



# Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC) Agenda

<b>Date:</b>	11.25.2024	<b>Location:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Virtual Link:</b> Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88487317903?pwd=T0QyLjrrNB51p95xjjs4jUCTV65is9.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88487317903?pwd=T0QyLjrrNB51p95xjjs4jUCTV65is9.1</a></li> </ul> <b>Meeting ID:</b> 870 8372 5887, <b>Passcode:</b> 384136 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In Person:</b></li> </ul>
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 – 3:00pm	
<b>Chairperson:</b> <b>Vice Chair:</b>	Commissioner Heather Buch Mark Ferdig	
<b>Hosting Agency, Recorder:</b>	Debra Wixom, OEM	

#	Agenda Items	Purpose*	Presenter
1.	<b>Call to Order, Welcome, &amp; Introductions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call to Order – Quorum and public meeting requirements, recorded meeting.</li> </ul>	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
2.	<b>Review/Approval Minutes, Additions to Agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.23.24 Meeting Minutes,</li> <li>Additions to Agenda</li> </ul>	Decision	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
3.	<b>State Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPAC Priorities Survey</li> </ul>	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
4.	<b>Other Agenda Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oregon Department of Energy</li> <li>Oregon Department of Transportation</li> <li>Oregon Department of Public Safety</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Decision	Group
5.	<b>Round Table:</b>	Informational	Group
6.	<b>Public Comment: Q &amp; A</b>	Informational	Public
7.	<b>Next Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01.27.2025</li> </ul>	Discussion	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
8.	<b>Follow-up Items/Tasks for Next Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
9.	<b>Adjournment:</b>	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig

\*Agenda Item Purpose – Information, Discussion, Decision

#	Action Items	Start	Completed	Assignee
1.	Commissioner Buch and Vice-Chair Mark Ferdig will work to send a survey to the council members in which the council can prioritize the projects discussed			Commissioner Buch and Vice-Chair Mark Ferdig
2.	OEM provide further information on the Recovery Planning in Alignment with GO topic			
3.	Debra Wixom will follow up with Commissioner Buch regarding the recruitment process for the vacant council seats			Debra Wixom
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6.				

<b>EPAC Information:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chairperson:</b> Commissioner Heather Buch, Local Association of Oregon Counties, <a href="mailto:Heather.Buch@LaneCountyor.gov">Heather.Buch@LaneCountyor.gov</a></li> <li>• <b>Vice Chairperson:</b> Mark Ferdig, Local Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations, <a href="mailto:Mark.Ferdig@portlandoregon.gov">Mark.Ferdig@portlandoregon.gov</a></li> <li>• <b>Council Recorder/Hosting State Agency:</b> Debra Wixom, OEM, <a href="mailto:debra.wixom@oem.oregon.gov">debra.wixom@oem.oregon.gov</a></li> <li>• <b>Council Members:</b> Appointed members by Governor or represented State Agency Director, see roster below.</li> <li>• <b>Council Website:</b> <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Emergency-Preparedness-Advisory-Council-(EPAC).aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Emergency-Preparedness-Advisory-Council-(EPAC).aspx</a></li> <li>• <b>Oregon Department of Justice – <a href="#">Public Meetings Resource Information</a></b></li> </ul>	
<b>Active Workgroups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Charter (Dec. 2022)</b> - Pond, Mayfield, Wegener, Mora-Hernandez</li> </ul>	
<b>Future Meeting Dates/Times for 2024</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday of e/o Month 1-3pm:</b>	<b>Committee Planning Calendar:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>11.27.23</del></li> <li>• <del>12.25.23</del> Holiday</li> <li>• <del>01.22.24</del></li> <li>• <del>03.25.24</del></li> <li>• <del>06.03.24</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>07.22.24</del> Cancelled</li> <li>• <del>09.23.24</del></li> <li>• 11.25.24</li> </ul>

