



## OEM Monthly Briefs January 2013

### **Keith Moen / OEM GIS Program Coordinator**

Keith Moen, OEM GIS Program Coordinator, has accepted a new opportunity at Oregon Health Authority. Keith joined OEM in February 2013 as a temporary hire and served as the Real Time Assessment and Planning Tool for Oregon (RAPTOR) System Coordinator. He quickly developed a quality RAPTOR program working with OEM partners and stakeholders to add important new data to the platform. This past September, Keith was hired into the permanent position of OEM GIS Program Coordinator. The OEM GIS Program Coordinator position has been posted for recruitment. We wish Keith well in his new career.

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### **State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT)**

The State IHMT and its subcommittees work to characterize and mitigate natural hazards in Oregon. This includes a subcommittee focused on flood hazards. OEM leads the State IHMT and Department of Land Conservation and Development leads the flood subcommittee. Both groups met in January. The State IHMT is currently working on a major update to the Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP), and how to use new tsunami maps in the context of Statewide Land Use Goal 7 involving areas subject to natural hazard. At its January 7 meeting, the flood hazards team worked on efforts to reduce flood hazards in certain areas burned by wildfires last summer. They also continued to work on a Perishable Data Plan for Oregon, the RiskMAP website, and the Rapid Assessment Flooding Tool (RAFT).

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### **Hazard Mitigation for Lincoln County (DR 4055)**

OEM's Mitigation and Recovery Services section is aiding communities in mitigating flood prone properties through acquisitions, elevations, and relocations. Recently the mitigation staff visited Lincoln County to provide technical assistance in elevating a home along the Siletz River to avoid damage during future floods. This project was funded by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR 4055, a presidentially declared disaster resulting from a severe winter storm, flooding, landslides and mudslides in January 2012. Among many projects, the HMGP for DR 4055 has six acquisitions, four elevations, and one relocation project underway in several counties across Oregon with total FEMA grant funding of approximately \$1.4 million dollars.

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### **Next Generation 9-1-1 update**

OEM will be reporting to the Subcommittee on Public Safety for the Joint Committee on Ways and Means next week. The presentation is in regard to progress related to a budget note regarding the statewide transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) technologies that will be a part of the 2013-15 budget. The proposed statewide transition to NG 9-1-1 is in response to changing technologies and citizen expectations regarding how they

can contact 9-1-1 services in an emergency situation. OEM is committed to having independent quality control reviews take place throughout the life of the project. OEM will seek final authority from the Legislature to proceed with the project. This will occur after every requirement has been completed, approved by DAS and approved by independent quality controls, and reviewed by the LFO.

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### **Public Information Office Preparedness Messaging**

The Public Information Office (PIO) put out a public service message highlighting the importance of emergency preparedness for the anniversary of the great Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake that shook the Pacific Northwest on Jan. 26, 1700. The announcement received multiple publications and is part of an ongoing campaign to promote emergency preparedness at the individual, family and local level.

The PIO office will do another media push during this year's Road Show where Geologic Hazards Coordination Althea Rizzo does a series of presentations promoting emergency preparedness. Last year's event covered the length of the Oregon Coast highlighting the importance of preparation for a Cascadia event. This year's event will focus on preparing vulnerable populations. To learn more about the threat in Oregon and find resources that can help you prepare go to:

[http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/preparedness\\_information.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/preparedness_information.aspx) at Oregon Office of Emergency Management website.

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