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# NNSA Aerial Measuring System Project Hosted 4th International Technical Exchange

By Piotr Wasiolek, NSTec

In April, the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) and the Aerial Measuring System (AMS) hosted the 2015 AMS International Technical Exchange symposium. The Exchange, held at the North Las Vegas Airport, was dedicated to analyzing aerial data. The week-long gathering included demonstrations by each participating team of their data analysis methodology and software.

The U.S. team presented a software package called the Advanced Visualization and Integration of Data

(AVID). AVID was developed at the Remote Sensing Laboratory at Nellis Air Force Base and is used by AMS for data acquisition and analysis. Participants experienced the AVID software during several flights over the Nevada National Security Site by collecting data over real contamination. They also observed the AMS practice area at Mormon Mesa in Nevada, with simulated data provided by AVID. Collected data was then analyzed during afternoon practical exercises.

Toward the Exchange's conclusion, several suggestions for next year's topic were discussed. One of these was the possibility of dedicating the 2016 Exchange to the fifth anniversary of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident and inviting the Japanese aerial team to provide updates on their efforts over the past five years.

Following the 2011 Fukushima accident, the DOE/NNSA deployed AMS assets to conduct aerial radiological surveys. The

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## NSTec Collaborates with UNR for Strategic Opportunities

By *OneVoice* Staff Reports

Recently, National Security Technologies (NSTec) and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) agreed to collaborate on an NSTec project.

As part of NSTec's Advanced Radiography program, including the new Enhanced Capabilities for Subcritical Experiments, NSTec is collaborating with UNR's Physics Department on diagnostic support for NSTec's Dense Plasma Focus (DPF) project. The DPF could be a major advancement in the company's experimental portfolio.

For many years, UNR and NSTec have engaged in a number of activities, especially in seismic work and high-energy density physics. In 2014, NSTec President Ray Juzaitis tasked NSTec Chief Technology Officer Chris Deeney to visit UNR and determine the direction and pace for a strategic alliance. Juzaitis recognized that having strategic and frequent engagements with UNR would be valuable to NSTec, both from the technical perspective and for the opportunities in attracting high-quality graduates to the company.

"We need to couple high-quality modeling with excellent diagnostics. UNR has great capabilities in both laser probing and X-ray spectroscopy. UNR could accelerate an understudy by providing technical work in these areas. We are presently putting funding in place to support these efforts," wrote Juzaitis in a letter to Dr. Mridul Gautam, UNR vice president for Research and Innovation.

In this collaboration, Deeney would be responsible for continued strategic engagement with UNR and NSTec's other university partners. The NSTec/UNR collaboration team is headed by Raffi Papazian, director of NSTec's Defense Experimentation & Stockpile Stewardship directorate.

Photo: Steve Carragher



Participants in the 2015 AMS International Technical Exchange pose in front of the DOE Bell-412 helicopter.

## NvE Executive's Corner

Steve Lawrence,  
NFO Manager



Beginning June 14, 2015, the Nevada Field Office (NFO) realigned our organization. This intent is to promote staff efficiencies, foster strong internal collaboration and support effective oversight through teaming to ensure a high-level of performance in mission execution that is contract/requirement compliant. Functions have been grouped and aligned to support strong customer focus and assure that high hazard and nuclear facilities oversight remains robust and well integrated within the field office, while providing the business and operations support needed for accomplishing our inherently federal activities. Under this realignment, our federal staff will focus on performance oversight through direct observation of activities with high-risk profiles. The field office will continue to fully leverage contractor systems and metrics, as well as independent review outcomes to continually validate that compliance is robust and healthy and is fully supporting safe and secure mission outcomes.

To further enhance our culture, NFO Assistant Managers (AMs) will be challenged to be more strategic. This includes focusing on system/process level decision-making in their delegated areas of responsibilities, serving as the points-of contact for our customer base, determining focus areas to align our federal oversight teams that are based on evaluation of oversight data from a systems perspective, and developing integrated contract performance output for use by the field office, headquarters program officials and the fee-determining official. AMs will work much more as a unified team, including backing up each other across their areas of responsibility, including customer interactions. This role, traditionally covered by our deputy assistant managers (AMs), will no longer be in effect.

