

MINUTES

APPROVED AUGUST 7TH, 2025

**Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Nye County Emergency Management Building
1510 Siri Lane, Pahrump, NV 89060
Thursday, May 1st, 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 a.m.. Roll was taken, a quorum is present.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Non-Action Item)**: Chair Lewis asked Frank Bonesteel to lead the LEPC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)**: There was no public comment.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action)**: Frank Bonesteel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2025 LEPC meeting as written; Seconded by Rich Flanagan. None opposed, the motion passes.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Non-Action Item)**
 - LLW Stakeholders Forum: Last meeting: 2/06/25; Next meeting: 5/07/25, (Las Vegas)
 - NSSAB Last meeting 4/16/25 (Virtual only); Next meeting: 6/18/25 (Las Vegas)
 - Upcoming F500 EA Task Force presentations 5/13/25, NNSS Waste Generator Workshop & 5/20/25, National Transportation Stakeholders Forum: Chair Lewis announced to the LEPC that himself and Patrick Lazenby are scheduled to give 2 presentations for PVFR's response to a lithium ion battery fire on US95 on 9/17/24.
 - Nye County & PVFRS quarterly reports, 1st quarter 2025: Chair Lewis reviewed Nye County VFD/VEMS & PVFRS's quarterly run reports for the 1st quarter 2025.
 - Nye County & PVFRS responses, 1st quarter 2025: Chair Lewis reviewed a selection of responses by Nye County VFD/VEMS & PVFRS during the 1st quarter 2025.
6. **GATEWAY ENERGY STORAGE LLC TRANSPORTATION OF LITHIUM ION BATTERIES THROUGH NYE COUNTY (Non-Action Item)**: Chair Lewis notified the LEPC that in early April the County was notified that Gateway Energy Storage, LLC in southern California received an emergency order from the EPA to remove approximately 2.5 million pounds of damaged and/or faulty lithium ion batteries from the southern California facility to a recycling facility in Sparks, NV. There is scheduled to be 2 trucks per day transporting up to 48,000 lbs of lithium ion batteries, starting in April 2025, and probably ending in late July or early August. The shipments will enter Nye County at SR373 in Amargosa Valley and continue to the US95 and up through Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon and Storey Counties. The transport vehicles will not be specially placarded or have any other type of identifying information. All response agencies as well as neighboring agencies have been notified and will be updated as schedules are received.
7. **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE UPDATE (Non-Action Item)**: CHN Crystal Kennedy provided the LEPC with an update on Community Health Activities. Crystal reported that there have been a lot of staffing changes at NV DPBH, which is increasing the scheduling timeline for vaccination events. She stated that she should have dates for back to school events throughout the County confirmed by the next LEPC meeting.
8. **NV DEM UPDATE**: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Tribal Public Health Preparedness Coordinator with the State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management provided the committee with an update on NV DEM activities. Kimberly reported that mission support is available to provide community emergency notification support if needed; NDEM-State-wide 911 Coordinator, Tawanna Gerchman POC: t.gerchman@dem.nv.gov asked her to inform agencies that the seventh annual

FCC Annual report on the collection and use of 911 funds has been published. The report consists of three parts. Dispatch Information: Staffing levels, total calls for service in 2024 that will include voice, text, etc. IT information: cyber security and financial information. Tawanna is requesting IT and financial information from Nye County for the report. Kimberly reported that the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) application period is now open and the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant Program (EMPG) application period will probably open within the next 2 weeks. Some staffing changes within NV DEM: Laney Parow is the new Recovery/Mitigation Grants Supervisor; Kimberly is designated as the Nye County/NV DEM "Blue Sky" Liaison. The Preparedness/Operations section is looking to hire a new State Exercise Officer, there is a planned NVOC exercise in August. Mitigation: Jurisdictions can reach out to Janell Woodward for any mitigation tech support; NV DEM PIO is working on preparedness campaigns, NDEM website update; updated Emergency Preparedness Guide, some internal programs and the "Ready Set Go" campaign.

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): Chair Lewis reported to the LEPC that DEM is working on developing several tabletop exercises including: Desert View Hospital, Core Civic/Nevada Southern Detention Center and a County wide high risk event tabletop exercise, possibly a large scale lithium ion incident and working with NV DEM/Washoe County EM on the ongoing Continuity of Operations (COOP) planning.
- ❖ Grants & Finance Subcommittee (Patrick Lazenby): Patrick Lazenby reported that the FY26 SERC/OPTE Grant application was submitted on 3/24/25, requesting \$22,192 to send Nye County first responders to the annual FireShows West conference and \$9,809 to purchase a 330 gal tote of F500 EA. The FY26 SERC/OPTE grant was tentatively approved, pending receipt of award letter; the FY26 SERC/UWS grant was submitted on 4/21/25. This grant funding request included \$29,881 to purchase a UAV/Drone for NCSO and \$1,500 for a hand held thermal imaging spotting scope.
- ❖ Hazmat Plan Review Subcommittee (Rich Flanagan): Rich Flanagan reported that the LEPC HazMat was submitted to SERC and approved for CY25
- ❖ Bylaws Review Subcommittee (Mike Harmon): No update
- ❖ Membership Review Subcommittee (Frank Bonesteel): No update

10. LEPC "NEEDS LIST" ITEMS (Non-Action Item): Patrick Lazenby reviewed the LEPC Grant Needs List with the Committee. The 2 items that were on the list have been requested for funding.

11. GRANT UPDATES (Non-Action Item): Patrick Lazenby will update the LEPC on current SERC grant projects.

- FY25 SERC/OPTE: Grant has been closed out.
- FY25 SERC/UWS: Grant has been closed out.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd) (Non-Action Item): Dan Berc commented that starting in March, what used to be known as "Excessive Heat Warnings" issued by the NWS will now be known as "Extreme Heat Warning" the name is the only thing being changed. Additionally, NWS will not be conducting public focused weather spotter trainings, but the trainings can be requested by jurisdictions for personnel. Doug Dame announced that the Rural Preparedness Summit will be

held in Elko on May 15th & 16th. NV DPBH continues to monitor the measles outbreak in Texas and other states.

13. **NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th, 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. Jack Sypolt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Bonesteel. None opposed, the motion passes, the meeting is adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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