

**MINUTES OF THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
January 5, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Washington State Emergency Management Council was held in Building 104, Camp Murray, WA on January 5, 2006. Vice-Chair Trudy Winterfeld called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members / Alternates Present:

John Batiste, Washington State Patrol
Paul Beckley, Washington State Patrol
Don Bivins, Local Fire Chiefs
JoAnn Boggs, Local EM Directors
Dan Eikum, Fire Protection Bureau
John Erickson, Department of Health
Mark Foutch, City Officials
Malcolm Friedman, WA Assoc. of Counties
Dale Jensen, Department of Ecology
Art Jordan, Search & Rescue
Ken Korshaven, Building Officials

Mike Matlick, Fire Protection Bureau
Jim Mullen, Emergency Management Division
Don Pierce, Police Chiefs
Jim Scharf, Police Chiefs
John Scheer, Local EM Directors
Ron Teissere, Department of Natural Resources
James Tinner, Building Officials
Ron Weaver, Military Department
Trudy Winterfeld, State EM Directors, Vice-Chair
Bob Zimmerman, Private Industry

Guest Present:

Craig Apperson, OSPI
Gregg Arndt, Dept. of Personnel
Mark Arras, Washington State Patrol
Ron Bowen, Washington State Patrol
John Butler, Department of Ecology
David Byers, Department of Ecology
Tom Green,
Elenka Jaroline, Univ. of Washington

Steve Kalmbach, Washington State Patrol
Dan Monaghan, Vancouver Fire Department
Dennis Nicks, WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Paul Perz, CTED
Ron Shively, American Red Cross
Doug Stolz, Department of Ecology
Sadie Whitener, Department of Ecology

EMD and MIL Present: Nancy Bickford, Amy Cook, Dalton Gamboa, Roger Hieb, Venetia Mitchell, Joan Sterling, Walter Swenson, Maillian Uphaus.

Roll Call/ Introductions:

A quorum was established. All those present introduced themselves.

Approval of the November 3, 2005 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: It was **M/S** by Don Bivins and Ken Korshaven to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.**

The Director's Remarks:

Director Jim Mullen reported on the Joint Legislative Hearing and Work Session on emergency management held in Vancouver, WA. Work session topics included geological disasters, transportation planning for a disaster, disaster relocation and evacuation, role of non-profits in a disaster, and local government emergency management planning and public education.

Director Mullen commented on the condition of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in Washington D.C.; demonstrated by the response to Hurricane Katrina and cautioned that until

leadership issues in DHS are resolved, the Emergency Management Division and partners should be prepared to do the best they can in a major disaster with limited federal assistance.

Vice-Chair Trudy Winterfeld referred Council members to the Director's Remarks in the packet.

Legislative Update:

Nancy Bickford, Special Assistant to the Director, briefed the Council on the Governor's budget for public safety. The budget contains \$500,000 to enhance the tsunami warning system in populated coastal areas, \$500,000 to provide interoperable emergency communications equipment to local jurisdictions, and funding to establish a critical data back-up system. Deputy Chief Paul Beckley, Washington State Patrol, (WSP) explained that the back-up system will be in Eastern Washington and is to replicate information used by the WSP, and departments of Transportation and Licensing in the event that the primary data systems are disrupted during an emergency or disaster.

In the budget is \$4.7 million to improve state ferry system security. Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol (WSP), reported that the WSP is responsible for ferry security and in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard mandate, has a number of Troopers and K-9 units inspecting vehicles on the ferry system. The additional money in the Governor's budget will fill 18 unfunded positions.

Another budget item is money to perform background checks on security guards to comply with the Federal Intelligence and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

Nancy briefed the Council on pre-filed legislation of interest to the Military Department. Agency legislation includes bills in the House and Senate that will make the E-911 Advisory Committee permanent. The E-911 Committee was established in 1991 and is scheduled to sunset at the end of 2006. The agency pre-filed a bill to make a technical correction in 2005 SSB 6014 to clarify language in the Industrial Insurance statute, chapter 51.16 RCW, to make disaster response account and workers compensation language consistent with Emergency Management statute chapter 38.52 RCW.

