

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting ~ May 4, 2017 ~ Camp Murray

Meeting called to order by Ron Averill, Chair, 9:02 AM

In Attendance – Introduction of Attendees

[Scanned sign-in roster following minutes]

- Phone participants
 - Guests
 - Alex Hatcher
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Approval of Minutes

- Review of previous meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve by: Robert Ezelle
 - Second by: Chuck LeBlanc
 - Discussion: None
 - Approval: Unanimous
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Opening Remarks

Robert Ezelle, EMD Director

Robert thanked TJ Dargan and Sharon Loper for support to the recent storms throughout Washington State. A Presidential Declaration was signed for February/March storms and the process to open a Joint Field Office (JFO) began. Currently, the Public Assistance Section is conducting preliminary damage assessments for the late March-early April storms. Looking forward to spring and summer weather even though the National Weather Service predicted warmer than normal temperatures. The Washington National Guard is currently getting Fire Training.

On May 3, the Resilient Washington Subcommittee briefed the Governor. The Subcommittee briefed their gaps. The Governor's comments included an emphasis of his concerns about communications survivability.

EMD Remarks:

Robert Ezelle, EMD Director

The director presented the draft EMD Strategic Plan. This draft uses the 2014 plan as a starting point and incorporates some significant updates. Robert's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

FEMA Remarks

Sharon Loper, FEMA Region X Administration

[The following was submitted by Sharon Loper]

- Last week, President Trump nominated a new FEMA Administrator, Mr. Brock Long. Mr. Long has more than 16 years of experience supporting local, state, and federal governments building robust emergency management and public health preparedness programs, his latest position was as Director of Alabama's Emergency Management Agency. The nomination process should take approximately two months.

- As a result of severe winter storms between January 30 and February 22, Washington received a Major Disaster Declaration (DR 4309) on April 21, 2017. TJ Dargan is the designated Federal Coordinating Officer. The disaster declaration authorized the Public Assistance Program in designated counties and hazard mitigation.
- FEMA Region X is working with EMD staff to develop a plan for utilizing the State and FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison to work with State Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to address unmet needs of individuals in communities impacted by DR-4309.
- Region X staff is preparing to support a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment for severe winter storms that occurred between March 13 to April 16. FEMA approved a time extension for the state to request a disaster assistance until May 31.
- Projects for open past disasters increased by approximately \$2 million in the last two months bringing the approved projects to \$46 Million over the last 12 months for 14 open major disaster declarations, with total for these disasters at \$396 M with the federal share of \$301 M.
- This month, the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program will provide \$409,710 for projects such as a storm water project in Spokane County. Also, the Region will award the Spokane Tribe a Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, administrated by the Emergency Management Division, will be awarding approximately \$20,000,000 from five major disaster declarations and 12 Fire Management Assistance Grant declarations.
- Region X has worked closely with WA EMD to provide FEMA's Emergency Management Academy to Washington partners. Washington is first state to have an approved train-the-trainer cadre for this coursework.
- FEMA's Emergency Management Institute is recruiting for the annual offering of the National Emergency Management Executive Academy. The target audience is senior state, local, federal, tribal, and NGO officials with responsibility for decisions that affect emergency management and/or preparedness policy. Application deadline is no later than August 15, 2017.

Region X continues to work internally and with state, local, tribal, and federal partners on strategic solutions to the Cascadia Rising 2016 Exercise. Later this year, the region is working with state partners to develop a tabletop and functional exercise series that focuses on the restoration of the electric grid after a catastrophic failure. Additionally, the Region is developing a proposal of how to strategically build response and preparedness capabilities for those disproportionalities impacted by disasters (children, senior citizens, individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities).

Governor's Office Update

Jim Baumgart, Governor's Office

Mr. Baumgart recognizes that planning is not free. The Governor's priority is sustainable communications, hospitals and schools. The governor recommended the development of "Task Forces" and determine what sustainable funding would look like. He recognizes there is a need to have discussions with policy advisors and moving forward with FirstNet that would be compliment to E911. The Governor stated that to him catastrophic disaster planning needs to be a priority, and programs need to be implementable at the average citizen level. The vice chair of the EMC asked for feedback on the 2014-2015 report to the governor. Mr. Baumgart's feedback is that the report is at looked in the Governor's Office and taken into consideration when making policy.

