



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

October 12, 2015 – October 18, 2015

[Message from the Director](#) -

Umpqua Community College Shooting –

Our thoughts and hearts are with the victims and their families of the UCC shootings during this difficult time as well as the amazing community as they work through the healing process. By all accounts the Oregon emergency response community did an outstanding job responding to this event. The Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) Public Information Office worked with local, state and federal partners on site in Roseburg to coordinate information in support of the Joint Information Center (JIC), the college, and the Community Health Alliance. OEM's Emergency Coordination Center was in a limited activation status, monitoring the incident and providing support as needed. The OEM Public Information Officer, Oregon Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST), and other Public Information personnel mobilized to support information efforts in Roseburg. OEM would like to thank all those individuals and agencies providing support to the JIC and via the VOST team for their amazing support! While the media frenzy has slowed down and the JIC personnel have demobilized, support continues to be provided to UCC and local communication professionals.

Weather – Dense fog advisory in place for the Willamette Valley, small craft advisory for hazardous seas from 12PM Monday until 3AM Tuesday off the northern Oregon coast.

Monday – mid-upper 70's for the majority of the state, 80's for southern Oregon.

Tuesday – upper 70's for the majority of the state, 80's for southern Oregon.

Wednesday – mid-upper 70's for the majority of the state, 80's for southern Oregon.

Thursday – upper 70's for the majority of the state, upper 80's for southern Oregon.

Friday – mid-upper 70's for the majority of the state, low-mid 80's for southern Oregon.

Saturday – low-mid 70's for the majority of the state, chance of precipitation for western Oregon.

Sunday – upper 60's to low 70's for the majority of the state, slight chance of precipitation for western Oregon.

You can view the weekly forecast here: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/oregonWeek.php#tabs>.

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

In the News –

- [Drop, cover and hold on!](#)
- [Garibay named Oregon emergency manager of the year](#)
- [Oregon school shooting: Governor, college leader welcome students back to Roseburg campus](#)
- [UCC Shooting: Timeline of events](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Disaster Resilient Solar PV Workshop
 - Oct 16, Platt Electric Supply , Beaverton, 8:00-2:00
- Private Sector: Oregon Business Development Association Annual Conference
 - Cascadia CIKR briefing
 - Oct 18-20, Inn at the Commons, Medford
- [2015 Dual Track: Unmanned Systems for Emergency Management and Marine Systems](#)
 - October 21-23, Newport OR
- [Bakken Oil Transport: Emerging Risks Awareness Training](#)
 - A course on general awareness and safety of Bakken crude oil for municipalities, communities and organizations to prepare for a rail incident.
 - October 22 8am-430pm, Boardman OR
 - October 23 8am-430pm, Seattle WA
- Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association and PUD Engineering Operations Meeting
 - Cascadia CIKR Briefing
 - Nov 17, EWEB, Eugene, 10:00-2:00
- Oregon Telecommunications Association Safety Seminar
 - Cascadia CIKR Briefing
 - Nov 18, Salem, 11:00-12:00
- Private Sector: Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
 - “Mobilize the Community: Mass Care and Shelter Services”
 - Dec 9, Salem Convention Center 10:30-2:30
- <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/index.aspx>

Training --

- The [training calendar](#) was updated October 9th!
- Couldn't make the OEMA/WSEMA Joint Conference? Here's the next best thing: [Conference presentations](#).
- 10/16, 10 AM Webinar: [Communicating Cascadia's Earthquake Risk](#). Learn about the science and its implications for policy decisions and resiliency efforts. The presenters are Chris Goldfinger, Oregon State University; Jeff Rubin, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue; and Tom Brocher, Earthquake Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey. They will provide an overview of what we know about the Cascadia subduction zone and the associated earthquake risk, how this information is used to guide policy decisions, how the science should be communicated, what state and local governments are doing to address the risks, and what more could be done to better protect the Pacific Northwest. [Register here](#).

Exercises –

- Cyberstorm V – Dept. of Homeland Security exercise series to strengthen cyber preparedness in the public and private sectors. A two-day tabletop exercise where representatives from a variety of state departments and agencies assess their cyber response plans. Tentatively scheduled for second week of March, 2016.
- The next ECC Operations exercise is scheduled for November 12, 2015, 0900-1300. Focus will be on Core Capabilities: Operational Coordination, Operational Communication, and Critical Transportation, to include other critical infrastructure. The following ESFs will be primary players:
 - ESF-1 Transportation
 - ESF-2 Communications
 - ESF-3 Public Works
 - ESF-5 Information and Planning

