Tribal Public Health and Emergency Preparedness in the Northwest

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NPAIHB Overview

• Formed in 1972 to promote Self-Determination in order to improve quality of health care
• Represent 43 Federally-recognized Tribes in states of Idaho, Oregon, Washington
• NPAIHB works in four priority areas:
  1. Legislative & Policy Analysis
  2. HP/DP Projects
  3. Technical Assistance & Training
  4. Data Surveillance & Research (EpiCenter)
About our Board:

• Board Delegates meet quarterly and in other State/Tribal meetings
• Provide program guidance to state, federal, and others
• Review HHS/IHS policy issues affecting Tribal health programs
• Discuss and Develop consensus positions on:
  – Legislations/Budgetary issues
  – Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
  – Data & Research Issues impacting Indian Health
The Portland Area
Demographics - WA

- 29 Federally recognized
- Range in size from 100+ - 14,000+
- Population > 112,155 (census 2000)
- Approximately 2% of the State’s population
- Over 563 tribes nationally
  - Less than 1% of U.S. population (single race)
Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
Tribal Partnerships
Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference Partnerships
9th Annual Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference
Photo courtesy of Squaxin Island Casino and Resort
2012 Tribal Conference Highlights

Photo courtesy of Hanford McCloud of the Nisqually Tribe
Past Tribal Conference Highlights

Photos courtesy of Dr. Evan Adams
Continuing to Bridge the Gap.

What is the Future of the Tribal Conference?
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Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council:

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

Of the 29 tribal nations in Washington, what proportion do you think had emergency management programs four years ago?

A. All
B. Almost all
C. About half
D. Less than a quarter
A consortium of 8 Tribes in Northwest Washington formed to address emergency management and Homeland Security issues they faced.
Sub-Committees

- SHSG Sub-Committee
- LETPP Sub-Committee
- Equipment Sub-Committee
- Training and Exercise Sub-Committee
- Critical Infrastructure Sub-Committee
- Citizen Corps Sub-Committee
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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 – 17 New Members

Participating Tribes

Colville
Lummi
Makah
Muckleshoot
Nooksack
Samish
Sauk-Suiattle
Spokane
Snoqualmie
Stillaguamish
Swinomish
Tulalip
Upper Skagit
Quinault

Quileute, Lower Elwha, Nez Perce, Coeur D’Alene, Kalispel, Hoh, Cowlitz, Nisqually, Shoshone-Bannock, Confederated Tribes of Siletz
NW Tribal Emergency Management Council Partners

**Washington State**
- Department of Health
- Emergency Management
- Department of Ecology
- Washington State Patrol
- State Interoperable Communications
- Critical Infrastructure
- Hazard Mitigation
- Tsunami-Earthquake

**Federal**
- FEMA Region X
- Department of Transportation
- EPA
- Department of Homeland Security
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Indian Health Service
NW Tribal Emergency Management Council Partners

- 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
Non-Profit

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 and Train the Trainers
  - 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, Continuity of Government, COOP

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
WA State Tribal Emergency Management Programs
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
NWTEMC CERT

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.
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Chairperson Jan Mabee
Police Chief Owen Couch

&

Town of Darrington, WA
Mayor Joyce Jones
Fire Chief Dennis Fenstermaker

CERT Training
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.
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.
Ham/ARES Call Signs

- 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
- KE7KNU  Carolyn Moore
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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
The NWTEMC has developed a cadre of trainers to assist Tribes with NIMS compliance, CERT training, and tabletop and full functional exercises.
Annual Conference

- NWTEMC Annual Conference:
- August 16\textsuperscript{th} and 17\textsuperscript{th}, 2011
  Squaxin Island
  Little Creek Casino and Hotel
Website:

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Questions?

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