

Nevada Emergency Management and Homeland Security

A PROUD COMPONENT OF THE NEVADA OFFICE OF THE MILITARY

Our Mission, Vision, & Values

MISSION

Coordinating the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery programs and resources through partnerships to build resilient communities for Nevada's residents and visitors.

VISION

Building resilience through coordination and partnerships

VALUES

Stewardship, Integrity, Innovation,
Collaboration, Teamwork

Goals

1. Actively cultivate a diverse and professional emergency management workforce who embodies integrity, collaboration, and innovation.
2. Strengthen Nevada by supporting the development and improvement of capabilities, capacities, and communications.
3. Lead and coordinate the equitable delivery of emergency management resources and services to the whole community.

Organization

40

State Full-Time Employees

10

Contract Employees

1

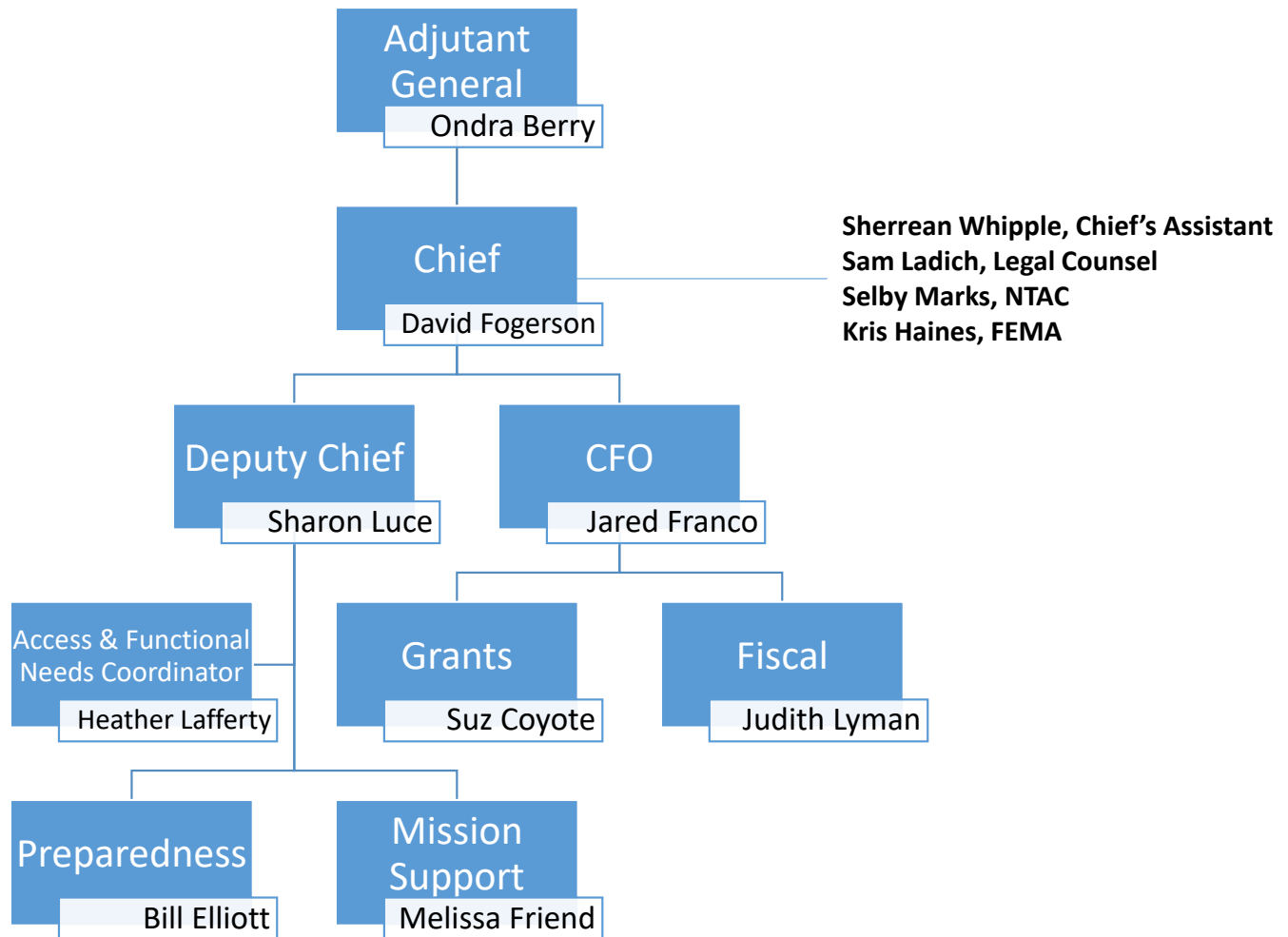
FEMA Employee Embedded Full Time

Locations

Headquarters/Nevada Operations Center – Carson City, NV

Southern Nevada Operations – Las Vegas, NV

Division Administration



Public Bodies

Governor Led

- Commission on Homeland Security
- Committee on Finance

Governor Developed

- Cyber Security Task Force

NRS Mandated

- Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee
- Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council
- State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee
- Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee
- State Search and Rescue Board