## Oregon – Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC)

Agenda – 11. 25 .2024, 1:00 – 3:00pm

### *Council Members – Governor Appointment*

<b>Appointed Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Start/End</b>
Local - Association of Oregon Counties	Heather Buch	09/2023 – 08/2027
Local - Emergency Management Organizations	Justin Gibbs	07/2022 - 06/2026
Local - Indian Tribes in Oregon	Danny Martinez	07/2022 - 06/2026
Local - League of Oregon Cities	Kelly Madding	07/2022 - 06/2026
Local - Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations	Mark Ferdig	09/2023 – 08/2027
Nonprofit Community - EM Support Functions Responsibility	Denise Everhart	07/2022 - 06/2026
Private Sector	William Gaston	12/2023- 11/2024
State - Department of Energy	VACANT	
State - Department of Forestry	Joy Krawczyk	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Department of Human Services	Ivonne Mora-Hernandez	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Department of Justice	Scott Burwash	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Department of Transportation	VACANT	
State - Dept. of Emergency Management	Alaina Mayfield	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training	VACANT	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Fire Marshall	Mariah Rawlins	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Health Authority	Emily Wegener	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Military Department	Lt. Col. Ryan Barton	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Police	Nathan House	07/2022 - 06/2026



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (EPAC)**  
**Minutes**  
**September 23, 2024 | 1:00-3:00pm**

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**1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions: Commissioner Buch**

- a) Call to Order – Meeting recorded. Meeting started at 1:00pm
  - i) Quorum requirements were not initially met but were met later in the meeting.

**2) State Updates:**

- a) EPAC Project Proposal: Commissioner Buch and Alaina Mayfield (OEM)
  - i) Commissioner Buch read down the EPAC Project Proposal document with Alaina Mayfield answering questions and providing clarity where needed.
  - ii) Interest was expressed on the following topics  
(listed in the order in which they are shown on the document, not by order of priority)
    - (1) Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Transition – Michael Anderson expressed interest
    - (2) Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)– Emily Wegener and Will Gaston expressed interest
    - (3) Qualified Emergency Service Volunteers (QESV) – Ivonne Mora, Heather Buch and Denise Everhart expressed interest
    - (4) Cascadia Planning (Catastrophic Planning) – Will Gaston and Ivonne More expressed interest
    - (5) Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Implementation – Nathan House expressed interest
    - (6) State Preparedness Priorities– Emily Wegener and Ivonne Mora expressed interest
  - iii) Scott Burwash stated none of the topics stood out to him but he’s happy to participate in document review.

**3) Other Agenda Items:**

- a) Vacancies: Commissioner Buch recognized vacancies in the following representation of the council:
  - i) Oregon Department of Energy
  - ii) Oregon Department of Safety Standards and Training
  - iii) Oregon Department of Transportation

**4) Review, Approval of Minutes – Additions to Agenda: Commissioner Buch**

- a) Mark Ferdig motioned to approve the minutes as submitted.
- b) Emily Wegener seconded
- c) 6/3/24 Minutes were approved by the council members as submitted.
- d) Additions to Agenda - No agenda items requested to be added.

**5) Future Agenda Item Suggestions:**

- a) Follow up regarding the EPAC Project Proposal Prioritization after members complete the upcoming survey.

**6) Public Comment: Public**

- a) Public comment was received during the EPAC Project Proposal Discussion

**7) Next Meeting:**

- a) November 25, 2024

**8) Follow-up Items/Tasks for Next Meeting:**

- a) Commissioner Buch and Vice-Chair Mark Ferdig will work to send a survey to the council members in which the council can prioritize the projects discussed today.
- b) OEM provide further information on the Recovery Planning in Alignment with GO topic.
- c) Debra Wixom will follow up with Commissioner Buch regarding the recruitment process for the vacant council seats.

**9) Adjournment: Commissioner Buch**

- a) Meeting adjourned @ 2:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Cira Murray for Debra Wixom, Recorder*

