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2.	John Slomnicki
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6.	12/05/2022
7.	CEMP
8.	During the Nov. 21st meeting and the discussion of the CEMP, Ryan Zavala spoke about the Shoreline ACS and its support of ESF #2 – Emergency Communications. I want to provide the new city manager and council a history of our organization, and how we operate. History: The Shoreline Auxiliary Communications Service team was formed in 1995 to support King County Fire District 4 and the Shoreline Fire Department. We have since grown in size and in responsibilities: We now support the City of Shoreline's Emergency Operations Center, the Shoreline Police Department, in addition to the Fire Department. Our team, consisting of about 30 volunteer amateur radio operators, trains to provide emergency communications in the event of disasters, since normal communication methods can quickly become overloaded during such an event, if they survive at all. Our purpose is to augment or replace those avenues, as needed, until normal communications can be restored. ACS team members are able to work independently to provide damage assessment, health and welfare reports or support relief agencies both within and outside of the disaster area. The team also provides communications support for public service events such as Celebrate Shoreline, Jazz Walk, and neighborhood events.

Structure:

Shoreline ACS is a 501(c)(3) which allows it to accept donations which help purchase equipment. Day to day coordination is done by the operations/team manager.

The members of Shoreline ACS are City of Shoreline Emergency Worker volunteers. During training exercises, public events and emergency activations we are under the command of the City's Director of Emergency Management (City Manager) or their designee, usually the Emergency Management Coordinator. If the City does not provide the incident commander, the Team Manager assumes the leadership role.

Training:

All members must be licensed by the FCC. All members must complete at a minimum FEMA ICS classes 100, 200, 700. Many of our members have gone on to complete ICS 300 & ICS 400 for operational management and beyond.

We conduct training in radio technology and message handling skills. Moving information when the internet is down. We use ICS forms that are required by King County, the State of Washington and FEMA.

Exercises:

Every Monday evening at 7:30 PM members check-in from home by radio testing their personal equipment.

State wide exercises: Quarterly, Washington State Div of Emergency Management conducts emergency communications exercises. Shoreline ACS members activate the Communications Van, neighborhood information centers and home-based communications systems. Our minimum goals are to open lines of communications with Shoreline's business partners and neighboring agencies: WADEM Camp Murray, King County EOC, Seattle EOC, Snohomish County EOC, NEMCo, Bothell, Bellevue. These exercises are held on any month with a 5th Saturday. December 31st is our next exercise.

Resources:

Repeaters: Crista tower (city owned), Station 61 (SACS owned)

Winlink Gateways at Station 61 and Station 63 (SACS owned)

EOC – Stn 61 800 MHz KCERS, multiple HAM radios, multiple computers

Fire Stations 63, 64 & 65 Ham radio and computer

Comm Van: Owned and insured by Shoreline Fire. Radio equipment is a mix of fire department, City and SACS purchased. Computers – Shoreline Fire. Operated by SACS volunteers.

Comm Van radio equipment: 800 MHz KCERS (to be replaced with PSERN during wave 4), VHF P25 (all federal interop channels, WADNR statewide comms, Snohomish Co DEM, King County Search & Rescue, USCG/Maritime), Low Band (WADEM CEMNET, Red Cross), aviation VHF, 7 HAM radios, cellular mobile data.

Generators: 2 2kw on Comm Van, 3.5kw in storage

Shoreline Fire now includes Fire District 16 (Northshore). Shoreline ACS and NEMCo RACES plan and train together.

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meeting, which takes place from 1000 - 1200 on the second Saturday of each month at the Shoreline Fire Department Headquarters Station, 17525 Aurora Ave N. We are also on Zoom.

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9.   (o) Support

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City of Shoreline

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