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Mr. Acker has a background in sociology, social systems and social services. With more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit and helping fields, he has worked to develop numerous policies and systemic change models designed to improve services and the lives they touch. His focus has included mobility systems, health systems, family systems and others.

Mr. Acker serves as Executive Director for Community Transportation Association of the Northwest. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Colorado State University (Pueblo), and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Social Work.

His past experience includes co-authoring a book on emergency preparedness, and he continuously promotes developing innovative solutions.

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Wayne Adams has been in the field of safety over 25 years and is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM). He is an Authorized OSHA Instructor, taught numerous classes in HAZWOPER Refresher and an American Heart Association First Aid CPR trainer. He is also a member of the Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Management Committee as a sustaining member, a member of the Tacoma Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, has completed training in several FEMA emergency management courses, as well as ATC 20 and ATC 45.

Wayne currently works at GeoEngineers as their Corporate Health and Safety Program Manager. He is responsible for the development, planning and oversight of the company's health and safety programs and have led efforts in developing its emergency action and business continuity plans to ensure employee safety and business sustainability.

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July Andre has worked as the Long Term Care Ombudsman for Snohomish County for the past seven years. Her background includes hospice grief counselor, emotional support group facilitator, cemetery commissioner, and “A child has died memorial” planner. July served as the Program Manager for the SR 530 Slide Personal belongings reunification program from April 2014 to November 2014, currently she is the lead of the SR 530 Commemorative Memorial team.

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Cindi Barker is a community activist and organizer. She first became interested in emergency response as a member of King County Search and Rescue in the mid 1990's. In West Seattle, she has worked on community preparedness after the Nisqually earthquake in 2001 and was a founding member of West Seattle Be Prepared, which established seven Emergency Communication Hub locations in West Seattle. In 2008, she banded with other like minded community organizers to support each other in preparedness efforts across Seattle, and there are now over 50 Hubs in multiple neighborhoods. She is retired from the Boeing Company, after 34 years, and now gets to volunteer full time instead. And maybe travel.

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Roy started working in communications in 1981 while serving in the United States Air Force. After a short 6-year tour, he has continued working in the Telecommunications field specializing in land mobile radio and the cellular technologies. Today, Roy working as a Telecommunications Coordinator for the Washington Military Department, where he is responsible for the communications infrastructure in the State Emergency Operations Center and beyond. Alongside his 44 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, Roy continues to serve in the Air Force Reserves.

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Major Aaron Bert is the Chief of Staff for the National Guards' Homeland Response Force - FEMA Region X. The Homeland Response Force is a Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological response capability designed to support first responders during a CBRN event as well as provide All-Hazards command and control. Major Bert has 22 years experience in the military and has served four overseas deployments since 2004. He is currently on military leave from the City of the Seattle where he has worked since 2002.

Jason Biermann

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Jason Biermann is the deputy director of the Snohomish County, Washington, Department of Emergency Management. There he oversees a staff that provides comprehensive emergency management services to 11 cities and towns, two Tribal Nations, and unincorporated Snohomish County. He also represents the department on a wide variety of policy and programmatic initiatives focused on diverse topics such as state and regional catastrophic planning, and climate change.

Before being appointed the deputy director, Jason served as the mitigation and recovery program manager. He joined the Snohomish County team following tenures as a county emergency management director and public health response planner in Teton County, WY. Prior to his emergency management experience, Jason served as a firefighter in the Austin (TX) Fire Department's special operations battalion.

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Bob has been with the state of Washington for 26 years. He served as Assistant Director for Division of State Services for 15 years and is currently the Emergency Response Manager for the Department of Enterprise Services. He managed the state's real estate department, maintenance and operations of the Capitol Campus in Olympia, Mail Service, Fleet Operations and Surplus Programs. He has represented DES on the Homeland Security Plan Coordinating Committee; the Critical Infrastructure Protection Sub-Committee; the state's Tsunami Debris Rapid Response Team; and has the lead role in coordinating logistics and resource support for emergency operations affecting the state of Washington. Bob served as the National President for the National Association of State Facilities Administrators (NASFA) from 2004 and 2005. Most recently, Bob has had the opportunity of working in the field on both the SR530 Slide in Oso and on the Carleton Complex fire in Okanogan.

