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AGENDA

Emergency Management Executive Board Meeting

April 19, 2022 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

1. Welcome Commissioner Kimball
2. Directors Report Liz
Highlights:
 - *Full Scale Mass Casualty Exercise at Walla Walla Regional Airport – to be held May 12 @ 6 PM*
 - *Flood Response Plan*
 - *Extreme Weather Plan*
 - *Radiological Response Plan*
3. Funding Opportunity from Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Liz
4. Interlocal Agreement Update Liz
5. Roundtable – Questions, Comments or Concerns All
6. Next Meeting – July 19, 2022
7. Adjourn Commissioner Kimball



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Emergency Management Executive Board (EMEB) Meeting
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Members Present:

Todd Kimball, Walla Walla County Commissioner
Greg Tompkins, Walla Walla County Commissioner Chair
Jenny Mayberry, Walla Walla County Commissioner
Gustavo Reyna, Mayor's Designee, City of Walla Walla
Jay Potts, Mayor, City of Prescott

Emergency Management Department Present:

Liz Jessee, Director
Patrick Purcell, Coordinator

Minutes:

Commissioner Kimball called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, then recessed for a few minutes to allow time for late attendees. After introductions were made Commissioner Kimball welcomed the board members that were present and then turned the meeting over to Liz Jessee, Emergency Management Department (EMD) Director.

Old Business

First point of business raised by Liz was the Quarterly Directors report. She highlighted the following points.

- May 12, 2022 – Walla Walla Regional Airport Mass Casualty Exercise.
- Status of the Flood Response Plan
- Extreme Weather Plan
- Radiation Emergency Planning (REP) Plan. Councilman Reyna had questions about the response to a radiological event. Liz outlined the scope of a response for a radiological emergency at the Energy Northwest nuclear power plant located at the Hanford Site.

Liz spoke about the notification she had just received that her recent grant request for additional funds from the EFSEC grant had been awarded. The money will be used to help pay the cost of the

yearly Everbridge subscription. This helps to offset the reduction in State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) funding.

Liz spoke about the sandbag meeting to be held tomorrow April 20, 2022. There was discussion amongst the members about the sandbag plan and the hope that tomorrow's meeting would answer the final questions on how sandbagging would be handled during major flood events. Once sandbagging policies/procedures have been defined the draft Walla Walla County Flood Response will be ready to distribute for review.

New Business

Liz recently reviewed and updated the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement and distributed it ahead of the meeting in anticipation of adopting the changes at the meeting. The plan requires update every 5 years and the board had requested changes to the language defining what constitutes a quorum. Since a quorum was not present, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Questions Comments and Concerns

Commissioner Kimball went around the room and asked if anyone had anything they'd like to discuss. There were no further questions, concerns, or comments.

Meeting Adjourned:

Commissioner Kimball adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.

Next Meeting

July 19, 2022 @ 2 PM



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

1. Meetings

- a. Walla Walla County Emergency Management (WWEM) attended a Radiological Issues meeting with state agencies, and counties for the Energy Northwest nuclear power plant located at the Hanford site. (3/23/22/)
- b. Attended the EMS and Trauma Care Council meeting. (2/23/22)
- c. Participated in the Emergency Management and Communications Advisory Board (EMCAB) meeting. (1/13/22, 2/10/22 & 3/10/22)
- d. Conducted a Local Emergency Management Committee (LEPC) meeting for Walla Walla County. A presentation was given outlining the capabilities of the Homeland Response Force (HRF). (2/16/22)
- e. Participated in the Region 8 Homeland Security meeting hosted by Benton County Emergency Management (BCEM) (02/08/22)
- f. Hosted a review of the Walla Walla County Flood Response plan with community response partners. The discussions centered around response roles and the identification of sandbag priorities and acquisition of sandbags and sand. (3/8/22 & 3/23/22)
- g. Participated in Walla Walla County Regional Airport 2022 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Full Scale Exercise (FSE) planning meetings. (2/24/22 & 3/9/22)
- h. Participated in weekly meetings hosted by Walla Walla County Department of Community Health to coordinate COVID-19 response objectives and review PPE requirements/needs for staff/resident safety in Long Term Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Homes.
- i. Participated in bi-weekly COVID-19 REDI Health Care Coalition meetings.
- j. Participated in weekly COVID Situational Awareness calls for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region (PHEPR) Region 8. This call incorporates reporting from hospitals, EMS and Emergency Management for Walla Walla, Benton, Franklin, and Yakima County.
- k. Participated in weekly, then bi-weekly, Local Jurisdiction (County/Tribal) phone calls with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for COVID-19 response.
- l. Participated in weekly, then bi-weekly, meetings hosted by Walla Walla County Department of Community Health to coordinate COVID-19 response objectives and review PPE requirements/needs for staff/resident safety in Long Term Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Homes.
- m. Participated in weekly, then bi-weekly, multi-jurisdictional Command Team/Virtual EOC meetings for COVID-19 response.
- n. Completed all phases of the State annual Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). Aggregated data was received back from Washington State Emergency Management Division (WAEMD) for use in conducting informed planning on ways to reduce identified capability gaps. A meeting will be held next quarter with WAEMD to review the data set.

