

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Thursday, March 5, 2015 – 0900-1200
Bldg 109, Camp Murray

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

Dave DeHaan, EMC Chair

The meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

A quorum was not met at the beginning of the meeting, but one more member joined via conference call so the quorum was met.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried and the meeting minutes were approved.

Opening Comments

General Daugherty

- Just returned from Washington DC where updates were received on the lack of a Homeland Security budget
- Grant funding is fairly stable for 2015
- Met with the congressional delegation and they think sequestration will most likely occur in 2016 for the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security
- Briefed Senator Cantwell on the success of the tsunami warning system on the Washington coast. We need to replicate the Ocosta school district model and help local communities build vertical shelters, but there is no sustainable funding; neither are there categories within Homeland Security funds to build tsunami districts

EMD Remarks

Director Ezelle

- Going to Washington DC next week and the week after for congressional visits
- We are partnering with locals that were affected by the storms these past few months
- Effort is building and gaining traction for the Cascadia Rising plan
- Tracking bills in legislation:
 - Senate Bill 5020 Continuity of operations planning requirements (amends RCW 38.52)
 - House Bill 1449 Oil transportation safety

FEMA Remarks

No FEMA presenter available for update

EMC Report to the Governor

Dave DeHaan, EMC Chair

- The EMC Work Session covered a lot of ground regarding the report and what recommendations should be included
- Recommendation #1: Establish workgroup for the Statewide Emergency Management System
 - Reflect issues raised by the SR530 Commission Report
 - Establish a group under the EMC that can be carried through the long-term project
 - Not everything will be identified by 2016 – ideas will have to be maintained and adjusted in the following years
 - The work session group suggested reducing the bullet points and identify/prioritize some for completion by a milestone date in 2016

- Recommendation #2: Sustainable Funding
 - Separate from statewide emergency management system
 - Don't establish a new workgroup, but identify an existing group to take it on (EMAG's subgroup)
 - WSEMA's legislative group is also working on sustainable funding and can work with the EMAG
- Recommendation #3: Resilient Washington initiatives
 - Dave Norman will submit a recommendation to support Resilient Washington (that also supports the SR530 Commission Report)
 - Define and establish a subcabinet working group
- Other Additional Recommendations
 - Fatality Management
 - SIEC
 - EMC Membership
 - SAC Workgroup identified new positions to meet federal requirements
 - Make ad hoc (or ex officio) members until a change can be made to the RCW
 - Remove ESDs and replace with Association of Superintendents
- Ideas will be collected within the next couple of weeks and a draft will be sent to the members for feedback before the next EMC meeting
- Plan to have a final draft to vote on in May and forward to the Governor by June 1
- The report should have a 1-2 page executive summary, be no more than 20 pages, and have subcommittee reports as appendices

Committee – Task Force Reports

1. EMC Executive Committee *Dave DeHaan*
 - No report from the committee, but would encourage anybody to be on the executive group
 - The group normally meets for lunch after the EMC meeting
 - Purpose of this committee is to facilitate and take on projects to move forward to the next meeting and try to make EMC meetings as efficient as possible
- 2. Emergency Management Advisory Group *Director Ezelle*
 - Formalized new membership at the beginning of the year and had 100% participation of new members in January
 - Conducted an all-day work session for the March meeting that was facilitated by King County Alternative Dispute Resolution in the RCECC
 - The resource ordering system is the highest priority
 - Scheduling another all-day work session in early April
3. State Emergency Response Commission *Bill Whealan*
 - Met yesterday regarding EPCRA Tier 2 reporting that is due
 - Have received 3,600 submissions online (approximately 82% complete)
 - SERC sponsored training: HazMat Workshop at the HAMMER Training Center in April and the LEPC/Tribal Conference in Chelan in May
 - Working on the Strategic Plan and will have a date set by the next SERC Meeting
 - Recommend that somewhere on the MIL/EMD website we have a repository of information for action items, best practices, and links to other agencies so that we can establish communications and build systematic approach to how we're doing business
4. Seismic Safety *Dave Norman*
 - Submitted material for inclusion in the EMC's report to the governor
 - Senate Bill 5088 that relates to modifying the geological hazards assessment (including LIDAR and mapping)
 - DNR decision package for funds and LIDAR acquisition
5. Senior Advisory Committee *Ziggy Dahl (not present)*

- Discussed recommendations on EMC membership during work session
- 6. Intrastate Mutual Aid *Director Ezelle*
 - Met last month to consider input received from the community regarding the previous draft
 - There is a new version that was sent out this morning to the locals for comment
- 7. Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee *John Himmel*
 - No report

EMC Action Requests

1. Sustainable Funding *Dave DeHaan*
 - Included in the governor's report
2. Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures *Director Ezelle*
 - Discussed earlier
3. Objectives of Homeland Security Regional Concept *Director Ezelle*
 - There is support within the EMAG for the regional concept and discussions are still underway
 - How can we best leverage the capabilities that already exist?

Good of the Order

- 2015 EMC Goals:
 - Membership requirements of the SAC
 - Statewide emergency management effort for interdisciplinary groups to be represented at the EMC
 - Complete current annual report and begin working on the next report by September
 - Be proactive to come up with a work plan for next year
 - Look at emerging issues to build into them into the EMC work plan
- Instead of creating new systems and workgroups we need to leverage what is already out there to reduce duplication of effort across the state
- "Emergency Management Day at the Capitol" set for Tuesday, March 24. Purpose is to connect emergency managers to their lawmakers to share pressing issues that confront agencies and individuals across the state of Washington

Closing Remarks

General Daugherty, Director Ezelle

- HLS Advisors meeting topics included the Washington model on Cybersecurity – there will be information presented at the next EMC meeting
- OneHealth: How we handle the intersection of human diseases, animal diseases, and the environment – there will be an update presented at the next EMC meeting
- Grant reform at DHS (will not affect EMPG)
- DHS is taking a look at standardizing NIMS
- Military Department/EMD compressed work week schedule: Tuesday through Friday with core business hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm. Military buildings across the state will be closed on Mondays to conserve overhead costs

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.