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Minutes UAWG UASI Meeting

June 4th, 2024 0800hrs

Call to Order Billy Samuels, UAA/Chairman

I. *Chief Samuels called the Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group to order.*

II. Roll Call All

Billy Samuels, Thomas Touchstone, Jenn Wyatt, Carolyn Levering, Travis Anderson, Diana Clarkson, Bradley Iverson, Greg Chesser, Jason Andrus, Spencer Lewis, Tony Barnes, Misty Robinson, Jeff Quinn, Jim Owens, Bryan Ostaszewski, Sander Smiles.

Billy Samuels advised the committee has quorum.

III. Public Comments Discussion Only - No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments may be limited to 2 minutes.

Carolyn Levering wanted to bring to the committee and error made in the application process. The MMRS project had an attempt to submit, and it mistakenly ended up in the archives instead of the submitted application section. The application was fully completed but not submitted properly hence resulted in it not appearing on the formal ranking list. MMRS did not submit last year as they were completing projects from the past two funding years. The First Watch program was not submitted last year because it was funded. This year it is not funded, and the City of Las Vegas has no alternative funding stream. Also in the application are funding requests for Ballistic PPE for first responders across the valley. She is asking if the voting members can take a voting consensus as to whether they deem this project should be allowed to move forward.

No further public comments.

IV. Comments from the Chair. (Discussion Only) Billy Samuels

Chief Samuels advised he talked to the state about Carolyn Levering's comments and it's the responsibility of the SAA to make that decision and not the state. The state advised they could step in if it was an error on their part. But since it was a submittal error they can't intervene or let it be heard. Chief Samuels agrees the project is vital to first responder safety and that it would be a high priority for de-obligated funds. Carolyn Levering reminded the chair that since MMRS was not funded last year it would not be eligible for 2023 de-obligated funds. Carolyn Levering respectfully requested a consensus by the committee if it can move forward. Chief Samuels says it cannot be allowed to move forward with a vote, but he would allow a

consensus, but it will not be voted on or ranked. Chief Samuels took a visual (hand raising) consensus and it passed.

Travis Anderson requested a printed copy of the budget request.

Carolyn Levering advised Chief Digaetano would be presenting a project request for Ballistic PPE later in the meeting.

V. Review and discuss FFY 24 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Presentations of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant applications. Each presenter will have up to 5 minutes to provide an overview of the grant application. Grant applications that were not submitted in Zoom Grants by May 17, 2024, deadline will not be heard. This item also allows for questions and discussion of the grant applications, grant Billy Samuels compliance issues, and changes in the grant program as reflected in the Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA), and Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee and Nevada Homeland Security Commission priorities. Presentations must be based on the submitted grant application; no Power Point presentation or other handouts are requested at this time. (Discussion/For Possible Action) Note: LVMPD ARMOR Robot, \$265,000.00 – originally submitted for SHSP – will be added for consideration for UASI funding.

Chief Samuels discussed the ranking list and the process for presentations and timelines associated.

Project H (CCFD HR Certified Driver Program) presented by Firefighter Ashton Del Rosario.

\$90,000 one-time ask for a scalable project. Managed and implemented by Chief Glassford of the CCFD Training Division. Project would train heavy rescue team personnel with crossover to FEMA USAR NVTf-1. Background and reasoning for ask was HR21 flip-over accident in the rain last year on I-215 with unit being destroyed. Program will train personnel to handle these future issues. Long term plan would be using this training for CCFD in house training with value crossover to other jurisdictions and citizens on the road in Southern Nevada. National impact would allow for cross state line responses with technical rescue and FEMA USAR NVTf-1. Met with local training agencies and have a plan with how to rapidly implement if funding is approved.

Questions:

Diana Clarkson asked about scalability, and lowest amount this project would be willing to take. Response from Firefighter Ashton Del Rosario was that the project is fully scalable and would accept 1/2 or 1/3 asking number if needed to get project started. If approved the long-term plan would be to have this funded in the capital budget. Diana Clarkson LVMPD follow up was clarifying this is a one-time ask with CCFD maintaining the program with departmental funds. Response from Firefighter Ashton Del Rosario was yes this is a one-time ask.

