

Statewide Catastrophic Incident Planning Team (SCIPT)

18–19 October 2016, at Central Washington University in Student Union

MEETING SUMMARY

NOTE: *The SCIPT devoted this two-day workshop to developing an outline for the Catastrophic Incident Planning Framework, a planning tool for emergency managers to use for catastrophic incident planning. This tool is a nonbinding recommendation; the SCIPT encourages tribal nations and local governments to use this tool for integrating their plans with statewide catastrophic incident planning efforts.*

Attendees

- Jason Ball, UTC
(via conference line)
- Dan Banks (Chair), EMD
- Rebecca Beaton, UTC
(via conference line)
- Jason Biermann (Vice Chair), Region 1
- LTC Clay Braun, WANG
- Sue Bush, DSHS
- Kent Catlin, Region 8
- Sandi Duffey, Region 7
- Amy Gillespie, Region 6
- Jim Hutchinson, EMD
- Sandy Eccker, Region 3
- Elenka Jarolimek, Region 6
- Nicole Johnson, Region 5
- Todd Kilpatrick, EMD
- Penny Linterman, Region 2
- Jim Sande, Region 1
- Shawn Roberts, DOH
- Richard Schroedel, Region 5
- James Yates, Region 3

I. Purpose of the Framework

a. The team adopted the following purpose for the framework...

- "The purpose of this framework is to inform tribal nation, local government, and state agency planning efforts for catastrophic incidents through extensive integration with corresponding state and federal plans."

II. Background

a. Essentially a short history of catastrophic incident planning in Washington State, to include...

- FEMA's Taskforce For Emergency Readiness (TFER)
- Puget Sound Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)
- Cascadia Rising Exercise Series

III. Scope of Framework

a. Over the course of the workshop, the team chose to limit the scope of the framework to the following five (5) "action areas" for statewide planning integration within the context of

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a catastrophic incident...

- Operational Coordination
 - Information Collection
 - Alternate Communications
 - Public Information
 - Logistics
- b. These five action areas are discussed in greater detail under the "Roles and Responsibilities" section of the Framework.
- c. Additionally, the Roles and Responsibilities are framed using the following planning phases adopted by FEMA Region X...
- Phase 1 (Prepare)
 - Phase 2a (Initial Response)
 - Phase 2b (Employment Response)
 - Phase 2c (Transition to Recovery)
 - Phase 3 (Long-Term Recovery)

IV. Catastrophic Incident Situation (Definition, Characteristics, and Overview)

- a. The Framework adopts the federal definition of a catastrophic incident [from the National Response Framework].
- b. The team added the following characteristic [for a total of five] to the definition of a catastrophe...
- "The ability of first responders and emergency managers to maintain a doctrinal span of control is impractical, if not impossible, for the first several operational periods following a catastrophic incident."
- c. In keeping with the concept of planning for the "worst-case" threat and/or hazard is therefore planning for all possible threats and/or hazards, the team adopted the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) as the statewide planning standard for catastrophic incidents.
- Scientific modeling and consensus indicates an earthquake along the CSZ megathrust fault has the potential to produce a local source tsunami, will occur with little or no advance notice, and is expected to have devastating and/or disruptive affects throughout Washington State.
- d. State law (Chapter 38.52 RCW) requires communities to prepare Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMPs) based on the hazards each community faces. A catastrophe could affect every community in Washington State; therefore, each community should consider planning for catastrophic incidents.

V. Planning Assumptions

- a. The SCIPT assumes the findings/conclusions from the Homeland Infrastructure Threat

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and Risk Analysis Center (HITRAC) "Analytical Baseline Study for the Cascadia Earthquake and Tsunami" to be facts for planning purposes.

- b. The initial response to a catastrophic incident is beyond the capability of the State of Washington, and supplemental federal assistance is immediately necessary.
- c. There will be a Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency and a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.
- d. Responding to a catastrophic incident becomes the priority of state government.
- e. Regardless of where it is physically located, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains the central coordination point for requesting information and resources during catastrophic incidents impacting Washington State.
- f. When reporting to their regular staffing locations (i.e., jurisdictional primary and alternate sites) is impossible or impractical, emergency managers in Washington State may respond to the nearest available Emergency Operations or Coordination Center (EOC/ECC), if or when able.

VI. Catastrophic Incident Strategies

- a. This section describes, in general detail, what the State is theoretically prepared to do to assist impacted tribal nations and local governments during a catastrophic incident; either through coordination, facilitation, or operations conducted within the following functional areas...
 - Volunteer Management
 - Donations Management
 - Transportation
 - Mass Care and Sheltering
 - Power Restoration
 - Fuel Distribution
 - Medical Services/Public Health
 - Fatality Management
 - Debris Management

VII. Good of the Order/Open Forum

- a. The SCIPT Chair and Vice Chair submitted the Framework for presentation at the 2017 Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference in Tacoma.
- b. No updates or additions to SCIPT Work Plan.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- a. First quarter CY 2017 Meeting: Location is Camp Murray, date to be determined by an online poll.

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