



## OEM Monthly Briefs

August 2014

### State Emergency Operations Plan Update:

OEM is preparing to update the State Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to enhance the structure to the recently developed 18 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) in addition to updating the basic plan. Currently, OEM is scheduled to finalize the update by February 28, 2015. *Contact: Erik Rau at (503) 378-2911 x22252*

### Wildfire Update

The State of Oregon is experiencing a busy wildfire season that kicked off early, mostly due to dry conditions and numerous lightning strikes. Many counties throughout the state have been managing significant fires. On two occurrences, OEM activated a Coordination Cell (dedicated staff) to track and report on simultaneous fires and the impacts according to Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). To date, there has been one Statewide Emergency Declaration by the Governor; mobilization of OPPLAN Smokey (deployment of National Guard Air Assets); four State Conflagration declarations; four Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) designations via FEMA; and three county emergency declarations.

Some of the significant fires this year include:

- Two Bulls Fire – Deschutes Co
- Moccasin Hill Fire – Klamath Co
- Buzzard Complex – Harney Co
- Waterman Complex – Wheeler Co
- Beaver Complex (Oregon Gulch) – Jackson / Klamath Co
- Rowena Fire – Wasco Co
- Rogue River Drive – Jackson / Josephine Co
- Deception Complex – Lane Co

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*State Fire Marshal Jim Walker and Laurie Holien at the Rowena Fire, August 8, 2014*

### OEM Next Generation 9-1-1

The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Project Team met with members of RCC Consulting to review the NG9-1-1 foundational project management documents. These documents are necessary to justify the NG9-1-1 Project. Transitioning Oregon's legacy 9-1-1 system to a modern IP based NG 9-1-1 System is one of OEM's primary policy and strategic objectives. The implementation of NG9-1-1 requires policies and laws that facilitate and fully support all aspects of NG9-1-1. The OEM NG9-1-1 Project Team and RCC Consulting reviewed and updated the Governance Document which aligns the remaining project management documents with the new Governance structure. An in depth financial analysis allowed OEM the ability to examine costs to determine affordability. The completed NG9-1-1 foundational documents will be sent to the Executive Steering Committee for approval at the September 24 meeting. Once approved, a notice of intent will be sent to CFO and LFO, moving this project forward. *Contact: Patrick J. Lustig 503-378-2911 x22294*

### Oregon 9-1-1 Program GIS Mapping and MSAG Coordinators Conference

The 9th Annual Oregon GIS/MSAG Coordinators Conference took place at Eagle Crest in Redmond, Oregon August 19-21. The State 9-1-1 Program, the Oregon 9-1-1 Community, and vendor partners gathered together to provide 9-1-1 industry level training, to share information with other 9-1-1 GIS/MSAG coordinators, and to enjoy informative and entertaining presentations and trainings on 9-1-1, MSAG, GIS Mapping, and future technologies/Next Generation issues in Oregon. The conference was a huge success with many topics already outlined for next years' training.

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### **State THIRA and SPR Process:**

As required by the Department of Homeland Security in the annual grant process, OEM is developing the tools needed to complete the State Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the State Preparedness Report (SPR) which are due December 31, 2014. Zach Swick is working with our vendor to update the data collection tool for an anticipated release date in October to county emergency managers. As additional details are available OEM will be providing updates.

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### **Recovery Planning Project for the State of Oregon**

OEM continues to make good progress with the recovery planning project for the State of Oregon. During a half-day workshop on August 13, state agency partners were given an overview of the recovery planning process that has been underway, and were asked to explore a set of State Recovery Functions (SRFs) proposed to be used as a mechanism to support recovery activities. Each SRF small group identified primary and supporting agencies, key plans and programs, and strengths and gaps. Our private sector contractor, E&E, is working to pull ideas and information gleaned from the workshop into a recovery plan review draft.

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### **IMAT Exercise Scheduled**

On September 16, in coordination with FEMA Region X, Oregon Office of Emergency Management will be hosting an 8-hour Functional Exercise (FE) that will provide the final evaluation of FEMA's most recent graduates of the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) Academy. These teams have the ability to deploy to an incident without a federal disaster declaration at the request of the affected state. The scenario for this exercise will be a distant tsunami. Clatsop, Lincoln, and Coos County EOCs will be active and will be submitting resource requests that will drive play for the IMAT to coordinate federal response to the incident. In addition to the participating counties, Oregon Dept. of Transportation, Oregon Dept. of Human Services, and Public Utility Commission of Oregon will be participating in the State Emergency Coordination Center and will be coordinating their response efforts with those of the IMAT.

### **Vietnamese Delegation Visits Local and State Emergency Management Officials**

The City of Portland, Multnomah County, and the State of Oregon hosted a delegation of officials from Vietnam the week of August 25. The visit was part of the Oregon National Guard Partnership Program, in which the State of Oregon partners with two designated countries (Vietnam and Bangladesh) as an opportunity to learn and share. The visit from the Vietnamese Delegation focused on emergency management

practices, policy and operations. The delegation visited the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) at their new ECC and heard briefings from PBEM and Multnomah County Emergency Management Office. The delegation also visited the State ECC and received briefings from OEM and several of our state agency partners.



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### **RAPTOR Program Updates**

The RAPTOR program provides valuable visual data to emergency managers and critical infrastructure owners and operators throughout Oregon. Recent updates during the last month include:

- ODOE Exercise participation on 8/26/14 during a simulated nuclear event.
- RAPTOR Feature Enhancements:
  - RAPTOR Event Switcher – Default, fire, flood, and nuclear configurations are now available. Each configuration includes incident relevant data and webpage links.
  - Popups enable users to simply click on the map for information.
  - New data loaded - Lightning strike data can be found on the fire configuration, Wasco County data can be found in the My Oregon Widget.
  - RAPTOR Training site was created for training and exercise purposes

OEM encourages all stakeholders to share data and learn how to use the free RAPTOR program (training available upon request).

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### **Preparedness Comic a Big Success**

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Dark Horse Comics have released a new comic book titled, “Without Warning,” aimed at teaching earthquake preparedness to teenagers. The comic book is the result of collaboration between the Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup (CREW), OEM, and Dark Horse Comics. The comic book has been a great success with the public information office taking many calls about the project. “Without Warning” is available for free download on mobile devices here: <https://digital.darkhorse.com/profile/4951.without-warning/>. Printed copies are available through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

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### **New Emergency Management Planner**

We are pleased to announce that Erik Rau has joined our team in the Plans and Training Section as of August 18, 2014. Erik has accepted the Emergency Planner position which has been vacant since May 2014. Erik comes to Oregon Office of

Emergency Management from Benton County with a background in county emergency management planning and community preparedness. His local experience will be a welcome addition to our team. I hope you will all join me in congratulating Erik and welcoming him to our community. You will be seeing and meeting Erik in the near future as we continue to service the emergency management programs.

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### **OEM Hiring**

OEM is very pleased to have filled all but one vacancy. We are currently in the process of filling one position. The following provides an update on recently filled or currently vacant positions:

- Planner 3 (Emergency Management Planner) – Welcome to **Erik Rau** who joined OEM on August 18!
- Information System Specialist 3 (9-1-1 Database Analyst) – Closed Aug 4. In process.

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