



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 11 – July 17, 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 –

- [Search and Rescue crews plan for days ahead](#)
- [Preparing for the unpredictable: megaquake, tsunami may forever alter the Pacific Northwest](#)
- [Our View: Eastern Oregon's role after Cascadia](#)
- [Up close with the Cascadia Subduction Zone](#)
- [NW firefighters urge homeowners to prep their place up for summer](#)

Hazards Update –

- Drought
 - Even though the past winter and spring brought some relief to drought across Oregon, water officials and emergency managers are closely monitoring [conditions this summer](#). Counties facing potential drought this year can now receive help faster. A new process for requesting a drought declaration under ORS 536 provides access to many water policy tools without requiring a declaration of emergency under ORS 401. Further details are available in the [memo and request template at the OWRD website](#) or at the monthly Drought Readiness Council meetings. For more information contact OEM's [Erik Rau](#) or 503-378-2911 x22252.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Wednesday, July 20, 9-11 a.m., the American Red Cross presents [Prepare Out Loud for Business \(American Red Cross & Tektronix\)](#) in Beaverton. Learn about local hazards in the Pacific Northwest, including the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Identify the primary sources of potential disruption for your organization and the key functions you need to maintain operations. Hear directly from top business leaders about the steps they're taking now to plan for emergencies as well as the tools available to engage employees, assess readiness, and strengthen resilience.
- August 16-18, FEMA Region X is accepting applications for a Maturing Public-Private Partnerships Workshop in Lynnwood, WA.
 - For more information contact Stacie Imuta at Stacie.imuta@fema.dhs.gov or 425-487-4772.

Training –

- FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute is now accepting application packages for the [2017 National Emergency Management Executive Academy](#). This Academy provides a comprehensive and cutting-edge curriculum to enhance strategic leadership and critical thinking for emergency management senior executives from all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.
 - Applications will be accepted through August 5, 2016. There are a limited number of seats and enrollment is competitive.
- 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 opened 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 State Quarterly Operations Functional Exercise is scheduled for July 21, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Engagement –

- Through its [Flood Apex Program](#), DHS S&T seeks to apply new technologies and solutions to the risks posed by flooding, risks that confront individuals, communities, states and regions. DHS S&T is hosting a [Facebook Town Hall on Flood Resilience](#) July 20, 2016 at 1 p.m. EDT. The focus of this session will be individual decision making, how can S&T and its partners help reduce flood fatalities, decrease uninsured losses and enable better mitigation decisions.
- Friday, July 22, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tigard CERT is sponsoring its annual Community Preparedness Fair at Cook Park.

Planning –

- FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their federal partners in the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee released a [Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures](#).
- The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration updated the [Guidance and Standards](#) used for flood mapping and risk analysis efforts. There were five standards with significant updates, three new standards, six standards with minor terminology updates and five rescinded standards in this maintenance cycle.
- Wednesday, June 15, FEMA posted the draft Individuals and Households Program Unified Guidance (IHPUG) to the [Federal Register](#) for public comment. The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial help or direct services to those who have necessary expenses and serious needs if they are unable to meet those needs through other means. FEMA strongly encourages all comments from the public and emergency management community to be submitted by August 1, 2016.
- Thursday, June 16, FEMA and its partners released the updated [National Planning Frameworks](#) for each mission area: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. The National Planning Frameworks are part of the [National Preparedness System](#) and set the strategy and doctrine for building, sustaining, and delivering the core capabilities identified in the National Preparedness Goal of building a secure and resilient nation.

9-1-1 Program –

- Attendees at the International CAD Consortium in Chicago, were surveyed for use of social media within a 9-1-1 center environment by DataTech 911 to gather information on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security’s Science & Technology Directorate. DataTech 911 is conducting a follow-up survey of social media use among 9-1-1, emergency management and first responder agencies. They ask this [survey](#) be taken by 9-1-1 agencies and shared as widely as possible among emergency management and first responder groups.
- August 29-31, is the annual [Oregon GIS Mapping and MSAG Coordinators Conference](#) at the Eagle Crest Resort. For more information contact Michael Gurley at Michael.gurley@state.or.us or 503-378-2977 x22284.

- 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.
- 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 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 –

- The [Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program \(SRGP\)](#) provides funding for seismic rehabilitation of critical public buildings, particularly public schools and emergency services facilities. The next application period opens July 1 and closes September 30. In order to apply, contact the Business Oregon SRGP Coordinator, [Gloria Zacharias](#), phone 503-986-0132.

Mitigation and Recovery –

- OEM continues its work with federal agencies on the Fire Management Assistant Grant (FMAG) – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) pilot program. OEM has also filed an extension and will provide updates in the near future.

