that he was look for best ways to fund hardware costs and not rely on one source.

Carolyn Levering asked for a breakdown of operational costs coming from State Homeland Security grant versus UASI grant. Ms. Clarkson stated that State Homeland Security grant was 537,500 and that of UASI was 2.5 million.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item J

Ms. Friend, Interoperability coordinator introduced Project J.

Melissa requested to replace ITAC, iCall natural interoperability channel repeaters in Southern Nevada. This project will provide resilient communication for Southern Nevada. This project will greatly assist in any terrorist action with communications between agencies.

Mr. Samuels asked for clarity on why SWICK is putting this through why is titled IDMD. Melissa answered it was because it was done in 2023.

Ms. Clarkson clarified that IDMD was doing deployment of replacements.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item K, Lyon County mobile command communication vehicle retrofit

Ms. Allison stated that the goal of the project was to retrofit Lyon County Sheriff's office existing mobile command vehicle to allow sheriff office and emergency management to sustain incident command.

Ms. Allison noted that currently no fixed EOC was in Lyon County. She further stated that amount requested was the minimum amount.

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Ms. Levering asked for state grant clarification on whether the project supports KY24 national priority. It was clarified that the project could fit in National priority area but it was semantic with FEMA.

Ms. Robinson asked whether all equipment will be purchased by end of grant period which Ms. Allison agreed to.

Ms. Freeman asked whether the vehicle will be retro filed with what was proposed which Ms. Allison agreed on. She further explained that the only concern of the vehicle was exterior.

Ms. Freeman asked whether it was a onetime contract which Ms. Allison agreed to.

Chair, Davidson asked for 15 minutes lunch break.

Chair called back the meeting at at 11:41

Chair Fogerson moved to Item L, State Recovery Program.

Suz Coyote, Division of emergency management stated that the project would continue to improve overall resiliency, capability and readiness of core capability under operational coordination including recovery. She further stated that the project was three percent reduction from last request and it is a two-year project.

Chair, Davidson clarified it's not only used for recovery but also utilized for recognizing damage and assessment.

Ms. Freeman asked for an explanation on what some subscription on the project were.

GIS specialist explained the reason was because each county emergency manager owns a license.

Mr. Samuels asked why only a two-year budget for the project and also why they had asked for GIS position in three different projects.

Ms. Coyote answered it was because it was a shared position between the three grants.

Jared Franco clarified GIS salary touched almost every program in the budget.

Ms. Levering noted about the standard operating procedure for positions to be funded for 12-months. She further asked if there was a way to reduce these applications to reflect 12 months.

Mr. Franco clarified that it will be brought the next year to fund two years after that.

Chair Davidson clarified there was no written compliance document that said funding has to be every year.

Ms. Echeverria asked for a consideration to expand web EOC to Nexus. Mr. Franco answered that they had made contact with Javari as a possible overdue.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item M, Homeland Security Resilience strategy

Mr. Franco explained that the goal of the project was to continue to support resilience committee, finance committee, and Homeland Security Commission.

He explained that the grant would fund travel of UASI administrators as well as enable grant managers and supervisors to be available for meetings.

Mr. Franco stated that the ask for the grant had been put for three years. Additionally, he stated that the grant will support transcribing all Homeland Security Committee meetings.

Ms. Freeman asked the reason for the difference in the number of people travelling to conferences.

Mr. Franco answered it was based on previous years travel.

Ms. Echeverria asked Franco to provide clarity on why Homeland Security funds were being spend to administer UASI. Franco explained that the grant will not support any positions.

Ms. Clarkson clarified that they also have a National Homeland Security Conference request on SHSP, not UASI.

Ms. Levering pointed out that the fund was an efficient way to allocate the dollars for the committee's benefit.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item N, Statewide National Management System.

Bill Elliot, Region Program Manager for Preparedness Operations Division Emergency Management, presented a proposal for the 2024 Statewide National Management System project.

Mr. Elliot explained that the project will provide three legs of Emergency Management capability building.

Mr. Elliot further explained that the program provides technical assistance for all the NIMS criteria to ensure the state is NIMS compliant.

