Recovery Planning Project for the State of Oregon
In December, OEM hosted and E&E facilitated a conference call and webinar for tribal, local government, and private sector partners and customers on the topic of state-level recovery planning. Director Stuckey distributed a final comment draft of the state recovery plan to these partners, as well as the many state agencies which have a role in the plan, and those that are partners via their participation in OERS Council. On Dec. 31, the final draft of the state recovery plan is slated to be provided to the OEM management team for review. General release of the state disaster recovery plan is scheduled for January.
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Next Generation 9-1-1 Project
The Next Generation 9-1-1 Executive Steering Committee met on Dec. 18 to discuss a new direction for the project, based on the Governor’s proposed 2015-2017 Budget. OEM coordinates statewide emergency services and maintains emergency communications systems used for public warnings, emergency notifications, and emergency support. The Governor’s Budget for this program is $253.1 million total funds, of which $2.1 million is General Fund. Federal Funds support $161.9 million of the program budget. Funds from the Emergency Telephone 9-1-1 tax provide the remainder of the budget. The Governor’s budget maintains the current operation of the 9-1-1 Program and gives OEM limitation in the amount of $500,000 for the program to work with the Department of Administrative Services’ (DAS) Enterprise Technology Service to convert the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System’s Public Safety Answering Points from the current “Frame Relay” network architecture to Internet Protocol architecture. OEM welcomes the opportunity to work with DAS Enterprise Technology Service on this necessary network transition. Additional meetings are scheduled to facilitate the development of a project plan and other project management documents.
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Mitigation Sub-grants Completed and FEMA Close-out
Close-out of completed mitigation planning and project sub-grants is required as a condition of the FEMA funding award and also provides a measure of evaluating project performance in future disaster events. During this first reporting quarter of FY15, Mitigation and Recovery Services staff closed-out a total of seven project sub-grants and one planning sub-grant from the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant programs. The six FMA project sub-grants included three projects in Vernonia, and one each in Lake Oswego, Madras and Lexington. All of the projects provide benefits to the National Flood Insurance Program by reducing future flood losses to NFIP-insurable structures. Most notably, the Vernonia Schools Campus (substantially damaged by the December 2007 flooding) was demolished and rebuilt on high ground. The two PDM sub-grants provided funding for mitigation plan updates in the Columbia River Gorge Region and for a seismic retrofit of a drinking water reservoir facility in Canby. In total, eight sub-grants provided nearly $14.8 million
in Federal funds for geographically diverse projects. All eight sub-grant activities were completed in the prescribed performance period approved by FEMA and closed-out within the 90-day financial liquidation period established by FEMA. All programmatic and financial aspects are complete.

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Homeland Security Grant Period
The FY15 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant application period is open. Application materials can be found on the Oregon Office of Emergency Management website http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans_train/grant_info.aspx. The application deadline is Feb. 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The grants team will be on the road beginning Jan. 5, 2015, providing training around the state to all potential applicants. Here is the schedule:

January 5, Beaverton Library, Meeting Room A/B, 12375 SW 5th St., Beaverton, OR
Note: Please park in the large lot at the corner of Hall Blvd and 3rd St.
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
January 6, Umatilla Sheriff’s Office, 4700 NW Pioneer, Pendleton, Ore.
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
January 7, Deschutes 911, 20355 Poe Sholes Dr., Bend, Ore.
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
January 8, Roseburg Public Safety Center, 700 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg, Ore.
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
January 9, 2015 Anderson Readiness Center State ECC, 3225 State St., Salem, Ore.
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Beginning Jan. 14, the grants team will hold an open conference call every Wednesday from 11:00 – 12:00 to answer any questions which may arise and provide additional guidance to interested applicants. The call in number is: 877-873-8018; participant code: 349525

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Emergency Management Publications Available
The OEM Public Information Office is pleased to announce that a variety of preparedness and informational publications pertaining to emergency preparedness and emergency management are now available for public outreach. Some of those publications include the emergency preparedness passport, “Living on Shaky Ground”, “Map Your Neighborhood”, and the new comic book produced by OEM and Darkhorse comics called “Without Warning”. If you are interested in obtaining publications for public outreach please contact the OEM public information office.

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Operations and Preparedness Section (OPS)
Formally the Plans and Training Section has updated to a new name to more accurately address the mission and goals of the section to Operations and Preparedness. The section will continue to address ECC operations, planning, training, exercising, Homeland Security Grants, Geo Hazards, Communications, Search and Rescue, and RAPTOR.

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Statewide THIRA and the State Preparedness Report
The annual requirement to complete the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report (SPR) has been accomplished and turned into FEMA. This requirement was accomplished through the whole communities participation in the State assessment tool which was due mid-December. Zach Swick will be working to analyze and produce valuable information from the data submitted from the significant state, tribal, and county jurisdictional responses. Additional information will be made available as the 2014 information is evaluated and preparations for the 2015 process begin.

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RAPTOR Program Updates
The RAPTOR program provides valuable visual data to emergency managers and critical infrastructure owners and operators throughout Oregon. Recent updates during the last month include:

- National Digital Forecast Database data has been added to RAPTOR. This now allows users to view predicted wind speed, wind gust, precipitation, and snowfall over the next 72 hours.
- Northwest River Forecast Data has now been added to the flood configuration of RAPTOR. This data displays maximum gage level for the next 5 days.
- The RAPTOR Inventory has been completed. This details all data available within each configuration of RAPTOR as well as all server bookmarks within the My Oregon Widget.

OEM encourages all stakeholders to share data and learn how to use the free RAPTOR program (training available upon request). More details can be found here:
http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans_train/RAPTOR.aspx

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OEM Hiring
OEM is currently in the process of filling the following vacancies:

- Information Systems Specialist 3 (9-1-1 Database Analyst) – Closed Dec 16, 2015
- Mitigation & Recovery Section Manager – Closed Dec 26, 2015
- Program Analyst 2 (Earthquake Public Outreach) – Limited duration part time regional coordinator position. Closes Jan 12, 2015
- Program Analyst 2 (Communication Radio Officer) – Closes Jan 13, 2015

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