

SECC Meeting

July 10, 2018

Present:

Terry Spring-KWPX TV

Sandi Duffey-Grant Co. EM

Chris Utzinger-WA MIL EMD

Ted Buehner-Vice Chair

Monte Simpson-WA EMD SRO

Clay Freinwald-CFTS

Tony Clark-WA MIL EMD

Jon Kasprick-SBE

Sarah Carlson-Pierce County EM

Sara Ferguson-PC EM Intern

Phone:

Phil Johnson-Central Puget Sound LECC

Keith Shipman-WSAB

Arthur Willitts-KWDK TV

Simone Ramel-McKay-Greater Spokane EM

Charlie Osgood-Alpha Media

Maurice Goodall-Okanogan County

Caleb Pearl-KWPX TV

Jill-Lewis County

John Price-Mason/Thurston LECC

Clay called the meeting to order and introductions were made. A Skype connection was set up so documents from the meeting could be viewed. We plan on continuing this feature in the future. The address

31 is on the agenda and should be the same for each meeting. The
32 previous minutes were approved. There were no requests to add items
33 to the agenda.

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35 The Public Alert and Warning Workshop on June 5 had 15 participants.
36 They were from the different stakeholders. Different warning systems
37 were explored, both current and looking to the future. The consensus
38 was to continue. There will be a survey which will be shared.

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40 The WSEMA (Washington State Emergency Management Association)
41 Conference will be held near Spokane September 17-19. Ted will have
42 a presentation of changes at the SECC. Registration is now open. See
43 <http://www.wsema.com>.

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45 In Old Business, the structural changes to the SECC were discussed.
46 Possible stakeholders include the National Weather Service, state
47 Emergency Management, broadcast radio and TV, cable TV, wireless
48 carriers, Amateur radio, and the local areas. Standing committees
49 could include Training, technical, etc. Specific task committees could
50 include the EAS Plan revision. This could have a similar format to the
51 FCC response committee last year. Another could be the Bylaw Review
52 committee. One topic that needs to be addressed is leadership
53 succession. The SECC needs to be more structured and less informal.

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55 TAB 11, RMT Schedule and Procedures, has been updated and accepted
56 by the committee. These are mostly house-keeping changes.

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58 A meeting/event calendar was discussed. It does not currently exist.
59 Ted is making a Google calendar. It should be ready by the next
60 meeting.

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62 In new business, the Washington EAS binder is being revised. There has
63 to be a balance between FCC requirements and everything that is in,

64 and will be in, the state plan. The FCC is not interested in the
65 information that they do not require. A new binder will be created with
66 different sections. This will be in conjunction with the upcoming plan
67 revision. Chris suggested working on the FCC submission of the revised
68 EAS plan first. Possibly, it could be renamed the Public Alert Warning
69 Plan. It would include EAS plus other warnings. Work can begin on the
70 statewide alerting plan later when it is decided what all will be
71 involved. Ted suggested that first we need to know the deadline for
72 the FCC plan rewrite. Then a new committee can research what the
73 FCC expects. The committee should include emergency management,
74 broadcasters, and other stakeholders. Jon suggested that sensitive
75 data should be taken out of the state plan as it is a public document.

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77 The committee would be organized and start meeting in September. It
78 would start with a face-to-face meeting in September, and then
79 continue with conference calls thereafter. It was proposed that the
80 first meeting be after the next regular SECC meeting on September 11,
81 at 1 PM after a lunch break.

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83 The Washington Emergency Communications Coordination Working
84 Group (WECCWG) will next meet in Ellensburg on September 27. The
85 theme is Public Alert and Warning. They will be looking into live code
86 testing. There is a difference between doing it in a small county and a
87 major metro. Phil suggests care when making the decision. There is a
88 lot of sentiment against it. Also, should WEA be tested regularly like
89 the EAS RWT and RMT? See [https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-
90 management-division/washington-emergency-communications-
91 coordination-working-group](https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/washington-emergency-communications-coordination-working-group).

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93 Problems with the SRN audio levels have been reported from around
94 the state. Some places there are problems and some areas are OK.

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96 For monitoring assignments, TAB 10-A (Central Puget Sound) is almost
97 ready.

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99 In the Mason/Thurston local area, John Price was interviewed on local
100 radio about EAS and the LECC.

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102 At the National Weather Service, Reid Wolcott has taken Ted's old job.

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104 Remember to use the remailer. See

105 <http://sea.sbe16.org/mailman/listinfo/eas-wa> to subscribe.

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107 The next meeting will be on September 11 at 9:30 AM at Clover Park.

108 Directions will be on the remailer.