In addition, Mr. Elliot stated that the program provides access, functional needs, and resource management.

Mr. Elliot asked for \$472,000 for the financial year, which is 10% less than what was asked the previous year.

Brett Compton asked Mr. Elliot to clarify the 10% cut. Mr. Elliot explained that they anticipated the cuts because it was compensation for the salary increase.

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Mr. Boyer asked whether the project supported teaching all IC classes across public safety that is required through all levels of emergency management, which Mr. Elliot agreed to.

Ms. Freeman inquired whether contractors were being given a raise similar to what state employees were being given, which Mr. Elliot agreed to, explaining that it was a requirement from Division Emergency Management.

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Ms. Freeman inquired whether the Survey Monkey budget had been taken out, which Ms. Friend clarified had been moved to social media.

Ms. Freeman further inquired if web exercises were still offered through Javan. Ms. Friend confirmed that it was offered through Javan.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item P, Tribal NIMS.

Mr. Elliot, Program Manager for Preparedness Operations, stated that the Tribal NIMS project provides planning, training, and exercise support specifically for the 28 tribes and nations of Nevada. Mr. Elliot stated that the team was asking for \$83,709, which is 10% less than the \$97,700 that was asked for in the previous year.

Mr. Elliot explained that the project pre-pays for tribal a portion of the GIS position as well as provides a budget for travel, supplies, and training.

Ms. Freeman inquired whether the \$400 budget for supplies had been taken out, which Mr. Elliot agreed to, explaining it was a way to achieve the 10% reduction.

Ms. Freeman further inquired about the description associated with the salary cuts. Mr. Elliot clarified that it was 60%.

Mr. Bakkedahl asked why Tribal NIMS was separated from other NIMS projects. Mr. Elliot explained that it was a way to provide additional support to the tribes.

Ms. Freeman asked for a confirmation of the dollar amount being asked for. Mr. Elliot confirmed that it was \$83,308.

Chair Fogerson asked for a 20-minute break.

Chair Fogerson called the meeting back at 12:43 and asked AAD, the Personnel Administrative Support, to call the roll. A quorum for the meeting was established.

Chair Fogerson picked up with item Q, Net Flow and Intrusion Detection System Monitoring and Analysis. Mark Washin, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, stated that their request was for \$140,768 to continue funding the Net Flow and Intrusion Detection System Monitoring & Analysis system.

Mr. Washin further stated that the project fits into the federal fiscal year 2024 national priority of enhancing election security as it improves cybersecurity of county voter registration databases.

Mr. Patel asked what the management around the security behind the data collected by the sensors. Mr. Washin explained that the Secretary of State's office, through the IT Department, maintains awareness of the ongoing systems and other activities.

Ms. Freeman asked for a confirmation of the budget amount. Mr. Washin clarified that the correct amount is \$140,768, stating that the initial budget had an error.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item R, Nevada Threat Analysis Center and the State-Owned Fusion Center. Desiree Mattice, Lieutenant with the Department of Public Safety and current director of the Nevada Threat Analysis Center, stated that NTAC's responsibilities were to cover 16 of 17 counties as well as agencies and tribal nations.

Ms. Mattice further stated that NTAC has steadily increased critical outreach efforts with federal partners and law enforcement agencies, amongst other departments.

Ms. Mattice explained that NTAC provides threat assessments for high-profile events with the purpose of assisting public safety efforts. Ms. Mattice noted that NTAC has demonstrated a trusted reporting platform for youth, parents, and community members to ensure public safety efforts are effective.

Ms. Mattice stated that the grant proposal for \$798,900 that NTAC submitted to the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee for the sustainment of operations will allow NTAC to continue to provide all services. Ms. Freeman inquired about how NTAC is planning for the sustainability of four contractors' positions. Ms. Mattice clarified that the four positions are covered through the grant.

Ms. Freeman asked if a proportion of the budget request was for funding through grants. Mr. Marks clarified that about 60% of operating costs and personnel costs come from the grant, and the other 40% come from the state.

