

# Emergency Management Advisory Group

## January 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

### Introductions

- Members present: Jeremy Beck, JoAnn Boggs, Sandi Duffey, Robert Ezelle, Chandra Fox, Tory Green, Scott Heinze, PattiJean Hooper, Walt Hubbard, Ed Lewis, John Pennington, Lee Shipman, Kent Sisson, Chuck Wallace
- Members present via webinar: Eric Brooks, Dave Brown, Barb Graff, Jay Weise
- Members not present: None

### EMD Update

- On target for the CSZ exercise.
- Actively working the oil trains.
- This week is a wet one with damage assessment teams out.
- Working on a compressed work week.
- Commission of Hispanic and Asian Communities (need to get the correct titles for both of these commissions)
  - What kind of communication efforts is the group using for these people?
  - Should the Commissioners come to this meeting? Yes
    - Need a path forward.
    - City of Seattle wants to bring in their immigrant office person to the next meeting and have the commissioner and the communications director there. This way we can look at this issue and partner with the locals.

### Membership Representation

- Product was emailed by Ezelle
- The product was agreed upon by everyone

### EMC Tasking – HLS Regions

- A survey was sent out by Charma Anderson.
- Walt Hubbard had another option. The tribes have a liaison that is also on the region level. They can still be worked depending on the results of the study.
- The Washington State Guard is trying to actively recruit tribal veterans into the State Guard so that they can be tribal liaisons. Coordinators want to know what the state wants the coordinators to do. What is the job description for the coordinators? With the decrease in funding there is a decrease in coordinators. This maybe the construct for the Emergency Management system.

### All-Risk Mobilization

- Fire community is pushing forward with their bill.
  - Biggest issue is what the mobe is going to look like. Is it just fire resources or other resources?
  - Green commented that it is supposed to be for all hazards but the plans should reflect the true priorities of the fire service which not really fighting fires.
  - Lewis commented that the bill originally had fire service resources only but he not sure if that has changed. His concern is the need to create a body to manage all hazards mobe and the fire service voice would be lost.
  - Pennington commented that the bill would clarify the legislative intent. EMAG or EMC could do a position paper for tweaking the current legislation and not completely overhaul the program.
  - If testimony is needed, Ezelle will first send out an email for comments.
  - There would be a cost for this program.
  - Ezelle voiced an Emergency management perspective concern and possible parallel ordering processes.
  - Heinze commented that Fire mobe works but need sequencing to get fire mobe right and then go forward with Emergency Management setting and find out what all hazard mobe really is.
  - Sisson commented that the Mutual Aid Agreements worked for the short term with no cost. Sustainment or long term needs money.

#### **Work Plan**

- It was decided that March 4<sup>th</sup> would be the date for the all-day work session. Kent Sisson requested a facilitator. Glen Woodbury, John Ufford, and Shannon MacFarlane were all suggested.
- **Statewide Emergency Management System**
  - Uniform Definition Section
    - Every large document contains a section of definitions of terms used within the document. There is no such section in the EMAG document. Pennington suggested adding a section to define terms as they apply to emergency management.
    - Scott Lewis – Pierce County is creating their own such lexicon.
    - Write an overarching vision document
    - Review the “national strategic narrative” that is taught at the leadership academy
    - Who are we, what do we do, and where are we going?
    - Institutionalization of emergency management
  - Regionalized Emergency Management Structure
    - Break command and control into manageable structures
    - Command structure would follow the HLS regions
    - Operate regionally in a “super region” (multi-county system)
      - The state would be the lead
    - Does this apply at a sub-catastrophic level as well as catastrophic?
    - How would this impact how we train and exercise?

- How can we, on a regional basis, pool assets to build a regionalized training and exercise program?
  - Tribal perspective: Regional training would be better so that FEMA would know with whom to communicate instead of reaching out to individual tribes
    - The tribes would be more likely to participate in regional training than county training
  - Think in terms of purposes and outcomes
  - Develop a statewide inventory list
  - What does it mean to “have” a resource?
    - Access to it or possession of it?
  - The EMC is considering a workgroup to review a statewide system
- **JIS/JIC**
  - Mark Stewart and Karina Shagren are working with Snohomish County and are in the midst of developing the framework for the JIC plan
  - Steven Friedrich is a new communication partner with the MIL Dept. and is working with Mark and Karina
  - The communication team is developing a timeline to present at the March meeting
- **EOC/IMT Interface**
  - EMD has requested the delivery of the EMI 947 Course – a course that is focused on the EOC/IMT interface at the community level – and have sent the letter to the National Preparedness Directorate for four in-state deliveries
  - In the meantime, there is an EOC/ICS interface workshop course
  - A request has been submitted for the 947 Course to be delivered in 2016 for the Type III NW Team

**Task for Robert:** Call Brian Koon (Florida) to discuss what they are doing for their EOC/IMT interface.

- **Resource Ordering**
  - Start with, and test, a system that is already in place
  - Train, exercise, and use that system in a real-world event
  - Craig Ginn will present the process that the State EMD uses, and Walt Hubbard will present what King County is using
  - Both systems will be presented at the next EMAG meeting the EMAG will decide which one will be tested throughout the state

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 4, 2015  
Policy Room, EMD

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Resource ordering will be discussed for the first hour of the day  
Statewide Emergency Management System will be discussed for the rest of the day. *The EMC task to review the HLS Regional Concept will be discussed under the Statewide Emergency Management System – Regionalization.*