Travis Anderson asked about plan to put HR in service if this funding was not approved. Firefighter Ashton Del Rosario stated that HR will still be in service with CCFD trying to obtain funds through county budgetary means in the future.

Project G (CCFD HazMat Apparatus) presented by CCFD HazMat and Critical Infrastructure Coordinator Gary Stevenson.

Seeking \$750,000 to go towards the retrofit of a fire engine to make it a HazMat apparatus. Strong history of retrofitting units at a much lower cost than purchasing new. CCFD intent is to bring full HazMat team back in service. Justification for HazMat team reinstatement is special events, airport growth, multi-jurisdictional response, and THIRA deficiencies.

Questions:

Misty Robinson asked about procuring all items for this vehicle before the expiration of the grant period. Gary Stevenson responded with a yes and advised of planning in place to do so.

Carolyn Levering asked how old the intended retrofit apparatus is, as well as hours on it. Gary Stevenson advised he did not have specifics to answer those questions. The plan would be to potentially use the current Heavy Rescue unit or a fire engine when the time comes.

Travis Anderson asked specifics on how many times LVFR or HFD responds into Clark County on hazardous materials responses. Gary Stevenson did not have empirical data but speculated on the numbers they ran that over the past decade it was probably 200-300 times. Travis Anderson posed the question asking if this committee moving forward would be willing to fund apparatus project requests for specific departments in the future. Or should the focus be on other projects that have a multi-jurisdictional approach, and we aren't buying apparatus for every jurisdiction in the valley. He posed the question of what is the specific gap (inability of other jurisdictions to respond) that is presenting itself currently or in the past that would justify this request. Gary Stevenson said that he could not site a specific instance but would state that with the growth of Clark County (nuclear waste transport, Harry Reid International Airport expansion, special events, preparedness, high level hazardous materials facilities, personnel used on actual hazardous materials calls) it is a justified request. Having multiple teams with built in redundancy is a need that needs to be addressed.

Caroly Levering asked if alternative sources of funding have been sought for this project. Gary Stevenson stated he reached out to a few high-level hazardous materials facilities with some interest from a couple for potential funding contributions, but nothing that is a firm yes. Carolyn Levering recommended trying to apply for potential funding through EPWG since radiological material transportation through Clark County was mentioned. Carolyn Levering asked what was specific about this vehicle being requested for retrofit that would allow it to fulfill the mission of responding to an event that involved a terrorism nexus. Gary Stevenson sighted the THIRA cited potential incidents that would be better handled with the addition of this apparatus and Clark County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team. Carolyn Levering asked if the intent of this vehicle retrofitting would be geared toward responding to and mitigating terrorism events. Gary Stevenson said the goal is make this an all-hazards type 1 team that could respond to all incidents.

Bradley Iverson asked Gary Stevenson to speak on the other pieces needed to bring back the team (i.e., training, personnel, equipment, etc.). Gary Stevenson advised they reached out to other entities in the valley and have identified resources to help train personnel, properly equip the unit (LVFR/HFD team consult) and bring the team back properly.

Travis Anderson asked if project was scalable or is the \$750,000 the minimum ask. Also sought clarity on whether this was for vehicle only or further needed equipment. Gary Stevenson advised that this was for apparatus only, and it could be scalable depending on what the group was willing to fund.

Diana Clarkson asked if we have adequate current capability with LVFR and HFD Hazardous Materials Teams to effectively address and mitigate these types of calls. Gary Stevenson advised LVFR has a type 1 team while HFD has a type 3 team. They both have current capability to respond, but larger responses would tax those resources very quickly. LVMPD Armor also would respond to large events, but they have a law enforcement nexus that is different from the fire department teams.

Jim Owens asked what the cost is of a brand-new unit. Gary Stevenson advised he didn't have exact quote numbers, but they estimate it to cost 1.25 – 1.5 million dollars with a potential 3-year lead time on build.

Greg Chesser asked what the lead time on refurbished unit is. Gary Stevenson said the department has had success with companies delivering units to CCFD in under a year. He states he reached out to a couple vendors and that was their approximate timeline.

