



# Nevada Department of Public Safety

## Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security

Q3 -2014

### Internship Programs

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management Homeland Security (NDEM) currently has Intern opportunities available.

We are looking for ambitious individuals that are interested in learning more about the state emergency management system for the State of Nevada.

The NDEM's internships provide a tremendous opportunity to gain invaluable experience in a variety of areas ranging from planning, training and exercise, public outreach to grants and fiscal responsibilities.

Contact Intern Coordinator Judith Lyman at 775-687-0324 or [jlyman@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:jlyman@dps.state.nv.us)

### 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.

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.





## Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Approves Homeland Security Grant Program Projects

During the March 21, 2014 NCHS meeting, commissioners determined the top five priorities for investments to be funded with the approximately \$4.5 million awarded to the State of Nevada by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Based on the DHS funding criteria, the top five priorities for the state were Identified:

1. Cyber Security (Mission area: Protection)
2. Intelligence and Information Sharing (Mission area: Prevention)
3. Public Information and Warning (Mission area: All)
4. Operational Coordination (Mission area: All)
5. Operational Communications (Mission area: Response)



The National Preparedness Goal organizes the 31 distinct critical priorities into the five mission areas:

**Prevention** - Prevent, avoid or stop an imminent, threatened or actual act of terrorism.

**Protection** - Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.

**Mitigation** - Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.

**Response** - Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.

**Recovery** - Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.



### Meet Rick Martin, Emergency Management Programs Manager for NDEM

Rick has 16 years of experience in Emergency Management and currently serves as the Section Chief for the Grants Section within the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. Grants include: the Homeland Security Grants Program; Emergency Management Performance Grants Program; Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Department of Energy, National Telecommunications and information Administration; and Disaster Recovery Grants. Rick manages approximately \$124 million in grant funding.

He is the Waste Isolation Pilot Project Coordinator for the Division and assists in providing planning, training, exercise and equipment calibration opportunities for the local entities that allow low level waste to be transported through their jurisdictions. Rick is the Chair for the Statewide Citizens Corps Council and the Emergency Preparedness Working Group. He has extensive knowledge in the activation of an Emergency Operations Center, and has managed or provided assistance in many trainings or exercises and live activations. Rick has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

He is married with two children and in his spare time, enjoys golf, photography and creating art projects using parts from mechanical watches and has a great sense of humor.

## NDEM's Exercise Activities

NDEM completed a major Cyber Security exercise for the state government (Cyber Storm IV) with the Department of Homeland Security in January 2014.

The division completed a series of exercises in the Lake Tahoe region (California and Nevada) called ARkStorm (Atmospheric River Storm). Six seminar/workshops were conducted followed by a large Tabletop Exercise in Reno, NV, in March. The scenario used was based on the largest flooding event to occur in the two states: the 1862 flood that Mark Twain made famous.



In April 2014 several counties and state government agencies participated in Nevada's Full-Scale Exercise with the Nevada National Security Site (Tremor-14) In June, California and six counties bordering Lake Tahoe on both sides of the Stateline (called Cross-Border TTX) stimulated an earthquake induced seiche wave (a lake tsunami) causing major damage to the infrastructure throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin.

NDEM has two Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPW) for both Clark and Washoe counties in July and August 2014. County Emergency Managers will need to assess and prioritize core capability needs and create a draft for the calendar years 2015 through 2017 of both planned and hoped for training and exercises based on their county's needs. NDEM is in the process of developing the state's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment a tool that gives a jurisdiction to understand its threats and hazards and how the impacts may vary according to time of occurrence, season, location and other community factors. This document also in preparation for the upcoming state TEPW. Also in the near future is another Cyber Security Tabletop Exercise between both public and private sectors, working with both Fusion Centers.



Nevada continues to work hard on testing our Commission on Homeland Security's five core capability priorities: Cyber Security, Information and Intelligence Sharing, Public Information and Warning, Operational Coordination, and Operational Communications. In the above exercises listed each of these were/are being tested multiple times. For more information please feel free to contact NDEM's State Exercise Officer Tim Cary, at 775 -687-0389.

Statewide NDEM Duty Officers responded to 23 incidents during the quarter; 20 in state, 3 out of state (Mississippi and California). Most notably were technical assistance for search and rescue to the State of Mississippi, a bomb threat which resulted in the evacuation of the courthouse in Hawthorne and a fire on the Moapa Indian Reservation involving a 40 acre mulch pit. Ten of the 17 counties in Nevada had reportable incidents.

## NDEM Receives Approval for Enhanced Status of State of Nevada

### Multiple Hazard Mitigation Plan

NDEM has received notice from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency of the approval and award of an "enhanced" status for 2013 State of Nevada Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This enhanced plan allows the state to continue to receive increased funding for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program following presidentially declared disasters. Enhanced states receive an additional 20 percent of the value of federal disaster expenditures compared to 15 percent without an enhanced status.

An Enhanced State Mitigation Plan documents Nevada's demonstrable and sustained commitment to the objectives of hazard mitigation. The designation recognizes the State as a proactive leader in implementing a comprehensive statewide program. The enhanced status acknowledges the extra effort Nevada has made to reduce losses, protect its resources, and create safer communities.

### Nevada Wildland Fire Briefing for Governor Sandoval

A collaboration of local, state and federal agencies came together to present Governor Sandoval with an overview of this year's fire season in Nevada.

The discussion included the following topics: fire behavior, drought conditions, prevention measures, public education and preparedness and the resources available. Additionally the group reviewed the Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement that includes the following agencies: Bureau of Indian Affairs,

Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and U.S. Forest Service. Each agencies recapped their capabilities, role and available resources for this year's season.

**Fire Fact :** In the past fire season the Western Great Basin had 757 fires for 162,841 acres representing 96% of the 10- year average number of fires and 36% of the 10 -year number of acres burned.



## 2014 Emergency Management Workshop -150 Years of Resilience in Nevada



This year's workshop will be held in Las Vegas on October 14 & 15, 2014. Details concerning this year's conference & registration information go to [www.dem.nv.gov](http://www.dem.nv.gov) under Training Opportunities.

Guest Speaker - UNLV President Donald D. Snyder

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