

About the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization

The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) is a partnership of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private-sector stakeholders in the Portland Metropolitan Region collaborating to increase the region's resiliency to disasters. The metropolitan region spans Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.



The RDPO formed out of a desire to build upon and unify various regional preparedness efforts in the Portland Metropolitan Region, including the Regional Emergency Management Group established in 1993, the Urban Areas Security Initiative Program originally funded in 2003, and several discipline-specific coordination groups. The RDPO was formalized in January 2015 through an intergovernmental agreement. [More on last page.]

Mission of the RDPO

The mission of the RDPO is to build and maintain regional disaster preparedness capabilities in the Portland Metropolitan Region through strategic and coordinated planning, training and exercising, and investment in technology and specialized equipment.

Vision of the RDPO

The vision of the RDPO is to create a secure and disaster-resilient region in which local agencies, organizations, and communities are coordinated and prepared to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards of great risk to the Portland Metropolitan Region.



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Unified. Prepared. Resilient.

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Effective Regional Coordination

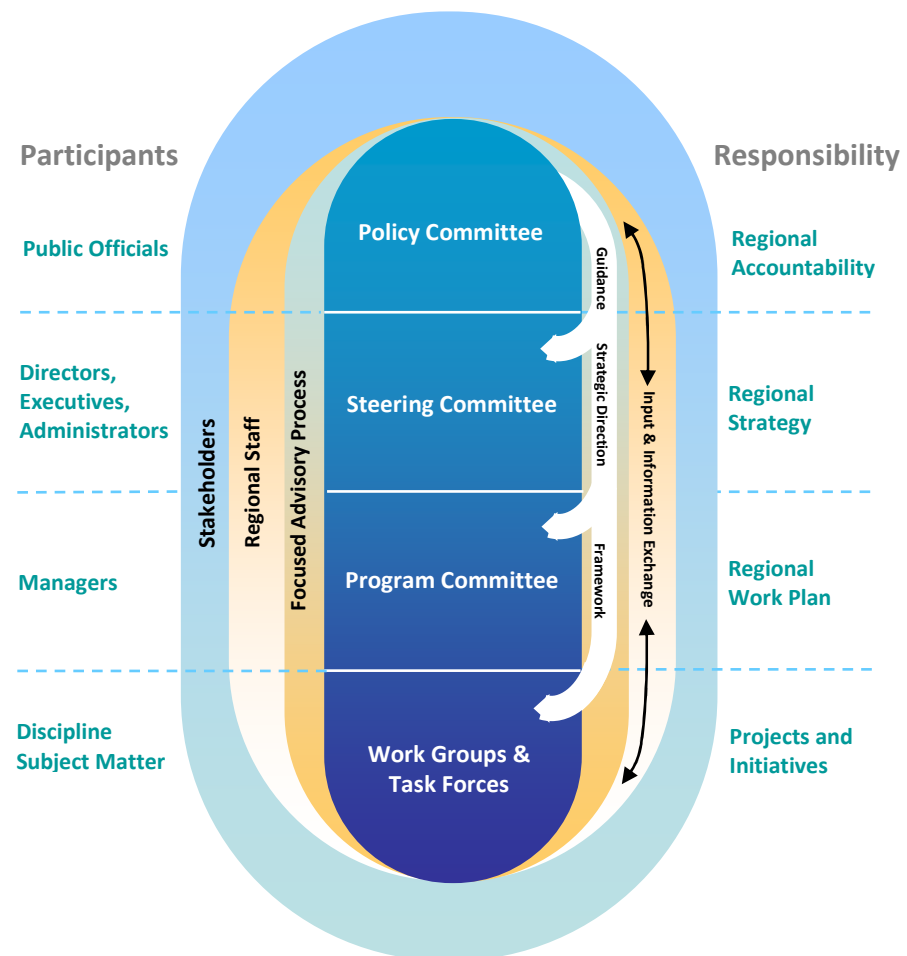
Natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other emergency incidents can affect multiple jurisdictions simultaneously. Major disasters, such as earthquakes, create large-scale impacts that require outside assistance even for the most prepared local public safety organization. The cities, counties, non-governmental organizations, and private-sector stakeholders in the region recognize that they all can more effectively respond to emergencies and facilitate recovery of communities if they prepare together. Regional collaboration in building disaster preparedness capabilities is more cost-effective for taxpayers, develops roles and relationships needed for efficient disaster response and recovery, and increases the ability to involve the whole community in preparedness initiatives.

