

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Thursday, November 6, 2014 – 0900-1200
Bldg 91, Camp Murray, WA

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

Jim Hall, EMC Chair

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Motion: Approved the September meeting minutes. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Opening Comments

General Turner

- Busy season preparing for Ebola outbreaks
- Entering the flood season and ending the fire season

EMD Remarks

Robert Ezelle

- Recovery work continuing on the fires and landslide
- JFO for the fires has closed
- AAR process is winding down for the SR530 landslide and is starting for the fires
- Last event for the slide was an executive level meeting surrounding the funding and resourcing
- John Ufford and his team have been partnering with Ecology on the Oil Train Study
- Cascadia Rising is moving forward with FEMA and national level players
- Need an alternate EOC on the east side of the state
- Local Government fiscal note needs to have a very clear nexus with the bill. What are the implications of the bill on local emergency management?

FEMA Remarks

Ken Murphy

- The last Ebola scare was in Portland, OR
- The Pacific Ocean has had more hurricanes and typhoons than the Atlantic this past year
 - Alaska has a category 4 hurricane heading their way
- FEMA is ramping up for flooding
- Second COOP site is in Moses Lake, WA
- National Tribal Response plan for the nation is scheduled to begin next month

Update SR 530 Commission

Robert Ezelle

- Two commissioners present (JoAnn Boggs and Lee Shipman)
- Issues:
 - How Emergency Management is organized within the state
 - Command and control
 - Fatality management
 - Volunteer organizations and management
- 12 person commission to look at how to better prepare the state and public for emergencies

- Report needs to be finalized and submitted to the governor on December 15th
- Sustainable funding is also on the list
- Technical operation was a success even though the event was a tragedy. Humanity is a big part of the commission's report as well

WDOH Briefing - Ebola

Michael Loehr

- Globally, there are over 13,000 cases and over 5,000 deaths
- There is no treatment or cure
- Difficult to catch (have to come in contact with bodily fluid)
- There are 4 cases in the US and only 1 death
- DOH has been activated in Incident Command since early October and will remain under activation through the length of the outbreak (probably through Christmas)
- There is federal engagement every day and the monitoring strategy is going straight to the president's desk
- Focus is to have the capability to test, treat, and care for a patient while keeping first responders safe
- Four objectives
 - Monitoring and conveying accurate information to the public
 - 24/7 hotline
 - Safe transportation to a hospital for initial care
 - Provide ongoing care for the patient throughout their illness
- The Washington lab is one of 13 in the country that is equipped to test for Ebola
- Healthcare Readiness – only 4 hospitals in the country that are prepared to provide care for Ebola patients
- WA is identifying 7 healthcare facilities to provide care for patients (40 staff per day for 1 patient)
- The DOH website is being updated daily

State Preparedness Report

John Ufford

- Capabilities assessment and process a requirement of the Federal Government for disaster assistance and grant funding
- Capability targets are based on a scenario and require state-wide engagement
- Core Capabilities: Planning, Public Information and Warning, and Operational Coordination
- Prioritize Core Capabilities – High, Medium, and Low
- Began the assessment period earlier this year for stakeholders to gather information, engage, and report
- 2 primary stakeholder groups: Counties and cities
- The dashboard doesn't show the progress that the gap descriptions present
- Prevent and Protect has some categories that were downgraded based on the better understanding and recognition of the problems that we face
- Methodology for the Unified Reporting Tool
- Recommendations:
 - Finalize improvements in the WA State domestic security infrastructure
 - Continue to empower state agency Core Capability leaders to conduct preparedness activities that will resolve gaps in priority capabilities

- Support the efforts of the Preparedness System Work Group and incorporate their results into the assessment process
- Stand up and hold quarterly meetings of the State Recovery Task Force to engage all state agencies with a Recovery mission area mandate
 - The recommendations are not permanently a part of the SPR. The recommendations will be provided to FEMA as an informational attachment

EMC Report to the Governor

Dave DeHaan

- The EMC hasn't submitted a report in a number of years and we want to submit one for 2014
- Looking for a template to compile the information
- Set some expectations (on a specific timeline)
 - Have all of the subcommittees submit a comment sheet (maximum of 1 page) on their subcommittee by the January meeting
- Have the draft completed and finalized in the March meeting to send to the governor in the second quarter of 2015

Nominations for EMC Chair:

- Dick Walter nominated Dave DeHaan, Ron Averill seconded the nomination
- Elections and nominations will happen in January

Motion: Jim Hall moved to close the nominations. JoAnn Boggs seconded. The nominations were closed.

Committee – Task Force Reports

1. EMC Executive Committee (Informal): *Jim Hall*
 - Look at agenda and materials
 - Committee meeting right after this EMC meeting
2. EMAG *Robert Ezelle*
 - The group met prior to the September EMC meeting and will meet again this afternoon
 - Nothing to report on specific accomplishments
 - Will be working on the path forward for new membership from the interim group to the permanent EMAG
 - Looking at EMPG funding, Oil Train issue, items identified in the work plan, and the regional concept
3. SERC *Bill Whealan*
 - Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study
 - HazMat response in Spokane (18hrs altogether)
 - All HazMat resources are typically with fire departments so Spokane submitted a Fire Mobe request that was forwarded to WSP, but the request was turned down because it didn't fit the definition of a true "fire"
 - Idaho stepped up to respond
 - We need to have an all-hazard all-discipline statewide mobilization
 - Resource ordering and credentialing
 - Will submit an Action Request Worksheet so it will stay on the agenda
4. Seismic Safety *Dave Norman*
 - Involved with Resilient Washington.
 - Need an implementation plan
 - Oregon has completed a resiliency plan and is now implementing

- Gave a presentation to the SR 530 committee
 - Submitted a decision package that helps bolster the number of geologists in the state and procure a hi-def LIDAR
 - Flooding is a continuum
 - Teamed with USGS to identify debris flow maps
 - Put out rain gauges in places that were intensely burned
5. S.A.C. *Ziggy Dahl*
- Ad hoc committee is moving towards fruition
 - Pursuant to last September's EMC meeting, and in response to the ad hoc SAC briefing, we have scheduled:
 - A Joint EMC Executive Committee and SAC Committee meeting for December 10, 2014 to discuss EMC charter revisions. The meeting will be at Camp Murray, EMD, 2nd floor, Policy Room
6. Intrastate Mutual Aid (WAMAS) *Robert Ezelle*
- Will be meeting next week to hammer out the necessary modifications to the procedures
7. Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee:
- No report

EMC Action Requests

1. Sustainable Funding:
 - WSEMA effort led by JoAnn Boggs
 - Legislative committee has given recommendations that are moving forward
 - JoAnn will try to bring the report and present it at the January meeting
2. Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures: Will be discussed at the January meeting
3. Objectives of HLS Regional Concept: Will be looked at by the EMAG

Good of the Order

- Redefine all-hazards mobilization.
 - There is support from first-responders
 - Fire mobilization works for *fire*, but it can't answer to everything
 - Fire should be a component of state-wide mobilization
- Define how all-hazard mobilization is different from WAMAS
 - WAMAS does not provide the expansion of funding, only the expansion of resources
- We shouldn't let funding get in the way of system development

Next meeting agenda item: Cyber Security

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.