

Washington State Emergency Management Council Subcommittee Reports

October 2024

Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee

Submitted by Mark Douglas, Washington Emergency Management Division

Committee Members:

Chair: Robert Ezelle, Washington Emergency Management Division

1. Quyen Thai, City of Tacoma
2. Kirk Holmes, Perteet Engineering
3. John Unfred, City of Lakewood
4. VACANT

Summary of Recent Meeting

The last meeting was June 12, 2023, and was previously reported.

Discussion Topics:

Decisions/Recommendations:

Next Steps:

Next Meeting Date: None currently scheduled

Topics or Issues for the EMC:

Seismic Safety Subcommittee

Casey Hanell, Washington Geological Survey, Department of Natural Resources

None Submitted

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Submitted by Susan Forsythe (EMD) on behalf of Chief Mike Harris, SERC Vice-Chair

Committee Members:

Vacant, SERC Chair

Chief Mike Harris, SERC Vice-Chair

Erin Coyle, Department of Agriculture, Primary

Randy Treadwell, Department of Agriculture, Primary

Laura Hayes, Department of Ecology, Primary

Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology, Alternate

Susan Smith, Department of Health, Primary

Brad Burnham, Department of Health, Alternate

John Geppert, Department of Labor and Industries, Primary

Darren James, Department of Labor and Industries, Alternate

John Himmel, Department of Transportation, Primary

Catherine (CJ) Pearce, Department of Transportation, Alternate

Cindy Dickinson, Local Emergency Manager, Primary

Joann Boggs, Local Emergency Manager, Alternate

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

Sandi Duffy, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Eastside, Secondary

Casey Broom, Military Department, Primary

Kevin Wickersham, Military Department, Primary

Gary White, Private Industry Representative, Primary

Sheri Call, Transportation Industry, Primary

Melissa Gannie, Washington State Patrol, Primary

Bill Slosson, Washington State Patrol, Alternate

Summary of Recent Meeting

Date: September 9, 2024

Discussion Topics:

- Scott Lancaster, Washington State Patrol, discussed the benefit of changing the filing location of designated Hazardous Material Incident Command agencies in RCW 70.136.030.
- Diane Fowler, Department of Ecology, shared that possible changes to Tier Two reporting may occur in 2025 and affect reports starting January 2026. Any changes to Washington forms will be presented to the SERC for adoption.
- The final report is nearly finished to meet the requirements in SSB 5812 Chapter 189 2024 to study the impacts of electric vehicle fires on the environment and proximate residential areas, health impacts on responding firefighters, and best practices for fire response, and regarding clean-up and disposal efforts. An update on the final report will occur at the next SERC meeting.
- SERC members, LEPC members, and support staff attended a new pilot UPRR Rail Incident Leadership Course. This course provided an opportunity to observe how other jurisdictions in other states respond to rail incidents.

Decisions/Recommendations:

No decisions or recommendations were made during this meeting. However, it was announced that the SERC Member election will take place at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

SERC members will vote on membership vacancies during the next meeting. The SERC expects the Washington Fire Chiefs Association to propose a candidate for the position of SERC Chair by the next meeting. The SERC administrator is still collecting nominations for the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the Westside, Alternate Private Industry, and Alternate Transportation Industry.

Next Meeting Date:

Topics or Issues for the EMC: None

Cybersecurity Advisory Committee

Committee Members

Paul Adams, Port of Tacoma
Tristan Allen, WA Emergency Management Division
Samuel Anderson, WA Secretary of State
Allen Avery, WA State Fusion Center
Jennifer Clarke, Costco
Barbara Edicott – Popovsky, University of Washington
Samuel Hall, Verizon
Mike Hamilton, PISCES International
Mike Henson, NoaNet
Ralph Johnson, WA Technology Agency
Ken Joubert, WA State Dept. of Transportation
Eli King, WA Dept. of Commerce, State Energy Office
Erin Laska, WA State Auditor's Office
Scott Lemmer, Verizon
Ian Moore, Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency
Kim Moore, WA Dept. of Health, Office of Drinking Water
Robert Pratt, WA Dept. of Financial Institutions
Nathaniel Ray, WA Air National Guard, Cyber Plans and Operations
Jesse Regalado, WA Dept. of Transportation
Alex Salazar, Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency
Mark Sangster, Adlumin (supporting WA Financial Institutions)
Lea Snyder, Microsoft
Michael Tiddy, Burlington Northern Santa Fe

Summary of Recent Meeting

Date: September 26, 2024

Discussion Topics

- Annual joint meeting with the Technology Services Board Security Subcommittee
- Discussed annual report recommendations:
 - Develop state Cybersecurity Incident Response Team
 - Formalize Interagency Cybersecurity Structure
 - Increase state grant funding to for local cybersecurity risk mitigation projects
 - Develop a state Strategic Threat Intelligence and Incident Response Center

Decisions/Recommendations

- Reviewed charter. Will recommend membership changes and hold vote for new co-chair at November meeting.

Next Steps

- Hold final CY24 meeting on December 5
- Finalize annual report to the legislature and submit by end of year

Next Meeting Date

December 5, 2024

Topics or Issues for the EMC

- None at this time