

Emergency Management Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

Jim Hall, EMC Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 1:05.
- December minutes were approved with one correction noted.
- Introductions around the room for the group.

Opening Comments

General Turner

- Colonel Weaver's retirement was announced, so we will see more of General Turner at the EMC Meetings.

EMD Remarks

Director Ezelle

- Busy month with Repatriation Planning.
- Partnering with DSHS right now to move forward with the Governor.
- WAC118-09 and coming to the end of this. We've already had our two public hearings and we are working through all of the comments we've received. The CR103 will complete the process, but if we change the WAC dramatically then we have to do open hearings again.
- We've done some COOP Planning and have put in a project for Cyber Planning; the Cyber Planning has not been approved yet. Had a survey to gain input of what went well and what didn't.
- February 5th we will have an after action meeting to discuss exactly what went well and what didn't.
- John Ufford has been reaching out to stakeholders for information on continuity of emergency planning.
- March 9th is the next quarterly exercise. We are reaching out to our stakeholders and the general public to participate in this exercise.

FEMA Remarks

Ken Murphy

- We have been assessing all of our programs, networks etc...
- Team coming in the week of January 13 – 17 to review our processes.
- This is the first year since 2009 that we actually have a budget.
- Next month we will be working on some planning with EMD and the Subduction zone.

Cyber Security Vulnerabilities from Windows XP end of life

Michael Hamilton OFM

Send slides out to EMC members.

OCIO – (See slides)

Committee – Reports

1. Emergency Management Advisory Group *Director Ezelle*
 - We have not met since our last meeting, but we are going to meet soon so we can figure out how we are going to cover the smaller jurisdictions.

2. EMC Working Group *Bill Gillespie/Jim Hall*
 - The group is working to reorganize the EMC. There are 7 people in this group and we are trying to clarify a few things.

3. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) *Bill Whealan/Mike Harris*
 - *Did not attend*

4. Seismic Safety *Dave Norman/Robert Ezelle*
 - We met in mid December and did some work on a more resilient Washington State. We are trying to get all of the information together, and hope to vet this in March.

5. Senior Advisory Committee *Ziggy Dahl*
 - Spoke earlier in the Study Group session.

6. Intrastate Mutual Aid *TBD*
 - We are looking at the paperwork Barb Graff put together, and we will go through this.

EMC Action Requests (Action request)

Jim Hall

1. Regional Coordinators
 - They are working to define what the ports are trying to put together.

Motion: Bill Gillespie, I move that we move the Regional Coordinators in the EMC structure somewhere.

Seconded: This motion was seconded.

 - **Jim Hall:** Before we vote on this, I would like to table it and bring it up at the next meeting. The regional coordinators are either working for EM's, or are the EM's. I would like to see us get a mission statement about what are you going to do if you become a sub-committee of the EMC.

Motion: Ron Averill moved to table the discussion

 - **Bill Gillespie:** I disagree with Jim and I think this is a critical link to emergency management. They are dealing with hundreds of contacts, and we need to be able to link to them and look at their capabilities.
 - **Charma Anderson:** From what I recall from the last meeting, I thought we discussed the possibility of moving them into the EMC structure somewhere.
 - **Jim Hall:** I don't disagree with having the regional coordinators having a place with EMC. But, I want to hear from their supervisors. I'm not saying this shouldn't happen, but I want a little more information.
 - **Ron Weaver:** Finding the right construct is the problem; along with how do we want to use them.
 - **Robert Ezelle:** How can we leverage them?
 - **Darrell Ruby:** We are more interested in furthering the progress of EMC. We like the work that we do and we want to continue. There are regions that don't have coordinators and we would like to be able to cover that.

- **Jim Hall:** I've always said you have a place here, and I just want to validate that. I want to know what you do, so we know what's going on before we vote on this.
- **Denise Mack:** We are here and we are a resource.
- **Dick Walters:** What value are you going to bring to the EMC? What are you going to do?

Seconded: The motion to table this discussion was seconded.

- **Bill Gillespie** did not approve.
- We need to work with our emergency managers to help get our charter done.

