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- 6 TIM MCANDREW, Las Vegas Emergency Management
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- 12 ED DAY, Kinder Morgan CALNEV Pipeline LLC
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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Good morning, everybody. This is a
2 regular meeting of the Clark County Local Emergency Planning
3 Committee. The agenda was posted according to the open meeting law
4 with the exception of a major glitch we have on posting it on the
5 Internet. Hyperlink wouldn't appear so we just want to bring that
6 up front that everybody knows that it was -- we were well intended.
7 Gremlins of technology took precedence I guess. We'll take roll
8 call here. Are you loaded?

9 MS. MURO: Fully loaded.

10 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Ready?

11 MS. MURO: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Fernandez Leary.

13 MR. LEARY: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Eugene Campbell.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Terri Davis. Jimmy Johnson. Doug
17 Stevens. Brad Fuller. Kathy Suey. John Otway. Mike McCrimon.

18 MR. MCCRIMON: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Dan Lake.

20 MR. LAKE: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: James Green. Fred Thompson. Carolyn
22 is in New Orleans at the recovery conference. Tim McAndrew. Rick
23 Diebold. Pat Lofft.

24 MS. LOFFT: Here.

25 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Michael Cyphers.

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1 MR. CYPHERS: Here.

2 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Ed Hulbert.

3 MR. HULBERT: Here.

4 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Mike McClary is not. Dave Petersen or
5 Derek Hughes. Kevin Fisher. Steve Ross.

6 MR. ROSS: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Glen Parks. Jim Wilson. Dave Dahl.
8 David Ruster. Rick Wonner. Ed Day.

9 MR. DAY: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Warren Glidewell. Ralph Cain. Robert
11 Marshall. Craig Wilkinson. Susan Crowley. John Horton. Dave
12 Austin. Bill Houtchens. Irene Navis.

13 MS. NAVIS: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Harry Kelman.

15 MR. KELMAN: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Phil Tilt. Steve Cabrales.

17 MR. CABRALES: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Mary Martini. Joe Martinez. Mark
19 Aguirre. Mike Richardson. Christine Andres. Timothy Gruber.

20 MR. GRUBER: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Ed Gannon.

22 MR. GANNON: Yo.

23 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Mike Moran. Andy Bailey.

24 MR. BAILEY: Here.

25 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Mike Petullo.

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1 MR. PETULLO: Here.

2 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Manny Bay. Jeff Davidson. Doug
3 Sharp. Tim Malcolm.

4 MR. MALCOLM: Here.

5 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Donald Kwalick. Dr. Sands. Jane
6 Shunney.

7 MS. SHUNNEY: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: George Jones. Lucille Compton. Linda
9 Alonzo.

10 MS. ALONZO: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Martin Heiny.

12 MR. HEINY: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Lloyd Clary. Steve Kramer. Gerry
14 Hart. Brian Rogers. Debra Dailey. Julian Genilla. Bill
15 Richardson.

16 MR. RICHARDSON: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Senator Nolan. Penney Towers. Ed
18 Ruttan.

19 MR. MCKAY: Phil McKay in his place.

20 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks, Phil. Bob Fisher. We just
21 squeaked out a quorum. Thank you. Okay. The February 15th
22 minutes, motion to approve.

23 MS. NAVIS: So move.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Irene Navis moved.

25 MR. DAY: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Second by Ed Day. Any discussion?

2 Any discussion on the minutes? All in favor?

3 (Thereupon members said aye.)

4 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Motion carries. Thank you. Okay.

7 John, John is not here. Anybody here to speak on the critical
8 incident protocol and city watch on the private sector side? Okay.

9 The second item here, I'll speak on Carolyn's behalf.

10 No, Mike is doing that, aren't you?

11 A PERSON: Go ahead.

12 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: No, she sent me an E-mail, said you
13 would do it. I forgot.

14 A PERSON: This is reference to the National Nuclear
15 Security Administration Department of Energy grant and this is an
16 annual grant that is offered to the six counties in Nevada that are
17 on the low level nuclear waste transportation route.

18 Traditionally Clark County has put in for personal
19 protection equipment and radiological protection equipment under
20 that grant. This particular year the grant subcommittee met and we
21 had two applications: one from the City of Las Vegas Fire and
22 Rescue Hazmat team, the other from the Clark County Fire
23 Department rural firefighters. Both fit the purview of the grant.
24 That's kind of some background. What we're looking for is a motion
25 to recommend it to the Board of County Commissioners.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. Anybody make a motion?

2 MS. SHUNNEY: So move.

3 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Jane Shunney.

4 MR. CYPHERS: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Second by Michael Cyphers. Any
6 discussion? All in favor?

7 (Thereupon members said aye.)

8 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Motion carries. Next one, Mike.

11 A PERSON: The next one, this is a new grant. It's
12 actually funding made available through the fees collected from
13 license plates with United We Stand eagle and flag emblem. This
14 grant was legislated to combat terrorism. We had two local
15 applications. One was from the Southern Nevada Health District
16 Environmental Health Response Team and the other was from the City
17 of North Las Vegas Police Department, both of which were for
18 emergency response trailers which fit the purview of the grant.

19 The health -- North Las Vegas is already funded for a
20 vehicle to actually pull the trailer and the health district has in
21 fact a vehicle that can pull the trailer which are items we usually
22 look at. With this grant as well we're looking for a
23 recommendation to forward it to the Board of County Commissioners.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. Motion by --

25 MR. CYPHERS: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: -- Michael Cyphers.

2 MR. LEARY: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Second by Fernandez Leary. Any
4 discussion? All those in favor?

5 (Thereupon members said aye.)

6 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Motion carries. Thank you. Okay.

9 Moving on to item four, the National Basketball Association
10 All-Star game. Ed.

11 MR. GANNON: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: There you are.

13 MR. GANNON: About three or four months ago our public
14 safety police chief woke up and had a nightmare having the all-star
15 game and not being prepared for it and, therefore, our public
16 safety department along with my department risk management and
17 safety at UNLV are trying very hard to prepare for this game
18 because, as we know, everybody and their uncle, all the celebrities
19 and the all-stars and probably even Jack Nicholson will be here for
20 that.