Legislative Update

Nancy Bickford, Military Department

Nancy provided a presentation of all the bills that are significant to Emergency Management that did not make it through this legislative session and those which moved forward. Nancy's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Washington State Fusion Center

Kia Graham

Kia Graham presented the current threat brief. She requested suggestions from future briefings.

Presentations

Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Study

Barb Graf, City of Seattle

- <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/changestocode/unreinforcedmasonrybuildings/whatwhy/default.htm>

Earthquake Early Warning

Jim Vidale, UW

- Presentation sent out separate from the minutes and can be viewed [here](#).

Statewide Catastrophic Planning Update

Dan Banks, EMD

- The statewide catastrophic planning is not where the planning committee thought they should be by this time. The Framework document should be published by the end of June, 2017. The group continues to move forward, just not as fast as expected.

Preparedness Outreach: Two Weeks Ready

Lit Dudley

- Lit introduced Rosanne Garrand and Karina Shagren as the project leaders for public education. He briefed on "Base Camp". BaseCamp is a central platform for organizing and sharing information and communications; similar, but different to a SharePoint site. Our [WA State Preparedness Group](#) is a state-level group, hosted by the Cascadia Regional Earthquake Workgroup (CREW).
- Many jurisdictions do not have dedicated public outreach staff and may not have time to develop materials therefore, BaseCamp allows us to share best practice ideas, publications, product purchases, and information that others can adopt and/or adapt for their own jurisdictions use. It is meant for disaster preparedness public outreach/public education people (city, county, state, etc.); currently there are 67 members associated with this particular BaseCamp group.

Committee / Task Force Reports

Subcommittee Chairs

1. Subcommittee Work Plans

Ron Averill

2. Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG)

Robert Ezelle

The EMAG has not met since the last EMC meeting. The next EMAG meeting is scheduled for today, May 4, 2017, following the EMC.

3. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Mike Harris

The SERC has not met since the last EMC meeting. The next SERC meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2017 in Chelan, WA. It will be held in conjunction with the LEPC-Tribal Conference. The SERC planned to give an extended brief out at this meeting, but due to time constraints will be moved to the July Meeting

4. Seismic Safety (SS)

[The following notes were submitted by Dave Norman]

Dave Norman

The Seismic Safety Committee members have been working on the implementation plan and gap analysis for all the recommendations in Resilient Washington. The committee chair organized the premeeting on Unreinforced Masonry Buildings and Earthquake Early warning for the EMC meeting.

5. Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

Robert Ezelle for John Ufford

Due to meeting time constraints, the brief out on SAC development did not occur and will take place in July

6. Washington Mutual Aid System (WAMAS)

Mark Douglas

WAMAS has not met since the last EMC meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2017

7. Infrastructure Resilience Subcommittee (IRSC)

Robert Ezelle for Tristan Allen

[The following was submitted by Tristan Allen]

The IRSC met April 25 in conjunction with the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program and Resilient Washington Workgroups. Approximately 50 attendees, which were split evenly between public and private organizations.

The general focus of the meeting was nurturing a public/private, federal/state/local, interagency community around infrastructure resilience and provide critical infrastructure input into state planning efforts.

Discussion about infrastructure restoration prioritization through identification of dependencies. Survey questions were shared with the group for feedback. A prototype will be shared next meeting.

Information sharing: group discussion on information desired by infrastructure owner/operators, and barriers to information sharing. This will be compiled alongside state Emergency Management's Essential Elements of Information (EEI)s and shared as a framework for next meeting

New issues: Attendees would like to learn more about emergency communications for other infrastructure sectors. EMD will work to organize this through the states ESF2.

A couple attendees suggested forming a steering committee that meets quarterly and is composed only of lifeline sectors (Energy, Transportation, Communication, Water/Wastewater).

