

## MINUTES

Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Nye County Emergency Management Building  
1510 Siri Lane, Pahrump, NV 89060  
Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30am

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Non-Action Item):** Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Roll was taken, a quorum is present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Non-Action Item)**: Chair Lewis asked John Koenig to lead the LEPC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)**: No public comment.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action)**: Steve Bird made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 LEPC meeting as written, seconded by Steve Rosenbaum, none opposed, motion passes.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Non-Action Item)**
  - LLW Stakeholders Forum: Last meeting: 11/13/24; Next meeting: 2/06/25, Virtual only
  - NSSAB Last meeting 1/15/25; Next meeting: 2/19/25 (Las Vegas)
  - Nye County & PVFRS Annual Reports, Calendar Year 2024: Chair Lewis reviewed the annual reports for all Nye County VFD's and PVFR for CY24 with the LEPC.
  - Nye County & PVFRS Responses 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024: Chair Lewis reviewed some of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Fire & EMS responses for all Nye County VFD's/VEMS and PVFR.
6. **REVIEW OF SEARCH & RECOVERY OF MISSING AIRCRAFT**: Chair Lewis provided a review of the search & recovery effort of the aircraft that went missing on 1/02/25 from North Las Vegas Airport:
  - On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Nye County Director of Emergency Management Scott Lewis was notified of a small private aircraft (1968 Piper Cherokee) that was missing. This aircraft left from the North Las Vegas airport on 1/02/25 and had not returned as expected. The last known location of the aircraft showed the aircraft over northern Nye County, near Round Mountain/Smoky Valley in the area of Mt. Jefferson. For the following 2 days NCDEM established an Incident Command Post at the NDF Conservation Camp on NV 376 outside of Tonopah to coordinate a ground search with the invaluable assistance of Round Mountain/Smoky Valley VFD, Tonopah VFD, NDF and NDOW unfortunately, to no avail. On Wednesday, 1/08/25 NCDEM established an ICP at the Tonopah airport to coordinate the air search conducted by a helicopter from Nellis AFB which searched Mt. Jefferson with no findings. In the following days and weeks, the Civil Air Patrol continued to conduct numerous hours of air searches throughout the area and in other locations due to DEM receiving conflicting recommendations for search areas, all with no findings. Additional ground searches by a game warden from the Nevada Department of Wildlife continued until January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 when he located the wreckage of the aircraft on the eastern side of Mt. Jefferson at approximately 11,000 feet of elevation. After being turned down by any public agencies to conduct the recovery of the aircraft and possible remains of the pilot, the "Heavy D Sparks" Search & Rescue organization contacted DEM Director Scott Lewis to offer their services in the recovery operation. On Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Heavy D Sparks search & rescue successfully recovered the aircraft wreckage and the pilots remains.

7. **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE UPDATE (Non-Action Item)**: Crystal Kennedy, CHN stated that there are currently no CHN activities other than daily appointments. She is planning for back to school activities in Pahrump and the rest of Nye County. She stated that COVID19 is still around, influenza “A” is going around, she reminded everyone to get their flu & COVID19 vaccinations.
8. **NV DEM UPDATE**: Lindey Downey from NV DEM thanked Chair Lewis for the review of the aircraft recovery. She reported that the NV EOC is being remodeled and should be completed by the end of April 2025. The Las Vegas DEM office has moved from the Readiness Center to the State Buildings near the airport. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FCC report will be out soon, it consists of 2 parts: dispatch and IT information. Tawanna Gerchman is the NV DEM 911 Coordinator. She will be speaking at the NEPA Summit in Reno. She also noted that attendance at the annual NEPA Summit is no longer required for Emergency Managers throughout the state but is highly recommended. Heather Lafferty has changed positions; she is now the Chief Resiliency Officer for NV DEM. Hal O’Brien is now the NV DEM Volunteer agency Liaison Officer and will also be the State LEPC Liaison; Justin Harris is the new State Training Officer. Readiness day exercises are held on the second Wednesday of each month. With the remodel of the NV EOC, NV DEM is switching from the traditional “Incident Command” model to an “Incident Support” model. The THIRA/SPR/IPPW has been renamed to Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS) and save the dates have been sent out. Southern NV will be conducted from Sep 15-Sep 18 2025.
9. **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): Conducted a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) with Desert View Hospital and are planning a second. Also planning a TTX with NCSD.
  - ❖ Grants & Finance Subcommittee (Patrick Lazenby): Patrick Lazenby will update the LEPC on upcoming State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Grant opportunities: Patrick Lazenby reported that the FY26 SERC/OPTE and FY26 SERC/UWS Grants were opened for applications yesterday (2/05/25). The SERC/OPTE grant has funding of up to \$36,000 and applications are due to SERC by 3/25/25; the SERC/UWS grant has funding of up to \$32,000 available and applications are due by 4/25/25
  - ❖ Hazmat Plan Review Subcommittee (Rich Flanagan): HazMat plan submitted to SERC, pending approval.
  - ❖ Bylaws Review Subcommittee (Mike Harmon): Bylaws submitted to SERC, pending approval.
  - ❖ Membership Review Subcommittee (Frank Bonesteel): No update
10. **LEPC “NEEDS LIST” ITEMS (Non-Action Item)**: Patrick Lazenby reported that he combined the LEPC “NEEDS LIST” with the Grants & Finance subcommittee grant update report to make it one report instead of 2: Needs list items are:

**Amargosa Valley ARES/RACES**: Upgraded radio equipment, estimated cost \$2,410. These items are on order, pending delivery.

**Nye County Sheriff’s Office**: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV/Drone), estimated cost \$29,880.07, pending grant opening.

- 11. GRANT UPDATES (Non-Action Item):** Patrick Lazenby will update the LEPC on current SERC grant projects.
- FY24 SERC/OPTE: Closed
  - FY25 SERC/OPTE: Closed
  - FY25 SERC/UWS: Pending receipt of Amargosa Valley ARES/RACES equipment.
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd) (Non-Action Item):** Lindey Downey, told Chair Lewis that she has confirmed with NV DEM Chief Brett Compston that the RIPS and NEPA are no longer mandatory for NV EM's in order to keep EMPG funding. Frank Bonesteel announced that the Pahrump Museum is offering the Yucca Mountain two volume set "Waste of a Mountain" by Dr. Michael Voegele and Donald Louis Vieth for 50% off, which will be \$50.00 for both volumes. This money will go to supporting the Pahrump Museum. Steve Bird encouraged everyone to get involved with amateur radio, you can start with a GMRS license and move up to an amateur radio. He can give you the study material for free, and is a FCC licensed examiner, and the FCC exam is free.
- 13. NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is scheduled for Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 9:30 am at Nye County Emergency Management in the EOC and virtually via MicroSoft Teams.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action):** Chair Lewis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Bird, seconded by Steve Rosenbaum. None opposed, motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

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