



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

December 3-9, 2018

Message from the Director– OEM Director Andrew Phelps offers holiday gift-giving ideas– all of which are great when it comes to emergency preparedness.

Weather –

The NWS has developed seasonal weather preparedness material to use for [weather safety and preparedness messaging](#). Feel free to use these resources as you share safety information with your communities.

You can view the current watches and warnings [here](#).

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

In the News –

- [Oregon disaster agency works with FEMA to prepare for earthquakes, floods](#)
- [Alaska tsunami alert canceled after quake; no threat for Oregon, Washington](#)
- [FEMA launches integration team in Oregon](#)
- [Oregon firefighters return home](#)
- [Living on lava](#)

What Are We Reading?

Book recommendations by and for Oregon's 9-1-1 and emergency management community

Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore by Elizabeth Rush – Elizabeth Rush visits communities grappling with recent floods and deciding if they should stay or retreat inland. The book highlights policies that enabled flood plain development such as the Swamp Land Act of 1850 and the National Flood Insurance Program. It shows how many underserved communities also live in flood prone areas. I'd recommend this book for emergency managers and policy makers who are interested in more resilient development.

Submitted by Courtney Patterson, PBEM

Cascadia Playbook –

Oregon's Office of Emergency Management developed a Cascadia Playbook concept to serve as a reference guide for how state agencies across Oregon will coordinate efforts during a major disaster. A working draft, first published in 2014 was the starting point for our critical response partners to collaborate, vet and refine the content. The Playbook was updated in 2015. Version 3 of the Cascadia Playbook was published last month

and incorporates lessons learned from the Cascadia Rising 2016 exercise and critical input from emergency support function partners. [Cascadia Playbook V3](#) has been posted on the OEM website.

EMAC -

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is a state-to-state mutual aid system that facilitates the sharing of resources across state lines during a disaster.

- ESF-6 (mass care) representative Stan Thomas (DHS) deployed on Nov. 20 to California's EOC to assist in ESF-6 activities in response to the CA wildfires.
- All OSFM and ODF firefighting assets recently deployed to Florida for Hurricane Michael, and California for the Camp Fire, have returned from their missions.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all local and state partners who have assisted other states during their time of need.

Training –

We have several upcoming trainings that are exciting opportunities.

- Dec. 5-7, 2018: ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (Corvallis). To register, email bryan.lee@co.benton.or.us and/or dave.busby@corvallisoregon.gov.
- Jan. 24, 2019: G0191 Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface (Salem). To register, visit <https://g0191salem1-2019.eventbrite.com>.
- Feb. 4-7, 2019: MGT906 Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula, Train-the-Trainer (L0449) (Salem). Applications due by Jan.3, 2019. For registration information contact gwalsh@cityofsalem.net.

Oregon's Current Training Calendar: <http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Pages/Training.aspx>

Washington State Training Calendar: <https://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise>

Idaho State Training Calendar: <https://www.idahoprepares.com/preceptorStudent/calendar.k2>

FEMA Region X Training calendar: <http://fema.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

Events –

Using Drones to Detect Damage to Bridges Workshop: 8:30 a.m. – noon, Dec. 13, Clover Park Technical College, Lakewood, WA. Free. [Registration](#)

9-1-1

The State 9-1-1 Program will be attending the Oregon APCO/NENA Chapter quarterly meeting the week of Dec. 3 to provide program updates and additional information surrounding 9-1-1 call taking equipment and program processes.

Planning –

- FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their federal partners in the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee released a "[Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures](#)."
- The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration updated the [Guidance and Standards](#) used for flood mapping and risk analysis efforts. There were five standards with significant updates, three new standards, six standards with minor terminology updates and five rescinded standards in this maintenance cycle.