Another key component to this realignment is to strengthen our supervisor/employee relationships. To help accomplish this, NFO supervisors (formerly designated as deputy AMs) will place their emphasis on our people, including integrating, assigning and prioritizing staff work to be better distributed across our subject matter expert (SME) team. The supervisors will also work much more as a team; the intent is to provide redundancy with the other supervisors to better enable our SMEs to perform their work and more consistently approach how we develop our workforce.

The realignment results in deleting one NFO organization, the Assistant Manager for Business and Contract Management (AMBCM). Most functions in AMBCM are transferred to the Assistant Manager for Site Operations (AMSO), except for budget analysts. Each AM has a budget analyst. AMSO will also gain responsibility for oversight of environmental protection from the Assistant Manager for Environmental Management and oversight of information technology and non-nuclear safety programs from the Assistant Manager for Safety and Security (AMSS). AMSO will balance these gains by transferring its oversight responsibility for Emergency Management, Facility Representatives, Quality Assurance and Nuclear Maintenance programs to AMSS, and transferring responsibilities for facility, infrastructure and project oversight to the Assistant Manager for national security.

The realignment is focusing our organization on "One Voice, One Team," directly embracing "Mission First, People Always."

Steve

# Birddog Bark



## Fire Dispatch Roles & Responsibilities in the OCC

By Tennille Turner, NSTec

Did you know that the fire dispatchers who work in the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) Operations Command Center (OCC) are some of the most important people you will *never* see? Did you know that the fire dispatcher is your first responder on 911 calls that come into the OCC? We are emergency medical dispatchers, (EMD)- and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)-certified, to provide emergency pre-arrival instructions on medical calls. A dispatcher is on duty 24/7 to answer 911 calls.

The fire dispatcher's roles and responsibilities include dispatching NNSS Fire & Rescue (F&R) assets on and off-site and contacting off-site agencies with mutual aid requests. We also monitor the NNSS facility fire alarms, NNSS radio channels for duress calls, and the NNSS wildland fire cameras during the wildland fire season.

As members of the OCC team, we relay critical information to the duty manager, Operations Support specialist, Air and Ground Operations Support personnel and the Centerra-Nevada liaison so they can begin their time-urgent notifications and required actions. We are responsible for ensuring the safety of the responders by dispatching the right apparatus needed to respond to an emergency.

The fire dispatcher also assists F&R in determining the appropriate protective equipment and tools required

for the call. Some of the calls that come in are hazardous materials (HAZMAT), fire alarms, maydays, medical, wildland fires and mutual aid requests. From the moment the 911 call is first answered, the dispatcher has 60 seconds to glean information to include the type of emergency (e.g., HAZMAT release, traffic accident), location and any other pertinent information from the caller in order to process and dispatch the call. F&R then has 60 seconds to get their gear and exit the station. That's a total of only two minutes the dispatchers and F&R share, from the time the call comes in to the time required for crews to be on their rigs and out of the fire station.

During an F&R incident, the fire dispatcher sends out emergency tones over the public address system to advise F&R of a call, monitor any radio communications between the firefighters and paramedics as well as all radio traffic between the units, and provides local weather and other critical data requested. Many times this demands that the dispatcher listens to more than one radio channel at a time, and being aware of what is happening at the scene. Listening to the radio traffic provides an added safety feature for the firefighters and medics.

While you may not see us, know we are there to answer your 911 call.

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# ERM's One-Year Recap Shows Progress, Room for Improvements

By **OneVoice Staff Reports**

It's been a year since National Security Technologies (NSTec) employees participated in the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) survey. Their responses enlightened the ERM team to help develop future training and project enhancement of safety and security at the workplace. Like the ERM survey, posters displayed facility wide challenged employees to distinguish certain situations as a hazard, issue or risk.

