



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

January 14-20, 2019

**Message from the Director** – OEM Director Andrew Phelps talks about Oregon Prepared 2019 and this year's theme "Redefining the Emergency Management Community."

### **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 Wants You to Be Prepared for Disaster](#)
- [Search and rescue team keeps busy in Grant County](#)
- [Grants Pass implements "Shake Alert" warning system](#)

### **What Are We Reading?**

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

**\*\*NEW\*\*** [The Ostrich Paradox - Why We Underprepare for Disasters](#) by Robert Meyer and Howard Kunreuther. This book details what the research shows about how people make decisions, six biases that lead us all to make errors that can cost lives, and why people will often prepare only when they believe others just like them are prepared. Information doesn't make people take action. Believing that friends, family or neighbors are prepared is the thing that is most likely to result in a person becoming prepared themselves.

*Submitted by Debbie Moller, Moller Consulting*

### **Training –**

We have several upcoming trainings that are exciting opportunities.

- 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](#) or contact [Danielle.Y.Brown@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Danielle.Y.Brown@dhsosha.state.or.us).
- 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 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 –

We are in the process of applying the next update for the OpsCenter application as a part of the situation report update project. This update will allow users to directly input their local/tribal input data into the application. Stay tuned for an announcement of the changes associated with this update.

### Search and Rescue –

- A “Search Management in Oregon Initial Operations” class will be conducted March 6-10, 2019 in Bend Oregon. [Register](#). Registration Code: GSM2019. Questions about the training? Contact Tony Morris at [anthony\\_morris@co.washington.or.us](mailto:anthony_morris@co.washington.or.us). For registration questions, contact Julie Miller: 503-364-4204.
- 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 [9-1-1 Program Analyst \(Information Systems Specialist 5\)](#).
- Synergy Enterprises, Inc. is currently hiring a [Junior Research Associate](#) and a [Research Associate](#). Resumes may be submitted: <http://www.seiservices.com/CareersSubmitResume.aspx>. Candidates need not be local to the Washington, D.C., area.
- Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District (C911CD) is hiring a [Technical Manger](#).

### Preparedness Tip –

Haven't made a new year's resolution yet? Consider downloading an emergency app on your Android or iPhone. There are several options available – check out these resources:

- <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps.html>
- <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app>
- <https://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/10-apps-save-life-case-emergency-article-1.2438105>

### Disaster of the Week –

**January 15, 1919:** 21 people are killed and 150 people are injured in the North End neighborhood of Boston, MA, when a storage tank exploded, sending a ten-foot high wave containing [two million gallons of molasses](#) through the streets. The wave of goo was so strong, a nearby railway bridge was damaged and a railroad car knocked off its tracks. Victims ranged in age from 10 years old to 76 and [included one firefighter](#) who drowned in the molasses when the firehouse he was working in collapsed.

**Lessons learned:** Investigators cited many factors as the cause for the leak, including terrorism (though no link to a human-caused explosion was found), poor construction and inadequate tank ventilation that caused fermenting molasses to create carbon dioxide and increasing internal tank pressure to the point of explosion. This disaster also illustrated the role volunteers can play in emergency or disaster response. 116 students of the Massachusetts Nautical School were training on a ship docked a few blocks away. The students volunteered to assist with crowd control and helping rescue victims. The Red Cross provided nurses to assist with treating, and in some cases, rescuing victims. Clean-up took 87,000 work hours (the equivalent of one person working non-stop for 10 years), and the site is now home to a baseball field with a plaque as a memorial to those who were killed. The Boston Massacre, as it has been called, shows how quickly a disaster can strike and that you never know when you may find yourself in a sticky situation.

### 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.