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State of Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Overview

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for preparing and updating a statewide emergency management plan. This comprehensive plan consists of a set of strategic and operational documents that define principles and priorities, assign roles and responsibilities, and direct action in all phases of emergency management.

- **OEM Strategic Plan.** The OEM Strategic Plan defines the vision, mission, and core values of OEM. The Strategic Plan defines goals and objectives based on identified strategic issues. The Strategic Plan emphasizes the primary importance of protecting lives, property and the environment; providing excellent customer service; providing resources for the job to get done; and engaging partners in a collaborative approach.
- **Operational Plans.** The State of Oregon CEMP operational plans are divided into four volumes. Each volume addresses a specific phase of emergency management.

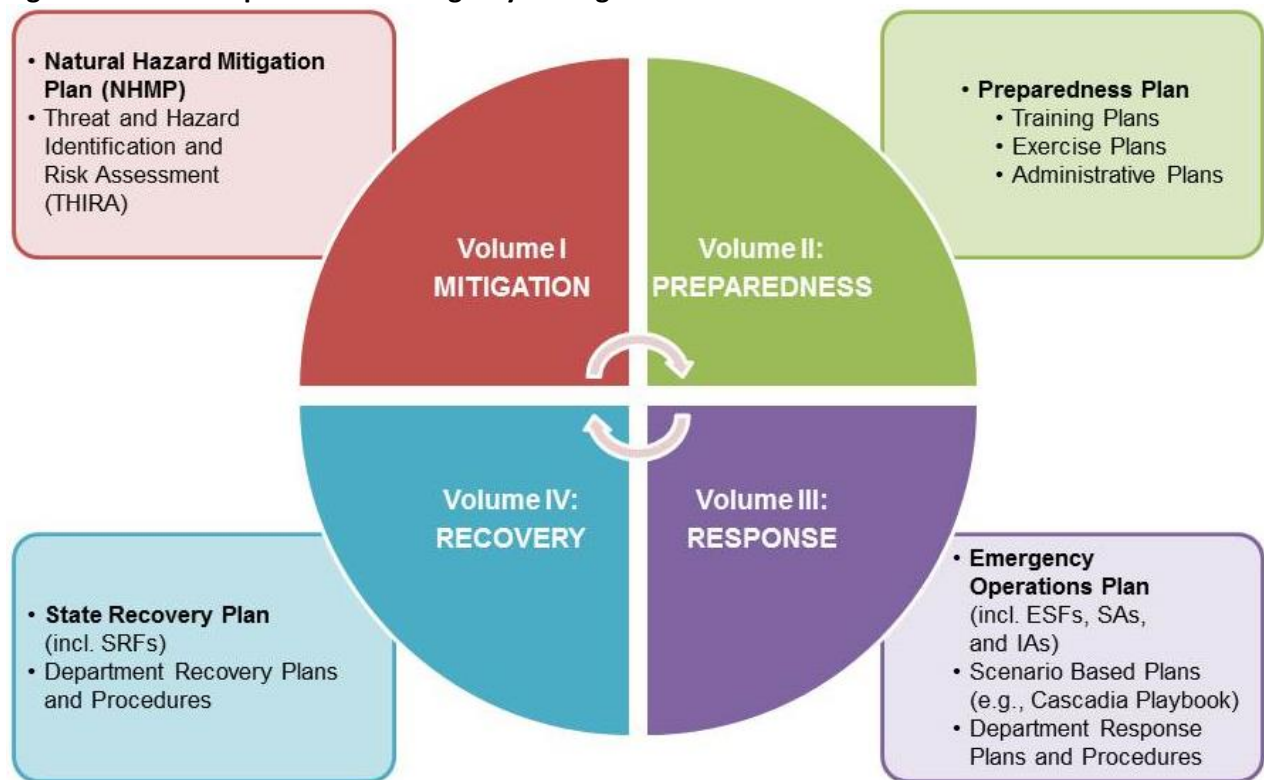
Volume I – Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). The NHMP identifies natural hazards and vulnerabilities in Oregon, and proposes a strategy to mitigate risk, and address recurring disasters.

Volume II – Preparedness Plan. This plan provides requirements and guidance for each step of the emergency preparedness cycle, including planning, organization and equipment, training, exercise, and evaluation and improvement.

Volume III –State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan (State EOP). The State EOP describes the organization used by the state to respond to emergencies and disasters. It describes common incident management and response functions applicable in all-hazards response.

Volume IV – Recovery Plan. The Recovery Plan describes the organization used by the state to assist communities recovering from disasters. It is primarily targeted at large- and catastrophic-scale disasters but can be applied in any recovery situation.

Support Plans. OEM and partner agencies have developed operational and scenario-based documents to address specific procedures in preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters. Examples include annexes to the State EOP and the Recovery Plan, as well as independent documents such as the Cascadia Playbook and the Oregon Disaster Housing Strategy.

Figure 0-1 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Letter of Adoption

Volume III of the State of Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, known as the *State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan*, addresses how the State of Oregon will respond to emergencies and disasters that require response beyond local or tribal jurisdictions.

This plan supports Oregon's Revised Statute chapter 401 and is consistent with the National Response Framework published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

I have reviewed this updated version of the *State of Oregon Operations Plan* and am pleased to approve it as part of our ongoing commitment to develop and enhance capabilities to protect the lives, property and environment of the whole community.

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Andrew J. Phelps, Director
Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management

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Executive Signatory Page

I am pleased to officially promulgate the *State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan*, Volume III of the *State of Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*.

Promulgation of this plan is inclusive of plan appendices and annexes. Great effort has been made to describe the roles of coordinating, primary, and supporting state agencies that play a role in disaster response.

Periodic changes to this plan will be made as the review process and events dictate.

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Kate Brown
Governor
State of Oregon

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Plan Administration

Each state department/agency is expected to develop and maintain policies and procedures (e.g., department/agency emergency plans, standard operating procedures, Continuity of Operations Plans/Business Continuity Plans) in support of the State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan.

In addition, assigned state departments/agencies are responsible for updating and maintaining their annex to the State EOP and portions of the Basic Plan, as appropriate, including new Presidential Directives, legislative changes, and procedural changes based on lessons learned from exercises and actual events. No proposed change should contradict or override authorities or other plans contained in a statute, Executive Order, or regulation that governs the basic requirements of the State EOP.

OEM is responsible for coordinating and approving all proposed modifications to the State EOP with the assistance of primary and support agencies and other stakeholders as required. Once published, the modifications are considered part of the State EOP for operational purposes. Copies of revisions are then distributed as appropriate and required.

Record of Plan Changes

All updates and revisions to this plan will be tracked and recorded in the following table. This process will ensure that the most recent version of the plan is disseminated and implemented by emergency response personnel.

Date	Change No.	Summary of Changes
5/2017	n/a	Plan promulgated with Governor's signature.
11/2018	1	Plan reviewed by OEM staff members; basic plan reviewed for consistency with State ECC procedures; copy edited for clarity and accuracy.
2/2019	2	Plan reviewed by OERS Council agencies; state agency roles and responsibilities adjusted based on agency feedback.
4/2019	3	Plan reviewed by OEM leadership; changes to front matter.
6/2019	4	Plan finalized and published with OEM Director signature.
1/2020	5	Established plan update schedule for realignment and review of Emergency Support Functions; synchronized with earlier efforts on State ECC procedures.
3/2020	6	Broad activation of State EOP for COVID-19 response—AAR to follow.
6/2020	7	Reviewed and modified plan update schedule based on ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery activity.
9/2020	8	Broad activation of State EOP for multiple wildfire responses—AAR to follow.
11/2020	9	Reviewed and modified plan update schedule based on ongoing wildfire response and recovery activity.

Date	Change No.	Summary of Changes
1/2021	10	<p>ESF Realignment : Working with lead agencies, OEM realigned several ESFs between 1/2020 and 6/2021, in order to both reestablish consistency with federal ESF numbering, and accommodate new developments. The following ESF updates have been made throughout the plan to be consistent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESF 6-Mass Care resumed the functions of the former ESF 11-Food and Water, which is now deprecated. • ESF 11-Animals, Agriculture, and Natural Resources renumbered for consistency with federal ESF numbering, and renamed from previous title of ESF 17-Animal and Agriculture Protection. • ESF 13-Law Enforcement renumbered from ESF 16-Law Enforcement for consistency with federal ESF numbering. • ESF 14-Business and Industry renumbered from ESF 18-Business and Industry for consistency with federal ESF numbering. • ESF 15-Public Information renumbered from ESF 14-Public Information for consistency with federal ESF numbering. • ESF 16-Volunteers and Donations renumbered from ESF 15-Volunteers and Donations. • ESF 17-Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security developed based on event and exercise feedback. • ESF 18-Military Support renumbered from ESF 13-Military Support. • Updated Page 27 & 28 Section 3.3.4 Table to address changes listed above.
12/2021	11	ESF 4 Review and Update Per Senate Bill 762 with OSFM, ODF and OEM.
4/2022	12	ESF 17 Review and Update with DAS – EIS (Cyber Security Services) and the Oregon Titan Fusion Center

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- Department of Energy
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Forestry
- Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
- Health Authority
- Housing and Community Services
- Department of Human Services
- Judicial Department
- Department of Justice
- Department of Land Conservation and Development
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- Travel Oregon
- Department of Veterans Affairs
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1 Introduction

1.1 Summary

This plan, the State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan (State EOP), is the third volume of a framework that protects the people, natural and cultural resources of Oregon: State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The State EOP coordinates emergency operations planning across levels of government including state, tribal, local, and federal, in order to provide a more effective response to emergency events. This coordination also engages non-governmental organizations and private-sector businesses that provide vital services before, during, and after an event.

An important part of the context for the State EOP is the tenet that disasters are managed at the smallest jurisdictional level possible for effective response. Thus, many incidents are resolved every day by public safety responders within the parameters of their standard resources. In most cases, state government response is brought to bear after one or more local governments have exhausted their own resources and are requesting assistance. Since it is not always clear at the outset which incidents will grow to require this assistance, however, the State EOP is an all-hazards plan that promotes scalable, flexible, and adaptable responses that complement initial response efforts.