8. Whole Community Subcommittee (WCS)

Michael Loehr/Kim Conner

[The following was submitted by Michael Loehr]

The work plan for 2017-18 includes five draft goals to guide our work over the coming year. We surveyed Whole Community Subcommittee (WSC) members to identify the following:

- Which draft goals and outputs are most valuable;
- Which topics should address as priorities; and
- What areas member be willing to provide support and expertise.

Two goals rose to the top of the list well above the rest:

1. Developing tools, guidance, and resources to support inclusive emergency planning (providing something tangible)
2. Identifying common efforts currently underway, and coordinating outreach and collaboration to leverage existing networks.

It's very important members of a subcommittee based around inclusive and community-based solution continue to own the process and the results.

Two other goals will also be addressed. They focus on establishing processes for supporting local jurisdictions and communities with inclusive emergency response during disasters and identifying and raising policy issues to the EMC as they emerge. We will work with the subcommittee to identify work groups and specific objectives to address each of these goals.

We learned through this survey that the topics of most concern to members span a wide range: sheltering, transportation, feeding, long term recovery, casework, alert and warning. This makes it challenging to establish narrow priorities while acknowledging comprehensive needs for inclusive planning.

Old Business

1. Regional Coordination Concept Close-Out Letter Robert Ezelle
Robert explained the orientation of the letter. A copy of the letter is attached to the end of the minutes. EMD asked that the EMC approve the letter.
 - Motion to approve by: Mike Harris
 - Second by: Chuck LeBlanc
 - Discussion: None
 - Approval: Unanimous
2. Preparedness Grants Update TJ Rajcevich
TJ presented the Grants update. The presentation will be sent out after the meeting and can be viewed [here](#).

New Business

[Annual Report Presentation](#)

The 2016 Annual Report to the Governor was presented and approved by the EMC. EMD staff will generate a cover letter and forward to the Governor's Office.

- Motion to approve by: Mike Harris
- Seconded by: Michael Loehr
 - Discussion: None
- Approval: Unanimous

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Chief Batiste

Seconded by: Philip Lemley

Discussion: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.



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March 31, 2017

Emergency Management Council,

An action request regarding the Homeland Security Regional Concept was submitted to the Emergency Management Council (EMC) on September 17, 2014. The problem statement, analysis, and solution are as follows:

Problem Statement

"There is no clear definition of the mission, objectives or deliverables required by each of the nine Homeland Security Regions. Specifically, what is the purpose of the nine regions besides meeting the federal grant requirements for regional coordination? Are there tasks or objectives that Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) is wanting to have accomplished by the regions besides the regulatory requirements in the grant? The objectives of the regional concept haven't been revisited or revalidated since the inception of the nine Homeland Security Regions" (Beck, 2014).

Analysis

The nine Homeland Security Regions have not been formally codified, thus no requirements are defined other than grant contract compliance. The Homeland Security Regional construct serves as a multi-jurisdictional platform to effectively implement the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), a subset of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Each region utilizes SHSP funding to address gaps and hazards unique to their jurisdictions. The purpose of the regional coordinators is to ensure grant accountability and share best practices/lessons learned to increase homeland security and emergency management capabilities across regional boundaries. Currently, the Homeland Security Regions do not function as emergency response entities nor is there funding to establish and sustain this capability. Since its inception, HSGP funding has been reduced by approximately 70 percent and subsequent reductions are expected to occur in future grant cycles.

Solution

Based on EMD's analysis, it is determined that the Homeland Security Regions vary in function and capacity across the state. It would not be appropriate to direct the regions to function in an operational role for emergency response. The existing Homeland Security Regions act as a federal funding pass-through entity and grant implementation construct. The regions need to continue in this capacity to assist the State Administrative Agency in disseminating funding in an equitable and timely manner. In doing so, regional coordinators/representatives will occasionally need to gather operational information to meet the grant funding requirements. However, the EMD will not utilize the Homeland Security Regional coordinators as operational entities during an emergency or exercise. Therefore, EMD recommends that the Homeland Security Regional Concept be closed-out and removed from the EMC agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robert F. Elie
Director

Emergency Management Council **MEMBERS** Sign-In Sheet

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2017

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