



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

February 22, 2016 – February 28, 2016

Message from the Director –

- If you have not already, please take a moment to fill out the [OEM engagement survey](#). This survey is your opportunity to register your thoughts and suggestions about our ongoing feedback mechanisms such as the LEMU calls, OERS Council, Monthly PSAP calls, Weekly Watch, videos and our website. The survey will remain available until March 4, 2016.

Weather –

Monday – mid 50's west of the Cascades, low to mid 40's east, morning precipitation in northwest Oregon

Tuesday – upper 50's west of the Cascades, mid to upper 40's east, 60's in southwest Oregon

Wednesday – 60's in southwest Oregon, 50's for the rest of the state, chance of light rain in the afternoon on the coast

Thursday – 60's west of the Cascades, 50's east

Friday – 60's west of the Cascades with light rain, 50's east

Saturday – 50's for the majority of the state with light rain

Sunday – 60's in southwest Oregon, 50's for the rest of the state, light rain northwest and northeast

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

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

December 2015 Pacific Storm Event (DR-4258) Major Disaster Declaration Recovery Process–

- On Feb. 17, President Barack Obama declared a major disaster for the Pacific Storm Event from Dec. 6 to Dec. 23.
- The presidential disaster declaration provides public assistance grants to Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties.
- OEM is in the process of scheduling applicant briefings to occur the week of Feb. 29 to March 4.
- FEMA is in Oregon working with the state to establish a Joint Information Center (JFO) in Salem, OR.
- For more information regarding the PDA process, federal assistance programs, or recovery from the Pacific Storm Event see the [2015 Pacific Storm Toolkit](#).

In the News –

- [President signs disaster declaration for December storms](#)
- [FEMA: Oregon agencies, nonprofits eligible for disaster aid](#)
- [Are we prepared for the next flood?](#)
- [Hams and the Big One](#)
- [Oregon Tsunami Blue Line Project kicks off](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Feb. 24-26, 2016 Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN) Conference will take place in Newport. [Register here](#).
- Clear Path IV is an energy focused disaster response exercise sponsored by the US Department of Energy. It is scheduled to take place in Portland in April. This exercise will provide an opportunity for government (local, state and federal) and industry to examine challenges in responding to the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami. This exercise will provide the energy sector with building block information for Cascadia Rising 2016.
 - Feb. 24, 2016 – Clear Path IV Mid Term Planning Meeting
 - April 19, 2016 – Clear Path IV Local, State and Regional Energy Sector Response Coordination
 - April 20, 2016 – National Level Energy Coordination
- March 9-11, 2016, [Engineering for Extremes: Seismic Design for Dams in the Western US](#) training is occurring in Sacramento, CA. Featured speakers include I.M. Idriss, Denis Binder, Steven Kramer, Ross Boulanger, Jonathan Bray, Lelio Mejia and other well-known experts in the field of seismic issues and dam design.
- Telecommunications Reports [TRDaily](#) is available with subscription.

Training --

- [“Tsunami Safe: Hospitality Begins with Safety”](#) training sessions are scheduled for various locations along the coast from Feb. 22 to March 17. This round of trainings will offer two components on each date. The first component is introductory training for facilities that have not already received that training. The second component is a new disaster planning training for hospitality industry management.
 - Monday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Clatsop Community College South County Center – Room 2-3, 1455 N Roosevelt Dr., Seaside
 - Tuesday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Rockaway Beach Civic Facility, 276 Highway 101 South, Rockaway Beach
 - Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, 2625 Highway 101, Florence
 - Thursday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Port of Umpqua Annex, 1841 Winchester Ave., Reedsport
 - Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Coos Bay Fire Station #1, 450 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay
 - Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Gold Beach Fire Hall Meeting Room, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach
 - Thursday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Newport Chamber of Commerce, 555 SW Coast Highway, Newport
- March 8-9, 2016, Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning training by FEMA Region 10 is scheduled in Salem, OR.
- March 8-10, 2016, the [Western Regional APCO Conference and Vendor Show](#) takes place at the Oregon Convention Center. This is a unique opportunity for any public safety professional to participate in a wide range of classes and information sessions. This is not specific to 9-1-1 but is for emergency managers, law, fire, EMS and anyone in public safety or administration. Please visit the website for information on classes offered and how to register. While in attendance, stop by and visit the Oregon and Washington Emergency Management booth at the vendor show.
- 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