This plan accomplishes that not only through the basic plan, but also through several types of annexes. Support annexes address broad areas of coordination across many phases of emergency management, emergency support function annexes define the execution in specific areas of action during response, and incident annexes provide relevant details for specific hazards.

In addition, there are a wide variety of situations that, while severe, do not require emergency action of the nature of this plan: the specific natures of these situations, as well as state agency response actions, are explained in more detail in various incident annexes and Emergency Support Function annexes. Crucially, however, the State EOP is intended primarily to coordinate emergency management during an event that ‘causes or threatens widespread loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss.’ (ORS 401.025)

1.2 Authority and Guidance

The State EOP is developed under the authority of Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 401, which assigns responsibility to the Governor for the emergency services system within the State of Oregon (ORS 401.035). The Governor has delegated the responsibility for coordination of the state’s emergency program, including coordination of response activities, to the Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) (ORS 401.052).

The State EOP has also been designed to be consistent with federal guidance including the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the National Response Framework (NRF), and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act). Additional items of relevant federal guidance are also listed, though none have direct legal authority.

Legal Authorities (Oregon Revised Statutes)

- ORS 401 Emergency Management and Services
- ORS 402 Emergency Mutual Assistance Agreements

Relevant Federal Guidance

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5: Management of Domestic Incidents, 2003
- Presidential Policy Directive (PPD) 8: National Preparedness, 2011
- Public Law 93-288: Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), amended 2013
- Public Law 109-295: Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA), 2007
- FEMA Community Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101, 2010 edition
- US Department of Homeland Security National Incident Management System (NIMS), 2008
- USDHS National Preparedness Goal (NPG), 2011
- USDHS National Response Framework (NRF), 2016

1.3 Purpose and Scope

1.3.1 Purpose

This plan, the State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan (State EOP), defines operational structures to perform the following functions:

- Coordinate emergency management plans at the federal, state, tribal, and local government levels.
- Activation of the state's Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) and associated functions.
- Effectively utilize government (federal, state, tribal, and local), non-governmental organizations, and private sector resources through the response mission area of emergency management.
- Enabling immediate activities that address long-term recovery consequences in the impacted areas.

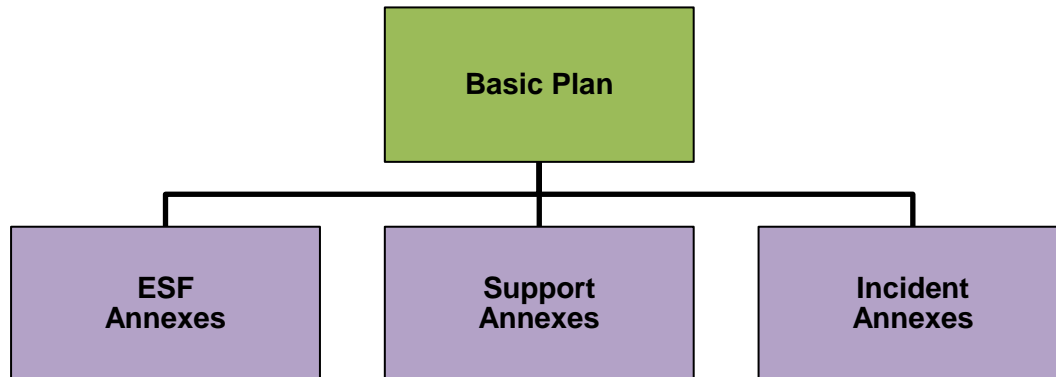
These functions will be accomplished through a basic plan, support annexes, emergency support function (ESF) annexes, and incident annexes, each of which is detailed later in this document.

1.3.2 Scope

This plan addresses a response coordinated among federal, state, local, and tribal government in responding to emergency events that cause or threaten widespread loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss to the people, environment, and culture of Oregon.

1.4 Plan Organization

Figure 1-1 State of Oregon Emergency Operations Plan Organization



1.4.1 Basic Plan

The purpose of the Basic Plan is to provide a framework for emergency operations and information regarding the State’s emergency management structure. Specifically, the Basic Plan consists of the following chapters:

- **Introduction** – Identifies the authority, purpose, scope, and guiding principles for the plan; describes the plan’s organizational structure; and explains the plan’s relationship to other planning efforts.
- **Situation and Planning Assumptions** – Describes the scenarios that the plan is designed to address; describes the recovery continuum; identifies special considerations for recovery in Oregon.
- **Roles and Responsibilities** – Describes the roles and responsibilities for elected officials, state agencies, and key response partners.
- **Concept of Operations** – Describes how the state will conduct its emergency operations and coordinate with other agencies and jurisdictions.
- **Emergency Coordination** – Describes the state’s emergency response structure, including information regarding the ECC.

1.4.2 Emergency Support Function Annexes

The Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) focus on critical capabilities and resources provided by emergency response agencies across many phases of an emergency. Each ESF has its own statements of Purpose and Scope, as well as additional detail on roles and responsibilities surrounding that activity.

Those elements in the ESFs are developed and conducted by one or two lead agencies and several supporting agencies. In many cases, the capabilities of the lead agency do not correspond perfectly to the purpose and scope of the ESF, but the addition of supporting agencies provides the necessary breadth of resources and mandates to conduct the required activity.

Furthermore, in many cases the state government role in emergency management is that of supporting and coordinating local and tribal governments in direct operations. Whether those local and tribal

emergency management programs themselves have emergency support functions is immaterial—state agencies organized in this way can deliver support as needed, or identify external (from other states or from federal agencies) resources as needed.

1.4.3 Support Annexes

Support Annexes describe functions that do not fit within the scope of ESFs and identify how state agencies, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations coordinate to execute a common support function required during an incident. The actions described in the SAs are not limited to particular types of events, but are overarching in nature and applicable to nearly every type of incident.

1.4.4 Incident Annexes

While the State EOP has been developed as an all-hazards planning document, some hazards may require unique considerations. To that end, Incident Annexes (IAs) supplement the Basic Plan to identify critical tasks particular to specific natural, technological, and human-caused hazards identified in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment.

2 Situation and Planning Assumptions

2.1 Planning Assumptions

These are specific tenets identified during the course of preparing this plan, but they are not an exhaustive list of initial conditions.

- Hazards, both natural and human-caused, are a continual part of our landscape: when viewed at natural time scales longer than our recent memories, events such as earthquakes, floods, wildland fires, and landslides re-occur fairly often. Once-in-a-lifetime events for us may be routine occurrences across the geography of Oregon.
- Resources from within Oregon may be unable to satisfy all high priority resource requests during an emergency. Resources to meet those requests may come from other states, from federal agencies, or even from international partners, but those out-of-area resources may take several days to arrive.
- During a response by the state of Oregon to an emergency, at least one other state-level event may be occurring simultaneously in the Pacific Northwest region, placing additional constraints on resources, transportation routes, and decision-making attention.
- Inclusive planning that addresses the needs of the whole community increases the efficacy of response by improving both resource allocation and self-sufficiency.
- Communities, businesses, and government agencies will attempt to use internal resources to care for members of their own groups following an emergency.

2.2 Situation

Geographically, Oregon extends from the Pacific Coast across river valleys and the Cascade Range to high desert and rugged eastern mountains. Four million people from thirty-six counties and nine federally recognized tribes live, work, and play in this dynamic environment across nearly a hundred thousand square miles.

Variations in landscapes produce corresponding vulnerabilities to hazards: tsunamis are confined to coastal areas, whereas others occur statewide but with varying effects. Floods in rangeland take a very different form and produce very different effects than they do in coastal streams; fires in Coast Range timber burn dramatically differently than those in the central Oregon high desert; winter weather in the Columbia Gorge can be much more severe than in the Willamette Valley metropolitan areas.

Disasters occur as a predictable interaction among three broad systems: natural systems (e.g., watersheds and continental plates), the built environment (e.g., cities and roads), and social systems (community organization infrastructure that includes demographics, business climate, service provision, etc.). What is not predictable is exactly when natural hazards will occur or the extent to which they will affect communities within the state.

Several documents provide complementary analyses of hazards and risks for the state of Oregon. All of this information is used to develop Incident Annexes for the State EOP, which in turn provide detailed operational roles, responsibilities, and actions relevant to the individual hazards beyond the Basic Plan.

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (THIRA) process includes both natural and human-caused hazards in a scenario- and capability-driven format, with the resulting State Preparedness Report aggregating input from local and tribal emergency managers. These documents are available from the main OEM website. (<http://www.oregon.gov/oem>)

The Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) provided by OEM for use in local and tribal emergency management plans provides a simple numerical calculation that permits comparative ranking of hazards for those jurisdictions. The summary of these comparative rankings is provided in the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The more thorough Risk Assessment in the state Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) uses highly detailed research by subject matter experts to produce in-depth analysis for hazards and vulnerabilities region-by-region across the state. The lead agency for the NHMP is the Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the plan is hosted on their website. (www.oregon.gov/LCD/HAZ/pages/NHMP.aspx)

Since all of these documents—including the State EOP—have disparate schedules for review and updates, information may change gradually and some inconsistencies may appear from time to time.