21 We're trying to prepare for that so that if something
22 happens and the press obviously doesn't come and say how did you
23 prepare, what did you do to prepare for this and we're standing
24 there with our hands empty. So we're conducting a -- we're trying
25 to organize and conduct a tabletop exercise within the next month

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1 to six weeks and courtesy of Mr. O'Brien we've been given a gift of
2 involving Clark County Emergency Management with a slightly larger
3 drill in September on communications. If you were at the meeting
4 yesterday for EMC he went into it a little bit. So we're trying to
5 coordinate a couple drills, a tabletop exercise and a
6 communications exercise in September.

7 We're basically soliciting for any help we can get. Our
8 police force is 32 members and they're badly understaffed and
9 anything they do they do with Metro. So we're just trying to
10 organize and prepare for that as best we can so we have something
11 in place before the February all-star game.

12 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks. Any questions for Ed?

13 MR. GANNON: If anyone would like to be added to the
14 mailing list on that you're more than welcome to participate. As I
15 mentioned yesterday there is a walk-through at Thomas and Mack
16 next Tuesday, May 23rd, at ten o'clock to give everybody a hands-on
17 look at the arena and what its capabilities and limitations are.
18 So I have a few business cards or if anyone would like to be added
19 to participate, believe me, you're more than welcome.

20 MR. LEARY: Is it 10:00 or 2:00?

21 MR. GANNON: Ten o'clock. Immediately following is a
22 short meeting, whoever wants to attend.

23 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: We'll talk a little bit more about
24 that exercise under the Urban Area Working Group agenda section
25 here later on. Any other questions about the all-star game? When

1 is that supposed to take place?

2 MR. GANNON: I believe it's the second week in February
3 of 2007. It's coming right around the corner.

4 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks very much, Ed. This next item
5 I'll take and kind of coordinate with Irene on this one, railroad
6 hazmat rerouting. Possibly some of you have gotten some calls
7 from a Dr. Fred Millard who is from the beltway area who was the
8 architect of an ordinance for Washington, D.C., to reroute
9 hazardous materials that did not have origin or destination within
10 the Washington, D.C., area around D.C. community. That's been
11 challenged and the lower court supported the District of Columbia
12 with their ordinance and the railroad is challenging it to the
13 Supreme Court, so we don't know where that is going.

14 He has called me no fewer than five times wanting to know
15 why we haven't enacted an ordinance to reroute hazardous materials
16 and I suspect he has probably called the City of Las Vegas as well
17 and I says, well, you know, frankly we can't move the railroad
18 tracks. Any rate, maybe, Irene, you've had some experience with
19 this guy.

20 MS. NAVIS: Yeah, we actually had him come out and talk
21 to our Yucca Mountain advisory committee specifically about nuclear
22 waste transport. He kind of delved into this other area of all
23 hazards and rerouting around the city. He has talked to some
24 county commissioners. He didn't get a whole lot of support from
25 our sixth floor on this concept for some of the reasons that you

1 just mentioned. He is really looking for a consultant contract
2 more than anything and I don't know how much credibility he has or
3 how much use he would be to our particular community.

4 I plan on keeping in contact with him just so we can see
5 how the lawsuit goes because it is significant and the
6 Washington, D.C., lawsuit does include radiological hazard, so
7 that's the part I'm most interested in and I really want to see
8 what the court does with that because it may set a precedent for
9 future shipments of either low-level or trans-uranic waste out to
10 New Mexico or high-level waste out to Yucca Mountain.

11 There are a hole lot of issues swirling around with that.
12 If you have questions about what he is trying to do and want to
13 talk to me about it that would be great, but he did make a play for
14 our commissioners to support him and he was rejected.

15 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Anybody else want to weigh in on this?
16 I promised him I would present this to the Local Emergency Planning
17 Committee for discussion. Anybody have any comments they want to
18 make on it?

19 A PERSON: Could you repeat his name?

20 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Fred Millard, M-I double L-A-R-D.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Tim McAndrew here from the city. I can
22 confirm he has contacted the city multiple times as well. We had
23 similar discussions.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any opinions either way?

25 MR. MCANDREW: It would be great if we can reroute

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1 everything around here. You get into the issue of because we don't
2 want it here, you shove it somewhere else. It's always that issue
3 and, like you said, you know, it's not a, it's not an easy endeavor
4 to pick up a set of railroad tracks and, you know, set them down
5 over on the other side or make new ones.

6 MS. NAVIS: He is working with a number of other
7 communities but they're cities, they're not metropolitan areas
8 configured like ours and counties the size of eastern states and
9 things like that. So moving it away from Las Vegas just puts the
10 pressure on Moapa Valley or who knows where in Clark County, so
11 that's our challenge. I thought he understood our challenge but
12 apparently not so far. We'll see.

13 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: All right. This is not an action
14 item. It's just for discussion. I told him I would do that much
15 for him. Anything else on this? Okay. Thanks. Let's see.

16 We had a handout for the next item here, the
17 Environmental Protection Agency risk management plan reading room.
18 What I did is I blocked, copied and pasted Mike Ardito's E-mail to
19 us. You should have that with you. The whole point was is that
20 under the RMP, risk management program, the EPA -- is anybody here
21 from EPA?

22 A PERSON: Yeah, but not the region nine office. We're
23 local radiation lab and ORD lab.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Do you know anything about the reading
25 room?

1 A PERSON: First I heard of it, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. All right then. We'll let this
3 E-mail speak for itself. The main thing is there was some work
4 being done in Henderson and I guess a contractor wanted to look at
5 the RMP's, risk management plans, for the BMI complex and this was
6 just a follow-up to a request from Susan Crowley who tried to --
7 can we take it outside, please?

8 (Comment directed to someone on a cellular phone.)

9 A PERSON: Sorry.

10 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks. So, anyway, this pretty much
11 speaks for itself here. Any other questions or comments about the
12 reading room for the RMP? Okay.