Carolyn Levering posed a question to the state about utilizing funds for the refurbishment instead of purchasing a new unit. She sought clarity on the rules of engagement from a state perspective on what the end of useful service timelines looks like with a unit like this. Would the entire vehicle be considered grant funded thus subjected to federal disposition guidelines or does this become a general fund problem for the county.

Billy Samuels advised initial hazardous materials buildout costs would be funded through the general fund by Clark County. This would be for initial funding of the apparatus. Chief Samuels provided background information about similar projects that Clark County has spearheaded in the past. Logic behind this project is cost savings and time for procurement.

Gary Stevenson advised time frame was fluid and anticipated within the two years of the grant cycle.

Project A (City of Henderson HSGO Truck and Trailer) presented by Division Chief Richard Johnson.

This request is for a truck and trailer to be used for responding as a regional asset to large scale emergencies. Current equipment is not capable of effectively moving and deploying resources. There is a strong need for higher hauling capacity and equipment. Initial request is for \$159,000 and could be scaled as needed. This request has been vetted and created in conjunction with HPD and other City of Henderson departments.

Questions:

Carolyn Levering asked for clarification as to whether this increased capacity would need CDL certified personnel. Chief Johnson advised this new equipment would fall under normal driving operations already trained for. Chief Johnson also explained response gaps further.

Diana Clarkson asked about large-scale events and the capabilities of other agencies in the valley.

Billy Samuels asked for clarity on exact specifications on equipment to be ordered (truck size and trailer capacity). Also asked about the number of times HFD was unable to respond to a request for service because of current limitations.

Bradley Iverson asked Chief Johnson to talk further about what the abilities of this team will be moving forward.

Project B (City of Las Vegas Emergency Alerting Mass Notification) presented by Carolyn Levering.

This project is the annual request for the Emergency Alerting Mass Notification system. This system allows for the mass notification during large scale events. Carolyn Levering explained the system, usage, and cost.

Questions:

Jim Owens asked how the system works in reference to the technology used.

Billy Samuels asked for clarification on the vendor(s) being used and the capability to upgrade or downgrade capacity and capability moving forward.

Carolyn Levering talked about current vendor and how the cost and ability to deliver on promises and changes in the past and future. Also talked about that vetting process and what they anticipate in the future. Carolyn Levering went into the number of agencies using the system now and future capacity. Failure to fund would be detrimental moving forward.

Project C (Southern Nevada CERT Volunteer Program) presented by Irene (inaudible).

Irene spent time talking about the program, its history, current capacity, and plans for growth.

Billy Samuels asked for clarity on how the application was filled out and discrepancies. He requested specific line items on the budget. Irene and Carolyn Levering fielded questions and explained as needed.

Irene advised this program is not scalable and explained the training processes used for volunteers.

Diana Clarkson sought further explanation of the software used and its cost.

Jeff Quinn asked for a further explanation of the differences between projects C and D.

Project D (Southern Nevada Community Emergency Response Team CERT) presented by Malik (Redmond).

The ask for this project is \$271,092. Malik Redmond talked about the program, history, and core mission.

Questions:

Diana Clarkson, for the record, is there any capability for online courses which would reduce funding? Malik Redmond answered with a no as the program has multiple hours or hands-on training.

Misty Robinson again, I'm going to ask same question asked. Is this project scalable? The answer was no.

Project N (LVMPD ARMOR Robot) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

Here to represent executive staff for LVMPD and discuss priorities. All projects have been crafted in good faith with the intent of reducing costs as much as possible. Personnel costs have been cut drastically for all projects. Final asks during presentation are as trimmed as they can be. All projects meet HSGP parameters along with LETPA compliance. ARMOR robot is a regional resource (123 valley wide responses) that has been a priority since grant fundings post 9/11. Robots are old, failing, and in need of replacement.

Questions:

Billy Samuels asked about true capabilities of this robot. Chief Koren went in depth as to what this new robot will be able to do.

Project O (LVMPD ARMOR Warranties) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

The tools that are used to deal with major events in the valley are tied into this funding. It is imperative that this funding be approved to continue to be able to use this equipment and technology that has been purchased over the years.