More specific information on government, population, economics, and related topics may therefore be obtained from some of the sources below:

Oregon Secretary of State's Office, *Oregon Blue Book*: <http://bluebook.state.or.us/default.htm>

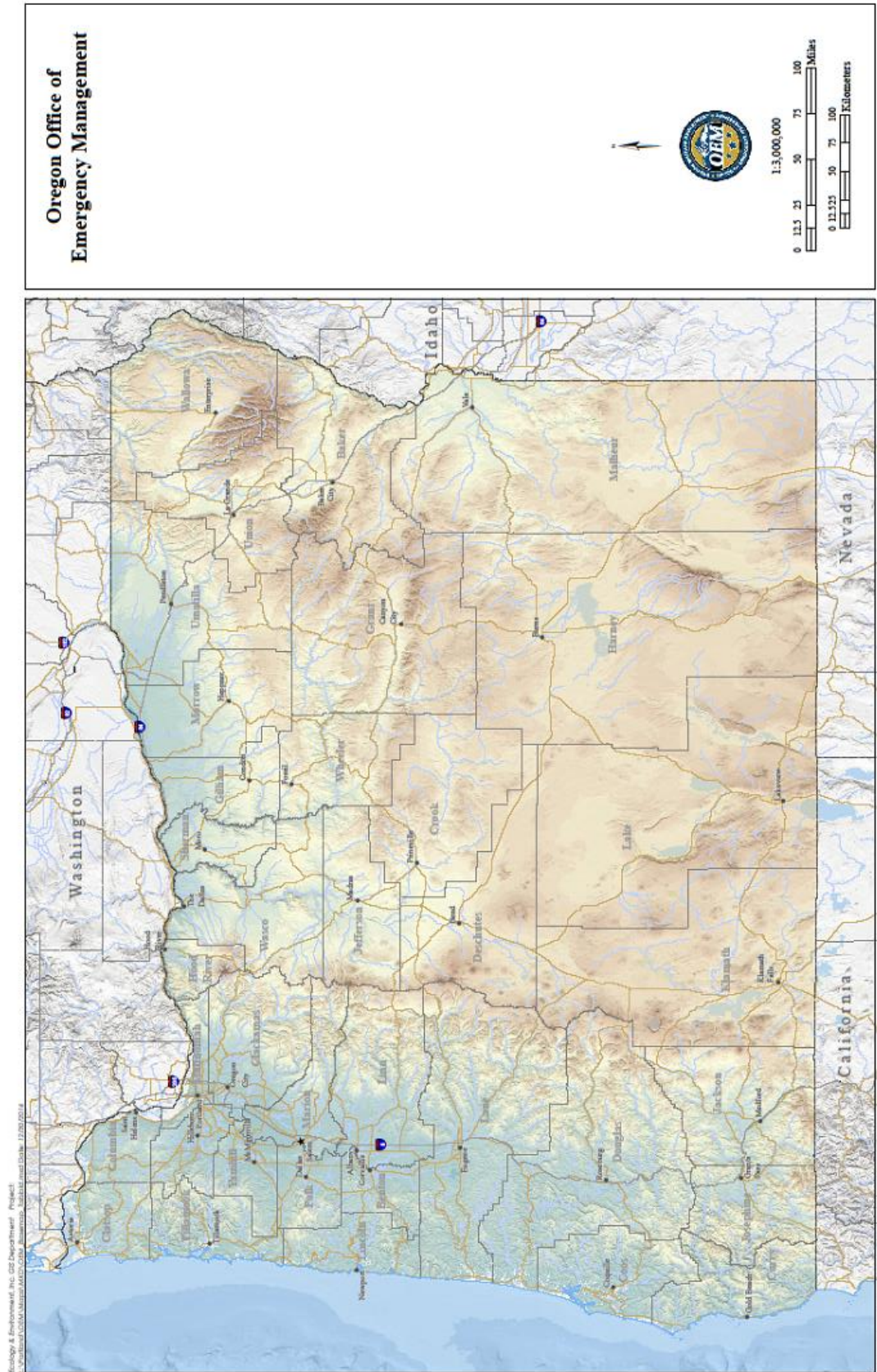
Portland State University Population Research Center: <http://www.pdx.edu/prc/annual-population-estimates>

Oregon Employment Department Workforce & Economic Research division: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/>

A map on the following page (Figure 2-1) provides an orientation to the geography and jurisdictions of Oregon.

For additional response-specific information, OEM maintains the Real-time Assessment and Planning Tool for Oregon (RAPTOR) which provides geographical information systems data services such as TripCheck from the Oregon Department of Transportation, forecasts from the National Weather Service, and hazardous materials surveys from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality integrated with a variety of base maps. Local and tribal emergency managers are able to both review this information and populate items pertaining to the response in their jurisdiction.

<http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emops/Pages/RAPTOR.aspx>



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3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 Overview

Generally, emergencies are managed at the lowest jurisdictional level possible for effective response. Therefore, in most cases, the state's role is to coordinate support for local and tribal governments, including sending some requests to other states, federal agencies, or international partners as necessary.

This coordinating role will be fulfilled through the state Emergency Coordination Center (ECC). Chapter 5 has additional information regarding the organization of the ECC, but general outlines of roles and responsibilities for emergency management by the state of Oregon are found in this chapter.

Emergency management structure begins with Oregon Revised Statutes section 401.035, which establishes the Governor as responsible for the emergency services system in the state of Oregon.

3.2 Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly, composed of the House of Representatives and the Senate, approves the allocation of state resources and defines in law the authorities of all state agencies in accordance with the Oregon Constitution.

The Legislative Assembly is responsible for ensuring that the state's laws and funding appropriations enable the Executive Branch to meet the needs of its citizens. In a recovery situation, the Legislative Assembly may be asked to specifically authorize and/or redirect state funds to support response efforts, or may initiate such action at its own behest.

3.3 Governor's Office and Executive Branch

As the state's chief executive, the Governor directs the state's response to an emergency. The Governor has the authority to shift state resources to respond effectively, as allowed under state law. The Governor's Office is responsible for:

- Providing strategic guidance for state resources to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from incidents of all types.
- Making, amending or suspending certain orders or regulations associated with response through executive orders in accordance with state law.
- Commanding the state's National Guard personnel not in federal service.
- Requesting federal assistance including, if appropriate, a Presidential declaration under the Stafford Act, when it becomes clear that state capabilities will be insufficient.
- Coordinating with impacted tribal governments within the state and initiating requests for a Presidential declaration under the Stafford Act on behalf of impacted tribes when requested.

3.3.1 State Emergency Management Agency

During an emergency, OEM's mission is to execute the responsibility of the Governor to establish, maintain, and implement an emergency services system in the state of Oregon. This requires that OEM coordinate with local jurisdictions to develop and maintain city and county emergency operations plans, and with tribal governments to support emergency management planning.

The State EOP is a critical element of that system.

3.3.2 Oregon Emergency Response System Council

The Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Council is composed of approximately thirty member agencies, and chaired by OEM. The Oregon Emergency Response System that the council interacts with refers to an administrative unit of Oregon State Police that functions as the 24-hour warning point for Oregon; more information about OERS itself can be found under Oregon State Police, below.

Representatives from the agencies on OERS Council fill many of the staff positions in the ECC and execute the decisions and response priorities made there.

The OERS Council is structured by the following ORS and guidance frameworks:

- 401.052 establishes OEM as the responsible party for emergency prevention, preparation, response, and recovery.
- 401.054 requires key state agencies to establish a liaison with OEM.
- 401.168 establishes Governor's authority over all executive agencies of state government during a state of emergency, as well as authority to suspend provisions of any order or rule of any state agency.

3.3.3 State Agency Directors

All directors of state agencies are responsible for contributing their agencies' resources to state response efforts as requested by the State ECC, within the limits of their legal authorities and available resources. Generally, this includes establishing an agency operations center (AOC) during response, and sending at least one representative to the State ECC during activation.


3.3.4 Emergency Support Functions

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are the organizing principle behind the state's coordination of its response efforts and support to local and tribal partners.

Each ESF includes Primary and Supporting Agencies, designated as such due to the frequency and degree of involvement in the function's scope of operations. More information on the composition and function of ESFs can also be found in Chapter 5—Emergency Coordination.

See Figure 3-1 for a list of all State ESFs including a description of the function's scope, and identification of primary, supporting, and adjunct agencies.

Figure 3-1, ESFs and Corresponding Organizations

Oregon ESFs and Organizations Effective Date: January 2021		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 Key: ● – Primary ○ – Support ◇ – Adjunct		Transportation	Communications	Public Works	Firefighting	Information and Planning	Mass Care	Resource Support	Health and Medical	Search and Rescue	Hazardous Materials	Agriculture, Animals, and Natural Resources	Energy	Law Enforcement	Business and Industry	Public Information	Volunteers and Donations	Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security	Military Support
Administrative Services (DAS)		○	●	○			○	●	○			●	○	○	○	○	○	●	
Agriculture (ODA)		○					○	○	○			●				○			
Aviation (AERO)		○								○									
Business Development Dept (OBDD)			○	○							○				●				
Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)				○			○		○		○			○	○		○		
Corrections (DOC)		○					○		○					○					
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Emergency Management (OEM)			○			●		●		●		○			○	●	●	○	○
Employment Department (OED)							○	○							○				
Energy (ODOE)		○						○			○		●			○			
Environmental Quality (DEQ)				○				○			●	○				○			
Fire Marshal, Office of State (OSFM)			○		●					○	●					○			
Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)							○	○	○		○	○				○			
Forestry (ODF)		○	○		●		○	○			○	○				○			
Geology and Mineral Industry (DOGAMI)				○															
Health Authority (OHA)							○	○	●		○	○	○			○			
Housing and Community Services (OHCS)							○												
Human Services (DHS)							●	○	○							○	○		
Judicial Department (OJD)														○					
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3.4 Individual State Agency Roles and Responsibilities

3.4.1 Administrative Services, Oregon Department of (DAS)

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is the central administrative agency of Oregon state government. As part of this effort, DAS works with private enterprise, citizens, and other government entities to develop an efficient service delivery system.

DAS incorporates numerous functions that might be utilized in the course of emergency management, including:

- providing centralized contracting and emergency procurement services
- providing network services to state agencies, including managing the state data center
- providing real estate services such as facilities lease management and negotiation
- coordinating Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data

Many of these are implemented by different divisions within the agency, but all initial requests will be made through a single point of contact via the State ECC.