On a management level, the ERM team, headed by Project Manager Steve Cereghino, encouraged employees to be on board not only with identifying hazards, risks and issues, but also actively providing solutions. Said Cereghino, "Having expended so much effort throughout the organization on institutionalizing the ERM process, it's now time to reflect on the performance of the process and our progress toward being a risk-informed organization."

According to Cereghino, 71 potential enterprise risks have been identified and evaluated, and 19 enterprise risks are currently being handled and monitored. From articles in *The Front Page* to brochures and posters to active participation from Risk Integrators, "The vertical and horizontal communication that the ERM process brought to these risks positively influenced our corporate behavior. Most importantly, we are now actively and systematically managing our risks," said Cereghino.

Highlighted examples are:

- Senior management judged that the risk presented by the aging aircraft fleet at the Remote Sensing Laboratory at Nellis Air Force Base was greater than initially scored. Additional data was requested to describe the magnitude and timing of the risk.
- Senior management changed the risk handling strategy on fire vulnerability in the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) tunnels from "Accept" to "Mitigate." The Risk Response Plan includes forming the Underground Facility Board and developing a long-term fire protection strategy for the tunnels.
- Review of the Chemical Management risk emphasized the need for the timely implementation of the Risk Response Plan and identified the need for additional coordination between the Mission Assurance and Safety and Global Security directorates with regard to the Nonproliferation Test and Evaluation Complex at the NNSS.

- Review of the Source Physics Event 4 Prime risk identified a need for coordination between Global Security and Defense Experimentation & Stockpile Stewardship for effectively using diagnostics personnel.
- Senior management assigned a single Risk Owner to coordinate the Risk Response Plans for the various aging infrastructure risks.
- ERM risk scoring was used to prioritize infrastructure projects for input to Department of Energy headquarters' fiscal year planning.

Although there is clear evidence of a heightened awareness to the risks potentially impacting the NNSS' strategic objectives, the inventories of the embedded risk management processes revealed that there is still room for improvement at the division-level and lower. The inventory in April 2014 established a baseline for embedded risk management; it found that 28 percent of the organization was not routinely practicing risk management. The most recent inventory found that 89 percent of the divisions are now routinely practicing risk management. This means that they are identifying and evaluating risks, selecting risk handling strategies, assigning risk owners, developing risk response plans, and recording this information on a risk register. The next inventory is planned for October 2015; the goal is for 100 percent of the divisions to practice risk management tailored to their activities.

Finally, the Risk Manager and Risk Integrators performed a qualitative assessment of the maturity of the NSTec ERM process. Using a five-level maturity model, they judged that NSTec has moved from an initial/elementary level to defined/top down. Processes at this level are characterized by: policies and procedures defined and communicated, common risk evaluating/handling approach developed and adopted, and communication of top strategic risks to the senior management team.

"The goal, however, is to move up to levels of maturity that exhibit behaviors such as: early warning of risks to management, linkage to performance measures and incentives, sustainable and routine management practice, and actively acknowledging that 'risk management is everyone's job,'" said Cereghino.

## Attention, All Military Veterans, Active Service Members: NSTec Wants YOU!

By Dan Burns, NSTec

Do you recognize these Nevada Enterprise (NvE) employees, former members of the United States military?



See page 7 for the answers!

## NvE Calendar of Events

- **July 15** – Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) meeting, Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 N. Highway 160, Pahrump, Nev., 4 p.m.
- **Aug. 5** – Blood Drive, North Las Vegas Facility

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# NSTec Honors Employee Achievements

By *OneVoice* Staff Reports

## President's Awards

National Security Technologies (NSTec) President Ray Juzaitis recently recognized NSTec individuals and teams with the company's President's Award, honoring those who go above and beyond their regular jobs.

### Josh Sargent



Josh (pictured at left with Juzaitis), structural ironworker foreman, recognized for his performance on the Linear Motion System project. The construction aids Sargent designed, built and used allowed the ironworkers to complete the job at a much greater pace than the original plan, saving approximately 500 man hours and associated costs.

