

# EPAC

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson:

Jenny Demaris

County Emergency Manager

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Vice Chairperson:

Ivonne Mora-Hernandez

Social Service Emergency Liaison

Oregon Dept. of Human Serv.-Resilience/Emerg. Mgmt.



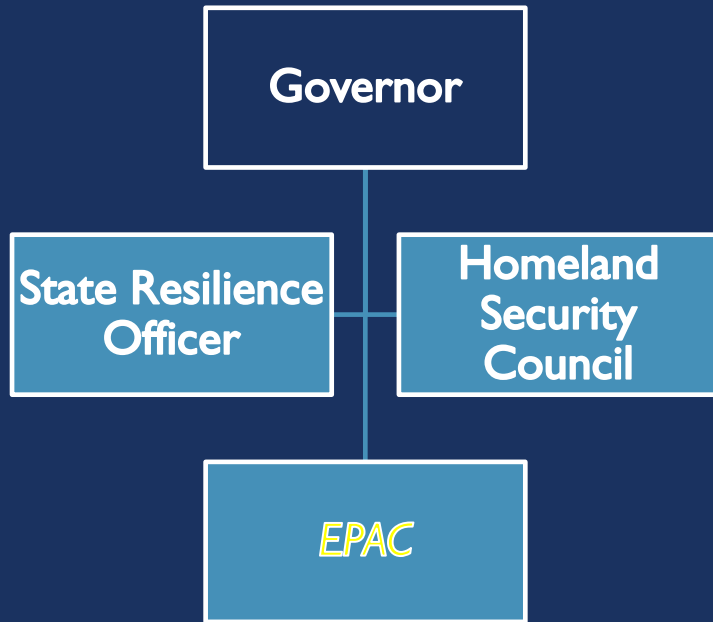
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## EPAC - BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

- Created by HB2927, by the Senate on June 25th, 2021.
- The mission of the Council is to facilitate ***policy recommendations*** for catastrophic disaster preparedness, mitigation and response, recovery planning, procedures, and protocols with ***special emphasis on outreach to representatives of designated state and federal emergency support functions.***