3.4.2 Agriculture, Oregon Department of (ODA)

During an emergency, the Department of Agriculture advises the Governor on matters pertaining to the safety and conservation of agricultural resources. The response of the Oregon Department of Agriculture is 1) to ensure food safety, animal health, and provide consumer protection; 2) to protect the natural resource base for present and future generations of farmers and ranchers, and 3) to protect economic development and expand market opportunities for Oregon agricultural products. ODA coordinates with the State Public Health Officer and works closely with the Oregon Health Authority. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- The Animal Health and Identification Division provides veterinary services to control and eradicate animal diseases, especially those transmissible to humans, livestock, and birds.
- The Food Safety Division's team inspects and regulates all facets of the food processing and distribution system, except restaurants, to ensure that food is safe for distribution and consumption.
- Laboratory facilities provide analysis for food and dairy samples, animal diseases, animal feeds, shellfish, fertilizer, water, plant pest and disease, pesticides, and market assurance analysis. Analyses are also provided for the Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN).
- The Natural Resources Division's response mission is to conserve and protect natural resources on public and private lands.
- Additionally, Oregon Department of Agriculture cooperates with OEM and local and tribal governments to develop plans for evacuation and sheltering of animals, including companion and service animals.

3.4.3 Aviation, Oregon Department of (AERO)

The Oregon Department of Aviation supports Oregon communities by preserving and enhancing aviation resources. Key responsibilities for the Oregon Department of Aviation include:

- Provide staff members and equipment to assist in emergency airport repairs.
- Facilitate the acquisition of aviation assets in an emergency to support state requirements.

3.4.4 Business Development Department, Oregon (OBDD)

Also known as Business Oregon, OBDD is the state's economic development agency. Key responsibilities for Business Oregon include:

- Facilitate a community-driven approach to economic recovery through the Regional Solutions program.
- Coordinate business impact and damage assessment.
- Coordinate resources for small business recovery assistance.
- Identify and help coordinate assignment of volunteer staff from economic development partners to affected organizations.
- Assist local economic development organizations or major employers needing immediate assistance for displaced workers, and assist in identification of short- and long-term employment needs.

3.4.5 Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Department of (DCBS)

Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest consumer protection and business regulatory agency, and is the parent organization of the Building Codes Division and the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA).

- Oregon OSHA: Coordinate and perform the actions identified within the Worker Safety & Health Support Annex of the National Response Framework, or state equivalent; provide occupational safety and health technical support to other state and local entities; assess responder safety and health resource needs, e.g., OSHA on-site assistance, incident-specific personal protective equipment protocols, training, safety and health monitoring; investigating workplace fatalities, major accidents, and safety and health complaints.
- Building Codes Division:
 - Enforce the state's building code. BCD maintains a list of individuals certified to perform post-earthquake damage assessment.
 - Certify building officials and inspectors.

3.4.6 Corrections, Oregon Department of (DOC)

ODOC mission is to promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior. The ODOC is responsible for the control and custody of inmates housed in prisons throughout Oregon. Oregon houses offenders in 14 state prisons state-wide.

The ODOC provides administrative oversight and funding for the community corrections activities of the 34 Oregon counties that manage their own offenders who are subject to jail, parole, post-prison supervision and probation.

In the aftermath of a catastrophic incident causing broad geographical impact, it will be necessary for ODOC to account for staff and inmate presence and welfare. Each institution will continue to operate, or reinstate, secure and orderly operations. Initially, it may be necessary to allocate ODOC resources and request other agency assistance to achieve this objective. Once achieved, available ODOC resources can be reallocated.

- A State of Emergency declaration will enable inmate work crews to be dispatched to needed locations in support of response, prevention, or recovery efforts depending on the transportation infrastructure. Typically, the work crew will be transported, equipped and supervised by DOC personnel for assignments such as:
 - Support mass feeding operations
 - Mobile showers
 - Debris mitigation/removal
 - Wildland firefighting and mop up
 - Sandbagging
- Additionally, ODOC holds a variety of specialized equipment and contracts to support their own operations that can be re-directed during an emergency in support of a wide variety of response activities (e.g., potable water transport, power generation, or bulk distribution of emergency items).
- In support of other law enforcement agencies, small numbers of ODOC staff are trained in the following functions:
 - Inmate/high risk transport
 - Public Information Officers
 - Critical Incident Stress Management
 - Crisis Negotiations

3.4.7 Education, Oregon Department of

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) oversees the education of over 560,000 students in Oregon's public K–12 education system. ODE is also in charge of public preschool programs, the state School for the Deaf, regional programs for children with disabilities, and education programs in Oregon youth corrections facilities.

As a State Distributing Agency, coordinate provision of USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) commodities (School Lunch Program).

3.4.8 Employment, Oregon Department of

OED is responsible for supporting economic stability during times of unemployment and serving businesses through workforce development and provision of workforce and economic information. Key responsibilities for OED include:

- Facilitate support and disaster unemployment insurance for workers whose jobs are impacted by a disaster.

- Provide technical assistance to business and industry partners regarding workforce development after a disaster.

3.4.9 Energy, Oregon Department of (ODOE)

ODOE's role is to provide leadership and guidance regarding energy conservation, renewable energy, and protection of the Columbia River from leaking radioactive waste at the Hanford Nuclear Site. The department also engages in energy planning and siting of energy facilities, provides an objective source of energy information, and investigates emerging energy technologies. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- The Oregon Department of Energy is responsible for planning, preparedness, response, and recovery from petroleum disruptions (ORS 176), liquefied natural gas mishaps (496), and radiological emergencies (496).
- ODOE operates an Agency Operations Center (AOC) in Salem. The agency AOC serves as the state-wide coordination point for ODOE emergency response activities. ODOE provides a liaison to the state Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) when activated. ODOE maintains six 24/7 duty officers. ODOE is responsible for ensuring state and local emergency response organizations are trained and prepared to respond to petroleum, LNG, and radiological emergencies.
- Petroleum Emergency Preparedness and Response - ODOE maintains Oregon's Fuel Action Plan. The purpose of the plan is to ensure an effective, well-coordinated response with industry, federal, state, and local emergency response organizations to protect public health and safety, the environment, and the region's economy. The plan applies a free market approach with government intervention only when it becomes necessary to protect public health and safety.
- Lead agency for ensuring a coordinated response to severe or long-term petroleum emergencies that impact the state. ODOE developed and maintains the *Oregon Fuel Action Plan* that includes a state-wide fuel allocation program. ODOE is also the lead agency for ensuring a coordinated response to transportation, transmission and distribution emergencies involving Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) vessels, pipelines, and facilities.
- Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Response - ODOE is the lead state agency on radiological emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. This includes incidents involving fixed nuclear facilities, Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSI), Research Reactors, and radioactive materials transport on Oregon highways (ORS 469). ODOE developed and maintains the Oregon CGS/Hanford Emergency Response Plan, Trojan ISFSI Plan, and the Radioactive Materials Transportation Plan. These plans define the state's role and responsibilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from radiological emergencies that threaten the health and safety of Oregon citizens, the environment, and the region's economy. ODOE also reviews Oregon State University and Reed College Research Reactor Emergency Response Plans.

3.4.10 Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of (DEQ)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, managing the proper disposal of solid and hazardous wastes, providing assistance

in cleaning up contaminated properties, and enforcing Oregon's environmental laws. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Provide expertise on environmental effects of oil discharges or releases of hazardous materials, and environmental pollution control techniques.
- Provide investigative support and expertise on environmental and public health issues related to oil and hazardous material incidents
- Serve as a member of the Regional Response Team/Northwest Area Committee which Northwest Area Contingency Plan.
- DEQ may assist with hazardous materials clean up.
- DEQ also develops comprehensive plans and programs for air and water pollution control and solid and hazardous waste disposal.
- Coordinate with special teams (OSFM Hazardous Materials Teams, ODOT Incident Response Teams, USCG, EPA, local emergency responders and others).

3.4.11 Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of (ODFW)

ODFW is responsible for protecting the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Serve as the point of contact for any zoonotic diseases involving wildlife.
- Assist in responding to a highly contagious/zoonotic disease, biohazard event, or other emergency involving wildlife.
- Maintain veterinary support capacity through the State Wildlife Veterinarian.
- Serve as a potential resource of feed for livestock shelter operations.
- Provide technical assistance related to the impacts of a disaster on threatened and endangered animal species.

3.4.12 Forestry, Oregon Department of (ODF)

ODF is responsible for protecting the state's forestlands and conserving forest resources. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Devise and use environmentally sound and economically efficient strategies which minimize the total cost to protect Oregon's timber and other forest values from loss.
- Work in conjunction as a fire protection agency with the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office and other agencies as needed.
- As described under ORS 477.005, preserve forests and the conserve forest resources through the prevention and suppression of forest fires in the state of Oregon.
- ODF operates within a complete and coordinated system of federal, state and local fire jurisdictional partners to meet its primary mission of protecting forest resources, second only to

saving lives. Structural protection, though indirect, shall not inhibit protection of forest resources.

- Through the Fire Mobilization Plan, mobilize response to emergencies including incident management teams, public information personnel, radio systems, communications trailers, kitchens, shower units, and other support services.
- Support at least three, thirty-three person Type 1 incident management teams. The teams are staffed with ODF employees across the state plus one Fire Service - structural liaison for each team.
- ODF operates the Salem Coordination Center, which is responsible to coordinate the distribution of ODF assets statewide. Area Headquarters located throughout the state direct response activities of ODF assets.

3.4.13 Geology and Mineral Industries, Oregon Department of (DOGAMI)

DOGAMI's mission is to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.

The department studies and maps geologic hazards, informs governments and the public about the hazards, and works actively to reduce future loss of life and property.

3.4.14 Health Authority, Oregon (OHA)

OHA is responsible for protecting the public health of all Oregonians and is responsible for the state's public health emergency preparedness programs:

- Health Security Preparedness & Response Program (HSPRP) improves public health preparedness capacity by ensuring coordination among tribes, local, regional, state and federal agencies and private health care partners before, during and after emergency events where the public's health is an issue. The Program Planning and Evaluation section manages the training of public health, hospital, and other relevant partners in various aspects of preventing and responding to public health emergencies.
- Epidemiology and Surveillance Program is responsible for the identification, investigation, and prevention of diseases caused by infectious agents. This program conducts disease surveillance; collects and analyzes surveillance data; publishes public health recommendations; develops disease prevention, preparedness and response guidelines; and investigates and helps control disease outbreaks.
- Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Program provides epidemiologic and clinical expertise and guidance to the Incident Commander and develops guidance on disease related risks.
- Public Health Laboratory serves as a level 3 bio-safety facility for biological clinical and unknown environmental sample testing (human chemical testing is provided by state public health labs in Alaska, Washington and Idaho).

