



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

December 10-16, 2018

Message from the Director – OEM Director Andrew Phelps discusses the 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 in October 2018 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.

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 gets new playbook for responding to a Cascadia quake, tsunami](#)
- [Winter driving in Oregon: How to stay safe on the roads](#)
- [Disaster Prep for the Rest of Us: Earthquake wakeup](#)
- [Preparing for the worst: What to pack in your emergency kit](#)

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

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.

- The Department of Human Services Mass Care Specialist returned from a 3-week deployment to the CAL State Emergency Operations Center on Dec. 8.
- Seven Mental Health Behavioral Specialists from Polk, Washington and Yamhill Counties and the Oregon Health Authority deployed on Dec. 9 for a 2-week mission to Alaska. They will be working within the schools in Anchorage.
- Oregon Department of Agriculture's Oregon Veterinary Emergency Response Team (OVERT) will deploy with 30 veterinary personnel from across the state on Dec. 14 for a one-week deployment to assist in Butte County, California. They will assist taking care of 579 animals rescued from the Camp Fire.

Training –

We have several upcoming trainings that are exciting opportunities.

- 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 reminds folks that Text to 9-1-1 is available in many parts of Oregon. Texting should ONLY be used when you are unable to make a voice call to 9-1-1. If you are able to place a voice call, operators are able to gather information more quickly from you about the emergency, your location and what hazards responders may encounter. The key thing to remember is to call if you can, text if you can't.

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 "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.ca.
- 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 –

- The City of Lincoln City is hiring an [Emergency Preparedness Coordinator](#).
- Portland Public Schools is hiring an [Emergency Program Manager](#).

Preparedness Tip –

The holidays are rapidly approaching and with them come increased travel and shopping. Put away distracting cell phones and concentrate on driving; don't drink and drive and always buckle up! Never leave shopping bags or anything of value visible inside your vehicle; don't carry large amounts of cash and park in a well-lit parking lot if shopping at night.

Disaster of the Week –

December 14, 2010: Three months before the 100th anniversary of the deadly [Triangle Shirtwaist Fire](#) in New York, 25 garment factory workers are killed and scores injured when a fire erupts at a [factory in Bangladesh](#). **Lessons learned:** Blocked or locked emergency exits, unresponsive managers, and a lack of familiarity with emergency procedures or the conduct of evacuation drills is a lesson that is observed and not necessarily learned. Building safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility. If you have questions about your work place's

emergency procedures, talk to supervisors and co-workers, create an emergency planning team, and work with emergency management, response, and safety officials to develop, and practice, and plan that will keep you and your colleagues safe during an emergency.

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.