13 The next item here, satellite phones expand list with
14 other jurisdictions. Is Richard here?

15 MR. LEARY: No, I'll take that one for him. This was
16 just kind of a suggestion maybe --

17 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Fernandez Leary.

18 MR. LEARY: Fernandez Leary, I apologize, Clark County
19 Fire. County Fire, we have eight sat. phones and about a month ago
20 we forwarded a list of the numbers and who they belong to, chief
21 officers, command post and what not to Office of Emergency
22 Management. The thought was, you know, there probably are other
23 agencies, other folks, individuals that may have sat. phones
24 themselves.

25 We thought it would be a good idea maybe to send all

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1 those numbers into one coordinated spot and Jim has graciously
2 offered to do that with the sat. phones in the unlikely event we
3 would have complete loss of communication we would have something
4 available that we could all use in the community. So, again, it's
5 just a suggestion maybe if you have sat. phone numbers send them
6 in. Jim will put a list together and we'll have one consolidated
7 list.

8 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: You want to compile a directory of
9 strictly satellite phones?

10 MR. LEARY: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Satellite phone number directory.

12 MR. LEARY: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. All right. Thanks. Let's do
14 that. Reports and updates. Community right-to-know subcommittee,
15 Steve Ross. Is Steve here? He was. Somebody said here when I
16 called his name out. Is there another Steve Ross? Okay. Let's
17 maybe come back if he returns to the room. Emergency alert system
18 update. Steve?

19 MR. SCOTT: Yes, Jim. Good morning --

20 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Steve Scott.

21 MR. SCOTT: -- everybody. Thank you, Jim. I'm going to
22 be leaving real soon after my report because my cell phones are
23 going to start ringing real quick. We're having technical troubles
24 at the television station.

25 My only report is we had a successful Amber Alert

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1 recently and I wasn't called one time about any problems with it.
2 The highway signs worked well, everything worked just great. I was
3 so happy. It happens to be the Amber Alert was issued right before
4 a meeting during the broadcasters convention. I was on the way to
5 the convention and heard the Amber Alert on my car radio and I was
6 very -- I thought it was a false alarm. So I was happy it worked
7 well and of course the Amber was successful, the alert.

8 I'm going to have to leave. If we can get Andy Bailey in
9 for an update on the interface between Emergency Management and the
10 weather service radio. I think Andy is here somewhere.

11 MR. BAILEY: Sure. We've got the MOU signed from Las
12 Vegas and Clark County and I Fed Ex'd the MOU from Clark County for
13 regional director to sign. Once that happens, ready to install it,
14 make it work.

15 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: What's your anticipated go live date?

16 MR. BAILEY: I would hope by the end of the month.

17 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: This month?

18 MR. BAILEY: Couple weeks.

19 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Excellent. Are we going to do some
20 tests?

21 MR. BAILEY: Yes, we're going to have to probably do some
22 demo codes or something like that or maybe we can even do a weekly
23 test and/or the City do weekly tests on Saturdays or something like
24 that.

25 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Maybe for those who haven't been part

1 of these discussions you can give us a little explanation of what
2 it's all about.

3 MR. BAILEY: Yeah. Essentially this is coming from the
4 Homeland Security grant I think two years ago that the Nevada
5 Broadcasters Association applied for which would purchase EAS
6 equipment, the broadcaster EAS equipment --

7 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Emergency alert system.

8 MR. BAILEY: Thanks, Jim -- to be installed at our
9 office, National Weather Service. And what that will do is it will
10 sit in line with our weather radio signal and when an emergency
11 alert signal is issued either by the City or the County it will
12 override our weather radio transmitters and branch it out through
13 one more avenue.

14 The benefit to that is people can purchase weather radios
15 for \$30 and they're basically like alarm clocks. They can be quiet
16 all the time, only except when these special alerts come out they
17 go off like an alarm clock. So if it's 3:00 in the morning,
18 chemical spill somewhere, and City or County sends out one of these
19 messages, people can be awoken in the middle of the night and
20 informed that that's going on, unlike, you know, conventional TV or
21 radio signals which if you're asleep, you're asleep.

22 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: So this gives us wider coverage.

23 MR. BAILEY: Wider coverage. Just another avenue,
24 especially for businesses I think it would be valuable.

25 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Better penetration because of its

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1 passive monitoring.

2 MR. BAILEY: Right. I would guess between the hours of
3 ten o'clock at night and 6:00 in the morning it's pretty difficult
4 to reach people at home and inform them some sort of emergency.
5 This will allow people to stay informed 24/7.

6 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: This is kind of a segue into a project
7 that I don't know if we mentioned this to you but we received a
8 grant from the US Forest Service to design and implement an
9 emergency alerting system for the Spring Mountain National
10 Recreation Area. Peggy Ayala from URS Corporation, as some of you
11 know from our mitigation planning activities, their company is
12 going to take on the design and implementation recommendations for
13 that Spring Mountain National Recreation Area warning.

14 As you know, Mt. Charleston is a hard place to hit with
15 conventional radio and TV signals so we've had quite a challenge to
16 try and figure out how to alert, especially with the warnings that
17 we've been getting yesterday and today about the wildfire season
18 that's expected up on the mountains. It's supposed to be pretty
19 dry up there and we're looking at a catastrophic -- potential for a
20 catastrophic wildfire up there. So thank you for coming, Peggy.
21 Appreciate it.

22 MR. SCOTT: Jim, if I could also, one of the main
23 features of the weather radio is it's zone specific. Say you want
24 it to alert weather radios in the Mt. Charleston area only, the
25 code can be sent to activate those radios. The wide coverage of

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1 the weather service extends all the way down to Laughlin, very wide
2 area, so that we could generate an alert in the Laughlin area only
3 and not affect Las Vegas. We're a wide area alert, so it's zone
4 specific to turn on those receivers that are in the affected area
5 only. That's one of the main advantages of the new generation
6 weather radios.

7 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Great. Steve, I just want to make you
8 aware of something that we encountered recently and I'm going to
9 deal with Adrienne on this one but somebody, nobody knows who,
10 called Cox Communications and asked the Clark County channel four
11 be taken off the EAS rebroadcast and, fortunately, we had an alert
12 person over at Cox who called to check if that was okay and we told
13 them no, it's not okay.

