Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council:
Building Systems Through Partnerships
Poll Question: Emergency Management Programs

Of the 29 tribal nations in Washington, what proportion do you think have emergency management programs?

A. All
B. Almost all
C. About half
D. Less than a quarter
Poll Question: Familiarity with Preparedness in Tribes

How familiar are you with emergency management in tribal nations?

A. Very familiar
B. Familiar
C. Somewhat familiar
D. Unfamiliar
NWTEMC Mission

The mission of the NWTEMC is to build partnerships, develop comprehensive emergency planning documents, and work together to share resources, knowledge, and skills. We assist in coordinating training and exercises and provide a network of expertise that is culturally relevant and sensitive.
NW Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) — A Brief History

A consortium of 8 Tribes in Northwest Washington formed to address emergency management and Homeland Security issues they faced.
Colville
Lummi
Makah
Muckleshoot
Nooksack
Samish
Sauk-Suiattle
Shoalwater Bay
Snoqualmie
Stillaguamish
Swinomish
Tulalip
Upper Skagit
Yakama

Several other tribes across the state have expressed interest.
NW Tribal Emergency Management Council Partners

► Washington State
  ► Department of Health
  ► Emergency Management
  ► Department of Ecology
  ► Washington State Patrol

► Federal
  ► FEMA Region X
  ► Department of Transportation
  ► EPA

► Regional
  ► Regional Public Health
  ► County Health Districts
  ► Incident Mgmt Teams
  ► Emergency Services
  ► Indian Health Service
  ► Hospital & Healthcare Coalitions
  ► Centers for Public Health
  ► Homeland Security
Organization

- Governing Board
  - Charter
  - By-laws

- Tribal Governments

- Greater Strength in Numbers
  - Politically
  - Shared Resources
  - Shared Personnel
What Do We Do?

- Assist in development of Emergency Management Plans and grants writing
- Assist one another in raising awareness of Homeland Security issues and mandates
- Educate our communities
  - Preparedness
- Train our responders
  - Response and Recovery
- Build teams
  - MRC, CERT, Blockwatch
What Do We Do? (continued)

- Provide a link to regional, state, and federal Homeland Security and Emergency Management programs
- Provide a link for access to resources to enhance and supplement your EM and Homeland Security programs
- Provide templates for plans
  - CEMP, PAN FLU
- Maintain essential databases
  - Volunteers, resources, shelters, etc.
- Maintain Web site as a conduit for sharing information
  - www.nwtemc.org
- Meet monthly to address updates and action items
Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness

- Provide resources for Tribal clinics to develop Public Health Emergency Management plans
- Coordinate initial efforts for emergency planning with regional Public Health partners
- Educate local partners on issues such as:
  - Quarantine
  - Isolation
  - Jurisdiction & Sovereignty
- Tribal Public Health Law
- Provide training and educational opportunities
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
Emergency Management Program

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Location: Tokeland (Georgetown) WA
► Eagle Hill Road: Official evacuation site and assembly area for us and surrounding communities in case of earthquake or Tsunami.
► Elevation 300 feet.
► Tsunami evacuation signs installed on the roads.
Vice Chair single-handedly removes 40 ft container from semi trailer
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
RACES/Ham Radio Group

Ham/ARES Call Signs Shoalwater Bay Tribe

- KE7JMB  Lee Shipman
- KE7JMD  Anna Anderson
- KE7JME  Jim Anderson
- KE7JMF  Mike Hermon
- KE7JMG  Shane Thomas
- KE7JMH  Naomi Hermon
- KE7JMJ  Jake Christensen
- KE7JMK  Holly Blake
- KE7KNU  Carolyn Moore
- KE7JNV  Austin Stately
AHAB Siren at Shoalwater Bay Reservation
Safety Zone in 14 minutes
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
CERT Training

Three trainings
60 team members
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Council and Administrators
CERT Train the Trainer
We are a small Indian Nation. We don’t have the experts that the state, regions, and counties have.

We can’t put out huge forest fires or clean up a big hazmat spill, but we can save lives. WE CAN SAVE LIVES.

We do have:

- The will to survive and the stamina to keep on going.
- The desire to do the best that we can.
- The ability to do something, even just one thing about disaster preparedness. It may mean to seek out those who can help: the experts, the partners; many of you who are listening and viewing this webinar today.

And, finally, when we have made the right path, we have the love to take everyone around us with us.
We have joined with other tribes in a statewide consortium, NWTEMC, to better facilitate our efforts in emergency planning.
Statewide NWTEMC Programs

Continue to expand on our statewide Tribal Emergency Management programs:

- NWTEMC statewide CERT
- NWTEMC statewide Medical Reserve Corps
- NWTEMC statewide communications
- NWTEMC critical infrastructure protection
- NWTEMC trainers
Building a statewide network of Tribal Community Emergency Response Teams that are prepared to deploy and assist fellow Tribes in the event of disasters. The CERT program has aided our Tribal Nations in becoming more self sufficient and resilient in times of need.
NWTEMC Medical Reserve Corps

Trained, prepared medical personnel and support staff to assist during emergencies in our tribal communities

Participate in community outreach and education on emergency preparedness and public health issues
NWTEMC Statewide Communications

The Tribes have started to develop communications teams that include ham radio, A.R.E.S., R.A.C.E.S, UHF, VHF and 800MHz.

This mobile communications van was recently acquired by the Snoqualmie Tribe and will be used to develop mobile communications capabilities for WA Tribes.
Critical Infrastructure

► Worked with state EMD to develop the State Critical Infrastructure Plan
► Much of critical infrastructure is near Tribal Nations
► Sharing information and intelligence essential for ensuring safer communities, Tribal lands, and security of our homeland
► Also worked with member Tribes to develop critical infrastructure plans, conduct assessments, and propose mitigation projects
NWTEMC Trainers

The NWTEMC has developed a cadre of trainers to assist Tribes with NIMS compliance, CERT training, and tabletop and full functional exercises.
Poll Question: What Did You Learn?

Having viewed the presentation, how familiar are you with emergency management in tribal nations?

A. Very familiar
B. Familiar
C. Somewhat familiar
D. Unfamiliar
Questions?

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