



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**NOTE: This is the last Weekly Watch Report for 2018. Look for the next OEM Weekly Watch on January 7, 2019.**

## **OEM: Weekly Watch Report**

**December 17-23, 2018**

**Message from the Director** – A big thanks to our CERT volunteers in Oregon. This week’s video from FEMA gives examples about how CERT programs across the nation are making a difference in their communities. Community Emergency Response Team members from California, Florida and Texas explain how they come together to prepare their communities and assist their neighbors during emergencies.

### **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 team to help care for animals at Camp Fire](#)
- [Dangers of winter recreation in Oregon and how to stay safe in the snow](#)
- [Water Bureau to build new pipe deep below Willamette, current pipes could fail in quake](#)
- [New ‘playbook’ helps state tackle earthquake response](#)

### **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](mailto:gwalsh@cityofsalem.net).
- Feb. 26-28, 2019: ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (Portland). Register on [iLearnOregon](http://iLearnOregon) or contact [Danielle.Y.Brown@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Danielle.Y.Brown@dhsosha.state.or.us).

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 is in early 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. ***All funding has been "accounted" for; there will not be an open application opportunity 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 –**

- Oregon State Sheriff's Association held their 2018 awards banquet on Dec. 5, in Bend. Congratulations to the following SAR members and programs:
  - SAR Manager of the Year: Deputy Cory Krauss – Josephine County
  - SAR Deputy of the Year: Deputy Scott Myers – Clackamas County
  - SAR Program (team) of the Year - Baker County
  - SAR Volunteers of the Year: Brent Hottle – Lane County  
Joseph Cutler- Washington County
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us) or 971-283-6135.

#### **Now Hiring –**

- OEM is hiring a [Program Support and Compliance Coordinator \(PA 2\)](#).
- OEM is hiring an [Accountant 3 \(Grant Accountant\)](#).
- The City of Lincoln City is hiring an [Emergency Preparedness Coordinator](#).
- Portland Public Schools is hiring an [Emergency Program Manager](#).

### **Preparedness Tip –**

Don't let the coming holidays distract you from basic preparedness – at home and on the road.

- Drivers: Remember to buckle up, put the cell phone away, be prepared for heavy traffic and/or bad weather, and have an emergency kit in your car.
- At home: Use care with candles and fireplaces, use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature, don't overcrowd electrical cords and don't burn trees/wreaths/wrapping paper in the fireplace.

### **Disaster of the Week –**

**December 19, 2010:** An [oil pipeline explosion](#) kills 30 people (27 were killed in the blast, 3 more died later of injuries) in San Martin Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico. Dozens more were injured, and over 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. The explosion was caused when fuel thieves drilled into the pipeline, causing oil to leak faster than they could contain it, causing a river of crude oil to flow down the street, eventually coming in contact with a spark or other ignition source, causing the explosion.

**Lessons learned:** This disaster highlights the “unintended” consequences of crimes like theft. In Mexico, hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil are stolen each year using the same method that caused this explosion. Usually, the thefts go undetected until oil workers discover the leak. This explosion is only one consequence of this type of crime. It is widely believed that drug cartels perpetrated this, and other fuel thefts, to fund their operations. This in turn leads to a better armed cartel, capable of inflicting additional violence. Several residents reported smelling oil or gas leading up to the disaster, but authorities were never notified. Reporting crimes that may seem minor in nature, like theft, trespassing, or even vandalism, can lessen the “unintended” consequences these crimes may have, and will ultimately improve the quality of life for our entire community. Visit [Crime Stoppers of Oregon](#), or the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center for information on how you can anonymously report crimes or suspicious activity. Also check out the US Dept. of Homeland Security's “[If You See Something, Say Something](#)” program for more information on how you can assist law enforcement in keeping criminals out of our neighborhoods and better protect our community.

### **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.