



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

March 7, 2016 – March 13, 2016

[Message from the Director](#) -

Weather –

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

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

Updates from the Joint Field Office in Salem for DR 4258, the 2015 Pacific Storm Event –

Oregon and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have reached a number of milestones since Feb. 17 when a major disaster was declared. The declaration assists state, tribal, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations affected by severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides occurring Dec. 6-23, 2015.

The Joint Field Office, headed by State Coordinating Officer Clint Fella and Federal Coordinating Officer Dolph Diemont, officially opened Feb. 23, 2016. In Clint's absence, OEM's Joseph Murray serves as the State Coordinating Officer. The following is a disaster recovery update for the 12 counties declared for Public Assistance: Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill.

As of March 7:

- Approximately 60 Requests for Public Assistance have been submitted by applicants; **the deadline is March 18.**
- 11 Applicant Briefings (covering the 12 counties) have been conducted by the state detailing the assistance process.
- Public Assistance staff has initiated exploratory calls with eligible applicants.
- Douglas County will undergo a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) following the discovery of newly identified damages.

In the News –

- [Anticipating the next megaquake](#)
- [After the Big One](#)
- [Impending Cascadia Subduction Zone quake back in the news](#)
- [Umatilla County ups emergency manager to full-time job](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- The Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security article [Successes in Public-Private Partnerships Contribute to Private Sector Resilience](#) highlights the importance of a collaborative public-private partnership framework.

- Clear Path IV is an energy focused disaster response exercise sponsored by the US Department of Energy. It is scheduled to take place in Portland in April. This exercise will provide an opportunity for government (local, state and federal) and industry to examine challenges in responding to the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami. This exercise will provide the energy sector with building block information for Cascadia Rising 2016.
 - April 19, 2016 – Clear Path IV Local, State and Regional Energy Sector Response Coordination
 - April 20, 2016 – National Level Energy Coordination
- March 9-11, 2016, [Engineering for Extremes: Seismic Design for Dams in the Western US](#) takes 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.

Training –

- March 8-9, 2016 Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning training by FEMA Region X takes place in Salem, OR.
- March 8-10, 2016, the [Western Regional APCO Conference and Vendor Show](#) takes 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.
- [“Tsunami Safe: Hospitality Begins with Safety”](#) training sessions are scheduled for various locations along the coast from Feb. 22 to March 17. This round of trainings will offer two components on each date. The first component is introductory training for facilities that have not already received that training. The second component is a new disaster planning training for hospitality industry management.
 - Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Gold Beach Fire Hall Meeting Room, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach
 - Thursday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Newport Chamber of Commerce, 555 SW Coast Highway, Newport
- 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, 2016, 10:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. 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 five 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.
- [My Preparedness Story: Staying Healthy & Resilient Video Challenge](#) is accepting video submissions until March 29, 2016. Videos should answer the question “How are you helping family, friends, and community protect their health during disasters and every day?”
- 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.
- Check 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 –

- 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.
Currently all rooms at Kah-Nee-Ta Spa and Resort are full. Through partnerships with local hotels, we have been able to extend our negotiated conference rate to partner hotels in nearby Madras. If you have not yet made your reservations, we ask that you please still work through our host, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa to ensure you receive the negotiated conference rate of \$89/night (+taxes & fees). Lodging reservations are the sole responsibility of the attendee.
 - 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 17-20 in Portland.

Preparedness Tip –

Communications Preparedness

- “ICE” your cell phone
 - