

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 22, 2014 – 0900-1200

Northern Quest Resort, Pend Oreille Pavilion III, Spokane, Washington

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

Jim Hall, EMC Chair

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion: Approve the July meeting minutes. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Opening Comments

General Daugherty

- Welcome, it's been a busy year
- Look forward to hearing from members of the council today

EMD Remarks

Director Ezelle

- New Cyber Security Planner at EMD – Matt Modarelli
- Planning efforts continuing for Cascadia Rising Exercise in 2016
- Great ShakeOut is October 16 at 10:16 a.m. Our goal is to have more than one-million registered to participate
- Construction begins next month on the nation's first vertical tsunami shelter in the Ocosta School District in Grays Harbor County

FEMA Remarks

Ken Murphy

- Plans for unaccompanied children continue
- Assisting in the repatriation of US citizens affected by the Ebola epidemic in Africa
- Working to get ready for winter

Update on SR 530 Slide Recap

Director Ezelle and Others

- State EMD has been partnering with Snohomish County to complete a Comprehensive AAR that should be finished by the end of October
- End of October a facilitated meeting will be held to cover key lessons learned at state, county, local governments and impacted tribes
- Governor established an independent commission to look at the facts surrounding the landslide
 - Report due in December
 - Identify what happened and develop timelines
 - Commission is to develop a list of recommendations and key deliverables that will ensure a better emergency management system
 - JoAnn Boggs (member of the commission): Timelines have been aggressive as the report is due to the Governor on December 15th

WDOH Briefing

Michael Loehr and Mike Smith

- Conducted a meeting with various partners to identify capability gaps and priorities in fatality management
 - Worked with coroners and medical examiners
 - Provide training that is of value to these offices (national level training from the NTSB)
 - Establish protocols for prioritizing resources

- Healthcare is a regulated industry; however, during a disaster normal rules may need to be waived to account for altered standards of medical care that are possible; some degree of liability protection for healthcare workers is necessary during disasters to allow them the flexibility to function within a drastically changed environment
- Ebola outbreak:
 - Doesn't spread rapidly. Does not spread like the flu or the common cold
 - Outbreak in Africa is out of control
 - Coordinated support with EMD for EOC support
- Exercise on October 1 & 2
 - Testing how far the Department of Health has come in developing response capability
 - Two Type III IMTs deploying during this exercise
 - Test new decision making model
- Mass patient transport is being evaluated and a matrix of transport capabilities has been developed.

Marine and Rail Transportation Study

John Ufford

- EMD is participating in a study led by the Department of Ecology on the topic of Bakken crude oil
 - The study has been going on since late March early April 2014
 - The final report is due to the governor in March 2015
 - Addressing potential legal changes
 - Need to improve response and reduce risk
 - Report is in draft and includes 47 recommendations
 - Draft is due out mid-November
 - Final draft due by end of December
 - Expected to provide enough information to enact necessary legislation
 - Increase local resources

Wildland Fire Discussion

Director Ezelle / Scott Miller

- Most challenging fire season in Washington State history
- The Carlton Complex fire started as 3 or 4 different fires in the middle of July, but grew and combined to become the biggest fire in state history
- Burned over 300 structures
- Looking at long-term impacts in the community (housing, businesses, and the economic vitality of Okanogan County)
- A Public Assistance Presidential declaration was granted, but not Individual Assistance
 - An appeal was submitted and we are now waiting to hear back from FEMA/the White House
- This will be a difficult winter due to run-off and flooding because of unstable soil
- There was a lack of power grid redundancy and it will cost millions to build redundancy infrastructure for the future
- Scott Miller – Okanogan County
 - Lack of ICS depth, 100, 700 do not ensure qualification
 - Elected officials need more training
 - Self-deployment was difficult to control
 - There were problems implementing the evacuation levels (1, 2, and 3) since the fire was moving too fast and there was no time to do a measured evacuation
 - How do we get better real-time information when the fire is moving too fast?
 - The American Red Cross, state agencies, ESFs, and the National Guard did a great job supporting the county
 - Heavy participation from the National Guard leveraging EMAC assistance

