



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 20 - 26, 2015

Message from the Director –

A message from Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps.

Weather –

Watches/Warnings in effect:

- Red flag warning – noon Monday to 8PM Tuesday – lower Columbia basin
- Fire watch – Tuesday afternoon through Tuesday night – Klamath/Lake/western Harney County

Temperature forecast:

- Today = highs in the valley in mid-upper 80's (90's in southern Oregon), 60's on the coast, upper 80's/lower 90's east of the cascades.
- Tomorrow = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, 80's east of the cascades.
- Wednesday = highs in the valley in upper 70's, 60's on the coast, upper 70's/low 80's east of the cascades.
- Thursday = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, lower 80's east of the cascades.
- Friday = highs in the valley in mid 80's, 60's on the coast, upper low 80's east of the cascades.
- Saturday = highs in the valley in mid 80's, 60's on the coast, mid/upper 80's east of the cascades.
- Sunday = highs in the valley in mid 80's, 60's on the coast, mid/upper 80's east of the cascades.

Possibility of thunderstorms in southeastern Oregon Tuesday through Wednesday.

You can view the weekly forecast here: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/oregonWeek.php#tabs>.

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

Training –

- For new training opportunities view the [training calendar](#).

Exercises –

- Cascadia Rising Exercise Mid-term Planning Meeting (MPM) Sept . 6, Location TBD
 - Contact Bill Martin to register: bill.martin@oem.state.or.us.
- ECC Operations drill scheduled for August 13. The exercise will focus on:

- ESF-5 – Information and Planning
- ESF-12 – Energy
- ESF-13 – Military Support
- ESF-16 – Law Enforcement
- Addictions and Mental Health Services is sponsoring a FEMA Tabletop Exercise - <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/amh/Pages/amh-fema-training.aspx> .

Community Engagement –

- Red Cross Cascades Region is inviting Oregonians and Southwest Washingtonians to join Aug. 1 for the second annual Camp Prepare!
 - This region-wide coordinated camping event invites people of all ages to experience life using only the contents of their preparedness kits.
 - For more information or to register click [here](#).
- OEM is looking for letters of support from ShakeOut Partners, Organizers, Sponsors, and others for the [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
 - Here are examples of [past letters](#) if you are interested
- [Registration](#) is now open for the 2nd Annual [Race the Wave](#) in Cannon Beach.
 - 5/10k run/walk on tsunami route.
 - Prep fair after with giveaways at emergency supply cache above inundation zone.

E 9-1-1 –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT) and the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS) continue to meet for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- The Frame Relay is used today to deliver Automatic Location Information (ALI) along with the 9-1-1 call to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
- The Frame Relay architecture is at end-of-life.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ALI database services was released to ORPIN on June 3, 2015.
- The Vendor Proposal due date was extended to July 21, 2015.
- The Frame Relay Replacement Project Executive Sponsor has assembled a seven (7) member RFP evaluation committee.
- The committee will meet on July 24, 2015

In the News –

- [The Really Big One](#)
- [The New Yorker earthquake article unleashes tsunami of social media: 8 takeaways](#)
- [Small items make big difference in future quake](#)
- [How To Prepare For The Cascadia Megaquake](#)

Grants –

- 2015 EMPG Update:
 - FEMA Region X has approved Oregon’s FY15 grant application and anticipates awarding our funding by the end of July.
 - Submitted 2015 EMPG work plans have been reviewed and approved.

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the EMPG program, please contact Kelly Jo Craigmiles (Kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us; 503-378-2911 x22246).
- Close-out of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for DR-1733 (December 2007 flood disaster) with FEMA is moving toward completion.
- HMGP for DR-1824 (2008 Severe Winter Storm) is now in the close-out phase with FEMA.
- FEMA continues to review and obligate funding for HMGP projects from DR- 4169 (February 2014 Severe Winter Storm).
- The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 were announced by FEMA on May 29 with the opening of the application period.
 - Detailed information can be found on OEM’s Home Page. The sub-application deadline to OEM is Aug. 14.
- On June 15, FEMA Region X pre-approved the “updated” Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (with Enhanced status) pending promulgation by the Governor; currently being scheduled for early July.

