



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

September 6 – 11, 2016

Message from the Director – OEM Director Andrew Phelps discusses preparedness month and a cooking competition using nonperishable ingredients that might be found in an emergency kit in the week's video:

https://youtu.be/Jo_yy6D0Qck

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 –

- [SURVIVING: National Preparedness Month](#)
- [Year out from eclipse, local hotels maxed out](#)
- [Are schools prepared for Cascadia earthquake?](#)
- [In Puzzle of Oklahoma's Earthquakes, New Data May Provide Clues](#)

OEM Phone System –

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) recently upgraded to a new phone system. While the main number remains the same, individuals in the office now have a new direct dial line. Please check our [updated directory](#).

National Preparedness Month –

- September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare now and throughout the year for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work and visit. Join us on social media using #NtlPrep and/or #OrPrep.

2016 Preparedness Month Weekly Themes –

- August 28-September 3
Kickoff to National Preparedness Month
- Week 2: September 4-10
Preparing Family & Friends

Make a family emergency communication plan

- Week 3: September 11-17
Preparing Through Service
Honor 9/11 by getting involved in your community & planning with neighbors.
- Week 4: September 18-24
Individual Preparedness
Take individual steps to prepare for a disaster today like downloading the FEMA app.
- Week 5: September 25-30
Lead up to National PrepareAthon Day

Be counted and register your preparedness event for National PrepareAthon Day!

Support a Weather Ready Nation –

Hard to believe meteorological fall is already here! Please take a look at our safety content for the coming autumn months.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/fall_safety.html

Suggested Actions to Take:

- Share content with your employees
- Engage your stakeholders by linking from your website and/or post via social media

Here are example posts:

- Facebook: Here's what you Autumn know to stay safe this fall! Get ready for fall weather with preparedness tips from the National Weather Service. www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/fall_safety.html #OrPrep
- Twitter: Get ready for fall weather with preparedness tips from the National Weather Service. #FallSafety www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/fall_safety.html #OrPrep

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 [Erik Rau](#) or 503-378-3252.
- Wildfire
 - OEM has developed a [Wildfire Communications Toolkit](#) with suggested messages, templates and social media shareables for the 2016 fire season. OEM has also updated the [Wildfire Factsheet](#).
- 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.

Training –

- Several classes in Psychological First Aid are available:
 - [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 –

- Has your agency or organization registered to be part of the [Great Oregon ShakeOut](#) on October 20? Our goal this year is 600,000. Sign up and submit your letter of support today!
- September 10 | [CRESA 911 Center Open House](#)
- September 10 | [Get Ready Coos Bay](#)
- September 10 | [Get Ready North Coast](#)
- September 10 | [Get Ready Salem](#)
- September 17 | [Get Ready Gresham](#)
- September 17 | [Get Ready Lincoln County](#)
- September 24 | [Get Ready The Dalles](#)
- September 17 | [Prepare Fair Columbia City](#)
- 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](#).
- 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 –

- The Portland Dispatch Center Consortium Text to 9-1-1 pilot was launched on August 23, with a kickoff press conference held at Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency. The pilot of this web-based application is for a 6-month period. If the pilot proves successful, it is anticipated that the Text to 9-1-1 web-based application will be fully implemented statewide by July 2017.
- The 9-1-1 Program is pleased to announce the hiring of Scott Layne, who will serve as the new 9-1-1 GIS Database Analyst. Scott can be reached at scott.layne@state.or.us or 503-934-0899.
- 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. All 5 pilot sites have now successfully been cut over to the new IP based network as well as several other PSAP locations.
- Check the [OEM web site](#) for project updates.

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 opened July 1 and closes September 30. In order to apply, contact the Business Oregon SRGP Coordinator, [Gloria Zacharias](#), phone 503-986-0132.
- The FY17 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) DRAFT Investment Justification document has been released for comment. All comments must be received no later than, close of business, Friday, September 9, 2016.

Mitigation and Recovery —

- OEM continues its work with federal agencies on the Fire Management Assistance 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 –

RAPTOR has been updated to include data from our island mapping project, which displays areas on the coast that would be isolated during a tsunami event. This data layer is loaded on the default and earthquake/tsunami configurations of RAPTOR and titled as “Isolated Populations”.

Preparedness Tip –

- Consider individuals with [disabilities or access and functional needs](#) when planning for emergencies and check out this [unique instructional video](#) containing information specific to Americans with disabilities or other access and functional needs regarding emergency preparedness.

Now Hiring –

- Cowlitz County is hiring a [Local Emergency Response Coordinator](#).
- Columbia County has an open [Public Affairs Coordinator](#) position.

Disaster of the Week –

September 11, 2001: Four hijacked airliners were used as weapons in the [worst terrorist attack ever to hit US soil](#). Two passenger jets struck two towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third jet struck the Pentagon in northern Virginia, and a fourth crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania as passengers attempted to wrestle control of the aircraft from the hijackers. Approximately 3000 civilians were killed during the attacks and more than 400 first responders lost their lives attempting rescues at the World Trade Center.

Lessons learned: In the world of disaster response, you often hear the phrase “all disasters are local”. While disasters begin with local agencies responding to the first calls for help and end with local agencies facilitating the community recovery process, September 11th demonstrated that all disasters are personal. Each of us is affected by emergencies or disasters in a different way, whether the emergency is a car accident involving a loved one or a catastrophe on the scale of 9/11. 9/11 is still deeply personal for many of us and continues to

impact what we do every day. For those not directly impacted by a disaster, sometimes the feeling of helplessness is worse than the trauma of the disaster itself. Taking a few steps to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for an emergency can make a huge difference between being a disaster victim or a disaster survivor. This September, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management encourages you to take a look at your community and remind yourself of the hazards you face, what you may need in an emergency, and how to stay connected during a disaster.

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.