Questions:

Billy Samuels and Carolyn Levering discussed need for funding and the ramifications for not funding.

Chief Koren talked about how the equipment has been funded over the years through grant dollars from FEMA and the UAWG UASI group.

Project P (LVMPD Coordinated Tactical Emergency Response) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

Chief Koren states they modified this project slightly to slash as many dollars as possible from the project as not to waste the committee's time. Funding for this is for MACTAC supplies, Air Support night vision goggles, SWAT tactical drones, SWAT hydraulic breaching tools, local crime saturation team, and EOC computers and supplies for CCDC.

Questions:

Carolyn Levering asked about the drones and pilots needed to fly those.

Chief Koren delved into the logistics and training involved in those functions.

Diana Clarkson explained it's a 5-year contract with the intent of purchasing six drones.

Carolyn Levering expressed concern over the grant cycle timelines and delivery.

Diana Clarkson and Chief Koren clarified that they are pursuing this as a year-to-year request at two drones per year.

Carolyn Levering had Chief Koren clarify intent, timelines, and concern over possible supplanting issues.

Carolyn Levering had Chief Koren explain exact intent and function of CCDC EOC request. Diana Clarkson also provided insight into the issue as well. Carolyn Levering and Diana Clarkson engaged in a back-and-forth discussion.

Project Q (LVMPD Cyber Program) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

Chief Koren advised the committee that this was a 184% reduction request from last year. He stated as with other projects they have made every effort to limit funding to have all costs and cutting as much as possible out in the open. Cyber program is a sustainment model that is integral to ensuring safety of the people we serve as well as first responders. Chief Koren referenced the issues that would happen should the 911 system and other technological systems fail.

Questions:

Travis Anderson asked about multi-jurisdictional integration on this topic. Chief Koren reference how the SNCTC crosses over to all jurisdictions now.

Billy Samuels asked if they have looked at other grants to fund this project. Diana Clarkson explained the process for looking for these other grants and that they aren't sure those are reliable or sustainable with such a needed integral component. Diana Clarkson talked about strategic priorities and how this matches up with that.

Carolyn Levering talked about the state personnel who maintain these grants and parameters for applying for grants.

State personnel spoke and provided clarity to the issue and guidance as to their perspective moving forward.

Chief Koren just wanted to express the understanding that getting alternative grants in the future is important and worth pursuing. But this project needs funding now.

Project R (SNCTC Drone Operations Center) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

Next two projects have crossover and integration. Drones is the new technology and LVMPD envisions a world class project that will integrate technology across multiple platforms. LVMPD has been working on this for years in a thoughtful and appropriate manner. Private donor has donated 8.5 million dollars to buy 48 drones for program. LVMPD is looking to hire 10-16 pilots and 10 commissioned officers for drone support. Monies from this grant will be used to bolster SNCTC for this capability. This will all be integrated to allow remotely flown drones respond to calls for service. These monies will be used to lay the groundwork of effectiveness and sustainability.

Questions:

Chief Anderson asked about drone locations and multi-jurisdictional response times. Chief Koren advised Sheriff McMahill wants this centered at SNCTC to allow for multi-agency response integration. Chief Anderson sought further clarity on how North Las Vegas would fit into this model. Chief Koren said the pilots and all the technological operations center would be at SNCTC and all agencies would be involved.

Bradely Iverson asked about donation amount and scope.

Carolyn Levering asked about the donation limitation and if it required them to use proprietary system. Chief Koren spoke about drone construction and need for quality products and technology, as well as complications involved with this project. He advised they have FAA approval for beyond line-of-sight operations.

Brian O'Neal had questions about FAA restrictions around the Las Vegas Strip as well as flying in adverse weather conditions (wind, etc.). Chief Koren gave insight into manned and unmanned TFRs as well as weather oversight.

Cary Underwood talked about the plan and how they envision it rolling out moving forward.

Carolyn Levering asked if other fusion centers in the country were pursuing tactical avenues versus what a fusion center has classically done. Chief Koren argued that this mission meets the goals and scope of what the fusion center does.

Cary Underwood says they are most visited fusion center in the country and are leading the way with moving the needle forward and progressing down a logical evolution of what they should be engaging in.