Mitigation and Recovery –

- The Public Assistance Team at OEM (Julie and Dan) have been sending out to the local lists FEMA Public Assistance program updates as we receive them. Recent notifications include FEMA disaster

indicators and threshold for FFY19 effective Oct. 1, 2018 and FEMA Public Assistance Revised PA Fact Sheet Contracting Requirements Checklist. Please contact Julie Slevin or Dan Gwin if you have any questions. Also possibly significant changes coming with the recent passage of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which include in this bill the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA). We are reviewing the DRRA for potential impacts good or bad. We expect FEMA policy and guidance to be forth coming with this Act.

- HMA News:
 - Complete applications for PDM and FMA 18 must be entered into eGrants by Jan. 4, 2019 to be considered for the national competition (State deadline).
 - It is business as usual for HMA with respect to the DRRA (mentioned above). The SHMO is waiting for additional guidance and policy from FEMA Region 10 before any significant changes are made. More to come on this issue.
 - **HMGP Post-fire application** period end date will be in May 2019. Applications are **due to the SHMO by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2019**. Those counties that are participating in this funding opportunity now have a bit more time to prepare applications. It is still uncertain how much additional funding may be available statewide.

RAPTOR and OpsCenter –

As mentioned in our recent local and tribal emergency manager update call, we are in the process of updating the infrastructure back-end for our software systems here at OEM. As a part of this update, users of these systems will see downtime associated with these applications. We will be sure to let the community know of when these are set to occur, so please stay tuned for more information.

Search and Rescue –

- The annual Search & Rescue Advisory Council (SARAC) meeting will be Dec.2-6, 2018 at the Riverhouse Resort and Conference Center in Bend. SARAC council members, SAR federal partners and county SAR coordinators always attend in conjunction with the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) annual conference and awards banquet. [Annual Conference Registration](#).
- The annual "Direction and Control of the Search Function - Winter SAR Operations" (WSAR) is scheduled for Jan. 28 – Feb. 1, 2019, in Mono County at the Westin, Mammoth Lakes, CA. The Mono County Sheriff's Office is the host for the course this year. For more information visit: <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/law-enforcement/training>, or contact California SAR Coordinator Mark Baldwin at mark.baldwin@CalOES.gov.
- For general SAR information and statewide training, contact State SAR Coordinator Scott Lucas at scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us or 971-283-6135.

Now Hiring –

- Marion County is hiring an [Emergency Preparedness Coordinator](#) (planner). Applications are open until Dec. 4.
- Lane County is hiring an [Emergency Program Manager](#).

Preparedness Tip –

It's National Influenza Vaccination Week! The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year. The CDC recommends annual influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older. Flu vaccinations can [reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu](#), as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Vaccination of [high risk persons](#) is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness. This includes young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions and people 65+ years old.

Disaster of the Week –

December 2-3, 1984: A gas leak at the [Union Carbide India Limited pesticide plant in Bhopal, India](#), caused [methyl isocyanate](#) gas to leak into the surrounding villages, causing what is believed to be the world's largest industrial disaster and exposing over 500,000 people to the toxic cloud. The exact number of fatalities caused by this leak is unknown, but estimates range from over 2,200 to 16,000, with many of those deaths occurring weeks, months, and even years after the incident as a result of exposure to the deadly chemicals. The gas release was believed to have been caused by a number of factors, including improper chemical storage, a lack of maintenance, and safety systems being shut off to save money.

Lessons learned: This disaster, which continues to impact Bhopal, India and the surrounding area, also changed the way hazardous materials are used, transported, stored, and reported in the US. In 1986, Congress passed the [Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act \(EPCRA\)](#). This Act mandates local governments include response plans for any hazardous materials stored in or transported through their community and that facilities must immediately report accidental releases of Extremely Hazardous Substances to state and local authorities. The EPCRA also requires facilities that manufacture, process, or store hazardous chemicals must make [Material Safety Data Sheets](#), which describe the properties and health effects of the chemicals stored or manufactured on site, available to the public. Visit the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshall for information about [Local Emergency Planning Committees](#) and the State's [Hazardous Materials response program](#).

ECC –

The State ECC is currently in Steady State (Normal operations). All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.