



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

April 4 – April 17, 2016

[Message from the Director](#) -

Weather –

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 –

- [Statewide Prepared! Workshop at Kah-Nee-Ta](#)
- [Emergency managers from across Oregon meet at Kah-Nee-Ta](#)
- [General Council briefed on Emergency Management efforts](#)
- [The Big One: Preparing for the earthquake](#)
- [Prioritizing Preparedness](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is currently accepting nominations from states and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) regions for critical infrastructure systems. This information is used for State and UASI comparative risk rankings developed by DHS and FEMA when determining Homeland Security federal funding allocations. The Oregon TITAN Fusion Center is coordinating the nomination process with critical infrastructure owners and operators. If you have a nomination-worthy system in your area, please contact Shannon Marheine at 503-934-2022 or Shannon.m.marheine@doj.state.or.us by April 15, 2016.
- 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 tsunamis. This exercise will provide the energy sector with building block information for Cascadia Rising 2016.
 - April 19, 2016 – Clear Path IV Local, State and Regional Energy Sector Response Coordination
 - April 20, 2016 – National Level Energy Coordination
- FEMA Region X is offering a Cascadia Rising Virtual Tabletop Exercise for the private sector. Pre-registration for this training opportunity is required. Contact Lucianne Phillips at 425-487-2104 or lucianne.phillips@fema.dhs.gov for more information. This training exercise is available on the following dates:
 - April 14, 2016 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 - April 22, 2016 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 - April 26, 2016 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Community Engagement –

- April 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. the Columbia Gorge Community College and Hood River County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management will present an interactive learning event offering insight into the Cascadia earthquake.
 - Springhouse Cellar, 13 Railroad St.
- April 21, from 4 to 8 p.m., the City of Lake Oswego is hosting an [Emergency Preparedness Fair](#) at the Parks & Recreation Palisades. This event features about 20 information booths with programs and activities.
 - 1500 Greentree Rd

9-1-1 Program –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT), Department of Administrative Services Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS), State Chief Information Office, DAS Procurement and Department of Justice (DOJ) are continuing vendor contract negotiations this week for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- Check the [OEM web site](#) for project updates.
- The Portland Dispatch Center Consortium text to 9-1-1 pilot is scheduled to go live later this summer. The pilot will be for a 6 month period. If successful, the State plans to do a region by region launch of other areas, with full statewide text available by the end of 2018.

Mitigation and Recovery —

- The grant period for PDM16 opened on March 15, 2016. State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Dennis Sigrist, is working with stakeholders and state partners on a number of projects. Among the current efforts is a seismic non-structural retrofit program with the Portland Public School District.

Updates from the Joint Field Office in Salem for DR 4258, the 2015 Pacific Storm Event –

Federal disaster assistance is being delivered to public entities in 14 counties: Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties.

As of April 11:

- The State and FEMA have received 109 Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) from potential applicants. The deadlines for RPAs for the newly added counties are Apr. 14 for Douglas County and Apr. 19 for Clackamas County.
- Program Delivery Managers (PDMs) completed 105 Exploratory Calls with eligible applicants. The Exploratory Calls are designed to provide tailored and effective customer service to meet recovery needs of the applicant.

The PDMs have completed 94 of the 103 scheduled Recovery Scoping Meetings (RSMs). RSMs are conducted to review damages, gather documentation and develop a list of projects and set priorities.

RAPTOR: -

- April 21, is the next training for RAPTOR from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. via webinar. Register for the webinar training [here](#). This session will cover the Tools Functionality within the RAPTOR mapping application. Prior to attendance, users will need to ensure they have an OpsCenter account. If you do not have one already, please request an account [here](#). If you are unable to attend this training, the session will be recorded and posted online for viewing when completed.
- We have shifted to an adopted set of symbols for RAPTOR for populating incident data using a subset of the National Alliance Public Safety GIS Group (NAPSG) symbol standard. Find out what symbols we've adopted with the new [RAPTOR Symbolology Guide](#).

SAR –

- The Oregon Association of Mounted Poses (OAMP) recently adopted the Oregon State Sheriff Association (OSSA) Mounted SAR standards at their 2016 Convention. This will align OAMP with the Canine (K9) OSSA standards used by all Oregon SAR.
- OEM is looking at a new data base to replace the Version 7 fillable form, with a user friendly interface. Look for a one time data entry program in June 2016.

Preparedness Tip –

- Spring is in the air and outdoor activities are on the calendar
 - Make sure to bring a first aid kit on your outdoor trip. Check that the kit is fully stocked before you go.
 - Tell a friend or family your route and when you plan to be back.
 - Bring warm clothes. The afternoons may be warm but the temperature can drop in the evening.
 - Pack extra food and water in case you are out longer than you planned.

Disaster of the Week –

April 12, 1908: A fire at a factory known for making shoe adhesives [spread throughout Chelsea, Massachusetts](#), near Boston. Although the factory fire was quickly contained by Chelsea's fire department, embers were blown by 40 mile-per-hour gusts of wind throughout the surrounding Chelsea neighborhood. These embers ignited the wood-framed buildings that dominated the area. As a result of this fire, 1,000 buildings were destroyed (including City Hall and the city's library, post office, and hospital), 15,000 people were left homeless and 19 people were killed.

Lessons learned: This fire illustrates how quickly a small emergency can devastate a community. Fire suppression systems (like sprinklers) and building materials resistant to fire can all help reduce the impacts of a fire. Equally important is establishing [continuity of government and continuity of operations](#) plans to ensure critical functions to support a community can be maintained during and immediately following an emergency or disaster. This responsibility lies not only with government, but with our private sector partners as well. Many of the critical services we rely on, like hospitals, supermarkets, energy and communication are operated by the private sector.

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.