Project S (SNCTC Fusion Center Expansion) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

Chief Koren said this connects to the previous project and is very important. They have 20 more personnel (multi-agency) in the SNCTC than previous in a limited space. Built in 2010 and has had no upgrades since that time. We need this funding to move forward in a progressive efficient manner. SNCTC is 85% funded by LVMPD with only being grant funded. Most fusion centers take much higher grant dollar percentages. Stated multiple times they seek to be good stewards of the monies given and are giving the lowest possible cost numbers. Fusion Center has 100 part- and full-time personnel with 20 agencies involved. Vision is to keep all agencies involved and able to use the resources.

Questions:

Billy Samuels reiterated that multiple agencies would expect a seat at the table for partner agencies to be involved in expansion and drone operations.

Jim Owens sought clarity on the building design and layout of the building, and confirming this isn't a new building.

Chief Koren spelled out in detail how the new expansion layout will work and function.

Carolyn Levering asked if they had sought out other fundings sources. Chief Koren advised they had not due to the nature of the fusion center being classically funded through UASI funding. Carolyn Levering asked Chief Koren to elaborate on the blending of law enforcement and counterterrorism missions. She asked for clarity to ensure that funding for counterterrorism isn't used for only law enforcement responsibilities.

Bradley Iverson if the last two projects have scalability or are they all or nothing. Chief Koren advised that their proposal is cheaper than doing them separately.

Diana Clarkson advised they are not scalable.

Chief Koren advised that both projects must be approved for either of them to proceed. He elaborated on how they are interlinked and the importance of both.

Diana Clarkson addressed the committee to explain the methodology and good faith measures they took to try and get both projects approved. LVMPD cut out 2.5 million dollars from other projects to try to get this approved. LVMPD will pay for personnel costs associated with this. This is part of their good faith project presentation.

Travis Anderson wanted to advise other members that they should probably vote on these as one item instead of two.

Project T (Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center) presented by Deputy Chief Dori Koren

Chief Koren says this is for sustainment. They cut this budget down as much as possible 2 million dollars roughly (personnel costs paid by LVMPD and not grant). Chief Koren gave a breakdown of the line items listed for funding.

Questions:

Chief Samuels asked Chief Koren to break down projects by priority.

#1 – (T) SNCTC funding

#2 – (S) Fusion Center Expansion

#3 - (R) Drones

#4 – (Q) Cyber Program

#5 – (O) ARMOR Warranties

#6 – (P) Coordinated Tactical Response

#7 – (N) ARMOR Robot

Project E (NLV Mobile Surveillance System Trailers) presented by Officer (Inaudible)

Utilized to assist with major events in North Las Vegas. Enhance security and counter terrorism threats. Serve as a force multiplier and allow for rapid deployment. Goal of project falls within national priority framework. Enhancing the security profile of soft targets is a priority. North Las Vegas has multiple venues including Craig Ranch Park and election sites.

Solome Barton further insight into the project plan and intent.

Questions:

The question was asked if the project was scalable. Officer (inaudible) stated that they could cut \$40,000 from the \$190,000 original ask.

Travis Anderson stated they would buy 3 camera units instead of 4. He also spoke about the nature and profile of the events that they could handle using these units. Travis Anderson also spoke about the technical abilities and capabilities of these units, and the desire to scale the project as needed to meet the needs of the committee. These cameras offer full integration and coordination with LVMPD as well.

Group back and forth discussion was had by multiple parties in reference to warranty and maintenance costs for these units.

Carolyn Levering asked about election security and whether a portion of this request was submitted and allocated for that. Travis Anderson advised they did not earmark it that way because projects already met the 3% minimum funding for elections.

Travis Anderson had an open discussion with multiple people reference cutting 25% from the project to allow for 3 cameras.

Solome Barton talked extensively about the type of camera they would like to purchase and that it would follow the normal bid process.

Travis Anderson advised they would reduce to \$185,000 total ask.

