



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 22-28, 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 –

- [Include tools in this week's Think Big kit](#)
- [Record-setting triple digit high temperatures grip Western Oregon](#)
- [Congress moves the ShakeAlert earthquake warning system ahead](#)
- [Grand Ronde coordinates preparedness training with community, tribes, government](#)

OEM Phone System –

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management has a new phone system. While the main number remains the same, individuals in the office now have a direct dial line. The new system became effective on Monday, Aug. 15. Please check the updated directory posted [here](#).

Hazards Update –

- Drought
 - 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. Check [Drought Watch](#) to learn about drought conditions in Oregon.
- Wildfire
 - OEM has developed a [Wildfire Communications Toolkit](#) with suggested messages, templates and social media shareables for the 2016 fire season.
- Zika
 - Oregon does not have the type of mosquitos known to spread Zika so the risk of mosquitos spreading Zika in Oregon remains low. General information for the public (updated every Tuesday) may be found at www.healthoregon.org/zika.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- [Bakken Oil Transport: Emerging Risks Awareness Training](#) is a professional development course offered by The Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety. Hear a first-hand account of the recent incident response in Mosier, Oregon. Hazmat Rail Coordinator Chad Hawkins with the Oregon Office of the State Fire marshal will share his experience and discuss preparedness for the future. The course is an opportunity to learn what your municipalities, communities and organizations need to know to be prepared in the event of a rail incident.
 - Thursday, August 25, Sheet Metal Institute, 2379 NE 178 Ave. in Portland.

Training –

- OEM hosts an “OEM 101” meet and greet for local and tribal emergency managers on August 25 from 8 a.m. to noon in our office. Contact Kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us if you have questions or to register.
- Several classes in Psychological First Aid are available:
 - [Psychological First Aide](#) (PFA) – This course was developed by the National Center for PTSD and the National Child Traumatic Stress Network through the support of SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services). Cannon Beach: Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Host: Cannon Beach Medical Reserve Corps.
 - [Red Cross - Psychological First Aid](#) (PFA) – The American Red Cross course is to prepare all first responders to provide basic care, comfort and support to people who are experiencing disaster-related stress. Wednesday, September 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, 1400 W 8th St. The Dalles, OR.
 - [Red Cross - Psychological First Aid and Resilience for Families, Friends & Neighbors](#) – This 4-hour modular curriculum teaches participants how to build their own resilience and the ability to recover quickly after difficult times. Wednesday, September 14, 2 – 6 p.m. Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, 1400 W 8th St. The Dalles, OR.
- 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

Community Engagement –

- September 10 – Get Ready Salem, a free family-focused event hosted by NW Natural and local emergency groups, takes place on the Capitol Steps and Mall in Salem from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional events are scheduled on September 10 in Astoria and Coos Bay, on September 17 in Lincoln city and Gresham, and on September 24 in The Dalles.
- September 19-22 - [2016 Washington State Emergency Management Association Conference](#), Northern Quest Resort in Spokane.
- September 28 – October 1 - [American Society of Civil Engineers \(ASCE\) Convention](#).
- Friday, September 30, 9:30- 11:30 a.m. Prepare Out Loud – The American Red Cross discusses how to prepare yourself and your business for an earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Port of Tillamook Bay Board Room. Contact: Mark Labhart, Chair, Tillamook County Board of Commissioners; 201 Laurel, Tillamook, OR 97141 or 503-842-3403.
- October 4-6, the [Oregon Emergency Management Association \(OEMA\) 2016 Conference](#) 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.

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.

9-1-1 Program –

- 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.

Grants –

- OEM received its FY16 EMPG federal grant award August 12. Staff will conduct a review of the terms and conditions to determine those which must go into subrecipient agreements. Once done, the subrecipient agreements will be reviewed by DOJ. We anticipate having the subrecipient awards about by September 15. If you haven't submitted your revised budget yet, please do so ASAP. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Jo Craigmiles at 503-378-2865.
- 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 (HMGP) 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 –

Public entities in 14 counties (Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill) qualified to receive federal disaster assistance after the December 2015 Pacific Storm event.

- The JFO closed July 15; a small contingent of FEMA staff remain in Salem fulfilling public assistance grants. They expect to be on site through September.

RAPTOR –

Be sure to check out the fire configuration of RAPTOR to stay up-to-date with current wildfire activity, perimeters, and air quality.

Preparedness Tip –

While the beginning of the week offers some cool temperatures, the weather is expected to heat up again by the weekend. In these last days of summer vacation, use extra caution when keeping cool in the pool or local swimming holes:

- Swim in designated areas supervised by a lifeguard.
- Always swim with a buddy, never alone.
- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket and make sure it [fits appropriately](#).
- Never leave children unattended near water and maintain constant supervision.
- Wear sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself from the sun.

Now Hiring –

- PBEM is hiring an [Exercise and Training Coordinator \(Program Coordinator\)](#).
- Cowlitz County is hiring a [Local Emergency Response Coordinator](#).
- Columbia County has an open [Public Affairs Coordinator](#) position.

Disaster of the Week –

August 28, 1988: [An air show at US Ramstein Air Base](#) in Ramstein, (West) Germany went horribly wrong when Italian Air Force pilots collided mid-air, sending three fighter jets crashing into the 300,000 spectators on the ground below,

killing 67 spectators and three pilots. This was the worst air show disaster at the time. [Numerous video recordings](#) of the incident were made and helped investigators determine what went wrong during the Italian's stunt routine.

Lessons learned: This tragedy highlighted the difficulty in managing mass-casualty incidents at large public gatherings, a difficulty further compounded by different medical standards and equipment of the U.S. military and the German emergency medical responders who were needed to treat and transport the casualties. Patients were transported quickly, with 500 injured patients transported to 21 different medical facilities within 96 minutes of the disaster. However, the number of patients made tracking casualties difficult and many families had to wait days, in some cases, to find out the location or status of their loved ones. Moving patients out of and getting responders in to the crash zone proved difficult given the chaos and mass self-evacuation that followed the disaster, leading emergency planners to develop better means of egress and designated emergency vehicle lanes for large public events.

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.