# EPAC - INTRODUCTIONS

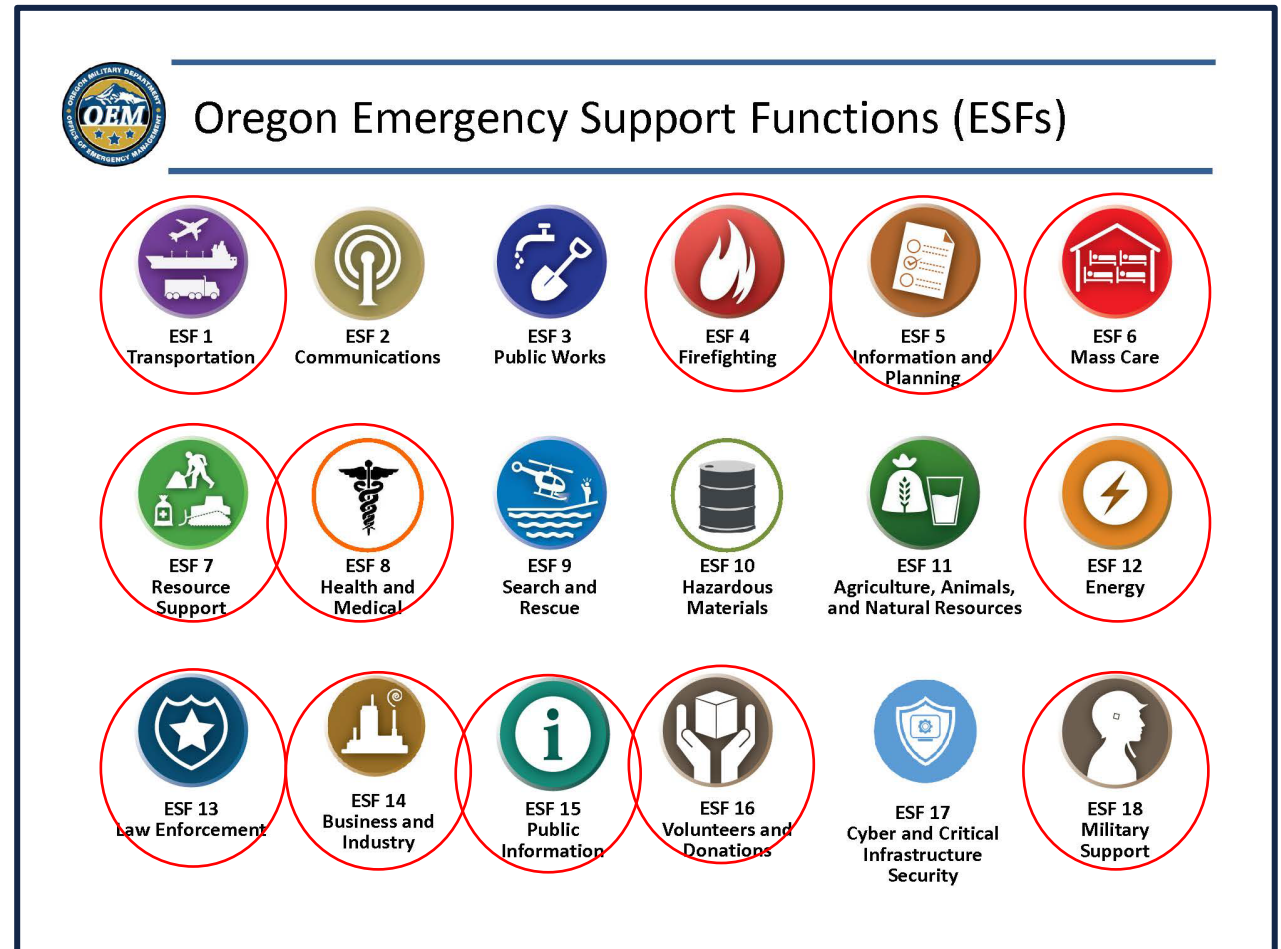
The committee consists of 18 members with representatives from state, local, and non-governmental agencies.



Emergency Preparedness		Council Members	
Pos #	Represented Organization	Name	Organization
10	Local - Association of Oregon Counties	Heather Buch	Lane County
13	Local - Emergency Management Organizations	Jenny Demaris	Lincoln Co.
16	Local - Indian Tribes in Oregon	Danny Martinez	Tribes - Warm
11	Local - League of Oregon Cities	Kelly Madding	City of Medford
12	Local - Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations	Mark Ferdig	RDPO
15	Nonprofit Community - EM Support Functions Responsibility	Denise Everhart	ARC
14	Private Sector	VACANT	
18	State - Department of Energy	Deanna Henry	ODOE
9	State - Department of Forestry	Joy Krawczyk	ODF
17	State - Department of Human Services	Ivonne Mora-Hernandez	OHDS
8	State - Department of Justice	Scott Burwash	DOJ
7	State - Department of Transportation	Mac Lynde	ODOT
2	State - Dept. of Emergency Management	Alaina Mayfield	ODEM
5	State - Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training	Kaylan Kamstra	DPSST
3	State - Fire Marshall	Mariah Rawlins	OSFM
6	State - Health Authority	Emily Wegener	OHA
1	State - Military Department	Lt. Col. Ryan Barton	OMD
4	State - Police	Nathan House	OSP

# EPAC – AREAS REPRESENTED

- Representation:
  - 11 State Agencies
  - 5 Local Agencies
  - 1 Private Sector
  - 1 Non-Profit/Community
- 12 of the 18 Emergency Support Functions have direct representation



# EPAC – HOW TO ENGAGE WITH US

- EPAC State Website [Link](#)
- Subscribe to Updates [Link](#)
- Points of Contact:
  - Chair  
[vdemaris@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:vdemaris@co.lincoln.or.us)
  - Vice Chair [IVONNE.MORA-HERNANDEZ@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:IVONNE.MORA-HERNANDEZ@dhsosha.state.or.us)
  - Council Support Staff  
[Debra.WIXOM@oem.oregon.gov](mailto:Debra.WIXOM@oem.oregon.gov)

