



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

February 15, 2016 – February 21, 2016

[Message from the Director](#) -

Weather –

Tuesday – 60's west of the Cascades, 50's east, rain in northwest Oregon during the morning

Wednesday – mid to upper 50's for the majority of the state, rain moves in during the afternoon, snow in the Cascades late, high wind watch for portions of Lake and Klamath Counties from 10a.m. to 10p.m.

Thursday – mid 50's with rain west of the Cascades, mid 40's with snow east

Friday – mid 40's to mid 50's for the majority of the state, rain west of the Cascades, snow east

Saturday – mid 40's to mid 50's for the majority of the state, light rain west of the Cascades, light snow over the Cascades

Sunday – mid 50's for the majority of the state, light rain west of the Cascades

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

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

Disaster Declaration Process for the December 2015 Pacific Storm Event –

- The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) worked with local officials in Oregon on Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) following the Pacific Storm Event.
- Public Assistance damage assessments were conducted the week of Jan. 11-15 for Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties.
- Individual Assistance damage assessments were conducted the week of Jan. 11-15 for Lane, Lincoln, Clackamas, Columbia, Tillamook and Multnomah counties.
- The declaration request was signed by Governor Brown and sent to FEMA Region 10 on Feb. 3, 2016.
- For more information regarding the PDA process, federal assistance programs, or recovery from the Pacific Storm Event see the [2015 Pacific Storm Toolkit](#).

In the News –

- [Oregon OEM Weekly Report](#)
- [Brown withdraws resilience officer nominee](#)
- [The quake-maker you've never heard of: Cascadia](#)
- [Preparing for the megaquake](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Feb. 24-26, 2016 Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN) Conference will be in Newport. [Register here](#).
- March 9-11, 2016, [Engineering for Extremes: Seismic Design for Dams in the Western US](#) is taking place in Sacramento, CA. Featured speakers include I.M. Idriss, Denis Binder, Steven Kramer, Ross Boulanger, Jonathan Bray, Lelio Mejia and other well-known experts in the field of seismic issues and dam design.
- Telecommunications Reports [TRDaily](#) is available with subscription.

Training --

- The Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) is offering two Web Based Training Programs at no charge to enhance knowledge and awareness of the following:
 - [Crude by Rail](#)
 - [Flammable Liquids Transported by Rail](#)
- March 8-9, 2016, Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning training by FEMA Region 10 is taking place in Salem, OR.
- March 8-10, 2016, the [Western Regional APCO Conference and Vendor Show](#) will take place at the Oregon Convention Center. This is a unique opportunity for any public safety professional to participate in a wide range of classes and information sessions. This is not specific to 9-1-1 but is for emergency managers, law, fire, EMS and anyone in public safety or administration. Please visit the website for information on classes offered and how to register. While in attendance, stop by and visit the Oregon and Washington Emergency Management booth at the vendor show.
- 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 –

- The Department of Homeland Security is hosting the Cyberstorm V exercise series to strengthen cyber preparedness in the public and private sectors. Cyberstorm V is a two-day functional exercise where representatives from a variety of state departments and agencies assess their cyber response plans. The exercise is scheduled for March 8-10, 2016.
- The Cascadia Rising Final Planning Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2015, 1030-1530, at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Community Engagement –

- Signs for the new Tsunami Blue line project will be installed in Florence, Reedsport, Coos Bay and Gold Beach by March 11, 2016, the 5 year anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan. OEM encourages participation in a Tsunami WalkOut on March 11-12 to practice evacuation routes and promote public awareness of emergency evacuation routes. Find your evacuation route [here](#). Share your WalkOut story on Facebook and Twitter using #ORTsunami.
- FEMA is seeking public comments on all aspects of the [Disaster Deductible](#) concept until March 21, 2016. Comments may be submitted through [Regulations.gov](#) under docket [ID FEMA-2016-003](#).
- In early January, FEMA entered the next phase of tribal consultation for the Stafford Act disaster declaration process for tribal governments. The draft guidance is posted to the [Federal Register](#) and will be available for comment until April 7, 2016. Additional information regarding the consultation process may be found at [Second Draft Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance](#).

9-1-1 Program –

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- 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 was re-baselined to accommodate the increase in project scope.
- Oregon State Procurement received Request for Proposals (RFP)s for Network services and ANI / ALI services on Jan. 19, 2016.
- The RFP Evaluation Team met and received the RFP Proposals from State Procurement on Jan. 21, 2016. The Team met again on Feb. 4, 2016 for first-round evaluations and scoring of proposals.
- Visit the [OEM web site](#) for project updates.

Grants –

- The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant application for 2016-2017 is now open. Grant applications are due by 5p.m. March 15, 2016. For additional information, please contact Sue Otjen at 503-934-8227 or sue.otjen@state.or.us.

Planning –

- OEM, in coordination with the Oregon Association of the Deaf, Oregon Association of Certified Interpreters and Oregon Office on Disability and Health, is hosting a discussion about how to build a system within Oregon that will assure the deaf or hard of hearing community will have access to emergency information through ASL interpreters during emergencies and disasters. If you are interested in attending contact [Cory Grogan](#) or confirm your attendance [here](#).
 - Feb. 17, 2016 from 1p.m. to 3p.m. in the OEM ECC
- 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
- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

Preparedness Tip –

- Create an emergency communications plan
 - Gather a physical copy of phone numbers, emails and other contact information.
 - Put copies of the contact information in your emergency kits.
 - Designate an out-of-state contact in case of emergencies.
 - ICE your cell phone – Add an emergency contact in your phone using the acronym ICE (In Case of Emergency) followed by the person’s name.

Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring an [Accountant 3](#) (Senior Accountant – Financial Services Lead), position closes Feb. 16.

Disaster of the Week –

February 20, 2003: A pyrotechnic display at [The Station nightclub](#) in West Warwick, Rhode Island, ignited sound insulation foam on the nightclub’s ceiling. The fire injured 230 people and killed 100, making it the fourth deadliest nightclub fire in US history.

Lessons learned: Blame for this tragedy was assigned to the club owners, the band performing that night (Great White), the concert’s promoters and the manufacturers of the ceiling foam and pyrotechnics. One fact that investigators from the [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\)](#) agreed upon, was a fire suppression sprinkler system likely would have extinguished the blaze before serious damage occurred. The Station had previously been a restaurant and was exempt from law requiring sprinklers. A sprinkler system should have been in place when it began operating as a night club. Following this disaster, a national movement to provide incentives for the installation of fire suppression

sprinklers in commercial and residential structures began. [Federal legislation](#) has been introduced to the US House of Representatives or Senate six times since 2003, and has yet to be passed.

RAPTOR: -

- News will be coming shortly for follow up on trainings about the RAPTOR mapping application.

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.