

# SECC Meeting

September 15, 2020

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom. There was some confusion about the Zoom dial-in number so there were a few people on the old phone bridge. The phone bridge will be phased out sometime in the future. It started with the roll call at 9:30. The actual meeting started at 9:37 and ended at 10:35.

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.

Bob Johnson has retired from Kittitas County. Nicholas Elliot from KXLE now chairs the local LECC.

Our own Roland Robinson has been named Educator of The Year by the Society Of Broadcast Engineers.

In old business, the second ARS (Automatic Reporting System) Webinar was held by the FCC. The first was last February. It was an opportunity to look at where ARS is at now in its development. It was lengthy. There have been some significant improvements. There are still some issues, but the process is moving forward. It is likely to be rolled out in the next few months. This is for use of the FCC. The 50+ SECC's around the country will enter information pertaining to their areas. ARS will not involve the typical EAS user. The SECC's report to the FCC.

In-person meetings are about a year away. We will continue to have Zoom meetings.

The committee is looking for someone to do the artwork for the new state plan. Contact Ted or Clay if you are interested. This would be for both the web and hard copy state plans.

In new business, there were 20 EAS alerts on Labor Day due to the fires in Eastern Washington. Evacuation notices are better during the day and need to be repeated. Changes will be made to improve the operation. There are new people in the EOC's. There was a lot of cooperation between the 5 counties in the North Central LECC.

In the Columbia Basin, the big problem was getting useful information to the public. There was a brownout due to blowing dust right before the fire. The authorities could not tell the public where to evacuate to. KONA radio went live which was very helpful. There was a lot of damage.

There is a new TAB 21, Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) Policy. This was prompted by the misuse of WEA elsewhere in the country. Clay asked Phil to create a policy for Washington. It has been discussed at length on the remailer. It drew quite a few comments from various people. The comments and suggestions were incorporated into the document. The new TAB was approved.

The 2021 RMT schedule was also posted on the remailer. Roland Robinson has coordinated the schedule for many years. He has certain FCC requirements to follow when he creates the schedule. The testing must be random, have day and nighttime tests scheduled, no overnights or Sundays, and more.

Roland has incorporated the comments and suggestions he has received into the document. The 2021 RMT schedule has been approved and posted on the remailer. It should be on the state EAS website soon if it is not already.

The technical committee has been involved in testing the new National Weather Service software that will put civil EAS alerts on the weather radio.

Ted sent his training outline to FEMA some time ago. There has not been much response. He also has a EAS 101 presentation he has been working on covering what it is and how does it work. Ted is asking for feedback. Request a copy on the remailer.

In the North Puget Sound LECC, Dan McDermott is the new chair. In the Columbia Basin, the LP-1 has updated its monitoring assignments.

At the Washington State Emergency Management, Chris has been sent to Oregon until sometime in October. Tony will be the contact until he gets back. Most of the staff there is working remotely. They are still very busy.

At the National Weather Service, they are in the process of implementing CAP Handler. This will replace the Sage ENDEC and Hazcollect. Non-weather alerts will be converted to CAP and aired on local weather radio broadcasts. They are debating whether to air marine warnings. These are common in other areas.

In amateur radio news, Monte has a new call, W7FF.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, at 9:30 AM on a computer near you.

**SECC MEETING ROLL CALL – September 15, 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	X
WEA -	Bill Peters	
Amber Coordinator	Carri Gordon	X
Eastern WA Leaders	Sandi Duffy	X
	Charlie Osgood	X
Data Base Mgr	Simone Ramel-McKay	
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	X
WSAB	Keith Shipman	

## LECC Chairs

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT
Doug Blangsted	Kitsap Co. DEM	
Jerry Olson	KBPX Spokane	X
Arthur Willetts	KWDK	X
Jarrold 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	
Joshua Adkins	Pierce Co. DEM	
Elysa Jones	Kitsap County DEM	
Barry Mishkind		
Jacob Rain	City Of Tacoma EM	
Lloyd Kimball		
Hans Kahl	Skagit Co. DEM	
Arthur Grunbaum	KGHI-KGHE	
Tom Malley	Kitsap Co DEM	
Robert Green	Whatcom County	X
Justin Pullen	NWS Seattle	X
Dave Holloran	San Juan County EM	X