

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting January 7, 2016 – Building 92 – Camp Murray

1/7/2016 9:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Dave DeHaan at 9:01 AM

In Attendance

Completed sign-in sheet following minutes.

Approval of Minutes & Introductions

- Review of previous meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve by: Ron Averill
 - Second by: Robert Ezelle
 - Discussion: None
 - Approval: Unanimous

Opening Comments:

General Daugherty

- Appreciation to Dave DeHaan for his leadership and service
- Earthquake Seminar on 1/8 in Olympia in preparation for Cascadia Rising; attendance welcome and the Governor will be present
- Spent two days in Seattle at a Cyber security summit with HLS, FBI, and corporate leaders in attendance; two divergent efforts
 - CIO and CISO groups
 - Keep cyber in the emergency management realm as well; does not want to engage in a “turf war”
 - Organize from national to local level to protect networks
 - Organize emergency management to type cyber assets to align with NIMS and ICS structure from federal to local over the next 4-5 years
- Floods – expected much worse, but not out of the woods yet

EMD Remarks:

Robert Ezelle, Director

- Concurrence with previous remarks regarding flood season
- Current focus on fire recovery and assistance grants (FMAG)
- Wrapping up assessments on fall storms for determination of meeting threshold for presidential declaration for federal assistance
- Staff changes
 - Peter Antolin replaced by Kurt Hardin (EMD Deputy Directory)
 - Matt Modarelli replaced by Rob Lang (Cyber Security)
 - Casey Broom returns to EMD as Human Services Manager, replacing Geno Grandinette
 - Debbie Meador as MRR Administrative Assistant, replacing Laurie Emerson (Melson)
- Active in Hispanic and Asian Pacific affairs and outreach to Limited English Proficiency as evidence during fire and fall storm season
 - Developing outreach capabilities and working with county and city partners
- HB 2287 has an emphasis on placards (for vehicles and residences) for disabled or functionally challenged to inform responders when a person with disabilities is present

- The bill would require the state to create a register for public sign up so an icon would flash on a responder screen indicating a call for help is originating from a person with disabilities
- Emergency management input requested
- Charles Duffy (Fire Protection Bureau)
 - This is not a new issue and has been discussed extensively in the past – public may not maintain current status, causing potential response confusion
 - People can self-designate as special needs, and the situation can quickly get out of hand
- Dave DeHaan (Chair)
 - Responders cannot be everything to everybody, but there is a legal responsibility for special needs
 - We need to manage levels of expectation and public perception
 - Have robust emergency plans and support plans so that the “icon” is not adopted as the plan
- Ron Averill (Association of County Commissioners)
 - People have the ability to self-designate; however, the audience may become too broad
- Dick Walter (Vice-Chair)
 - Inquired if DSHS already has a system for special and functional needs
- Barb Graff (Seattle OEM)
 - This issue has come up many times in the past
 - Encourage public to register information with Smart 911
 - Approximately two million can self-register without the use of the icon system
- Robert Ezelle (WA EMD)
 - There is a significant financial impact for managing the program if the bill passes

FEMA Region X Remarks:

T.J Dargan for Ken Murphy, Administrator

- RX fully engaged with supporting
 - 4242 – Windstorm Disasters
 - 34 applicants and 78 projects
 - 4243 – Wildfires and Landslides
 - 38 applicants and 17 projects
 - The State Coordinating Officer (SCO) is overseeing project reconciliation in the upcoming weeks with 90% of projects obligated the first two weeks in February
 - FEMA staff currently on Camp Murray
 - Supporting disasters in Alaska and Idaho
 - Conducting a joint damage assessment in Oregon and Washington
 - Conducting Washington’s Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA)

EMC Report to the Governor:

Dave DeHaan, Chair

- Appreciation for efforts on the 2015 Annual Report
 - Establish a resiliency clearinghouse is part of the approval
 - Important to build a report with policy and financial issues for the Governor and execute designated actions
 - Challenges in collecting information. Encourage the council to build a mechanism (working with EMD) to provide a regular feed of information so that when the time comes to build the report, information is ready
 - Have designated metrics and implement a consistent information gathering system
- Recommend changing the Annual Report to a Biannual Report to reduce meeting time working on the report and produce a more comprehensive report, which will require a legislative change to RCW 38.52
 - Develop robust subcommittees that produce deliverables
- The Annual Report does have actionable issues

- Requested the Governor to staff some subcommittees
 - There is no weight if the council does not follow through with recommendations
 - Sustainable funding means something different to Council participants
 - Statewide Emergency Management System (SEMS) process for the Washington Mutual Aid System (WAMAS)
 - Interdisciplinary makeup requires more input for a successful system, and is both a strength and a weakness
- Appreciation expressed to all for their support and opened to comments on the report – none

Committee – Task Force Reports

1. EMC Executive Committee

Dave DeHaan, Chair

- Has not met - no report

2. Emergency Management Advisory Group

Robert Ezelle, Director

- Met on the afternoon of last EMC in November, with the group focused on the Emergency Management Assistance Team (EMAT) after the 2015 wild fire season
 - Since last meeting, time has been spent on EMAT concept and will be flushed out again this afternoon and hope to make proposals at a future EMC
- In February, looking for a day-long work session to continue efforts on the EMAG Work Plan

3. State Emergency Response Commission

Charma Anderson for Bill Whealan

- Completed a Strategic Plan with focus areas to include:
 - Improved collaboration among the Washington State Patrol (WSP), the Emergency Management Division (EMD), and the Department of Ecology (ECY)
 - Analyze membership
- Committee working on HazMat workshop, to be held April 1-3 in Richland
- Committee is also working the LEPC/Tribal Conference, to be held May 17-19 in Lake Chelan

4. Seismic Safety

Dave Norman

- Meeting on January 22 in Vancouver is a co-meeting with Oregon Safety Commission
 - Discussing two resiliency plans, with crosswalk between them needed
 - Oregon plan is based upon, but more detailed than, the Washington Plan
- Last legislative session was successful in LIDAR acquisition and landslide program
 - 7000 square miles of LIDAR in the state from Whatcom County to the Puget Sound for landslide mapping and investigation
 - A third of the coastline has been modeled and complete modeling is needed; data management and presentations need to be developed as well
 - One LIDAR manager position has been filled, with a second pending
- Did not receive funding for earthquake/tsunami position
 - Shake area, investigation of active faults, tsunami modeling, and other development tools
- A position is still needed; modeling and data management/presentation still needed

5. Senior Advisory Committee

John Ufford & Dave DeHaan

- Robert Ezelle has shifted the responsibility from Ziggy Dahl to John Ufford, who is going through orientation
- Dave DeHaan reviewed SAC requirements

- FEMA outlined who needs to be represented and who should be in attendance from emergency management
 - FEMA requires that each state have an SAC and the EMC almost meets that requirement
 - There are a few agencies that should be represented
 - EMAG came up with recommendations
 - Recommendations were included with Dave DeHaan's letter of resignation to TAG
 - Potential for new members and ex-officio members
- Membership is established by RCW – specific agencies have been named but have changed over the years
 - Keep agencies or provide TAG with more evolution flexibility by increasing the number and allowing TAG to determine acceptance or rejection of membership

6. Intrastate Mutual Aid

Robert Ezelle, Director & John Ufford

- Subcommittee met in early December and lessons learned from the fires were reviewed as they related to the impacted counties
 - Discussion about whether EMAT belongs under WAMAS and a determination was that EMAT merger with WAMAS should not take place
- Field input and EMAC coordinators input reviewed
 - Centralized activities are for the benefit of local jurisdictions who are busy with response
 - Committee is considering updating operations manual to include the concept based on refinements and lessons learned
 - Draft update estimated to be completed in late February, with recommendation reviewed and implemented prior to 2016 fire season
 - Stream line forms based upon feedback
 - Contracting process is not as efficient as it could be
 - Apply techniques from other states as a matter of best practices
 - WAMAS Training
 - A training roadshow with PowerPoint is planned prior to the 2016 Fire Season
 - The PowerPoint is currently hung on the EMD website under Logistics
 - There was a lot of confusion during the fire season
 - Request was made for a workshop put on by people who have actually used WAMAS, local jurisdictions, state, and fire (will be addressed by training road show)
 - Ideas to be sent to John Ufford for building in to a training/workshop
 - Include WSP, forest service, fire, state and local emergency managers, and educate on fire mobilization, including actual experiences, recommendations, and lessons learned
 - Barb Graff (Seattle OEM) expressed appreciation for the state involvement
 - Having WAMAS coordinators in the State EOC was beneficial during fire season
 - Encouraged additional A-Team training (EMAC) for future WAMAS staffing
 - Dominic Marzano (Kent OEM) suggested that WAMAS can be used for more than fires
 - Deployment Guide
 - State role of brokerage of resources was off the table, but that was changed during fire season
 - The state will maintain brokerage responsibilities, but will need local support for resources
 - Fire Mobilization Training
 - Determine in advance what activities can and cannot fall under fire mobilization

- Chiefs and emergency managers in the eastern half have a lot of experience, where the west side has less
- Robert Ezelle recommended John Ufford work with Charles Duffy
- Fire mob is only one piece of the response, with potential confusion over roles and expectations
 - Fire mob does not include towns or tribes in the Fire Mobilization Plan
- Need to make sure tribes are included in the process to legally deploy resources into federal or tribal lands
- Information sharing
 - Dick Walter (Vice-Chair) recommended the use of more electronic media for meetings instead of face-to-face for more efficient use of staff time
 - Dave DeHaan (Chair) suggested an array of services would be beneficial
 - Charles Duffy (Fire Protection Bureau) indicated smaller jurisdictions may face challenges with WebEx or other meeting means due to lack of funding, perishable skills, or lack of training
 - Arel Solie (WSP) supported EMD's efforts moving forward with telephonic meetings and other reductions of face-to-face; roles have not changed, but the way of doing business is moving forward
 - Michael Loehr (DOH) said Health is moving aggressively toward video conferencing, but recognized that face-to-face is still necessary and recommended using the best option for the meeting or task purpose
 - General Daugherty (WMD) recommended the use of the appropriate tools (electronic or face-to-face) and then excused himself for another meeting

7. Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee

John Himmel

- Not present, no report

EMC Action Requests

1. Sustainable Funding

Dave DeHaan, Chair

- Addressed in Governor's Report

2. Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures

Robert Ezelle, Director

- Addressed in subcommittee reports

3. Objectives of Homeland Security Regional Concept

Bill Whealan

- On hold pending work from the EMAG

Good of the Order

Members

- Robert Ezelle (EMD)
 - Creation of new subcommittee for access/functional needs and Limited English Proficient (LEP)
 - John Ufford (EMD) provided a presentation on Whole of Community Proposal (hard copy framework reviewed)
 - Focus on communities outside of what is considered "normal" to those may not be represented in response functions in emergency management
 - Objective to create a forum
 - Issues, laws, trends and other guidance to ensure compliance during incident response
 - Possible Stakeholders
 - State government, local government, private/non-profit, and others

- Actions
 - EMD Discussion
 - EMC Approval and selection of a Chair (member of EMC)
 - Charter development
 - Work plan development
 - EMD approval of charter and work plan
- Barb Graff (Seattle OEM) confirmed that DSHS should be the lead organization
 - Disability advocates should have the bulk of the efforts
 - Scope of work should have specific recommendations with corresponding budget to develop guidelines to assist with driving forward more efficiently
 - Be clear on the purpose of the group and where the group would like to be at the end of a year; determine what deliverables would be anticipated
 - There are five full time vulnerable population planners in the urban area, whose work can be included in these efforts to avoid duplication and expedite moving forward
 - Amy Gillespie (King County OEM) and Barb Graff (Seattle OEM) can volunteer the planners and they will share the information with the EMC Chair and Robert Ezelle (EMD)
 - The planners will be instrumental in the development of the group
 - Include
 1. Clear Scope
 2. Vulnerable Populations Planners to be an early group
 3. Identify who belongs
- Michael Loehr (DOH)
 - The functional needs community needs to be represented at the table for their input on disruptions as a result of incidents
 - Recommends not having this effort be solely government led
 - EMC subcommittee structure recommended for consistency
- Amy Gillespie (King County OEM)
 - Concern of duplication of effort, as there have been efforts made in this area
 - Reach back to the affected population
 - Provide opportunities for professional development with up and coming staff who have passion and drive to address this issue
- Ron Averill (Association of County Commissioners)
 - Expressed concerns about additional unfunded mandates
 - Robert Ezelle offered EMC structure as a support to the local jurisdictions and current planning efforts to provide tools to emergency managers to resemble the EMAG standard
- Dave DeHaan (Chair)
 - Would like thoughts on how to make this effort an actionable item
 - Would like next actions to be specifically identified
- Ron Weaver (DOH)
 - Allowed DSHS in the past to be ex officio member and asked if DSHS could be included as a chair or co-chair

