OEM Monthly Briefs
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Cascadia Rising
OEM is preparing a timeline and working group members to begin preparation for the Oregon Cascadia Rising exercise in June 2016. This exercise will be in collaboration with Washington State and FEMA Region X. The following is a rough timeline for the event:
- Oregon Concepts & Objectives (C&O) meeting TBD late OCT-early NOV 2014.
- Washington State/FEMA Region X Initial Planning Meeting (IPM) TBD early February 2015.
- Oregon IPM TBD late January 2015.
- NORTHCOM committed to ARDENT SENTRY, Joint Logistics Over-The-Shore (JLOTS), and Ultimate Caduceus (Patient Movement) exercises.
  - May also conduct Turbo Challenge CPX.
- NORTHCOM and Region X will be going over their Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) plans on October 23.
- Exercise Design Scenario final document due out from WWU October 31.
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State EOP Update
OEM is currently updating the State Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). During this update, OEM will change the number of ESFs from fifteen to eighteen, reorganizing material from support annexes and other parts of the plan as stand-alone ESFs. These changes are based on lessons learned during responses to recent major disasters. More information will be forthcoming in the EOP guidance that is under development. Work will be completed on a short schedule and assisted by an existing contractor.
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State THIRA and SPR Process
The State Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the State Preparedness Report (SPR) are an annual requirement through the Department of Homeland Security’s grant process. As tools to facilitate a broader understanding of risks and capabilities throughout the State, the THIRA and SPR are an important focus and greatly benefit from the successful input of our county emergency managers. The online tool which emergency manager input is received, the Oregon Capability Assessment, is currently being updated with an anticipated release date of mid-October. OEM plans to offer assistance for emergency managers during the assessment process. OEM will be providing updates as details become available.
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NIMS Update
The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a consistent framework for incident management at all jurisdictional levels, regardless of the cause, size, or complexity of the incident. As a requirement by the Department of Homeland Security, grantees receiving funding under HSGP and EMPG programs must ensure and
maintain the adoption and implementation of NIMS as a condition of grant funding. OEM will provide county emergency managers access to an online assessment in mid-October to document their NIMS compliance. For additional information on NIMS in Oregon, please visit our NIMS webpage and feel free to reach out to the State NIMS. 

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1964 Flood Commemoration
The Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in collaboration with federal, state (including the OEM) and other participating agencies, is developing an outreach campaign to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Oregon’s devastating “Christmas flood” (Dec.18, 1964 to Jan. 7, 1965). The campaign will promote community and individual preparedness and flood risk reduction actions. This flood was a statewide event, even bigger than the 1996 flood for many communities in Oregon. If you are interested in being part of this campaign contact Amy Echols Assistant Chief, Public Affairs Office Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Amy.M.Echols@usace.army.mil. Contact: Cory Grogan or Kim Lippert: 503-378-2911 x22283

Next Generation 9-1-1
The Next Generation 9-1-1 Executive Steering Committee met on Sept. 25. The OEM 9-1-1 Project Management Team presented quality assurance reviews for eight Foundational Project Management Documents to the Executive Steering Committee, with summaries about the future development of the these documents. Committee members recognized good progress has been made, and gave feedback so edits can be made before the documents are presented to The Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) before going to Legislature for approval. This feedback will allow the OEM Project Management Team to continue efforts to refine these documents. Contact: Patrick J. Lustig 503-378-2911 x22294

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:

- Washington State Coordination, which involved integration opportunities with our neighboring state’s GIS data and common operating programs. This integration will enhance our situational awareness on incidents and events, providing visibility on power outages and Washington State incident tracking.
- RAPTOR Feature Enhancements:
  - All searches within the Search tools and Area of Concern tool have been alphabetized and military facilities search has been added.

OEM encourages all stakeholders to share data and learn how to use the free RAPTOR program (training available upon request). Contact: Daniel Stoelb 503-378-2911 x22234

2014 Great Oregon Shakeout
The OEM public information office is the lead for statewide efforts to promote the Great Oregon Shakeout. Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:16 a.m. on October 16 during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills! Oregonians can join by registering for the 2014 Great Oregon ShakeOut. Participating is a great way to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes. Last year, more than 270,000 Oregonians participated, and this year’s total will be even higher. Please register and/or encourage other to register at http://shakeout.org/oregon/. Contact: Cory Grogan or Kim Lippert: 503-378-2911 x22283