Project W (MMRS for Ballistic PPE) presented by Battalion Chief Joe Digaetano

Billy Samuels posed a question to Zach Edler from DEM about how this project should be handled. Does the project have to be funded or submitted to be eligible for de-obligated funds? Answer was inaudible. Decision was made to allow the project to be presented and submitted. Jared Franco from the state advised that if the project fell below the red line, it would not be eligible for funds should they become available later. Jared at the state commented on the perspective of the state (most of audio was inaudible).

LVFR Battalion Chief Digaetano is presenting for MMRS grant project. This is an attempt to sustain the MMRS capabilities of First Watch and ballistic PPE (BPPE) valley wide requirements. Operational coordination and intelligence information through First Watch is tied to terrorism nexus. MMRS also augments inter-agency integration across multiple platforms and threats. An overview of what First Watch and the logistical and operational capabilities of BPPE are. The grant also seeks throw kits for dissemination to the public should we have another October 1 style event. Hostile MCI ballistic packs are also on the grant and in need of replacement. All agencies throughout the valley get monies and capabilities from this grant.

Questions:

Carolyn Levering asked if First Watch isn't funded when would the current subscription expire? Chief Digaetano will expire at the end of 2024 in December.

Billy Samuels asked about history of MMRS and who is the part-time coordinator of the project. \$80,000 is allocated for a part-time employee to manage this program. Chief Digaetano advised only a percentage of that funding would pay for that employee.

Chief Anderson questioned how these funds are used for personnel and the history. He also stated that previous MMRS personnel weren't responsive to requests. He seeks documentation of what this person is doing and how UASI UAWG monies are spent on this. Chief Nolan from LVFR said he would fix issues and it never occurred.

Billy Samuels was concerned that the personnel costs were too high and that we would essentially be funding existing LVFR employees.

Carolyn Levering advised she met with her personnel and brought up salary line items listed and potential for supplanting. In that discussion they talked about what it would look like to lower the \$800,000 ask. She said they would be willing to cut the personnel funding and use an external non-LVFR employee who would report to a LVFR Chief for accountability. She said they want to be cognizant not to supplant.

Billy Samuels asked Carolyn Levering about First Watch and its importance. She said First Watch is the number one priority above the BPPE.

Misty Richardson asked about previous funding of the program with Carolyn Levering talking about how they didn't seek funds last year and how that effects funding moving forward.

Jeff Quinn advised he can fund MCI stop the bleed kits and MSAC bags can be funded through a separate funding stream they have through the SNHD reducing ask by \$150,000.

Carolyn Levering wanted to apologize for the historical perspective issues of not being responsive as this job has bounced around divisions and accountability wasn't as good as it should be.

Project F (North Las Vegas Public Safety Drone Program) presented by Officer Jonathan Hafen

Asking for \$156,900 with scalability to \$138,000 if needed for drones and management software. Used for overwatch drones for real-time situational awareness for dynamic and static events. Project will check multiple boxes for prevention and response to terrorism events. Officer Hafen went into data and numbers of events and potential use environments of systems. This will all be done through inter-departmental coordination of FD/LE/Public Works/EM, etc. With this capability they will be willing to augment other department requests.

Questions:

Misty Robinson asked what the crossover would be for the LVMPD drone center request and this project. Jeremy Hynds responded by saying he is not sure what the actual capabilities will be.

Travis Anderson commented that logistically linking these two systems together might not be feasible. He commented further on what they hope will happen in the future.

Diana Clarkson said TASS has tethered and non-tethered drones. She asked if NLVPD has made requests to use those drones. Officer (inaudible) stated that they have used them in previous capacities, but that this request is different in nature.

Travis Anderson spoke about interplay with Fusion center and this request. Tethered versus non-tethered, and how those resources are deployed was discussed.

Jeremy Hynds discussed software needs and financials involved with this project.

Project I (CCFD Pre-Planning Software) presented by Deputy Chief Thomas Touchstone

Chief Touchstone requesting \$98,000 for the pre-planning project. Fire service pre-planning is key to being prepared and having an adequate plan prior to response. All structures in the valley should be pre-planned. Of heightened focus is all our hotels, hospitals, and critical infrastructure sites. Software systems as setup now do not share information between agencies and even internally (fire prevention/suppression). Goal is to have fully integrated platforms that share in real time with incident commanders and responding personnel. This will allow for cross department sharing through the Tablet Command crossover capability. CCFD has 480 plus tier 2 facilities. By having the ability to have fire prevention personnel add information about hazards and then having it accessible instantaneously would be a huge shift in how we do business. Project is scalable in price and time and would be able to lower cost if committee deems it necessary. Chief Touchstone advised he would like this project to be trialed out with the expectation of evaluating this with the valley fire operational chiefs to assess effectiveness. Prior to submitting this project proposal, he garnered full support from all local fire departments.