Planning –

- OEM is hosting a Cascadia Planning Summit on Aug 7 to share statewide strategies about Cascadia Planning
 - Contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x 22233 or zach.swick@oem.state.or.us for more information
- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.
- The Request for Proposals to supply a statewide solution for COOP services was posted to the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) on July 2. RFP number: DASPS-1110-15.
 - The RFP will close on Aug. 3, and then accepted proposals will be formally evaluated by a group of COOP planners.
 - This evaluation process, along with standard RFP and contract activity, will probably last about one month.
 - Contact Erik Rau erik.rau@oem.state.or.us with questions.
- The new version of the Cascadia Playbook is here
 - Cascadia Playbooks remain controlled and tracked documents with specific numbers assigned.
 - In order to receive a new Playbook, you will need to turn in the expired Playbook.
 - If you are planning a trip to Salem / OEM, please bring your old Playbook, so we can swap it.
 - To coordinate your “Playbook Swap”, please contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x22233 or zach.swick@oem.state.or.us.

Wildfires Information –

- <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/> - This page is designed to provide for timely and official fire information about wildland fires across the Pacific Northwest. The information is posted by the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in partnership with Public Information Officers that work for federal, state and local fire agencies and is drawn from official sources within the wildland fire community.
- <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> - This site is an effort by many city, county, tribal, state and federal agencies to coordinate and aggregate information for Oregon communities affected by

wildfire smoke. The information is posted here by the agencies themselves while volunteers built and are maintaining the page.

- <http://wildfireoregondptofforestry.blogspot.com/> - Current information about fires on Oregon Department of Forestry, department-protected lands.
- [Wildfires facts sheet.](#)

Current Fires –

Sources: http://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/fire_info.aspx
<http://inciweb.nwcc.gov/state/38/>

Drought Information –

- For current drought information go to the Water Resources Department [Drought page.](#)
- [Drought facts sheet.](#)
- [http://www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/Pages/Drought.aspx.](http://www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/Pages/Drought.aspx)
- Drought conditions persist across much of Oregon, with many eyes watching conditions closely. Emergency managers can take several actions if cities, districts, or elected officials have questions: public information messages and descriptions of federal programs are available upon request.
- Counties that have gone through these committees and have been forwarded to the Governor's Office with a recommendation for drought declaration are: Curry, Hood River, and Union.
- A Governor's declared drought is in place for 2015 in the following counties: Baker, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco and Wheeler.
- Contact Erik Rau (erik.rau@oem.state.or.us) with questions.

Geologic Hazards –

- There was an earthquake swarm on the Nevada border.
- There was an M 4.6 on July 15 that was preceded by an M 4. The M 4.6 was felt in Lakeview.
- [http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/nn00501944#general_summary.](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/nn00501944#general_summary)
- [Map of earthquakes in the last two weeks in Washington, Oregon, and neighboring regions.](#)

Preparedness Tip –

It is recommended that homeowners install an automatic shutoff valve for their natural gas. Fires are all too common after an earthquake. Other recommended retrofits are bolting the house to the foundation, strengthening cripple walls, and removing unreinforced masonry fire places.

Take look at this publication on seismically retrofitting homes if you would like to learn more:
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1446-20490-6333/fema-530.pdf>

Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring an Oregon State Service Corps AmeriCorps [Emergency Preparedness Specialist.](#)
- OEM is in the process of hiring an Information Systems Specialist 7 (Network Analyst).
- OEM is in the process of hiring a Part Time Public Affairs Specialist 3.

- OEM has a Public Private Community Affairs Liaison vacancy. An announcement will be made once this position has posted.

Disaster of the Week –

July 23, 1976: 182 people fall ill [while attending an American Legion convention](#) in Philadelphia, PA. 29 of these convention attendees, known as “Legionnaires” because of their affiliation with the American Legion, would die as a result of this novel and severe form of pneumonia, which is now known as [Legionnaires' disease](#).

Lessons learned: The bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease is not spread through person-to-person contact, but is spread when it contaminates aerosolized water or soil and is commonly spread through hot tubs, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems of large buildings like hotels and offices. The disease, which has killed or sickened hundreds of people (with some believing the first outbreaks may have occurred as early as the 1940s) and causes thousands to be hospitalized in the US each year can be prevented through proper maintenance of drinking water systems, [hot tubs](#), decorative fountains, [HVAC systems](#) and cooling towers.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

Nothing to update

Disaster Recovery –

Nothing to update

Emergency Coordination Center –

- No activities this week, Level I Standby. Staff continues to monitor wildfires.
- OEM is continuing to develop the Oregon Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST).
 - The next VOST training webinar for those interested in being on the Oregon VOST team is on Jul 29, 2015 at 2:00 PM PDT.
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6744290343236371713>
 - For more information on Oregon VOST contact Cory Grogan; cory.grogan@state.or.us.