



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 28 – August 2, 2020

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

Message from the Director – OEM launched 2 Weeks Ready in 2017 to help Oregonians be prepared for floods, wildfires, earthquakes and other disasters. OEM Director Andrew Phelps talks about how 2 Weeks Ready is a good idea during pandemics, too, and introduces a one-minute video showing how to put together 2 Weeks Ready basics.

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. Requests for assistance may be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311 or directly through OpsCenter.

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.
- 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

Lake County joins the following Oregon counties for 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

The high temperatures that Oregon has been experiencing can set the stage for wildfires. 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

- [Oregon has ‘glimmer of hope’ on COVID-19 trends](#)
- [Oregon extends emergency orders for most common lines of insurance](#)
- [New guidance for school reopening issued; fall sports remain uncertain](#)
- [Alaska earthquake provides valuable insight for Pacific Northwest scientists](#)
- [Emergency fire closure in effect for Ben Young Fire](#)

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](#). This document 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 COVID-19 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

- A new iteration of the public version of RAPTOR 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 infographic form, offering an at-a-glance view of the status of all hazards within Oregon. 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.
- **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

- 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.

Planning

- OEM updated the [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) Who Takes What](#) guide to align with the updated NIMS Training Program. For specific questions regarding NIMS training requirements, reach out to the State NIMS contact Alaina.mayfield@state.or.us or 971-719-0783.
- OEM is reverting to the original federal names for 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), and adding three additional ESFs as higher numbers. Please note these changes do not affect the function of the agency or ESF: More detailed explanatory documents have been distributed through a number of channels already. Within the next few months, as Ops Center is reconfigured, we will begin using the new numbering system in Situation Reports and other incident documents, as well as the State Emergency Operations Plan and associated job aids. For more information about this ESF realignment, please contact erik.rau@mil.state.or.us; 503-378-3252 or kelly.jo.craig@mil.state.or.us; 503-378-2865.

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

- Oregon Office of Emergency Management is hiring a [Program Analyst 3 \(Grants Coordinator\)](#). This is a permanent position at the OEM office in Salem. OEM will hold a conference call to discuss the position scope and areas of responsibility with interested applicants from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 (conference call: 888-363-4734, PIN 152191#).
- 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.