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Media Release

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management Announces the Establishment of the Nevada Emergency Preparation Association

Carson City, NV – The Nevada Emergency Management Coordinating Council, which acts as an advisory body to the Department of Public Safety’s Division of Emergency Management, announced today the establishment of the Nevada Emergency Preparation Association (NEPA). NEPA is a new non-profit membership association created to enhance collaborative efforts across all public and private organizations in alliance with state, county, local and tribal emergency management communities.

“The goal of this new organization is to build and strengthen partnerships, empower local action, highlight community work, and ultimately create a collective body of knowledge among emergency managers statewide that supports the Governor’s vision for emergency management in our state,” Caleb Cage, Chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, said. “The establishment of this organization was a major objective for the Emergency Management Coordinating Council for 2016, and I am proud of everyone’s efforts to bring this organization to fruition.”

The Emergency Manager for the City of Henderson and inaugural NEPA President Ryan Turner said, “the mission is to join efforts through the sharing of common goals as leaders and practitioners in Preparedness, Prevention, Response, Recovery, Mitigation, and Protection in Nevada.”

The Whole Community approach to emergency management recognizes that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is only one part of our nation’s emergency management team. This larger collective emergency management team includes, not only FEMA and other federal service providers, but also local, tribal, state, and territorial partners, non-governmental and private sector organizations, and even individuals, families, and communities. This approach will help communities across Nevada build and maintain resiliency before, during, and after emergencies and disasters of all types.

“Ongoing collaboration and communication at all levels of government and private sector partners will help in our efforts to prepare for and respond to an emergency,” said Governor Brian Sandoval. “I would like to thank the Division of Emergency Management for reviewing our processes and establishing this Association where leaders from across Nevada can share ideas and work together to ensure our communities remain prepared and resilient.”

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