



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 20-27, 2020

OEM Weekly Watch Reports are available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/OEM/Pages/weeklywatch.aspx>

Message from the Director

This week OEM Director Andrew Phelps talks about emergency declarations – why we need them, how we use them and why they are important.

Weather and Hazards

View current watches and warnings [here](#). Check out our weather dashboard [here](#).

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

Interested in a quick overview of hazards currently affecting Oregon and surrounding areas? Check out our [Leadership Briefing](#) product.

State ECC Status: *Activated*

OEM is supporting OHA's COVID-19 response through the ECC. Operational period is Thursday through Wednesday. ECC coordination calls held on Thursday afternoons. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311 or directly through OpsCenter. In addition to participating in the PPE and Communities of Color MAC subcommittees, OEM is lead for the Emergency Management subcommittee.

COVID-19

On June 30, Governor Kate Brown extended the COVID-19 State of Emergency for 60 days (until September 4). This extension allows for the executive orders she has issued over the past several months to remain in effect.

- As of July 15, Oregonians statewide are required to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, and outdoor public spaces when physical distancing of 6ft or more cannot be maintained. This applies to businesses and members of the public visiting indoor/outdoor public spaces.
- As of July 17, Oregon has 13,802 cases (positive and presumptive) of COVID-19 and a total of 254 deaths.
- COVID-19 information including case counts, testing, county data, reopening phases and guidance is available in multiple languages at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

Drought

The following Oregon counties have local drought declarations: Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath and Wasco. For updates on the latest drought conditions and declarations, visit: www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch/.

Wildfire

OEM joins forces with OSFM, Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Department of Forestry to promote wildfire awareness. As a reminder, OEM has several resources on wildfire preparedness including a [Wildfire Communications Toolkit](#) and a “Fire Activity” tab on our RAPTOR [Leadership Briefing](#) webpage.

In the News

- [Coronavirus overwhelms rural Oregon](#)
- [Major search effort finds missing 3-year-old](#)
- [Oregon National Guard soldiers complete wildland firefighter training](#)
- [Red Cross needs local wildfire season volunteers](#)
- [Oregon lawmakers approve more than \\$200 million in coronavirus relief](#)

Public/Private Partnership Program

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide a wide array of guidance for businesses in responding to COVID-19, including the newly updated [Employer Information for Office Buildings](#) which outlines steps to ensure a business is ready for occupancy, assists in identifying where and how employees may be exposed at work, and suggestions on developing hazard controls to reduce transmission among workers. For questions or to request to be included in the OEM Public Private Partnership Listserv, reach out to Public Private Partnership Program Manager Sonya McCormick at sonya.mccormick@state.or.us.

Training

FEMA has suspended in-person, campus-based training delivery training and education through October 1, 2020.

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>

RAPTOR and OpsCenter

- We have released a new iteration of the public version of RAPTOR which now provides 2D and 3D, allowing all users to see hazard data in both views. You can access it here: <https://arcg.is/1qr5bS>.
- Our leadership briefing application has also been updated to show a broad overview of all hazards in an infographic, offering an at-a-glance view of the status of all hazards within Oregon. You can view the updated leadership briefing application here: <https://bit.ly/2zNczuF>.

Grants

- **FY 19 EMPG** – Please send all reports in by the end of July so we can close out this grant year. If you have any questions please contact Jim Jungling or Nicki Powers.
- **FY 20 EMPG** – The applications are in and the final allocations will be out NLT July 24, 2020. Starting next month, training on EMPG reports will be offered. A schedule will be released soon.
- **Emergency Management Performance Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S)** - Oregon has been awarded EMPG-S to help with the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are available to EMPG eligible jurisdictions. Guidance is coming; watch your inbox for more information. Visit: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/187029> for more information.

- **SPIRE** – The equipment procurement and delivery process has been slowed due to COVID-19. More information will be coming soon. Thank you for your patience.

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

- Registration is open for FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Summer Engagement Series. Visit [BRIC Summer Engagement Series](#) to register for sessions. FEMA hosts an engagement session, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. PDT, each Wednesday in July. FEMA subject matter experts and partners discuss key elements of the BRIC program. The sessions are geared toward leaders in states, local communities, tribes and territories, as well as private sector entities, private non-profit organizations and individuals interested in learning more about the grant program. Each engagement will be recorded and posted online. Topics include:
 - July 22 - BRIC and Community Lifelines
 - July 29 - BRIC and Nature-Based Solutions

Note: This series does not replace Hazard Mitigation Assistance's annual notice of Funding Opportunity webinars, which provide detailed information to apply to a grant program before the grant application cycle opens. For more information on the BRIC program, visit <https://www.fema.gov/bric>.

- Applications and materials for HMGP 4452 (April 6-21, 2019, impacting Umatilla, Wheeler, Grant, Linn, Douglas and Curry Counties) are due Monday, September 7; submit items to shmo@mil.state.or.us.

Search and Rescue

- The OSSA SARAC committee for updating and reviewing policy standards for K9 SAR in Oregon has been completed. Committee lead Deputy Scott Meyers, Clackamas County Sheriff SAR, released the approved version for 2020 to SARAC Chairperson Bruce McGuire and the council. After review, it will be distributed to all 36 county Sheriff SAR teams. This was the first revision since 2003. A yearly review is now in place to keep the policy relevant to the ever-changing SAR environment.
- The link below is for the latest edition of “Journal of Search and Rescue (JSAR). Oregon provided data for this latest issue, as well other SAR heavy states. Page 194 is the beginning of his specific detailed report on SAR during the COVID pandemic.
http://journalofsar.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/v4i2_full_issue.pdf
- SAR events and workshops for 2020 to date are now virtual. Monthly SAR team meetings and/or training in Phase 1 or 2 counties are being held with physical/social distancing guidelines in place. 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

- METCOM is hiring a full-time communication specialist and a part-time call-taker. Applicants may apply for both positions using the same application packet but need to indicate which or both job(s) is/are being applied for. Apply at www.metcom911.com. Click on CAREERS, then CURRENT OPENINGS.
- ODOE is hiring a [Principal Executive](#) for its Nuclear Safety & Emergency Preparedness Division.