- John Ufford (EMD)
 - Have included advocates for the blind, functional needs, medical frailty, disability council, and others
 - There is not a great understanding of emergency management outside the emergency management community
 - The idea of a forum where all have a voice identifying concerns could be part of a forum
- Robert Ezelle (WA EMD)
 - Open to bringing representation to the table as part of a forum to limit the number of casualties
 - EMD can begin the outreach to different communities, with EMC representatives conducting outreach in their jurisdictions
 - Requested EMC members to send recommendations for forum membership, chair, and co-chair
 - The goal is to bring an update to the scope by the March meeting
- Kyle Bustad (Pierce County DEM)
 - There is a Governor-appointed board for vulnerable populations (Washington State Independent Living Council) in place that can be included in this process, and the five planners are engaged with this council as well
- Ron Weaver (DOH)
 - DOH is developing a fatality management workshop for examiners, coroners, and prosecutors week of 28 March on the Westside, hopefully at Camp Murray and week of 4 April at the fire academic in Spokane
 - Invitees are emergency managers to better understand how the emergency response system works and what resources are available/how to assist, and culminating in a Tabletop
 - Exact dates to be determined
 - Dave DeHaan recommended inviting law enforcement and the topic has been discussed
 - Ron will take the suggestions back to the group
 - Medical examiners do not see themselves as part of the larger system, with some views being personality driven
- Dave DeHaan (Chair)
 - Announcement of retirement and appreciation for those who attended his retirement party
 - Submitted letter of resignation, with last day of work on 4 January
 - Today is his official last action
 - Expressed appreciation of the EMC for their support of him as Chair and efforts building on tasks
 - Expressed appreciation to General Daugherty, Robert Ezelle, John Ufford, Charma Anderson, Tirzah Kincheloe, and EMD staff for their support
 - Appreciation to the Executive Board for their support and collaboration and comments
 - Encourages the next chair to further develop the executive role
 - Recommended more staff assistance, whether from uniformed or other personnel
 - Encouraged council to address their commitments
 - The past two years have been the most active in emergency management in recent history
 - Take action and plan in advance before the next incident
 - Make progress on items put in the report to maintain momentum and keep the EMC relevant
 - Introduced Captain Brent Stainer
 - Interim emergency manager for the City of Everett and will likely be permanent
 - Encouraged introductions and support

- Dick Walter (Vice-Chair)
 - Recognized Dave DeHaan's input over the years of involvement on the EMC and his efforts moving forward on agenda items that could have fallen away
 - Suggests that all EMC members consider who they would like to see as Chair and submit nominations prior to the March meeting to their appropriate program support for forwarding to Dick Walter as interim Chair
- Robert Ezelle (EMD)
 - Expressed appreciation of Dave's calm and seasoned leadership
 - Presented a plaque to Dave DeHaan for his service to the EMC and Washington State
- Ron Averill (Association of County Commissioners)
 - Recognized Dave DeHaan's decision-making ability and providing support for the legwork

Closing Remarks

- Robert Ezelle (EMD)
 - Recognized Dave DeHaan's tremendous job bringing the EMC together and taking ownership of the group

Adjournment

1/7/2016 10:36 AM

- Motion to adjourn by: Charles Duffy
- Second by : Ron Averill
 - Discussion : None
- Approval: Unanimous at 10:36

2016 Meetings

- Next Meeting
 - March 3, 2016

Please verify your information

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Loehr, Michael - P	Department of Health	360-236-4068	michael.loehr@doh.wa.gov	Present
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Vacant - A	County Sheriffs			
Vacant - A	Member-at-Large			
Vacant - A	Military Department			Kurt Hardin - present
Vacant - A	Private Industry			
Vacant - A	State EM Directors			

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John Ufford	EMD		John Ufford
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