



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

May 23-29, 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 –

- [Cascadia Rising Earthquake & Response Exercise Set for June 7-10](#)
- [Oregon settlement points to emergency alert device issues](#)
- [DHS announces new mission statement](#)
- [Search-and-rescue volunteers find new tools and methods at exhibition](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Weighing online and physical threats to the nation's electricity grid and other vital industries, senators said this week they were working with the Department of Homeland Security to craft a re-organization of its infrastructure protection function: [The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee want to rename the NPPD and reorganize it to better respond to cyberattacks on vital infrastructure.](#)
- 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 –

- The [Cascadia Rising](#) Functional Exercise takes place June 7-10, 2016

- A DOE Hanford full-scale exercise is scheduled for June 16, 2016., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., ECC Blue team
- A State quarterly operations functional exercise is scheduled for July 11, 2016, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., ECC Red Team

Community Engagement –

- Wednesday, June 1, the Red Cross hosts [Prepare Out Loud](#), a presentation designed to empower Oregonians to prepare for all disasters, including a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.
 - 6 – 7:30 p.m., Red Cross Cascades Region Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland
- Saturday, June 11, the third annual [First Responder 5k](#) will take place. 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 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. Pre-testing with the pilot PSAPs and wireless carriers is currently under way. 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 anticipated to be 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.
- On May 10, the federal government launched a 30-day, national engagement period to receive stakeholder input on designing and implementing a new Federal Mitigation Investment Strategy (FMIS). The purpose of FMIS is to identify, prioritize and guide federal investments in disaster resilience and hazard mitigation-related activities, and to make recommendations to the President and Congress on how the nation should prioritize future disaster resilience investments. The national engagement period will conclude June 7, 2016 at 5 p.m. To provide input and influence FMIS design and implementation, submit the [FMIS Stakeholder Input Template](#) to FEMA-FMIS@fema.dhs.gov.

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.

RAPTOR –

- We are migrating the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) version of RAPTOR over to the [OEM single-sign-on](#). Once the migration is complete, PCII users will be able to access PCII data from within the OEM single-sign-on (). We are on-track to have this completed by the end of May. If you'd like to become a PCII authorized user or would like to know more, 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.

Preparedness Tip –

Disaster can strike at any time. While it's impossible to predict every emergency, a first step to preparedness is conversation.

- Talk with your family, friends and co-workers about how to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

- Have a conversation with your neighbors to learn what resources they have and how they might be pooled to help the community (e.g., generator, chain saw, medical skills, etc.).
- Meet with school officials to learn their plan for an emergency and where you should meet your children in the event of a disaster.
- If you have a loved one in an assisted living facility, discuss the facility's emergency plan.
- Talk with your vet or local animal shelter to see if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets/livestock during a disaster.

Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring an [Information Systems Specialist 3](#) (9-1-1 GIS Database Analyst) position, application period closes May 31.
- OEM is hiring a [Program Analyst 3](#) (State Hazard Mitigation Officer) position, application period closes May 31.
- The City of Eugene is hiring an [Emergency Management Analyst](#), application period closes May 23.

Disaster of the Week –

May 28, 1977: [The Beverly Hills Supper Club](#), a popular nightclub in Southgate, Kentucky, caught fire shortly after 9 p.m. The fire killed 165 people and injured more than 200, making it the third deadliest night club fire in U.S. history.

Lessons learned: As with most disasters, review of the incident shed light on opportunities for actions that could have prevented the disaster, or minimized the damage and loss of life. The Supper Club lacked enough emergency exits having only 16, instead of the 27 required by the building's occupancy rating. Overcrowding, bad wiring (which was officially cited as the cause of the fire, although [some still speculate it was arson](#)), lack of an automatic sprinkler system and audible fire alarm all added to the deadly nature of the fire. An [important legacy of this fire](#) was the increased attention paid to the [mental health of first responders](#) following large disasters, many of whom spent hours pulling charred bodies from the burnt shell of the Supper Club after this tragedy. In 2013 (36 years after this disaster) the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office [honored Southgate Fire Dept.](#) with the Medal of Valor for the department's life-saving efforts that day.

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.