- Provides biological confirmatory testing, and chemical specimen collection and specimen referral guidance to Oregon Sentinel Laboratory Response Network (LRN) laboratories.
 - Manages the Oregon Laboratory Response Network that supports environmental and human testing of unknown biological and chemical threat agents.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section develops situational awareness of EMS resources; communicates with EMS providers; and coordinates realignment of EMS resources during a surge event. They coordinate statewide trauma system planning, ambulance service area planning, and develops standards for ambulance personnel and emergency medical technicians.
- Office of Environmental Public Health (OEPH) assures statewide control of environmental hazards through drinking water protection, radiation protection, environmental toxicology and epidemiology programs and regulation of food, pool and lodging facilities.
 - Drinking Water Program administers and enforces drinking water quality standards for public water systems. It provides guidance on prevention of and response to water system contamination.
 - Radiation Protective Service provides radiation monitoring expertise and is the state's primary radiological response organization. It also provides radiation monitoring training to local government emergency response agencies.
 - Environmental Toxicology Section protects the health and safety of the public from environmental hazards.

3.4.15 Housing and Community Services, Oregon (OHCS)

Oregon Housing and Community Services is Oregon's housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians of lower and moderate income.

OHCS administers programs that provide housing stabilization – from preventing and ending homelessness, assisting with utilities to keep someone stable, to financing multifamily affordable housing, to encouraging homeownership. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Provide financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing and supportive services for moderate, low, and very-low income Oregonians.
- Promote the development of a resilient affordable housing stock.
- Maintain situational awareness of post-disaster housing needs.
- Coordinate and collaborate housing recovery efforts with mass care operations.
- Lead the Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force.

3.4.16 Human Services, Oregon Department of

ODHS is the principal human services agency for the state including services for those Oregonians who are least able to help themselves. ODHS provides services for low-income Oregonians, seniors, persons with disabilities, and other populations with special needs. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Provide a State Individual Assistance Officer (State IAO) under a Presidential Individual Assistance declaration.
- Activate certain activities related to children's services, senior services, and disability services programs.
- As a State Distributing Agency, coordinate provision of USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) commodities (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP]).
- As a State Distributing Agency, coordinate provision of USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) commodities (Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program).

3.4.17 Judicial Department, Oregon (OJD)

Oregon state courts include the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and 36 circuit courts in 27 judicial districts. These state courts are part of the Oregon Judicial Department. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the administrative head of the Oregon Judicial Department, which is a statewide, unified court system with almost 200 judges.

- Pursuant to ORS 1.177 , and at the direction of the Chief Justice, the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) **Marshal's Office** manages personal and physical security, emergency preparedness and business continuity for the Oregon Judiciary, including related equipment. These programs are in direct support of the OJD mission to provide fair and accessible justice services that protect the rights of individuals, preserve community welfare, and inspire public confidence.

3.4.18 Justice, Oregon Department of (ODOJ)

DOJ is responsible for general counsel and supervision of all civil actions and legal proceedings in which the state is a party or has an interest. The DOJ, through the Attorney General, also has full charge and control of all the state's legal business that requires the services of an attorney or legal counsel. Key responsibilities for the DOJ include:

- Facilitate operation of the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center.
- Develop and maintain a liaison between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in Oregon, assisting them in the investigation and suppression of organized criminal activity and encouraging cooperation among those agencies.
- Conduct comprehensive factual studies of organized criminal activity in Oregon, outlining existing state and local policies and procedures with respect to organized crime and formulating and proposing such changes in those policies and procedures as the Department may deem appropriate.

- The Crime Victims Services Division of the DOJ hosts a statewide team of multidisciplinary trained crisis responders to assist in the aftermath of a disaster. The Crisis Response Team (CRT) has the capacity to mobilize on a county or state level to help groups of affected people to cope with immediate crisis reactions and plan for ongoing support in the aftermath of an incident of criminal mass trauma. The Division is also responsible for assisting victims in accessing emergency Crime Victims' Compensation and ensuring that victims' rights notification takes place and that victims' rights are honored. The Division works in collaboration with local Victim Assistance and non-profit victim service programs, the FBI Victim Assistance, the Red Cross, DHS Behavioral Health staff and the National Organization for Victims' Assistance (NOVA).

3.4.19 Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of (DLCD)

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) administers Oregon's statewide land use planning program, and is responsible for ensuring that all cities and counties have adopted comprehensive plans that meet the state's planning goals. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Provide technical assistance to local and private sector partners regarding facilitation of economic recovery activities that require permits or waivers of state land use requirements
- Assist local and tribal partners in economic development activities.

3.4.20 Military Department, Oregon (OMD)

The Oregon Military Department's purpose is to administer, house, equip and train the Oregon National Guard - a ready force to support the Governor during unrest or natural disaster and as a reserve force to the United States Air Force and the United States Army.

- Activate and operate the Oregon National Guard Joint Operations Center.
- Provide support to civil authorities consistent with designated mission and capabilities.
- Direct use of state military resources.

3.4.21 Public Utility Commission, Oregon (OPUC)

PUC regulates customer services of the state's investor-owned electric, natural gas and telephone utilities; and certain water companies. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Serve as the liaison to the utilities and coordinate efforts for the response and restoration of impacted communications infrastructure during an incident or event.
- Facilitate the coordinated recovery of systems and applications from cyber-attacks.
- Assist in the coordination of transfer of personnel and resources from outside a disaster-affected area in accordance with existing Mutual Aid Agreements (MAAs), as needed.
- Coordinate with utility partners to evaluate needs and coordinate assets and capabilities to address shortages or outages.

- Communicate and coordinate with interstate partners to address ingress and egress amongst neighboring states.
- Communicate with federal partners to maintain situational awareness when incident impairs interstate services.
- Ensure that utilities and companies have adequate emergency preparedness plans in place.

3.4.22 Secretary of State's Office, Oregon (SecState)

The Oregon Secretary of State's Office is comprised of several divisions, including the Archives Division, Audits Division, the Office of Small Business Assistance, the Human Resources Division, the Executive Office, and two additional divisions detailed below.

The Elections Division is responsible for supervising all elections, local and statewide.

The Corporation Division is responsible for providing a one stop shop for Oregon businesses to register and start operations. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Maintain a statewide database of registered businesses.
- Provide technical assistance to support small businesses during response and recovery.
- Ensure adequate security measures are implemented to protect the state against cyber-attacks.

3.4.23 State Lands, Oregon Department of (DSL)

DSL is responsible for management of state-owned grazing and agricultural land as well as off-shore land, estuarine tidelands, and submerged submersible lands of the state's navigable waterway system. Some responsibilities throughout the State EOP include:

- Provide vital information to Public Utilities Commission and other primary or supporting state agencies regarding locations and access to all state-owned lands and waterways.
- Issue special permits for access across controlled or private lands and waterways.
- Administer the state's removal-fill law to protect state waterways after a disaster.

3.4.24 State Police, Oregon (OSP)

The State Police are empowered to enforce all Oregon Statutes without limitation by county or other political subdivision. During emergency incidents, however, law enforcement within the affected area remains the responsibility of local authorities along established jurisdictional boundaries, unless state assistance is requested or required by statute.

Because OSP is often first on-scene during an emergency, it may act as an initial incident command agency until the local incident command agency is on-scene, or if no local agency is available. In addition to enforcement and specific services, OSP provides for the protection of life and property, traffic control, crowd control, communications, emergency first aid, site security, and security for vital state facilities and critical infrastructure. In addition, the following specific functions or divisions are a part of OSP:

- Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS): OERS is the 24-hour primary point of contact by which any public agency provides the state notification of an emergency or disaster, or requests additional resources.
- Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS): Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS). CJIS/LEDS is the focal point and “control agency” for access by law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Oregon to the online information in the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Since CJIS/LEDS computer terminals are located statewide in all law enforcement agencies and most public safety agencies, the system is used to relay critical public safety information both day-to-day and during disasters.
- Medical Examiner Division: The purpose of the Medical Examiner Division is to provide direction and support to the state death investigation program. The Medical Examiner manages all aspects of the state medical examiner program and has responsibility for technical supervision of county offices in each of the 36 counties of Oregon. The main activity of the division is to certify the cause and manner of a death requiring investigation within the authority of ORS Chapter 146.

3.4.25 State Fire Marshal, Office of (OSFM)

As a division of Oregon State Police, OSFM is charged with protecting citizens, their property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

- Manage the response to hazardous material spills.
- Oversee the training, equipment and response activities of the state’s 14 regional hazardous materials (HAZMAT) response teams.
- Direct the maintenance and use of the statewide Fire Net/HAZMAT microwave relay radio system.
- Responsible for the duties of the State Emergency Response Commission under SARA Title III and Oregon statute. OSFM coordinates and oversees Local Emergency Planning Committees throughout Oregon.
- Ensure that parties responsible for the incidents are billed for the cost of mitigation and that the contracted teams are compensated for the allowable expenses.
- Manage and coordinate Oregon’s firefighting activities by mobilizing firefighting resources in support of state, federal, and local wildland, rural, and urban firefighting agencies.
- As described in the *State Fire Service Mobilization Plan*, coordinate and direct the activities of all structural firefighting resources of the state through the organization of state and county fire defense boards and their respective mutual aid agreements.
- Planning and implementing response by structural firefighting forces called up by the Governor under the *Conflagration Act* (ORS 476.510 to 476-610).
- Additionally, OSFM is responsible to coordinate and direct the training, equipment and use of the state’s structural collapse resources.