NRS 414 “Power of the Chief” Developed

- Emergency Preparedness Working Group
- Hazard Mitigation Working Group

Hazards, Threats, and Annual Focus

Hazards & Threats

- Cybersecurity
- Election Security
- Earthquake
- Wildland Fire
- Flood
- Winter Storm
- Pandemic
- Domestic Violent Extremist/Criminal Active Shooter/CCTA

Annual Focus

- **2024:** Critical Transportation (Infrastructure & Evacuation), Access Control & Identification Verification, Operational Coordination (Response & Recovery)
- **2023:** Operational coordination, Operational communications, Supply chain integrities
- **2022:** Cyber effects, fatality management, health and social services
- **2021:** Logistics supply chain management, disaster housing, resilient communications

**All incidents are
Locally executed,
State guided,
Federally
supported**

It is an enterprise!

State Guided Missions & Activities

2023

- Atmospheric River-1 (January) – Winter Storm with Power Outages
- Atmospheric River-2 (March) - Flooding
- SR208 Closure (May) - Rockslide
- Spring Thaw (May) – Flooding
- Hurricane Hilary (August) – Flooding
- Formula 1/Las Vegas Grand Prix – Special Event with federal, State, and local coordination
- New Year’s Eve

Prior Years (2021 – 2022)

- COVID-19
- Wildfires (Pineview, Tamarack, and Caldor)
- Civil Unrest/Homeland Security

- (elections, vaccine, fuel supply concerns, State fiber line issue)
- Earthquake (Nye County, Elko County, Northern Nevada)

Annual State Guided Efforts

- Threat Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment and Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop
- Maintain training classes for responders, Emergency Managers, and Healthcare
- Provide homeland security, emergency management, hazard mitigation, and post disaster recovery grant funding

Examples of What We Do

24-Hour Duty Officer Program – (775) 687-0498

- First line of notification for incidents
- Search and Rescue Assistance
- Hazmat notifications
- Intra and Inter-state mutual aid (all hazards EXCEPT wildland fire)

Nevada Operations Center Activation

- Exceeds duty officer ability
- Bring team to coordinate, collaborate, share intelligence, obtain resources
- Coordination calls with jurisdictions
- Recommends State Disaster Declaration to Governor's Office
- Coordinate federal and state resources to assist local government
- Coordinate grant programs to assist with response, recovery, and mitigation

State's Threat & Hazard Risk Assessment Manager

- Natural, Human Made, Technological Disaster Planning

Examples of What We Do

State Incident Management Team Development

- Train and equip two Incident Management Assistance Teams

Manage interoperable communications program

Manage Radiological Readiness

- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)
- Equipment purchase, calibration, and management
- Provide training to local responders

Examples of What We Do

Tribal Emergency Coordination

- Tribal partnership: DPBH PHP and DEM
- Tribe's can go direct to FEMA or through the State, their choice
- Engagement of ITCN and NIC
- FEMA has a Tribal Liaison assigned to our State who works in our office

Drought Response Committee

Planning, Training, and Exercising

- Healthcare, Emergency Responders
- And Emergency Managers

Examples of What We Do

Manage pre-incident grant programs to buy down our risk

- Homeland Security Grant Program
- Urban Area Security Initiative
- Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Pre-disaster mitigation program
- US DOE WIPP and Agreement in Principle
- Manage post-disaster declaration grant programs
- Public assistance grants

Examples of What We Do

Address Access and Functional Needs of All Nevadans

- **Partnerships:**
 - Unite stakeholders from various sectors (government and non-government) for information sharing and best practices for ensuring the accessibility of government services that support communications, maintaining health, independence, support & safety, and transportation access and functional needs during and emergency or disaster.
- **Engagement and Outreach:**
 - Engages with all 17 County Emergency Managers, raising awareness and understanding of inclusive emergency services.
 - Presents at key events to ensure government services meet the diverse needs of all Nevadans during emergencies.
- **Training Delivery:**
 - Delivers specialized training such as G197: Integrating Access and Functional Needs Into Emergency Management.
- **Technical Assistance:**
 - Provides tailored emergency planning, training, and exercise development support, emphasizing access and functional needs.

State-Wide 911 Challenges

- Not all Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) have implemented a 311 non-emergency call system to alleviate pressure on 911 emergency phone calls.
- Dispatch centers often face staffing shortages hindering effective call management.
- Variability in agency procedures due to outdated or incompatible Computer-Aided (CAD) systems and telephone infrastructure.
- Lack of capability in certain agencies to transfer calls from 911 to 311 and vice versa, leading to emergency line lock-ups and delays.
- Impact of inefficiencies on response time and citizen safety.

State-Wide 911 Best Practices

State-Wide 911 Coordinator starting collaboration with PSAPs to foster innovation and investment to overcome current challenges

- Utilize artificial intelligence (AI) to augment call management and alleviate hold times
- Implement software programs compatible with CAD systems for seamless communication between agencies
- Establish standardized list of approved CAD systems and software programs to enhance interoperability and reduce duplicate calls
- Prioritize investments in technology to modernize emergency response infrastructure and improve citizen safety
- Advocate for adoption of Next Generation 911 (NG911) technologies to propel emergency response capabilities forward

Questions?