### Stephanie Gonzales



Recognized for vetting and strategizing NSTec's 2015 Self-Select Voluntary Separation Program (SS VSP). The SS VSP's success can be directly attributed to Stephanie's attention to detail, integrity, success-oriented behaviors, and being an effective team member. She worked tirelessly to obtain the funds necessary to pay the severance for the VSP participants, and was proactive in understanding employees' possible questions and potential concerns before they became barriers and issues. Her professionalism in budgeting and funding helped engage the NNSS as unilateral prioritization issues have arisen in the subcritical experiments program.

Photos: Carol Champion, Lory Jones, Kirsten Kellogg, Lynda Mentgen

## The Device Assembly Facility (DAF) team



Recognized for their work on a process improvement initiative for Work Planning and Control. Managing maintenance and construction at the DAF had become a difficult process, and this team enthusiastically worked with the Highland Group to improve the process by defining resource requirements, and developing delay codes and a weekly integrated schedule. Because of this, the pilot project will serve as a model for other areas of the company. Posing with Juzaitis (l-r, front row): Mitzi Stone,

Kayla Ryness, Mary Juarez, John Graham and Jamie Willson. Second row: Dexter Lee, Don Waldrip, Kathleen Rogers, Steve Hodas, John Forbes, Dudley Russell, Ed Aquino, John Kim, John Aguayo and Randy Barksdale. Third row: Steve Stone, Michael Twork, Jory Negrete, Jay Carr, Greg Larson, Gabe Kline, Dino Robinson, Tommy Mason and George Scott. Not Pictured: Cindy Bixby, Michelle Fletcher, Joe Hains, Silas Dominguez, Sharon Martin, Christopher Wright and Sue Ziehm.

## Linemen and management from the Operations & Infrastructure (O&I) Directorate

The linemen expressed concerns that minimal arc flash clothing was being worn by personnel entering substations to perform Hantavirus and weed abatement duties at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). After investigations, O&I put new controls in place. Left to right: John McKey, Jeffrey Meuir, Ricky Medina, Charles Finch, Robert Gang, acting O&I Deputy Director Deborah Hojem (presenter), James Anderson, Vice President for Operations Jim Holt (presenter) and Marilyn Capasso. Not pictured: Mark Mooney.



### The Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) team

Recognized for successfully executing NSTec's first CRADA with Global Medical Isotope Systems, Inc. This public-private partnership meets NSTec's contract requirements and grows the economic security of southern Nevada and the United States. With Juzaitis are (l-r): Kevin Remus, Robert Koss, Raymond Keegan, Mike Mohar, Sandra Connelly and Dante Pistone. Not pictured: Debora Bryson.



### Cascading Communications team

Recognized for a new high-level method of communicating to employees NSTec's Company Objectives and five supporting pillars. The intent of the new messaging format was to allow for communications that flow from senior executive management through individual directorates to all employees in the company, called "cascading communications." With Juzaitis (l-r): Jennifer Morgan, Dan Burns, Kirsten Kellogg, Ari Rosenberg and Dante Pistone.



### NSTec Project Management Excellence Award for FY2015 First Quarter

NSTec's Project Management Excellence Award for the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 recognized the High Energy Density Physics (HEDP) Diagnostics Project, performed by the Defense Experimentation & Stockpile Stewardship directorate. The project consists of a wide range of scientific, engineering and data acquisition/post-processing activities related to research, development and deployment of optical, X-ray and neutron diagnostics fielded on experiments at High Energy Density facilities. Livermore Operations Manager Chris Silbernagel (left) presented the award to HEDP Project Manager Travis Pond.



# ServSafe® Classes at Mercury Cafeteria Keep Culinary Habits Safe

By Lory Jones, *OneVoice* Editor

From May 4 to July 5, National Security Technologies (NSTec)'s employees from the Feeding department participated in classes at the Mercury Cafeteria to update their culinary knowledge on proper food safety. The purpose of these classes is to earn recertification, as well as remind the staff of the importance of food safety and update them on the current changes that the industry mandates.