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Melissa is a Researcher and a PhD Candidate in the University of Washington's Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering. Since 2012, her research has focused on designing and evaluating systems that support work in health and safety critical domains, specifically security, healthcare, and humanitarian aid. Melissa's expertise is in (1) conducting ethnographic research to understand work in the context of organizational culture, and (2) developing computational models of workflow and information flow to evaluate and plan for the impact of work system changes before changes are introduced. Melissa works with Professor Haselkorn on the MOISA project at CoSSaRR and also conducts research for the Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Center to inform strategies for technology investment to support Red Cross practitioners in developing countries.

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Mary Jane Brell Vujovic has been involved in housing and other human services in communities throughout Washington State since 1973. She has been the Division Manager for the Snohomish County Human Services Department Division of Housing and Community Services since 2013. Previously, she was employed by Workforce Snohomish as the Director of Strategic Initiatives. She is also responsible for implementation of Snohomish County's Investing in Families/Futures initiative. She is currently responsible for overseeing Snohomish County's ESF 6 and ESF 8 Behavioral Health response and recovery activities related to the SR530 Flooding and Mudslide Incident.

Mary Jane has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Washington and has completed extensive postbaccalaureate work. She was honored in 2006 as Woman of the Year by the Greater Everett Chapter of Business and Professional Women and as Adult Volunteer of the Year in 2013 by United Way of Snohomish County.

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David is a former US Marine and retired Air National Guardsman with 30 years military and civilian experience in electronics systems operations and technology. He volunteers with a Community Emergency Response Team, as well as with the King County Public Health Medical Reserve Corps, and the King County Office of Emergency Management's Emergency Coordination Center Support Team. David recently completed his Masters of Infrastructure Planning & Management degree. Coursework included using Comprehensive Emergency Management, Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) Analysis, Epidemiology, Business Continuity and Risk Analysis, and other tools in the planning and management of resilient and sustainable Energy, Communications, Water, Transportation and Food infrastructure systems. A native Washingtonian, David lives in Seattle and works for Seattle City Light as an Information Technology Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Specialist. His interests include disaster preparedness, wilderness survival, and other outdoor activities.

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Ted Buehner is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Seattle, a key customer liaison position. He works toward enhancing the “end-to-end” forecast and warning system and decision support services by more closely tying the agency’s mission of protecting lives and property, and enhancing the region’s economy, with its customers and partners, such as the emergency management community, the media, and the marine community. Ted has been with the NWS since 1977, this position being his third tour of duty in Seattle. Ted also served one year in Boise as a forecaster, six years in Portland as a Lead Forecaster, and two years at the NWS Western Region Headquarters in Salt Lake City as the Western U.S. marine, public, and aviation program manager. Ted has a Bachelors of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Oregon State University. Go Beavs!

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Michelle is an Emergency Management Program Coordinator for King County Office of Emergency Management. She serves on two award-winning, regional preparedness media campaigns and delivers presentations and trainings to businesses, non-profits, and government agencies. Michelle's personal interests include walking her dog, doing yard work, and reading Vogue.

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Matt Cutts is a leading infrastructure resilience expert who is a registered Professional Engineer with an M.A. in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. He is in the Portland State University Public Affairs & Policy 2014 Ph.D. Cohort; his research interest is in the application of public policy toward risk reduction and increased infrastructure resilience to address a wide range of natural and man-made emergencies with an emphasis on low probability, high consequence events. He retired as a Captain from the U.S. Coast Guard and started as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Portland District Critical Infrastructure Program Manager in 2010. While President of the Society of American Military Engineers Portland Post he organized the June 2014 Cascadia Earthquake Readiness Workshop at Centralia College.

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Marcus Deyerin is an emergency manager, trainer and speaker. He serves in several different positions on incident management teams at the local, state and federal level; regularly provides incident command system and information operations training to a variety of audiences; and frequently presents on topics that include technology, team building, community resilience strategies, and future casting of emerging challenges and opportunities in the emergency management field. Marcus was a National Security Studies Program scholar at The George Washington University, and earned a MA in National Security Policy from Georgetown University. When he isn't doing disaster stuff, you'll find him doing outdoorsy stuff with his wife and three boys.

