



Washington State Emergency Response Commission Meeting (SERC)

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual via Microsoft (MS) Teams due to COVID-19

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Patrick Reid, SERC Chair

Chief Mike Harris, SERC Vice-Chair

Melissa Gannie, Washington State Patrol, Primary

Laura Hayes, Department of Ecology, Primary

Troy Newman, Military Department, Primary

Erin Coyle, Department of Agriculture, Primary

Chandra Fox, Local Emergency Manager, Primary

Cindy Stanley, Local Emergency Manager, Alternate

Sean Davis, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Eastside, Primary

J Havner, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Westside, Primary

GUESTS PRESENT

Brandon Cheney, Thurston County LEPC

Jason Reinfeld, Chelan County LEPC

Anne Chastain, Clallam County LEPC

Ernie Schnabler, Cowlitz County LEPC

Erin Williams, EPA

Todd Kilpatrick, Pierce County LEPC

Mathew Kline, Grant County LEPC

Joanne Boggs, Pend Oreille LEPC

Tina Bobbit, Columbia County LEPC

Neal Suchak, PHMSA

Deanna Davis, Benton County LEPC

Nick Falley, Grays Harbor LEPC

Abigail Potter

Rudi Lusa, EMD

Hans Kahl, Skagit County LEPC

Adena Thompson, Stevens County LEPC

Ashley Hillis, Department of Ecology

Tom Sharp, King County LEPC

Jarrold Dibble, Snohomish County, LEPC

Kristin Rutherford, CST

Hannah Cleverly, Grays Harbor LEPC

Beau Renfro, Wahkiakum County LEPC

Sean Thompson, Department of Ecology

Cindy Dickinson, Clark County LEPC

Dave Byers, Department of Ecology

Kim Mask, EMD

Tammi Wright, Mason County LEPC

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Susan Forsythe, Military Department (EMD)

Diane Fowler, Department of Ecology

Pete Hartmann, Military Department (EMD)

Chris Caprio, Military Department (EMD)

Scott Lancaster, (WSP)

Brad Burnham (DOH)

Pelly, Kevin (EMD)

Sierra Wardell, EMD



CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

Chief Patrick Reid opened the meeting with welcoming members and guests.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

Mike Harris motioned to approve the September 19th meeting minutes as presented; Sean Davis seconded the motion. All attending members approved the minutes as written.

LEPC SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT

Presentation given by Sean Thompson from Department of Ecology on Spokane Home Depot Fire
Please see attached presentation slides.

WORKGROUPS AND STANDING REPORTS

Training

Scott Lancaster– Fall operational and hazmat incident command classes will conclude in December. HazMat Safety Officer class to be conducted in Spokane in November, information available upon request. Graham County Fire trained 17 new technicians with an additional 40 hours to train towards the National Certification. An electric storage facility and electric vehicle training course was requested from the Spokane Townhall following the discussion of the Home Depot fire. Classes would be two classes two hours each.

Two Hazmat workshops will be offered this year: Westside workshop projected to occur 2/24-26 at Camp Murray and Eastside workshop projected to occur 5/13-15 near Richland or Pasco. Format this year will be slightly different as the plan is to have different speakers on several topics.

LEPC/Tribal Conference projected 4/25-27 at Three Rivers Convention Center in Tri Cities, pending contract approval.

Consortium and EMI updates

Stephanie Hakala – Courses offered by NFPA are virtual, self-paced covering alternative vehicle training. In person training option available at some cost.

Consortium members – Security and Emergency Response Training Center Colorado focuses on combating fires from alternatively powered vehicles that includes hands on experience, free of charge for first responders. National Domestic Preparedness Training Consortium training for first responders is available.

EPCRA compliance

Diane Fowler– Tier Two data is available for county or jurisdiction, contact Diane as needed. EPCRA team preparing for reporting season, reporting can begin as soon as January 1, 2023 on Ecology webpage. EPCRA mobile app update- last update was in the spring about chemical hazards in WA that are reported in Tier Two reports, login was updated and if access cannot be gained, contact Diane Fowler.



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EPA Tier 2 enforcement

Erin Williams – 9 enforcement actions for Fiscal year 2022, a summary email to provide by Erin Williams will include settlement information from 60 inspections joint on and off site inspections. Goal of EPA to target half of inspections in environmental justice areas and considerations for climate change potential impact on facilities moving forward. Pilot Outreach program for ammonia refrigeration facilities under 10,000 reporting thresholds, meaning no risk management plan is required but general duty clause is in effect (Clean Air Act 112R). Current push for outreach to facilities and outlining requirements in general duty clause with possible enforcement actions with non-compliance.

Online Western Regions meeting with regions 8 and 9 projected end of January/early February.

HMEP Grant update

Susan Forsythe on behalf of Sierra Wardell– Year 1 awarded for 22HMEP Grant.

Percentage breakdown

State M&A 9%

HazMat Workshop 6%

LEPC/Tribal Conference 6%

WSP-FPB 70%

LEPC/Tribes 9%

Clallam County

Columbia County

San Juan County

Please see attached presentation slides.

SERC Budget

Susan Forsythe – No change in budget spending since last meeting, anticipated spending on Westside and Eastside Workshops and LEPC/Tribal Conferences moving into 2023.

LEPC Planning Status

Susan Forsythe– Franklin County submitted their plan with new format, and feedback will be provided by January 6, 2023. Benton County submitted their annual review to the SERC.

Hiring updates – Central Washington Planning position – Stephanie Hakala starting December 16th, 2022

Informal offer to candidate for Hazmat Program Assistant

Northwest Planning position to be posted.

Strategic Plan update

Susan Forsythe – Strategic plan to be reviewed at every meeting when possible pending staffing update within HazMat program.



For the Good of the Organization

Scott Lancaster– CBRN summit in Denver, CO at the beginning of October. CO capabilities were discussed from the 7th CST, personnel discussed medical issues, and information on how vaccine production process was scaled down from years to months to weeks. Potential for radiological dirty bomb is always a risk, and there's a training that was done in Seattle in 2019 called "Save the City". Part of a discussion panel on hazmat team capabilities and needs, including personnel from Denver, Phoenix, Utah, and the 7th CST were on the panel with Scott. Issues discussed included training, equipment for responders, in person/virtual training pros and cons, and volunteer retention.

Kristin Rutherford, CST – Her organization is geared towards radiological response and is willing to offer training or capabilities brief for Hazmat. Willing to provide information to resources as needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Safety Risk and Alternate Energy

Scott Lancaster– In addition to the rest of meeting information added that from Spokane's town hall discussion should be continued among stakeholders and nation.

NEW BUSINESS

NASTTPO – Chris Caprio, Diane Fowler, and Scott Lancaster attended. Scott Lancaster provided an overview of topics covered such as Pennsylvania SERC reporting presentation and West Texas fertilizer explosion presentation. Chris Caprio reported on a presentation on Tribal liaison and engagement. Diane Fowler added to the west Texas fertilizer explosion overview regarding identification of risks and the corresponding response and management.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chief Reid reminded members that the annual 2023 public meeting will take place at the LEPC/Tribal Conference in April. Proposed meeting schedule for 2023, Feb 1, April 25, Sept 18, Nov 1. Requesting volunteers for hosting 2023 SERC meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023, at 10:00 am. This meeting will be virtual. A TEAMS calendar invitation and agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

ADJOURN

Sean Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Harris seconded. Meeting adjourned.