

# Washington State Emergency Management Council Subcommittee Reports

December 2024

## 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: 26 September 2024**

#### Discussion Topics

- Draft Committee recommendations for the annual State of Cybersecurity legislative report, future cast for annual charter review, reassessment of Committee priorities & selecting new co-chair(s)

#### Decisions/Recommendations

- Gathered recommendations for adjustments to verbiage on Committee recommendations as presented; no substantial changes made

**Next Steps**

- Selecting co-chair(s) at next meeting; sent legislative report for Committee review within 2 weeks (complete)

**Next Meeting Date: 05 December 2024**

**Topics or Issues for the EMC**

- Review the annual State of Cybersecurity report once published (estimated, the first week of December; currently at OFM), particularly regarding multiple-stakeholder involvement in state-led initiatives (in particular: the Strategic Threat Intelligence Center & volunteer Cybersecurity Incident Response Team); consider establishing a cross-agency decision-making panel or promoting a legislative task force regarding these initiatives

## **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**

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

### **Committee Members:**

Michael Heffner, SERC Chair

Chief Mike Harris, SERC Vice-Chair

Erin Coyle, Department of Agriculture, Primary

Vacant, Department of Agriculture, Alternate

Laura Hayes, Department of Ecology, Primary

Emily Sidley, 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

Nichole Bernardo, 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

Vacant, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Westside, Primary

Cherie Nevin, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Westside, Secondary

Casey Broom, Military Department, Primary

Kevin Wickersham, Military Department, Primary

Gary White, Private Industry Representative, Primary

Emily Wade, Private Industry Representative, Alternate

Sheri Call, Transportation Industry, Primary

Martin Crowley, Transportation Industry, Alternate

Melissa Gannie, Washington State Patrol, Primary

Bill Slosson, Washington State Patrol, Alternate

### **Summary of Recent Meeting**

**The last meeting was September 9, 2024**

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Dave Byers, Department of Ecology, gave a presentation on a summary of the hazmat responses and interesting case studies from the perspective of the Department of Ecology so far in 2024, including:
  - Walla Walla Diesel Spill - There was a recent spill into the Columbia River with a coordinated response effort.
  - Illegal Drug Operations -Overview of responses to drug manufacturing facilities, meth labs, and fentanyl-related incidents.
  - Notable Incidents - Various impactful environmental and public health incidents, including gas spills and significant cleanup efforts across the state.
  - Pipeline Incident - Olympic pipeline gasoline spill near Mount Vernon, highlighting response coordination and financial challenges in recovery and remediation.

- The location and dates for the 2025 LEPC/Tribal Conference and Hazmat Workshops have been planned. The SERC is currently seeking input and participation from members on topics.
  - Hazmat Workshop - Scheduled for April 3-6, 2025, at South Puget Sound Community College.
  - LEPC Conference - Scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2025, in Wenatchee, WA.
- National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) Update - Scott Lancaster, Diane Fowler, and Susan Forsythe had a few notes from some of the presentations that were highlights of the Conference in October. The SERC will get an update on rule changes to the Risk Management Program (RMP) updates at the February Meeting.
- Chief Harris reminded all SERC members that they need to complete Public Open Meeting Act Training before the end of the year and email Susan Forsythe with confirmation that they completed it. The training consists of watching a 19-minute video, and the link was provided in an email sent last week.

**Decisions/Recommendations:**

Chief Harris led the election of representatives into three of the four open State Emergency Response Commission positions. The following people were voted into SERC Membership positions:

- SERC Chair - Michael Heffner, Kennewick Fire Department
- Alternate Private Industry - Emily Wade, Towing and Recovery Association of Washington
- Alternate Transportation Industry - Martin Crowley, Multistar Othello WA

**Next Steps:**

A vote to fill the Local Emergency Planning Committee -Westside Representative position will occur during the next SERC Meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** February 5, 2025

**Topics or Issues for the EMC:** None

## **Seismic Safety Subcommittee**

Submitted by Casey Hanell, Washington Geological Survey, Department of Natural Resources

