

# SECC Meeting

July 9, 2019

Attendees:

In Person....

Clay Freinwald – Chair

Ted Buehner – Vice-Chair

Terry Spring – KWPX TV

Sandi Duffey – Grant Co Emergency Management

Joshua Atkins – Pierce County DEM

Anthony Clark – Wash St Emergency Management

Jackson Buraczewski – Bates Student

Roland Robinson – Bates Technical College

Carri Gordon - WSP

On Phone.....

Keith Shipman – WSAB

Phil Johnson – Central Puget Sound LECC

Alex Brewster – ENTERCOM Seattle

Nick Karry – KGY Olympia

Dave Holloran – San Juan County

Ruth Brownstein – KAOS Olympia

Simone Ramal-McKay – Greater Spokane EM

Introductions were made and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

There has been a slight change in the URL for the state plan. See

<https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-alert-system-eas-state-plan>. Please re-bookmark.

This year's National EAS Test will be on August 7. The PEP system will be tested this time. Last year it was IPAWS that was tested. There are two new PEP's in Oregon. Reporting using the FCC's ETRS system is required. The deadline for form 1 has already passed. There is a webinar for LPFM's on July 11. See <https://www.fcc.gov/EAS-test-requirements-and-reporting>.

35 Roland Robinson has been named the SBE Chapter 16 educator of the Year. He also  
36 coordinates the yearly RMT schedule for the SECC.

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38 The next WECCWG (Washington Emergency Communication Working Group) meeting will be in  
39 Spokane on August 14 and 15 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center. The subject  
40 will be cyber security. For more information see <https://mil.wa.gov/weccwg>.

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42 Public Alerting is being used during wildfires. Grant County used WEA during their recent fire.

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44 The State EAS Plan Revision Committee has had some of its members drop out. They need  
45 replacements. Please consider helping with this task. The next meeting is on July 22 on the  
46 conference bridge.

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48 In old business, the state plan revision committee has been working on updating the state plan  
49 index. It has been organized to be more logical, easier to use and easier to adapt to future  
50 changes. It will sync and link to the FCC's ARS (Alert Reporting System). This system has been  
51 delayed until next year.

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53 The FCC asked for input on ARS. They sent out a list of questions, which is unusual. This was  
54 shared with other SECC's. The feds will be giving more recognition, and more guidance, to the  
55 SECC's. There is a big difference between what the FCC and the local SECC's are interested in.  
56 The FCC does not have any interest in some of the areas the SECC helps coordinate. The  
57 monitoring assignments will be kept by the FCC. The state plan will link to them. The FCC will  
58 still hold the state plan, but it will only contain the areas that they are concerned with. This will  
59 require a name change, possibly to Washington Public Warning. The name should be  
60 something that will be able to accommodate future changes and technology. This was  
61 discussed at the May meeting.

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63 WAPAWS was one possible name that was discussed at the May meeting. Googling it directs  
64 you to an animal welfare group. It was suggested that some research be done to determine if  
65 the acronym is registered or if there is some other reason that it can't be used. Keith Shipman  
66 will run it by the WSAB legal department.

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The next meeting of the plan revision committee will be on framework. This will include changing the organization of the TAB's so that they are in a more logical sequence. Some will have to be revised. This will evolve. EAS is only one segment of the plan, hence the name change. The FCC will be the only entity using EAS.

Should the remailer be renamed? It might be considered at some point.

The survey of Emergency Managers is being worked on. There should be something by the next meeting.

In new business, Phil and Clay will be working on updating TAB B. Simone will be working on TAB 2. There are still some links missing for the local area plans. They should be sent to Tony at the EMD. Someone needs to help with these tasks. It used to be all Clay. Now the work needs to be spread around. What stations are connected to the Premier satellite system? It is used as a backup for Presidential messages. TAB 10 will be replaced by ARS.

There have been reports of missing RWT's from KIRO. The EAS encoder should be downstream of any PPM (People Meter) and related devices. They can corrupt the EAS data bursts. This could affect some decoders and not others.

Ted will be in Santa Rosa meeting with responders to the recent fires in the area. He would like to resurrect the training outline. This should be a national outreach, but we have no budget. A video from Tennessee was posted on the remailer. Not every area is like Washington. There is a constant change in personnel. There are always new people who need training. We need to go from talking to action. Now is a good time.

The Washington State EM will be originating the RMT this month. Roland will be starting on next year's schedule. He is always open for input. He will be making an effort to distribute it to all stakeholders. It is always distributed on the remailer.

98 The state EMD is continuing to get more counties certified on IPAWS. Clallam County, for  
99 example, cannot get emergency messages to both ends of the county until they are certified.

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101 The AMBER plan has been revised. It has been sent to the WSP Chief to be signed. Having  
102 Carri's staff be the only people to issue AMBER alerts was not approved due to overtime issues.  
103 However, Carri will be contacted before any alerts are issued. By the time the WEA alert goes  
104 out, the alert is usually over. They are effective.

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106 The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM at Clover Park. Directions and  
107 agenda will be on the remailer.