Ms. Freeman inquired whether the dollar amount requested was higher than what was requested the previous year. Mr. Marks explained that the amount requested was about \$796,000 compared to the previous year's request.

Ms. Freeman further inquired whether the contractors' positions were new positions or the same ones from past applications. Mr. Marks clarified that they were the same positions in place since 2018. Chair Fogerson moved to Item S, Level Suits for Nye County.

Patrick Lazenby, Department of Emergency Management Administrator, requested \$63,000 to purchase 40 Level A hazmat suits which provide the highest level of protection for safety against highly toxic or dangerous instances.

Ms. Echeverria inquired whether there was a grant from LEPC for the project. Patrick clarified that they did not have LEPC grants for their portion.

Ms. Freeman asked how scalable the project was. Patrick Lazenby explained that he could easily cut down the number of suits to 30 if necessary.

Chair David inquired why they were requesting 40 suits specifically. Patrick explained that the suits would be distributed in various towns across Nye County.

Scott Levels clarified that they had technicians in three separate hazmat response teams within Nye County.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item T, County Emergency Management Homeland Security Program Perimeter Software.

Ms. Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, stated that in the pilot year of the project they were able to incorporate Carson City, Douglas County, and Washoe County in the implementation of perimeter software.

Ms. Echeverria further stated that they had received a \$207,000 allocation of funding from Homeland Security for the program.

Ms. Echeverria explained that they were asking to bring Nye, Lyon, and Elko counties onto the program at an additional discounted rate. Ms. Echeverria further noted that the discounted ask was \$166,000.

Ms. Freeman asked where the source of population data was coming from for the pricing. Ms. Echeverria explained that the population data was coming from Census data and the prices were locked in for 3 years.

Ms. Echeverria further explained that it was a proposal for the next iteration, which is not population-based. Ms. Freeman inquired whether the \$166,000 would be the annual cost for three years, to which Ms. Echeverria agreed.

Ms. Clarkson asked if the department was planning to replace any iPods with alerting capabilities. Ms. Echeverria clarified that they had provided a link for this website into the alerting platform.

Mr. Samuels inquired whether they had previously funded the program with capital or operational budgets. Ms. Echeverria clarified that it was funded through Homeland Security funds previously.

Chair David asked how people were to get their notifications. Ms. Echeverria explained that it was through alerting software.

Mr. Bakkedahl noted that the program could be utilized under disaster or emergency alerting or can be used in the voluntary sign-up mass notification system that the jurisdictions have.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item U, Statewide Washoe County.

Ms. Echeverria stated that the Coupe program had brought in 52 entities since 2011 into the Nevada Continuity Portal. Ms. Echeverria further stated that they were asking for an iteration to update eight Washoe County departments, as well as bring in Nye County and the Nevada Supreme Court.

Ms. Echeverria noted that their current year's ask was higher than the previous year. Ms. Freeman asked for clarification on the four one-day tabletop exercises for \$30,000. Ms. Echeverria clarified that the contractor

provided two tabletop exercises where they identify areas for improvements, put them together in an improvement plan, and provide it to the entity.

Ms. Freeman inquired if there was duplicity with the training piece. Ms. Echeverria clarified that it's not one Coupe plan but multiple plans within each.

Ms. Freeman inquired if the vendor cost to attend the Homeland Security Conference was included. Ms. Echeverria clarified that the cost was for the Homeland Security Manager and herself to share the program and learn best practices from around the country.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item V, Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team.

The representative from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team stated that the program produced approximately \$18,000 a year

Joel started that the program takes a whole community approach to community preparedness with a supporting responders focus on community agencies and mitigation, response, and recovery when events occur. Joel stated that CERT is requesting \$127,600 for the program, of which \$94,000 is for three part-time staff based on the ICS structure. Joel further explained all the positions within the department and what they do for the program. Joel noted that the program has three volunteers that have been provided equipment. Ms. Freeman asked if the program was looking to add any additional equipment. Joel clarified that they were looking for equipment to complete the program.

Ms. Freeman further asked whether there was a standard for CERT regarding what should be included in the kit. Joel indicated that there was no standard.

