

Washington SECC Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chair Ted Buehner followed by roll call. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and have been posted [here](#).

Announcements

Washington State EMD is migrating from AlertSense to Everbridge, scheduled for September 30th this year. Several people mentioned that Everbridge is comprehensive and very easy to use. Dave Holloran asked if anyone else had transitioned from AlertSense to Everbridge, and if they had any tips to share. Clallam County has an opt-in public warning system. So when they changed providers, all their residents had to sign up for alerts again because their information did not transfer between systems. Thurston County uses PC Alerts as their tagline to avoid this problem.

The FCC issued two Public Notices on Guidance for State Plans. See them [here](#) and [here](#).

The National Weather Service and the Washington State Patrol AMBER program have been doing NWEM testing. Problems discovered during the tests are being addressed. The Inland Northwest has also been testing with the National Weather Service and it has gone well thus far.

The Washington SECC revised ARS submittal was approved by the FCC, joining about 15 other jurisdiction plans across the nation. The FCC's approval process is sluggish. The issue with the original ARS submission involved some monitoring assignment issues with the Inland Northwest local area and Northern Idaho in the Idaho plan. The ARS submittal deadline was July 5th of last year. Some plans across the nation still haven't been submitted! Monitoring assignments have been a problem for some. There are supposed to be two independent paths for the message to reach each primary. Updates to the state plan can now be submitted as needed rather than once a year. If monitoring assignments change in a local area please inform Clay on the remailer.

FEMA now has an agreement with Sirius/XM for distribution of national IPAWS messages. This is a secure system with messages traveling completely by satellite. See the press release [here](#).

Old Business

It is time to start thinking about the 2024 RMT and the SECC Meeting schedules for next year. Please send suggestions or requirements for both to the remailer.

The remaining [WA-PAWS TABS](#) that need completion include:

TAB B-1 Bylaws

TAB F-4 Technical FAQ's

Ted is still working on the new training tab which will include some Tabletop exercise scenarios. He sent out a second draft of the opening and has received some feedback. He will be sending out another draft soon. He has received positive feedback on his specific scenarios and will send more of them out soon.

[WA-PAWS](#) is a living breathing document subject to frequent updates. If you see something that needs an update, please share it on the remailer.

Still waiting for word on updates for Sage ENDECs due later this year. Previously, Sage said something would be released in June.

Regarding retaining AM radio in vehicles, the Ford Motor Co. has changed course and will keep AM radio in their vehicles, and for those recently sold vehicles without AM radio installed, Ford plans to do a software update. Both the House and Senate in Congress have introduced legislation that would mandate AM radio in all vehicles sold in this country. To watch Ted's interview on Q-13 go [here](#).

New Business

It is time to start compiling the 2024 RMT Schedule. Roland Robinson has retired from Bates and we have lost contact with him. Does anybody have contact information for him? (Since the meeting, a new Roland email address is on hand.)

Committee Reports

Tech: The SRN (State Relay Network) is still non-functional at this time. Lowell is working with EMD and they have passed it on to their communications department. Please let Lowell know if it starts working again. There have been retirements in the EMD communications department and their replacements are working to get up to speed. Lloyd from FEMA is also going to help out.

Local Area Reports

In the Central Puget Sound Local Area, Phil has completed the local area plan update and is still waiting for signatures from one partner. (Since the meeting, that has been completed.)

The Coastal area will have another LECC meeting this fall and will focus on updating their local plan and their local relay network. They are waiting for the SRN to be back up so they can integrate it into their network.

The Columbia Basin intends to have a LECC meeting soon to bring new people on board and to work on a local plan update.

It was suggested that Cowlitz/Wahkiakum should also have a LECC Meeting.

The Inland Northwest will have their next LECC Meeting in September. They will be touring the Spokane office of the National Weather Service.

In Mason/Thurston, the next LECC meeting is scheduled for later this month and they plan to review local plan updates.

The North Central area has had some severe weather and a fire related Level III alerts. The LECC is meeting in October to work on their plan revision.

In North Puget, there is some concern about the transition to Everbridge and how they could possibly be adversely affected.

Stakeholder Reports

Monte Simpson reminded the group that amateur radio operators are available to help with technical issues that may arise.

Other Business

None.

The meeting ended at 10:22 AM.

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

For information on joining the SECC remailer, go to [this link](#).

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Note this date is a change and 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 5	
Tuesday Nov 14	

Notes –

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

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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	
WEMD Multilingual	Lewis Lujan	
NWS	Reid Wolcott	
WEA	Bill Peters	
Amber Coordinator	Carri Gordon	X
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	

LECC Chairs

OPERATIONAL AREA	NAME	PRESENT
Central Puget	Phil Johnson	X
Clallam	Anne Chastain	X
Coastal	Pat Anderson	
Columbia Basin	Sean Davis	
Cowlitz/Wahkiakum	John Mackey Beau Renfro	X
Inland N.W.	Simone Ramel-McKay	X
Kittitas	Brad Tacher	
Lewis	Ross McDowell	X
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	X

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT
Liz Jessee	Walla Walla Co. EM	
Jerry Olson	KBPX Spokane	
Arthur Willetts	KWDK	
Bryan Clark	KITCOM	X
Jim House	Coalition On Inclusive Emergency Planning	
Peter Tassoni	TC EM	
Scott McDougall		
Hans Kahl	Skagit DEM	
Joshua Atkins	Pierce Co. DEM	
Jason Shirron	King County OEM	
Hannah Cleverly	Grays Harbor EM	
Cindy Braunheim	Sinclair	
Ed Taylor	City Of Lacey	X
Dave Turnmire	Idaho SECC	
Barry Mishkind		X
Pascal Schuback		
Justine Chorley		
Megan Woods		
Patrick Purcell	Walla Walla CTY EM	
Arianna Topbjerg	COTEM	
Whitney Maxwell	Hispanivision	
Orson Bevins	Hispanivision	
Andy Labarge	Hispanivision	
Lisa Figueroa	City Of Redmond EM	
Andrew Bigelow	Yakima Valley EM	
Tyler Heinemann	Bainbridge Prepares/Bainbridge BEARS	
Nick Falley	Grays Harbor County EM	
Anna Piasecki	Jefferson County DEM	
Tammi Wright	Mason County EM	
J. P. Haid.	KNDO-KNDU	X
John Ebner	Jefferson County	X
John Price	Mason/Thurston Co.	
Deanna Davis	Benton Co.	
Kyle Bustad	Thurston County EM	X
Ian Green	KNDO-KNDU	X

SIRIUS/XM EAS TEST SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (ET)</u>	<u>EAS Test Type</u>
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