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Vivian Eason, Emergency Management Coordinator at Thurston County Emergency Management. She is the public educator for Thurston County and has been in the position since 2006. During her time, she has implemented a county-wide program using Map Your Neighborhood (MYN), CERT, Faith Community Workshops, individual preparedness, business preparedness and works to make her community more resilient during emergencies and disasters.

In addition, Vivian is a Master Sergeant in the Army Reserves and has over the years been an instructor and now a Course Manager at a military school.

Vivian also instructs part-time for Pierce College's HSEM program.

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Shelby Edwards is the founder and managing director of ODT and Associates, LLC. Before starting ODT, Edwards was Nike's Global Director of Business Continuity and Crisis Management, responsible for anticipating and responding to events world-wide. And prior to joining Nike, she led the Business Continuity program for PEMCO Mutual Insurance Company, a regional insurer serving over 500,000 Washington and Oregon residents. In addition to her decades of private sector experience, Edwards is 20+ year US Army veteran, retiring in 2009 at the rank of Major after holding numerous active and reserve positions, two Company Commands, and serving tours in Haiti, Bosnia, and Afghanistan. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from The Evergreen State College, a Master of Science from the University of Oregon, and an MBA from the University of Washington's Foster School of Business.

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Bill Eller is a Washington State Conservation Commission staff member. He is the Central Washington Regional Manager and State Agency Liaison for the Emergency Management Division. He holds a B.A. in Political Science, an M.A. in Security Studies (Homeland Security), and a J.D. from Gonzaga University's School of Law.

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Rosanne Garrand has worked for the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division for 27 years. She has been the Public Education Program Coordinator for nine years and prior to that she spent eight years with Training and Exercise and 10 years as the Director's Office Administrative Assistant.

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Jamie M. Gray holds an MLS from the University of Buffalo and is the Associate Director for Administration & Liaison Services at the UW Health Sciences Library. She has participated in various disaster focused trainings through the DIMRC program of NLM, and is a member of the team responsible for developing the RRAIN app.

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Dr. Dick Green is the Senior Director of Disaster Response for the ASPCA. He has led ground teams to over 125 disasters throughout the world. Dick co-developed a technical animal rescue curriculum and has provided trainings and presentations throughout SE Asia, Australia, Europe, China, Mideast, and North America.

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Dr. Scott Harris is the Director of EHS Advisory Services for UL Workplace Health & Safety and a member of the ASSE Oil and Gas Practice Specialty. A former U.S. EPA Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Scott led and participated in nationally significant response efforts including Space Shuttle Columbia, Hurricane Katrina New Orleans water search and rescue, Murphy Oil, Enbridge Pipeline and Deepwater Horizon.

Dr. Harris received his PhD in Environmental Science, with a specialization in Disaster and Emergency Management, from Oklahoma State University and holds degrees in Public Health (M.S.) and Geology (B.S.) from Western Kentucky University.

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Ty Harris, Sr Manager, Business Continuity Starbucks Coffee Company Ty joined the Starbucks team in 2014 after a 21 year career as a US Air Force Officer. His responsibilities at Starbucks include the Business Continuity, Crisis Management and Origins Supply Chain Security Compliance (OFAC & CTPAT). His military experience includes service as the Senior Duty Officer at the Air Force Watch Center in the Pentagon; Director of Operations, Executive Office of the President; multiple deployments with the Joint Deployable Teams in support of Joint Task Forces throughout the globe; and over 15 years in operations centers supporting air, space, cyber and crisis management operations. Most notably, Ty is a '92 WSU Cougar.

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Mark Haselkorn is a Professor of Human Centered Design & Engineering at the University of Washington and the Director for the Center for Collaborative Systems for Safety, Security, and Regional Resilience. He currently leads the Maritime Operations Information Sharing (MOISA) project. Dr. Haselkorn also conducts research for the Red Cross Global Disaster Preparedness Center and has completed an NSF initiative to define the emerging frontier of “Humanitarian Service Science & Engineering.” He has worked with the military on a number of projects, including the integration of DOD and VA electronic medical records and the Air Force’s strategic management of ICT under the threat of Y2K (a study published by the National Research Council). Dr. Haselkorn is Past President of the IEEE Professional Communication Society and was a founding Board Member of the International Community on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM).

Marlita Reddy-Hjelmfelt

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Mar's background is in cognitive science, publishing, and data integration. Her passion is problem solving, whether it's little things or the really big supposedly unsolvable stuff.