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## Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC)

- Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS)
- Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)
- State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (State IHMT)
- Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC)**
- Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council (LGEMAC)
- Oregon Homeland Security Council (OHSC)
- Safe Media Access to Disaster Sites Committee (HB4087)



Section 151 of [House Bill 2927](#), ordered by the Senate on June 25, 2021, established the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council within the Office of the Governor. The mission of the council is to facilitate policy recommendations for catastrophic disaster preparedness, mitigation and response, recovery planning, procedures, and protocols with special emphasis on outreach to representatives of designated state and federal emergency support functions.

### Schedule

EPAC meet on the 4th Monday of every other month. All meetings are open to the public per the Oregon Public Records and Meeting Laws.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 25th, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PDT  
**Location:** Virtual or in-person—see location info

**Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498049807?pwd=TEduRUIOTkpczVSLzB4bVVLRL1d3QT09>

Meeting ID: 834 9804 9807

Passcode: 908217

### Members of the Council

The EPAC council is established within the Office of the Governor and consists of 18 members.

**Chair—Virginia "Jenny" Demaris**  
*EM Preparedness Local Organizations (Lincoln Co.), Email: [vdemaris@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:vdemaris@co.lincoln.or.us)*

**Vice Chair—Ivonne Mora-Hernandez**  
*Oregon Department of Human Services, Email: [ivonne.mora-hernandez@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:ivonne.mora-hernandez@odhs.oregon.gov)*

**Danny Martinez**

# OTHER COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS

## ■ LGEMAC – Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council:

- Section 152 of House Bill 2927, ordered by the Senate on June 25, 2021, established the LGEMAC. The Council provides advice and recommendations to Oregon Department of Emergency Management regarding emergency preparedness and response functions.

## ■ OSSPAC – Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission

- OSSPAC formed from Senate Bill 96 in 1991. The mission of OSSPAC is to positively influence decisions and policies regarding pre-disaster mitigation of earthquake and tsunami hazards, increase public understanding of earthquake hazard, risk, exposure, and vulnerability through education, and be responsive to the new studies and/or issues raised around earthquakes and tsunamis.

## ■ OHSC – Oregon Homeland Security Council

- OHSC was created by House Bill 2101 in the 2005 legislation session. Placed within the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, this council receives briefings on security matters for which the department is responsible at least annually from state agencies and organizations as determined by the council. The council also advises state agencies with responsibility for security matters on the future direction of the department's planning, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

Councils and Committees ▾	Local Emergency Manager Contact
Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Council	
Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)	
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT)	
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC)	
Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council (LGEMAC)	
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## OUR WORK – TO DATE

- 2022 September – Council formed
- 2022 October - Kick off meeting, selection of Chair/Vice Chair
- 2022 November – Initiated regular meetings – at least e/o month
- 2023 April – Finalized Bylaws, developed process for tracking, analyzing areas of interest for consideration of formal recommendation to Homeland Security Council/Governor Kotek
- 2023 January/September – Holding pattern awaiting State Resilience Officer and Department of Emergency Management leadership appointments
- 2023 September - Next Steps:
  - Begin prioritization of areas of interest and assessment of plan for improvement considerations from prior audits and after-action reports
  - Establish pathway for engagement with emergency management cooperators, members of the public, state agencies and other council/committees

# INITIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

Other  
Council/Commission  
Inter Relationships

Community Lifeline  
Model Alignment with  
Federal/State/Tribal/Local  
Government

National Qualification  
Standards  
Implementation and State  
Training Program  
Availability

Review of Prior After-  
Action Reports/Audits  
for Areas of Improvement  
Needs

Briefings by Agency, by  
topic,

Calendar of Invited  
Speakers, Subject Matter  
Experts



# QUESTIONS/CONTACTS



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