February Winter Storm
Oregon endured significant winter weather between February 6th and February 10th. Significant snowfall, freezing rain, and accumulating ice impacted multiple regions of the state. Impacts resulting from this storm included downed trees and power lines, over 30,000 power outages, closure of I-5, and the closure of state offices in both Portland and Salem. OEM opened a statewide incident for tracking status reports and as a result of storm related damage OEM issued a statewide request for Initial Damage Assessments (IDA) from local jurisdictions. The purpose of the IDA is to get a sense of the damage to public facilities and infrastructure, i.e. state and local governments and certain non-profits, to help determine if requesting a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment is appropriate. At this time initial costs associated with this storm are approaching $7 million, and the agency is moving forward with requesting a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment. More information will be included in the March monthly brief. Contact: Julie Slevin at 503-378-2911 ext. 22235 or julie.slevin@oem.state.or.us

Potential Landslides and Debris Flow
The Oregon Office of Emergency Management monitored existing and potential landslides and debris flows during the February rain storm that caused minor flooding in areas throughout Oregon. OEM received alerts through a multi-agency and media information system called flashalert.net. The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries flashalert system is particularly helpful for up to date information and safety tips: http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=2967. The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State and has a broad responsibility in developing an understanding of the state’s geologic resources and natural hazards. The Department makes this information available to communities and individuals to help inform and reduce the risks from natural hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department assists in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards is key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation. Learn more at www.OregonGeology.org or www.oregongeology.org/pubs/nr/press-release-2014-02-13b.pdf
POC: Cory Grogan or Kim Lippert 503-378-2911 ext. 22283

Next Generation 9-1-1
The OEM 9-1-1 Program is continuing to move forward on developing effective project management documents for the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 technologies. The proposed statewide transition to NG 9-1-1 is in response to changing technologies and citizen expectations regarding how they can contact 9-1-1 services in an emergency situation. OEM is in the process of hiring the independent quality control consultant and hopes to have them on board by the end of March.
OEM progress forward on these initiatives is in continual collaboration with Legislative Fiscal Office, The Chief Financial Office, and The Department of Administrative Services IT department.

**Prepaid Wireless Bill**
After more than a year of careful negotiations and thoughtful compromises, a bill approving collection of the 9-1-1 tax on prepaid wireless devices is on its way to the Governor for signature. The bill is expected to raise $1.39 million in the 2015-17 budget cycle. The Senate approved House Bill 4055A on February 28.
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**Mitigation and Recovery team preparing for Quarterly “Live, online Webinars”**
Sean McCormick OEM’s Section Manager of the MARS group (Mitigation and Recovery Section) has allocated staff time and resources with the goal of providing Quarterly Public Assistance refresher sessions. OEM’s rigorous IDA/ PDA training will be offered live at least once annually and supplemented by OEM hosting a recorded video streaming resource available from the OEM website. McCormick has encouraged his team to “Work together and provide the best possible on-line training resources for our Local Emergency Managers and other stakeholders throughout the state.”

Upcoming Webinar Dates:
- March 20, 2014 10:00 a.m. Webinar Kickoff Introduction and connection testing.
- May 22, 2014 10:00 A.M. Topic to be announced later
- August 21, 2014 10:00 A.M. Topic to be announced later
- November 20, 2014 IDA/PDA refresher 10:00A.M. -12:00 P.M.

2015 Quarterly Training will begin in February watch our website for details.

If you are interested in participating in this online training or the resource Library being developed feel free to contact your County Emergency Manager or Darrell Neet darrell.neet@state.or.us at Oregon’s Office of Emergency Management 503-373-2911 X22293

**RAPTOR Program**
The RAPTOR program is continuing to be a priority. OEM has hired Daniel Stoelb, the interim RAPTOR Coordinator, full time into the position to ensure operations continue. Recent updates over the last month include the following: meeting with stakeholders regarding the development of the damage assessment tool; demonstrations to the Water Advisory Committee, Drought Council, Water Resources, USACE, Alaska Emergency Management, and Oregon Department of Energy; training presentations to Clackamas County and Coos County; and ongoing coordination with our partner, DAS, for the maintenance and enhancement of RAPTOR, and our partner, University of Oregon InfoGraphics team, on iRAPTOR. Steps forward with the RAPTOR program will be testing the new Damage Assessment tool in early April, coordination with our federal, state, local, and private partners to load in additional beneficial data, and enhancing the user experience.
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