Mar is a longtime social justice advocate, and has been involved in Amnesty International since childhood and has spent some years doing advocacy work on human rights and poverty issues. Using social media for those causes led to humanitarian uses of technology and social media and emergency management. She is currently co-founder of EMCampNM and the lead of PNW VOST, which provides virtual support to Type 1 incident management teams in the Pacific Northwest. While she does do occasional speaking engagements, her favorite way to share knowledge is through hands-on mentoring and collaboration.

Additional activities include ARES, Search & Rescue, and choral performance. She can be found online in many places as *TheRedElm* (<http://about.me/theredelm>)

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Jenny Holladay has been a Regional Emergency Management Specialist with the Administration for Children & Families, Department of Health & Human Services, Region 10 in Seattle. She supported the mission to prepare for a temporary shelter for children at JBLM last summer.

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Kelly Hubbard works for the Municipal Water District of Orange County and is the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County Program Manager. WEROC is a water mutual assistance group for water and wastewater utilities within Orange County. Ms. Hubbard provides coordination and support for 34 agencies in their emergency preparedness, planning, response and recovery efforts. She works with government agencies of all disciplines to increase awareness of the role of water utilities in emergency response and to build partnerships for response. She is a California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network mutual aid coordinator. Kelly has responded to 11 Presidentially Declared Disasters. During those events, and some none declared events, she has filled the role of Utility Liaison, Water Coordinator, Public Works Branch Coordinator, EOC Manager, Local Assistance Center Manager, Logistics Chief, and Evacuation Center Manager. Ms. Hubbard has a Master's of Science in Emergency Services Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

Lisa Jackson

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Ms. Jackson has worked at FEMA RX for six years in Response Planning, the Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC), at Joint Field Offices (JFO) and in the Watch Center. Previously, Lisa worked with the No BadDays consulting group, for the City of Seattle, the Center For Continuity Leadership (CFCL) (now Ripcord Solutions), the Bellevue Fire Department, in the Preparedness Solutions Division at worldwide engineering firm CH2M Hill and at the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (SnoDEM). Ms. Jackson previously spent 20 years producing award winning commercials, videos and television shows. Ms. Jackson received numerous film/video awards, performance awards at FEMA and volunteer awards at SnoDEM.

Lisa has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the UW, and the following credentials: Certified Emergency Manager (CEM), Associate Business Continuity Professional (ABCP), Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP), Ham Radio license, her Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification, 11 credits in the WWU Emergency Management Certificate Program and nine of the 10 Advanced Professional Development Series courses. Lisa's hobbies include being an ice hockey goalie and singing the National Anthem. She volunteers in emergency management and is a past multiple-year board member for the Partners conference. Lisa is also raising two awesome teenage boys.

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Ken Jenkins has worked in emergency crisis management with over 20 years of experience and has acquired a remarkable track record, successfully preparing for and responding to emergencies ranging from the 9/11 terrorist attacks to severe turbulence encounters. He was recently featured on CNN with regards to the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

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LuAn Johnson is a recognized international expert in designing messages that motivate people to take action.

LuAn is a frequent keynote and conference speaker on creating and implementing neighborhood preparedness programs as part of a community's overall disaster readiness and response plan. When a disaster has overwhelmed the capacity of 9-1-1, individuals and neighbors want to know how to effectively respond at their own homes and in their own neighborhoods. LuAn created programs such as MYN (Map Your Neighborhood), the SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepared) and SDART (Seattle Disaster Aid & Response Teams).

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Heather Kelly Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management- Emergency Program Manager assigned to the Snohomish County Executive's Office as the SR530 Slide Long Term Recovery Team Lead. Heather Kelly joined Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management in February 2014 as its Recovery Planner. She brought with her more than 20 years of first response and emergency management expertise in both private and public sector organizations. She worked as the Planning, Training, and Exercise Program manager for the King County Office of Emergency Management, and as an Emergency Manager for the Boeing Company. She has an extensive background in disaster planning, EOC management, and JIC supervision. She currently serves as the Snohomish County SR 530 Slide Long Term Recovery Team Lead.