Oregon Department of Emergency Management

**06.3.23 – EPAC Meeting Attendance**

**A=Not Present, P=Present, R=Represented, V=Vacant Position**

#	Representation – Council Members	Attendance	Council Member
10	Local - Association of Oregon Counties	P	Heather Buch
13	Local - Emergency Management Organizations	A	Justin Gibbs
16	Local - Indian Tribes in Oregon	A	Danny Martinez
11	Local - League of Oregon Cities	A	Kelly Madding
12	Local - Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations	P	Mark Ferdig
15	Nonprofit Community - EM Support Functions Responsibility	P	Denise Everhart
14	Private Sector	P	Will Gaston
2	State - Emergency Management	P	Alaina Mayfield
18	State - Energy	A	Vacant
3	State - Fire Marshall	A	Mariah Rawlins
9	State - Forestry	A	Joy Krawczyk
6	State - Health Authority	P	Emily Wegener
17	State - Human Services	P	Ivonne Mora-Hernandez
8	State - Justice	P	Scott Burwash
1	State - Military	P	Lt. Col. Ryan Barton
4	State - Police	P	Nathan House
5	State - Public Safety Standards and Training	P	Vacant Michael Anderson
7	State - Transportation	A	Vacant

<b>Representation – State Staff</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>State Personnel</b>
State - Gov. Office - Resilience Officer	A	Jonna Papaefthimiou
State - Emergency Management	A	Interim Director Erin McMahon
State – Emergency Management	A	Deputy Director Patence Winningham
State - Emergency Management	A	Debra Wixom
State – Emergency Management	P	Cira Murray
<b>Representation – Members of the Public</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Guests/Public at Large</b>
Klamath County Emergency Manager	P	Ian Thigpen
State – Department of Administrative Service	P	Todd Scharff
Eugene County Emergency Manager	P	Carrie Karl
	P	Tyler Connors
	P	Ash Kane



# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**DATE:** August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TO:** Commissioner Buch, EPAC Chair & Director Mark Ferdig, EPAC Vice Chair

**FROM:** Patence Winningham, Deputy Director ODEM

**RE:** EPAC Project Proposals

## PURPOSE

Provide a list of program priorities for the Emergency Preparedness Council to consider as potential initiatives or areas of focus.

## Role of EPAC

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.

## Projects Proposed (not in priority order)

- Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Transition
- Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)
- Recovery Planning in alignment with GO.
- Qualified Emergency Service Volunteers (QESV)
- Survey to determine what encompasses a successful EM Programs; Stakeholder Survey.
- Long Session – Prepare/support for November.
- Consolidated Report on existing resilience and EM grant programs in Oregon.
- Cascadia Planning (Catastrophic Planning)
- Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Implementation
- State Preparedness Priorities

## Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Transition

**Summary:** Oregon Laws 2021, Chapter 539 (House Bill 2927) directs the transfer of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Call Center from the Oregon State Police (OSP) to OEM effective July 1, 2025. This transition aims to enhance the efficiency, responsiveness, and overall effectiveness of the state's emergency response capabilities and will result in a 24/7/365 watch center capability which will include alerts and warning capabilities, hazard monitoring, resilient communications, and support for search and rescue coordination. Established in 1972, OERS is established under ORS 401.094 and is responsible for coordinating and managing state resources in response to natural and technological emergencies and civil unrest involving multi-jurisdictional cooperation among all levels of government and the private sector. It is the primary point of contact through which any public agency notifies the state of an emergency or disaster, or requests access to state or federal resources.

## Define Success/Outline Issue:

The project involves several key components, including the hiring of new staff, creation of new training program, infrastructure development, policy updates, program development, IT advancements, and procurement of necessary



resources. Additionally, a significant focus will be placed on creating an all-hazards operational watch and analysis capability within the center, representing a fundamental operational shift from a reactive posture to a proactive one for OEM. This project will require a significant engagement and communications effort to engage with a variety of stakeholders, including those who are supportive of the project, and those who may not be, or are otherwise neutral, but may be significantly affected. Staffing - Currently only 6 staff (call takers) have been granted to OEM. We estimate a need for 12 to support 24/7/365 operations. OSP staff will likely not be transitioning as they have other duties at OSP.

Technology/Equipment/Construction – Funding has yet to be identified for the buildout of the OERS space and necessary equipment and software to ensure the transition is successful. These costs were not contemplated by the legislature for the transition and the state’s current budget process limitations (1% cap on budget increases for agencies) prohibit us from seeking the amount we need to ensure success via normal means.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

1. Participate and support the OERS Project Steering as it is developed.
2. Provide honest and constructive feedback and input regarding capabilities and services provided by OERS today, and in the future.
  - Consider how jurisdictions and agencies communicate with and request resources from the state during a disaster. How can this be improved?
3. Prepare a survey to solicit input from Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council members and their constituents – how can OERS serve members in the future.
4. Follow the 2025 Legislative Session closely. Provide testimony/letters related to the OERS transition, as the need arises.

