



Washington State Emergency Response Commission Meeting (SERC)

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Virtual via Microsoft (MS) Teams and in person at WSEMA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Patrick Reid, SERC Chair
Chief Mike Harris, SERC Vice-Chair
Melissa Gannie, Washington State Patrol, Primary
Bill Slosson, Washington State Patrol, Alternate
Laura Hayes, Department of Ecology, Primary
Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology, Alternate
Troy Newman, Military Department, Primary
Erin Coyle, Department of Agriculture, Primary
Chandra Fox, Local Emergency Manager, Primary
Cindy Stanley, Local Emergency Manager, Alternate
John Geppert, Department of Labor and Industries, Primary
Sean Davis, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Eastside, Primary
J Havner, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Westside, Primary
Cherie Nevin, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Westside, Alternate

GUESTS PRESENT

Kathleen Shea, Alaska SERC	Hans Kahl, Skagit County LEPC
Jason Reinfeld, Chelan County LEPC	Adenea Thompson, Stevens County LEPC
Justine Chorley, Clallam County, LEPC	Amelia Stanger, Colville Tribes
Anne Chastain, Clallam County LEPC	Aaron Markham, City of Yakima LEPC
Ashley Strickland, Columbia County LEPC	Ashley Hillis, Department of Ecology
Ernie Schnabler, Cowlitz County LEPC	Mike Means, Department of Health
Tina Meier, Garfield County LEPC	Nathan Weed, Department of Health
Erika Katt, Lewis County LEPC	Sierra Wardell, Military Department (EMD)
Daniel Cromwell, King County LEPC	Lorraine Churchill, ASTI
Tom Sharp, King County LEPC	Erin Williams, EPA
Steve West, Pend Oreille County LEPC	Vincent Papol, NOAA
Todd Kilpatrick, Pierce County LEPC	Reid Wolcott, NWS-Seattle

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Susan Forsythe, Military Department (EMD)	Stephanie Haertling, Military Department (EMD)
Diane Fowler, Department of Ecology	Andy Rose (DOH)
Pete Hartmann, Military Department (EMD)	Alexander Joyce (EMD)
Patrick Wicklund, Military Department (EMD)	Laura Hayes (not available)
Chris Caprio, Military Department (EMD)	



CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order from Mike Harris, opened the meeting with welcoming members and guests.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Fox motioned to approve the April 12 meeting minutes as presented; Harris seconded the motion. All attending members approved the minutes as written.

HAZMAT COMMITTEE

September, October, November Training – like incident command and tech training

HazMat workshop planning meeting is underway, this year will be in person which will reflect the needs and feedback suggested last year. Location TBD. Scott trying to balance eastside and westside training.

Committee discussion of I-5 Fire. Pierce HIT team had a drum of Aluminum dust issue that pressurized, causing the need to bring in the bomb squad. In the infrastructure bill, the feds gave money for electrifying fleets, which will bring a lot of capacity for lithium that will require a pivot.

689 Responders Trained.

EMI UPDATES FROM STEPHAINE

Not many updates for course material (HazMat Training) –Stephanie

Please reach out to Alex Joyce for consortium questions.

WORKGROUP REPORT ON EPCRA OUTREACH AND COMPLIANCE – Diane Fowler

Brief update – T2 available for county or jurisdiction – 5000 reporters. If you want an updated dataset it is available. EPCRA mobile app was updated. Presentation forthcoming. Erin from EPA is not online for her portion of the report.

HMEP Sierra Wardell

200k left to be reimbursed and that is through September.

Briefed in April and June, only update is to expect the report and the end of September.

Please contact Sierra with any questions. Reagan Bush with EMD is another POC.

SERC BUDGET – Susan

We spend zero – there is 5k from another budget.

NASTTPO coming up.

Not requests for additional budget line items.

Susan's team has a budget surplus, we are looking into a training on the westside and eastside.

Newsletter is coming soon.

LEPC Planning Status- Susan

She knows there are LEPCs that have plans that are ready to submit – looking for those



Strategic Plans - Susan

Handout with strategic plans was a handout at all the tables for people who were in person. The documents are organized by goal and due date. During the next meeting, those responsible for due outs are welcome to give an update. Laura Hayes will . Tribal liaison and ECY liaison have been working with Susan. Susan is looking to fill agency vacancies. November agenda – tribal engagement is a priority.

