



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Meeting Agenda HB4087 Committee Introductory Meeting May 5, 2022, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Housekeeping – recording meeting, goal of initial meeting, expectations.

Andrew Phelps, OEM Director – Welcome and introduction.

Welcome & Introductions

- Name, Title, Involvement
- Attendees: Bobbi Doan (OEM), Traci Nguyen (OEM), April Davis (OEM), Harry Esteve (DEQ), Katherine Benenati (ODOT), Joy Krawczyk (ODF), Tom Holt (Lobbyist Society of Professional Journalists), April Ehlich (OPB), Devon Ashbridge (Lane County), Don Curry (Statesman Journal) – Filling in for Zack Urness, Genoa Ingram (Oregon Fire District Director Association), Alison Green (OSFM), Chris Havel (OPRD), Jason Myers (OR State Sheriff's Association), Mark Landauer (Special Districts Association), Mindy McCartt (OSP), Sonya McCormick (OEM), Matt McDonald (Central Oregon Daily News), Sonji Moore (OEM), Nathan Howard (Freelance Photojournalist in OR for AP and Getty Images), Nicole Palmateer Hazelbaker (Oregon Fire Chiefs Association), Andrea Chiapella (DAS), Tom Keeler (KOIN, KSBW)

Ground Rules

- Safe space for committee members to collaborate without fear of being quoted in the news media
- Committee work is not for release until final drafts are complete
- Prioritizing safety and safe access for all; equitable access
- Safe space: no one quoted on front page tomorrow as we work through this complex bill
- SME's from both sides
- Committee work is not for release until final; be intentional on what to release when

Concerns or Questions on Ground Rules

- None...

Committee Objectives:

- Develop guidelines to safely ensure equitable media access to wildfires and other natural disaster incidents in Oregon. – All agreed
- Maintain a transparent, timely and equitable process throughout the development of deliverables.
- Ensure stakeholder and subject matter expert review and involvement. – Identify who those folks are and when to bring them to the table

- Set realistic expectations and communicate them clearly. – bill did not come with any funding, personal, or support. Be realistic about what we can or can't accomplish, knowing that we are all prioritizing safety. Who owns what, where?
- Report to Oregon's House Committee on Rules prior to September 1, 2022. – working out what the exact date it. Sonji working with leg partners on that date.

Questions about objectives

- None

Timeline

- Report is due before September 1, 2022
- Bill takes effect January 1, 2023 – The win is having the opportunity from this season to inform efforts and help us navigate to meet needs as we go
- Draft outline of training criteria & content (subcommittees)
- Draft outline of credentialing requirements (subcommittees)

Housekeeping

- Committee – decision making body
 - Expectations & Requirements of the committee – keep equitable at a manageable size
 - Roles & Responsibilities
 - Considerations --
 - Who owns and funds what?
 - Who are voting members – how big should the committee be?
 - How are decisions made? Majority? Consensus?
 - Resources – administrative support, funding, etc.
- Subcommittees – workgroups to divide and conquer
- Subject Matter Experts for review

Roster of involvement

- Agency reps
- Media reps
- SMEs

Deliverables

- Web page
- Fact sheet
- SOPs

Questions/Comments

- Recruit more media folks for their side, folks representing different agencies (broadcast, print, radio)
 - Focus on being broad as we use the term “journalists”. Focus on broadcast, print, radio.
- This does not apply to federal lands. More of an expectation for us to turn to federal partners for ongoing conversations to say here's where we are and here's what's happening. Make sure incident commanders from any agency has the SOP's and knows the criteria. Federal partners are listed in SME bucket.

- Federal agencies in CA choose to comply with the public lands law. It is up to Federal partners in OR to decide if they want to comply with what we come up with. This is why its important to keep them engaged in process.
- Media partners: reach out to your folks and lets figure out how many we really have on the media side, to be a part of the committee. Then we can look at the state side and make sure we have the right folks at the table to match. – ALL AGREED

Summary of HB4087

- Draft Bill Summary
- Note: no fiscal, no FTE – doing the best we can with what we have amidst Dept transition, etc.
- Do we need to add language for arson fires since that is a criminal incident?
 - We should separate wildfire out. It is usually under investigation and on-going, its parallel to wildfire fighting efforts. If it is a wildfire, it applies to the incident, and arson doesn't play a part in it because the media isn't asking for access to the arson investigation.
- When we say safety, it's for everyone, on both sides.
- It's never worth putting a reporter in a bad position. Wouldn't mind this training going back to longer format
- Training in general for access to all types of disasters, including those that are less common. Wildfire training is specific and specialized. This is all risk, across the board for all natural disasters.
- Consider what best practices from other states and jurisdictions are so we can consider them to build on or from.

Next Steps

- Looking for committee members, work out through emails in coming week(s)
- Subcommittees: Training, Credentialing, PPE
- Meeting Cadence: When do we want to do this again? Between now and 2-3 weeks. Wednesdays work best for media partners, with at least one week notice.
- Media Partners to follow-up with Bobbi and Tom with recommendations for committee seats
- Identify lead for each side