Gail Kouame

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Gail Kouame is the Assistant Director for HEALWA at the UW Health Sciences Library - healwa.org. HEALWA is a program providing online evidence-based resources to eligible health professionals in Washington state.

John Labadie

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Dr. Labadie has 30 years experience in the management of environmental services, hazardous waste management, and emergency preparedness planning for all levels of government and private industry. As an emergency management consultant, he developed & conducted emergency management exercises and workshops for Seattle Public Utilities, and conducted a Third Party Evaluation of an Emergency Management for Higher Education Grant at Clark College, Vancouver WA.

At Seattle Public Utilities, Dr. Labadie provided environmental oversight and technical assistance to facilities and field operations. He was responsible for internal performance auditing at SPU to include regulatory compliance, development of self-assessment and auditing tools, and performance assessment methods.

He has taught a course, “Strategic Planning for Adaptation to Climate Change,” through the UW Continuing & Professional Education Program since 2009 and served as the Lead Facilitator for a workshop on Integrated Urban Flood Management in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in November 2013.

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Raquel Lackey is a Certified Public Accountant with over 20 years of experience. She is currently the Board Treasurer for Pet Partners, a nation-wide therapy animal nonprofit organization. She is also a Certified Field Traumatologist and Compassion Fatigue Educator with Green Cross Academy of Traumatology. Raquel has been working with her dogs in both arenas of Animal-assisted Therapy and Animal-assisted Crisis Response since 2010 as a member with HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response with her black lab, Pickles and brown lab, Bungee. Recently she served over 170 hours volunteering with both of her trained crisis response dogs, Pickles & Bungee at the Oso Mudslide in Washington State. Raquel and her dogs were also invited in 2014 by Seattle Pacific University and Marysville School District to provide comfort to staff and students following deadly shootings on the respective campuses.

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Sheila Lein is the Director of Operations for The Soup Ladies. In her seventh year of volunteering, she attends missions, but primarily focuses on the business end of the all-volunteer organization. She has a background in banking, program management and business ownership.

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William Lokey joined the Washington State Department of Emergency Management in 1977. In 1981, he became Assistant Director for Operations managing the long term recovery from Mt. St. Helens and the Spirit Lake emergency. In 1986, he became the Pierce County Emergency Management Director where he worked on planning for Mt. Rainier. Bill became Assistant Chief for Special Operations for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in 1997. He joined FEMA as a Federal Coordinating Officer in April 1999. In 2007, Bill left FEMA and joined James Lee Witt working with public and private clients in emergency planning. He retired in 2013. He has been involved in volcano hazard research since 1971 when he led an expedition to the summit of Rainier sponsored by National Geographic. In 2014 he led another expedition to the summit to continue research on volcano hazards, steam caves and gas monitoring.

Scot McQueen

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Scot has over 20 years of leadership experience designing, developing, and implementing software solutions for top-tier commercial companies, government agencies, and research institutes around the world. In these roles, he has been responsible for setting strategic direction, daily leadership of operations, and the oversight of all software development projects. An accomplished corporate strategist, Scot has significant experience working with senior decision makers to find solutions for complex business challenges. His clients include The City of Seattle, The Nature Conservancy's World Office, Plum Creek Timber, Freeport McMoRan, Potlatch Inc., Rayonier Inc., Union Pacific Railroad, USFWS, USFS, several state departments, and a myriad of county and municipal organizations. As Chief Strategy Officer for GeoEngineers' SmartMine team, Scot sets the direction for the "Technology" portion of GeoEngineers' tagline, "Earth Science + Technology." In addition to his abiding interest in problem-solving and technology, Scot is an avid endurance runner, kayaker, and plays the bagpipes.

Brent Meldrum

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Mr. Meldrum's 40+ years of career experience includes duties as senior engineer, senior technology consultant and Chief Technology Officer for a company implementing new technologies. His experience as an owner and CEO of Coastal Transport LLC has led to a successful NEMT (non-emergent medical transport) transport company which continues to expand and grow. Coastal Transport's growth in Special Needs Transportation has more than doubled in size and capacity in the last two years.

Mr. Meldrum is a member of CTANW and currently serves as 1st Vice President making him aware of the challenges facing the special needs transportation industry. His involvement in industry organizations leads to further enhance transportation alternatives for those who are in need. He is committed to continuously raising awareness of the special needs population.

