



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

December 14, 2015 – December 20, 2015

### Director's Message -

#### **ECC –**

- The State ECC will send the last Situation Report and return to steady state at 1700 on Dec. 14. If any assistance is needed after 1700, contact OERS (800-452-0311) and request to speak to the OEM EDO.

#### **Weather –**

Monday – highs in the mid-30's east of the Cascades, mid 40's west. Rain west, snow in Cascades. Winter weather advisory for portions of Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Grant, Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam, Columbia, Clatsop, Washington, Tillamook, Yamhill, Lincoln, Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Curry, Josephine, Jackson until 10a.m. Monday. Flood Warning for South Fork Coquille at Myrtle Point until Dec. 16 at 4:17p.m. Flood warning for Tualatin River at West Linn, Pudding River at Aurora, and Tualatin River at Farmington until Dec. 16 at 12:50p.m.

Tuesday – highs in the mid-30's east of the Cascades, mid 40's west. Fog in the valley during the morning hours, transitioning to light rain in the evening, light snow across the east during the evening.

Wednesday – highs in the low 30's east of the Cascades, mid 40's west. Light rain/snow transitioning to heavier precipitation during the evening.

Thursday – mid 30's east of the Cascades, low 50's west. Heavy rain west, snow/mix east.

Friday – low 30's/mid 40's east of the Cascades, low 50's west. Rain through the majority of the state, snow during the evening hours in the Cascades.

Saturday – mid-upper 30's east of the Cascades, mid 40's west. Light rain west, light snow east.

Sunday – mid-upper 30's east of the Cascades, mid 40's west. Light rain west, light snow east.

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 –**

- [Winter storm knocks out power in southern, central Oregon](#)
- [Governor declares emergency in 13 Oregon counties](#)
- [Storms kill 2 in Oregon; rare tornado hits Washington town](#)
- [Red Cross shelter opens in Clatskanie](#)
- [Fatal truck-train crash starts 3-alarm fire along US 30](#)
- [Portland eyes \\$57 million project for earthquake ready pipeline under the Willamette River](#)

## Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- *Snowstorm Knocks Out Power to 34,000 Customers in Oregon December 12–13* according to the Dec. 14 edition of the [Energy Assurance Daily](#) by the US Department of Energy. A snowstorm producing high winds knocked out power to 25,000 Pacific Power and 9,000 Midstate Electric customers in southern Oregon on Saturday night into Sunday. Pacific Power said it expected power to be restored by Tuesday. As of 3:30 p.m. EST, 6,158 Pacific Power and 2,040 Midstate Electric customers remained without power.
- Managing risks to critical infrastructure involves preparing for all hazards. Learn how DHS Protective Security Advisors serve as infrastructure liaisons and use [HSIN](#) to help connect public safety officials with private sector partners.

## Training --

- Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up to date list of training.
- 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.

## Community Engagement –

- FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, in partnership with the DHS Office of Academic Engagement, FEMA Region VII, and U.S. Fire Administration, will present a webinar titled "Tools for Creating Campus Resilience"
  - Dec. 16, 1:30-2:30p.m. ET
- #SafeTravels social media campaign with FEMA Region 10
  - Dec. 20 – 26, Online

## 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. Application period will close Jan. 22, 2016.
- **FMAG/HMGP Pilot:** On Sept. 28 FEMA announced a Pilot to provide HMGP assistance linked to FMAG fire suppression declarations. For Oregon, this means six HMGP programs for Oregon's six FMAG declarations in Baker, Douglas, Grant, Josephine and Wallowa counties. OEM mitigation and accounting staff continue to provide direct technical assistance to the eligible counties in support of project development, project feasibility, benefit-cost analysis and environmental considerations. Also working to coordinate other state agency technical assistance in support of hazard mitigation activities in the affected counties.
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation, 2015:** All of Oregon's submitted sub-applications (one project and two planning) were selected by FEMA during the National review process. FEMA will be working with OEM in collecting additional environmental and other related information before approving and obligating Federal funding.

### Planning –

- The Oregon Silver Jackets Team was awarded the Silver Jackets Team of the Year for 2015 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their excellent work in flood risk management in Oregon.
- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

### Preparedness Tip –

- Flood Recovery Safety
  - Dry out flooded areas of your home as soon as it is safe to do so.
  - Use fans and dehumidifiers to remove excess moisture as soon as possible. Weather permitting; open the windows and doors to ventilate the room.
  - Once the house has been dried out, remove mold from hard surfaces by washing with soap and water and letting all washed surfaces dry completely. Bleach can be used following all label instructions, paying special attention to the precautionary statements and dilution rate.
  - Take photos of the damages for your insurance company.

### Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring an Operations and Policy [Analyst 4](#) (Private Sector Partnership Program Manager), position closes Dec. 14
- The City of Portland is hiring a Continuity of Operations (COOP) [Planner](#), position closes Dec. 21.
- Multnomah County is hiring a Planning Division [Chief](#) for Emergency Management, position closes Jan. 3.

### Disaster of the Week –

**December 14, 2012:** A gunman opened fire at [Sandy Hook Elementary School](#) in Newtown, Connecticut, killing 20 first graders and six school faculty members. The perpetrator of the attack died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound as police arrived.

**Lessons learned:** A quote often attributed to Joseph Stalin reads “A single death is a tragedy. A million deaths is a statistic”. School shootings provide a lot of statistics, and each incident is seemingly more tragic than the previous. The Sandy Hook shooting struck a particularly sensitive nerve for a number of reasons, the age of the students killed ([all were six or seven years old](#)) and the shooter was not a student at the school (although he had attended the school as a child). The school had also recently upgraded security and visitor procedures to protect the school’s students, based in large part on lessons learned from previous violent incidents at schools. Following this incident, schools across the country began prioritizing projects to further protect school children. Some projects included redesigning entrances to make them more secure, implementing more strict procedures for campus visitors, security camera and panic button installation, and additional training for students and staff about what to do if their school experiences an attack. Active shooter incidents can and have occurred at schools, [movie theaters](#), [the work place](#), [houses of worship](#), and just about anywhere else people congregate. They are difficult to prevent, but the public safety community will continue to review these attacks and work to protect our families and neighbors.