Guiding Principles

- Provide opportunities for all jurisdictions and disaster preparedness organizations in the five-county region to participate
- Strive for a holistic regional perspective while honoring and respecting each partner's autonomy
- Demonstrate organizational value to all members
- Practice transparency, accountability, and financial stewardship
- Ensure equity and fairness in adopting regional policies
- Make decisions by consensus whenever possible
- Use a whole community approach in which all stakeholder groups are integrated and considered
- Build upon existing strengths and ensure capability investments are maintained
- Use the National Preparedness Goal as a guide for enhancing regional preparedness across all mission areas

RDPO Membership and Organizational Structure

RDPO membership is open to all jurisdictions, non-governmental organizations, and private-sector businesses that have a role in building disaster preparedness capabilities in the Portland Metropolitan Region. There are two types of membership in the RDPO – contributing and non-contributing, which is spelled out in the RDPO Intergovernmental Agreement. The work of the RDPO is conducted and coordinated through a well-defined structure of committees and work groups, including Policy, Steering and Program Committees, discipline-specific work groups, standing committees, and cross-discipline task forces.



Overview of Current RDPO Membership, Committee Rosters and Funding for Operations and Program

Policy Committee Members (14)

Commissioner Tony Hyde, Columbia County – **Chair**

Commissioner Steve Novick, City of Portland – **Vice Chair**

Councilor Rich Allen, City of Troutdale

Councilor Cate Arnold, City of Beaverton

Councilor Brian Cooper, City of Fairview

Councilor Karylinn Echols, City of Gresham

Vince Granato, Port of Portland COO

Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Metro

Commissioner John Ludlow, Clackamas County

Harry Saporta, TriMet (proxy representative)

Commissioner Dick Schouten, Washington County

Councilor Larry J. Smith, City of Vancouver

Commissioner Loretta Smith, Multnomah County

Councilor Jeanne Stewart, Clark County

Steering Committee Members (25)

Carmen Merlo, City of Portland Representative -**Chair**

Nancy Bush, Clackamas County Representative – **Vice Chair**

Bob Cozzie, Public Safety Communications Representative and Past Chair

Scott Porter, Washington County Representative and Past Chair

Jerry Allen, City of Beaverton Representative

Fred Charlton, Fire/EMS Representative

Mark Crosby, Port of Portland Representative

Ray DiPasquale, Public Works Representative

Jason Gates, Law Enforcement Representative

Rebecca Geisen, Regional Water Providers Consortium

Mike Greisen, Columbia County Representative

Mark Gunther, City of Wood Village Representative

Ken Johnson, City of Fairview

Scott Johnson, Clark County and City of Vancouver Representative

Dr. Paul Lewis, Public Health Representative

Michael McGlothlin, Columbia City Representative

Sue Mohnkern, Program Committee Chair

Mike Mumaw, Emergency Management Representative

Kathryn Richer, Health System Representative

Tripp Robinson, Private Sector (Industry) Representative (from Intel Corp.)

Harry Saporta, TriMet Representative

Cara Sloman, NGO Representative

Paul Slyman, Metro Representative

Chris Voss, Multnomah County Representative

Craig Ward, City of Troutdale Representative

Signatories to the RDPO Intergovernmental Agreement & FY2015-16 Contributions:

Core Group Members (9)

- Clackamas County - \$24,795
- Columbia County - \$3,171
- Clark County - \$28,043
- Multnomah County & City of Portland (combined) - \$62,248
- Washington County - \$35,494
- Metro - \$25,000
- Port of Portland – \$11,667
- TriMet - \$11,667

Other Contributing Members (5)

- City of Beaverton - \$7,384
- City of Fairview - \$3,171
- City of Gresham - \$8,427
- City of Troutdale - \$3,171
- City of Vancouver - \$13,247
- Scappoose Rural Fire District - \$4,000