Questions:

Chief Anderson asked about demo of product. Chief Touchstone stated it is in use currently (two years) and have been very happy with the outcome. The fact that this crosses over to Tablet Command is game changing. Chief Touchstone is confident this project will succeed. Chief Anderson asked about licensing and which units will have access. Chief Touchstone is planning on each command vehicle having the capability and purchase request is for limited licenses.

Carolyn Levering asked about security of pre-plans in Tablet Command. Chief Touchstone didn't have an answer.

Billy Samuels asked about scalability. Chief Touchstone scaled down the final cost and agreed to a two-year timeline.

Project J (Clark County Elections Mobile Light Systems) presented by Deputy Billy Samuels

Elections security is a minimum 3% spend for UASI funds. Ten lighting systems as well as fees and deliveries for total as of \$141,400. This project will need to be funded and above the "red line" as it's a mandatory spend.

Questions:

Jeff Quinn asked if it's for lighting system purchase or contract, and if they are purchasing at contract price. Billy Samuels said it's for purchase. County will pay for fuel, storage, etc. Regional asset that can be used by other election entities in the valley.

Project K (CCFD EOC Enhancements) presented by Deputy Billy Samuels

Billy Samuels talked about the MACC, its basic functions, and upkeep required. With major events and meeting such as this one the technical capabilities of the MACC and EOC are vital and are expected to function as designed. Ask for this project is for a UBS, Google suites, maintenance of WEB EOC and ARC GIS. This is a deduction (-\$20,000) from last year due to getting rid of Lifesize.

Questions:

Diana Clarkson asked about priority for this request as it fits into Clark County ask. Chief Samuels ranked the projects as follows:

- 1) Hazmat Apparatus (Project G)*
- 2) Pre-Planning Software (Project I)*
- 3) Southern Nevada IMT team (Project L)*
- 4) EOC Enhancements (Project K)*
- 5) CCFD CDL Heavy Rescue Certified Driver Program (Project H)*

Project L (Southern Nevada IMT team) presented by Assistant Chief Brian O'Neal

Chief O'Neal is seeking \$84,090 for the Southern Nevada Incident Management Team enhancement and sustainment. Team has been around for about 10 years. The team responds to THIRA identified responses and incidents that involve long operational periods or are complex. The team is staffed by multiple jurisdictions. This grant will enable old equipment to be replaced as well as purchasing a self-sufficient communications system (Mini-CRD) that will allow for seamless communications utilizing satellite links. Also, in this ask is for a part-time employee and training materials. These asks have been vetted and identified through real-life responses (Mt. Charleston as an example). Monies will also be used to send personnel to a national conference that trains team members in all hazards response. This ask is higher than last year but is warranted due to need.

Questions:

Jim Owens asked if there is anything they would be willing to cut. Chief O'Neal stated he would scale down to \$48,340 by removing the part-time administrative personnel by removing \$35,750 from project ask.

Carolyn Levering asked if they could complete project with that cut. He said it would be a challenge, but other personnel could absorb some of the workload.

Project M (Critical Infrastructure Camera Expansion) presented by Angeline Szymanski

Angeline Szymanski advised this request is for four cameras and labor to install for their East Flamingo facility. These cameras will allow for real-time surveillance integrated with SNCTC for monitoring and critical infrastructure security. This facility is key to the health and safety of residents and visitors of Clark County. This site is 450 acres in size and is crucial in the water cycle for the Las Vegas Valley. Facilities such as this are a target for terrorism incidents.

Questions:

Billy Samuels asked who would monitor cameras. She answered that this is a private security firm.

Jim Owens asked if the project was scalable. She would go to three cameras if needed for an ask of \$25,000.

