




OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

Date & Time	October 21, 2025	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Purpose	LGEMAC bi-monthly meeting	
Meeting Link	<p>Virtual Meeting: Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 241 889 162 332 9 Passcode: 2bX729wt</p> <p>In person option at OEM: 3930 Fairview Industrial Dr. Salem OR, 97302. Contact Carissa Clarke at 503-510-3743 with any issues.</p> <p>*Map below to show where to enter the building.</p> 	
Webpage	https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Local-Government-Emergency-Management-Advisory-Council-(LGEMAC).aspx	

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

Appointed Position	Name	Attendance
Representing: Oregon Counties	Kelley Minty	P
Representing: Oregon cities	Lacey Beaty	P
Representing: Emergency Medical Services Providers	Jake Shores, Chair	P
Representing: Fire Departments	Anthony Pierotti	P
Representing: A statewide association of emergency managers, emergency responders, government agencies, and elected officials	Mike Harryman	P
Representing: County Sheriffs	Matt English	P
Representing: 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatchers	VACANT	-
Representing: Volunteer emergency medical service providers	Hellen Miller	P
Representing: The public as a member with emergency preparedness or management experience	Bryan Lee	P
Representing: The public as a member with emergency preparedness or management experience	Thomas Roberts	A
Representing: The public as a member with emergency preparedness or management experience	Dana Pursley-Haner	P

Others in attendance:

Seiji Shiratori, OEM
Patence Winningham, OEM
Curits Peetz, OEM
Tait Schaffer
Bobbi McAllister, OEM
Beth McGinnis
William Chapman, OEM

Administrative Matters

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Shores called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Housekeeping, Roll Call: Board Administrator Partner

Old Business

- a. Review and approval of August meeting minutes
 - i. No discussion. Minty moves to approve. English seconds. Passed

New Business

Critical Infrastructure Mapping Budget Note – *Curtis Peetz, OEM Response Planner*

- SB 5517: Develop report to do emergency response mapping
- 2026 OEM will form collaborative inter-agency and interdisciplinary workgroup to provide subject matter expertise and data to inform report development
- Helen Miller: hopefully mapping can include TV/radio/911, etc. not state, local, Tribal, government-owned
- Mike: What's the difference between RAPTOR? Protected critical infrastructure information?

- RAPTOR is GIS points. This is more detailed mapping for tactical assessments and planning for responses in incidents
- Will they survey state agencies? Some have software tracking human service facilities, power issues, beds, etc. – will that be captured as a starting point?
- Understand current mapping capabilities – understand current state of the state to identify gaps
- Seiji: This is the preliminary stages – currently tasked with surveying only what exists.

SWIC Transition – *Jon Lee, OEM Statewide Interoperability Coordinator*

- Program transition to OEM gives authority for budget from DAS
- Updated statute that directs SIEC to perform duties related to SWIC plan
- Been operating through OEM for about 1.5 years
- New SWIC hired at OEM – Jon Lee
- SCIP Update Workshop – local and state input for annual update
 - Draft will be released at the next SIEC meeting

Legislative Update – *Vice Chair Bryan Lee, Patence Winningham – OEM*

- AOC/LOC Presentation to House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Management
 - High-level status of federal grants and funding issues (send presentation)
 - Concerns around federal Executive Orders, increased demands
 - Proposal: no-cost (ORS 401 be reexamined), OEM funding for mutual aid support, replace EMPG for local or providing stable state funding for disasters
 - Short session: budget isn't in great shape – lower cost asks
 - Should be vocal about our needs
- Work Group Development Discussion: White Paper
 - Leveraged and modeled after one-pager legislative ask
 - Vagueness of 401 at the local level
 - Redefining 401: .035 Counties and Cities refined – what an EM program is/what components should be in place (modeled after FL?)
 - Targeted group of locals for LGEMAC discussion
 - Long-game: ask for more stable state funding, avoid unfunded mandates
 - Helen Miller: broad enough to include resilience, continuity of operations
 - Avoid limiting definitions
 - Joint coordination between cities and counties?
 - Inclusive language – shall/may/encouraged to
 - Coordination definition: keep loose
 - OEMA supports LOC, OSSA, AOC – part of building the capacity to get the word out
 - Associations working together should provide some information
 - Continue educating legislators

LGEMAC Advisory Goals – *LGEMAC Members, Patence Winningham – OEM*

- NEMA Conference – insights from the FEMA review council regarding proposed changes
 - Adjustments to the cost share arrangement, particularly for HSGP
 - Adjustments to thresholds – proposals at 4x existing levels – triggers the need to improve our IDA to ensure we are hitting thresholds in the short time period required (30 days)

- 3-phased approach for transition to be complete and in effect NLT 2028 – some of the changes will require legislation
- Reforms and Appeals to the Stafford Act – do we have recommendations on sections that need to be modified?
- Direct Funding – allow state to receive funds within days and speed recovery get around 2 CFR 200 – like a block grant without the restrictions
- Individual Assistance – recommendation to streamline into a flat rate reimbursement and shift responsibility to states for temp shelter and housing. We also need to improve the assessment and review process, which right now has too many agencies involved in the process
- Local response capabilities – inventory of state and local resources would give emergency managers faster cleared options during disaster – focus on EMAC (23k disasters last year handled by locals without federal declaration)
- NFIP – financially unsustainable – partnering with private insurers supporting risk-based pricing and targeting repetitive loss properties to strengthen resilience
- Discussion on incentives for mitigation from the state – credit for match – how do we ensure the mitigation programs we have funded historically are still funded in the future?
- Close the rural resilience gap – focus on how we can support rural, Tribal, and territories
- Prevent, detect and reduce fraud, waste, and abuse, and accelerate rapid recovery through technology. We spend too much time focused on preventing fraud – use AI to our advantage, use GIS
- Protect and evolve national lifelines
- 40+ Congressional Committees and subcommittee with FEMA Oversight – we need to advocate for changes by the state legislature.
- Threshold changes – are they doing anything around the definition? Public infrastructure definitions – rural areas
 - The state is getting an opportunity to inform what the changes look like – if they do a one-size-fits-all, it may not benefit all equally.
 - Report is being published in December for comment
- NFIS: insurance plays a bit part in resilience – huge impacts on Oregonians if removed

OR Prepared Conference Invitation

Critical Infrastructure Mapping Project Working Group Invitation

- Standing agenda item

SCIP: SIEC meeting at AOC

NG 911 Project: moving forward – presentation

Year in Review – *LGEMAC Members*

- EMPG funding: is the formula working? Is it something that needs to be addressed on an ongoing issue?
 - NOFO dropped in August – period of performance went from 3 to 1 year, 12 months to 10 months. No contracts, grant applications just went in – window of 10 months to distribute dollars. No additional funding on the horizon.
 - Uncertainty caused a pause on the discussion
- Future: OEM should use this council for POP and LC sounding board

- Timing – POPs fall of even numbered years after Agency Requested Budget
- AOC Conference in Eugene – panel discussion

Disaster Updates or Concerns from Council Members

None.

Requests for Topics for December Meeting

- NG 911 Project Update
- Critical Infrastructure Mapping Project
- Wisconsin Emergency Management – Flooding Lessons Learned
- AI in Emergency Management
- Power Conservation Exercise – William
- ESF 12 – fuel allocation COOP planning exercise – presentation on fuel at the local level

Actions Assigned

Comments from the public

Beth McGinnis: OR Association of Clean water Agencies – partnership between county, city, local EM, and wastewater utilities. What kind of relationship currently exists? Establish baseline

Adjourn

Helen Miller moved to adjourn. Bryan Lee seconded. Chair Shores adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

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