

MINUTES
Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Nye County Emergency Management Building
1510 Siri Lane, Pahrump, NV 89060
Thursday, May 4th, 2023, 9:30am

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Non-Action Item)** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Roll was taken, a quorum is present.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Non-Action Item)**: Chair Lewis led the LEPC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)**: Emily Gould from NV DPBH reminded the committee of the upcoming Rural Preparedness Summit in Fallon, NV on the 14th & 15th of June, 2023. Registration is now open for the summit. NV DPBH is also looking to distribute some PPE (gloves, gowns, N95 masks, etc.) that is over stock from the COVID19 response. Emily also introduced Doug Dame, who will be assigned to NV DPBH Southern Nevada PHP. Gina Meredith welcomed Doug Dame. Sharon Luce, NV DEM introduced herself and the Southern NV DEM team to the LEPC. The team includes Bren McClean, Lindey Downey, Amanda Jackson and Angelica Garcia. Heather Lafferty is also a Southern NV DEM team member but is not present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Chair Lewis asked for a motion to approved the minutes from the February 2nd, 2023 LEPC Meeting. Frank Carbone made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2023 LEPC Meeting, motion was seconded by Jerry Fuge. None opposed, the motion passes.
5. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Non-Action Item)**
 - LLW Stakeholders Forum: Last meeting: 2/08/23; Next meeting: 5/16/23 (in Las Vegas)
 - NSSAB Meeting Last meeting 4/19/23; NSSAB Tour of NNSS Area 25: 5/17/23; Next meeting: 7/19/23 (in Las Vegas)
 - Nye County & PVFRS 1st Quarter 2023 Reports: Chair Lewis reviewed the 1st quarter 2023 report for PVFRS with the LEPC. He has not yet received input from all Nye County agencies so that report is pending completion.
 - Nye County & PVFRS Responses 1st Quarter 2023: Chief Lewis reviewed fire/hazmat/EMS responses from Nye County & PVFRS responders for the 1st quarter 2023.
 - HMP Planning Task Force Kickoff Meeting 3/10/23: Patrick updated the LEPC on the HMP Planning Task Force Kickoff meeting that was facilitated by our consultant, Matt Eyer from BoldPlanning/Safeware. The kickoff meeting was primarily explaining the Hazard Mitigation planning process and to help build community partnership for the process.
 - Chair Lewis announced to the LEPC that the Board of County Commissioners passed a proclamation making May 2023 Wildland Fire Awareness Month in Nye County, coinciding with the State of Nevada’s Wildland Fire Awareness Month.
6. **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS) LAS VEGAS UPDATE** – Dan Berc, NWS Las Vegas Warning Coordination Meteorologist discussed possible effects of the expected El Nino weather pattern. Dan pointed out that NWS Las Vegas issued more flash flood warnings than any other NWS office other than the Flagstaff & Phoenix, AZ offices. So far this “water year” (October-September) this area is in the 3rd wettest water year on record. This time last year we were in what was considered extreme to exceptional drought conditions, we are currently in what is considered moderate drought conditions. The local mountain areas have received 200%-215% of normal snowpack. We have had 3 consecutive years of the “La Nina” weather patterns, which

is rare. This year is expected to be an El Nino weather pattern year. Impacts from La Nina and El Nino weather patterns are normally felt more in winter months than summer months. El Nino weather patterns tend to make for wetter conditions in the winter. The spring forecast (May-July) has no strong indication on whether we will have below normal, normal or above normal conditions. There are also no indications on if the monsoon season (late June-mid September) will be a wetter or drier monsoon season. Normal precipitation for the Pahrump area is 1.37 inches for the monsoon season. Most predictions do show a high likelihood of warmer than average temperatures for the monsoon season. Dan also announced that NWS Las Vegas will be going to sending out weekly heat risk briefings for the summer. This area will be the first to start receiving the weekly heat risk briefings. This will be separate from the weekly weather briefings.

7. **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE UPDATE**: Crystal Kennedy, Pahrump CHN reported to the LEPC that in the next few months the COVID19 vaccine will no longer be a free vaccine, it will be changing to a “commercial” vaccine which means that it will either have to be paid for via insurance or individual out of pocket payment. Crystal also discussed the Rural Area Medical (RAM) event in Tonopah, noting how grateful the citizens of Northern Nye County were to finally have the first RAM event in that area.
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (Discussion & for Possible Action)** – Subcommittee members have an opportunity to provide the LEPC with any updates.
 - ❖ Executive Subcommittee (Scott Lewis): No update
 - ❖ Planning & Training Subcommittee (Scott Lewis): Chair Lewis reported that PVFRS & DEM both recently participated in a full-scale exercise at the NNSS, and PVFRS participated in an exercise with Pahrump Health & Rehab.
 - ❖ Grants & Finance Subcommittee (Patrick Lazenby): No update
 - ❖ Hazmat Plan Review Subcommittee (Rich Flanagan): No update
 - ❖ Bylaws Review Subcommittee (Mike Harmon): No update
 - ❖ Membership Review Subcommittee (Frank Bonesteel): Frank reported that there were no new membership applications or member updates. Patrick Lazenby reminded the LEPC that at the next meeting we will need to nominate and vote on both the Vice Chair and Member at Large positions.
9. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO LEPC “NEEDS LIST” ITEMS (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – No changes to the needs list.
10. **GRANT UPDATES (Non-Action Item)**: Entities who have received equipment under grant funding can give updates to the LEPC, bring pictures, etc.
 - FY24 SERC/OPT: Application submitted on 3/17/23, requested \$24,075 for rad-meters, rapid hazmat extraction stretchers and electric vehicle emergency plugs
 - FY23 SERC/UWS: Awarded \$31,865; NVG, Decon Showers x2, Decon Stretcher systems x2; nuke boots & PPE
 - FY22-25 SERC/HMEP: No update
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd) (Non-Action Item)**: Patrick Lazenby stated that in keeping with Nye County’s Wildland Fire Preparedness month, there are some flyers at the back of the room about keeping your property safe from wildfire and that he will be sending Arnold Knightly, Nye

County PIO weekly updates and information to send out via his distribution list and to post on the County Website.

12. **ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)**: Chair Lewis asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Steve Bird, seconded by Frank Carbone. None opposed, the motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.