2. Training

Title Scope/Purpose	Sponsor	Date(s)
<i>REPP Program Leadership 2022 Path Forward</i>	<i>FEMA</i>	<i>01/19/22</i>
<i>A-Team Fukushima Lessons Learned</i>	<i>FEMA</i>	<i>01/26/22</i>
<i>DSHS/FEMA Urban Search & Rescue</i>	<i>FEMA</i>	<i>02/02/22</i>
<i>FEMA REP Response Plan Workshop</i>	<i>FEMA/FCEM</i>	<i>01/31/22, 02/01/22 & 02/03/2022</i>
<i>FEMA REPP Policy Updates: REP 21&22</i>	<i>FEMA</i>	<i>02/09/22</i>
<i>FEMA REPP GIS Initiative</i>	<i>FEMA</i>	<i>02/16/22</i>
<i>Alert and Warning Community of Practice Webinar</i>	<i>Amanda Savitt, Argonne National Laboratory</i>	<i>01/19/22</i>
<i>PA Training Contracting & Procurement</i>	<i>WA EMD</i>	<i>02/24/22</i>
<i>Evacuation Planning for an Uncertain Future</i>	<i>Fehr and Peers (Transportation consulting)</i>	<i>3/29/22</i>

3. Public Education and Information

- a. WWEM maintains a presence on social media with a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Information about emergency preparedness is shared daily. These social media outlets serve as an important source for disseminating accurate and timely information during emergencies.
- b. Liz continues to act as joint Public Information Officer (PIO) with the EMS department director, Heather Lee, to perform news release and information coordination with the media for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic event.
- c. WWEM maintains and updates the Walla Walla County Emergency Management website.
- d. WWEM continues to deploy the Everbridge Community Engagement tool for use by the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health. Residents sign up for COVID-related updates by texting ‘COVIDWW’ to ‘888777.’ This subscribes the sender to text messages which contain a link to an Everbridge [website](#) with COVID-related information. Messaging has been focused on vaccine and mass vaccination clinic updates.

- e. During this Quarter, the Everbridge Notification System:
 - On January 3, 2022, was used to alert County residents of dangerous road conditions brought on by snow and high winds. The resulting snow drifts created extremely hazardous travel conditions in multiple areas throughout the County.
 - Was used to alert Walla Walla County Residents of changes in phase and vaccine availability by using the “Incident” feature to provide information to Walla Walla County residents who have opted in to receive COVID-19 updates.
 - Everbridge was also used as the primary IPAWS platform to conduct weekly tests of Emergency Alert System (EAS) as well as required monthly proficiency testing of both EAS and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) systems.

4. Drills and Exercises

- a. Participated in the weekly CEMNET radio tests with Washington State EOC and logs each weekly check. This is an alternate means of communications between the Walla Walla County Operational Area EOC and the State EOC.
- b. Participated in required weekly Emergency Alert System (EAS) tests using the Everbridge notification system. Tests are logged.
- c. Conducted monthly required proficiency testing of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).
- d. Participated in Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) drills testing ICS operational procedures, equipment and communications utilizing voice and data over amateur radio networks.
- e. WWEM continues ongoing planning with local, state, and federal partners for the Cascadia Rising 2022 (CR22) exercise. This exercise will involve a worse-case scenario Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake.
- f. Participated in pipeline training that incorporated a short tabletop exercise. This is an annual event sponsored by the pipeline industry to raise awareness of pipeline safety for utility crews and first responders. (3/10/22)
- g. Participated in an active shooter mass casualty tabletop hosted by the Walla Walla Police Department. This is a preliminary event preceding a full-scale exercise during the next quarter. Participation of Emergency Management was centered around alerting, activation of mass care and assistance with public information.

5. Emergency Facilities and Equipment

- a. WWEM works closely with ARES (RACES) in training and exercises and maintains a ham radio operator station located at WWEM. During this quarter ARES conducted weekly, local, and statewide voice nets, weekly digital check-in nets and digital messaging drills.
- b. During this quarter ARES:
 - Conducted messaging drills. Approximate time conducting skills maintenance is 3-5 hours per week.
 - Conducted quarterly testing and maintenance of the Emergency Management Amateur Radio Station. (2/8/22)

6. Administration (Planning & Logistics)

- a. Worked with Franklin County Emergency Management to facilitate rewriting the county’s Radiological Emergency Response to meet revised U.S. Department of Energy requirements.
- b. Worked with the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health to develop an Extreme Weather Response Plan. This is being done by incorporating Extreme Cold into the existing Extreme Heat plan.

- c. Worked with Public Works officials and Washington State Penitentiary to collect information & feedback for completion of an updated Flood Response Plan.
- d. During this quarter WWEM has continued to provide resource acquisition support through liaison with State agencies in support of organizations throughout Walla Walla County. This support is largely directed at requesting, receiving, and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies to requestors who meet allocation priorities and who are unable to obtain it through other means. During this quarter WWEM requested medical staff and equipment to support WWCDCH and Providence St. Mary's Medical Center. These requests were in support of vaccinations clinics being conducted at the Providence South Gate Campus and for increasing St. Mary's surge capabilities.
- e. Completed a draft revision of the Interlocal Agreement and submitted it to the Emergency Management Executive Board (EMEB) members for their review and comment. The Interlocal Agreement outlines the joint operation of emergency management in Walla Walla County under the direction of the EMEB. EMEB is comprised of leadership from the county (commissioners) and the incorporated cities (mayors & city managers/administrators) within the county. (March 2022)
- f. Conducted a quarterly EMEB meeting at the Walla Walla County Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center (EOC). (1/18/22)