

## Division Overview:

Nevada's Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) is a division of the Department of Public Safety. NDEM operates under the authority of [NRS 414](#).

Staff is on call 24/7/365 to assist local and tribal authorities in response to emergencies. In addition, they staff the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) when a disaster or emergency threatens the state, as well as prior to, during and after large scale events. Contact our dispatch center at 775-687-0400.

Depending on the incident, when the SEOC is activated, it is staffed by NDEM and representatives from the appropriate state agencies and volunteers, with responsibility for disaster response and recovery efforts.

## Vision:

Nevada's Essential Emergency and Disaster Coordinating Partner.

## Goals:

- ◆ An efficient team, strengthened by collaboration, communication, and leadership.
- ◆ An essential partner in the coordination of emergency and disaster resources for the Whole Community.
- ◆ A statewide leader in sustaining and building emergency and disaster response capacity.

## Caleb S. Cage

was appointed as Chief of the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor on July 6, 2015. The Chief's full bio can be found at :

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## Division of Emergency Management



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**Mission:** Coordinating preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation resources through partnerships to sustain safe and livable communities for Nevada's residents and visitors



### Administrative/Fiscal Section:

Our administrative/fiscal staff handles, budgets, fiscal accounting, personnel, payroll, travel and all other functions that support all facets of our agency.



### Grants Management Section:

The State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) is responsible for applying for federal funding through the Department of Homeland Security. We are the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the distribution of these funds. This provides funding for equipment, planning, training, exercise, and management and administrative funding to emergency prevention, preparedness and response personnel in Nevada. These grants also provide funding to local governments for our critical infrastructure. This is defined as food and water systems, agriculture, health systems and emergency services, information and telecommunications, banking and finance, energy (electrical, gas and oil, dams), transportation (air, road, railways).

#### Grant Program Descriptions

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)

Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG)

### Homeland Security Section:

In 2003 the Nevada Legislature created the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security as a response to the terror attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. As described in Chapter 239C of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 239C), the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security is tasked with several responsibilities directed toward making recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, local governments, private business, and citizens about actions and measures that may be taken to protect the citizens and visitors to this state from potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies.

### Preparedness Section:

**Operation Branch** - The most effective way to exercise direction and control under emergency conditions is to provide a single site for key officials in an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) or field location. The EOC provides a central location for authority and the dissemination of official information, and allows for face-to-face coordination among personnel who must direct local support operations. The State of Nevada response functions are conducted in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). In the SEOC, representatives from various agencies coordinate response activities such as public alert and warnings, mobilization of response personnel and the coordination and application of resources. Direction and control of resources are coordinated by the NDEM Chief and the operations chief.

**Planning Branch** - Includes three components in NDEM's preparedness program: planning, training and exercise.

**Planning** develops statewide and regional all-hazards plans to support local and tribal jurisdiction emergency and disaster response, including the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) operating Guides. The NDEM planning program also provides "Whole Community" planning expertise to city, county, tribal and state agency emergency management programs that are required to develop all hazards emergency operations plans.

NDEM planners provide technical assistance in the development of jurisdiction and agency Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans. COOP plans are used to ensure businesses and local governments are able to provide essential services and functions when the entity is directly impacted by an emergency or disaster. The planning program accepts and maintains emergency plans that are developed from resort casinos, public and private schools and utilities in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes. A critical function of the NDEM planning section is support to the State Emergency Operations Center during activation due to a state emergency. The planning section falls under the SEOC's incident command structure and maintains the state's common operating picture, tracks resources, determines statewide resource needs, and develops the state's incident action plan for the event.



**Training** is based on the training needs assessment, internal and external requirements and mandates National Incident Command System (NIMS) and addresses deficiencies identified in the corrective action process. In support of Homeland Security Presidential Directives 5, 8, and 11, NDEM has a formal, documented training program composed of training needs assessment, curriculum, course evaluations, and records of training. Emergency personnel receive and maintain training consistent with their current and potential responsibilities. Specialized training related to the threats confronting their jurisdiction is included in the program. **Exercise** is committed to providing the Nevada emergency management community, emergency response professionals, volunteers, and the private sector with the means to produce quality exercises that improves the preparedness of the State of Nevada, its citizens and resources.

The Nevada Exercise Program (NEP), which includes standardized policies, processes, products, and assistance in all aspects of exercises. The NEP is an all hazard, multi-discipline, multi-jurisdictional program that utilizes a progressive approach with exercises focused on capabilities prioritized in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and the State Preparedness Report processes.

### Recovery and Mitigation Sections:

A disaster or emergency will occur which overwhelms the capabilities of local government to effectively recover. In order for local government to provide a timely and effective recovery effort, assistance from the State may become necessary. This will require short/long-term planning which allows for a smooth, efficient and coordinated recovery effort for any size disaster up to and including a Federally Declared disaster.

Recovery activities are those necessary to restore services and systems to a state of normalcy. Recovery actions include damage assessment and those necessary to return health and safety systems (e.g. water) and services (e.g. acute health care) to minimum operating standards. Various recovery activities are likely to be long-term and may continue for many years. The state hazard mitigation programs purpose is to reduce the loss of life and property



due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.