Continuing education for SERC members is available and October will be an additional opportunity.

Susan opened the floor – Chandra says we need to “hold ourselves accountable Because previous plans were set aside and people were not held accountable” – Mike “we now have accountability plan”

HMCFS Workshop – Susan

In SERC support meeting – we discussed the need for the SERC to create a sub-committee. Susan put it to the membership. Is this a good workgroup? Harris: wants to move forward with HMCFS.

Comments from SERC Members: Thumbs up from Matt Klein – wants a clearing house. Chandra says “intent is to make it more cost effective, as opposed to one offs” Harris: “put it on a regular schedule to keep it current”

Records Retention Schedule – Harris kicked to Susan

Susan: Had discussion but didn’t get started on workgroup – looking at January. Susan is interested in Volunteers. Kim Mask: Please reach out to Scott Sackett at SOS. Troy wants to set LEPCs up for success and said we don’t have to reinvent the wheel.

Scott on Lithium Technologies – Three classes

East Central and West. Take away was we don’t know what we don’t know. People have had their pockets explode, cell phones and computers, etc. He is concerned about electric vehicles. Classes happened in April – training was dry according to Scott. FDNY did a symposium in September to discuss cut off switch for cars. There are tools out there to cool the battery down as best you can. Once they overheat and ignite, they can spread to other cars. Once fire is out doesn’t mean its actually out, even in tow yards. Seattle is having the most fires per month, Spokane is have next to none. We need to “look at the risk” and we are “working on the training, including the people in this room” Scott says to determine is there is anything on the books.

Codes won’t be online until 2026 or 2027. Who will pick up waste? Who wants to accept the liability? NY has worked on building codes -scooters is a problem because people park them near the entrance – stopping fire fighters. Scott looks at this like crude oil was seen in the past.



Question from Melissa: Potential gaps in the fire code. There is a plan for SMEs to discuss and tailor training. If we code fires incorrectly, we aren't going to have the right data sets. Scott sent out a link [HERE] for FDNY. Wally Kost from Whatcom: Are manufactures going to provide training A from Scott: companies are just talking about their own products when it comes to training, what is the proper training and who can provide it. We're talking about this topic in the fall. More to come.
Matt Kline asked if storage issues are residential or commercial: answer – both. In a high rise, we may see some fires on an upper floor.

EPCRA APP- Diane Fowler

Diane wanted to know how many people in the room knew what the app was: 4 how many people say its new: 1

ECY launched new version of the EPCRA App in 2021. Diane requested that people contact her so she can update the passcode, its available in App Stores. Collected under EPCRA app. 5000 companies report. Data is used by responders.

EPA updated the federal forms and we needed to vote as a SERC to expand the form – so it was behind EPA. Its on Google and Apple. "Request passcode" sends an email to Diane. 5 Hazard categories to 24.

Updated help menu. March and April is the BIG data push, so update because the data is static. Please delete the old app. Email went out to all the LEPC contacts. Colville had issues with map feature putting certain locations in the a forest (incorrect). App is NOT for reporters – because that would give them an advantage.

CISA CTEP (TTX) Program – Dana Lockhart

Dana gave background info. Slide deck was provided to Susan and can be shared. CISA works with 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors. Basically, a list of scenarios from a list of pre-planned TTXs, including CCTA – complex terrorism. Tool kits are available, such as handbooks to go with the templates and scenarios. Another big emphasis is that this program is very customizable and modular. Make it your own!

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Kim West

She is a pipeline investigator. She works for the office of railroad and hazmat investigation. Worked at UTC and PHMSA. They investigate all civil accidents. They determine probably cause, and do special investigations. There are 5 board members who are Senate confirmed. They investigate 2000 accidents per year! They designate other agencies and contractors to the investigation process. No analysis from NTSB, only a factual report. Go – Teams from NTSB are sent if the criteria is achieved. They are on-call 24-7. 6 to 24 response and can stay for 7 to 10 days.



Good of the order – Chief Harris

Harris: Thank you to our presenters ... closing remarks... fire that caught us off guard was drone in the use of agricultural sector (in this case for moth in Apple production).

ADJOURNED @ 4:45 UNTIL NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 2ND

ADJOURN

Mike Harris made a motion to adjourn @ 4:45PM.