"Completing this course and passing the final test confirms they have gained the knowledge in their ServSafe® manual and comprehended the material and subject matter. A passing score provides them with a Certificate of Achievement from the National Restaurant Association," said Dan Mykovich, senior facilities specialist.

Following the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe® Food Handler Guide, Feeding took an average of 15 minutes a week to complete each class. The ServSafe® classes covered everything from food handling to serving, cooking, washing, housekeeping and food storage to personal hygiene.

"Although many of our Feeding staff members have extensive food and beverage experience in the industry, these ServSafe® classes provide

documentation that they are properly trained," said Michael Madrid, manager of the Housing, Feeding and Custodial division in NSTec's Operations &

Infrastructure directorate. "Our goal is to be done by July 31 and get recertification in August."



The Feeding department's Senior Facilities Specialist Dan Mykovich (blue shirt, right) conducts each ServSafe® class, where the cooks and servers are encouraged to participate and ask questions. Short tests follow each chapter. A comprehensive, open-book test is taken after the last class. Clockwise from Mykovich: Alvin Flanagan, Steve Okosisi, Gracia Guzman, Johnnie Brown, Johny Robinson, Katherine Boles, Robert Myles, Johnny Marcus, Galvin Edward, Leroy Montgomery, Stella Pappas and Henry Jackson.

Photo: Lory Jones

# Nevada Enterprise Employees Participate in the Annual “Active for Life” Challenge

By Christy Morris, Navarro Research and Engineering

Employees of the Nevada Enterprise (NvE) have been hitting the pavement in record-breaking numbers to participate in the American Cancer Society’s Active for Life (AFL) challenge. The main focus of the program is to help keep employees active and health conscious, and there has been a noticeable boost in participant numbers at the NvE this year.

One of this year’s new participants, Leslie Hoen of Navarro, said, “This is the push I needed to get back into an active routine. I have been full of excuses and needed something to motivate me. Having a competitive and challenging program has worked so well.”

Said National Security Technologies (NSTec)’s Silas Dominguez (a participant since 2012) about the AFL program, “It continues to help me meet my personal health goals and gives me a healthier perspective on life by providing opportunities to try new activities. I feel very lucky to work at a place that offers these options and encourages extracurricular activity.”

The rules are simple: Join a team (maximum of six members per team), earn points for each minute of intentional activity that’s completed, and attend bonus events to accumulate points for the eight-week challenge.



The “Fat and the Furious 6” of Navarro prepare to rack up points.

Teams chose catchy team names (e.g., The Good, the Bad and the UGTA; Mission Fit Possible; Red Hot Chili Steppers), planned group activities, and hustled to gain activity points. When asked what site-wide benefits have come from using the AFL program, NSTec’s Sonja Spears said, “I notice more people out walking on their breaks and scheduling activities with their coworkers over the weekends. New friends are being made, people are losing weight and discovering new hobbies. I can definitely see and feel the boost in morale.”

Added Nevada Field Office’s Carolyn Kafantaris, “The AFL program is an awesome program. It is a great motivator for weight loss, a good stress reliever, and gets a little competition going among people in the office! I would highly recommend this program for everyone.”

The NvE AFL competition is a small part of a larger program. Every year between April 1 and May 31, 10 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) sites participate in the eight-week DOE Laboratory AFL Challenge in hopes of winning the “Fittest Lab” title and a trophy to display. This is the fourth year of participation for the NvE’s Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).

“Each site varies as far as competitive teams are concerned,” said Spears. “We [NNSS] are the only site that sets a limit to the number of people on teams (six) because we have a large amount of competitive people



The “Weapons of Less Destruction” and family members take a break from the hike on First Creek Trail at Red Rock Canyon.

participating.” There are also options for people who want to get active and participate, but are not interested in being competitive.