14 But I bounced a couple ideas around with Bob Fisher and
15 Adrienne Abbott and apparently there is FCC regulations that say
16 that cable companies are only required to carry national level
17 signals and certain other signals and aren't compelled to carry
18 every channel EAS messages.

19 Now, we have a contractual franchise agreement with Cox
20 so our contract requires them to carry the EAS signal. The FCC
21 regs and our contract seem to be at odds and we need to maybe,
22 maybe you have experience with this or have some contacts that can
23 shed some light on it.

24 MR. SCOTT: I believe if it's an emergency as a public
25 service to the citizens of the county that we don't want to say,

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1 well, you didn't receive the emergency message because you were
2 watching HBO. It would be hard to justify not as a public service
3 to provide emergency information to all citizens, cable, radio, TV.

4 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Right.

5 MR. SCOTT: I can't imagine any logical person being
6 upset, you messed up my HBO movie because of some silly hazard
7 alert that was in Summerlin.

8 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: We get the calls.

9 MR. MCANDREW: During the thunderstorm season upcoming
10 that happens pretty frequently.

11 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: At any rate, I just wanted to make you
12 aware of it. If anybody has heard anything along those lines let
13 us know because we need to resolve this in the interest of
14 communicating important information during emergency periods.

15 MR. SCOTT: That's right. If it's an emergency, it's an
16 emergency. Everybody needs to know about it if it's a wide area
17 problem.

18 MR. MCANDREW: Tim McAndrew here from the City again. I
19 know that KCLV channel two studios at the City who are on cable
20 channel two through Cox also had some similar issues and we were
21 concerned that they weren't getting the rebroadcast of those alerts
22 via Cox as well, and so rather than getting in a big tug of war
23 over it we just purchased our own EAS equipment right there and
24 installed it rather than KCLV channel two, I hate to say it this
25 way, not get caught up in that concern. That's how we resolved the

1 problem at KCLV.

2 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any other comments about the
3 emergency alert system? Okay. Thank you. Metropolitan Medical
4 Response System update. Chris Sproule.

5 MR. SPROULE: My name is Chris Sproule. I'm the new
6 MMRS coordinator. Been very busy. In the process of completing
7 wet decon kit, these will be able to hook up to a hydrant or a fire
8 engine and in the end you'll have 12 nozzles. We expect to be able
9 to circulate about 720 people per hour per kit and these will be
10 distributed to every fire engine in the valley and every hospital.

11 We're also doing dry decontamination kits. These are
12 duffle bags with trash bags, Ziplock bags, ID bracelets. The
13 person will put the trash bag over themselves after they cut out
14 holes for the head and arms, they'll disrobe underneath, put their
15 valuables in the Ziplock bag, put their ID bracelet on and then put
16 the matching tag on that Ziplock bag so they can still have it.
17 Every truck company in the valley should have it as well as the
18 hospitals.

19 We're still waiting for our Mark-1 kits. Our Valiums
20 (phonetic) have arrived. We're in the process of distributing
21 those. We also received dry-it kits which are basically oversized
22 paper towels so people can dry off post wet decon. Also doffit
23 kits which are very similar to our dry decontamination kit.

24 Had the opportunity to participate in a conference call
25 with the White House last week discussing the bird flu. There was

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1 a movie on TV last week, I think it was called Fatal Contact, about
2 the bird flu where Hollywood took several liberties at the website
3 bird pandemic -- excuse me, pandemicflu.gov. It sort of provides a
4 viewer's guide as to factual information in this movie, so that's a
5 good resource. It's also a good resource for state, local and
6 federal information regarding bird flu.

7 On June 26th and 27th there is a conference. It's the
8 REAC conference, the Radiation Emergency Assistance Center training
9 site at the Department of Energy. We invite you all to come. It's
10 an opportunity to ask the experts how best we can respond to
11 nuclear and radiological events. This is by far our weakest area.
12 So there is a flyer up on the table and I invite all of you.

13 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any questions for Chris?

14 MS. SHUNNEY: Can you repeat how many people they can
15 wet decon?

16 MR. SPROULE: We're going to be circulating a hundred
17 kits on every fire engine in the valley and two at every hospital
18 and we anticipate we can decontaminate 720 people per hour per kit.
19 County, City, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and all the hospitals in
20 the valley.

21 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: That's 720 per kit and so what is the
22 aggregate total number? You don't have to do the math now. Just I
23 think Jane is looking for just a general population number, is that
24 what it is?

25 A PERSON: (Inaudible.)

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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any other questions for Chris?

2 Thanks, Chris.

3 Nevada-1 disaster medical assistance team update. Many
4 of us have been wondering. Tim Gruber from the regional emergency
5 response coordination office in California is here to give us the
6 update.

7 MR. GRUBER: Good morning. I'm Commander Tim Gruber.
8 I'm the region nine NDMS emergency coordinator based out of Oakland
9 like Jim said. Currently I am the acting Nevada-1 team commander.
10 As most of you have probably heard, the previous commander, deputy
11 commander stepped down. It's been several months now and Nevada-1
12 is without actual leadership in the city at this particular point.
13 Several team members after the resignation of the team commander
14 decided to resign as well. We're working on weeding out the
15 roster.

16 One problem NDMS has nationwide is a lot of team members,
17 there is paper teams. In particular Nevada here we're working on
18 finding out who actually is still in the area, who wants to
19 participate and figuring out what our total numbers currently are.
20 The paper team right now has approximately 65 to 70 folks on it.
21 When we do a call-down there are approximately 35 to 40 folks that
22 we can contact who are still interested, and the team members that
23 have been most active in the area have been recruiting. We're
24 seeing a lot of interest in the area. We're seeing probably four
25 or five people a month who are interested in becoming members.

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1 Two weeks ago we had the NDMS conference up in Reno. I
2 had a chance to talk with Fergus Laughridge with the State, Chris
3 Lake with Hospital Association, first time meet and greet, and an
4 opportunity to find out what type of support we have in the whole
5 greater state of Nevada.

