



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

January 11, 2016 – January 17, 2016

[Message from the Director](#) -

Weather –

ALERT: High Wind Watch between 1/11-1/13 in South Central Oregon

ALERT: Air Stagnation Advisory between 1/11-1/12 in North Central Oregon and the Columbia Gorge

Monday – low to mid 30s and dry in Eastern Oregon, high 40s to low 50s and rainy in Western Oregon

Tuesday – mid to high 30s and dry in Eastern Oregon, mid to high 50s and rainy in Western Oregon

Wednesday – mid 30s to low 40s with increasing chance of rain in Eastern Oregon, high 40s to low 50s and rainy in Western Oregon

Thursday – mid to high 30s and mostly dry in Eastern Oregon, mid to high 40s with moderate chance of rain in Western Oregon

Friday – mid to high 30s and mostly dry in Eastern Oregon, high 40s to low 50s with slight chance of rain in Western Oregon

Saturday – mid to high 30s with slight chance of rain in Eastern Oregon, high 40s to low 50s with increasing chance of rain in Western Oregon

Sunday – mid to high 30s with slight chance of rain in Eastern Oregon, high 40s to low 50s with decreasing chance of rain in 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](#)

Preliminary Damage Assessments for the December 2015 Winter Storm –

- The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are working with local officials in Oregon on Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) following the December winter storm.
- The damage assessments are for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in areas hardest hit by windstorms, landslides, mudslides and flooding in December.
- Public Assistance damage assessments are scheduled for Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties. These assessments are set to run the week of Jan. 11-15.
- Individual Assistance damage assessments are scheduled for Lane, Lincoln, Clackamas, Columbia, Tillamook and Multnomah counties. These assessments are set to run the week of Jan. 11-15.
- For more information regarding the PDA process, federal assistance programs, or recovery from the 2015 December Winter storm see the [2015 Winter Storm Toolkit](#).

In the News –

- [Dozens displaced by Oregon City landslides still without housing](#)
- [Tillamook County Emergency Management Director urges local business owners, other individuals to submit December storm damage info ASAP](#)
- [Preparing for disaster](#)
- [Text-to-911 service coming soon to Portland metro area](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Jan. 19, 2016 – PUC is hosting an ESF 12 Energy Cascadia Playbook Workshop in Salem
- Jan. 28, 2016 – Networking Reception for Emergency Managers and Business Continuity Professionals in Puget Sound by the PNWER Center for Regional Disaster Resilience (CRDR), Washington OneNet and Northwest Healthcare Response Network. [Register here.](#)
- Feb. 24-26, 2016 Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN) Conference will be in Newport. [Register here.](#)

Training --

- Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up to date list of training.
- Planning on going to EMI for training? Your application needs to be submitted no less than six weeks prior to the class. Submit your 119 form to: james.adams@state.or.us

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.
- Feb. 16, 2016, 9a.m. - 1p.m. – The Quarterly Operations Functional Exercise will occur with OEM, Local, and Tribal participants playing from 9am-1pm and state agencies playing from 11am-1pm.

The exercise will focus on the following ESFs:

- 5 – Information and Planning
- 7 – Resource Support
- 8 – Health and Medical

The exercise will focus on the following Core Capabilities:

- Operational Communications
- Operational Coordination
- Public Health and Medical Services

This will be a “limited comms” exercise. Specific information will be released next week.

- Cascadia Rising Final Planning Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2015, 10:30-3:30, at Kah-Nee-Ta.

9-1-1 Program –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT) and the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS) continue to meet for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- The Frame Relay Replacement Project Timeline has been re-baselined to accommodate the increase in project scope.
- The revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ANI / ALI services was released on Dec. 8, 2015.
- The Project Management Team has created a link on the [OEM web site](#) where project updates can be found.

Grants –

- **SHSP:** FY2016 SHSP Grant Application Package was released on Oct. 30, 2015. Application period will close Jan. 22, 2016.
- **FMAG/HMGP Pilot:** On Sept. 28, FEMA announced a Pilot to provide HMGP assistance linked to FMAG fire suppression declarations. For Oregon, this means six HMGP programs for Oregon's six FMAG declarations in Baker, Douglas, Grant, Josephine and Wallowa counties. OEM mitigation and accounting staff continue to provide direct technical assistance to the eligible counties in support of project development, project feasibility, benefit-cost analysis and environmental considerations. Also working to coordinate other state agency technical assistance in support of hazard mitigation activities in the affected counties.
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation, 2015:** All of Oregon's submitted sub-applications (one project and two planning) were selected by FEMA during the National review process. FEMA will be working with OEM in collecting additional environmental and other related information before approving and obligating Federal funding.

Planning –

- **Save the Date!** The third annual Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop is meant to build partnerships by sharing experiences and ideas while strengthening collaboration. The workshop will provide participants with networking opportunities, training and information on programs, current issues and best practices related to all phases of emergency management. Additional information will be coming in the near future. For more information contact [Sidra Metzger-Hines](#) or at 503-378-2911.
 - April 4 – 8, 2016
 - Kah-Nee-Ta, Oregon
- **Call for speakers:** The 2016 Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop planning team is looking for speakers for the upcoming workshop! Any attendee with information on a topic relevant to the Emergency Management Community can give a 6-12 minute presentation on Wednesday, April 6.
 - If you are interested submit the following information to [Sidra Metzger-Hines](#).
 - Full name of presenter
 - Agency affiliation
 - Topic
 - A brief presentation summary
 - What, if any, media support will be needed
 - This is a great chance to show some creativity and share all of those brilliant ideas with the rest of our community. Consider a "[Pecha Kucha](#)" presentation, with an easy to follow format that can take some of the stress out of developing and delivering a short presentation.
- The Department of Homeland Security has updated National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS). The upgraded NTAS includes a bulletin notification mechanism that will provide a synopsis of what the current US threat environment is. [Check the bulletin here.](#)
- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

Preparedness Tip –

- Severe winter weather and extreme cold often times cause power outages. Prepare yourself and your family against power outages by following these steps:
 - Build or restock emergency kits in your car, home and workplace. Be mindful to check flashlights and keep extra batteries.
 - Have alternate charging methods for electronic devices
 - Avoid using candles as an alternate light source as they could cause a fire
 - Purchase ice or freeze water filled plastic containers and keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed during an outage.
 - If using a generator, use it outside the home

Disaster of the Week –

(Editor's note: This is Director Phelps' most favorite disaster. Ever).

January 15, 1919: 21 people were killed and 150 people were injured in the North End neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, when a storage tank exploded. The explosion sent a ten-foot high wave containing over [two million gallons of molasses](#) through the streets. The wave of goo was so strong a nearby railway bridge was damaged and a railroad car knocked off its tracks. Victims ranged in age from 10 to 76 years old, [including one firefighter](#) who drowned in the molasses when the firehouse he was working in collapsed.

Lessons learned: Investigators cited many factors as the cause for the leak, including terrorism (no link to a human-caused explosion was found), poor construction and inadequate tank ventilation that caused fermenting molasses to create carbon dioxide and increase internal tank pressure. This disaster also illustrated the role volunteers play in emergency or disaster response. 116 students of the Massachusetts Nautical School were training on a ship docked a few blocks away. The students volunteered to assist with crowd control and help rescue victims. The Red Cross provided nurses to assist with treatment, and in some cases, rescue of victims. Clean-up took 87,000 work hours, the equivalent of one person working non-stop for 10 years. The site is now home to a baseball field with a plaque as a memorial to those who were killed. The Boston Molassacre, as it has been called, shows how quickly a disaster can strike. You never know when you may find yourself in a sticky situation.

ECC –

- The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.