- Type III team from Pierce County and the DOC Type III team provided ICS build-up that was needed
- Many donations were received and are now being stored in warehouses
- Mutual aid and regional help were coming in from different counties
- Documentation was good
- Good coordination between IMTs
- Increased awareness of emergency management as a meaningful function
- Must use social media. Must fight fire with fire

EMC Report to the Governor

Jim Hall & Dave DeHaan

- The EMC has not submitted a report to the governor in the past several years

Committee – Task Force Reports

1. EMC Executive Committee (Informal) *Jim Hall*
 - The committee met after last EMC meeting in July
 - The committee meet again via email or teleconference for further discussions

2. Emergency Management Advisory Group (Action Item) *Director Ezelle*
 - Met last week and identified two items to work on
 - Look at and work on the EOC IMT interface and look at lessons learned
 - Resource ordering and tracking
 - There are potential changes in membership and once the charter is approved we'll look at the roster to determine final membership

Motion: Approve the EMAG charter. The motion carried and the charter was approved

3. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) *Bill Whealan/Mike Harris*
 - Nothing to report
 - The next SERC meeting is Thursday, 9/25/14

4. Seismic Safety *Dave Norman/Director Ezelle*
 - Nothing to report

5. Senior Advisory Committee *Barb Graff*
 - Recommend using the EMC as the SAC
 - Current taskforces/subcommittees of the EMC will have to be studied
 - Took careful notes from the grant guidelines and recommend adding members who can represent the tribal voice at the table, transportation, education, and the OFM
 - Governed by Open Public Meetings Act
 - Created a new structure based on current committees
 - Schedule a meeting with the SAC development committee and the EMC executive team

Motion: Task the EMAG to work with the Regional Coordinator with defining/answering the concerns addressed in the Action Request Worksheet

Amended Motion: Task the EMAG to work with the Regional Coordinator with defining/answering the concerns addressed, but not limited to, those in the Action Request Worksheet

Final Amended Motion: Task the EMAG to work with the Regional Coordinator with defining/answering the concerns addressed, but not limited to, those in the Action Request Worksheet. Foundation issues: Is there still a need for the regions? What objectives do we want them to meet? What is the role of the regional coordinators? The motion carried and the task was assigned to the EMAG

6. Intrastate Mutual Aid (WAMAS) *Director Ezelle*

- Review and approval of Charter (Action Item)
 - No updates to present
 - Committee meeting scheduled for October 13th
- 7. Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee
 - Nothing to report

John Himmel

EMC Action Requests

1. Sustainable Funding *Jim Hall*
 - Nothing to report
 - Director Ezelle had the opportunity to meeting with the independent commission and the number one thing he mentioned to them was sustainable funding
 - The governor is paying attention to the disasters in Washington State. The State Military Department is looking at a 15% reduction in funding (a total reduction of 55% since 2008)
2. Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures *Director Ezelle*
 - John Ufford and the Planning team are continuing to work through the Mutual Aid procedures.
 - The draft operations guide has been coordinated with Public Assistance and should be going out for review soon

Continuity of Operations Planning Bill (Status Report)

John Ufford

- Submitted to Governor's Office
- Long vetting and analysis process
- Can expect to hear more by Thanksgiving
 - A determination will be made whether or not the bill can be introduced
- Fiscal note was included asking for \$85,000 for a continuity manager

THIRA Training (tabled due to shortage of time, scheduled for next meeting)

Good of the Order

Jim Hall

Closing Remarks

*General Daugherty,
Director Ezelle/Jim Hall*

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Future Meetings

2014

~~January 9, 2014~~
~~March 6, 2014~~
~~May 1, 2014~~
 July 10, 2014
 September 22, 2014 *WSEMA Conference (Spokane)*
 November 6, 2014

2015

January 8, 2015 *moved one week for holiday*
 March 5, 2015
 May 7, 2015
 July 9, 2015 *moved one week for holiday*
 September 3, 2015
 November 5, 2015