2. Sustainable Funding

- **Jim Hall:** During the Study Group Session we talked about what we can do, and how would we get funding for emergency preparedness. As we were mining for information the group decided that we needed to study what the problems are, so that we know what to ask for. I'm going to try and take a stab at it and hopefully we can get more people on board to help. If we do a study, we need to come up with a work plan, and the advisory group may help us with this.
- **Jim Hall:** The next problem is funding. How would we fund the study? Money is going to be hard to come by, and we need a good work plan. We decided to keep the same group, but if anyone wants to join they can let us know so we can add them to the emails.
- **Bill Gillespie:** Are we getting into areas that could get us into trouble? I would like Robert to look into what we can do.
- **Ron Weaver:** We have to keep in mind there are sensitivities of what locals can do, what the state can do and what the feds can do.

3. Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures

- **Jim Hall:** *We have an action request from Barb Graff, which needs to be sent out.* (Jim summarized request.) Who is in the Intrastate Mutual Aid Group?
- **Robert Ezelle:** Some of the names we captured for this group are; Cheryl Bledsoe, Sean Davis and Tom Hill along with myself.
- **Jim Hall:** The five people on this board needs to be assigned by the Chair. One appointment is mandated and that is Robert Ezelle as the Director of EMD.
- **The WAMAS group consists of Sean Davis, Tom Hill, Amy Okerlander, Bill Gillespie and Robert Ezelle.**
- **Charma Anderson:** I know when they were organizing this group it was decided that they need adequate representation for everyone.
- **Arel Solie:** Barb Graff also brought up the issue that we have all these tools and no one knows how to use them. We need to come up with a plan to decide how this is going to work.
- **Robert Ezelle:** I think you hit this on the head; we will get with Planning and Exercise. Our group of 5 will develop a charter, and then ask experts on how we move this forward.

Motion: With the consensus of the EMC, accept these four names. (Sean Davis, Bill Gillespie, Tom Hill and Amy Okerlander)

Second: Ron Averill

This was approved by a unanimous vote.

EMC Report to the Governor

Jim Hall

No report at this time.

Recovery Planning

Sheryl Jardine

Send out slides to EMC members.

Washington Coalition of Recovery Planners

- WACorps is an informal organization of professionals involved in all-hazards disaster recovery planning within the State of Washington.
- Goals of the organization are:
 - Provide a forum for peer-to-peer support and promote the sharing of information and resources related to recovery planning
 - Increase awareness of the importance of recovery planning among policy makers

Participants

- City of Bellevue, City of Everett, City of Seattle City of Tacoma, Clark County, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Douglas County, King County, Mason County, Pierce County, Thurston County, Snohomish County, Spokane County, University of Washington-Sea Grants, Washington State University, Western Washington University and WA State EMD.

Activating Washington Restoration Framework (WRO)

- Activated by the Governor through Executive Order
- Primarily for catastrophic-level incidents
 - Individual elements activated for smaller scale disasters by Governor
- Members appointed by the Governor to:
 - Guide development of statewide recovery
 - Coordinate restoration efforts
 - Develop and prioritize recommendations for Governor and Legislative Action

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Update

Ziggy Dahl

- No report for today's meeting.

EMC Membership

Jim Hall

- See the report from the study group session

Round Table

EMC Members

- *No round table today.*

Good of the Order

Jim Hall

- Dave DeHaan has an alternate for the EMC.
- Ken Parrish retirement is planned for January 24.
- Pierce College just received money to put together a Bachelor's Degree Program in Emergency Management.

- Websites – Want to see more of the materials that we use in the meetings on the EMC website. I think we need to have a separate website and make sure it is up front. This way we don't have to search for the information and we don't need to have paper copies any more.

Closing Remarks

General Daugherty, Director Ezelle, Jim Hall

- We will remain in building 91 or 92 until we can find better accommodations.

Adjourn

Future Meetings:

2014

January 9, 2014

March 6, 2014

May 1, 2014

July 10, 2014

September 4, 2014

November 5, 2014

2015

January 8, 2015 Moved one week for Holiday

March 5, 2015

May 7, 2015

July 9, 2015 Moved one week for Holiday

September 3, 2015

November 5, 2015