



OREGON HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL (OHSC)

December 5, 2022

Meeting Minutes:

Members Present, In-person and/or via Virtual Teams Meeting:

Senator Brian Boquist

Representative Rick Lewis

Representative Paul Evans

Constantin Severe, Governor's Public Safety Advisor

Mike Harryman, State Resilience Officer

Andrew Phelps, Director, Oregon Department of Emergency Management and Vice Chair of the council

Michael Slauson, Chief Counsel, Criminal Justice Division, Oregon Department of Justice

Rich Austria, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Justice Division, Oregon Department of Justice

Mike Stencil, The Adjutant General, Oregon Military Department

Mariana Ruiz-Temple, State Fire Marshal, Office of the State Fire Marshal

Heidi Stewart, Acting Director, Department of Corrections

Non-Members Present, In-person and/or via Virtual Teams Meeting:

Cooper Brown, Assistant Director of Operations, Oregon Department of Transportation

Andy Heider, Bureau Major, Oregon State Police

Sabrina Perez, Senior Strategy Manager, Oregon Department of Forestry

Administrative Support Present, In-person

Cira Murray, Oregon Department of Emergency Management

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Opening Comments – Andrew Phelps

Director Phelps welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment received.

Grant Program Update – Andrew Phelps

Director Phelps provided updates on current grant programs including SPIRE (State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment), HSGP (Homeland Security Grant Program), Cyber Security Grant Program, and the Non-Profit Security Grant Program.

Update on related Advisory Councils – Andrew Phelps and Mike Harryman

Director Phelps provided an update on the Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council and Mike Harryman provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council, both established under HB2927.

Legislative Preview

Representative Lewis discussed conversations he's been having regarding House Veterans and Emergency Management Committee and the preparedness of State Agencies.

Representative Evans mentioned the need to get the Emergency Operations Center built sooner rather than later as well as addressing some needs of the Military Department.

Cooper Brown discussed ODOT's Policy Option Package relating to seismically retrofitting one of their buildings on the coast.

Director Phelps discussed OEM's Legislative Concepts relating to the creation of a State Individual Assistance Grant Program and a State Public Assistance Grant Program.

State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple discussed their Legislative Concept and Policy Option Packages which include prioritizing the stabilization of the agency transition on 7/1/2023, strategies to fund wildfires, and reinvestment of funds received in SB762.

Consideration of Additional Council Member

Members discussed the role that Cyber Security has and will continue to play in homeland security. An invitation may be extended to either the State CIO or CISA at a later date.

Senator Boquist asked for an update civil preparation in the event of a nuclear disaster. Director Phelps confirmed that the State EOP, which includes a Nuclear and Radiological Event Annex, is currently under review for an update. Once signed by the incoming Governor, a copy will be distributed. Representatives Evans and Lewis requested a hard copy when available.

Roundtable Discussion

Director Phelps shared an update on the Real ID requirement for air travel, which has just been extended to May of 2025.

Rich Austria discussed recent threats to our electrical substations in light of the events in North Carolina over the weekend.

Representative Evans discussed the need to have a state EOC funded within this biennium.

Closing Remarks – Vice Chair

The next OHSC meeting will be held after Governor-Elect Kotek has taken office, date to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 am.

Respectfully submitted by Cira Murray,
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