

Emergency Management Council Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2015 – 0900-1200

Bldg. 91, Camp Murray

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

Dave DeHaan, EMC Chair

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the July meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried. No discussion. The meeting minutes are approved.

Opening Comments

General Daugherty

- Good to see everybody. We had a busy fire season with 1500 guardsmen mobilized.
- I recently attended a meeting in WY to talk about next fire season with other western state TAGs. With the El Nino weather pattern, it looks like we will have another active fire season next year.
- Attended a great Flood Tabletop Exercise last month that brought together cabinet officials to discuss policy issues. This helps prepare our state agency partners for the coming winter weather season.
- I recently reviewed the OR Cascadia Playbook, which has good things. Critique: Pretty low on details, contains very high-level information. We can take best practices from it.
- Resilient Washington is back in focus now that fire season is behind us.
- The Governor directed a more complete review of the fire season and to focus on recovery. The working group will be chaired by Commissioner Goldmark and I will co-chair. That initial meeting is coming up on 17 Nov.

EMD Remarks

Director Ezelle

- Fires kept us extremely engaged throughout the summer. Opportunity for different and innovative things. Truly catastrophic fire for number of tribes, communities, and counties. Scope of the problem exceeded many local jurisdiction's capability. John Pennington's idea of Emergency Management Assistance Team, to help other locals was piloted successfully. We used WAMAS to make it happen. The issue of outreach to Limited English Proficient (LEP) communities issue came up multiple times. A lot of work between governor office and the impacted counties to make sure we got messaging translated to people who do not speak English. Lots of work still to be done.
- Cascadia Rising, steady stream of planning meetings, seminars coming together. Counties working together marching forward to hands-on deck to this major exercise.
- Fires AAR for the SEOC conference on Nov 6. Try to identify low-hanging action items to tackle between now and next fire season.
- We received 2 major disaster declarations (wildfires and windstorm). Our staff and the FCO were able to expand the wind disaster to include 3 additional counties. They are now under the umbrella under that disaster. Neither disaster included Individual Assistance (IA) declarations.
- Our Congressional delegation is interested to propose something measurable for IA – no real set criteria, no thresholds and we should have transparency. We will be partnering with other states to get changes proposed.

- Within EMD we've had personnel changes. Peter Antolin has moved over to Deputy Director for Liquor & Cannabis Board. Matt Modarelli has become Department Chief Information Officer. We will continue to use him for his knowledge and expertise in Cyber Security.
- Fire Recovery and Resilient Washington Sub-Cabinet, General Daugherty will co-chair.

Dick Walter: Thanks to Matthew with his help with annual retreat. He set up a panel on cybersecurity, helped moderate the discussion and it was a successful event.

FEMA Remarks

Administrator Murphy

Not present.

English Proficiency Discussion

John Ufford

Concerns on counties outreach to their limited English community and how translation is provided. A lot of time spent working this issue.

Issues boiled down to partially funded entity being responsible to no discrimination and provide English access. If evacuation are initiated, we need to provide in other languages.

Resources always a problem east of the mountains where migrant workers are significant in numbers. Communications did not reach all communities, particularly the high risk communities. This issue needs to be addressed and handled. During the fires, volunteers helped with communication outreach. The outreach should start and happen at the local level as the locals are aware of the demographics in their area whereas the state may not have that knowledge. EMD will have a recommendation soon but others should be aware of this issue.

What happens if fire goes through and no IA? Suggestion that statewide EMS, county, state, tribal to identify special groups (language, cultural needs) and best practices to allow communication with them. This knowledge should be shared and accessible to everybody else and go forward without duplication efforts.

John Ufford - Feedback mechanism was to provide accurate information. There is an awareness piece that needs to be distributed through EM channels state-wide. Make people aware of the issue to look pre-incident to language requirements before by leveraging templates to provide messaging. A lot of people that we could utilize to work this through a volunteer prospect; it's important to have people engaged through the process to gain community trust. Lots of work to be done to improve the level of acceptability

Regarding WAC 118-09 review process, we have fundamental principles that all agreed on - that every Washingtonian has access to emergency services, including non-English speaking.

Washington State Independent Living Council

Emilio Vela, Executive Director for WASILC

- Good discussions going on so far. I am deeply honored and grateful to be here today.
- People with disabilities want the same access to what others have access to. ADA displays have pictures of the person in a wheel chair crawling up the stairway in Washington DC, which progressed disability movement - established by federal law by reenact of 1753. Fund centers for independent living that provide services (social model) to people who have disability.