**Timeline:** Per Oregon Laws 2021, Chapter 539 (House Bill 2927), this capability is set to transition to OEM as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Resources:** [ORS DIVISION 40 Oregon Emergency Response System](#)

### Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

**Summary:** The purpose of the Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) program is to provide a framework for State, Local, Tribal, and other partners to develop, update, and sustain capabilities that impact the continuation of critical services and essential functions to and for the State of Oregon during an All-Hazards disruption or disaster. Agencies are required to have in place and update annually their continuity of operations plan (COOP). DAS Policy 107-001-010 outlines COOP requirements for agencies. Additionally, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management has a Continuity of Operations Plan Toolkit available on their website.

**Define Success/Outline Issue:** All state agencies have a robust Continuity of Operations Plan that is regularly updated, trained to and exercised. OEM desires to establish a COOP Steering Committee to provide overall program direction, alignment, and prioritization with other OEM and State preparedness initiatives.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

1. Establish COOP Steering Committee
2. Establish Continuity of Government Plan (9/2027)

**Timeline:** September 2025

**Resources:**

[Statewide COOP Policy](#)

[ODEM COOP Website](#)

[FEMA Toolkit COOP](#)

### Recovery Planning in alignment with GO.

**Summary:** TBD

**Define Success/Outline Issue:**

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

**Timeline:**

**Resources:**

## Qualified Emergency Service Volunteers (QESV)

**Summary:** Per ORS 401, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall provide workers' compensation coverage for qualified emergency service volunteers who are injured in the course and scope of performing emergency service activities under the direction of a public body if the injury occurs: (a) While the volunteer is performing emergency service activities under the direction of the public body during a state of emergency declared under ORS 402 or during a state of public health emergency declared under ORS 433.441; (b) While the volunteer is engaged in training being conducted or approved by a public body for the purpose of preparing the volunteer to perform emergency services.

### Define Success/Outline Issue:

- Clearly define what is a QESV covered volunteer.
- Create identified credentialed volunteer pool to be deployed to meet the needs.
- Clean up statute to be specific to individuals vs. organizations.
- Establish administrative rules for implementing QESV coverage at the state and local levels.

### Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):

- Educate all partners about current QESV coverage and requirements.
- Research how to better incorporate QESV into state and local plans and procedures.
- Define how QESV applies to state agency employees who respond to requests for volunteers distributed through state communication systems.

**Timeline:** Recommend aligning this with legislative/statutory processes for 25-27, if not already beyond some deadlines (e.g., changing administrative rules).

**Resources:** [SERV-OR Emergency Volunteer Legal Protections.pdf \(oregon.gov\)](#)

## Survey to determine what encompasses a successful EM Programs; Stakeholder Survey.

**Summary:** There is no clear definitive guidance or standards of a successful emergency management program or the roles and responsibilities of an Emergency Manager in Oregon or nationally. There are several entities that have provided recommendations including FEMA and the [Emergency Management Accreditation Program \(EMAP\)](#).

### Define Success/Outline Issue:

Identify clear outlines on the requirements of and best practices for emergency management in Oregon to support OEM in efforts to provide resources to local and tribal emergency management programs.

### Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):

- Argonne National Laboratory is partnering with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), Big City Emergency Managers (BCEM), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to gain a greater understanding of current state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management organizational structures, staffing, and capacity.
- OEM received a baseline assessment for EMAP standards in 2021. Review the assessment and provide recommendations for future alignment with national standards/best practices.

**Timeline:** Local and state survey open now.

**Resources:** IAEM is embarking on a national survey for EM Programs: <https://www.anl.gov/dis/npac/EMStudy>

## Long Session – Prepare/support for November.

**Summary:** [Oregon Legislature regular session](#). The legislature meets for 165 days in odd years and 35 days in even years. The longer session typically begins in mid-January and runs through early July. The long session is the regular time for the legislature to consider the Governor's Request Budget and then vote on the Legislative Approved Budget to fund state agencies, capital construction, and other state government activities. Legislators and committees will introduce thousands on bills in the long session, mostly in January and February. Only a small proportion of those bills will make it through both chambers of the legislature.

