

Washington SECC Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chair Ted Buehner followed by the roll call. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Minutes from previous minutes are posted [here](#). There were a couple of additions to the agenda.

Announcements

Please send updates to TAB D-2 (LECC Chairs/County EMD Officials) to Simone Ramal-McKay. Her email address is in TAB B-2. This TAB changes often due to personnel changes at the different agencies.

Washington State Emergency Management is short-staffed, and Chris is behind in everything. If you need something keep bugging him. He won't be offended.

Clallam County is working on their LECC Plan that had not been updated in some time. Anne Chastain discovered that a total rewrite was in order because it is not just EAS anymore. The template they used was outdated and did not address WEA. She uncovered many areas in need of updates ensuring a more thorough means of sending public alerts. The plan was locally approved. She is willing to share her template and experiences.

Although the revised local plans refer to newer technologies that aren't EAS, EAS is still an important part of emergency alerting. In the event of a major disaster there will probably no or limited internet or cell service.

Discrepancies between the Washington Inland Northwest and Idaho plans in ARS have been resolved. Lowell will update the state ARS, Ted will then vet it and submit it to the FCC.

Homeland Security has a report on the potential impacts of an EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse) event. The report summarizes recommendations that stakeholders can employ to protect against the effects of an EMP event. See the report [here](#).

Keep EAS gear up to date. A lot of stations across the nation have been lax in this regard. Click [here](#) for DASDEC information. Some of the reporting requirements in the FCC NPRM are rather aggressive. All state broadcaster associations have filed comments to it.

Sirius/XM satellite radio has published their 2023 EAS Test schedule. It has been appended to the end of these minutes.

Please don't post to the whole email list if it is not appropriate. And you must resubscribe to the list if your email address changes.

Old Business

Updates to [WA-PAWS](#), the new state Emergency Alerting plan continues. This is a living document that is subject to frequent updates.

TAB D-4 Multilingual: This has been updated.

TAB C-6 Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): Updated and posted. It was extensively revised.

TAB B-5 2023 SECC Meeting Schedule: Has been posted.

TAB B-1 Bylaws: Going through an editing process.

New Business

Concern was expressed about certain information that is included in the local and state plans. There are certain details that could possibly aid someone who is trying to hack into the system for nefarious purposes. There can be references in the plan to a cheat sheet or appendix that has limited distribution. There are concerns about cheat sheets that may not be official documents and may not get updated.

The weekly FEMA CAP EAS Test failed on January 9. Make a note that was shared on the state EAS remailer in your EAS log.

Committee Reports

Training: Ted is looking for more topics for his Tabletop Exercises. Some topics are obvious, and some are not. Any feedback is helpful. The topics are fairly generic so that they can be adapted to local circumstances. The IPAWS Technical Support Services Facility (formerly IPAWS Lab) lab has some suggestions. See [here](#).

The 2023 RMT Schedule has been posted on the WA-PAWS website [here](#).

Local Area Reports

In the Coastal area, they are meeting and updating their local plan. The current plan is 10 years old.

The updated local plan for the Inland NW area is done. They are just awaiting signatures.

In the North Puget local area, Dan McDermott of Bellingham Fire is now the chair. North Puget also did a successful RMT in December.

Thurston County wanted to know if counties in a multi-county local area can back each other up for a scheduled RMT. This is actually the preferred way of doing it because it gives the local areas more practice and takes some of the burden off the state.

In North Central, things are going fine. [RiverCom](#) did a successful RMT in December.

Stakeholder Reports

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE: The Olympia NOAA Weather Radio station/transmitter returned to service after a few days outage. More NWEM tests are being done. The test between NWS and the WSP for AMBER Alerts failed and being investigated. Another test will be scheduled.

There is a problem in the North Central area when NWS Spokane sends an RMT and no RWT due to the difference in the counties covered by the two tests. It means that North Central does not receive a test from the weather service that week. After discussion with NWS Spokane, they will send an RWT every week, resolving the problem.

AMBER: The plan was updated and was posted late last year.

AMATEUR RADIO: Local participation will be on a case by case request basis.

Please share future agenda items with SECC Administration Assistant Scott Sipe at scott.sipe@alphamediausa.com. Scott compiles the agenda.

The meeting ended at 10:38 AM.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Note that this is the first Tuesday of the month.

2023 SECC MEETING DATES	LOCATION
Tuesday Jan 10	Anticipate SECC Meetings will remain virtual via Zoom until further notice, apart from perhaps a few well advertised exceptions.
Tuesday Mar 7	
Tuesday May 9	
Tuesday July 11	
Tuesday Sept 12	
Tuesday Nov 14	

Notes –

- The above schedule can be altered by the SECC as needed.
- The SECC may hold special meetings as required.

