



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (EPAC)
Minutes
September 25, 2023 | 1:00-3:00pm

- 1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions:** Jenny Demaris
 - a) Call to Order – Quorum requirements met; meeting recorded. Meeting started at 1:00pm
 - b) Introductions –
 - i) Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations: Mark Ferdig
 - ii) Association of Oregon Counties: Heather Buch
 - iii) Oregon Military Dept: Lt. Col. Ryan Barton
 - iv) New OEM Director: Erin McMahan
 - v) New OEM Deputy Director: Patence Winningham

- 2) Review, Approval of Minutes – Additions to Agenda:** Jenny Demaris, Debra Wixom
 - a) 7/24/23 Minutes were approved by the council as submitted.
 - b) Additions to Agenda - No agenda items requested to be added.

- 3) State Updates:**
 - a) State Resilience Officer: Jonna Papaefthimiou
 - i) Since the last meeting, she has been updating the continuity of operations plan COOP plan for the governor’s office.
 - ii) Met with a couple continuity planners from other state agencies and talking about doing another resilience in-person exercise in January. There will be more information to come.
 - b) Presentation Suggestion – “Equity as the Foundation for Homeland Security Enterprise”: OEM Alaina Mayfield
 - i) Attended the Homeland Security Conference in Chicago in July
 - ii) One presentation was on the challenges and successes of incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion into the realm and the work of Emergency Management
 - (1) Alaina is presenting to the Council the opportunity to open up the next meeting to a broader audience as we invite the Speaker to come and speak to the group about this.
 - (a) Council supported OEM to move forward with the Statewide presentation.

- 4) Other Agenda Items:** Jenny Demaris
 - a) Website Updates:
 - i) OEM support in the webpage: The Meeting recording are now accessible on the EPAC Website
 - b) Next Steps for EPAC
 - i) The Council will create a workgroup to move forward with the steps on how to make this council a successful one. Jenny will send out a doodle poll to get the first meeting started.
 - (1) Jenny Demaris
 - (2) Mac Lynde
 - (3) Jonna Papaefthimiou
 - (4) Alaina Mayfield
 - (5) Emily Wegener
 - (6) Heather Buch
 - c) Other:

- 5) Round Table:** Group
 - a) Deanna Henry, Energy: Energy security plan kickoff stakeholder engagement will be October 16th, 12:30pm-2:00pm. This will include a project scope timeline. They are also working with the Department of Human

Services on resilience hubs and making them energy efficient as they're identifying locations.

- b) Alaina Mayfield, OEM: Has been supporting the Wildfire activities through out the state. Also the state preparedness incident response equipment round 3 grant opportunity has begun. Also in the next couple weeks for both our local partners and statewide partners, a state local cyber security grant program application.
- c) Emily Wegener, OHA: The public health director, Rachel Banks, will be stepping down mid November, and deputy public health director, Kara Biddlecome, will be taking over. The public health director's office is getting modernization funds out, which supports public health preparedness modernization.

6) Public Comment: Public

- a) William Chapman, working on our statewide communications interoperability plan update, which will affect emergency management. Undertaking 3 webinars data collection to gather input from state local partners, tribal and federal entities operating in Oregon. The first one, November 6th, we'll focus on governance and funding across the communications ecosystem. So this is 911.

Dispatch public safety, broadband emergency alerts and warnings and land mobile radio again N6 data collection. The second one will be November 13th and focused on technology and cyber security in urban areas. And, November 21st is technology and cybersecurity in rural areas. Those 3 webinars will be followed by an in person Skip Development Workshop in the Salem Metro area December 12th. That's facilitated by the Department of Homeland Security, cyber security, Infrastructure Security Agency.

7) Next Meeting:

- a) Next Meeting – Monday, November 27, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00pm.

8) Follow-up Items/Tasks for Next Meeting:

- a)

9) Adjournment: Jenny Demaris

- a) Meeting adjourned 1:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Wixom, Recorder

Oregon Department of Emergency Management

09.25.23 – EPAC Meeting Attendance

A=Not Present, P=Present, R=Represented, V=Vacant Position

#	Representation – Council Members	Attendance	Council Member
10	Local - Association of Oregon Counties	P	Heather Buch
13	Local - Emergency Management Organizations	P	Jenny Demaris
16	Local - Indian Tribes in Oregon	A	Danny Martinez
11	Local - League of Oregon Cities	P	Kelly Madding
12	Local - Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations	A	Mark Ferdig
15	Nonprofit Community - EM Support Functions Responsibility	A	Denise Everhart

14	Private Sector	V	Vacant
2	State - Emergency Management	P	Alaina Mayfield
18	State - Energy	P	Deanna Henry
3	State - Fire Marshall	P	Mariah Rawlins
9	State - Forestry	P	Joy Krawczyk
6	State - Health Authority	P	Emily Wegener
17	State - Human Services	A	Ivonne Mora-Hernandez
8	State - Justice	P	Scott Burwash
1	State - Military	P	Lt. Col. Ryan Barton
4	State - Police	P	Nathan House
5	State - Public Safety Standards and Training	P	Kaylan Kamstra
7	State - Transportation	P	Mac Lynde

Representation – State Staff	Attendance	State Personnel
State - Gov. Office - Resilience Officer	P	Jonna Papaefthimiou
State - Emergency Management	P	Interim Director Erin McMahon
State – Emergency Management	P	Deputy Director Patence Winingham
State – Emergency Management	P	Matt Garrett
State - Emergency Management	P	Debra Wixom
State – Oregon SWIC	P	William Chapman

Representation – Members of the Public	Attendance	Guests/Public at Large
None represented		