6 Nevada-1 DMAT is not necessarily Clark County asset.
7 It's a federal asset, federal government asset at this particular
8 point, and recruiting efforts need to expand beyond the City of Las
9 Vegas in order to make it a completely viable asset for both state
10 and federal government.

11 The core group of individuals we have right now are
12 pretty motivated. We -- they continue to have meetings, continuing
13 to have trainings. Sometime in the near future, near future
14 according to federal government is different than what we consider
15 near future so I'm hoping within the next nine months Nevada-1 will
16 receive a full federal cash; however, that cash will be based out
17 of Moffett Naval Air Station south of the Bay and we're doing that
18 for several teams in the region just due to physical space and
19 until they can work out GSA contracts in order to have space in
20 local areas to have that equipment.

21 Not much else to report at this point. We're actively
22 recruiting. I am the acting commander; however, I'm not here and
23 I'm in the area frequently, probably every four to six weeks, to
24 either run a meeting or to attend meetings such as this. If people
25 are interested please contact me. I can put you in touch with

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1 folks in the area to get you up-to-date on the next upcoming
2 meetings, the events.

3 Nevada-1 in fact on call for the hurricane season
4 starting July 1st. What would happen with the team is that they
5 would send out a five-member strike team if they are activated at
6 this particular time. It's going to be a long process. It's going
7 to be a long rebuilding process. So --

8 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Tim, how can people get in contact
9 with somebody? I know the website still has Nancy and Greg's
10 telephone number on it.

11 MR. GRUBER: Yes, the Nevada-1 website that is out there,
12 there are a lot of issues with Nevada-1 website. Somebody who
13 designed it moved away, moved to Florida and, unfortunately, they
14 took the rights to the website with them and are refusing to
15 release those rights.

16 Right now they just recruited somebody who is a web
17 master and somebody who is going to be working on a new website for
18 the Nevada-1 team so we can get pertinent information on there.
19 Once that comes up we can get that distributed among City, County,
20 State folks, figure out what are we going to use. We're not sure
21 what it's going to be named at this particular time. We may have
22 to spell it out. Suggestions, please toss them at us.

23 Unfortunately our federal website is behind the power
24 curve as well. My office is still listed in San Francisco and we
25 haven't been in San Francisco for four years. I do have business

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1 cards. Jim's office has my current contact information as well.
2 Like I said, I'm based in Oakland. I'm one of three emergency
3 coordinators based in Oakland.

4 A lot of the growing pains of the next probably six
5 months or so is establishing a good website, a good contact link in
6 order for people to get into the system. We are having
7 difficulties on the federal side. They changed the recruitment
8 applications. Doesn't just affect us. It affects everybody in the
9 country where FEMA -- unfortunately we still fall under FEMA until
10 somebody says they go away next week or the week after. FEMA came
11 down through their OGC and have real strict guidelines on
12 application processes where people have to have background
13 investigations and fingerprinting prior to completing application
14 for federal (inaudible) employment.

15 The folks up in Washington are working on trying to
16 streamline the process and at this point they have not figured out
17 a way to streamline and make it more cost efficient for members.
18 So across the country new members are becoming a little frustrated
19 but we have some new people up in headquarters that are working on
20 trying to streamline it, decrease the cost. They're working with
21 MOU's with state and local folks in order to expedite
22 fingerprinting and some NCIC background checks so we can process
23 applications quicker.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Great. Do you care to share your
25 E-mail address with the group?

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1 MR. GRUBER: Yes, I will. E-mail address is Timothy,
2 T-I-M-O-T-H-Y, dot Gruber, G-R-U-B-E-R, @dhs.gov.

3 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: You're going to be sorry now.

4 MR. GRUBER: I know. Feel free. If there are questions,
5 feel free to contact me. If I don't know the answer, and I
6 probably won't, I can find it. I've only been on the job for a
7 year. I've had a steep learning curve with Katrina. Things within
8 NDMS are going to be changing within the next year. There are a
9 lot of restructuring up at headquarter's level that are going to
10 impact how we respond in the field, and as changes occur I'll try
11 to get some of the updates out to Jim as they're feasible and how
12 they apply to State of Nevada, City of Clark County, City of Las
13 Vegas, Clark County.

14 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Great. Any questions for Tim?

15 MR. MCANDREW: Tim McAndrew with the City. What is the
16 current type status of the Nevada-1 team?

17 MR. GRUBER: Type three.

18 MR. MCANDREW: That hasn't changed. You said it was -- I
19 believe you said it was actively on a standby status for the
20 upcoming hurricane season but is it deployable with only 35
21 members?

22 MR. GRUBER: Yes. One of the concept -- first of all,
23 typing. Our director Jack Bell up in Washington last year after
24 hurricane season went out and without any type of evaluation
25 decided to name every team a type three team or above. We still

1 have our type one which are fully operational teams. They have 165
2 members, five on physicians and some critical positions. Type two
3 teams are three people. They have a full cash (phonetic), they are
4 able to deploy within 12 hours.

5 Type three is a developmental team. Developmental team
6 is one of those teams that are growing. They're trying to recruit.
7 They have to have -- well, at this particular point they have to
8 have a minimum group of about 40 folks to keep their type three.
9 They do not have a cash (phonetic) which is the equipment to deploy
10 with. Our type three teams we never expect to deploy them as a
11 full team.

12 The concept of strike teams came out last year in
13 Katrina. Strike team is a five-member team. It usually is
14 composed of a physician, two nurses and two paramedics or
15 paramedic/EMT combination. These are folks that go in, augment
16 hospitals, clinics. However, there is the membership on Nevada-1
17 as a team if they are not deployed is we can pick the team apart.
18 We can grab somebody from safety and security, grab somebody from
19 communications, and what we'll do is we'll pull it apart by pieces
20 above and beyond the strike team capability.

21 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any other questions for Tim? Thanks
22 very much for that update. We've all been wondering.