- Mission: people with all disabilities in WA State live independently and participate fully in their community.
- Next meeting January 8 and 9 in Olympia. WASILC has a 15 council members (9 of them voting members). Over 50% of their council are people on disability. Would like an Emergency Management rep on the council, perhaps put on next agenda.
- The reason we brought staff on board is to have inclusive emergency planning and partnering with disability entities. Coalition vision: partnership that work for a more effective quality planning and response. We need to establish trust and a relationship with the community (including undocumented).
- Statement made that many folks in WA State who are disabled do not receive services through DSHS. How are they reached? For groups that who choose not to use SILC, create awareness public marketing plan through use of social media. Working on writing a grant proposal to partner with other 5 groups not in this group.
- Seattle has the largest blind/deaf community in the nation. How do we become inclusive to bring these entities to work with us?
 - Creating a repository of promising practices. During the fire season, all I heard from emergency responders, “I just want to know who to call for blind/deaf individuals.”
 - Population Networks – support group that connects them
 - Connections to experts in all disability communities
- WASILC Inclusive Emergency Planning Steering Committee

William Whealan would like to connect with Emilio. Speaking of emergency responders, have you heard of “community paramedicine”? Stated partnership was made with Kent Fire using a database created to track the number of times the fire department responded to a particular address. A big movement within the US to get trained on how to better help them.

Robert Ezelle: Regarding both of the issues (language and disabilities), we have the SERC, Seismic Safety and Intrastate Mutual Aid, and this group (Senior Advisory Council) which ties Emergency Management together across the state. Recommend creating another subcommittee with inclusive planning (to ensure groups of Hispanic affairs, etc.) are involved in inclusive planning as part of EMC. We need to identify somebody who is willing to lead this with time and commitment and to champion this. Suggest get a chair appointed within EMC to oversee the subcommittee and outreach to communities to build coalition to get this done. When group is identified, get best practices and not reinvent the wheel. Rather than motion on this, Robert will partner with some folks and do some work and come back give a proposal at next meeting. Dave DeHaan challenged the council to consider whoever the rest of us don’t know of that could be helpful. Share those names with Robert Ezelle between now and next meeting in January.

State Preparedness Report

Jennifer Schaal

- Has been requirement of 50 states in 6 territories. Originally required in homeland security. 5 mission areas. In WA State, they have their views, snapshot of SAL and designee for each core capabilities.
- Based on threats and hazards of maximum concern to WA State, then set a capability assessment.
- Heat map reference sheets distributed. These handouts give more details on each capability.
- Summary of 2015 Process - no changes from 2014 THIRA, no FEMA changes.
- All state agencies are invited to participate.
- 2015 Capabilities assessment results - state participants (12 state agencies)
- Cyber Security was rated and bumped up from 2 to 3.

- Recover Core Capabilities – Dick Walter - Can you guess why there is 2 ratings across the board? Weak across the state, requires coalition building between private industry and government. The need for greater engagement, not a lot of state programs to step in and provide services. Business community becoming engaged and doing outreach. Look across the state at recovery planning, it is an area of needed improvement. Keeps getting delayed, not that it isn't a priority.
- POETE Levels – new slide shows averages
- Recommendations: Questions answered for FEMA. Continue to make changes to 2015 report.
- SPR 2015 Next Steps:
 - Nov 18 – SPR Final presentation to TAG/ATAG, EMD Director, Unit Managers
 - Nov 19 – Executive Summary package prepared for TAG
 - Nov 24 – SPR package to Governor's Office for approval to submit
 - Dec 11 – Submission to FEMA
- State Preparedness Assessment Program: displays the big picture.
- National Preparedness Goal: draft was out earlier this year. Comment period. Changes to core capabilities (renamed one) and one new one (fire suppression and management) and to complete THIRA steps early next year.

Ron: Good report at statewide level, however it doesn't reflect business on the ground. There are big difference in regions. The gap is being worked but better data will be needed.

John to Ron, if you could advocate through regional coordinators so we can gather greater data and data fidelity from communities from across the state. Please advocate through constituents.

DOH Updates

Ron Weaver/Erika Henry

- Continuing on new efforts around health efforts. Focus on gathering and sharing essential elements of information – if widespread shortage of pharmaceutical, this could indicate a need of state or federal resources.
- Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (DMAC) – representing a variety of fields across the State of WA. Looking at expanding membership across the state
- Intrastate Healthcare System Coordination – gaps between regions. Who connects the dots? This team will close that gap. Right kind of care in the right amount of time to the right amount of people.
- State Disaster Medical Coordination Center (DMCC) –capability of clinical match for folks who need the right kind of care
- Ebola Response in FEMA Region X – Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane
- Crisis standard of care – Resource allocation. Documentation of the process is critical. Community engagement and buy in is the key for this.
- William Whealan – would like to work with Erika. 20 car accident with 2 fatalities with the DMCC and the process could use some work.
- 6 medical examiners -1 examiner for 215,000 population
- Going forward with a state wide survey going to funeral homes, coroner, and private sectors to get data on fatality management issues during a catastrophic event and out to the community. Dave DeHaan suggested involvement in law enforcement and PIO's. Will keep folks updated on this one.
- Update medical reserve – post-911, lots of emphasis on federal level to formalize these groups. 18 out of 39 on the west side. Over 3,000 registered volunteers. Managed out of DOH. Minimal capabilities in eastern WA area with little or no money for training. How do we manage volunteers?