3.4.26 Transportation, Department of (ODOT)

The role of ODOT is to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians. ODOT develops programs related to Oregon's system of highways, roads, and bridges; railways, public transportation services, transportation safety programs; driver and vehicle licensing; and motor carrier regulation. As the designated road authority for state highways (including Interstates), ODOT, in addition to the Governor, is authorized by ORS 810.030 to close state highways and re-route traffic. Oregon State Police and local law enforcement agencies assist with this activity. ODOT provides barricades and personnel to implement a closure or detour. ODOT Motor Carrier Transportation Division and the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division provide information about drivers, motor carriers, and vehicles to law enforcement through CJIS/LEDS. ODOT preparedness, response, and business continuity activities are described in the ODOT Emergency Operations Plan. ODOT also maintains Oregon's Emergency Highway Traffic Regulation (EHTR) Plan which contains coordination procedures for supporting military deployments while managing civilian traffic during national security emergencies.

- ODOT maintains an extensive radio network allowing direct communications with ODOT personnel in the field. The ODOT radio network is accessible from the OERS Communications Center and from the Northwest Transportation Operations Center in Salem.
- The Highway Division is responsible for maintaining Oregon's highways, bridges and other infrastructure. Since many of the Operations' personnel and equipment are permanently assigned to all areas of the state, they comprise an invaluable source of authoritative information on local conditions. ODOT personnel, to include retirees, provide essential assistance to the state in emergencies where public infrastructure is affected.
- ODOT provides receipt, storage, and staging support for and transportation of the Strategic National Stockpile when deployed in the State of Oregon.
- ODOT provides transportation of the Oregon Urban Search and Rescue Task Force equipment trailers and also provides Structural Specialist members of the Task Force.
- ODOT operates an Agency Operations Center in Salem, and five Regional Emergency Operations Centers throughout the state. The Agency Operations Center serves as the agency-wide coordination point for ODOT emergency response activities. Its duties also include coordinating ODOT activities needed under the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program.
- The function of each Regional Operations Center is to control and direct ODOT activities within the region. The Regional Operations Centers' locations are:
 - Region 1 in Portland
 - Region 2 in Salem
 - Region 3 in Roseburg
 - Region 4 in Bend
 - Region 5 in La Grande

3.4.27 Water Resources Department (WRD)

Water Resources manages Oregon's public water supply to sustain the economy, quality of life and natural heritage. By law, all surface and groundwater in Oregon is public. WRD monitors water levels at hundreds of stream, reservoir and well gauging stations statewide, maps and studies underground aquifers, and helps design long-term water plans for river basins.

The dam safety program reviews and approves for construction, rehabilitation or modification the designs for hydraulic structures that exceed height and storage capacity defined by statute. The agency licenses well drillers, and enforces the proper construction and abandonment of all subsurface well penetrations, with few exceptions. Following a Governor's Drought Declaration, WRD may exercise emergency water rights authority by waiving or changing policies and procedures following an event that requires such action.

3.4.28 Other Agencies

Agencies respond as required by the situation or Governor Executive Order. In addition, the following non-governmental organizations may be critical partners in response:

American Red Cross (Red Cross)

Red Cross provides a representative to the State ECC when activated to serve as a liaison between the Red Cross and state agency response as well as local county efforts. Red Cross response and recovery services commonly include sheltering, feeding, health services, mental health services, spiritual care, reunification, distribution of relief supplies, information, referrals, and casework to people who have been affected following a disaster. Red Cross may also be able to assist Oregon Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster by providing additional liaison staff for Emergency Support Function 15-Volunteers and Donations.

See ESF 6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services for additional information.

Amateur Radio Services

Amateur radio services groups are volunteers trained in the operation of amateur radio equipment. They are often utilized before, during and after an emergency or disaster where normal radio, phone, cellular, or internet communications are not functioning. In a disaster or event which requires activation of these systems, volunteers use the pre-positioned and mobile amateur radio equipment to provide communication support between all levels of government and agencies to support the response and recovery efforts. The operators in the State ECC facilitate communication to ensure that requests for state supplies and resources are received by emergency management personnel.

See ESF 2 – Communications for additional information.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

CAP is a volunteer organization that equips and staffs, as requested, a communications position for the ECC. CAP directly supports agencies by providing such services as airborne search, airborne disaster assessment, airborne and ground Electronic Locator Transmitter (ELT) tracking, transportation of officials, and assistance in a variety of ground operations. It also has an extensive communications network.

Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Consisting of voluntary organizations with disaster relief roles, Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD), in partnership with the state and local governments, assists in post-disaster clean-up; shelter and mass care, water, and food; transportation; child and animal care; disaster welfare inquiry; counseling; building repair; warehousing and disbursement of donations, such as clothing, building materials, and money; as well as the provision and management of volunteers. Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD) may send a liaison to the State ECC, if requested by the ECC Manager, to staff Emergency Support Function 15-Volunteers and Donations.

ORVOAD is a member organization that operates under bylaws, and is part of a larger family of state VOADS, organized under a national umbrella known as the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD).

In addition to its response and recovery roles, ORVOAD serves as a forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle; it provides training to members to increase preparedness; encourages the formation of county-level VOADS; gives guidance to state and regional volunteer organizations active in disaster response; and supports appropriate legislation.

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4 Concept of Operations

4.1 General

Across Oregon, emergencies and disasters are managed at the lowest jurisdictional level possible for effective response. Thus, many incidents are resolved every day by public safety responders within the parameters of their standard resources. In all incidents, life safety is the top priority of state agencies and emergency response personnel.

As the state emergency management agency, OEM is designated by the governor to coordinate the state response to events that ‘causes or threatens widespread loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss.’ (ORS 401.025). This includes coordination with counties and tribes on emergency management activities in their areas.

This coordination is enacted through the activation and staffing of OEM duty officers and the State Emergency Coordination Center, which is described in greater detail in Chapter 5—Emergency Coordination. The State ECC is also the designated contact for requesting resources from out of state, or from federal agencies.

The OEM Director also advises the governor on and directs the preparation of any request for a Presidential disaster declaration.

4.2 Disaster Declaration Process

The Governor can declare a state of emergency by an executive order under authority granted in Oregon Revised Statutes.

Under a declaration, the Governor has complete authority over all state agencies including personnel, equipment and facilities for response to the emergency. This authority is executed as strategic direction, enacted via the State ECC, with operational control of resources most often resting with local public safety command structures.

Likewise, in a declaration the Governor may also suspend orders or administrative rules if compliance would impede response to the emergency. There are some related but lower-order actions related to emergency response activities—including emergency medical services provider licensing and utility crew highway requirements—that can be enacted by other state officials or are already established in law. In some of those actions, a declaration by the governor may not be necessary.

Generally, state declarations of emergency are made in response to requests from local or tribal emergency management programs, and will cover a geographic area limited to the impacts of the emergency. During widespread or catastrophic disasters, however, the Governor may declare a statewide emergency specific to that event.

Further, there are several specific types of declarations available, depending on the nature of the emergency. These include fires, public health events, energy resource emergencies, and droughts. Each of them is defined by a section of the Oregon Revised Statutes, and procedures are maintained by agencies responsible for those types of events. Incident Annexes or ESF Annexes in this plan contain

additional information, as does the document ‘Declaration Guidelines for Local Elected and Appointed Officials,’ published by OEM and available on the OEM website.

4.3 Governmental Coordination

Local governments may declare a disaster, depending on their statutes, in order to effect incident response actions within their jurisdiction. If local resources are exhausted and further assistance is needed, then the executives or elected officials of those governments may request a declaration and additional state resources from the Governor.

Oregon Revised Statutes define some coordinating relationships among state and local emergency management programs. Counties must develop emergency management programs, and cities may do so, but cities must act through their contiguous counties in order to request state assistance.

Sovereignty of tribal nations introduces a different aspect of coordination, particularly since Public Law 280 and Public Law 638—and, in some cases, still-extant treaties--create a variety of relationships with state and federal government.

Thus, the Stafford Act establishes two paths for tribal nations to choose between when declaring a disaster—they may either participate with counties and request a declaration from the Governor, or they may individually declare directly to the FEMA Regional Administrator.

5 Emergency Coordination

5.1 Introduction

The State of Oregon has established a system for emergency management under the direction and control of the Governor that is coordinated by the Director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

ORS 401.092 states that the Director of OEM is responsible for coordinating all public and private organizations that provide emergency services within Oregon and for staffing the Oregon Emergency Coordination Center (ECC).

This section of the Basic Plan describes the emergency management system. It describes how the state's emergency decision-makers and emergency management personnel are organized and how the state will carry out its functions in any incident that requires State ECC activation.

5.2 State Emergency Coordination Center (State ECC)

The purpose of the ECC is to provide a centralized location during emergencies and disasters where state officials may coordinate activities and implement direction from the Governor to provide an integrated state response. The primary responsibility of the ECC is to provide information, policy direction, and resource coordination in response to an emergency or disaster.

The ECC is a dual-function facility located within the day-to-day office of OEM, which is a controlled access facility at all times.

5.3 Activation

The following individuals have the authority to activate the State ECC:

- The Governor
- Governor's Policy Advisor
- The Adjutant General
- Oregon Military Department Deputy Director
- OEM Director
- OEM Deputy Director
- OEM Executive Duty Officer

Incidents within Oregon are monitored and managed in three different stages, described in greater detail below:

5.3.1 Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS)/Steady State

The OERS Communication Center serves as the 24x7 answering point for notifications of all incidents, whether natural, technological, or human-caused. Based on the situation, appropriate local, state and federal agencies may be notified.

5.3.2 OEM Duty Officer Monitoring/Enhanced Watch

If OEM's Executive Duty Officer (EDO) is notified of an event by OERS s/he may begin monitoring of the incident or assign an OEM Staff Duty Officer (SDO) to maintain situational awareness. Should the situation escalate, or it requires assistance from several State agencies, or more than one County or Tribe has been impacted by the event, the State ECC may be activated at the direction of OEM's EDO.