Nonetheless, state agencies, local governments, private and nonprofit organizations, and interested parties will want to peruse the thousands of bills and determine which are most relevant to their own work or interests. They will then want to analyze the relevant bills and determine whether to take a position, suggest refinements, or simply anticipate the impacts. In a few instances, interested parties can learn of concepts that will become bills by watching the December and early January meetings of interim committees, talking to legislators and staff, and staying engaged with like-minded partners.

**Define Success/Outline Issue:**

EPAC identifies 2025 bills that will impact emergency management, analyzes them for understanding, discusses among EPAC members whether to engage with the legislature to influence the outcome of specific bills, develops and refines a strategy to engage, implements that strategy, adapts to changes during the legislative process, and evaluates impacts and next steps after the session. Organizations or committees such as EPAC should be conscious that the views and strategies of EPAC as a whole will often, but not always, align with those of each member of EPAC. EPAC will be best placed to influence topics on which there is consensus within EPAC. When there is not consensus, or when the topic only affects one or some members of EPAC, it is more effective for those members to engage on the topic outside of EPAC.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

- Identify an EPAC legislative committee chair who will organize the group’s activities on this line of effort.
- Establish a schedule of meetings or touchpoints for the EPAC legislative committee to inform EPAC and to seek direction from EPAC as needed.
- Establish a process for reviewing bills and obtaining EPAC decisions on whether and how to engage on any specific bill

**Timeline:**

- Select an EPAC legislative committee chair. Decide on EPAC’s process for analyzing bills and determining EPAC’s views on each bill. (ASAP)
- Determine whether EPAC wants to ask specific legislators to introduce specific bills in 2025 and ask those legislators in August or early September. Employees of the executive branch should not be active in this process. This is an activity for local governments, Tribes, and the private sector. It should not be done in the name of EPAC because executive branch agencies who are part of EPAC should remain within the Governor’s established process for engaging with the legislature. EOD September 27, 2024.
- Observe legislative committee meetings and look for discussion of potential legislative concepts. 12/2024
- Review introduced bills, analyze relevant bills, and determine EPAC views and strategies for relevant bills. 1/2025
- Review legislative committee agendas daily and anticipate when to engage on bills that are moving. Jan-Jun 2025

**Resources: None.**

**Consolidated Report on existing resilience and EM grant programs in Oregon.**

**Summary:** OEM manages several grants to support emergency management across the State enterprise as well as at the local level. Several of these grants are provided to reduce overall risks, build capabilities, and focus on overall preparedness.

Some grant dollars are currently being utilized to fund programs and resources in a non – sustainable way. Most if not all, federal grants require a local match, whereas the Oregon State disaster fund must be replenished bi-annually – it is not included as part of our current service level (CSL). EMPG funding is being used to sustain a requirement of the State (Fund an emergency manager at each county). Local agencies have become dependent on the funds.

**Define Success/Outline Issue:** TBA.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

Promote opportunity to apply for SLCGP – state and local organizations eligible

<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Grants/Pages/State-and-Local-Cybersecurity-Grant-Program.aspx>

Registration ends 9/1/24

Participate in planning, training and/or exercise activities outlined in the Integrated Preparedness Plan

<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/OEM-IPP-2023-2026-v1.2.pdf>

**Timeline:** flexible

**Resources:**

<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Grants/Pages/EMPG.aspx>

### Cascadia Planning (Catastrophic Planning)

**Summary:** Develop a strategy for managing the response and recovery missions of the State during and after a catastrophic incident, such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.

**Define Success/Outline Issue:**

- Build a strong collaborative team of stakeholders from across the state.
- Incorporate different characteristics of response and recovery needs that could occur from a catastrophic incident.
- Initial challenge: Developing an effective timeline and plan that gives opportunities to validate concepts and processes through a defined planning process.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

- Support planning as a priority across state, tribal, and local partners
- Provide input during data collection and research
- Provide feedback during plan development

**Timeline:**

Four-phase planning process - 2025.

