

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC)

13 January 2026
 14:00 – 15:00 In Person CC Public Works/Zoom Meeting
 Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission Membership Table		
Representation	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Law Enforcement	Chris Fluellen, Scappoose PD	Ryan Murphy, CCSD
Fire/EMS	Jeff Pricher, Scappoose Fire	Bruce Holsey, Clatskanie Fire
C911CD	Jeremy Hipes, C911	Dannell Hooper, C911
North County	Jeff VanNatta, Rainier	Greg Hinkelman, Clatskanie
South County	Mike De Roia, St. Helens	Benjamin Burgener, Scappoose
Mid County	Iwalani Leininger, Vernonia PD	
Public Health	Jaime Aanensen, Columbia County Public Health	Jessica Kosydar, Columbia County Public Health
Industry	Tracy Oliver, InRoads	Fran Erikson, Columbia River Nitrogen
Port of Columbia County	Miriam House, Port of CC	Lacey Tolles, Port of CC
Utilities	Kyle Boggs, Columbia River PUD	Sarah Johnson, Clatskanie PUD
Schools		Jim Helmen, Vernonia SD
At Large Position 1	Mike Russell, CC Public Works	
At Large Position 2	Lonny Welter, Retired Public Works	Terry Martin, ARC/SAR
Ex-Officio	Corey Padron	
County	Kellie Jo Smith, Margret Magruder, Casey Garrett	
Guests	Dave Sukau, Mark Pacheco, Josette Mitchell, Larry Hill, Kim Karber, Sarah Busch, Marleen Munden Guest speakers at the beginning of the meeting: Tom Sanders and Gus Zepeda from PGE Trojan	

KEY: Member Present
 Member Not Present
 Chair – Mike Russell
 Vice Chair – Mike De Roia
 Secretary – Sarah Johnson

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Topic	Desired Outcome
Called to Order	Call to Order by Mike Russell at 14:02 hrs. Quorum met. Quorum needed – 7 Voting Members. Present – 10
Amendments to Agenda	None -approved as presented
Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, and Guest Speakers	<p>Welcome, flag salute, and Introductions - Conducted Minutes of the November 18, 2025 meeting were presented. Upon motion by Lonny Welter and seconded by Chris Fluellen, the minutes of November 18, 2025 were approved as presented unanimously.</p> <p>The officer election for 2026 was held. Chris Fluellen moved and Terry Martin seconded the motion to keep the current slate of officers: Chair Mike Russell, Vice Chair Mike De Roia, and Secretary Sarah Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Guest speakers, Tom Sanders and Gus Zepeda, from PGE Trojan Nuclear Security gave a presentation about the Trojan site and its status. The virtual meeting was interrupted and had to be taken down for a few minutes before restoring the link and our online participants. Tom and Gus provided history of the decommissioning of Trojan as a functioning nuclear power site. Currently there are 30 to 40 people that still work on site. They explained all the measures that have been taken to secure the spent fuel that remains on site and invited the HSEMC members to schedule a tour of the facility. Other agencies have used the facility for safety training exercises, and they would like to partner with HSEMC to provide additional emergency preparedness exercises as well. A question-and-answer session was held.</p>
Emergency Management Updates Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey Padron went over the financials. It is time for HSEMC to conduct a full financial review. A financial subcommittee will be added to the March agenda. • Mike Russell asked Corey to provide the financial report ahead of the day of our meeting so that it may be emailed out in time for review before the meeting. • Corey Padron provided an update on grant funds and staffing. He had a part-time administrative assistant position funded. The HSEMC funds are paying for a half time coordinator position that is filled by Jessica Kosydar. He also reported on the CPR equipment and training for those needing CPR accreditation. • Membership appointments – the open positions were discussed. Jessica Kosydar has sent notices to members that need to renew their commissions. • The IGA Subcommittee did not meet but will schedule a meeting before our March HSEMC meeting.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey Padron provided information on the Search and Rescue request for funding to obtain a SAR vehicle. A discussion was held regarding the cost of the vehicle and if HSEMC would be paying the entire amount or if the Sherriff's Department would be providing funding as well. Purchasing outright compared to leasing a vehicle was mentioned. • Mike Russell requested that Corey obtain a formal proposal for the funding that includes a lease option for consideration at the March HSEMC meeting.
Member Updates Closing Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Magruder complimented HSEMC on the informative guest speakers and is looking forward to taking the Trojan tour. • Lonny Welter reported that the disaster response warehouse provided two big loads of materials to help those affected by the Washington State floods.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Johnson reported on the Wildfire Preparedness meeting that was held in Clatskanie with Kelly Niles and Jessica Kosydar presenting.• Chris Fluellen reported on the progress with Scappoose CERT. Scappoose PD has two officers graduating.• Terry Martin reported on SAR's recent rescues.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned by Mike Russell at 15:06 hrs.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2026 14:00.