Ms. Freeman inquired approximately how many volunteers were working with the program and the hours per week. Joel stated that they had about 400 volunteers, each working 20 hours a week.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item W, Consolidated Bomb Squad.

Mr. Boyer noted that the Consolidated Bomb Squad is responsible for bomb squad response in seven counties in Nevada and parts of California.

Mr. Boyer stated that their request for funding was to purchase a response vehicle to support the addition of a seventh bomb technician to the squad and to tow the response trailer.

Additionally, Mr. Boyer stated that they were requesting \$78,000 to implement a mobile ad hoc network. Lastly, Mr. Boyer requested \$5,000 to send two bomb technicians to the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators Annual Training Conference in 2025. Ms. Freeman asked whether one or four MANET nodes were needed to deploy a robot. Mr. Boyer explained that at least two robots were going to be deployed.

Ms. Freeman further asked about the anticipated lifespan of the vehicle. Mr. Boyer explained that he was trying to take the current platform and break it down into two or three smaller vehicles that they could gauge usage on.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item X, County Sheriff's Office Cyber Security.

Sam Van Der Wall, Detective Sergeant with Washoe County Sheriff's Office, stated that the Northern Nevada Cyber Center supports any criminal investigation from any city or county in Northern Nevada that requires digital forensic support. Sam Van Der Wall stated that they had requested two items in the grant proposal. First, funding for training for three detectives the following year at the SANS Institute. Secondly, funding for an upgrade for CBR software licensing.

Ms. Freeman inquired about differences in subscription prices in the program. Sam Van Der Wall explained that he had made adjustments based on the different needs and pricing models for the software and training.

Chair Fogerson moved to item Y, Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence

Lieutenant with Washoe County Sherriff's office and the director of Northern Nerada Regional Intelligence Center, (NRIC) stated that it provides intelligence for preventing investigating and responding to criminal activities.

Lieutenant requested for software with 87,866 of \$91,000. Chair David noted that the requested amount a budget of the difference was \$87,666 and asked the Lieutenant explained it was reason part of scalability.

Chair Fogerson moved to Item Z. Special events crowded Sheriff's office places in Washoe County Sheriff's office.

Sergeant Mr. Boyer, Washoe County Sheriff's office

stated that he was in need of for mobile vehicle barrier gate, toxic chemical detection equipment, radiation containment kits and vehicle for mobile radiation detection platform.

Ms. Freeman inquired why their vehicle and if there was a need for another vehicle that can be utilized in order to deploy the gate.

Mr. Boyer classified that the vehicle used was to be in three-fold to implement the mobile detection system. Ms. Freeman asked the size of vehicle being requested. Mr. Boyer clarified that they were requesting a one-ton because of the weight of the gate

Mr. Bakkedahl inquired about the storage device problem for sticking materials into fire mitigation. Mr. Boyer clarified that the particle size of isotopes determines the type of hit deployed.

Bakkedahl asked whether the equipment could move from vehicle to vehicle. Nick Boyer explained that the vehicle card was multi-functional and was part of their scalability plan.

Ms. Clarkson questioned whether the chemical and radiation detection equipment would work in conjunction with the robots. Mr. Boyer agreed and explained that integrating the robot system was one reason they were asking for funds to fill some gaps.

Mr. Samuels inquired if the department worked with the HAI HAZMAT Team, which Mr. Boyer confirmed. Mr. Samuels further asked if the department would work with other agencies to ensure capabilities are sufficient. Mr. Boyer explained that the equipment they were looking for could be used both on the fire side, the HAZMAT side, and the bomb side, with integration capabilities.

Mr. Bakkedahl asked if there was equipment for special events. Mr. Boyer explained that they were able to bring in city program equipment to Nevada through securing the San Francisco program.

Ms. Clarkson asked if there was a better way to leverage partnerships to create a more standard asset. Mr. Boyer stated that the city of Sparks had funded all six of their projects, taking first priority.

Chair Fogerson asked for a 10-minute break and inquired if there were any subgrantees who seemed likely to pull their project or reduce their request before the next agenda item.

Chair Fogerson called back at 02:30 and stated that Elko County had volunteered during the break to pull up all their projects.

