



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	October 15 th , 2024	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Purpose	LGEMAC bimonthly meeting	
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

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

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:

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

Coordinator

Representing: Emergency medical service providers

Thomas Roberts

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

Anthony Pierotti: Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Department Assistant Chief

Representing: Fire departments

Others in Attendance:

Jonna Papaethimiou: State Resilience Officer, Office of the Governor

Patence Winningham: OEM Deputy Director

Seiji Shiratori: Legislative Coordinator/Strategic Comms Manager • Strategic Communications

Bobbi McCallister: OEM Strategic Planner

Juan Benevidez: Emergency Manager for Salem Keizer Public Schools

Tait Schaffer: Mountain Wave

Carrie Karl: City of Bend Emergency Manager

William Chapman: SWIC

Administrative Matters

a) Call Meeting to Order

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 August meeting minutes.
Matt English made a motion to approve. Dana Pursley-Haner seconded the motion.
Minutes were approved.

e) New Business

- I. Legislative Update presented by Seiji Shiratori
 - i. Discussion of 165-day regular 2025 legislative session. OEM's Agency Requested Budget (ARB) is available on the agency website:
https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/OEM_2025-2027_Agency-Request-Budget.pdf
 - ii. The request asks for a little over the 1% increase in general funds over the current service level for Crisis Management and a Grants Management software solutions, increasing our Procurement capabilities, and a revenue neutral budget adjustment to move for the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator Program to bring it officially under OEM.
 - iii. With the revenue forecast and current fiscal trends, these asks may not come to fruition.
 - iv. Regarding the December legislative Emergency Board, we may go over the required stockpile report that was submitted to legislators in September (SB5701). We did not ask the State to allocate the funds at that time due to restricted funds. In December we may ask. OEM is also considering whether to ask for, and how much to ask for reimbursement funds for unexpected expenditures stemming from the 2024 wildfire season. Finally, the HB2927 in 2021, the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) was set to be moved from OSP to OEM on July 1st, 2025. The move is not fully resourced.
 - v. Confirmed Matt English's question that OEM did conduct the mandatory annual 10% reduction budget, but the information is not publicly available.
 - vi. SPIRE Grant: USAR would like to have some SPIRE funds allocated toward their program, particularly aging equipment. Patence mentioned that as part of a workplan, LMAC could work on recommendations for where SPIRE fits in for statewide, long-term grant programs, as well as the Stockpile.
 - vii. Contact information: seiji.t.shiratori@oem.oregon.gov, 503-991-3933
- II. Congratulations to Bryan Lee for the OEMA Director's Award!

- III. LEMAC vs LMAC (which acronym does the council prefer?)
 - i. Decision was made to informally shorten LGEMAC to LMAC
- IV. Creation of the Council’s plan, based on EPAC’s document
 - i. EMPG Funding Formula could be line item
 - ii. Catastrophic Planning could be line item
 - iii. COOP could be line item
 - iv. How should we move forward in creating the plan?
 - 1. EPAC is sending out a survey to their council with areas of focus in order to gauge interest. We could have the Chair’s of LMAC and EPAC to discern priorities.
 - 2. Chair - Commissioner Heather Buch, Association of Oregon Counties – Lane County Commissioner
 - 3. Vice Chair - Mark Ferdig, Local – Regional Emergency Management Organizations
 - 4. Mike Harryman advocated for keeping a totally separate list rather than having some separate items with other overlay. He brought up our Statutory Authority: Section 152 of [House Bill 2927](#), which states, “The council shall provide advice and recommendations to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management regarding its emergency **preparedness and response** functions.”
 - 5. Bryan advocating for keeping separate plans while still identifying common items for collaboration so that the local voice can be heard, as well.
 - 6. Patence created EPACs current list, with the help of OEM management, and the governor’s expectations.
 - 7. Mike advocated for a survey to LMAC
 - 8. Bryan asked that council members send Bridget a list of potential items for consideration
- V. Disaster Updates or Concerns from Council Members
 - i. Examples: Ice storm, elections, solar storm, upcoming fire season
 - ii. Snow in the Cascades coming up, as well as elections
 - iii. Helen brought up the Part 2 of the Lahaina Fire After Action Review that was released after the last LGEMAC meeting.
 - iv. IronOR 24 is coming up.
 - 1. [2024 Statewide IronOR Exercise Monitoring Portfolio](#)
 - 2. [IronOR 24 Exercise](#)
 - v. Mike Harryman asked if there will be an After Action for the Wildfire Season with the ESFs. Patence confirmed that meetings are scheduled for this effort. Patence mentioned that [Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs](#) requested an AAR presentation for December and that relevant ESFs
 - vi. Bryan discussed EMAC agreements and current assignments with Florida and North Carolina.
- VI. Requests for Topics for December Meeting
 - i. Survey review and workplan development and refinement
 - ii. EMPG Funding Formula Discussion
 - iii. AOC presentation regarding LMAC and other items
 - iv. ODEM Briefing on the wildfire AAR findings with state partners
 - v. Cybersecurity assessment/risk related to AI (Jonna had a contact)

f) Actions Assigned

Chair, Vice Chair and Board Administrator will meet to work on a survey for the work plan.

g) Comments from the public

None heard

h) Adjourn meeting

I. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am