



2009

Annual Report

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Dear Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council Members,

I am honored to bring you this year's 2009 Annual Report of Activities.

This has been an amazing year for the Council. In four short years, we have seen remarkable growth in emergency management and homeland security efforts within our Tribal Nations. I am humbled by the amazing progress that this Council has made since the Council was established. When we first met in 2004, with the idea of forming this council, the "Northwest" in NWTEMC was chosen to represent the eight Tribal Nations of Region I.

Since its inception, NW has now come to mean the great Pacific NW Region of the United States and the membership now recognizes more than twenty Tribal Nations throughout a three State area.

Our Tribal Nations have come together to promote the true meaning of sovereignty: self determination, self reliance and self governance. In the same token, we recognize that in a true National Disaster, we must be able to come together, to work together, and to respect one another as we plan, prepare, respond and recover. It is in these partnerships that we have fostered over the course of this short time that have proven to be what emergency management and homeland security is truly about.

I would like to welcome all of our partners that have joined us here for the next two days. Please feel free to peruse the next few pages, as we share some of the exciting things that the NWTEMC has been proud to be a part of.

Sincerely,

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New Members:

Over the last year NWTEMC has gained five new members, making the total 20. We have also welcomed our first Tribe from Oregon.

New member tribes are:

Washington:

Cowlitz Tribe



Spokane Tribe



Hoh Tribe



Oregon:

Siletz Tribe



Quinalt Tribe



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NWTEMC assisted in the response to two disaster events this year: The December Snow (DR-1824 Oregon, DR-1825 Washington)/ January Flooding (DR-1817, WA) and the H1N1 Flu outbreak in May. During both times NWTEMC's EOC was activated and assisted in coordinating with State and Federal agencies with the Tribes.

For the Flood event, NWTEMC traveled to the flooded areas, gathered reports and disseminated daily situation reports to assist in response.

During the recovery phase, NWTEMC accompanied FEMA to our affected Tribes. NWTEMC worked closely with FEMA staff and Tribal Emergency managers with the on-going Disaster assistance process.

Following the floods, the NWTEMC helped prepare several Hazard Mitigation Grants and are currently assisting several Tribes with the drafting of these very important planning documents.

During the H1N1 Flu breakout, NWTEMC set up a webpage devoted to sharing information on the emerging threat. NWTEMC also distributed a great deal of educational materials, provided coordination amongst our Tribal partners during the activation of our EOCs, as well as prepared situation reports as events unfolded.

NWTEMC worked very closely with the Indian Health Service, the North Portland Area Indian Health Board, the American Indian Health Commission and the Department of Health to provide coordinated assistance and up to date information to all parties.

NWTEMC further worked toward acquiring equipment, materials and supplies to better prepare our Tribal communities. 2009 saw the placement of seven emergency management trailers granted by the Washington State Department of Health, completely outfitted with the materials and supplies needed to teach the Community Emergency Response Team Training.

The NWTEMC was very proud this year to have been asked to have their website linked to most of our emergency management partners. Many of our partners redirected their internet traffic to our site for the most current updates during our declared disasters this year.



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TRAINING



CERT logo



NWTEMC CERT Logo

In the past year, NWTEMC has focused on better preparing our Tribal communities by bringing Community Emergency Response Team training to our Tribal nations. We also had the opportunity to work with our Tribal elders in designing the new NWTEMC CERT Logo. This logo was changed from the original logo by removing the skyscrapers and inserting traditional longhouses, while taking out the oak trees and replacing them with the cedars. NWTEMC has conducted many classes this year to include the following:

Muckleshoot Tribe: February 20-22, 2009



Muckleshoot CERT class

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CERT Train-the-Trainer Class at Tulalip

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Sauk-Suiattle CERT: May 2009

Train-the-Trainer Refresher Class for NWTEMC Trainers: June 5-7

Snoqualmie Tribal CERT: June 15-17

Yakama Nation CERT: July 17-19

Train-the-Trainer Class, hosted by Tulalip Tribes OEM: August 1-2

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal CERT: September 11-13



Lower Elwha CERT class

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Medical Reserve Corps

2008-2009 was a very exciting year for Tribal MRC development in the Northwest. Three new units were established and registered: Shoalwater Bay, Yakama Tribes and Lower Elwha. Handbooks were developed and distributed for Shoalwater Bay and Yakama. Distribution within the Lower Elwha will be completed by the end of the year. Establishment of these new MRC units brings the total of Tribal MRCs in Washington State to 7.

Orientation and training is being developed and will roll out by January 2010.

Initial grant acquisition was completed for Shoalwater Bay and Yakama Tribes along with annual follow on grants for NWTEMC, Samish, and Tulalip. Unfortunately, Lower Elwha did not meet the deadline; however we will be re-submitting this grant next year.

MRC activities performed include:

- Tulalip working in collaboration with Snohomish MRC for coordinated trainings and response.
- Samish had their first Emergency Preparedness Workshop on September 11th, which was well attended and generated a large response to a request for registration of volunteers.
- All units participated in various tabletops and communications exercises throughout the year.
- Region 1 MRC units (Tribal and Non-Tribal) developed a coalition to request additional funding from Region 1 EMS.
- Snoqualmie: Was granted an AmeriCorps Vista worker that conducted several in-house trainings and coordinated with several local units.



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Conferences/Committee Membership

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This year NWTEMC presented at several Conferences and represented our members in numerous Conferences and Trainings.