His background uniquely qualifies him to apply his experience in assessing business needs, formulating business solutions and implementing operational initiatives.

Lynne Miller

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Lynne is the Regional Communications Coordinator and Public Information Officer (PIO) for King County Office of Emergency Management. She manages the Joint Information Center during emergency activations, administers a regional public alert system, and engages both traditional and social media. She also serves as Board Director, and former Chair, of the Washington Emergency Public Information Network (WEPIN) – an association of crisis communications professionals committed to building a strong and collaborative Joint Information System in our state. Lynne routinely supports emergency communication strategies and information-sharing needs of partner organizations by providing resources, tools, and training opportunities.

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Scott Miller has responded to and managed over 500 incidents in his 11 years with as County Emergency Manager, including the worst wildland fire in Washington State history, the Carlton Complex. He was involved in every aspect of this disaster including evacuations, EOC manager, and, as the primary County liaison, has interfaced with local, State, and Federal partners. In 2004, Scott created the County's Emergency Management program, has managed the County's role in wildland fires, such as Tripod (2006), as well as mudslides, floods, storms, hazmat spills, many EOC activations. He has served as Incident Commander, Liaison, Agency Rep and PIO during these incidents. In addition, he has authored or created all County emergency plans. He is also the Homeland Security Coordinator for the County, administering the County's SHSP, EMPG, and OPSG grant programs and oversees the Emergency Communications Systems.

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Tom retired from Plerce County Sheriff as a major in 2003 and has been a part of the National US&R program since its inception in 1992. He has been to numerous national disasters and brings a wealth of knowledge about responding to and managing disasters. He was the FEMA Incident Support Team leader that helped coordinate the federal support to Snohomish County after the SR 530 slide.

Jon Morrison Winters

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As a mobility manager, Jon Morrison Winters works to improve transportation services through coordination among transportation providers. Mr. Morrison Winters is an active member of the Seattle UASI Vulnerable Populations Emergency Transportation Planning Workgroup. In 2014, he managed a pilot project to assess the preparedness of community transportation providers. Pending allocations of grant funding, this work is scheduled to continue, starting in July, 2015. Jon Morrison Winters manages the King County Mobility Coalition and the Mobility Management Division at Hopelink, a non-profit social services and transportation agency based in King County.

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Deborah Needham, CEM, has an extensive background working with people, groups, and communities within the context of crisis and change. Deborah possesses a keen understanding of human dynamics and delights in partnering with others to explore challenging and uncertain situations. She sees possibilities and potential where others see dead ends, and is gifted with a contagious optimism that she readily transmits to others.

Deborah is the Emergency Management Director for the City of Renton. As Crisis Optimist LLC, she also serves as an executive coach and organizational consultant, helping others navigate tough issues. She holds a BS in Social Sciences from Portland State University and completed the post-graduate Strategic Leadership Development Institute series at WSU Vancouver. She is nearing completion of an MA in Leadership and Organizational Development from LIOS Graduate College (formerly Leadership Institute of Seattle) at Saybrook University while pursuing professional accreditation through the College of Executive Coaching.

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Barbara Nelson has been with Pierce County Emergency Management for 13 years. She is a board member with CCC-PC and coordinates the establishment of Neighborhood Emergency Teams and Emergency Community Shelters. Prior to that she worked with Federal Way Public Schools. She received her BS in Journalism and Communications from the University of Florida.

Craig Nelson

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Craig Nelson is the Manager of Okanogan Conservation District. He has a B.A. in Geography with a minor in Environmental Studies. In this position, he coordinated the development of the Okanogan Watershed Water Quality Management Plan, facilitated and coordinated the Okanogan Watershed Plan under RCW 90.82, and oversees all District programs and project staff. Craig supervises a diverse conservation program on a day-to-day basis while coordinating with multiple partnering agencies and non-governmental organizations. Craig has extensive grant management experience.

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Travis Nichols is the regional coordinator for the Washington State Region 9 Healthcare Coalition. In this role he assists hospitals and other healthcare providers in the 10 counties and three tribes of Eastern Washington in efforts to enhance the healthcare system's emergency preparedness and response capabilities. He has a background in private business and non-profit organizations and is focused on the sustainability of the Coalition.

