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long-term risks to human life and property from the effects of natural and manmade hazards of all types and sources, and to enhance capabilities to prepare, respond and recover from such incidents.' We're working to prepare, respond and recover from large-scale disasters."

WLEOG formed through an IGA in 2007 under ORS 190.010, "which allows government entities to come together to work for a common goal and share resources to do that," Messmer said.

It has eight main partner agencies: The City of Florence, the City of Dunes City, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue District, Western Lane Ambulance District, the Port of Siuslaw, the Mapleton Fire Department, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Police Department and PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

"We have associate members as well that participate — basically any group that we see that would help respond to a disaster or help us plan to respond," Messmer said. "Our general purpose is to coordinate our emergency preparedness response and recovery. We know that all our agencies will play a role in this, so we come together to work on that."

WLEOG provides training, drills and education to the community. Messmer listed some of the group's successes and ongoing programs, including the Be Ready! Preparedness Expo, preparedness events with Dunes City and Greentrees, ALICE trainings with Florence Police Department at schools and businesses, amateur radio drills with ARES/RACES volunteers and printed and radio information.

"We also do a lot of training," Messmer said. "Over the past few years, we've participated in the Cascadia Rising Tabletop exercise, several active threat drills and mass casualty drills. A lot of the mass casualty drills that we do start from the requirements that the hospital has. They have to have an influx of patients coming in, and they have to train on that annually. We've built off those requirements that they have to have it more of a community drill, so we can put all of our response agencies to the test to make sure we're prepared."

These drills also allow the WLEOG partner agencies to practice the command structure used during an actual incident.

"In the event of a natural disaster, or any disaster, and response, we follow the incident command system. Our command structure would be based on the type of event. In general, for most events we would have a unified command, which would include the fire chief, the police chief and the ambulance director," Messmer said.

For day-to-day activities, the WLEOG board and Messmer as chair handle those duties.

During its update progress, WLEOG decided on several changes. The board approved those on Oct. 25, as well as its mission and rules of procedure.

"As the group has approved an update to their IGA, it needs to be ratified by each member agency's board, so in this case the Florence City Council," Messmer said.

The council voted to approve Resolution No. 19, Series 2018, authorizing Mayor Joe Henry to sign the IGA with WLEOG.

The other partner agencies will be ratifying the updated IGA over the next month.

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"I ask," asked Tomeny, "were any candidates harassed when they declined to participate at the recent events at the Elks Club?"

This was in reference to a candidate forum recently held at the Elks Lodge, which council candidate Maureen Miltenberger declined to attend. (This will be covered more fully later in this article.)

"I'm not going to mention names, you know who are, you should be ashamed of yourselves," Tomeny added. "You owe both Geraldine and the community a public apology and you should seriously consider resigning."

After the audience applauded Tomeny's statement, Carmela West addressed the council.

"I am an Hispanic female, proud citizen here in Florence. I've been for the last year and a half. ... I am also very proud to see that we do have a qualified non-partisan female, Hispanic female, running for city council. Our country has truly turned and advanced in many ways for women entrepreneurs, and I was very disheartened by some of the events that happened," she said.

When describing the interactions between Lucio, Greene and Lacer, West said, "This kind of passive-aggressive, hostile and incredulous behavior, I feel, is very unethical and immoral to any candidate, much less a female candidate of ethnicity. And this type of bullying behavior truly sets us back by decades if this is who we want to be."

West described the city as thriving and ever-changing, asking the council members not to take their seats for granted.

"We expect grace to keep you grounded; humility, so you

don't forget who put you in those positions; and the grit so you always remember to keep 'Florence First,'" West finished.

"Florence First" is Lucio's campaign slogan.

After the audience applauded West, Lucio supporter Jacquie Beveridge addressed the council, and was the first speaker to name Greene and Lacer specifically.

"Intimidating a candidate in their place of business and sending an email to that candidate encouraging them to withdraw from the race is not ethical or acceptable behavior. Your actions have violated your oath of office, and the ethics you have sworn to uphold," Beveridge read from her statement. "As elected public officials, you've sworn to observe the requirements of state ethics laws. ... You are required to adhere to the laws of Oregon statutes, especially 260.665, which applies to undue influence to affect candidacy, and states in part '... a person either acting alone, with or through, or any other person, may not directly or indirectly subject any person to undue influence with the intent to induce the person to be, or refrain from or cease being, a candidate.'"

While the state statute Beveridge referenced does prohibit such behavior, it defines "undue influence" as "force, violence, restraint or the threat of it, inflicting injury, damage, harm, loss of employment or other loss or the threat of it, or giving or promising to give money, employment or other thing of value."

None of these threats occurred in the Lacer email, and the only on-record account of Greene's meeting with Lucio, from Greene himself, does not support the state standard. City of Florence staff looked into legal concerns regarding the email and found that no laws were broken.

A complaint was registered to the Oregon Office of the Secretary of State against Greene regarding the incident, but per a letter addressed to Greene by the organization, "Our office reviewed the complaint and closed the matter."

However, Beveridge stated in the meeting, "Your actions do not represent me or any others in this community, and I hope that you will answer to the proper authorities."

The audience applauded, and Greene and Lacer, having been specifically named in the public accusations, were allotted time to speak by Henry.

"This is always going to seem like a 'he said, she said' thing, so I will apologize first and foremost in front of all of you if I have caused any undue

pain or sorrow for you Geraldine," said Greene, who went on to share his account of the event, and his explanation for it (found in Part I, published Oct. 24). "I am excited in having young people in politics. So please understand, in no way was it my purpose to scare you or intimidate you. And as you remember, I said, 'Be honest about your position,' and I gave you a hug. We were happy. That was never the intention, and it was never what my words were. But I do feel, from the other side of the coin, that you should be more prepared for position. There's truth in that, because of what it requires."

One person applauded, followed by loud groans and jeers from the audience.

Then Lacer spoke, thanking the speakers.

"I know that it's not easy to come speak to our body, so I appreciate you taking the time to do that," she said. "I've already apologized to Geraldine, and I will do so publicly again, and to the rest of the community. I, in no way, intended to harass or intimidate her. As I've said before—"

"Oh, come on, we read your email!" someone yelled in interruption.

Lacer continued, "I have also indicated to Geraldine, I, 100 percent, supported her when she chose to run. I went and collected signatures on her behalf and was thrilled she was running for council."

Public comment ended at the point and the usual city business resumed. Towards the end of the meeting, however, Councilor Ron Preisler discussed his view of the public comments.

"I found the audience participation extremely politicized," he said. "The group of people were on one side of the fence, and it was an organized activity in my mind. And the attack on my fellow councilors I think was totally inappropriate."

The Siuslaw News cannot confirm if the public speakers were organized, though Tomeny, who spoke with the Siuslaw News, stated that his participation wasn't — he was just furious about Lacer's email and offered to speak up. However, he can't speak to the other commentators, and saw how the night could be seen as orchestrated.

"Actually when I left, the speakers come up to me and said, 'Well that worked great,'" Tomeny recalled.

It wouldn't be the first time that politics for this election have entered the arena. That would be January, when Henry first met current council candidate Miltenberger.

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