5.3.3 ECC Activation

During an activation, all appropriate ECC positions are filled. The ECC Manager will notify the appropriate State agencies and partners they are required to send staff to the State ECC. Representatives of the Oregon Military Department, Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon State Police, and the Oregon Health Authority represent a core group that is essential to handle most major emergencies. The situation may require the participation of other key agencies, depending on the nature of the incident, as well as 24x7 staffing.

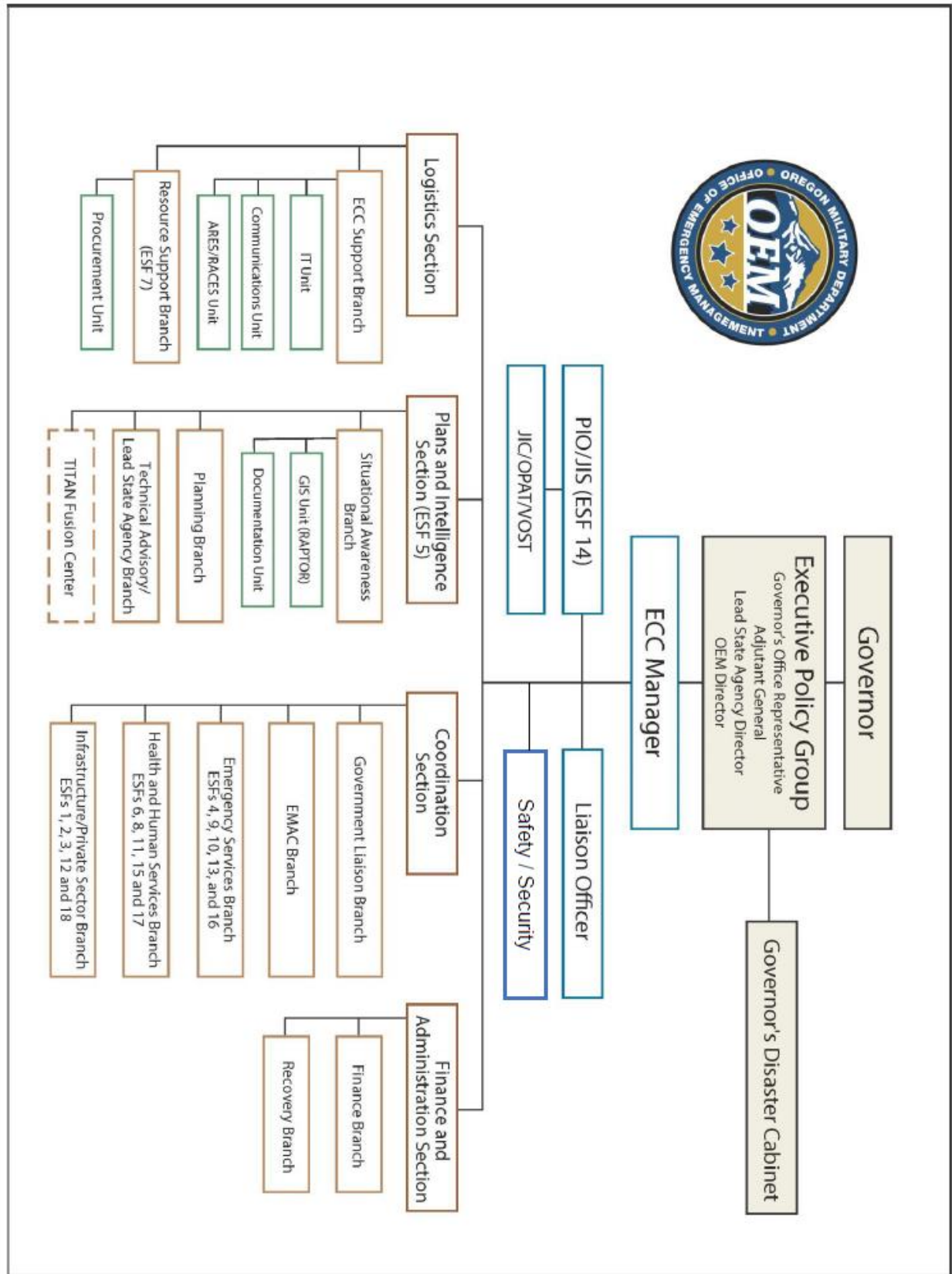
5.4 Notification

Once it is determined the State ECC will be activated, the EDO notifies the on-duty ECC Manager. The ECC Manager notifies applicable OEM staff and ensures notifications occur to the needed state agencies, based on the situation and hazard.

5.5 ECC Organization

When activated the State ECC is organized as depicted in Figure 5-1 and is intended to coordinate with the federal Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). State, federal and non-governmental agency representatives staffing the State ECC are organized as listed below. Each position described below is fully defined by position description and standard operating guidelines.

1. Executive Policy Group
2. Coordination Section
3. Plans and Intelligence Section
4. Logistics Section
5. Finance and Recovery Section



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5.6 ECC Functions

5.6.1 Executive Policy Group

This group provides direction and leadership during the incident. The Executive Policy Group includes the Governor, the Adjutant General, the OEM Director and the Lead State Agency Director and/or their respective designees. The Executive Policy Group activates, and then coordinates with, the Governor's Disaster Cabinet and Economic Recovery Council to determine actions and strategies.

ECC Manager. This position provides direction and control within the ECC and ensures appropriate ESF, state agency and non-governmental representatives are present. The position reports to the Executive Policy Group.

External Liaison. This position serves as the point of contact and information for agencies not represented in the ECC. Serves as a primary point of contact for FEMA or other federal partner representatives. This position reports to the ECC Manager.

Public Information Officer. This position provides information about emergency conditions, actions being taken to respond to the emergency and any instructions or actions that should be taken to protect or warn the public. May establish a Joint Information Center (JIC) if the emergency involves multiple jurisdictions and/or several responding state agencies. This position reports to the ECC Manager.

5.6.2 Coordination Section

The Coordination Section implements the goals and objectives of the Executive Policy Group by directing state agency response to local and tribal governments.

Coordination Section Chief. This position is responsible for assigning local and tribal requests for assistance to state agencies. In the absence of a state-owned asset, the Coordination Section Chief determines if the Logistics Section will be assigned to rent, lease, or purchase said asset; an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) or Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA) request will be issued; or a request for federal assistance will be sent to FEMA. The position reports to the ECC Manager.

EMAC Unit. This unit is responsible for submitting requests for assistance to EMAC and/or PNEMA partners at the direction of the Coordination Section Chief. Negotiates the contract between Oregon and the responding State/Province. Tracks and monitors all EMAC/PNEMA assets deployed within Oregon. This position reports to the Coordination Section Chief.

Government Liaison Unit. This unit, typically staffed by OEM personnel, serves as the primary point of contact with affected county and tribal jurisdictions. They process requests for assistance, provide information to and from the ECC and collect and file important documents (such as declarations and situation reports) related to a specific jurisdiction. This position reports to the Coordination Section Chief.

ESF 1-18 and State Agencies Representatives. State agency representatives serve as a liaison between the State ECC and their respective agency operation centers (AOC). State agencies in this group are tasked with mission assignments by the Coordination Section Chief and allocate available resources from their agencies. Each agency is responsible for tracking their available and deployed resources. They coordinate with counterparts from federal and other state governments.

In the event of an activation, ESF branches may be established based on operational need or span of control; other organizations may include task forces, composed based on the circumstances of the emergency or disaster. ESFs are frequently organized as follows:

- **Emergency Services Branch**
 - ESF 4, 9, 10, 13, 18
- **Health and Human Services Branch**
 - ESF 6, 8, 11, 15, 16
- **Infrastructure/Private Sector Branch**
 - ESF 1, 2, 3, 12, 17

Non-Governmental Organizations are also sometimes included in State ECC activations.

- **ESF-6 & 16:** The American Red Cross (Red Cross), Oregon Food Bank and Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (ORVOAD) are typically activated when sheltering, feeding, or management of volunteers or donations is imminent.
- **ESF-14:** Select private sector partners or associations may be activated based on the hazard and situation and the need for specific technical advice or assistance.

5.6.3 Plans and Intelligence Section (ESF-5)

The Plans and Intelligence Section collects, evaluates and disseminates information about developing emergencies and monitors the deployment of state resources. This section examines existing conditions and plans an appropriate response.

Planning Section Chief. This individual is responsible for the collection, evaluation, dissemination and use of information about the development of the incident and the status of resources. Information is needed to understand the current situation, predict the probable course of incident events and prepare alternative strategies for the incident. This position reports to the ECC Manager.

Situation/Analysis and Intel Unit. Collects information and maintains a log of significant events in the ECC. Records briefing notes and prepares the ECC Situation Report (SITREP) and ECC Action Plan (EAP) by working with ECC Section Chiefs. This position reports to the Planning Section Chief.

GIS Unit. Generates and updates maps of the affected regions and manages the RAPTOR data tool. This position reports to the Planning Section Chief.

Technical Specialists. This group consists of agency representatives who understand the technical implications of the hazard(s) at hand. State agencies that respond to hazard specific events may provide technical specialists and planners. This position reports to the Planning Section Chief.

5.6.4 Resource Management (Logistics) Section (ESF-7)

Procures resources requested by local and tribal governments in the absence of other state agencies being able to provide the assistance and provides logistical support to the State ECC.

Logistics Section Chief. This position is responsible for providing facilities, services, and material in support of the incident. This position reports to the ECC Manager.

ECC Support Branch. This is staffed primarily by OEM personnel. The Unit provides or orders the resources necessary for management of the ECC and its associated facilities, including office supplies, meals, maintenance, and facility security services. This position reports to the Logistics Section Chief.

Procurement Unit. Coordinates with state agencies on the emergency use of state credit cards for purchasing items in support of the disaster. This position reports to the Logistics Section Chief.

Auxiliary Emergency Communication Unit. Provides alternate means of communications between the ECC and affected jurisdictions. This position reports to the Logistics Section Chief.