SECC Members

POSITION	NAME	PRESENT
Chair	Ted Buehner	X
Vice Chair	Lowell Kiesow	X
Chair Emeritus	Clay Freinwald	
WEMD Chair	Kevin Wickersham	
WEMD A&W	Chris Phillips	X
WEMD Multilingual	Lewis Lujan	
NWS	Reid Wolcott	
WEA	Bill Peters	
Amber Coordinator	Carri Gordon	
Eastern WA Leaders	Sandi Duffy	X
	Charlie Osgood	X
Data Base Manager	Simone Ramel-McKay	X
FEMA Reg 10	Lloyd Kimball	X
Technical Committee	Lowell Kiesow	X
Comm Systems Chair	Phil Johnson	X
Cable TV - Comcast	James Casson	
Administrative Assistant	Scott Sipe	X
Recording Secretary	Terry Spring	X
Amateur Radio	Monte Simpson	X
Test Coordinator	Roland Robinson	
WSAB	Keith Shipman	X

LECC Chairs

OPERATIONAL AREA	NAME	PRESENT
Central Puget	Phil Johnson	X
Clallam	Anne Chastain	X
Coastal	Pat Anderson	
Columbia Basin	Sean Davis	X
Cowlitz/Wahkiakum	John Mackey Beau Renfro	
Inland N.W.	Simone Ramel-McKay	X
Kittitas	Brad Tacher	
Lewis	Ross McDowell	
Mason/Thurston	Sonya Kroese	X
North Central	Charlie Osgood Brady Aldich	X X
No. Puget Sound	Dan McDermott Dave Halloran	X
Okanogan	Maurice Goodall John Andrist	
Yakima	Angela Brown Mike McMullen	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT
Liz Jessee	Walla Walla Co. EM	X
Jerry Olson	KBPX Spokane	
Arthur Willetts	KWDK	
Bryan Clark	KITCOM	X
Jim House	Coalition On Inclusive Emergency Planning	
Peter Tassoni	TC EM	X
Scott McDougall		X
Hans Kahl	Skagit DEM	X
Joshua Adkins	Pierce Co. DEM	X
Jason Shirron	King County OEM	
Hannah Cleverly	Grays Harbor EM	
Cindy Braunheim	Sinclair	X
Ed Taylor	City Of Lacey	X
Dave Turnmire	Idaho SECC	X
Barry Mishkind		X
Pascal Schuback		X
Justine Chorley		X
Megan Woods		X
Patrick Purcell	Walla Walla CTY EM	X
Arianna Topbjerg	COTEM	X

SIRIUS/XM EAS TEST SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (ET)</u>	<u>EAS Test Type</u>
Thursday, December 29, 2022	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Friday, January 6, 2023	2:16 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, January 10, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	10:46 AM	Monthly / Jan Monthly Salvo
Thursday, January 26, 2023	2:16 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, January 31, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Monday, February 6, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Thursday, February 16, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	2:46 AM	Monthly / Feb Monthly Salvo
Sunday, February 26, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Monday, March 13, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	11:46 AM	Monthly / Mar Monthly Salvo
Friday, March 31, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Thursday, April 6, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	3:46 AM	Monthly / Apr Monthly Salvo
Sunday, April 23, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Monday, May 1, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Thursday, May 18, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	10:46 AM	Monthly / May Monthly Salvo
Saturday, June 3, 2023	2:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Friday, June 9, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, June 13, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	2:46 AM	Monthly / Jun Monthly Salvo
Thursday, June 29, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Friday, July 7, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Saturday, July 15, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, July 19, 2023	11:46 AM	Monthly / Jul Monthly Salvo
Sunday, July 23, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, August 1, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Monday, August 7, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, August 15, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, August 23, 2023	3:46 AM	Monthly / Aug Monthly Salvo
Thursday, August 31, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Friday, September 8, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Saturday, September 16, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, September 20, 2023	10:46 AM	Monthly / Sep Monthly Salvo
Sunday, September 24, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Monday, October 2, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo

Wednesday, October 18, 2023	2:46 AM	Monthly / Oct Monthly Salvo
Thursday, October 26, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Friday, November 3, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Saturday, November 11, 2023	2:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	3:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	11:46 AM	Monthly / Nov Monthly Salvo
Thursday, November 30, 2023	2:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Friday, December 8, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	11:46 PM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo
Wednesday, December 20, 2023	3:46 AM	Monthly /Dec Monthly Salvo
Thursday, December 28, 2023	10:46 AM	Weekly / Weekly Salvo