Karla Oman

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Karla is a Certified Business Continuity Professional through the Disaster Recovery Institute International, with over 16 years' experience, specializing in IT Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery. Like many in the industry, Karla was drafted into business continuity and disaster recovery by her manager in 1999 because of how she thought—like a contingency planner—and a career was born. Karla enjoys the challenge of designing and implementing business continuity and disaster recovery programs that promote, complement and enhance enterprise resiliency, geared to align with the corporate culture. She has done so in the Insurance and Health Care industries, and now for Seattle City Light, a Large Public Power Company (LPPC). Karla is passionate about preparedness.

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Ginger “Mama” Passarelli, Founder of The Soup Ladies, has been preparing meals for emergency personnel and first responders for over a decade. She and her all-volunteer crew recently spent sixteen days at the Oso mudslide site to ensure those working there received wonderful, home-style meals as they worked around the clock. In addition to her Soup Ladies activities, she owns and operates Mama Passarelli’s Dinner House in Black Diamond and stays busy with the catering of large and small events.

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Scott Preston is the Business Continuity Manager for the University of Washington. He's a 10-year veteran of business continuity and emergency management and holds professional certifications in emergency management and business continuity. Scott is also an adjunct professor at the University of Washington, teaching graduate level courses in emergency management and business continuity.

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Scott Reuter has been heavily involved in learning and sharing info on social media platforms, tools and techniques in order to harness social media to assist disaster professionals and volunteers in an effort to make the best possible use of social media in disaster. Scott is a FEMA Digital Communications Specialist reservist and a DHS/FEMA certified course instructor for the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center's "Social Media for Disaster Response and Recovery" course (FEMA PER-304), which he teaches nationally. He's worked with National VOAD, the International Association of Emergency Managers Emerging Technology Caucus, the Department of Homeland Security "Virtual Social Media Working Group", and is a regular participant in the VOST, or "Virtual Operations Support Team", Leadership Coalition. Scott is co-writer with colleague Caroline Milligan of the "VOST Basics" presentation and the VOST Training Guide, created for New Zealand Civil Defense. Scott is very proud of his work with his local volunteer organizations in Astoria, Oregon, including CERT, VOAD and ARES.

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With 28 years experience, Raymond Riordan is currently the Emergency Services Director for CH2MHill, a multi-national consulting firm. He was recently, until May 2014, a full time Program Manager for Emergency Preparedness for the City of San Ramon Police Department in California. He is a Certified Emergency Manager, recognized by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and he serves as the elected Chair for the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (or CalWARN).

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James Rollins is the Managing Partner of Takouba Security, LLC and its subsidiaries in London and Singapore. He holds a Master's Degree in Adult Education from Western Washington University and has over 28 years of experience developing winning training and exercise strategies for the US Army, Microsoft and ITT Technical College. He has a broad experience in the military and in private industry analyzing business processes, facilitating discovery through small group processes, and developing competency based assessment models. James is a Lean practitioner, with extensive experience planning, leading and implementing lean initiatives. An expert facilitator, James enjoys working with small groups using the latest discussion leadership methods to integrate ideas and achieve excellent results.

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Dr. Mary Schoenfeldt, Director of Recovery for Marysville School District, has spent her career in School Safety and Emergency Management. She works with schools, government, businesses and communities. She responded to high profile communities such as Littleton (CO), New Orleans (LA), Haiti and Newtown (CT). She traveled to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and joined a Specialty Team to work with the school and community. Her work has won two awards from the International Association of Emergency Managers, she was inducted into the HALL OF FAME of the International Network of Women in Emergency Management, was honored by The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation with a Lifetime Achievement Award and is Board President of the Disaster Mental Health agency, Green Cross Academy of Traumatology. Her ability to educate and encourage people to action is reflected in her books, articles and contributions to publications for FEMA and US Department of Education.

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Ms. Sjoberg is the manager of multiple programs in disease prevention and public health emergency preparedness and response at Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) and has over 17 years of public health experience. She began her career at SRHD as an HIV/AIDS Health Educator and since that time has managed various programs in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention including HIV, Reproductive Health, Adolescent Health, Communicable Disease Epidemiology, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, Healthcare System Emergency Preparedness, Immunization Outreach, Vaccine Accountability, and the Bioterrorism Laboratory. Ms. Sjoberg is the lead staff in Public Health & Healthcare System Emergency Preparedness for the 10-county and three tribal nation region of eastern Washington. In this role, she provides consultation, coordination, technical assistance and a collaborative environment in which to plan for and implement locally and regionally integrated public health and healthcare systems capable of responding to large incidents of public health significance.

