

# Emergency Management Council Minutes

August 8, 2024

## Attendees

Please see pages 3, 4 and 5.

## Call to Order

The Emergency Management Council meeting was held via Teams on August 8, 2024. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and was presided over by Chandra Fox, EMC Chair. Amanda Webster, Emergency Management Division, recorded the minutes.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the June 6, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Frederick Brink and seconded by Quyen Thai. The motion carried.

## Opening Comments

Opening comments were presented by Major General Gent Welsh, The Adjutant General, Washington Military Department.

Robert Ezelle, Director, EMD, also provided opening remarks.

## Regional Issues Impacting Washington

Willie Nunn, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 10, provided an overview of regional issues impacting Washington.

## Reports

Alexa Bach, EMD Planning Program Supervisor, provided a status report on the update of WAC 118-30.

## Work Session – Unclassified Threat Brief

LTC Michael Camerota, Army National Guard, Joint Staff Intelligence Branch, presented PowerPoint on foreign and potential threats in Washington.

- China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, potential implications for the State of Washington
- Global Trade, partnerships and debt traps with China
- Blending advertising and propaganda being used by China to shape and improve foreign audiences understanding of the PRC

Julie Fisher, Director, Washington State Fusion Center, presented by Lauren Knoxx, Domestic Threat Actors, Ideology, Tactics and Targets.

- Homegrown Violent Extremists and Domestic Violent Extremists continue to engage in violence in reaction to sociopolitical events
- Milita Violent Extremists who are groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed at federal, state or local government officials in response to their belief that the government is deliberately stripping Americans of their freedoms
- Abortion-Related Violent Extremists have targeted local Pro-Life clinics and church's

- Mixing ideologies requires multipronged terrorism prevention efforts

### **Work Session – In-Person Meetings**

Chandra Fox, EMC Chair, discussed a proposal to have the 2025 EMC meetings in person. Fred Brink made a motion to approve, and Jim Pendowski seconded. Motion was approved 10-2.

### **EMC Adjournment**

Chandra Fox adjourned the EMC meeting at 10:41 a.m.

### **Convene Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**

The SAC meeting called to order at 10:41 a.m. by Chandra Fox.

- The Senior Advisory Committee tasked the EMAG with reviewing the grant allocation process, and reporting on any recommended changes. The Homeland Security Regional Coordinators will be invited to join the conversations.

### **Open Public Forum**

Amy Gillespie, Pierce County, WA Deputy Director

- State Homeland Security Grant Program, clarifying that the process of funding was changed a couple of years ago when SAA provided a competitive grant process, which all the 9-homeland security agrees that there is a broken process and should be re-evaluated. The coordinators should be involved in the process and suggested that the EMC hear feedback from the nine coordinators, look at the proposals that have been developed and not dismiss their work
- Funding alternatives for equitable and transparent process needed when there is not enough funding to go around

Chandra Fox, EMC Chair

- Clarifying that EMC is tasking the subcommittees to do the work and have the conversation on revisiting the existing allocation methods and funds, not the EMC making this determination, but for EMAG to start the conversation

Nicholas Gibson, Seattle King County

- Also requested that the HLS regional coordinators be involved in the review.

Kyle Bustad, Thurston County, WA Emergency Management Manager

- Also requested that the HLS regional coordinators be involved in the review.

Chandra Fox

- Clarified that the SAC is tasking EMAG to review the allocation process and that no changes being made right now. She also reiterated that the HLS regional coordinators will be a part of the conversation.

Nick Bacon, Asotin County, WA Emergency Services Manager

- Agrees that it is important to have conversations on the topic and of reduced funds, not just grant funds, but overall funding and the alternatives with what funds are available

### **SAC Adjournment**

Chandra Fox adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

### EMC Member Attendance

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>July 8</b>
Pos 1 Pri	Fredrick Brink	Present
Pos 1 Alt	Chuck Torelli	Absent
Pos 2 Pri	Gene Strong	Absent
Pos 2 Alt	Mark Ozias	Absent
Pos 3 Pri	Chief Scott Engle	Absent
Pos 3 Alt	Chief Peter Fisher	Absent
Pos 4 Pri	Chief John Batiste	Present
Pos 4 Alt	Arel Solie	Absent
Pos 5 Pri	Robert Ezelle	Present
Pos 5 Alt	Sharon Wallace	Present
Pos 6 Pri	Jim Pendowski	Present
Pos 6 Alt	Jacob Rain	Present
Pos 7 Pri	Chief Chad Cross	Present
Pos 7 Alt	Melissa Gannie	Present
Pos 8 Pri	Chief Michael Harris	Absent
Pos 8 Alt	Vacant	
Pos 9 Pri	Hilary S. Franz	Absent
Pos 9 Alt	Casey Hanell	Present
Pos 10 Pri	Chandra Fox	Present
Pos 10 Alt	Alysha Kaplan	Present
Pos 11 Pri	JoAnn Boggs	Present
Pos 11 Alt	John Unfred	Present
Pos 12 Pri	Vacant	
Pos 12 Alt	John O'Rourke	Absent
Pos 13 Pri	Nathan Weed	Present
Pos 13 Alt	Ron Weaver	Absent
Pos 14 Pri	Quyem Thai	Present
Pos 14 Alt	Ryan Mumma	Absent
Pos 15 Pri	Greg Welch	Present
Pos 15 Alt	Dru Garson	Absent
Pos 16 Pri	John Himmel	Absent
Pos 16 Alt	Vacant	
Pos 17 Pri	Kirk Holmes	Present
Pos 17 Alt	Jennifer Bailey	Absent
Pos 18 Pri	Anna Marie Dufault	Absent
Pos 18 Alt	Amber Wynn	Absent
Pos 19 Pri	Vacant	

Pos 19 Alt	Vacant	
Pos 20 Pri	Vacant	
Pos 20 Alt	Elizabeth Sanchez	Absent
Pos 21 Pri	Cherrie May	Present
Pos 21 Alt	Jeff Choke	Absent

**EMC Guest Attendance**

Vince Maykovich  
Morgan Wilson  
Hannah Cleverly  
Sandi Duffey  
Amy Gillespie  
Zach Myers  
Timothy Rajcevich  
Adenea Sellars  
Gabe Baez  
James Baumgart  
David Broussard  
Deanna Davis  
Francis Burkhart  
John Holdsworth  
Kyle Bustad  
Jon Lee  
Michael Camerota  
Brendan McCluskey  
Mike McMullen  
Willie Nunn  
Nick Bacon  
Sarah Nuss  
Kristi Oosterveen  
Ariannah Payne  
Nathan Weed

**EMD Staff**

Alexa Bach  
Anne-marie Marshall-Dody  
Melissa Morris  
Katie Spiekermann  
Sharon Wallace  
Sierra Wardell  
Robert Ezelle  
Amanda Webster  
Victoria Fontana  
Gail Cram  
Stacey McClain  
Adam Wasserman

