

Emergency Management

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes of the September 10, 2008 Meeting at 500 W. National Commissioner's Chambers

Emergency Manger Dennis English called the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers: Chair Gary Ludi	Absent
Vice Chair William Cruz	Absent
Treasurer Michelle Vigil	Present
Emergency Manger Dennis English	Present

Approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2008 meeting was tabled until next meeting

Approval of the Agenda for the September 10, 2008 meeting: Motion to accept by Dennis English, seconded by Michelle Vigil and was passed.

Public Input None

Committee Reports:

Web-Page Committee; Chairmen Mr. Mario Vasquez advised that the committee met on September 2, 2008. Some of the concepts for the page were placing contact numbers for the Voluntaeer Fire departments by emergency phone numbers that people can be reach by. Placing the LEPC Officers information and photographs on the site. Placing Incidents Commanders information, Training sessions that are going to be held, surrounding counties Emergency Managers information, current events, workshops, possibly search and rescue contacts which the Emergency Manger advised had only certain people that could activate search & rescue (NMSP) which will also be researched by Capt. Dolan of NMSP on if there is other situations where search & rescue can be notified and utilized. Mr. Vasquez closed by stating that additional links such as FEMA, NMDHSEM can be placed on the site and possibly a design would be accomplished by next meeting to review.

Ms Christina Romero from Department of Transportation also stated that the web master of the Department of Transportation is allowing the DOT link for roads to be placed on the LEPC Web Page

Emergency Manger Dennis English also said there is a daily Homeland Security worldwide report that will be shared on the web-page as well for review.

Bi-Law Committee: Chairmen Mr. William Cruz was absent, but Emergency Manager Dennis English reported that Mr. Cruz has developed a draft of the Bi-Laws on electronic format but was not sure by when that would be available for review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 3-YR EXERCISE INITIAL PLANNING CONFERENCE THAT WAS CONDUCTED AT UNITED WORLD COLLEGE ON AUGUST 28, 2008.

Emergency Manager Dennis English gave an information report on the 3-Yr Emergency Exercise Initial Planning Conference that was held on August 28, 2008 at the United World College. The conference discussed the objectives of each county and training that was going to happen working up to the Table Top Exercise that would occur in December 2008. San Miguel County and most all the other Emergency Managers will be working on the opening of an Emergency Operation Center and Public Information . The Initial Planning Seminar will be held at the Behavioral Health Institute on September 17, 2008.

2. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS DRAFT BEING DEVELOPED BY CONTRACTOR

Emergency Manager Dennis English gave an informational report on the status of the contractor (P>M> tec, Inc.) developing the Emergency Operation Plans for San Miguel County/ Las Vegas. The next LEPC Meeting on October 8, 2008 will be dedicated to P.M. tec, Inc. to present the first draft of the Emergency Operation Plans to the LEPC. At this same meeting Emergency Manager Dennis English wants to be the Chairmen of a committee and select others volunteers to review the draft.

3. FUNDING TOWARD THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANGEMENT

Emergency Manger Dennis English gave an information report that San Miguel County and City of Las Vegas has made their contribution of \$14,009.47 to the San Miguel County/Las Vegas Office of Emergency Mangement for the closure of the FY 07- FY-08 Budget. Which is a ¼ of the EM and Administrative Assistants salary and benefits and ½ of the General Operating Budget for the San Miguel County/ Las Vegas Office of Emergency Mangement

4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT (EMPG) for FY 08- 09 YR

Emergency Manager Dennis English gave an informational report stating that the NM Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Mangement has verbally notified the San Miguel County/ Las Vegas Office of Emergency Mangement that their Emergency Magement Program Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$42, 932.00 toward the salary and benefits for the Emergency

Management and Administrative Assistant position within the San Miguel County/ Las Vegas Office of Emergency Mangement for FY 08- FY 09 Year

Open Discussion:

Emergency Manager Mr. Dennis English talked about the Statewide Interoperability Communication Working Group (SICWG) who is in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security/ Emergency Management and both are organizing the counties in the state to join in with agreement for the Department of Homeland Security/ Emergency Mangement to apply for a grant to set-up and purchase equipment for communications that will allow all emergency responding entities to be able to have communications no matter where they are from or where they may go through out the state. The NMDHSEM will be attempting to place in new repeaters (VHF, UHF, & 800Mz) at the state communication sites (NMSP) that already exist and allow the counties to use these repeaters for the interoperable communications.

Department of Health (Area 2) Mr. John Miller mentioned that the Department of Health sent out a message that Texas is requesting approximately 50 ambulance for the purpose of preparing for Hurricane Ike. He wanted to know if our area received the message which we did, but did not have additional ambulance to give.

He mentioned the 3 year exercise plan and that the Department of Health's objectives is to set-up a point of dispensing (POD) and the National Stockpile (Push Packs). The Department of Health wants to test the communications and inner operability and simulate push pack delivery in New Mexico to the PODs and hospitals.

He spoke of NMSERVES and that the web site is up and running and is accepting applications for volunteers who would like to sign up and be placed in the statewide data base.

Department of Transportation Ms. Christinia Romero mention the Department of Transportation Training that was being held at the San Miguel County Commissioner's Chambers on September 24 & 25, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that all entines are welcome to attend. She also mentioned that on September 18, 2008 at the same location Mr. Jim Franken District 4 Commissioners of the Departemnt of Transportation would be here and available for anyone who wish to meet him.

NM Behavioral Science Institute Mr. Paul Smidth advised the committee that he has completed his start up budget for the Emergency Medical Stike Team Proposal and will be presenting it to his administration whom is supportive of the idea of the strike team but is wanting the further information on costs of the project.

Superior Ambulance Service Mr. Mark Frieze advised the committee that Superior Ambulance is now servicing the City of Las Vegas as well as San Miguel County. There is 3 ambulances stationed in Las Vegas for services with a fourth new ambulance that will be in Las Vegas by next week and each ambulance called to service will have a least one paramedic level personnel on it. There business is currently meeting with Alta Vista Regional Hospital and discussing call volume due to the 911 calls for ambulance service have gone up. **Emergency Manager Mr. Dennis English**

gave his office appreciation to Mr. Zack McGuinness and his crew for the availability of the ambulance to be at the Emergency Operation Center for a bomb threat at the Merioial Middle School.

Rural 911 Addressing Mr. Mario Vasquez mentioned that the county volunteer fire departments are currently assisting his office with the verification of E-911 addresses and map locations in their assigned fire districts and should be completed within a few months. They are also having some trouble with phone companies that are covering the counties rural communities.

Search & Rescue Ms. Joanne Sprenger who is the area coordinator for the NM Search and Rescue expressed that she had not come to the LEPC meeting for a while now because they were not active and she was not being contacted of them. She spoke to the committee and explained that the Search & Rescue could only be activated by the request of the NM State Police but are available if NMSP requests them. She also mentioned that they have a search and rescue trailer which she would like to exhibit to the committee at one of the further meetings to show what they have available.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was done by Mr. Dennis English, seconded by Ms. Connie Chavez and was passed the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Motion was made by William Cruz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle Vigil motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.