A carry-over bill from the 2005 session, HB 1850, would create a retired medical workers license and allow retired medical workers to register with local emergency management or public health organizations, was reintroduced in the 2006 session. John Erickson, Department of Health, noted that this bill is supported by a group of retired medical doctors in the Spokane area.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC):

Don Bivins, Chair of the SERC Committee, reviewed the SERC's goals in the Homeland Security Strategic Action Plan, which is to enhance regional chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) response capacity, establish and sustain regional CBRNE/Hazmat response capability, and strengthen CBRNE detection to an appropriate level of readiness within the WSP Crime Laboratory Division (CLD).

Other goals of the SERC Committee are to participate in the development of regional boundaries, consistent with other disciplines, for hazmat response and work with the state fire chiefs association to draft legislation that would create a funding mechanism to cover the cost and liability associated with regional hazmat response.

Ron Weaver, Military Department, led a discussion on the definition of a hazmat team and noted that there are private sector resources available for hazmat response. Don stated that teams should have a base level of training and a seamless, integrated system of response with oversight by the state.

Don referred to the study Establishing Sustainable Regional CBRNE/HazMat Response Capability in Washington State presented to the Council at the November meeting and reported that a redacted version of the study has been distributed to stakeholders statewide, including Council members, for review and comment. The study identified five program options available for consideration:

1. Local Mutual Aid – receiving jurisdiction reimbursements outside the responder's jurisdictions
2. State-Supported Mutual Aid – state reimburses for outside responders local jurisdictions
3. Regional Mutual Aid – regional teams established with local personnel
4. State-supported – state pays for pre-response and response activities
5. State Managed – state responsible for all things related to hazmat activities

The study recommended option 4, the state supported system. Following discussion of the options, Don asked the Council for support of SERC's recommended Option 4. Trudy called for a motion from the Council.

Motion: It was **M/S** by Jim Scharf and John Batiste to approve Option 4 of the response capability study. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Seismic Safety Committee (SSC):

Ron Teissere, Chair of the EMC Seismic Safety Committee (SSC) briefed the Council on efforts to revitalize the SSC. Ron reported that a small organizational group met recently to discuss committee membership. The restructured committee will have less technical seismic expertise and more state agency, such as Department of Transportation, and private sector representation. This proposed composition is in recognition that a major seismic event will have a significant economic impact on the state.

Ron noted that much of the geological data available in the state is dated. Some maps currently in use were prepared in 1973. Jim Mullen encouraged emergency managers responsible for seismic preparedness and response should determine what geological data is available and work with state and federal official on how and where money should be spent.

Ron reported that another seismic-hazard field trip for state and federal officials is planned for August 2006.

Committee on Homeland Security (CHS):

Amy Cook, Military Department Strategic Planner and Bob Isaman EMD, briefed the Council on the 2006 Action Plan and Prioritization Recommendations process. The Strategy Development Working Group (SDWG) reviewed 32 action plans submitted for funding. Each plan was scored based on prioritization criteria. Amy and Bob reviewed each action plan with the Council and recommendations of the SDWG.

Council members were provided a copy of the FY 2006 Action Plan and Prioritization Recommendation.

The six recommended projects that will become part of the Homeland Security grant application:

Action Plan	Description	Funding
7.1.3	CBRNE Detection State Public Health Laboratory	\$ 1,081,695
5.1.1	Radiation Detection WSP District Offices & Responders	595,250
5.7.2	CBRNE Detection WSP Crime Labs	490,000
	FLIR Transmission / Reception	337,000
3.1.1	Washington Joint Analytical Center	1,985,220
6.2.4	Mass Animal Depopulation & Disposal	404,090
	Total	\$ 4,893,255

The Council discussed the next steps in the process. Trudy Winterfeld asked for a motion.

Motion: It was **M/S** by John Erickson and Ron Weaver to approve the priority recommendations and forwarded to the Domestic Security Executive Group (DSEG), with strong support for WAJAC action plan and sustainability. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Other Business:

John Erickson briefed the Council on the interagency pandemic influenza planning and said that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) will be updated. John also noted that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has published a checklist on planning for an epidemic. The Federal Government is also sending teams to every state to help develop a statewide strategy for pandemic flu response.

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by Trudy Winterfeld.

Approved: ____/____/____