Community Engagement –

- More than 510,000 Oregonians have registered for this year's [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
 - Go [here](#) to get resources that will help promote the ShakeOut.
 - OEM is looking for letters of support from ShakeOut Partners, Organizers, Sponsors, and others for the Great Oregon ShakeOut!
 - Here are examples of [past letters](#) if you are interested.
 - For more information contact Althea Rizzo (althea.rizzo@state.or.us)
- [Disaster Relief Trials](#)
 - A bike race designed to test navigation, problem solving, and hauling mettle while educating on the use of cargo bikes during an emergency
 - October 17 10am-5pm, University of Portland
 - October 17 11am-6pm, Eugene
- [See the schedule or stream](#) OPB's **Unprepared** documentary. On October 15 from 6 to 9 PM, the ASCE will have a [special screening](#) at the McMenemy's Kennedy School, followed by an expert panel discussion.

9-1-1 Program –

- An update on the OEM Frame Relay Replacement (RFP)
 - On August 28, 2015, the evaluation committee met separately with each proposer to interview each's proposed project team and review each's proposed solution. During the interviews, the evaluation committee discovered that the request for replacement of the frame relay services did not adequately address the provision of selective routing and ALI services, critical to the delivery of emergency calls. We discussed selective routing and ALI services with each of the surviving proposers during their interviews. Unfortunately, we did not receive a viable solution. So, at this time, the State feels, and the evaluation committee concurs, that it is in the best interest of the State and the 9-1-1 Jurisdictions to cancel the current RFP in order to revise the specifications and requirements. We anticipate re-releasing the RFP within the next couple of weeks.
 - Please contact IT Procurement Strategist Lori Nordlien (lori.nordlien@oregon.gov) with any questions pertaining to the canceled or pending RFP for the Frame Relay Replacement.
- The 9-1-1 Program Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) are being rewritten. The proposed OARs have been submitted to the Secretary of State's Office, shared with stakeholders and appeared in the Oregon Bulletin on October 1, 2015. From September 15, 2015 through November 6, 2015 is public comment time.
- For questions pertaining to the OARs, please contact Gillien Duvall at gillien.duvall@state.or.us.
- For questions regarding the interested parties list, please contact Genevieve Ziebell at genevieve.ziebell@state.or.us.

Grants –

- OEM continues to roll-out and provide technical assistance to the five counties that qualify for the FMAG-HMGP Pilot program following Oregon's 2015 fire season. With the support of the National Weather Service Forecast Offices in Boise and Pendleton, remote, satellite-telemetered weather stations are being prepared for installation in the FMAG burn areas in Grant and Wallowa counties; two stations have already been installed in Baker County. Precipitation data are critical in evaluating watershed impacts to include the potential for flooding and debris flows.

Planning --

- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

Preparedness Tip –

- Taking appropriate shelter is critical in times of disaster. Sheltering is appropriate when conditions require seeking protection in your home, place of employment or other location when disaster strikes. Sheltering outside the hazard area could include staying with friends and relatives, seeking commercial lodging or staying in a mass care facility operated by disaster relief groups. If you go to a mass care shelter, you should plan to take your disaster supplies kit with you so you will have the supplies you require. Even though mass care shelters

often provide water, food, medicine and basic sanitary facilities they may not provide the specific needs of your family.

Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring a Search and Rescue [Coordinator](#), position closes 11/2/15

Disaster of the Week –

October 15-18, 1954: [Hurricane Hazel](#) leaves a trail of devastation as it moves from the Caribbean to the Carolinas, and finally, Toronto, Canada. Over 1,000 people lost their lives in Haiti, 95 in the US, and 81 in Toronto as a result of this storm, making it the highest death toll Canada has ever experienced due to a natural disaster. Included in Canada's death toll are five volunteer firefighters, killed when their fire truck was swept away while they were attempting a rescue.

Lessons learned: This was a strange hurricane, having made landfall in North Carolina and traveling over land to Canada, maintaining much of its strength. But the lesson learned from this storm comes as a result of the impact the storm had two days after making land fall, and the resulting flood in and around Toronto, Canada. Hundreds of houses, built in floodplains, were destroyed by flooding associated with this storm. As a result, [new ordinances were enacted](#) to prevent development in floodplains, and neighborhoods destroyed by the flooding were converted to park lands. Those who had lost homes had their land purchased by the government and were not allowed to rebuild in the floodplain. This action, though extreme, reduces the potential impact of future disasters on loss of life and property, and is referred to as [disaster mitigation](#). Mitigation can take many forms, from enacting building codes to prevent development of flood-prone areas (as described above) to thinning or removing fuels like brush and fallen branches from heavily forested areas to prevent wildfires and installing lightning rods on tall structures to give lightning a safer place to strike.

ECC –

- The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. All request for assistance have returned to normal Duty Officer procedures of notifying OERS at 1-800-452-0311.