



OEM Monthly Briefs

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Recovery Planning Project for the State of Oregon

Work continues on the recovery planning project for the State of Oregon. On Nov. 5, the state partner workshop with the coordinating agencies from each of the seven State Recovery Functions took place. A conference call was also conducted with local, tribal, and private partners to discuss the content of the plan as it currently exists. On Nov. 28, our office received the final draft version of the State Recovery Plan from the contractor for review and comment. This version of the plan was sent to all partners (local, tribal, state, private) on Dec. 1, with a 12 day comment window. We anticipate delivery of the final report on Dec. 31.

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Cascadia Rising

The planning for the 2016 Cascadia Rising Exercise continued in November. Significant exercise planning activity during the month of November includes:

- The Plans and Training Section conducted two exercise Concept and Objectives (C&O) meetings for state agencies, local and tribal government partners, and associated non-governmental agencies on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20. The two C&O meetings were attended by local and tribal emergency managers, several state agencies that are responsible for critical emergency support function (ESF) coordination, supporting federal agencies, and several non-governmental organizations having support functions.
- The preliminary timeline of exercise planning activity for the remainder of 2014, through 2015, and into 2016, leading up to the actual exercise date has been refined and communicated to interested partners statewide. The timeline includes dates for planning meetings, training seminars, coordination sessions with regional partners, and other essential events in support of exercise development.
- A planning orientation meeting has been set for Jan. 29, 2015, at which time exercise planning information will be provided to attendees by state, military, and federal agency planners.

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Oregon Commemorates 1964 Flood Event

It is the 50th anniversary of Oregon's 1964 flood, which ravaged the region between Dec. 18, 1964 and Jan. 7, 1965. The Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in collaboration with other participating agencies (including the Office of Emergency Management) is using this opportunity to educate about flood risk in Oregon.

The National Flood Insurance Program's FloodSmart.gov provides interactive tools to help communicate flood risk and resources to help communities take action to protect and prepare for flooding. www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart This is an opportunity to support messaging for this event.

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Next Generation 9-1-1

Governor Kitzhaber released his 2015-2017 Budget on Dec. 1, 2014. The budget provides the Office of Emergency Management with \$253.1 million total funds, of which \$2.1 million comes from the general fund. Other funds, primarily from the Emergency Telephone 9-1-1 taxes, and federal funds primarily federal grants, provide the remainder of the budget.

OEM has been tasked with implementing Next Generation 9-1-1. The budget does not add any additional positions to the existing 9-1-1 staff in support of this project, however, OEM has been given limitation in the amount of \$500,000 to address an important component of the implementation. The budget calls for staff from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to work with OEM to convert the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System's Public Safety Answering Points from the current "Frame Relay" network architecture to Internet Protocol architecture. Upgrading the network is a significant body of work will support a future migration to Next Generation 9-1-1.

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OEM Strategic Plan

OEM has finalized its Strategic Plan providing a clear path that drives priorities, initiatives and work products for OEM team members, even during times of change. The finalized plan represents a collaborative effort to identify our vision, mission, goals and objectives through 2020. During the past year, a team of OEM management and team members from all of OEM's work sections, came together and identified our core values of Customer Service, Professionalism, Teamwork, Innovation, Respect and Opportunity. These core values will guide us as we continue to assess our needs, capabilities and opportunities for improvements. We thank all our stakeholders who provided feedback during this process to ensure we captured shared interests and your insights into the services we provide. We greatly appreciate your partnership and look forward to the journey ahead. Visit the OEM Plans web page to download the [Strategic Plan](#).

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State THIRA and SPR Process

The State Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the State Preparedness Report (SPR) are an annual requirement through the Department of Homeland Security's grant process. As tools to facilitate a broader understanding of risks and capabilities throughout the State, the THIRA and SPR are an important focus that greatly benefit from the successful capability assessments from our individual, county, and tribal emergency managers and state agency partners. These capability assessments are collected through the annual State of the State Capability Assessment.

The 2014 State of the State Capability Assessment remains open, and will close Dec. 15. OEM is hosting weekly conference calls at 9:00 a.m., every Wednesday to assist emergency managers during the assessment process.

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Plans and Training Staff Update

The section is re-assigning workloads to ensure more consistent customer service and resources are available for Training, Exercise, and Operations functions. The following staff and duties have been adjusted:

- Kelly Jo Craigmiles: Kelly is assuming Operations Officer duties and will continue to be the primary for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program. Training and exercise functions are assigned to Jim Adams and Doug Jimenez respectively. Kelly can be reached at (503) 378-2911 Ext. 22246 or Kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us.
- Jim Adams: Jim is now the State Training Officer and has assumed all training duties from Kelly Jo. Jim can be reached at (503) 378-2911 Ext. 22232 or jim.adams@state.or.us.
- Doug Jimenez: Doug is now the State Exercise Officer and has assumed all exercise duties from Kelly Jo. Doug can be reached at (503) 378-2911 Ext. 22255 or doug.jimenez@state.or.us.

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:

- The RAPTOR User Guide has been posted. Please check it out at http://oregon.gov/omd/oem/Pages/plans_train/RAPTOR.aspx
- A new tsunami/earthquake configuration has been posted. Users can now select and view this configuration using the event switcher within RAPTOR. Highlights of this configuration include: Oregon fault search, tectonic plate boundaries, tsunami evacuation zones (both local and distant), and the tsunami inundation line.
- A new route widget has been added to RAPTOR. This allows users to route from one to many locations within Oregon, as well as the ability to re-route based upon user-defined road blockages and barriers.

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

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OEM Hiring

OEM is currently in the process of filling the following vacancies:

- [Mitigation & Recovery Section Manager](#) – Closes Dec. 26.
- [Information Systems Specialist 3 \(9-1-1 Database Analyst\)](#) – Closes Dec. 16.
- Communication Officer (Radio) – Announcement to be posted soon.
- Program Analyst 2 (Earthquake Public Outreach) – Limited duration position. Announcement to be posted soon.

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