

# Washington State



## Emergency Management Council

Washington Emergency Management Division  
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June 14, 2013

Dear Members of the Committee on Homeland Security,

In December 1999, Governor Gary Locke designated the Washington Military Department (WMD) as the lead agency for the Committee on Terrorism (COT) and the initial meeting of the COT took place on January 21, 2000. Since that time the COT changed to the Committee on Homeland Security (CHS) and has served as a vetting group for federal grant funds streaming into the State of Washington through the WMD. The CHS played a critical role in determining the grant allocations apportioned to local jurisdictions as well as serving in many other capacities. The role of the CHS evolved into more of a strategic focus after a CHS study workgroup in 2012 assessed the needs of the WMD.

The CHS study workgroup also recommended the Emergency Management Council (EMC) evaluate how the CHS could serve into the future. The EMC met on April 11, 2013 and it was determined that the CHS would be suspended, however not dissolved. Suspending the CHS allows it to become reinstated without needing an approval process should new needs arise. Both the Equipment Subcommittee and the Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee will report directly to the EMC.

The EMC thanks all the CHS members, past and present, who devoted their time and expertise to make the citizens of the State of Washington more secure these past thirteen years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hall".

Jim Hall, Chair  
Emergency Management Council

cc: MG Bret Daugherty, The Adjutant General  
Robert Ezelle, EMD Director  
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Charma Anderson, HLS Section Supervisor

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