Non-Contributing Members (6)

- City of Gresham
- City of Wood Village
- Clatskanie Rural Fire District
- Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District
- Columbia City
- Regional Water Providers Consortium

Note: Dozens more jurisdictions and agencies who are not formal RDPO members, but who have a stake in our Region's preparedness, participate in RDPO committees/work groups and

RDPO FUNDING

Current funding for the RDPO comes from the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program and RDPO Contributing Members:

1. UASI FY2014 (Ends May 2016) - \$1 million/11 projects
2. UASI FY2015 (10/15 – 5/18) - \$3 million/24 projects
3. Core Group Contributions to RDPO Operations/Admin (FY'14-15 & FY'15-16) - \$350,000 (\$175,000/annum)
4. Contributing Members' Contributions to Projects (FY'14-15) - \$32,119
5. Contributing Members' Contributions to Projects (FY'15-16) - \$66,486

Note: around \$78,000 in unspent funds under points 4 and 5 will be allocated to projects by early 2016.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee (PC) is the governing body of the RDPO and is comprised of elected officials and chief executive officers from Participating Jurisdictions and other member organizations. This committee is responsible for providing political leadership to develop and promote a unified regional vision and strategy for disaster preparedness and to establish and operate a sustainable regional disaster preparedness organization. [Current roster on last page.]

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee (SC) is comprised of senior executives from Participating Jurisdictions and other member organizations and includes both organizational and discipline-specific representatives. The SC is responsible for developing and updating the regional strategy and associated priorities for regional disaster preparedness. The SC also endorses the RDPO work plan and funding plan developed by the Program Committee and provides oversight to the Program Committee in the implementation of the plans. The RDPO Manager reports to and is guided by the SC. [Current roster on last page.]

Program Committee

The Program Committee (PrC) is comprised of the chairs of the RDPO's Discipline Work Groups (DWGs), and a separate chair and vice chair drawn from the DWGs and elected by the Committee. The PrC's primary responsibility is to develop and monitor the performance of the annual work plan and associated funding plan that operationalizes the regional strategy.

Grants and Finance Committee

The Grants and Finance Committee (GFC)

oversees use of grants and other funding sources in implementing regional projects to ensure transparency, accountability, and financial stewardship. The Grants and Finance Committee (GFC) is comprised of financial staff from Participating Jurisdictions and other member organizations.

Work Groups and Task Forces

The Work Groups bring together local agency, private-sector, and non-governmental organization representatives from the region who work in discipline areas that are highly involved in disaster preparedness. Each Work Group focuses on a discipline or functional area, determines its own members, and works to implement a self-produced annual Work Plan that supports the goals of the regional strategy.

Task Forces are created by the Program Committee (and sometimes the PC or SC) when there are projects that require collaboration among several of the Work Groups, e.g. disaster debris management planning. Task Forces are time-limited and membership is determined based on specific project needs.

RDPO Staff

The RDPO is supported by a small team of staff managed by the RDPO Manager. Based at the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, they provide administrative and technical assistance for organizational development and planning, project implementation, and grant management.

Lead Administrative Agency (LAA)

The LAA supports the organization's personnel, administrative, and fiscal operations. The City of Portland currently serves as the RDPO LAA.

Current Work Groups, Standing Committees, and Task Forces:

- Animal Multi-agency Coordination Group
- Citizen Corps Standing Committee of REMTEC
- Emergency Management Work Group (REMTEC)
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services Work Group
- NW Hospitals Emergency Managers Work Group
- Law Enforcement Work Group
- Marine and Civil Aviation WG
- People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs Assessment Task Force
- Public Safety Communications WG/Portland Dispatch Center Consortium
- Public Health Work Group
- Public Information Officers Work Group
- Public Works Work Group
- Regional Disaster Debris Management Planning Task Force
- Regional Disaster Preparedness Messaging Task Force
- Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System Task Force
- Resource Management Standing Committee (of REMTEC)
- Transit Work Group
- WebEOC Regional Users Standing Committee (of REMTEC)