



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

November 9, 2015 – November 15, 2015

### [Message from the Director](#) -

#### **Weather –**

Monday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, low-mid 40's east, snow in Cascades, rain/snow in Northeast Oregon, winter weather advisory until Nov. 10 at 4a.m. (Central – Northeast Oregon), small craft advisory for hazardous seas until 4p.m. (Oregon coast)

Tuesday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, upper 30's to low 40's east, snow in Northeast Oregon, fog in the valley, winter storm watch from 10p.m. to Nov. 11 at 4p.m. (Northern Cascades)

Wednesday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, low-mid 40's east, rain west of the Cascades, snow in Cascades through Northeast Oregon

Thursday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, low-mid 40's east

Friday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, mid 40's east, rain in Northwest Oregon, snow in Northeast Oregon

Saturday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, mid-upper 40's east, rain through majority of state

Sunday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, mid 40's east, rain west, snow in Cascades

You can view the weekly forecast here: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/oregonWeek.php#tabs>.

- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

#### **In the News –**

- [When the tsunami hits, make sure guests know what to do](#)
- [Reedsport Charter School prime candidate for earthquake-safe upgrades](#)
- [Inside a tsunami lab](#)

#### **Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –**

- November is [Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month](#), an opportunity to increase awareness on
  - The unique characteristics of our nation's critical infrastructure,
  - The challenges and threats faced by critical infrastructure sectors, and
  - How to build public-private sector partnerships - an essential ingredient to enhancing security and resilience.
- Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association and PUD Engineering Operations Meeting
  - Cascadia CIKR Briefing
  - Nov. 17, EWEB, Eugene, 10a.m. - 2p.m.
- Oregon Telecommunications Association Safety Seminar
  - Cascadia CIKR Briefing
  - Nov. 18, Salem, 11a.m. - 12p.m.

- Private Sector: Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
  - “Mobilize the Community: Mass Care and Shelter Services”
  - Dec. 9, Salem Convention Center 10:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.
- Please see the October NARUC Critical Infrastructure newsletter:



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### Training -

- Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up to date list of available training opportunities.
- L0550 Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planner’s Workshop
  - Dec. 8-10 8a.m. – 5p.m. Salem, OR



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- L0548 Continuity of Operations Planning Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course
  - Feb. 3-4, 2016, Medford, OR



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- Planning on going to EMI for training? Your application needs to be submitted no less than six weeks prior to the class. Submit your 119 form to: [james.adams@state.or.us](mailto:james.adams@state.or.us)

### Exercises –

- Cyberstorm V – Dept. of Homeland Security exercise series to strengthen cyber preparedness in the public and private sectors. A two-day tabletop exercise where representatives from a variety of state departments and agencies assess their cyber response plans. Tentatively scheduled for second week of March, 2016.
- The next ECC Operations exercise is scheduled for Nov. 12, 2015, 9a.m. - 1p.m. Focus will be on Core Capabilities: Operational Coordination, Operational Communication, and Critical Transportation, to include other critical infrastructure. The following ESFs will be primary players:
  - ESF 1 Transportation
  - ESF 2 Communications
  - ESF 3 Public Works
  - ESF 5 Information and Planning

### Community Engagement –

- Oregon Chapter of Community Associations Institute is hosting a luncheon on [Emergency Preparedness and Disaster planning](#).
  - Nov. 13, 11:30a.m.

### 9-1-1 Program –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT) and the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS) continue to meet for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- The Frame Relay Replacement Project Timeline has been re-baselined to accommodate the increase in project scope.
- A rerelease of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ANI / ALI services is anticipated. The PSAP Technical and Operations Subcommittees have been engaged and have provided input into the RFP.
- The Project Management Team has created a link on the [OEM web site](#) where project updates can be found.

### Grants –

- **SHSP:** FY2016 SHSP Grant Application Package was released on Oct. 30, 2015. The application period will close Jan. 22, 2016. The Grants Roadshow is scheduled for Nov. 16-20, locations and times to be announced.

### Planning –

- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

### Preparedness Tip –

- Prepare yourself by knowing the differences between winter weather watches, warnings, and advisories:
  - Winter Weather Advisory: There is potential for less severe winter weather, such as a light snow, that could be hazardous if precautions are not taken. Be aware of winter weather advisories in your location as well as your driving destination.
  - Winter Storm Watch: There is possibility of a winter storm within the next 24-48 hours. Stay alert of potentially hazardous conditions and check your emergency plan and supplies.
  - Winter Storm Warning: A winter storm is imminent within the next 6-24 hours causing severe winter hazards. Limit travel and stay indoors.

### Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring a part time Public Affairs [Specialist 3](#), position closes Nov. 10.
- Marion County is hiring an [Emergency Preparedness Coordinator](#), position closes Nov. 9.

### Disaster of the Week –

**Nov. 11, 2000:** [155 people, mostly skiers, were killed](#) when the cable car taking them to the top of [Kitzsteinhorn Glacier](#) near Kaprun, Austria, caught fire inside of a tunnel. The fire caused safety mechanisms to stop the cable car inside of the tunnel; however, the doors to the car would not open. 12 people managed to escape through a broken window in the back of the car. Eventually, the doors were opened for skiers trying to escape the flames. Unfortunately, the tunnel acted as a chimney and those attempting to escape suffocated or were burned to death. Two people aboard a second cable car that was entering the top of the tunnel also died from smoke inhalation. 8 of those killed were Americans and the fire also claimed the life of German Olympic skier [Sandra Schmitt](#).

**Lessons learned:** The fire was determined to have been caused by a space heater that was not intended for installation in a moving vehicle. Heat from the fan ignited hydraulic oil causing the conflagration. This tragedy underscores the importance of correctly using potentially dangerous household appliances like space heaters. Make sure to use space heaters (or any appliance) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and keep space heaters away from combustible materials like bedding, furniture, plants, or curtains. Visit the [National Fire Protection Association](#) for more information.

### ECC –

- The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.