### **Committee Members:**

Casey Hanell, WGS  
Alex Steely, WGS  
Megan Anderson, WGS  
Tricia Sears, WGS  
Robert Ezelle, EMD  
Maximilian Dixon, EMD  
Brian Terbush, EMD  
Tim Cook, EMD  
Harold Tobin, PNSN  
Bill Steele, PNSN/UW  
Gabe Lotto, PNSN  
Pascal Schuback, CREW  
Allyson Brooks, DAHP  
Tristan Allen, EMD  
John Himmel, WSDOT  
Marc Fish, WSDOT  
Daniel Sumerfield, SEAW  
Scott Neuman, SEAW  
Don Nguyen, ASCE  
Ray Cockerham, WABO  
Heather Skeehan, AIA  
Stoyan Bumbalov, SBCC  
Erika Lund, Seattle OEM  
Kai Ki Mow, Seattle Engineering  
Amanda Herzfeld, City of Seattle  
Gene Strong, EMC  
Cherrie May, EMC  
Brian Sherrod, USGS  
Erin Wirth, USGS  
Wendy Shaw, FEMA  
Amy Teshera, OIC  
Matt Stoutenburg, OIC  
Scott Black, OSPI  
Randy Newman, OSPI  
Marc Eberhard, UW Engineering  
Jeff Berman, UW Engineering  
Kyle Steuck, EERI WA Chapter  
Maggie Ortiz Milan, EERI  
Kyra Nourse, CREW  
Riley McNabb, EMD  
Quyen Thai, City of Tacoma, WABO  
Jeronimo Roldan, DAHP  
Hannah Rabinowitz, FEMA  
Elizabeth Angell, EERI

## Summary of Recent Meeting(s)

**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024

### Attendees:

Steely, Alex	Assistant Director of Geologic Hazards and Mapping, WGS
Wallace, Sharon	Deputy Director EMD, Manages Emerg. Mgmt. Council
Jeffrey W Berman	Professor of Civil and Structural Engineering, cochair School Seismic Safety Committee
Gabriel Lotto	PNSN ShakeAlert Technical Engagement Lead, and School Safety Workgroup Chair
Ezelle, Robert	Director of EMD
Thai, Quyen	City of Tacoma Principal Plans Examiner, Representing WA Assoc Building Officials
Hertzfeld, Amanda	URM Program Manager, City of Seattle
Randy Newman	Director of School Facilities, OSPI
Hanell, Casey	Director of WGS
Scott Black	OSPI Facilities
Kyle Steuck	EERI representative, practicing professional
West, Travis	School Seismic Safety Committee Lead
Dixon, Maximilian	Hazards and Outreach at EMD, URM workgroup
Stoutenburg, Matt	Office of Insurance Commissioner
Marshall-Dody, Anne-marie	Asst. Director for Disaster Resilience at EMD
Terbush, Brian	EQ and Volcano Program Manager at EMD
Zillah, Alice	Research and Development Services at Department of Commerce
McLemore, Morgan	Deputy Director of DAHP
Sears, Tricia	Planning Liaison for WGS
Harold J Tobin	Director of PNSN and State Seismologist
Anderson, Megan	WGS Earthquake Research
Forte, David	Senior Property Advisor at Office of Insurance Commissioner
Pascal Schuback	CREW

### Discussion Topics:

#### Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Working Group Updates:

- Updated progress on URM inventory and tax incentive discussions, emphasizing interagency collaboration and a FEMA grant to develop a URM portal.

- Potential URM-focused legislative work session in January coordinated by City of Seattle. Draft presentation topics include:
  - EMD and Commerce presenting on URM inventory and vulnerabilities.
  - Perspectives from building managers, WA Historic Trust, and Seattle's budget proviso efforts.
- Tacoma's URM inventory update: inspectors completed a downtown survey and plan to expand outward.

**School Seismic Safety Workgroup Updates:**

- OSPI outlined progress on school relocation and retrofitting projects, including coastal schools like Taholah and Pacific Beach Elementary.
- PNSN led discussion on a pilot for Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) in schools, focusing on cost-effective solutions and scalability. Discussions included funding challenges, grants, and broader implementation feasibility. Intent for this workgroup to continue to develop options and more detailed strategy recommendations in 2025.



## **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 Member

### **Summary of Recent Meeting**

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

#### **Discussion Topics:**

N/A

#### **Decisions/Recommendations:**

N/A

#### **Next Steps:**

N/A

**Next Meeting Date:** Not currently scheduled

**Topics or Issues for the EMC:** None