

## Washington SECC Meeting May 11, 2021

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Roll call began at 9:31 PDT with the meeting starting 8 minutes later, wrapping up at 10:43.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. There were no additional agenda items.

The goal is to have the meeting run no more than an hour and a half.

The way monitoring assignments are made has changed. Instead of a specific assignment there is now a list you can choose from. This is in TAB 10-B. This is available on the state EAS [website](#).

The dates have been picked for the next national EAS Test (NPT). The date is August 11 with August 21 as the backup.

The FCC Automatic Reporting System (ARS) will be rolled out soon. Very soon. This will be the communications link between the SECC and the FCC.

The Shake Alert earthquake warning system has rolling out.

Chris Utzinger is retiring. His replacement will be Kevin Wickersham. There will be some overlap.

Brady Aldrich is now the EAS coordinator for Northwest Public Broadcasting. They are one of the EAS distribution systems for Washington.

Terry Spring is retiring, but will continue doing the minutes for the SECC.

Oregon is working on getting funding from their legislature for their analog backup EAS distribution system.

Josh Harsted is the new Chief Engineer at KIRO radio. They are the PEP (Primary Entry Point) for the region. FEMA is investing in the infrastructure at KIRO-AM to insure it will be able to function in an emergency.

The Plan Revision Committee has been busy. They have been working on the new WAPAWS state plan and hope to have it out in a few months. They also composed and submitted comments to the FCC on the recent EAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The document was 5 pages long and commented on 31 paragraphs. They did do any reply comments except on training; that training in EAS is essential for success. They suggested that on-line training can be effective and provided some examples. We are now waiting for the FCC to digest all that. The Plan Revision Committee is always looking for new members and could really use your help. Meeting information is published on the remailer.

The new WAPAWS plan will have a FAQ section. The committee is looking for suggestions for questions. Please put them on the remailer.

The use of WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts) for COVID vaccine related messages was discussed. This is contrary to the state plan. WEA should only be used for messages for emergencies that require immediate action. These messages have been done in other parts of the country but not in Washington. FEMA is not aware of it happening anywhere in Region 10, either.

The SECC remailer should be used between meetings to resolve problems in a timely fashion. This can also help resolve issues that don't necessarily have to be discussed at the regular SECC meetings.

The Technical Committee reports that a server change at FEMA caused a few problems, especially with Everbridge. Messages with attached audio were not being forwarded. FEMA has transitioned from their data center to the cloud. This caused some of the problems they have been experiencing lately. They are supposed to test the compatibility of the various input systems with IPAWS.

The EAS Tests in Eastern Washington have been going good with few problems.

Ted is still doing his EAS 101 presentation. Contact him to schedule it for your group.

In the Columbia Basin, Walla Walla originated the RMT using Everbridge for the first time. It went fine. WSEM stopped supplying AlertSense to the counties in May.

In the Inland Northwest area, they are working on a new Communications Plan. Their EAS plan will be a component of it.

Simone asked how often TAB 2 should be updated. Probably yearly. But when? It was suggested before fire season. It won't happen this year because we are already having fires.

The WEMD (Washington Emergency Management Department) is still at a level 1 activation. They are still managing 3 missions, COVID-19, Whitman County fire recovery and winter storm recovery. They will be transitioning to a new director the next few months. A new laser projection system is being installed. Tours are welcome after June 30. Please arrange with Tony Clark ahead of time. Shake Alert is rolling out this month. The fire season is starting. As of the end of April there had been 68 fires. Last year there were 6.

AlertSense is becoming obsolete. Eventually we will only need to poll the IPAWS server. It is still in transition.

The meeting ended at 10:43 AM.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 9:30 AM PDT via Zoom.

**SECC MEETING ROLL CALL – May 11, 2021**

POSITION	NAME	PRESENT
Chair	Clay Freinwald	X
Vice Chair	Ted Buehner	
WEMD Chair	Chis Utzinger	
WEMD A&W	Tony Clark	X
WEMD Multilingual	Lewis Lujan	
NWS	Reid Wolcott	
WEA -	Bill Peters	
WSP Amber Coordinator	Carri Gordon	
Eastern WA Leaders	Sandi Duffy	X
	Charlie Osgood	X
Data Base Mgr	Simone Ramel-McKay	X
FEMA Reg 10	Laura Goodreau	
	Lloyd Kimball	X
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	
Test Coordinator	Roland Robinson	
WSAB	Keith Shipman	

## LECC Chairs

OPERATIONAL AREA	NAME	PRESENT
Central Puget	Phil Johnson	X
Clallam	Anne Chastain	X
Coastal	Hannah Cloverly Pat Anderson	
Columbia Basin	Sean Davis	X
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	X
North Central	Charlie Osgood Sandi Duffey	X X
No. Puget Sound	Dan McDermott Jay Morrison	
Okanogan	Maurice Goodall John Andrist	
Yakima		

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT
Doug Blangsted	Kitsap Co. DEM	X
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	X
Jesse Spurgeon	Cherry Creek Wenatchee	
Jon Hamilton	KAOS	
Ruth Brownstein	KAOS	
Joshua Adkins	Pierce Co. DEM	
Elysa Jones	Kitsap County DEM	
Barry Mishkind	BWWG, The Broadcasters Desktop Resource	
Jacob Rain	City Of Tacoma EM	
Lloyd Kimball	FEMA Region X	X
Hans Kahl	Skagit Co. DEM	X
Arthur Grunbaum	KGHI-KGHE	X
Tom Malley	Kitsap Co DEM	
Robert Green	Whatcom County	
Justin Pullen	NWS Seattle	
Dave Holloran	San Juan County EM	
Ken Mason	Seattle EM	
Tyler Highland	Bainbridge Island EM	
Andrew Stevens	Eastside Fire & Rescue	
Lionel Halvorsan	Bainbridge Island EM	
Scott Hanaker	Snohomish County EM	
Elizabeth Klute	Kitsap County EM	
Steve Douglas	Kittitas Co ARES Emergency Coordinator	
Jason Shirron	King Co OEM	
Diane Deyette	Squaxin Island Tribe	
Marc Austin	NWS Pendleton	
Tabitha Laird	Region 3 Homeland Security Coordinator	
Patrick Knouff	City Of Olympia EM	
Nick Falley	Grays Harbor EM	
Jim Dalke	Dalke Broadcast Services	
Vickie Fontain	Skagit EM	X
Deanna Davis		X
Sharon Point		X
Tammi Wright	Mason-Thurston	X