



Oregon Emergency Management Association
Membership Meeting
September 14, 2006
Salem, Oregon

Members Present:

Dean Bender	Polk County Emergency Management
Dave Cassel	Oregon Emergency Management
Col Rick Coufal	SEPLO - Oregon
Mary Davis	Washington County Emergency Management
Roger Gano	City of Newberg
Rose Gentry	Oregon Department of Transportation
Chuck Leonard	Oregon Department of Agriculture
Bill McCaffrey	Oregon Military Department
Carrie Meier	Keizer Police Department
David Miller	Oregon Military Department
Les Miller	USACE – Portland District
Mike Mumaw	City of Beaverton Emergency Management
Kevin Peterman	Oregon Military Department
Scott Porter	Washington County Emergency Management
Krista Rowland	Marion County Emergency Management
Randy Shaw	Oregon Public Health Division
Debbie Sinner	Marion County Emergency Management
Craig Smith	Malheur County Emergency Management
Gene Strong	Clatsop County Sheriff's Office

Call to Order:

President Rose Gentry called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting were distributed.

Motion to approve the minutes by Randy Shaw.

Seconded by Krista Rowland.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

There was no Treasurers report available.

Guest Speaker

Ralph Parker, National Communications System Priority Telecommunications Services, Outreach Coordinator:

“Government Emergency Telecommunications Services (GETS).”

GETS provides priority call treatment for both local and long distance calls during emergencies when telephone networks become congested. It is an emergency calling card service that can be used from virtually any telephone and is designed to be used when National Security and Emergency Preparedness personnel are unable to complete emergency calls through their regular telecommunications means. GETS cards should be provided to individuals and functions responsible for emergency response and coordination. GETS cards are ordered from NCS after the participating organization establishes an on-line Point of Contact account. More information can be found at: <http://gets/ncs.gov>.

Wireless Priority Service (WPS)

WPS is an optional feature that can be added to regular cellular service to provide priority communications for key personnel during natural or man-made disasters or emergencies that cause congestion in wireless networks. There is a fee for this service. It can be requested through the same Point of Contact account established for ordering GETS cards.

Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) Report – Dave Cassel:

EMPG funding: NEMA is encouraging letters be sent to Congress in support of continuing EMPG funding at the same, or higher level.

NIMS Compliance: OEM will be sending out implementation guidance in early October. Homeland Security grants will be contingent on NIMS compliance which will be monitored through EMPG quarterly reporting. Scott asked about compliance by Special Districts. The State is taking the NIMS message out to other professional associations. It is also being distributed through the Governor’s office.

Homeland Security Regions: OEM has not moved forward with this concept. Funding was not supported by DHS.

Statewide Mutual Aid: A state-wide mutual aid agreement is being circulated throughout the Law Enforcement community. It has moved to the Police Chief's Association for review. Funding and liability issues are being discussed.

Old Business:

2007 OEMA Conference – Gleneden Beach

President Elect Mike Mumaw will be coordinating the 2007 OEMA Conference being held at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort, Gleneden Beach, May 7-11, 2007. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Mike will forward job descriptions to the membership.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Bylaws – Scott Porter, Chair
No change to the Bylaws at this time.

Legislative Committee:

Rose reported the Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness staffed by many State Senators and Legislatures has been meeting in Salem. The committee was formed following Hurricane Katrina. Active participation from OEMA has been requested. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26. Rose will monitor the progress of the committee and seek an OEMA member to participate. Rose will send information to the membership regarding meetings can be monitored via the internet.

ORCEMS – Mike Mumaw, Chair

Mike is clarifying and streamlining the application and recertification process. He will look at removing reference to the State on the certificate due to lack of support for the program from that agency.

Rose stated she sent a letter to Ken Murphy outlining various areas OEMA and OEM could partner, including the ORCEMS program. She requested a liaison from OEM participate at OEMA meetings and have authority to speak for the agency. Ken is reviewing the letter. No final determination has been made.

Strategic Planning

Rose mentioned that this will be a topic at an upcoming retreat with the E-Board, Committee Chairs and Liaisons. Some of the deliverables recommended by the committee still need follow-up. Discussion at the retreat will address the best way to accomplish these activities.

APWA – Les Miller, Liaison

Les mentioned that APWA will be holding their fall conference in Pendleton in early October. He stated that the Emergency Management committee of APWA is currently not active.

Domestic Preparedness Working Group – Scott Porter, Liaison

Scott and other group members were very involved in the recent grant application process and the program and capability review and dollar dispersal. Various agencies were brought together to discuss State capabilities. The State did not receive as much grant money as in prior years. The process was competitive with the threat based on risk. Peer reviewers from around the State reviewed, scored and evaluated the applications. The group met and used the scores in making grant allocations. It is hoped that the '07 the grants will focus on all-hazards planning and include evacuation and special needs planning.

International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) – Mike Mumaw, Liaison

IAEM is monitoring several legislative bills. Currently IAEM is supporting increased EMPG funding. Mike will continue to forward legislative information of interest to the membership.

Local Emergency Planning Committee – LEPC

The State Fire Marshal's Office is under reorganization. ODOT is working with the group on a Commodity Study related to surveys of trucking companies and moving hazmat material around the State. Rose will keep the membership informed of the outcome of this study.

OERS – Chuck Leonard, Liaison

Chuck forwarded a report to Rose. The November 17 OERS meeting will be focused on flood preparedness.

Oregon Federal Executive Board – Emergency Preparedness Committee

Les commented that this group is interested in participating in TOPOFF to test facilities and communications.

New Business:

Installation of 2006/07 Officers:

Executive Board Officers for the 2006/07 year were installed.

Executive Board/Committee Chair Retreat – Rose Gentry

Rose discussed a retreat planned for the Executive Board and Committee Chairs for October 8-10 at Glenden Beach. The group will review the strategic plan and discuss the mission and direction of OEMA.

Homeland Security Region Representatives – Les Miller

Les brought up the idea of having regional representatives as voting members of the Board. He has seen this work in other States and feels it would give a better representation of OEMA members in decision making. There was discussion regarding this concept. Some ideas generated were that this idea would increase participation from OEMA members in other parts of the State. Several areas of the proposal still need to be developed, including designating regions, potential candidates and reimbursement costs for those participating. Currently the Board is holding Executive meetings at various locations around the State in an effort to meet with members and hear concerns. This idea will be reviewed at the upcoming retreat.

New Business

IAEM Raffle

Mike reported that IAEM holds a raffle at the annual conference to support the IAEM scholarship fund. Region 10 will be donating a raffle basket with northwest items. Mike suggested that OEMA donate a sum of money to help purchase items for the Region 10 basket. This has been done in the past. There was discussion regarding what items would be a good representation of Oregon.

Gene Strong moved that OEMA donate a sum equivalent to the past donation to purchase items for the IAEM raffle basket.

Dean Bender seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Rose introduced Colonel Rick Coufal who will be the Army Emergency Planning Liaison Officer (EMPLO). Rick will be attending OEMA meetings and sharing ways we can partner with his organization.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis
Secretary