Travel Costs Reimbursed: $4,621.62
HAZWOPER Course, Toppenish, WA
September 30 – October 4, 2019

Represented agencies were Yakama Nation (11), Department of the Army (2), WSDOT (2), Tacoma Community College (2), Skagit County (5), the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, OR (2), and Federal Waste Management (1)
Represented agencies were Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (44), Kalispel Tribe (3), Quinault Indian Nation (2), Sunnyside Fire Department (1), USDHS Office of Chemical Safety (1), and Washington Military Department (1).
Travel Costs Reimbursed: $3,713.10
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) was able to send 12 First Responders from across the state to the 30th Annual Continuing Challenge Workshop in Sacramento, CA. Attendees were chosen by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) in each of the nine Homeland Security Regions with the exception of Region 9, which sent two due to having more than twice as many counties in their region. The remaining two were selected by a lottery/blind draw process.

Chosen attendees were representatives from Bellingham Fire Department, Makah Tribe, South Beach Regional Fire Authority in Grays Harbor, Vancouver Fire Department, Tacoma Fire Department, Puget Sound Fire, in the South King County Area, Woodinville Fire Department and King County HazMat Team, Moses Lake Fire Department, Yakama Nation, Kalispel Tribe, and South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue. Comments shared about the training were:

- “… learned some things to take back that I can use. I hope to maybe our team can send a few to it next year.” ~Dave Sturbelle, City of Vancouver Fire
- “Thank you for the opportunity… I had a great time, learned new information, and met some great people.” ~ Rich Rock, Puget Sound Fire
- “It was a good conference.” ~Chuck Henkel, Bellingham Fire Department
- “It was a great conference” ~Derrick Murrell, Tacoma Fire Department

The total cost of to send representatives to the Continuing Challenge Conference came to $16,120.68