

SECC Meeting

July 14, 2020

This was a virtual meeting using the phone bridge. It started with the roll call at 9:30. The actual meeting started at 9:37 and ended at 10:17.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Clay made the call for additional agenda items and there were none. The goal was for the meeting to last no more than an hour.

The National Periodic Test for this year has been cancelled due to the virus. There is no need for FCC ARS filings this year. The test has been put on hold until next year.

Barry Mishkind will be keeping us informed with news postings to the remailer.

FEMA will be archiving the IPAWS alerts.

In old business, the Plan Revision Committee is still active, meeting twice a month virtually. The next meeting is July 27 at 6:30 PM. They use the same phone bridge as the regular meeting. Anyone is invited to attend and participate.

All the major cell phone carriers have implemented WEA 2.0. They all use one vendor. Character count goes up to 360 and Spanish language alerts can be sent simultaneously. Long and short messages can be sent at the same time in both languages. Phones need to be 2.0 compliant in order to take full advantage of the messages.

The Plan Revision Committee is working to update the current state plan. The Washington Public Alert and Warning System Plan is going to replace the current State EAS Plan. It has been organized into a more user friendly-format. This is driven by the FCC Alert Reporting System (ARS). The committee has been participating in a beta-test of ARS and expects to do more in the future. Some parts of the current state plan are neither required nor wanted by the FCC. The parts the FCC is interested in will be uploaded to ARS and will be the new state EAS plan. That and the rest of the plan will be referred to as the WAPAWS Plan. The majority of the new plan is either completed or is in draft form.

Jerry Olson is querying the Local Primary stations for their monitoring sources. There will be required monitoring assignments for local primaries and distribution systems. There will be a list of possible monitoring sources for everyone else. The goal is to make the distribution system more robust.

In new business, Ted has produced a EAS 101 Power Point presentation. What is it? How does EAS work? He has offered it for the use of anyone in Emergency Management. Ted will present it either in-person or virtually. It is still evolving and may turn into a video.

42 Should we just use Zoom for our meetings? Phil thinks so. We have had more people on Zoom than the
43 phone bridge since the meetings went virtual. It was agreed that they have been a success. Thanks to
44 Phil for allowing the SECC to use his Zoom account.

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46 The Technical Committee has been working on a FAQ for the new plan.

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48 In training, Ted has contacted the FCC about our training materials. There were a few emails exchanged,
49 but nothing lately.

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51 In the Mason/Thurston local area, John Price has earned his Extra Class Amateur Radio license.

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53 Kitsap County has installed a new ENDEC and is testing their distribution system.

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55 The Washington State Emergency Management (WSEM) is still on alert, as they have been since January
56 24. The majority of their people are tele-working from home. There have also been furloughs, one day
57 a week for July and one day a month starting in August. This will probably continue until early next
58 spring.

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60 The National Weather Service started Spanish WEA alerts in mid-June.

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62 Carri Gordon brought up that WEA was used for mask-up alert in Michigan. This is not appropriate.
63 WEA is for real emergencies. This is being discussed on the remailer.

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65 Due to the COVID-19, nothing much has been happening with amateur radio at the moment. However,
66 if needed they are standing by.

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68 Text to voice guidelines were brought up. An actual human voice is preferred. Please share any tips
69 with Ted and Tony, especially if they are from one of the providers. This will be a TAB in the new plan.

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71 The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 AM at either Clover Park, if possible, or
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SECC MEETING ROLL CALL – JULY 14, 2020

POSITION	NAME	PRESENT
Chair	Clay Freinwald	X
Vice Chair	Ted Buehner	X
WEMD Chair	Chis Utzinger	
WEMD A&W	Tony Clark	X
WEMD Multilingual	Lewis Lujan	
NWS	Reid Wolcott	
WEA -	Bill Peters	X
Amber Coordinator	Carri Gordon	X
Eastern WA Leaders	Sandi Duffy	X
	Charlie Osgood	X
Data Base Mgr	Simone Ramel-McKay	X
FEMA Reg 10	Laura Goodreau	
Technical Committee	Lowell Kiesow	X
Comm Systems Chair	Phil Johnson	X
Cable TV - Comcast	Cami Peacock	
Recording Secretary	Terry Spring	X
Amateur Radio	Monte Simpson	X
Test Coordinator	Roland Robinson	
WSAB	Keith Shipman	

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OPERATIONAL AREA	NAME	PRESENT
Central Puget	Phil Johnson	X
Clallam	Anne Chastain	
Coastal	Pat Anderson	
Columbia Basin	Sean Davis	
Cowlitz/Wahkiakum	John Mackey Beau Renfro	
Inland N.W.	Simone Ramel-McKay	X
Kittitas	Brad Tacher Bob Johnson	
Lewis	Larry Minor Scott Mattoon Andy Caldwell	
Mason/Thurston	John Price	
North Central	Charlie Osgood	X
	Sandi Duffey	X
No. Puget Sound	- Open -	
Okanogan	Maurice Goodall John Andrist	
Yakima	Jason Clapp	

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NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT
Doug Blangsted	Kitsap Co. DEM	
Jerry Olson	KBPX Spokane	X
Arthur Willetts	KWDK	X
Jarrod Dibble	Snohomish Co. EM	
Jim House	Coalition On Inclusive Emergency Planning	
Brady Aldrich	Northwest Public Broadcasting	
Jesse Spurgeon	Cherry Creek Wenatchee	
Jon Hamilton	KAOS	X
Ruth Brownstein	KAOS	X
Joshua Adkins	Pierce Co. DEM	X
Elysa Jones	Kitsap County DEM	X
Barry Mishkind		X
Jacob Rain	City Of Tacoma EM	X
Lloyd Kimball		X
Hans Kahl	Skagit Co. DEM	X
Arthur Grunbaum	KGHI-KGHE	X
Tom Malley	Kitsap Co DEM	X

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