6. Ranking of FFY 2024 SHSP Project and Budget Proposal Presentations

Chair Fogerson stated that the committee will evaluate the combined rankings and vote on recommended project rankings for the federal fiscal year 2024 project proposals.

Item X, County Sheriff's Office Cyber Security was pulled off.

Carson City withdrew their request for the purchase of 10 radios and additionally withdrew their request for the Carson City programming fees of \$4,608 (\$460 a year for the radio) but retained \$480 per radio license fee for the NSRS portion.

Item A, Equipment and Budget was reduced by \$28,600, bringing the total budget to \$89,490.58. Item G, Radio System was reduced by \$46,000, making the total budget \$139,500.

Item Y, Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center was reduced by \$12,000, bringing the total budget to \$75,666.

Item Z, Washoe County Special Events was reduced by \$100,000, bringing the total budget to \$129,600.

Item R, Nevada Threat Analysis Centre and the State-Owned Fusion Centre was reduced by \$20,000.

Item S, Nye County Level A Suits was cut to 20 level suits, bringing the total budget to \$30,000.

Item E, Douglas County License Plate Readers was reduced by \$55,518.78, bringing the budget amount to \$92,531.22.

Projects G, Radio System Preventative Maintenance; Z, Washoe County Sheriff Special Events; H, ARMOR Robot; 3, Carson City Courts Intercom; E, Douglas County License Plate Readers; S, Nye County Level A Suits; and D, Carson City Mobile Forensic and Command and Communication Device did not get funded.

Dollar amount remaining on the table: \$48,224.58.

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Mr. Patel suggested that the flexible project budget be reduced to utilize the \$48,000 since nothing else could be funded.

Ms. Echeverria asked if the entirety of the \$48,000 could be used for Douglas County's Radio System Preventative Maintenance. Clark County agreed that this was the right approach.

Mr. Samuels from Clark County also agreed with this proposal.

Cary Underwood agreed with the suggestion and proposed considering the approved projects that were reduced earlier to potentially reinstate them. Ms. Freeman suggested giving the \$48,000 to the next project below the threshold. Mr. Patel agreed with the idea of funding additional projects. Mr. Bakkedahl noted that many projects, like the EOC, lack RFPS for exact quotes, so additional funds should go to the next available project.

Mr. Bakkedahl made a motion to the Homeland Security Finance Committee to accept the NNRIC nominations for all the projects above the red line and allocate the additional \$48,000 towards Douglas County's Radio

System Preventative Maintenance program.

Mr. Cabaniss from Elko seconded the motion.

All other committee members were in favor with no opposition. Motion carried.

2nd Role Call

Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
David Fogerson – Chair	X	COL. Brett D. Compston	X	Aakin Patel	X
Billy Samuels – Vice Chair	X	Joe Colacurcio	X	Tennille Pereira	X
Taylor Allison	X	Bob Dehnhardt	ABS	Matthew Petersen	X
Andy Ancho	X	Bil Echeverria	X	Ken Quiner	ABS
Jayson Andrus	X	Andrea Esp	ABS	Misty Robinson	X
Roy Anderson	ABS	Jeanne Freeman	X	Bill Savran	X
Travis Anderson	X	Eric Holt	X	Cary Underwood	X
Jon Bakkedahl	X	Timothy Hill	ABS		
Noah Boyer	X	Chris Lake	X		
Lee Cabaniss	X	Carolyn Levering	X		

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James Chrisley	X	Rachel Marchetti	X		
Diana Clarkson	X	Desiree Mattice	X		
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Bunny Bishop	X	Melissa Friend	X	Kimberly Palma-Ortega	X
Heather Lafferty	X	Selby Marks	X		

7. Public Comment

Mark from Clark County thanked Dave and Mr. Franco for putting the meeting together and looked forward to seeing the projects for UASI the following week.

8. Adjournment

Chair Fogerson called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Boyer, WSCO consolidated Bomb Squad, motioned to adjourn.

COL. Compston, Nevada National Guard, seconded the motion.

All were in Favor with no opposition. Motion passed