

MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/18/17

Agenda Item #: B.1

Est. Start Time: 10:00 am

Agenda Title: January 2017 Severe Weather After Action Report

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	April 18, 2017	Time Needed:	45 minutes
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Department: MCEM **Division:**

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Chris Voss, MCEM Director; JOHS Director, Marc Jolin, Sherriff TBD, Health Director, Joanne Fuller; DCS Director, Kim Peoples; DCHS Rose- Ellen Bak

General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Presentation to the Board on January 2017 Winter Storms

Overview. On Saturday, January 7, 2017, Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and other incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county were struck by dangerous cold severe weather. Snow began to fall on Saturday morning. As National Weather Service forecasts predicted, snow turned to freezing rain later in the day and through much of the night and the next day. The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) and Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management (MCEM), in conjunction with city bureaus, county departments, state departments and community partners, activated a joint Emergency Coordination Center¹.

Impact. Predictably, the snow and ice accumulations caused power outages; forced business and airport closures; reduced public transportation to a trickle; closed roads and bridges to private traffic, and resulted in the opening of shelters and warming centers for people experiencing homelessness across the county. Appropriately, the county, its incorporated cities, and special districts and public utilities undertook the mission to restore government and utility services, clear roadways and bridges, while continuing to operate warming shelters to protect those citizens most vulnerable to the hazards of the severe and dangerous weather.

This Brief will discuss the county's actions during the storms as well as strengths and opportunities for improvement.

¹ PBEM manages emergency response through an Emergency Coordination Center (ECC); MCEM through an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). For simplicity, ECC has been used in this Executive Summary.

2. **Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

PURPOSE

This *January Severe Weather 2017 after Action Report* (AAR) is designed to evaluate the multi-agency coordination and response to the severe weather events in January 2017 with an emphasis on identifying successes and opportunities for improvement.

SCOPE

This report is the culmination of the review of a multi-jurisdictional response — among Multnomah County and all the cities and unincorporated areas within the county — to a series of severe winter weather events in January 2017. This report covers activities beginning Sunday January 1, 2017 through Wednesday January 18th, 2017. It is not designed to be a comprehensive overview of all tactical aspects of the response. Its primary focus is capturing lessons learned from a county-wide perspective. As such, this report references other after action debriefs conducted by several partners that had specific operational missions.

Areas to be discussed include: Situational Awareness; Organizational Coordination; Resource Requests; Personnel; Logistics; Planning and Policy

3. **Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

MCEM is not requesting funds to address areas identified for improvement at this time.

4. **Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

No legal or public policy issues are anticipated

5. **Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

County government as well as county partners will be present at this brief.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/ Kim Peoples /s/

Agency Director: _____

Date: _____

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