



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

May 9-15, 2016

[Message from the Director](#) –

Weather –

You can view the current watches and warnings [here](#).

You can view the weekly forecast [here](#).

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

In the News –

- [County hires new emergency manager](#)
- [Preparing homes, apartments for the Big One](#)
- [Being prepared for wildfire season](#)
- [Grants Pass receives two cash awards for national wildfire preparedness day](#)

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 –

- Oct. 4-6, the Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA) 2016 Conference will take place at the Salishan Spa and Golf Resort. This year's keynote speaker is Lt. General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.) Commander of the Joint Task Force Katrina and Global Preparedness Authority. Registration for the conference opens June 7, for more information check [here](#).
- 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 9a.m. to 1p.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 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

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. 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 May 9:

- All Recovery Scoping Meetings (RSM) were held. RSMs are conducted to review damages, gather documentation, develop a list of projects and set priorities.
- Approximately 60% of all site inspections are complete.
- There are 106 applicants deemed eligible.

RAPTOR –

- Interested in what RAPTOR has been used for recently? The City of Eugene utilized RAPTOR as a situational awareness tool to display the barriers, staging areas, planned routes for hospitals and airports for the Trump rally last Friday. A big thank you to Ken Vogeney from the City of Springfield in assisting Eugene for this event.
 - Interested in learning more about how you can use this tool for your jurisdiction? Contact us 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 database 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 –

- Prepare your home before the start of wildfire season. For more information check ready.gov.
 - Clean debris from roof and gutters.
 - Maintain a ‘defensible space’ around your home of at least 30 feet. Clear out anything that could burn like a wood pile, dried leaves or other brush.
 - Check and refill your emergency kit in case you have to evacuate quickly.
 - Review your homeowner’s insurance and update any new items.

Now Hiring –

- 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 15, 1929: A fire in the basement of the world-renowned [Crile Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio](#) caused hundreds of boxes of x-ray film to burn, creating a toxic cloud of carbon monoxide and nitrogen peroxide killing 125 people. It is said that the bodies of the victims turned green as a result of the nitrogen peroxide poisoning.

Lessons learned: Although the [“Right to Know” Act \(EPCRA\)](#) did not become law in the U.S. until 1986, this disaster highlights the importance of proper storage of hazardous materials (not just chemicals), and ensuring adequate planning and notifications when hazardous materials are stored in a community. X-ray film can ignite when exposed to temperatures as low as 300 degrees, which can be generated by light bulbs or steam pipes. Fire experts believed the incident would not have been as serious had the x-ray film been stored in containers that would not allow fire to spread and in an area with sprinklers.

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.