Presenters: NPAIHB Conf. at Tulalip, July 28-29

- NWTEMC Tribal CERT
- Critical Infrastructure on Tribal Lands

Conferences attended:

- LEPC/Tribal conference April 20-22
- NPAIHB Emergency Prep Conference July 28-29

Committees Representing Tribal interests:

- Statewide Alerting Communications (SAC) Committee for Public Health
- Regional Advisory Committee (FEMA Region 10)
- Critical Infrastructure sub-committee of WA State Homeland Security Committee
- State Interoperability Executive Committee
- WA Emergency Management Council meeting July 23, 2009
- NWWARN meetings

Trainings:

- Hazmat Training at Hammer Facility, Richland WA

Public Outreach

NWTEMC conducts a monthly meeting open to the public. All Tribes are encouraged to send a representative each month. In order to get Tribes involved, and let representatives see other Tribal lands and facilities, the meeting is hosted by a different member tribe each month. This year NWTEMC had the following meetings:

- January 15th 2009: Muckleshoot Indian Reservation
- February 19th: Lummi Indian Reservation
- March 19th: Stillaguamish Tribe
- April 16th: Upper Skagit Tribe
- May 19th: Quinault Tribe
- June 16th: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- July 21st: Cabin Creek Cultural Center
- August 18th: Spokane Tribe of Indians
- No meeting held September

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Website

The NWTEMC website continues to be the primary conduit and most important tool that we have for sharing information. The NWTEMC made a commitment to our members that this website would always keep current and up to date relevant information that continues to be updated on a weekly basis. In 2008-2009 Snoqualmie Tribe has hosted the website. This fall, NWTEMC will move to Network Solutions in order to increase content capabilities and have an off-site location in case of local power failures.

The NWTEMC site features a documents page that offers templates of most major documents that are recommended in most emergency management/homeland security programs. We offer these documents free of charge to be used and modified by our Tribal Governments. The site also offers a grants page that lists all current grant offerings, and also provides for grant templates that can be used by our Tribal Partners. Our calendar offers a number of valuable notifications, to include upcoming training opportunities, meetings and events. Our calendar sends out automatic notifications to our members every weekend, so that a new and fresh calendar of events will appear in their email each and every Monday morning. The NWTEMC site can be found at <http://nwtemc.org>.

With the advancements in technology and our desire to make the most out of this important tool, we have also made the following changes to the site this year.

Added NOAA National Warnings map
Improved Trumba calendar
Web 2.0 media outreach:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Youtube Page
- Flickr photo page



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Currently the NWTEMC operates with its staff of two through grants and contracts for services related to emergency management. NWTEMC hires contractors to perform services such as MRC Coordinator, CERT training and Communications planning.

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On July 18th, 2009, NWTEMC received its letter from the IRS granting Non-profit status as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.

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The NWTEMC is currently receiving or has received the following grants:

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QUINAULT

FY 2008 Tribal Supplement Homeland Security Grant: \$156,500

Purpose: Allow for the creation and sustainability of the NWTEMC. Provide training to Tribes

SAMISH

SAUK-SUIATTLE

FY2008 Interoperability Emergency Communications Grant: \$143,200

Purpose: Increase Interoperability Communications capabilities amongst Tribes and between Tribes/State/local gov't.

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2009 Dept. of Health CERT Training Grant: \$100,000

Purpose: Provide 9 CERT Trainings to the Tribes statewide. Purchase and deliver 1 CERT trailer to host Tribe in each Homeland Security Region

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SPOKANE

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2009 NACCHO/Medical Reserve Corps award Samish Nation: \$10,000

Purpose: Samish Nation has signed over MRC award so that NWTEMC could administrate on it's behalf. Purpose is to create an MRC unit for Samish Nation/Anacortes area and to work with NWTEMC Statewide Unit.

SWINOMISH

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2009 NACCHO/Medical Reserve Corps award, NWTEMC: \$5000

Purpose: Continue to build Statewide Tribal MRC unit. Used to pay part-time, contracted Coordinator.

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Contracts:

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2010 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan: \$57,000

Purpose: Prepare a FEMA-approved Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tribe

2010 Snoqualmie Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan: \$65,000

Purpose: Prepare a FEMA-approved Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tribe



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2010 Makah Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan: \$55,000

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Purpose: Prepare a FEMA-approved Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tribe

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2009 NWTEMC Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference, WA Dept. of Health: \$50,000

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Purpose: Funding to conduct annual NWTEMC Conference

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Income/Expense by Category - All Dates

8/29/2008 through 10/2/2009 (Cash Basis)

10/2/2009

Category Description	8/29/2008- 12/31/2008	1/1/2009- 10/2/2009	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME			
Uncategorized	13,077.38	210,038.80	223,116.18
TOTAL INCOME	13,077.38	210,038.80	223,116.18
EXPENSES			
Uncategorized	25.00	5,200.63	5,225.63
Auto-Automobile Expenses	0.00	40,235.07	40,235.07
Biz Supplies-Supplies	25.00	19,721.02	19,746.02
Biz Taxes-Taxes & Licenses	0.00	10.00	10.00
Biz Travel-Business Travel Expense	0.00	19,456.55	19,456.55
Biz Utilities-Business Utilities	179.95	1,221.45	1,401.40
Conference fee	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Contractor	0.00	23,996.50	23,996.50
Dues and Subscriptions-Dues and Subscriptio...	0.00	500.00	500.00
Meals & Entertainment-Meals & Entertainment	95.00	1,163.11	1,258.11
Misc.-Miscellaneous	114.00	34.85	148.85
Postage and Delivery-Postage and Delivery Ex...	0.00	2.75	2.75
Printing and Reproduction-Printing and Repro. ...	0.00	5,538.30	5,538.30
Prof and Legal Fees-Professional and Legal F...	750.00	40.00	790.00
TO payroll	0.00	59,900.00	59,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,188.95	177,020.23	188,209.18
OVERALL TOTAL	1,888.43	33,018.57	34,907.00