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Media Release

Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security Announces New Interoperable Communications Project Manager

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security is pleased to announce the appointment of Craig V. Harrison to the position of Interoperable Communications Project Manager (CPM). Craig V. Harrison is an information technology / radio communications veteran who brings more than four decades of technical and management experience with a service orientated approach to the job of providing real-time interoperable communications to Nevada public safety agencies both on a daily and incident related basis

Mr. Harrison comes to the state from Washoe County where he was an Information Technology Manager responsible for the Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS). WCRCS is a multi-agency 800Mhz trunked radio system with over five thousand users and twenty-two public safety agencies. He spent just under thirteen years with Washoe County and was appointed by the governor to the Nevada Communications Steering Committee (NCSC) in 2010. While managing the WCRCS he participated in several statewide communication projects and was instrumental in the development of the Nevada core radio systems Internet Protocol (IP) based statewide radio interoperability project, obtained a Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant for \$5.4 million, and assisted in the development of MOUs to enable the project to move forward to completion. This system is now known as NCORE or the Nevada Core Radio System. Mr. Harrison was also a founding member of the Nevada 700Mhz. broadband initiative, which has evolved into the SONNet or State Of Nevada Network. While a Washoe County he was responsible for the financing and transition of the three 911 dispatch centers to the new Next Generation IP technology.

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Mr. Harrison attended the University of California at Berkeley as a Physics Major and started his career in radio communications while in the U.S. Air Force and working for the National Security Agency. This exposed him to the integration of radio communications and computer technology at an early age, which served him well in further endeavors in private industry at RCA, GE, and JVC corporations.

“Craig Harrison brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience that will further the service to our communities and the innovation of the Division,” said Chief Christopher B. Smith.

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