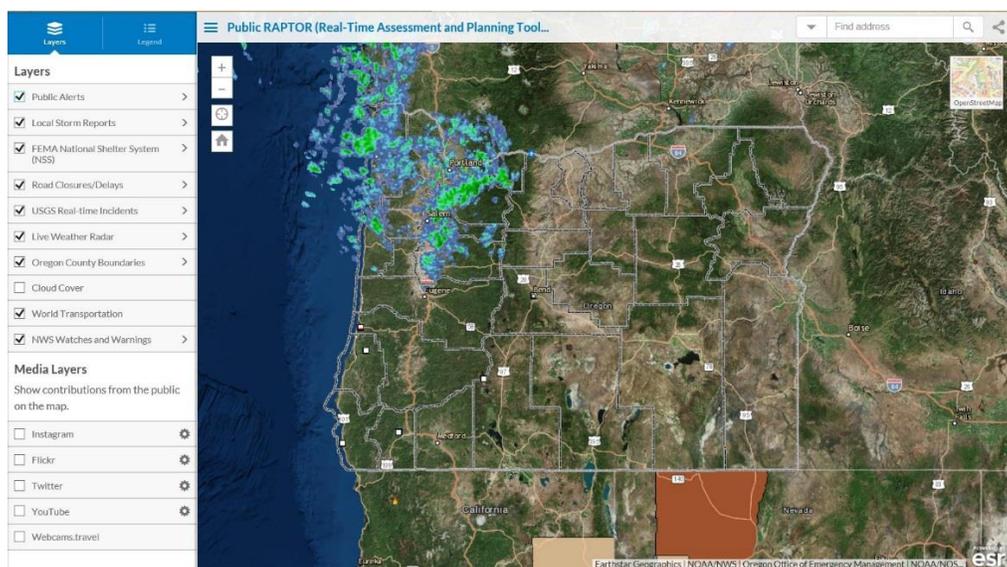
Updates from the Joint Field Office in Salem for DR 4258, the 2015 Pacific Storm Event –

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.

- The JFO will remain open until mid-July, with a small contingent of FEMA staff remaining until mid August.
- Port of Brookings will receive more than \$400K to cover damages to the harbor. The grant will help pay for dredging and hauling away of 9,325 cubic yards of sediment.

RAPTOR –

- The Real Time Assessment and Planning Tool for Oregon ([RAPTOR](#)) is now available for the public to view incident data about wildfires, areas impacted by flooding, live weather radar, contact information for county emergency managers and more. Specific elements of information on the new public map include weather watches and warnings, local storm reports, live weather radar, road closures/delays and active incidents.



SAR –

Members from the Oregon Search and Rescue community are continuing the search for remains from a small plane that crashed in the ocean north of Brookings.

John Belnap, the pilot; his son Max, 17; and a friend Ryan Merker, 17, were reported missing after failing to arrive in Grants Pass after leaving Brookings late on the Fourth of July.

Following an initial search by the Coast Guard, the search and rescue mission continues, and includes resources from Curry, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties—with coordination support from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

“This is a very difficult time for those close to the individuals involved in the crash, and we are working diligently to bring closure to this search mission,” said Scott Lucas Oregon Office of Emergency Management Search and Rescue Coordinator. “The work of the search and rescue personnel supporting this mission has been outstanding and it is great to see how well our search and rescue community comes together during difficult situations like this.”



Preparedness Tip –

Water Conservation Tips

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. For example, use it to water your indoor plants or garden.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year.
- Check all plumbing for leaks and have any leaks repaired by a plumber.
- Insulate your water pipes to reduce heat loss and prevent them from breaking.
- Choose appliances that are more energy and water efficient.

For more information on drought preparedness check [ready.gov/drought](https://www.ready.gov/drought).

The FEMA app is an essential tool to help your family prepare for emergencies. Download it free on the [iTunes App Store](https://www.apple.com/itunes/app-store) and [Google Play](https://www.google.com/play).

- Receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.
- Learn what to do before, during and after emergencies with safety tips.
- Share disaster damage photos on a verified photo-sharing platform.
- Prepare ahead of time with an emergency kit checklist and safety reminders.
- Get directions to open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person.

Now Hiring –

- City of Auburn, WA, is hiring an [Emergency Management Specialist](#), first review of applications begins July 13.
- Yamhill County is hiring an [Emergency Management Coordinator](#), application period closes July 21.
- American Red Cross, Vancouver, is hiring a [Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator](#) (AmeriCorps).
- Marion County Emergency Management is hiring a [Vulnerable Populations and Preparedness Planning](#) (AmeriCorps).
- Linn County Public Health is hiring a [Vulnerable Populations and Preparedness Planning](#) (AmeriCorps).
- The State Hazard Mitigation Officer position closed on May 31 and is in process.
- The 9-1-1 GIS Database Analyst position closed on May 31 and is in process.

Disaster of the Week –

July 11, 1997: [A fire at the 17-storey Royal Jomtien Resort Hotel](#) in Pattaya, Thailand [killed at least 91 people](#) and injured dozens more. The blaze, which burned for more than 12 hours, began in a coffee shop on the hotel's first floor before racing through the 450-room hotel.

Lessons learned: This tragedy underscores the importance of situational awareness when traveling, especially overseas where building and fire codes may not be as stringent (or effective) as they are in the U.S. Investigations revealed there were no smoke alarms or fire sprinklers in the hotel and survivors reported not receiving any type of warning that their hotel was on fire. The [U.S. State Department](#) has a wealth of safety and security tips and recommendations for those traveling abroad and the Federal Bureau of Investigations also provides [information on staying safe and secure](#) during international travel. The manager of the coffee shop where the fire began [was arrested and charged with negligence](#), stating that he had mistakenly opened a gas valve near an oven, causing the explosion.

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.