



# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	10:00 am – 11:30 am
<b>Purpose</b>	LGEMAC bimonthly meeting	
<b>Webpage</b>	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Local-Government-Emergency-Management-Advisory-Council-(LGEMAC).aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Local-Government-Emergency-Management-Advisory-Council-(LGEMAC).aspx</a>	

### Purpose

The mission of the Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council (LGEMAC) is to provide advice and recommendations to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management regarding its emergency preparedness and response functions.

### LGEMAC Members in Attendance

**Chair - Jake Shores:** Emergency Manager for Multnomah County, Clinical Quality Improvement Coordinator

*Representing: Emergency medical service providers*

**Vice Chair - Bryan Lee:** Benton County Emergency Manager

*Representing: The public as a member with emergency preparedness or management experience*

**Kelley Minty:** Klamath County Commissioner

*Representing: Oregon counties*

**Anthony Pierotti:** Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Department Assistant Chief

*Representing: Fire departments*

**Matt English:** Hood River County Sheriff

*Representing: County Sheriffs*

**Dana Pursley-Haner:** Sherman County Emergency Services

*Representing: The public as a member with emergency preparedness or management experience*

**Mike Harryman:** OEMA President, OREM Deputy Director

*Representing: A statewide association of emergency managers, emergency responders, government agencies & elected officials*

**Helen Miller:** Pediatric Medical Doctor, Retired Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)

*Commander for Oregon*

*Representing: Volunteer emergency medical service providers*

### LGEMAC Members Absent:

**Thomas Roberts**

*Representing: The public as a member with emergency preparedness or management experience*

## Others in Attendance:

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Jonna Papaefthimiou: State Resilience Officer  
Erin McMahon: OEM Director  
Carol Sebens: OEM SPIRE Grant Manager  
William Chapman: SWIC  
Justin Gibbs: Clatsop County Emergency Manager

## Administrative Matters

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a) **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

b) **Moment of Remembrance for the Passing of Mark Spross**

c) **Housekeeping, Roll Call:** Board Administrator Partner

d) **Old Business**

I. Review and approval of June meeting minutes. Minutes were approved.

e) **New Business**

I. Eastern MAC Coordination Discussion

Bryan Lee discussed lessons learned, success and plans to continue making progress for the next event. Mike Harryman commented that LGEMAC is to make recommendations relating to response and recovery efforts. There may be an opportunity for the council to meet with the Director and Legislative Coordinator at OEM to discuss possible recommendations for legislative bills relating to the activations. Jake Shores acknowledged the importance of bringing the issues and the wins forward. Bryan and his EMAC team are developing a Basecamp file folder filled with fillable, ready-to-go forms for counties to utilize. Erin McMahon asked if the goal would be to build up a MAC-type group to replicate the summer's efforts or to build up the Regional Coordinator program. Discussion recognized that both were valuable. RCs do not have the lens or contacts of local EMs and so a mix of both would be best. Jonna added that there is a direct benefit to have EMs learn from each other and support each other in events like this. She also discussed EPAC and LGEMAC potentially working together on a project that EPAC has already begun, looking at how successful emergency management funding works in other areas of the country. Justin Gibbs discussed the potential benefits of a Statewide Crisis Management Software system, allowing the sharing of documents, information and coordination efforts. Mike Harryman asked if LGEMAC had a workplan and recommended that the acronym to LMAC. Both were acknowledged by the Chair.

II. EMPG Funding Formula Committee Update: Carole

Carole Sebens, OEM SPIRE Grant Manager, presented a PowerPoint which is available under Meeting Presentations and Documents: [https://www.oregon.gov/oem/councils-and-committees/pages/local-government-emergency-management-advisory-council-\(lgemac\).aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oem/councils-and-committees/pages/local-government-emergency-management-advisory-council-(lgemac).aspx). LGEMAC has been asked to review and make recommendations on this formula between the end of the year and February. Jonna mentioned the strong support that Director McMahon has given behind the scenes for local emergency managers. She also brought up the current budget with the State Agencies only able to increase their General Fund by 1%. OEM receives a small percentage of funding through General Fund and so this will impact the agency's ability to replace OpsCenter if other funding allocations are not considered.

III. SEIC/SWIC Overview: William Chapman

William provided a PowerPoint presentation which is available under Meeting Presentations and Documents: [https://www.oregon.gov/oem/councils-and-committees/pages/local-government-emergency-management-advisory-council-\(lgemac\).aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oem/councils-and-committees/pages/local-government-emergency-management-advisory-council-(lgemac).aspx).

- IV. Disaster Updates or Concerns from Council Members
  - i. Examples: Ice storm, elections, solar storm, upcoming fire season  
None Provided
  
- V. Requests for Topics for October Meeting  
None Provided

**f) Actions Assigned**

A subgroup will work on reviewing EPACs workplan to generate a plan for LEMAC in Sept. Council will await the funding formula to review by end of year. Mike Harryman offered to be part of the work plan. Jake and Bryan and Jonna will also be part of the group.

**g) Comments from the public**

Justin Gibbs emphasized the importance of reviewing state funding that already exists to help supplement the funding formula shortfalls, such as IA/PA/Grant Match Funding.

**h) Adjourn meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15