Exercises –

- The Department of Homeland Security is hosting the Cyberstorm V exercise series to strengthen cyber preparedness in the public and private sectors. Cyberstorm V is a two-day functional exercise where representatives from a variety of state departments and agencies assess their cyber response plans. The exercise is scheduled for March 8-10, 2016.
- Cascadia Rising Final Planning Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2015, 1030-1530, at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Community Engagement –

- Signs for the new Tsunami Blue line project will be installed in Florence, Reedsport, Coos Bay and Gold Beach by March 11, 2016, the 5 year anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan. OEM encourages participation in a Tsunami WalkOut on March 11-12 to practice evacuation routes and promote public awareness of emergency evacuation routes. Find your evacuation route [here](#). Share your WalkOut story on Facebook and Twitter using #ORTsunami.
- FEMA is seeking public comments on all aspects of the [Disaster Deductible](#) concept until March 21, 2016. Comments may be submitted through [Regulations.gov](#) under docket [ID FEMA-2016-003](#).
- In early January, FEMA entered the next phase of tribal consultation for the Stafford Act disaster declaration process for tribal governments. The draft guidance is posted to the [Federal Register](#) and will be available for comment until April 7, 2016. Additional information regarding the consultation process may be found at [Second Draft Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance](#).

9-1-1 Program –

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- 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 was re-baselined to accommodate the increase in project scope.
- Oregon State Procurement received Request for Proposals (RFP) for Network services and ANI / ALI services on Jan. 19, 2016.
- The RFP Evaluation Team met and received the RFP Proposals from State Procurement on Jan. 21, 2016. The Team met again on Feb. 4, 2016 for first-round evaluations and scoring of proposals.
- Check for project updates on the [OEM website](#).

Grants –

- The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant application for 2016-2017 is now open. Grant applications are due by 5p.m. March 15, 2016. For additional information, please contact Sue Otjen at 503-934-8227 or sue.otjen@state.or.us.

Planning –

- The third annual Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop is meant to build partnerships by sharing experiences and ideas while strengthening collaboration. The workshop will provide participants with networking opportunities, training and information on programs, current issues and best practices related to all phases of emergency management. Additional information will be coming in the near future. For more information contact [Sidra Metzger-Hines](#) or at 503-378-2911.
 - April 4 – 8, 2016
 - Kah-Nee-Ta, 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 –

- Building emergency kits:
 - Assemble your kit(s) well in advance of an emergency. When the warning sounds you may need to leave at a moment's notice.
 - Have a schedule to maintain your kit and rotate supplies. Use supplies before they expire and replace broken or damaged items with new ones.
 - Keep different kits based on your routine and location.
 - Your home kit should have 2 weeks' worth of supplies.
 - Your work kit should have 24 hours' worth of supplies.
 - Your vehicle kit should have 48 hours' worth of supplies.
 - Customize supplies to suit you and your family's needs. Check [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for suggestions.

Now Hiring –

- The Oregon Department of Forestry is hiring a [Natural Resource Specialist 2 \(Protection/Fire Planner\)](#), the position closes March 3.
- The Oregon Health Authority is hiring an [Operations and Policy Analyst 3 \(HPP Liaison for Region 2\)](#), the position closes Feb. 28.

Disaster of the Week –

February 27, 2011: [16 people were electrocuted](#) during a pre-Carnival parade in [Bandeira do Sul, Brazil](#), north of Rio de Janeiro. A powerline fell after being struck by fireworks or metallic streamers causing high voltage electrical current to travel through the crowd. This incident injured over 50 people and the town lost power for over six hours.

Lessons learned: It is estimated that 1,000 people are accidentally electrocuted in the United States each year, with nearly a third occurring due to power lines. Thousands more sustain burns or other serious injuries as a result of accidental contact with electrical hazards. As with most hazards, [situational awareness and recognition of the threat or hazard](#) can go a long way towards reducing the risk of injury, damage to property or the environment and death. Be mindful of surroundings when working or playing near utility lines (both above and below ground). Never touch downed power lines, even if you think they are not "live" or suspect they are only telephone wires. It is also important to avoid touching anything that is in contact with a downed line, like a vehicle, building, or even a water puddle. These can all potentially conduct electricity to you. Call your local utility company if you see downed wires, or if it is an emergency, call 911.

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.