At the end of the challenge, all 10 DOE laboratories tally up activity points and determine the final ranking. The winning site for this year was the Los Alamos National Laboratory’s AFL team. Their site will display the AFL trophy until the next challenge.

If you want to know more, visit: <http://www.activeforlife.org/the-program/>.

Sites participating in the U.S. Department of Energy Laboratory Active For Life Challenge:

- Argonne National Laboratory, Kansas City Plant, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Nevada National Security Site, Pantex Plant, Sandia National Laboratories (New Mexico and California), Y-12 National Security Complex**

## International Technical Exchange

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unique challenges of flying in complex terrain, such as mountains, valleys and on non-dedicated aircraft, resulted in organizing the first AMS International Technical Exchange symposium in 2012. There, scientists from several countries that operate aerial emergency response assets presented their methods of dealing with problems experienced by the AMS team in Japan. The presentations on data acquisition and analysis, and the discussions that followed, were of particular interest to the Japanese scientists who attended the symposium. These were the scientists who took over the aerial mission from AMS, and who were facing similar challenges.

During the symposium, the idea of organizing annual International Technical Exchanges dedicated to different aspects of aerial radiological measurements was born. The initiative originated from participants from northern European countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland), each one operating an experienced aerial emergency response team of scientists, data analysts and technicians. AMS was asked to be the host, and from there it became an annual event.

The main goal of the Exchange was to provide a forum for open, honest scientific discussion of problems each team is facing and, based on individual unique experiences, to find possible solutions with the overall

goal to do the aerial mission better.

The subsequent 2013 Exchange was dedicated to aerial response for an accident/incident resulting in radioactive ground contamination (i.e., nuclear power plant accidents and dirty bombs). The 2014 Exchange was dedicated to radiological anomalies detection, such as orphan sources.

Attending this year’s symposium were representatives from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland, teams from France and Canada, and observers from the International Atomic Energy Agency, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

# NNSS Fire and Rescue Plays Role in Hockey Charity

By Jeff Donaldson, NSTec

Nevada National Security Site Fire and Rescue Assistant Fire Chief Mike Flammini relied on his 30-plus years of hockey experience to help local firefighters gain one more year of “bragging rights.” The Boston native recently played in one of the more prestigious charity hockey games in Las Vegas – the Battle of the Badges

matchup between Vegas Valley Fire and Metro Police. Flammini helped guide the Flames to a 5-3 win over Metro in this year’s game, held June 6 at the Sobe Arena in Las Vegas. But perhaps more important than pride was that the event also raised almost \$5,000 to benefit one local family.



Mike Flammini (left) slams a puck during a Battle of the Badges matchup.

# Military Veterans: Who are They?

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Have you served, or do you currently serve, in the U.S. military?

National Security Technologies (NSTec)’s Video Services department is working on a special project to honor NvE employees who have served in all branches of the U.S. military, and are collecting photos of employees “in uniform.” They will also take pictures of such employees in their work environment. The old and new pictures will be combined in a special video tribute to NvE veterans. The video will be released in



Dana Lindsay

November, just before Veterans Day.

Veterans and active duty personnel: Please show everyone you are proud of your service to our great

country. Contact videoservices@nv.doe.gov or call (702) 295-5071. They will arrange to scan your old photo and take a new photo of you at work.

If you know an NvE employee who has been in the military or is presently serving, please pass this information on to them!

Incidentally, the two employees in the photos are NSTec’s Dana Lindsay (Air Force Captain) and Jim Holt (Marine Corps Private First Class). Lindsay is now the director of the General Counsel office and Holt is NSTec’s vice president of Operations.

Look for more “Who Are They?” photos in future issues of *OneVoice*.



Jim Holt

# News Briefs

## Wedl New NFO Site Counsel

The Nevada Field Office (NFO) welcomes Brian C. Wedl as the new Site Counsel to the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Field Office. Wedl replaces Sharon Hejazi who retired in December 2014.