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Bill Steele has managed educational outreach and public information program for the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) at the University of Washington, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, since 1993. He works closely with news reporters and filmmakers to provide background information and coordinate scientist involvement in development accurate and interesting reports and documentaries. Bill has supported interdisciplinary and interagency cooperation between university, government, and private sector research communities to identify hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation opportunities. He is a current board member and founding member of CREW (the Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup), is a member of CPARM (Contingency Planners and Recovery Managers) and the NSF funded M9 Project Committee at UW. Developing partnerships with public and private sector organizations to experiment with the utilization of earthquake early warning is his most recent project.

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Daniela Todesco, P.E., has ten years engineering and research experience in hydraulics and hydrology, systems analysis of rivers and watersheds, river mechanics, sediment transport, and Geographic Information Systems. She is currently a Senior Engineer with WEST Consultants in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Todesco has applied a number of computer modeling programs to numerous riverine studies throughout the United States and Mexico, focusing on floodplain delineation, dam break and multi-purpose detention basin analyses, bridge scour and scour protection, and real-time flood forecasting. Ms. Todesco helped develop and teaches WEST's 'Dam Breach Analysis Using HEC-RAS' class for ASCE. She earned her BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Pavia, Italy, and her MS in Water Resources Engineering from Marquette University. She is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the current Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair for the Society of American Military Engineers - Portland Post.

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Chris is the Response Section Manager of the Washington Military Department's Emergency Management Division, where he manages the State Emergency Operations Center including the Alert & Warning Center. Chris' original educational and professional background is in information technology. In his ten years in the emergency management field, he has been professionally engaged in training & exercise, logistics, and operations. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Science in Emergency Management from the Jacksonville State University.

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Mark Vollmer currently serves as Superintendent of Minot Public School District in Minot, North Dakota. As superintendent, he led the district through the recovery process after the Souris River Flood of 2011. Mr. Vollmer's qualitative research highlights the voices of those in the Minot community who were directly affected by this horrific event. Vollmer, a native of North Dakota was educated at the University of North Dakota, and received a Doctorate of Educational Leadership in 2014.

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Chuck Wallace is the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Grays Harbor County, WA. He is a 32 year veteran of the fire service, retiring from the Philadelphia Fire Department in 2007 and currently the Fire Chief at Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District #11. He also serves as an elected Fire Commissioner for Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District #11. Chuck was a member of the first graduating class of FEMA's Emergency Management Executive Academy held at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. He is the current Vice Chairperson for the Washington State Homeland Security Region 3 Committee and a member of the Washington State, Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Executive Board. Currently attending The Evergreen State College, Chuck expects to graduate in June 2015 with a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

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Mike Washington is the Washington State Director of Field Operations for Team Rubicon, a veterans disaster relief organization. Mike is also a 25 year veteran of the fire service with five years in San Diego County and 20 with the City of Seattle. Mike is a retired Marine with a total of 23 years served including five combat tours. Mike has been a member of Team Rubicon since 2011 and has deployed to eight disasters from Haiti to Pateros. Mike dedicates his service to the young veterans he works with and to his son—Sgt. Michael T. Washington, USMC—a personal friend of Team Rubicon co-founder Jake Wood who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2008

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Jill Watson is an Emergency Management Planner with the Seattle Human Services Department, and is responsible for Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6), Mass Care, Housing and Human Services for the City of Seattle. In this capacity she works with governmental and non-governmental agencies to strengthen the city's resiliency and response for a range of issues involving ESF 6. Jill also leads the Health and Human Services Branch at the Seattle Emergency Operations Center, and developed the 2010 Sound Shake and the 2012 Evergreen earthquake mass care exercise components for Seattle. She is King County Mass Care Workgroup Chair. Prior to her position with Seattle she was the Agency Relations Manager for Food Lifeline, the Western Washington affiliate of Feeding America. She coordinated Food Lifeline's disaster response and served as one of nine members on Feeding America's national Disaster Task Force. Jill has degrees in Business Management and English.