23 MR. GRUBER: You're welcome. Again, feel free to contact
24 me. I'll do my best. I'll be traveling for the next six weeks but
25 I will do my best to get back to folks with questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Emergency Management coordinator
2 group. We met most recently yesterday, about 24 members, not
3 members, participants, who attended and I think we had some very
4 good discussion as a result of a Department of Homeland Security
5 mandated national plan review where all emergency operations plans
6 for major jurisdictions were reviewed against 45 benchmark areas.

7 The discussion seemed to center around that they were
8 looking for a single plan to represent a region and they looked at
9 the City of Las Vegas and Clark County's emergency operations
10 plans. I'm happy to say out of 45 benchmark areas they only
11 indicated in four of them where we were not sufficient in our
12 planning and they had to deal with evacuating the whole valley and
13 catastrophic Katrina-like events that we explained to them and they
14 just said please don't kill the messenger, we didn't come up with
15 the questions, so we just went along with the process, but we were
16 very happy with the results that came out of the review.

17 Any rate, yesterday at the meeting we discussed for about
18 an hour the concept of having a single emergency operations plan
19 for the organizations and the entities within Clark County. There
20 was no push back from any of the participants. In fact everyone
21 seemed to be very positive towards that end and we have to look at
22 the legal ramifications that might come from that as well as the
23 practical matters.

24 I think as a first step we had a fairly good degree of
25 consensus that what we would look at, excuse me, as a first step,

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1 is to create a basic, the basic plan portion of what would be a
2 single emergency operation plan for down here. The basic plan
3 really consists of the 30,000-foot view things like authorities,
4 scope, concept of operations, continuity of government and generic
5 high level things that can be captured as a base line for what an
6 emergency operations plan would look like.

7 Where the devil gets into the details is in the annexes
8 which are the functional areas like communications, warning,
9 firefighting, law enforcement, search and rescue, all of those
10 other activities. But I don't think it's insurmountable because
11 when you think about it, we've already got three of those annexes
12 effectively written with respect to the hazardous materials plant
13 which is a regional plan. We have the mass casualty plan which is
14 a regional plan. We have the terrorism incident response plan and
15 we have a good stab started on the joint information center plan.
16 So we're actually well on the road to getting that done as well.
17 So this is just a topic that we discussed.

18 Does anybody have any thoughts or concerns or items they
19 want to talk about with that? Jeff, we did talk about the
20 evacuation annex briefly because this would be rolled into a
21 similar annex.

22 MR. MILLS: What was the thoughts on that? Is that
23 something you're going to work on this summer or something?

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: (Nodded.)

25 JEFF: Yes?

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1 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Sorry. For the record, yes. Any
2 other thoughts or concerns? Thank you. The other thing we
3 discussed was the TIC plan exercise, tactical interoperable
4 communications plan exercise. I'll get into that a little bit more
5 further down in the urban area category down here. Planning
6 subcommittee, Richard Brenner.

7 MR. LEARY: Was not briefed on that. All I know is
8 continue working on it.

9 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I did see a requested change to the
10 response algorithm for unknown substances where the notification
11 will go initially to the armor team. Anybody seen that yet?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Eugene Campbell, Las Vegas Fire and
13 Rescue. It was being worked upon by J. Pat. It's been changed
14 three times. Supposedly it was supposed to go straight into their
15 dispatching system and then through the paging system, was going to
16 come out two different ways. I don't know if it's been finalized
17 yet.

18 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: All right. We'll hold off on that and
19 follow up at a later date. Okay. That's good. Thank you.

20 State Emergency Response Commission. Karen Kennard and
21 Richard are at the National Association of SARA Title III Program
22 Officials conference and so there was a handout in the stack of
23 handouts that contains her executive director's report. I don't
24 think I need to repeat what you can read so we'll just move on past
25 that.

1 US Environmental Protection Agency report was another
2 handout that was at the table that Mike Ardito's summary of the
3 activities for region nine and, again, I can let you read that and
4 will not spend too much time on that one either.

5 Community awareness emergency response. Susan, is she
6 hear or anybody from BMI? Okay. All right.

7 Moving right along, now we switch hats, we are the
8 Citizen Corps Council for Clark County, and the programs report.
9 Medical Reserve Corps, Paula, are you here? Yes, you are.

10 MS. MARTEL: I just want to mention that Medical Reserve
11 Corps is growing within the state -- Paula Martel -- within the
12 state. We -- a few months ago Washoe County District Health
13 Department registered a Medical Reserve Corps. This past month
14 Carson City Health Department has registered a Medical Reserve
15 Corps and we're hoping very shortly, at least it's been our
16 recommendation that the State Health Division register a Medical
17 Reserve Corps for the rural counties. Believe there are folks out
18 there that we don't want to be left out and they seem to be willing
19 to do that, so we're hoping that's the way that we're going to go.

20 At a national conference a couple weeks ago in Dallas it
21 was a very different conference for us this year because of
22 Katrina, specifically for Katrina. We have been a local, local,
23 local. We used to cast bets about how long it would take the
24 surgeon general to say local, local, local in his presentations
25 every year. This year he didn't say it.

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1 He did -- he kept -- local was still -- we are still a
2 local resource. Number one, Medical Reserve Corps is still local
3 resource to Clark County but they couldn't ignore during Katrina
4 that there were 420 Medical Reserve Corps units across the United
5 States and over 75,000 volunteers who could help out. So they're
6 taking a whole new look at, you know, how the Medical Reserve Corps
7 may be responding nationally, if they will, when they would, who
8 they would deploy through as you can imagine that's from the White
9 House down through HHS and some input now from the American Red
10 Cross.

11 There was some issues with -- our first opportunity was
12 to deploy with American Red Cross and a lot of our folks didn't
13 want to do that because they want to be able to, you know,
14 volunteer within the scope of their licensure which they would not
15 be able to do, so HHS just came right in there and pulled through
16 together some protocols and we had about 600 Medical Reserve Corps
17 volunteers from across the United States that were actually able to
18 go and willing to go, because I do believe that what makes the
19 Medical Reserve Corps attractive to most people is the fact that
20 it's a local program. I can tell you from my program for the 140
21 or so that I have active and inactive volunteers, they're attracted
22 to it because they don't have to go anywhere.