Information Technology Unit. Maintains the local area network and computer work stations for the ECC. Provides technical assistance as required, including for systems such as OpsCenter. This position reports to the Logistics Section Chief.

5.6.5 Finance and Recovery Section

This section collects and evaluates initial damage assessment (IDA) information (including financial figures) from local, tribal, and state governments. The information is used as a basis to determine the need for a joint local-state-federal preliminary damage assessment (PDA), which is the basis for receiving a federal emergency or disaster declaration. This section determines potential funding sources for response and recovery efforts. It advises state agencies about financial aspects of their coordination with federal officials in major disasters. While OEM provides the basic staff, the section chief may request that financial managers be recruited from other agencies if necessary.

Finance and Recovery Section Chief. During the transition from response to recovery, this position serves as the primary point of contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Typically the Finance Section Chief is named as the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) once a federal Joint Field Office (JFO) is established. This position reports to the ECC Manager.

Administrative Branch. This branch collects data on costs associated with state government response to the disaster. It also tracks costs associated with the activation and staffing of the ECC.

Recovery Branch. This branch collects and analyzes initial damage assessment forms for both IDA and PDA. Staff coordinates with FEMA on the state's federal disaster declaration request. This Branch is the first to transition to a JFO once recovery is initiated.

5.7 Demobilization

As the event transitions from response to recovery, State ECC operations scale down accordingly. The ECC Manager and Coordination Section Manager release staff members as the situation dictates until the State ECC is officially de-activated for the incident.

Debriefings are scheduled and conducted by the ECC Manager or Executive Duty Officer. All logs and records are provided to the Planning Section or ECC Manager to become part of the official record of the event. An after-action report on the State ECC activation is developed and distributed by a designee from the OEM Director. Areas needing improvement or corrective action are tracked and monitored for completion by the same designated OEM staff member.

A Acronyms and Glossary

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AERO	Department of Aviation
AOC	Agency Operations Center
CAP	Civil Air Patrol
DAS	Department of Administrative Services
DCBS	Department of Consumer and Business Services
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DHS	Department of Human Services
DLCD	Department of Land Conservation and Development
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOGAMI	Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
DOJ	Department of Justice
DSL	Department of State Lands
ECC	Emergency Coordination Center
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
ESF	Emergency Support Function
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
IAP	Incident Action Plan
ICS	Incident Command System
IDA	Initial Damage Assessment
JIC	Joint Information Center
JFO	Joint Field Office
LEDS	Law Enforcement Data System
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture

ODE	Oregon Department of Education
ODOE	Oregon Department of Energy
ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation
OEM	Oregon Office of Emergency Management
OERS	Oregon Emergency Response System
OHA	Oregon Health Authority
OHSU	Oregon Health Sciences University
OMD	Oregon Military Department
OR-OSHA	Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division
ORS	Oregon Revised Statute
ORVOAD	Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters
OSFM	Oregon State Fire Marshal
OSP	Oregon State Police
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessment
PUC	Public Utility Commission
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VOAD	Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters
WRD	Water Resources Department

GLOSSARY

Adjunct Agencies: Organizations within the State ECC that may not be a part of state government but have direct interest in effective disaster recovery. Adjunct agencies may contribute expertise and assets to the response and recovery process.

Agency Operations Center (AOC): The location or locations from which individual state agencies control their resources and operations. Most state agencies have a single AOC, some have several regional AOCs.

Command: The act of directing, ordering, or controlling by virtue of explicit statutory, regulatory, or delegated authority.

Coordinate: To advance systematically an analysis and exchange of information among principals who have or may have a need to know certain information to carry out specific incident management responsibilities.

Damage Assessment: The appraisal or determination of estimated damage, losses, and impacts resulting from an emergency or disaster. This estimate of the damages to a geographic area is made after a disaster has occurred and may serve as the basis for the Governor's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration or other request for federal assistance. It also helps local, state, and federal agencies to determine resources that may be needed for recovery in the damaged areas.

Disaster: (See Major Disaster)

Emergency Coordination Center (ECC): The State ECC is the single point of contact for an integrated state response to an emergency. The purpose of the ECC is to provide a centralized location where state officials may coordinate activities and implement direction from the Governor. The primary responsibility of the ECC is to provide information, policy direction and coordination for a major emergency or disaster. This is achieved through a unified management approach.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact: The Emergency Management Assistance Compact is an interstate mutual aid agreement that allows states to assist one another in responding to all kinds of natural and man-made disasters. It is administered by the National Emergency Management Association.

Emergency Support Functions (ESF): A functional area of response activity established to facilitate the delivery of Federal assistance required during the immediate response phase of a disaster to save lives, protect property and public health, and to maintain public safety. ESF represent those types of federal assistance that the state would most likely need because of the overwhelming impact of a catastrophic or significant disaster on its own resources and response capabilities or because of the specialized or unique nature of the assistance required. ESF missions are designated to supplement state and local response efforts.

Emergency: As defined by ORS 401.025: "Includes any man-made or natural event or circumstance causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss, and includes, but is not limited to, fire, explosion, flood, severe weather, drought, earthquake, volcanic activity, spills or releases of oil or hazardous material as defined by ORS 466.605, contamination, utility or transportation emergencies, disease, blight, infestation, civil disturbance, riot, sabotage, and war."

Emergency: As defined by the Stafford Act (Public Law 93-288) “An emergency is any occasion or instance for which, in determination of the President, Federal assistance is needed to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States.”

Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO): The Federal Officer who is appointed to manage Federal resource activities related to Stafford Act disasters and emergencies. The FCO is responsible for coordinating the timely delivery of Federal Disaster assistance resources and programs to the affected state and local governments, individuals affected by a disaster, and the private-sector.

Governor’s Authorized Representative (GAR): The individual empowered by the Governor, in accordance with the FEMA-State Letter of Agreement, to manage and coordinate the state’s disaster response and recovery efforts following a federal Declaration of Emergency. Under **ORS 401.270** the OEM Director is designated as the GAR for certain disaster response and recovery activities.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: As defined by **44 CFR 206.401**: “Hazard mitigation plan means the plan resulting from a systematic evaluation of the nature and extent of vulnerability to the effects of natural hazards present in society and includes the actions needed to minimize future vulnerability to hazards. . .”

Joint Field Office (JFO): A temporary Federal facility established locally to provide a central point for federal, state, local and tribal executives with responsibility for incident oversight, direction, and/or assistance to effectively coordinate protection, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery actions. The JFO will combine the traditional functions of the JOC, the FEMA DFO and the JIC within a single federal facility. In the event of multiple incidents, multiple JFOs may be established at the discretion of the Secretary.

Local Government: As defined in ORS [174.116](#), “local government” means all cities, counties and local service districts located in this state, and all administrative subdivisions of those cities, counties and local service districts.

Major Disaster: As defined under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

Mitigation: (Part of the Emergency Management Cycle) Activities designed to reduce or eliminate risks to persons or property or to lessen the actual or potential effects or consequences of an incident. Mitigation measures may be implemented prior to, during, or after an incident. Mitigation measures are often developed in accordance with lessons learned from prior incidents. Mitigation involves ongoing actions to reduce exposure to, probability of, or potential loss from hazards. Measures may include zoning and building codes, floodplain buyouts, and analysis of hazard-related data to determine where it is safe to build or locate temporary facilities. Mitigation can include efforts to educate governments, businesses, and the public on measures they can take to reduce loss and injury.

Preparedness (Part of the Emergency Management Cycle): The range of deliberate, critical tasks and activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the operational capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents. Preparedness is a continuous process involving efforts at all levels of government and between government and private-sector and non-governmental organizations to identify threats, determine vulnerabilities, and identify required resources.

Presidential Declaration: A formal declaration by the President that an Emergency or Major Disaster exists based on the request for such a declaration by the Governor and with the verification of FEMA preliminary damage assessments.

Prevention: (Part of the Emergency Management Cycle) Actions taken to avoid an incident or to intervene to stop an incident from occurring. Prevention involves actions taken to protect lives and property. It involves applying intelligence and other information to a range of activities that may include such countermeasures as deterrence operations; heightened inspections; improved surveillance and security operations; investigations to determine the full nature and source of the threat; public health and agricultural surveillance and testing processes; immunizations, isolation, or quarantine; and, as appropriate, specific law enforcement operations aimed at deterring, preempting, interdicting, or disrupting illegal activity and apprehending potential perpetrators and bringing them to justice.

Public Assistance Program: The program administered by FEMA that provides supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal and disposal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private nonprofit organizations.

Recovery: (Part of the Emergency Management Cycle) The development, coordination, and execution of service- and site-restoration plans for impacting communities and the reconstitution of government operations and services through individual, private-sector, non-governmental, and public assistance programs that identify needs and define resources; provide housing and promote restoration; address long-term care and treatment of affected persons; implement additional measures for community restoration; incorporate mitigation measures and techniques, as feasible; evaluate the incident to identify lessons learned; and develop initiatives to mitigate the efforts of future incidents.

Response: (Part of the Emergency Management Cycle) Activities that address the short-term, direct effects of an incident. Response includes immediate actions to save lives, protect property, and meet basic human needs. Response also includes the execution of emergency operations plans and of incident mitigation activities designed to limit the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and other unfavorable outcomes. As indicated by the situation, response activities include: applying intelligence and other information to lessen the effects or consequences of an incident; increased security operations; continuing investigations into the nature and source of the threat; ongoing public health and agricultural surveillance, and testing processes; immunization, isolation, or quarantine; and specific law enforcement operations aimed at preempting, interdicting, or disrupting illegal activity, and apprehending actual perpetrators and bring them to justice.

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act): Public Law (PL) 93-288, as amended, gives the President broad powers to supplement the efforts and available resources of state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to alleviate suffering and damage resulting from disasters.

State Coordinating Officer (SCO): The individual appointed by the Governor to act in cooperation with the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) to administer disaster recovery efforts. The SCO may also function as the alternate Governor's Authorized Representative.