



# Spokane Community Organizations Active in Disasters: Meeting Minutes

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## COAD Vision Statement

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*To create a community resilient from disasters.*

## COAD Mission Statement

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*Be prepared by bringing together community partners and individuals to foster greater community resiliency within Spokane County through: Cooperation, Coordination, Collaboration and Communications. Spokane COAD is a coordinating organization and will not assume direct operational responsibility in any disaster situation.*

**Meeting Date: January 7, 2020**

Spokane Salvation Army

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**Call to Order:**

**0900**

**Introductions:**

**Eric Farmer**

## Presentations:

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**Steve Turcott, Washington State Department of Transportation – WSDOT role in road and aviation incidents**

**Hot Topics & Agency Updates: Australia Wildfires**

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## Agency Updates:

### COAD

- **New Officers-**

Chair- Eric Farmer

Co-Chair- Quillan Framstad

Secretary- Summer Warfield

### Spokane County Department of Emergency Management

- As on January 1, 2020 Greater Spokane Emergency Management is now Spokane County Department of Emergency Management
- Wednesday January 15, 2020 at the Magic Lantern 6:30-8:30 free viewing of “Cooked: Survival by Zip Code”. A panel discussion will be held after the viewing. The trailer can be viewed here:

<https://vimeo.com/336151320> the invite can be viewed here:

<https://facebook.com/events/480411549273481/?ti=icl>.

### Amateur Radio:

- New trailer is now fully equipped and available for members to access during an incident
- Eastern Washington University hosting a 24-hour exercise

## **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**

- Next LEPC meeting – Wednesday January 15, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:30 A.M. fire District #9 hosting

## **National Weather Service:**

- SNOW ON THE WAY! Spokane could see up to 8 inches of snow on January 10, 2020 with more to follow over the next few days.
- Extremely cold temperatures to follow snow event

## **Red Cross:**

- Health Services is planning a disaster training in the Tri-Cities the end of January
- In December the Disaster Action Team opened 16 cases that served a total of 34 individuals

## **Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD):**

### **Updates (as of 1/7/2020):**

- **Hepatitis A:** 75 cases in total for current outbreak. Epi curve does show a slowdown in cases
- being reported
- The immunization team has been partnering with Medical Reserve Corps, College of Nursing, Red Cross, Providence, Spokane County Jail, and Geiger Corrections to provide free vaccinations to high risk community members

## **Medical Reserve Corps:**

- Continuing to offer free Narcan training and distribution
- Suicide Prevention, Evacuation Preparedness, and CPR also offered free to the community. Contact Summer Warfield at [swarfield@srhd.org](mailto:swarfield@srhd.org) about arranging trainings

## **Paws on Patrol:**

- Calendars for 2020 still available. Requesting a donation in exchange for the calendar

## **Rubicon:**

- 190 members in the Greater Spokane area

## **ESD 101:**

- Working with law enforcement on floor plans and access to cameras inside facilities in the case of an emergency

## *Spokane COAD: January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

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### **Next Meeting:**

**February 4, 2020 @ Spokane Salvation Army, 204 E Indiana (Building #6)**

# WSDOT Teamwork with External Partners

## **For Community Organizations Active in Disasters, Spokane**

Steve Turcott  
WSDOT Eastern Washington Emergency Manager  
January 6, 2019

# Objectives

Provide a summary of:

- WSDOT's intent in partnering effectively with external partners
- Application at a variety of incident kinds and types
- Recent examples extended/major incidents with WSDOT participation



# Steve Turcott

## Eastern Washington Emergency Manager

- FEMA R6 IMAT PSC
- WSP lieutenant
- IMT PSC, ICS training
- Fire service
- Family
- BB FB YM USNSCC
- SEA TAC WEN ELN SPO
- KG7FVL

*“Getting families to grandma’s house for dinner”*



# The Foundation

- Agencies/ organizations have roles
- WSDOT's Role in Unified Command  
(RCW 47.01.260)
- Intent: fulfill our role when possible

≈1981 SR99 South 278? Duffin & Brewer →



# WSDOT brings...

- Traffic control
- “Detours”
- Public Information
- Traffic signal coordination
- Road-clearing
- Snow and ice removal and treatment
- Aviation SAR
- Infrastructure repair



# Key Points: detours and public information

- Timely, usable, precise information reduces traffic congestion
- Requires flow of timely, usable, precise information to the TMC
- “Detour” vs “alternate route”



# Example: Pathfinder Project

- NHTSA + NWS + state transportation
- Traveller info (focus: wx impacts)
- The Team
  - NWS Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Pendleton
  - NW WeatherNet
  - WSDOT
    - Communications
    - OEM
    - TMC
    - Region Maintenance



# Application: Type 4 collision

- Primary mission: traffic control (safety, property)
- Unified Command
- “Traffic Group”
- Conduit to TMC to travelers



# Application: Type 2 wildfire



- Existing relationships
- “Looks like we’ll need you here, Les”
- Same IMT as last year
  - Trust, credibility
- Multiple days @ ICP
- Traffic issues handled by agency with jurisdiction
  - vs best effort getting revised
- Outcomes
  - Efficiency
  - Safety
  - cost-recovery efficiencies

# Application: missing aircraft



- Low frequency, high risk
- SAR responsibility
- Extended ETA
- Actions
  - Initiate tactics
  - Call SEOC immediately

# Example: Type 4 Collision “Carmagedan”

- Sudden heavy, localized snowfall
- Collisions began at 1415 11-26-2019
- 127 cars; 35 collisions
- Ten miles



# Example: Type 4 Collision “Carmagedan”

## Responders

- Spokane County FD 10
- Spokane County FD 3
- Spokane Fire Department
- American Medical Response
- Washington State Patrol
- WSDOT
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Greater Spokane Emergency Management



# Example: Type 4 Collision “Carmagedan”

## Issues, Complexity Factors

- Occupants cold, restrooms
  - El Katif Shriners
- One car fire
- Six transports (1 YEL, 5 GRN)
- Collisions in back-up
- Tow Agencies depleted
- I90 needed treating
- Vehicle fuel shortage



# Future practices

(best practices, good ideas we shouldn't forget, etc.)



## Unify the command

- Resource shortages
- Access to scene by WSDOT responders

Tucson AZ shooting (Associated Press)

# Example: planned event

## Leavenworth Christmas Lighting

- Issues: traffic, crowd, remote, WX
- Approximately 8 meetings/year
- FD, LE, WSDOT, CofC, city, EMS
- Progressive/incremental improvements
  - ICP
  - Traffic signal coordination
- Outcome: reduced outgoing traffic congestion by 90 minutes (50%)



# Winter travel safety message: remove snow before driving



Kansas Highway Patrol via Twitter

# Objectives review

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