23 We worked really closely with Nancy Newell with DMAT up
24 until a few months ago when they were no longer the commanders
25 here. That they found somebody that seemed to be interested in

1 volunteering but they weren't willing to go to the extent that they
2 would need to go to as far as training and commitment of DMAT, she
3 would refer them to me and we've been referring back to DMAT so we
4 will chat after this. I'm very happy to see you here. So Medical
5 Reserve Corps is changing and we're happy to have it change but we
6 want to be sure that we need to go in a direction that they're kind
7 of willing to go.

8 I want to say the White House contacted me a couple
9 months ago and once again asked just to ask me to recommend some
10 volunteers that would be able to meet the President when he came a
11 few weeks ago and I will say that Patty Murphy who is one of the
12 two RN's who deployed during Katrina to the Gulf Coast was honored
13 by being able to meet the President and receive an award from
14 President Bush. We're always very pleased for that recognition
15 both locally and nationally.

16 And MRC Nevada, www.MRCNevada.com will be up and
17 operational no later than June the 1st. It's online right now. I
18 went in and looked at it and it had some reference to Florida so I
19 gave them a call and had a little fit about that. June 1st take a
20 look. If you know anybody that might be interested in volunteering
21 locally please refer them to our website. Any questions?

22 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Anything for Paula? Okay. Thank you,
23 Paula. Community Emergency Response Teams.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Yes, Tim McAndrew on behalf of Rick
25 Diebold who is our CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, CERT

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1 program coordinator. Rick and a number of our CERT volunteers this
2 week in fact are down in southern California attending a CERT
3 conference that will return on Thursday. And the activities have
4 been continuing ongoing with provision of CERT, that initial CERT
5 training classes. We continue to do that to date.

6 Since the inception of the program in the greater Las
7 Vegas, Clark County region we've trained 1,019 people have
8 successfully completed the CERT training program. We have been
9 loading those persons within by ZIP Code within the emergency
10 notification system, ENS. It's a telephone-based, kind of a
11 reversed 911 dialing system, and that's the mechanism that we've
12 been able to track whether or not we still have connectivity to
13 these people. And to date we have connectivity, positive
14 connectivity with about 60 percent. Six hundred and thirty-four I
15 think was the actual number of the people we still have the ability
16 to positively contact. We thought that was quite remarkably high,
17 especially in light of what seems to be a transient community we
18 find ourselves living in. But nevertheless, that -- that is what
19 the current status of the program to date.

20 Future training, hoping, was going to say anticipating, I
21 won't be so positive, hoping that we receive some fiscal year 2006
22 Homeland Security funds for the continuance of the Citizens Corps
23 programs and CERT programs. Rick has, has cued about 12 training
24 courses for the balance calendar year '06 and anticipates 12
25 courses for calendar year '07 for a total of 250 students, initial

1 students in 2006 and another 250 in 2007. Assuming we're able to
2 continue the funding we hope to be able to generate about another
3 500 initial CERT trainees through the program. That's the report.

4 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks. Very comprehensive. Any
5 questions for Tim? Clark County Fire and Metro are doing the rural
6 areas. Do we have any updates on CERT programs out there?
7 Neighborhood watch and volunteers and police search. Police
8 departments?

9 A PERSON: Nothing to report.

10 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks, Mike. Amateur radio
11 emergency service. I saw Charlie here. There he is.

12 MR. KUNZ: Yes, sir. Members have provided
13 communications for the Baker/Vegas Fund. They man a number of the
14 rest stops and also provide command post communications. We
15 support the Susan B. Komen race downtown Las Vegas and also the ADA
16 bike ride from Henderson to Las Vegas and Boulder City this past
17 weekend. Upcoming we've been requested to participate in the
18 airport's triennial exercise on October 4th. Hopefully fire season
19 will keep quiet.

20 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: How many members do you have now,
21 Charlie?

22 MR. KUNZ: On the books we have about 160 but we probably
23 could get out 75 in a pinch.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Great. Like to get you with Ed at
25 UNLV here about this exercise that we're looking at in September.

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1 It's a communication exercise. Want to make sure you guys are
2 included. Any questions for Charlie? Any future amateur radio
3 operators in the group, talk to Charlie. He'll get you set up.
4 All right.

5 Moving on, changing hats again, Urban Area Working Group.
6 The urban area strategy update. As I sent out the notice I think
7 to everybody that our strategy was finally approved by DHS so that
8 we thank everybody who contributed to the tweaking that we were
9 required to do to satisfy whatever criteria they were using to
10 evaluate it.

11 On the next item, the monitoring visit from Department of
12 Homeland Security, I spoke about the national plan review that we
13 just had about a month ago. On the 25th of this month Kathleen,
14 our preparedness officer, will be here to review specific progress
15 that we've made with respect to our strategy, the one that was just
16 approved. So I told her, I said, you know, it's kind of hard to
17 demonstrate progress when we only had it approved for a couple
18 weeks, but any rate, she is coming out because this is their
19 scheduled visit.

20 So on the 25th we're going to be meeting at nine o'clock
21 in the Sandstone room which is on the fourth floor, fourth floor in
22 the chief information officers area. I think some participation
23 for the first couple hours would be good from the urban area
24 working group folks who participated on the development of the
25 strategy because you have the best understanding of the rationale

1 behind some of our objectives and goals and are implementing steps.

2 I'm going to send out before the end of this week kind of
3 a schedule of discussions that she wants to have in about eight
4 issue areas which I E-mailed out to everybody for review. She has
5 got to develop a report for submission to DHS based on our
6 progress. So nine o'clock in the Sandstone room upstairs on the
7 fourth floor. Probably just for the first couple hours I'll need
8 you there and then we could -- if we could just be able to reach
9 out to you throughout the rest of the day by cell phone or
10 something in case we have questions that we want to answer. I
11 don't want to tie you up for the whole day. Carolyn and I will do
12 the bulk of the work and Elaine Fisher is coming down from the
13 State to work with us on that as well.

14 Any questions on the urban area strategy or our in-
15 progress review? I think we have a lot to report as far as
16 progress really. We have done a lot of work and congratulations to
17 everybody here.

