



**NEVADA COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE  
STATE OF NEVADA  
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: **Nevada Communications Steering Committee (NCSC)**  
 Date and Time of Meeting: **Tuesday: 7 July 2009 – 1:30 PM**  
 Place of Meeting: **Carson City: LCB; 401 S Carson St; Carson City, NV Room 3138**  
**Las Vegas: LCB; 555 E Washington Ave; Las Vegas, NV Room 4412**

This meeting will be videoconferenced between the locations specified above beginning at 1:30PM. The committee may take action on items marked discussion/action. For any item on the agenda the Committee may accept public comment, at their discretion. The order of the items is subject to change. **Please Note: Witnesses wishing to have their complete testimony/handouts included in the permanent record of this meeting should provide a written or electronic copy to the NCSC members. Minutes of the meeting are produced in a summary format and are not verbatim.**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Dennis Cobb

**ROLL CALL** – Valerie Sumner

**Chair Comments:** (Dennis Cobb)

**Approval of minutes:** April 09 & May 09 minutes approval (Discussion/action)

**Agenda items**

**Acronyms:**

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| Communications Unit Leader Training – COM-L                  | Nevada Division of Emergency Management - DEM               |
| Federal Department of Homeland Security – DHS                | Public Safety Answering Points - PSAPs                      |
| Federal Emergency Management Agency – FEMA                   | Public Safety Interoperable Communications – PSIC           |
| Homeland Security Grant Program – HSGP                       | Regional Tactical Interoperable communications Plan - RTICP |
| Homeland Security Working Group - HSWG                       | Remote Communications Support Vehicles - RCSV               |
| Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program – IECGP | Request for Information - RFI                               |
| Internet Protocol - IP                                       | Request for Purchase - RFP                                  |
| National Environmental Policy Act - NEPA                     | Southern Nevada Area Communications Council – SNACC         |
| Nevada Communications Steering Committee – NCSC              | Standard Operating Procedures – SOP                         |
| Nevada Department of Transportation – NDOT                   | Urban Area Security Initiative – UASI                       |
| Nevada Office of Homeland Security – OHS                     | Voice Over Internet Protocol - VOIP                         |

**Chair Comments:**

**Agenda items**

**1 – Next Generation E-9-1-1 & Voice over IP: Update (Dennis Cobb)**

**\*\* Next Generation E9-1-1:** refers to an initiative aimed at updating the 9-1-1 service infrastructure in the United States and Canada to improve public emergency communications services in a wireless mobile society. In addition to calling 9-1-1 from a phone, the public will be able to transmit text, images, video and data to the 9-1-1 center (PSAP). The initiative also envisions additional types of emergency communications and data transfer. This NG9-1-1 infrastructure will replace the current services over time.

**\*\* VoIP:** Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) is a general term for transmission technologies delivering voice communications over IP networks such as the Internet or other packet-switched networks. Other terms frequently encountered and synonymous with VoIP are IP telephony, Internet telephony, voice over broadband (VoBB), broadband telephony, and broadband phone.

Discuss NG911 Working Group formation (Phil Roland & Jim Johns); Identify NCSC members who would be willing to be on this working group; Update on Nevada Public Utilities Commission role in 9-1-1 operations in NV.

**2 - Communications Unit Leader (COM-L) Sub-Committee: Update/Discussion/Possible Decision**

**(Jake Conely/Andy Gagliardo).**

Discussion of upcoming Communications Unit Leader Training opportunities; Follow up conversation regarding opportunity to organize Nevada COML resources; Further discussion and possible decision regarding NCSC recommending a method for NV agencies to recognize Communications Unit Leaders who have completed DHS training.

**3 - Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans: Update/Discussion/Possible Decision (Dale Lotspeich, Jake Conely, Dennis Cobb, Mike Lopez)**

Discussion and possible decision regarding NCSC developing process to recognize Nevada RTICPs as "operational & in effect."

**4 – 2009 PSIC Grant Project NEPA Reporting: Status Report/Update – Discussion (Dennis Cobb)**

Update and clarification from project leaders & DEM on required reports & deadlines.

