

**Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)**  
**RCECC: 3511 NE 2nd St., Renton**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The Chair Neil Crosier called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

A quorum of EMAC members was reached as verified by the [physical sign in sheet](#).

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

David Carson made a motion to approve the February minutes and Suzi O'Byrne seconded it.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Subcommittees Report Out**

**Regional Coordination**

**Neil Crosier, Chair & Nick Gibbons, KCOEM**

Regional coordination held its first meeting at the end of May. After a discussion of initial projects that could be taken on, the committee came up with 4 primary topics or projects they want to consider undertaking: ESF7 rewrite, document library with lessons learned, UASI funded equipment list, strategic report out/updates newsletter. The next meeting will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm virtually. If you are interested in being on that mailing list email Lexi.

**Executive Communication and Public Policy**

**Curry Mayer, Vice-Chair & Brendan McCluskey, KCOEM**

Executive Communication and Public Policy held its first meeting at the beginning of June. They reviewed a drafted goals document and refined language to guide the subcommittee. These included creation of standardized talking points regarding emergency management, identification of baseline emergency management capabilities, creation of content for educational briefings on state and federal assistance, developing awareness on current emergency management legislative topics, and consideration of differences for each of these points within tribal community standards. The ongoing meeting time is still being finalized and a poll will be sent out to members. If you are interested in being on the mailing list email Lexi.

## **DHS Grants – UASI and SHSP, Nick Gibbons KCOEM**

Nick Gibbons, KCOEM, provided an overview of the funding streams that govern SHSP, UASI, and EMPG through the Department of Homeland security. A breakdown of acronyms was requested during that presentation:

- DHS: Department of Homeland Security
- SHSP: State Homeland Security Grant Program
- HSGP: Homeland Security Grant Program
- UASI: Urban Area Security Initiative
- EMPG: Emergency Management Grant Program
- HLS: Homeland Security

SHSP is distributed throughout the state by Homeland Security Region. There are 9 HLS regions in Washington state. King County is the only county in HLS region 6. UASI is made up of 5 jurisdictions; King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties and the cities of Bellevue and Seattle. Funding is provided to these 5 jurisdictions according to the governance process. Both of these grants are counter-terrorism grants, and while they can benefit all-hazards responses, they must be written for counter-terrorism activities. EMPG is distributed to local governments and can be for all hazard activities.

In these grants we cite gaps that exist in our infrastructure to validate why we need the investment in funding. Those gaps are pulled from the THIRA/SPR. The THIRA, or Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment is completed every 3 years, while the SPR, or Stakeholder Preparedness Report, is completed yearly. These tools help us identify what capabilities we need in the region for disaster response, and then identify what the gap is between current capability and needed capability in the identified scenario. Every state and UASI are required to submit on the yearly schedule. Since King County is part of the Seattle UASI, King County participates in the Seattle UASI THIRA/SPR, which is then provided to the state for the Seattle UASI jurisdictions.

This year, the THIRA/SPR working group has worked with a contractor for a new survey tool that Nick demonstrated for the group. This survey allows individuals to select their jurisdiction and the area they are submitting responses for. It then allows you to share what your capability gap is for identified capabilities that are needed and use written responses to explain what you need to fill that gap. The THIRA/SPR working group will be distributing the survey.

## **ESF Rewrites, Sasha Rector KCOEM**

Sasha is working on a rewrite process for each of the ESFs. The process will be staggered for each ESF. For more information on the process or if you are interested in being involved in any

specific ESF rewrites, reach out to Sasha or attend the Regional Coordination subcommittee meetings.

### **Good of the Order, All**

Ellen Whitely with PSERN shared that Stage 3 deployment of radios should be occurring in mid-July. Please reach out to her if you have questions.