Final ask is reduced to \$25,713 for three cameras.

Project U (UASI/THIRA SPR) presented by Bill Elliott

Bill Elliott with NDEM presented on the THIRA SPR request for funding to facilitate the documents for next year. Monies will be used to hire a contractor to be used in the creation of next years submittal. The contractor takes the data and puts it into the FEMA required entry portions. If the THIRA is not completed it can lead to not being able to get federal funding.

Questions:

Carolyn Levering asked why other funds could not be utilized to pay for this. The state has other sources that should be utilized if possible.

Bill Elliott referred the question to Jared Franco and didn't have a definitive answer.

Zach Edler response was (inaudible).

Billy Samuels asked why they don't use statewide funding from all counties and don't pin it on Southern Nevada UASI funding.

Carolyn Levering stated that while every other county in Nevada is funded by the state, why is the Las Vegas Valley THIRA not funded in the same manner.

Billy Samuels requested for next year that the state seriously consider state funding sources to pay for this moving forward.

Bill Elliott explained rational, expressed concerns, and talked about potential plans for funding moving forward.

Chief Samuels asked if project was scalable. Bill Elliott gave an (inaudible) number they would be willing to take.

Project V (SNCTC SNHD Public Health Preparedness Analyst) presented by Misty Robinson

Misty Robinson from SNHD presented project for request for this analyst. Will be located at SNCTC and integrate with the fusion center system. Position will be fully assimilated with other partners in the center. Having this person is critical to keep ahead of health concerns

and real-time issues. Monies will be used for personnel and training as well. Willing to decrease by having SNHD bear 25% of cost.

Questions:

Billy Samuels thanked Misty for being willing to scale down the project.

Billy Samuels described the process for moving forward with this meeting. He stated that a Project W will be added for ballistic PPE and will remove it from original project to allow for First Watch and BPPE to be voted and ranked independently of each other. Motion to make change made by Billy Samuels. Carolyn Levering seconded the motion. Verbal vote passed.

Discussion took place on projects and current funding levels. Amanda from the state shared the rank list voting screen and where things stand currently prior to voting. In depth discussion and briefing on all projects and new scalable numbers.

Billy Samuels went top to bottom through projects and again asked each presenter if they could further scale down to meet the allocated funding.

Jenn Wyatt made motion to move forth on agenda item 6 (ranking lists).

Misty Robinson made second motion.

Motion passes

VI. The working group members will evaluate and rank each FFY 24 UASI Project Proposal to collectively create a prioritized list of projects to be funded. Each working group member will rank the project proposals. Individual ranking will be tallied, and results will be displayed and announced for the record. (Discussion/For Possible Action) Billy Samuels

Billy Samuels talked through the process for ranking and moving forward with this process.

10-minute break.

Roll call for all voting members was conducted with ranking lists and redundant confirmation with all committee members participating.

Billy Samuels discussed the order of rank and identified the projects that fell below the “red line”.

\$4,389,724.41 was allocated and \$86,856.09 residual. Two projects Armor Robot and CCFD HR Driver Program fell below the “red line”. \$86,856.09 was offered to LVMPD for Armor Robot. Diana Clarkson advised it wasn’t scalable and passed on it. CCFD HR Driver Program refused funds as well.

Travis Anderson suggested going top to bottom on rank list and offer each project residual funds.

Billy Samuels went top to bottom on rank list and allocated monies to multiple projects that made scalable cuts during presentations.

Jenn Wyatt made motion to accept the rank list and move forward.

Greg Chesser with a second motion.

VII. Discussion of next steps and future meetings to support Homeland Security Grant Program cycle. (Discussion Only) Billy Samuels

Billy Samuels talked about grant guidelines and bidding processes.

June 14th is finance and county commission meeting. Governor will have weighed in by that point. Billy Samuels talked about process from there.

VIII. Public Comments No Action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments may be limited to 2 minutes.

Billy Samuels thanked all participants for being invested and involved.

Next meeting July 16th, 2024.

IX. Adjournment

Jenn Wyatt made motion for adjournment.

Carolyn Levering seconded the motion.

Verbal vote conducted and passed.