Wedl earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and received his Juris Doctorate from Marquette University Law School in 2003. After law school, he moved to Las Vegas, Nev., where he started his career with Jolley Urga Wirth & Woodbury (now Jolley Urga Woodbury & Little), one of the oldest law firms in Las Vegas. His practice focused on business litigation, banking litigation, probate litigation, transactional work and licensing. In 2007, Brian and his family moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where the majority of his legal career was spent with the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, working on employment litigation matters, Freedom of Information Act, ethics and advising management on a vast array of legal issues. In 2012, Brian and his family returned to Las Vegas and Jolley Urga Woodbury & Little.

## Livermore Students Awarded NSTec Scholarships

Two students from California were awarded \$5,000 each through the NSTec Engineering & Science Scholarships program.

Megan Kristovich (in photo, left) and Katie Johnston, both graduates of Livermore High School, were awarded NSTec’s Engineering & Science scholarships so as to further their pursuit in science. Megan plans to major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of California – Berkeley. Katie will major in Computer Science at the California Institute of Technology. Congratulations to both.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation helped with determining scholarship winners and aided with administering the award to the recipients.



# In Memoriam

**Roslyn Brass**  
**North Las Vegas Facility**  
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# NNSS Emergency Management Personnel Help Get Young Burn Victims to Summer Camp

By Jeff Donaldson, NSTec

For many years, Keith Armington has been looking for ways to help children who have been burned in fires to receive not only the care they need but opportunities to escape the difficult lives their circumstances have created.

As Operations manager of the Firefighters of Southern Nevada Burn Foundation, Armington has helped lead the charge – enlisting the aid of fire personnel from Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Clark County and Nellis Air Force Base to raise the money his group needs for outreach.

For the past several years, National Security Technologies Emergency Services and Operation Support Division Manager JD Daniels has also been on a quest. As part of his commitment to Leadership Las Vegas, Daniels seeks ways to lead his staff to volunteer and give back to the community.

On Father's Day, Daniels and Armington found a great way to meet both their goals.

Firefighters and emergency management personnel from the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) donated their time June 20 to Father's Fest, a Father's Day tribute that included hotrods, old fire engines and police cars, food, drinks and activities. The purpose of Father's Fest was to raise money for the Burn Foundation to send young burn victims to a summer fun camp in San Diego in July.

"As a group, we've raised more than \$3,000 to send 22 kids and eight adults (chaperones) to burn camp," Daniels said. "Dads love cars – children love fire trucks. And in the process, we're helping create an opportunity to help these young children forget about their situation for a week."

The Father's Day effort was the final portion of a \$50,000-plus campaign that began a couple months ago with the Firefighter's Auction, a bidding event that allowed participants the chance to "rent" a firefighter for a day. The money funds a camp that is specially designed to accommodate young children with special needs due to suffering serious burns.

Participation by NNSS Fire and Rescue marks a continuing partnership with the Burn Foundation that recently started gaining traction. Armington admits most people aren't aware that NNSS fire personnel



Cadets from NNSS Fire and Rescue give out t-shirts to visitors.

Photo: Jeff Donaldson

routinely volunteer alongside municipal firefighters to conduct activities such as last Christmas's toy drive and events like Father's Fest.

"I can't even put into words how important the NNSS participation is and the vital role its employees play in these outreach efforts," Armington said. "Other departments see what the Site is doing and they can't help but want to be involved."

NNSS Firefighter Rob Acevedo also serves on the group's Board of Directors, and several NNSS firefighters maintain the department's 1950 Seagrave engine for use during such events. Children climbed up in the vintage fire truck at Father's Fest and posed for pictures.

NNSS Fire Chief Charles Fauerbach said numerous firefighters and several training cadets spent the day handing out plastic helmets and coloring books to children, answering questions about the Seagrave and tending to a variety of other tasks. He said he expects the partnership with the Burn Foundation to continue.

"It's essential for us to help give back to the community. We may work out at the NNSS, but most of our firefighters and paramedics live right here in town," Fauerbach said. "Our people are committed to making events like this a success."

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