



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

April 25 – May 1, 2016

Message from the Director –

For more information on the press release and a video on the Cascadia Subduction Zone, [check here](#).

Weather –

You can view the current watches and warnings here: <http://alerts.weather.gov/cap/or.php?x=1>

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 –

- [New Yorker writer wins Pulitzer for 'The Really Big One', thanks Steve Novick](#)
- ['The Really Big One' wins Pulitzer - but are we ready?](#)
- [Portland emergency bureau plans community meetings](#)
- [Dire tsunami risk prompts Wyden stopover](#)
- [Group offering free earthquake guide](#)
- [OR 14700-01 SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Oregon Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Sinkhole and Landslide – Curry County, OR](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- 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 date:
 - 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

Exercises –

- Monday, May 16 the Quarterly Operations Functional Exercise will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a “limited comms” exercise of ESF-5 Information & Planning, ESF-14 Public Information and ESF-18 Business and Industry.
- The [Cascadia Rising](#) Functional Exercise will take place June 7-10.

Community Engagement –

- Starting April 25, HAM Radio classes will be provided by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. To sign up or for more information, contact Brandy Bishop, at 503-879-1837 or brandy.bishop@grandronde.org.
 - Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road
- April 28, AAA Bend is hosting a Prepare Seminar from 5-6 p.m., space is limited, please RSVP 541-382-1303
 - 20350 Empire Blvd. Bldg A Ste. 5
- April 29, the City of Newport will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Safe Haven Hill Tsunami Evacuation Retrofit project at 3:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the top of Safe Haven Hill. Anyone with mobility needs should contact Peggy Hawker, at 541.574.0613, or p.hawker@newportoregon.gov to arrange for a ride to the hilltop.
- April 30, the Seaside Dash to Safety 5k and preparedness fair take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register [check here](#).
- Portland Bureau of Emergency Management has scheduled workshops about developing Portland's latest Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:
 - Saturday, April 30, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Beach Elementary School (1710 N. Humboldt St.)
 - Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Multnomah Arts Center (7688 S.W. Capitol Hwy.)
 - Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at David Douglas School District (1001 S.E. 135th Ave.)

Planning –

- FEMA released the refreshed National Incident Management System (NIMS) for a 30-day National Engagement Period. National engagement provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the draft of the refreshed NIMS, so that it reflects the collective expertise and experience of the whole community. The National Engagement Period will conclude at 5 p.m. EDT May 9, 2016. FEMA is hosting a series of 60-minute engagement webinars to highlight key proposed changes to NIMS and answer participant questions about submitting feedback. All webinars are open to the whole community. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. To register, click on your preferred webinar session from the list below.
 - [Webinar 6: Monday, April 25, 12 p.m. EDT](#)
 - [Webinar 7: Tuesday, April 26, 1 p.m. EDT](#)
 - [Webinar 8: Wednesday, April 27, 10 a.m. EDT](#)
 - [Webinar 9: Thursday, April 28, 5 p.m. EDT](#)
 - [Webinar 10: Monday, May 2, 12 p.m. EDT](#)

9-1-1 Program –

- The OEM Frame Relay Replacement Team has contracted with Team IBM for the replacement of the frame relay network and associated equipment. IBM has partnered with CenturyLink, Azimuth Communications and Intrado to provide these services. The Frame Relay Replacement Team in conjunction with Team IBM will be providing a detailed project update at the APCO NENA 9-1-1 quarterly meeting May 25, 2016 in Hood River.
- 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. Some pre-testing with the pilot PSAPs and wireless carriers began last week. The pilot will be for a six month period. If successful, the State plans to do a region by region launch of other areas, with full statewide text anticipated to be available by the end of 2018.

Grants –

- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG): The FY16 application is due to the EMPG Program Coordinator, Kelly Jo Craigmiles, by close of business May 13, 2016.

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 25:

- To date, 104 Recovery Scoping Meetings have been held. RSMs are conducted to review damages, gather documentation, develop a list of projects and set priorities.
- There are 106 applicants deemed eligible.

RAPTOR: -

- Thank you to those that attended the April 21 webinar on the full tools training for RAPTOR. We will be posting a video recording of that training in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for details.

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 –

- It is important to make sure you have a supply of your prescription medications in your emergency kit. If you are able to obtain an emergency supply, be sure to establish a plan for rotating your supply so it remains up-to-date. If you are unable to obtain an emergency supply, be sure to always fill prescriptions on the first day you become eligible for a refill, rather than waiting until the day you run out. For more information visit ready.gov.

Now Hiring –

- PBEM is hiring an [Emergency Management Operations Manager](#), application period closes April 25.
- OEM is hiring two [Accountant 2](#) positions, application period closes May 3.
- OEM is hiring a [Limited Duration Accountant 2](#) position, application period closes May 10.

Disaster of the Week –

April 26, 1986: Explosions at the [nuclear power plant in Chernobyl](#), Ukraine, lead to what is widely considered to be [the worst nuclear power accident](#) in history. Although a specific death toll is hard to confirm, most estimates place the official death toll around 60, with thousands more deaths expected to be attributed to radiation exposure at Chernobyl. It is estimated that 600,000 people were exposed to high doses of radiation, including around 200,000 rescue and recovery workers.

Lessons Learned: Following the disaster, an [exclusion zone around Chernobyl](#) was established, covering approximately 1,000 square miles. Several hundred people refused to evacuate however, and it is estimated that nearly 200 people still live within the exclusion zone. While many lessons from this disaster have improved the nuclear energy industry and reactor design, some of the more tangible benefits have been improvements in disaster response, especially with regards to mass notification and the provision of emergency counter-measures to those impacted by a disaster. Ability to quickly notify the public of an impending or current threat or hazard and what steps they can take to reduce their risk of harm during an emergency is critical to achieving a positive outcome during an emergency. Use of [social media](#), [traditional news outlets](#) and mass notification systems are great ways to communicate warning and emergency public information to our communities.

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.