

WASHINGTON MUTUAL AID SYSTEM – WAMAS

Minutes

21 Dec 2016 / 1300 – 1500

- Attendees – On site:
 - Robert Ezelle, Dan Banks, Mark Douglas, Mark Woodward, and Kim Mask
- Attendees – Phone
 - Bill Gillespie and Amy Ockerlander

- Welcome and Introductions Robert Ezelle / All
 - Robert started the meeting by thanking everyone.
 - Those present waited a few minutes for others to join by phone. Robert started the discussion approximately 1320.

- Discuss path forward to develop Regional POCs Mark Douglas
 - Mark explained how the lessons learned were adopted into the Deployment Guide.
 - Within separated regions/counties, would need volunteers as coordinators. It is still needing to be determined who would be considered a volunteer.
 - Mark provided slides outlining the three different options for WAMAS Regions
 - Option #1 and #2 could use WAMAS members as the coordinator.
 - Under this option, it was recommended by Dan Banks to move Walla Walla County into the same region as Franklin and Benton due to the partnering already taking place.
 - Amy liked the concept of having the local coordinators being the POC.
 - Option #3 would be staffed by currently unknown local emergency managers.
 - Bill made a motion to move forward with Option #1 with the WAMAS Sub Committee members assuming the role of Regional Coordinators (1 for each region) and moving Walla Walla into the region which includes Benton and Franklin counties. This motion was seconded by Amy and Robert stopped short of establishing a quorum without the other sub-committee members having a vote as it directly impacts them.
 - Mark will set a date in January to move forward for approval by all WAMAS Sub Committee members prior to a final vote.
 - WAMAS members should look for a conference call invite to vote the regional point of contacts into the deployment and operations guide.

- Review the WAMAS Subcommittee Charter Mark Douglas
 - The charter is on its fourth revision. Bill motioned to move forward to EMC for final approval. Amy seconded the motion. The Charter will be presented to the EMC during the March meeting.

- Discuss membership Dan Banks
 - Doug Powell is no longer a member of the EMC. Dan will reach out to the WABO (Washington Association of Building Officials) for current member and recommendation to this committee.
- Discuss continuing training efforts Dan Banks
 - Mark Douglas and Mark Woodward have been working hard to get the training to everyone that needs it. There are still some large blocks of counties that need the training.
 - Robert will discuss this with Region 1, 4, and 9 at their next Local Regional meetings.
- Discuss a possible update to legislation that may increase a local jurisdiction's available resources Mark Douglas
 - Robert commented to why Fire Districts and Special Purpose Districts were removed to begin with. He would like to bring it back for further discussion after a little more clarification.
 - May need to review the law and why it was written this way to begin with. Will continue to research and leave it on the agenda.
- Discuss CY 2017 meeting schedule / Closing comments Robert Ezelle
 - The committee was in favor of meeting quarterly (2nd month of each quarter) and have it set up for the year.
 - EMD will send out the new schedule.
 - It was noted that the Colville Confederated Tribes presented a Resolution requesting to join WAMAS at the December EMAG meeting.