Looking at THIRA, where do we have threats? Have resources but no MRC, they don't have a formalized structure.

EMC Report to the Governor

Dave DeHaan

- Frustration of getting a letter out. Afraid that the time the draft gets out, it'll be behind the times.
- Policy recommendations
- 2 major recommendations and a couple of others in SR530 report.
- Establishing 2 new committees – all hazard statewide system and sustainable funding.
Input? Recommendation made to take the 2 recommendation items out and add them as an attachment or a footnote. Sustain funding should also be added.
- Due January 15th. Will get one Final Draft out before he sends out for a vote.
- Would like an update from all chairs with the next week. Disseminate dates/times to others who want to join upcoming meetings.

Robert Ezelle – thank you Dave for your effort and hard work.

Committee – Task Force Reports

1. EMC Executive Committee – none
2. Emergency Management Advisory Group
 - a. Work sporadically continues due to fire. EM assistance team.
3. State Emergency Response Commission
 - a. Working on initiatives to update its Strategic Plan.
 - b. An appointed workgroup appointed to update WAC-118-40, which defines membership and agency responsibilities. First meeting January 14, 2016. The workgroup will include reps from each of the state agencies. LEPC Coordinator: Dan Banks
 - c. In accordance with the statute, Ecology receives/maintains chemical inventory reports submitted to SERC annually by businesses that store hazardous materials. In response to a request from the SERC to make this data readily available to first responders, Ecology staff developed a mobile app called WA EPCRA for both Android and iPhone users. The pilot version of the app was used during the Sleepy Hollow fires in Wenatchee last June and the wild fires this past summer. Since its release, 300 firefighters, emergency managers and law enforcement officers have requested the Access Code and installed data on their smart phones. It is the first mobile app developed by Ecology and is the first app with this information in the country. Four other states have contacted Ecology for information on development of the app. For more information, contact Sadie Whitener, the App Administrator. App features include: Easy download by LEPC, a mapping feature for quick directions to a facility, rapid calling access to facility emergency contacts, quantities and physical/health hazards for Hazardous Materials reported.
 - d. Ask Rain application has a tight rein on it but works very well.
 - e. US Government Accountability Office asked NASTTPO to gather preparedness information from states that are affected by increased rain transportation of Bakken crude oil. The SERC responded to this request with information from five LEPCs representing six counties on the current route. Responses included recommendations for establishment of Regional mobile response teams and federal grant funding to better prepare for incidents. Information will be included in the national picture without specifically identifying the jurisdictions.

- f. SERC planning committee working on the 2016 Hazardous Materials Workshop, April 1-3 which is training provided to first responders at the HAMMER Facility in Richland and the 2016 LEPC Tribal Conference May 17-19 at Lake Chelan.
4. Seismic Safety – next meeting 12/11 hosted by EMD. Sub cabinet meeting and Resilient WA.
 - a. Funding for land slide
 - b. Applied for a grant, proposing leg session and additional for 3 additional FTE.
5. Senior Advisory Committee
 - a. Suggestion on how this group should grow with membership to meet ASSE requirement.
6. Intrastate Mutual Aid
 - a. Got used pretty heavily during fire season
 - b. Disconnect on how to request future aid
 - c. Issue of brokerage on table. Big lesson can't expect emergency management to find help. Go forward with putting that in the deployment guide and put plans and procedures in place. Implementation ideas to run by Ezelle with that concept that should smooth that out. Task PAL to give state wide tour to deliver WAMAS training to each area of the state within the next year. Eastern side first before fire season. Maybe include fire mobe at the same time. It is an issue on what fire mobe is. Chuck LeBlanc is POC for that. There are a few select fire departments that have experience with this.
7. Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee
 - a. Dan and Kathryn Howard are working with John Himmel to best define what that committee should be doing moving forward and idea is protection or infrastructure resilience? Discussion will continue into first quarter next year to define and come back into EMC with recommendation moving forward or dissolution. March-May time frame.

EMC Action Requests

- Skipped due to time infringement.

2016 Meeting Dates

Motion made to accept 2016 EMC meeting dates. Approved.

Good of the Order

- Wanda to send out digital copies of today's presentations.
- When leaving, use caution. Camp Murray currently on lockdown.

Closing Remarks

General Daugherty, Director Ezelle

- Thank you all for your hard work and keep supporting Dave.
- William Whealan thanked EMD Director for attending Time of Remembrance.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.