

Citizen Corps Volunteer Issues

Liability & Credentialing

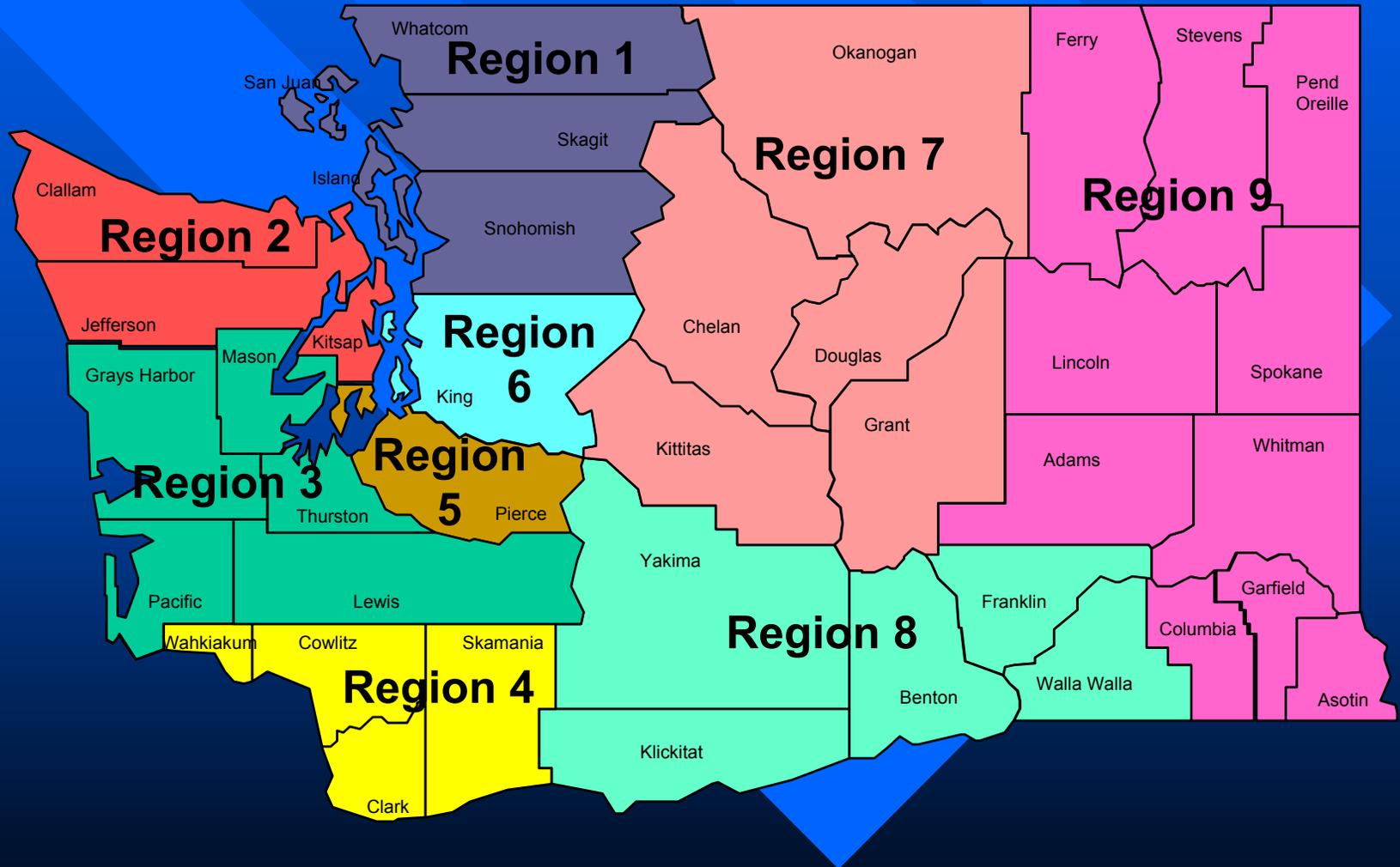
Background

- January 2003 Governor Gary Locke appointed the Washington Commission for National and Community Service as the State Citizen Corps Council.
- June 2003 State Citizen Corps Coordinator hired to address Citizen Corps issues.

Background “Continued”

- Reviewed Citizen Corps Programs, Initiatives and Affiliate partner programs.
- Reviewed funding opportunities.
- Reviewed registered programs in Washington state.

Regional Homeland Security Coordination Districts (RHSCD)



State Citizen Corps Council Coordinator's Role and Responsibilities

- Technical support for local programs
- Collaboration
- Public ~ Private partnership development
- Grant Management and Coordination
- Conduit for information sharing and issue development

Volunteer Issues Working Group

- State Citizen Corps Council
- WA State Department of Health
- WA State Emergency Management Division
- WA State Insurance Commissioner's Office
- WA State Department of Labor & Industries
- U.S. Surgeon General Seattle Office
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Kitsap County
 - Emergency Management
- Snohomish County
 - Public Health
- Spokane County
 - Retired Physicians Group
- Thurston County
 - Public Health
- Washington Hospital Association
- Physician Insurance
- Washington Dental Association

Volunteer Issues

- **Liability/Malpractice**
- **Training**
- **Registration/
Credentialing**
- **Role in Response**
 - Specialized Teams
 - Support to First Responder Activities
- **Exercising**

Good Samaritan Act VS. Emergency Worker Program

Where is our protection?

Good Samaritan Law

- Protection for immediate response and care provided.
- If you transport in your automobile, then auto insurance is primary coverage.
- General protections for an individual during a basic response.

The White Paper

- Washington State Attorney General
 - Staff from various Divisions are looking at current laws and provisions that support the development of volunteer resources.
 - Emphasis on Chapter 38.53 RCW and Chapter 118.04 WAC.

Washington State Law

- Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
 - Chapter 4.92
Actions and Claims against the State
 - Chapter 38.52
Emergency Management
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
 - Chapter 118-04
Emergency Worker Program

RCW 38.52

- 38.52.180 Liability for Property Damage, bodily injury, death –Immunity— Assumption by State—Indemnification.
- 38.51.195 Exemption from liability while providing construction, equipment or work.
- 38.52.310 Coverage, Classification, Registration of workers.

WAC 118.04

- 118-04-080 Registration.
- 118-04-100 Classes of Emergency Worker.
- 118-04-180 Responsibilities of authorized officials registering and using emergency workers.
- 118-04-200 Personal responsibilities of emergency workers.

Program Issues

- Training
 - Local Minimums
 - State Minimums
- Registration/credentialing
 - Emergency Worker Registration
 - Licenses, Credentials and Identification
- Integration into existing programs and resources
- Flexibility in the program to meet the needs of the Community

Credentialing

- Statewide credentialing program
- Local jurisdictional control of credential levels
- Local tracking of credentials, training and activation of the emergency worker



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