



Washington State Emergency Response Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2023

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Mike Harris, Vice Chair

Erin Coyle, Department of Agriculture, Primary

Laura Hayes, Department of Ecology, Primary

Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology, Alternate

Brad Burnham, Department of Health, Alternate

Darren James, Department of Labor and Industries, Alternate

Troy Newman, Washington Military Department, Primary

Melissa Gannie, Washington State Patrol, Primary

Cindy Dickinson, Local Emergency Manager, Primary

JoAnn Boggs, Local Emergency Manager, Alternate

Sean Davis, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Eastside Primary Representative

Sandi Duffey, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Eastside Alternate Representative

GUESTS PRESENT

Tim Archer, Spokane County

Randolph August, Washington State Guard

Derek Beach, Grant County

Kayle Berryhill, Franklin County

Tina Bobbitt, Columbia County

Gerald Bozarth, Spokane County

Mario Brown, ARC

Robert Burbridge, Mason County

David Byers, ECY

Brandon Cheney, Thurston County

Ian Cook, Private Industry

Chane Cruger, Colville Confederated Tribes

Deanna Davis, Benton/Franklin

William Elliot, WMD

Michael Field, Columbia County

Brett Garris, Snohomish County

Jordan Hanes, Benton County

Lacey Harris, Private Industry

Dave Houseberg, Kittitas County

Matt Klein, Grant County

Amber Lee, ARC

T. Chris Lee, Franklin County

Mike McMullen, Yakima Valley

Michele Moen, 10th Homeland Response Force

Andrew Needham, Private Industry

Joseph Ortiz, Snohomish County

Andrew Pittman, Grey's Harbor

Patrick Purcell, Walla Walla

Beau Renfro, Wahkiakum County

Adenea Sellars, Stevens County

Paula Skryja, Private Industry
Tawni Solberg, Adams County
Megan Woods, Franklin County

Tammi Wright, Mason County
Kim Mask, EMD
David Mulligan, PHMSA

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Chris Caprio, EMD
Susan Forsythe, EMD
Diane Fowler, ECY
Scott Lancaster, WSP

Stephanie Hakala, EMD
Pete Hartmann, EMD
Ashley Hillis, ECY
Danielle Plenge, EMD

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Mike Harris called the meeting to order at 10:03AM

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF February 1st, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Cindy Dickinson motioned to approve the February 1st, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Sean Davis. The minutes were approved as written.

WORKGROUPS AND STANDING REPORTS

Training Coordination – Scott Lancaster, WSP

Provided update on training among various fire districts. He has been gathering feedback from LEPCs and other groups within Washington around issue that they would like to see training around, i.e., train derailments and Lithium-Ion training. Additionally, the topic of fentanyl smoke is a focus regarding training, but also more so in political and health risk. Trainings are ongoing for 2023:

- Eastside Hazmat Workshop May 5-7 in Spokane
- Energy Symposium May 11-12 in Pasco

EPCRA Compliance – Diane Fowler, ECY

Tier Two facilities were about 5000 but have dropped down due to closing businesses or turnover in businesses regarding who oversaw submitted the Tier Two. Recent upswing in reporting for 2023. EPCRA App will update soon and remains password protected. Diane Fowler is the contact for access and App feedback.

HMEP Grant Status/Workgroup – Susan Forsythe, EMD

Funds were returned due to COVID-19 response. Currently in Year 1 of grant. Funds were used by SERC to aid in workshops/conferences and funds were provided to Scott Lancaster to aid in training opportunities and to avoid underspending.

Just under \$50,000 is left over, discussion was had to allocate funds, led by Chief Mike Harris
Proposed by Sean Davis

\$40,000 to Scott Lancaster to be used in training specifically for ICS training.

&10,714.49 to Susan Forsythe to be used supporting LEPCs for Tabletop and/or other exercises that will meet needs

Seconded by Laura Hayes

LEPC Planning Status – Susan Forsythe, EMD

Pend Orielle has submitted their plan for review.

Strategic Plan Review – Susan Forsythe, EMD

EMD will be gaining GovDeliver as a means of aiding in distribution of information and trainings updates to the SERC and other interested parties, current timeline is to be in use August 2023. HAZWOPER courses are being provided for local Tribes upon request, currently Swinomish and one other in the pre-planning stage.

OLD BUSINESS

Lithium Ion and Energy topics update:

Scott Lancaster feels that the issue is being covered by current trainings. The Energy Symposium in Pasco is being hosted by PNNL and will focus on those issues, with the whole community involvement. Hazmat Capabilities Assessment

Chief Harris provides an update on the current capabilities. The google form was provided to local Fire Districts to examine response capabilities includes financial capability, personnel/training capability, and to identify gaps in capabilities. Currently identified gaps are in rural and eastside counties. The issue also noted from the assessment was how to recoup the cost/ongoing maintenance as opposed to the cost of significant events.

NASTTPO

Update provided later during LEPC/Tribal Conference

NEW BUSINESS

LEPC Planning districts – specifically combined or restructuring current LEPCs districts, tables until after conference and will be discussed during September 2023 meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sean Davis discussed all hazard mobilization and response. Discussion involved a Community Reception Center for leveraging local resources on testing people for radiation for entrance to center, looking to partner with the local fire district to request state mobility to request additional resources to hold over before 10th CST and DOH can arrive. ARC has been involved in processing and selecting locations. Chief Harris requests to go through the State Fire Marshall's office to mobilize, and the use of WSP and others for incident command.

ADJOURN

Chief Mike Harris motioned to adjourn. Sean Davis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2023, at Northern Quest Resort, Spokane, WA