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### Media Advisory

## The State of Nevada - Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security receives National Emergency Management Accreditation

The State of Nevada- Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (NDEM) has achieved full accreditation and exhibits “best practices” in the management of emergencies by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

EMAP is a voluntary accreditation process for state, territorial and local governments’ emergency management programs that coordinate preparedness and response activities for all disaster types based on national standards. It recognizes the ability of emergency management programs to bring together personnel, resources and communications from a variety of agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to an emergency, in addition to obtaining the ability to measure those capabilities.

NDEM was the lead agency responsible for ensuring the state’s accreditation, which is a means of demonstrating through program examination, documentation and on-site assessment by an independent team that a program meets national standards.

“EMAP accreditation process has been a long laborious process that couldn’t have been completed without the entire team’s efforts,” said NDEM’s Project Manager Bud Marshall. “I am grateful for everyone’s hard work in achieving accreditation but it does not end here. This is a continuous process of involving all of our stakeholders, documenting our emergency management program’s activities and implementing on-going improvements,” said Marshall.

NDEM met stringent criteria and went through a rigorous yearlong program of evaluation, documentation and review. The EMAP process evaluates emergency management programs on compliance with 64 national standards in 16 functional areas, including: planning; resource management; training; exercises; evaluations and corrective actions; and communications and warning.

“Achieving the EMAP standard is a notable achievement for Nevada. It emphasizes our commitment to the mission to provide the best service to the citizens and visitors to our state,” said NDEM Chris Smith. This designation recognizes the dedication and professionalism of the NDEM staff, our state, local, and tribal agencies all of whom we part of this standard of excellence.”

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