**5 – Interoperability Outreach & Coordination: Status Report/Discussion/Decision (Dennis Cobb)**

Update on United States (US) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) "Ogma Conference" on the homeland security implications of social network technology, June 30 – July 1; Update on OEC Emergency Response Council meeting, June 14 -16; Update & discussion on Nevada attendees to National Governors Association Interoperable Communications Conference.

**6 – "Loan" of 3 Cache Radios to Nevada Office of Homeland Security (OHS) (Dennis Cobb)**

Discussion and possible decision Nevada OHS request to borrow three portable radios from statewide interoperability caches for 6 months.

**7 – NCSC Meeting Frequency (Dennis Cobb)**

Discussion and possible decision on reducing frequency of NCSC meetings to one meeting every other month.

**8 – NCSC membership / By-Laws: Status Report/Discussion/Decision (Dennis Cobb)**

Discussion/decision on rescinding appointments of some members no longer able to participate and to request appointment of replacement members. (IE - Representatives of Public Utility, Ham Radio Operators, Broadcasters, and Non-Governmental Organizations (private security, etc)).

**9 – Grant Project Leaders Comments: Status Report/Discussion/Decision: (Dennis Cobb)**

Informal leader updates and assessment of progress of grant-funded projects (objectives, budget and schedule); discussion as appropriate; Possible decisions on NCSC assistance where practical and beneficial.

**9.1 - 2006 HSGP/UASI Projects: Discussion/Decision**

**9.1.1 Repeater Interconnect (Dennis Cobb, Mike Lopez)**

- Installation RFP now closed for scoring.

**9.1.2 Interoperability SOPs (Dennis Cobb, Mike Lopez)**

- Southern Nevada UASI SOP Development workshops scheduled for August.

**9.2 – 2007 HSGP/UASI Projects Status Report/Discussion/Decision:**

**9.2.1 Urban Dispatch Interconnect SNACC (Jim Wilson, Lou Amell)**

**9.3 - 2007 PSIC Project Reports (Status Update/Discussion/Decision):**

**9.3.1 Core System Interconnect Switches (Craig Harrison)**

**9.3.2 Remote Communications Support Vehicles; (DEM) - Discuss possible NCSC technical support for RCSV project, to support (technical or other) to RCSV project.**

**9.3.3 Hospitals Interconnect Planning (Angela Krutsinger)**

- Planning RFP update

**9.3.4 Rural Radio Interconnect (Dale Lotspeich)**

- Planning RFP update.

**9.4 - 2008 HSGP/UASI Project Reports (Update): Discussion**

**9.4.1 SNACC / Clark County Microwave build out (Jim Wilson, Lou Amell & Lester Lewis)**

The "Clark County microwave build out" is completion of three years of projects expanding the capacity of radio system 'backhaul' (connecting links between radio transmitters,

receivers, and other elements of the system) through new and upgraded microwave links in southern Nevada.

**9.4.2 NDOT Backhaul Enhancement (Dave Loar & Robert Chisel)**

The “NDOT backhaul enhancement” is enhancement to the information carrying capacity of the connecting links between radio transmitters, receivers, and other elements of the Nevada Shared Radio System to support increased loads anticipated during use of system-interconnect gateways for interoperability.

**9.5 - 2008 IECGP Project (Status Update) Discussion**

**9.5.1 Interoperable Asset Management (Dan Lake)**

Update on RFI in development

**9.5.2 Multi-Level Interoperability Training (Las Vegas EM / Dennis Cobb)**

Update on project initiation

**9.5.3 Sustainment Funding Mechanism Development (Clark County)**

Update on project

**9.6 - 2009 IECGP Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (Request):**

(Dennis Cobb)

Update on IECGP grant request from DHS.

**9.7 – 2009 (HSGP) Homeland Security Grant Program: Update – Discussion (Dennis Cobb)**

Update on Interoperable Communications Investment Justification submitted to DHS.

**10 – Public Comment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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