



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

January 7-13, 2019

Message from the Director – OEM Deputy Director Matt Marheine talked about the State Preparedness Incident Response and Equipment Grant allows communities to pre-position resources in the aftermath of disaster, established under HB 2687.

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 hopes for quake warning system within 2 years](#)
- [Oregon offers new online resource for potential flooding around the state](#)
- [Person of the Year 2018? Oregon's firefighters](#)
- [Jackson County Search and Rescue warns drivers against relying on navigation technology](#)

What Are We Reading?

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

[Data Points: Visualization that Means Something](#), by Nathan Yau

In the discipline of emergency management we often—and rightly—pay attention to words. In messages, plans, and forms, we spend our time trying to either add or extract meaning from those documents. In the introduction of this book, however, Yau tells us another thing that we should also pay attention to:

“...visualization that is more than large printed numbers with clipart. It is about making sense of data.” No matter what our specialty, each of us uses data to practice it. And just as we need plans that are clear and concise, we also need to make sense of that data. This book can help.

Reviewed by Erik Rau, Oregon OEM

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.
- Feb. 26-28, 2019: ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (Portland). Register on iLearnOregon or contact Danielle.Y.Brown@dhs.ohio.gov.
- Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (L0273), April 29-May 2 (CFM exam on May 3), Central Point, OR. To register, go to: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

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>

9-1-1

For 2019, The State 9-1-1 Program will be focused heavily on continuing our work surrounding the implementation of program process improvements and developing strategies for ensuring sustainability of the 9-1-1 Subaccount now and into the future. As we shared throughout 2018, the growing fiscal demands on the 9-1-1 Subaccount over the past decade has brought us to the point where we need to focus our immediate efforts on identifying near-term opportunities for reducing demand on the account.

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 forthcoming 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 –

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 –

- OEM is hiring a [9-1-1 Program Analyst \(Information Systems Specialist 5\)](#).

Preparedness Tip –

2019 is here! What are your new year's resolutions? OEM suggests getting 2 Weeks Ready! This important preparedness activity can help you and your family to be able to survive the aftermath of a major disaster. Being prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks is an achievable goal. Check out our series of 2 Weeks Ready brochures at www.oregon.gov/oem/2weeksready and watch fun and lively videos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Li1ODLbi2M>

Disaster of the Week –

January 8, 1996: An Air Africa passenger plane, believed to be overloaded, [crashed into a crowded market](#) in Kinshasa, D. R. Congo (Zaire) after it failed to achieve altitude following take-off, killing over 300 people on the ground. Aside from 9/11, this is the highest number of non-passenger ground fatalities following the crash of an aircraft.

Lessons learned: This doomed flight had numerous problems, even before the attempt at take-off. The plane was overloaded ([and believed to have been carrying weapons](#) for delivery to militant rebels) and did not have permits to fly in Zaire (now D. R. Congo). The pilots, who were believed to have been intoxicated, and two other crew members, escaped the wreckage and were beaten by the angry mob. The pilots were convicted of homicide and faced 2 years in prison, approximately 2.5 days for each fatality. Aside from the obvious lesson about flying with reputable carriers, this disaster and the tragic loss of life of those on the ground reinforces the importance of everyday preparedness, recognizing present and potential dangers and hazards (like an airplane runway next to an open shopping market), and how even a [little emergency training](#) like first aid or CPR, can help keep you calm during an emergency and allow you to assist others who may have been injured.

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.