



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

May 2 – 8, 2016

[Message from the Director](#) -

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 –

- [Earthquake kit preparation, Week No. 2](#)
- [Schools get money for seismic safety](#)
- [Governor pledges support for Abernethy Bridge upgrades in visit to Oregon City](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- May 13, Portland State University is hosting the third annual Oregon Campus Communications Conference. The conference includes representatives from colleges, hospitals, school systems, public safety interest groups and the general public to talk about issues surrounding emergency communications in a campus setting.
 - 1930 SW 4th Ave, Portland
- June 13-14, Summit on Safeguarding College Campuses will bring a two day summit to Portland. [Becoming a Disaster Resilient College](#) is designed to assist community college governing board members, presidents and their leadership team and others in safeguarding the college.
 - Portland Marriot Downtown Waterfront

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 –

- Portland Bureau of Emergency Management has scheduled workshops about developing Portland's latest Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:
 - 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.)
- June 11, the third annual [First Responder 5k](#) will take place in Tigard. This event also includes a preparedness fair for information on home, business and personal disaster preparedness.
 - Cook Park, 17005 SW 92nd Ave, Tigard

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 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 provide 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. 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 May 2:

- All Recovery Scoping Meetings (RSM) were held except the most recent addition to the declaration. It is scheduled for this week. RSMs are conducted to review damages, gather documentation, develop a list of projects and set priorities.
- There are 107 applicants deemed eligible.

RAPTOR: -

- Interested in what RAPTOR has been used for recently? The City of Springfield utilized RAPTOR as a situational awareness tool to display the closed roads and security checkpoint in place near Island Park for the Sanders rally last week.
 - For more information on how you can use this tool for your jurisdiction contact Daniel Stoelb at Daniel.stoelb@state.or.us.

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 –

- Taking appropriate shelter is critical in times of disaster. Sheltering is appropriate when conditions require seeking protection in your home, place of employment or other location. Sheltering outside the hazard area could include staying with friends and relatives, seeking commercial lodging or staying in a mass care facility operated by disaster relief groups. If you go to a mass care shelter, you should plan to take your disaster supplies kit with you so you will have the supplies you require. Even though mass care shelters often provide water, food, medicine and basic sanitary facilities, they may not provide the specific needs of your family.

Now Hiring –

- 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.
- The City of Eugene is hiring an [Emergency Management Analyst](#), application period closes May 23.

Disaster of the Week –

May 4, 1988: A fire and a series of explosions destroyed the Pacific Engineering Production Company of Nevada ([PEPCON](#)) plant in Henderson, Nevada. PEPCON was one of two American producers of the oxidizer Ammonium Perchlorate, used in solid rocket boosters for the space shuttle and other military programs. The largest of the [explosions](#) was measured at 3.5 on the Richter scale and was the equivalent of one kiloton of TNT, about the same yield as a tactical nuclear weapon. Homes and businesses' windows broke and doors blew off their hinges as far as 10 miles away. There were two fatalities, 372 injured and an estimated \$100 million in damages.

Lessons Learned: The large number of injured persons presented an issue for local hospitals not used to dealing with such large amounts at one time. When emergency medical service cannot "capture" victims at the site of the incident, triage centers need to be set up outside hospitals to prevent overload within the hospital. The encroachment of residential and commercial development into the area around the PEPCON plant contributed significantly to the injuries and damage. The magnitude of the incident was much greater than had been contemplated by urban planners in pre-incident planning. The roads in the area were virtually gridlocked by spectators going toward the scene and local residents fleeing. Media misinformation, the failure to broadcast adequate requests to stay away and inability to control the roads early enough exacerbated the traffic situation. The need for traffic control around high hazards should be considered in disaster plans. [US Fire Administration report](#).

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.