18 Okay, regional transit security strategy. Jeff.

19 MR. MILLS: Yeah, I had a visit from Steve Milne
20 (inaudible), regional division manager. He stated that it looked
21 like the RTC would likely receive plus or minus what we got last
22 year in the original transportation grant which was half a million
23 dollars. Unfortunately, the grant application guidelines haven't
24 come out yet. They were initially due in December and kept sliding
25 every month. So we really don't have any idea when that is going

1 to come into play except next month.

2 Going to a conference this next week with security
3 managers from the top 50 agencies. I'm sure that's going to be on
4 the agenda. That's really about all I have to report from this
5 point.

6 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thanks. Any questions for Jeff? We
7 want to thank you for posting us out on the double decker bus last
8 month, two months ago. That was a good experience. Thank you.
9 Okay.

10 Interoperable communications technical assistance. As
11 many of you participated we had a very thorough rubber room session
12 with a bunch of people here to bang out a tactical interoperable
13 communications plan and so for the Clark County, Las Vegas urban
14 area, on paper it says we have interoperable communication. So I
15 sent each of the LEPC members a copy of that plan, I think. If
16 anybody hasn't got one let me know and we'll shoot you a copy of
17 it. It was submitted to DHS a month ahead of time and they were
18 supposed to review within 45 days and give us, you know, a pass or
19 no pass. Forty-five days has elapsed and we haven't heard a word
20 so I'm following up on that.

21 But one of the requirements for urban areas to be
22 eligible for '07 interoperable communications funding is we have to
23 validate that tactical interoperable communications plan no later
24 than September 30th by conducting a limited full-scale exercise.
25 There is no definition for what limited is, but the workshop, the

1 workshop that I attended last week in DC that dealt with what to
2 expect for the exercise focused on the fact that we need to
3 demonstrate elements of performance within that tactical
4 interoperable communications plan for fire, police and EMS agencies
5 in the first hour of a response to an incident. So I guess that's
6 what they mean by limited.

7 At any rate, while I was back there we said, wait, we
8 just heard about this NBA All-Star game and I had Carolyn call Ed
9 and say, Ed, are you willing to offer yourself up to be a guinea
10 pig for our tactical interoperable communications exercise and also
11 help us prepare for the NBA All-Star game and he was very gracious
12 and said, yeah, we'll take it on. So September 13th is the
13 scheduled date of the exercise. We're not going to be taking
14 bodies to hospitals. We're not going -- it's all communication,
15 strictly communication. And that's been our Achilles heel in most
16 emergency responses has been communication so we're going to do
17 this really well.

18 All of your agencies should be training your folks to the
19 procedures in the tactical interoperable communications plan. It's
20 not rocket science but unless you use it every day you're not going
21 to remember what to do. We found that the one thing that really
22 was a mystery to a lot of street level operators is the
23 I-CALL/I-TAC channels which are a common frequency around which
24 people can initiate the beginnings of interoperable communication.

25 So we've asked DHS to provide us a standardized lesson

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1 plan; still waiting for that. But what I did is I handed out the
2 emergency managers meeting yesterday the evaluation criteria that
3 we are going to be subjected to for the plan and I will send that
4 out to the LEPC members today. The evaluation criteria were posted
5 on ODP's website last Thursday and I looked this morning and
6 they're not there. So I have a set of draft evaluation criteria
7 and I think they're probably pretty straight on what we're going to
8 be evaluated against. I'll E-mail that out to everybody in the
9 distribution today so let's make sure we get that out this
10 afternoon so you can see what we're up against.

11 We are getting contractor support to develop this
12 exercise because of the short time line. So I haven't received the
13 dates yet when they're going to do a planning conference in June
14 and a planning conference in August. Those will be forthcoming
15 very soon I hope.

16 The second piece is we will be getting technical
17 assistance on the TIC plan implementation, a TIC plan
18 implementation workshop that is scheduled to be a one-day deal 30
19 to 40 days before the exercise. Still haven't gotten that date
20 pinned down by the contractor who is supposed to do that as well.
21 Those are coming down the road.

22 The agencies that are going to be evaluated, according to
23 them, that they're going to be evaluated in this exercise based on
24 the venue and the scenario which is required to be an improvised
25 explosive device is UNLV Police, Metropolitan Police, Highway

1 Patrol, Clark County Fire Department, and Las Vegas Fire
2 Department, American Medical Response and Medic West. They will
3 evaluate those organizations against the TIC plan. Other
4 organizations are welcome to participate; however, you will not be
5 evaluated by Department of Homeland Security. So the whole thing
6 is push the talk, radio communication interoperability among fire,
7 police and EMS in the first hour of the incident. So that's what
8 it is.

9 We will send out a notice on the planning conferences
10 when we get those dates and if you wish to participate you must be
11 at the first one, otherwise the door is closed. If you're going to
12 participate, come to that first meeting; otherwise you're an
13 observer after that point. Okay. Any questions on that exercise
14 or the TIC plan? Okay. Public comments. Andy.

15 MR. BAILEY: This will be a little repeat for those who
16 were at yesterday's meeting. Just wanted to put this out there,
17 between now and the next meeting if this year, this summer is like
18 any other summer, 30, 50 people will have died as a result of
19 weather by the time we get there. So if you have any questions on
20 what the National Weather Service does or the kind of products we
21 have or how we can work with your organization or business see me
22 after the meeting or contact me and we can sit down and talk about
23 it. Just wanted to put that response.

24 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any other public comment? All right.
25 Next meeting -- and I've asked Gabriela to send you all notices

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1 beginning of every month that we move the August meeting to
2 August 30th. So you've been getting E-mails at the first of every
3 month telling you that we did this and we're repeating it again.
4 The next LEPC meeting is August 30th at 9:00 a.m. in this building.
5 It will be in this room. Okay. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

6 MR. MCANDREW: So move.

7 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Tim McAndrew moves. Second?

8 MR. LEARY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Fernandez. All in favor?

10 (Thereupon members said aye.)

11 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Any opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you.

14 (Thereupon the proceedings adjourned at 10:00 a.m.)

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