

## **Emergency Management Council Meeting**

Thursday, July 9, 2015 – 0900-1200

Bldg 109, Camp Murray

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions**

*Dave DeHaan, EMC Chair*

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting minutes are approved.

#### **Opening Comments**

*General Daugherty*

Appreciate cooperation and working well together as a community. Exercise Evergreen Tremor (for Cascadia Rising) went well. Had a successful Cyber TTX. Oil Train TTX with Gov Inslee's participation is scheduled.

#### **EMD Remarks**

*Director Ezelle*

- Successfully coordinated 10 fire mobilizations – only 1 has not demobilized. No major ones compared to yet, but still had major impacts to locals (especially in Wenatchee). Continuing cooperation between EMD, Fire Marshal's Office and DNR.
- Planning conferences for Cascadia Rising are underway.
- Update on budget around Coop positions and EFTs: \$1M dollar budget line item approved, 4 COOP FTEs approved. EMD Remaining unfunded positions, 1 COOP planner and 3 FTEs.

#### **FEMA Remarks**

*Administrator Murphy*

Deep into planning for Cascadia Rising. FEMA R10 is leading the nation in fires. Keeping a close eye on federal legislation and the Resilient Forest Act. Closure on tribal response plan. Started working on a power plan for the Western US. State of Maryland and the Baltimore riots submitted as a disaster declaration – originally denied, but is being appealed (for PA and IA). Another state filed a declaration to pay for avian flu costs (for PA). Celebrating on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **2015 Fire Season**

- Fire season started early
- It's going to be an expensive year (that's what supplemental budgets are for).
- Efforts rely on trading resources around the state and country.
- Wenatchee fire ended up with a hazmat release – the first time for this state.
- The Climate Prediction Center sends out a map that indicates a warmer and dryer weather through September.
- Emergency Proclamation was signed a couple weeks ago and gives access to National Guard resources.

- There is a proclamation sitting at the governor's office for a burn ban across the entire state of WA
- Encourage communities to look on the National Fire Protection website
- EMAG was putting together EMATs for county EMOs can put together a quick team to help the county EOC. SnoCo offered to help and so did King Co. Successful proof of concept of locals helping locals
- Encourage looking at continuity of staffing for state agencies that are overworked for activations
- Would like input on how the EMC can better serve its mission of reporting emergency management and disaster response to TAG and the Gov. If there are any AARs (large or small) please bring it to the EMC and have it as an agenda item for discussion
- Fire Defense Committee completes an AAR for the season and there's a potential for an EMC briefing
- Need to get more information to the right people. This may be a result of the Statewide EM System. Maybe need a subcommittee to make this a reality.
- Governor is interested in the gaps and how we can improve and have a better response next time.
- Committee for the Comprehensive Statewide Emergency Management System
- Have committees and agencies identify their top five best practices?

### **EMC Report to the Governor**

*Dave DeHaan*

Hoping to have a draft for presentation this meeting, but didn't happen. Full draft for approval at the next meeting. Draft will be sent prior to September meeting.

### **Committee – Task Force Reports**

#### **1. EMC Executive Committee**

Have not met the last couple of months and don't intend to meet today

#### **2. Emergency Management Advisory Group**

- EMAG is well-engaged. Talked about scaling back activities for the summer fire season, but didn't want to lose momentum. Meeting monthly
- Completing the finishing touches for a resource ordering system for common language and operating principles across the state
- Trying to expand mutual aid mechanisms to share resources under WAMAS. Already discussed EMATs
- Looking at putting together a team as a strategic-thinking brain-trust to provide assistance to agencies facing disaster
- Adjusting membership and tribal representation

#### **3. State Emergency Response Commission**

- Not present

#### **4. Seismic Safety**

- Resilient Washington subcabinet to really tackle the plan
- EMD is going to take the lead of putting the group together and reviewing out other positions, work plan, and charter
- Target of October to kick it off

#### **5. Senior Advisory Committee**

- No report

## 6. **Intrastate Mutual Aid**

- Presented at last meeting.
- Four cycles of review by stakeholders.
- WAMAS subcommittee approved at the end of April.
- Latest revision meets the FEMA reimbursement guidance. No major changes since draft was last presented.

**Motion:** Ron Averill moved to approve. Michael Loehr seconded. The motion was carried and the WAMAS Operations and Deployment Guide was approved.

- It will be a great tool for our local jurisdictions for support during major events.
- DOH county coroner's workgroup is adopting an MOU that will follow the WAMAS template for requesting resources
- The Guide will be posted to EMD's website under Logistics/Resources
- Training slides will be developed to support the Guide and will be also be posted to the website. If specialized training is needed, contact Craig Ginn, EMD.
- Recommendation: Discuss with Barb Graff and close the action item.

## 7. **Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee**

- Meetings have not been conducted for the past two years due to lack of funding.
- Turn from HLS Perspective to all-hazards program (transportation, energy, communications, and water).
- Re-look at the charter and refocus the group. Initial goal will be to develop a 5-yr work plan by the end of October.
- Make a concerted effort to add value for those involved from the private sector

## EMC Action Requests

### 1. **Sustainable Funding**

- This topic is included in the Governor's report
- As this session wraps up we should take the opportunity to influence members during the off-season
- Association of Washington Business, Gary Chandler (VP of Government Affairs) is a good resource for how to introduce and handle this to make this a successful process (from the private sector standpoint)
- It helps if emergency managers go to legislators in their own districts
- EMAG and WSEMA are also looking at the funding issue and coordinating efforts

### 2. **Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures**

- Discussed under Task Force Reports

### 3. **Objectives of Homeland Security Regional Concept**

- EMAG has deferred work on this for the time being while discussing issues surrounding a comprehensive emergency management system

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- Membership
  - State EM will be elected in September
  - Ray Cockerham for Building Officials
  - Dick is working with a liaison from EMD for the private sector. Also working with different committees to gather information for private sector participation
  - Rick Adamson retired
  - Tola Marts for Association of Washington Cities

- Cyber update every year
  - There are specific plans and strategies for engagement in the cyber arena.
  - Outreach will begin with a formalized seminar in Region 6 during the fall timeframe.
  - Will share the framework that is included our annex
  - Share best practices and resource typing
  - Is there value in having DIS to cover what's happening on a state-wide basis?
- April 4 me moratorium on the use of drones.
- Have agenda items listed that require votes. Send agenda and backup documents for review a week prior to meeting
- Shoalwater Bay Tribe's Yellow Brick Road and Tsunami/Health walk on July 21

### **Closing Remarks**

*General Daugherty, Director Ezelle*

National Guard news: Army will convert 81<sup>st</sup> Brigade from heavy brigade to strykers. This will provide several hundred vehicles to assist in disasters

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.