- Phase I: kickoff meeting, data collection, research
- Phase II: meetings, workshops, initial plan development
- Phase III: continued plan development and communication with stakeholders
- Phase IV: plan finalized and approved

**Resources:**

[https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/Cascadia\\_Playbook\\_V3.PDF](https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/Cascadia_Playbook_V3.PDF)

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/frameworks/response>

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/frameworks/federal-interagency-operational-plans>

### Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Implementation

**Summary:** The State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) adopted the [2024 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan \(SCIP\)](#) at their August 13<sup>th</sup> public meeting. More than 200 members of public safety, 911, and emergency managers participated in the nearly year long process of creating Oregon's new SCIP. The plan is a statewide strategic plan for increasing seamless, interoperable, and resilient emergency communications between and amongst public safety practitioners and emergency managers, across all levels of government throughout Oregon.

**Define Success/Outline Issue:**

The plan contains 7 strategic goals aligned to the [National Emergency Communications Plan \(NECP\)](#) domains of Governance and Leadership; Planning and Procedures; Training, Exercises, and Evaluations; Communications Coordination; Technology and Infrastructure; and Cybersecurity. Oregon also includes a 7<sup>th</sup> domain related to Funding. The plan contains more than 80 SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timebound) objectives with champions identified, to be carried out over the next 4 years. Many federal grant opportunities include HSGP reference alignment to a state's SCIP to ensure investments align to statewide strategies. In the past, Oregon has struggled with awareness of the SCIP and being able to achieve complex objectives that require many agencies/organizations to collaborate.

**Key Issues:**

- Awareness of SCIP. Many agencies and organizations aren't aware of the SCIP or what the plan includes.
- Alignment of local investments to statewide strategies: Interoperability often requires alignment to a particular standard or a coordinated effort to ensure compatibility of complex systems. Jurisdictions may choose a different strategy due to lack of awareness, funding, or for other reasons. This can have life safety implications for first responders or members of the public during critical emergencies when the ability to communicate matters most.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

1. Read Oregon's Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
2. Consider how EPAC and constituent organizations may be able to support individual objectives.
3. Provide feedback and input to the SIEC, and the SWIC's Office.
4. Ensure investments align to the SCIP, and the next version of the SIEC's Grant Guidance and Investment Priorities. There will be opportunities to provide your input. Please consider participating.

**Timeline:** Each objective has its own timeline. The SCIP is a 4-year strategic Plan. The SIEC meets quarterly and will review SCIP implementation progress during each meeting. The next meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup>. To be added to the invite, email [SWIC.OR@DAS.Oregon.gov](mailto:SWIC.OR@DAS.Oregon.gov)

**Resources:**

[National Emergency Communications Plan \(NECP\)](#)  
[2024 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan \(SCIP\)](#)

**Statewide Preparedness Priorities**

**Summary:** OEM assesses the current level of, and progress in Oregon's preparedness annually. This annual assessment includes a review of capabilities at the local, tribal and state level. The annual State of the State Report captures the identified capabilities and gaps and makes recommendations for further improvement. Every three years, through the annual Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshops, actions are selected to focus development of plans, training and exercises and investments, to improve preparedness and resilience of Oregon, based on the identified preparedness priorities.

**Define Success/Outline Issue:** Leverage the EPAC to approve the recommended preparedness priorities and support implementation of identified improvement activities. This will ensure accountability and effective utilization of resources to address agreed upon priority needs.

**Actions to Support (bulleted list of primary actions):**

- Support OEM in development and confirmation of a defined priority approval process and timeframe
- Review the 2023 State of the State Report
- Review the Integrated Preparedness Plan

**Timeline:**

2025 – Tri-annual review and selection of preparedness priorities  
 Annually in the fall – local, tribal and state agencies complete the capability assessment  
 Annually Feb-March – OEM coordinates Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshops to identify regional and statewide priorities and activities to address gaps  
 Annually Apr-Jun – compilation and approval of the Integrated Preparedness Plan

**Resources:**

Integrated Preparedness Plan <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/OEM-IPP-2023-2026-v1.2.pdf>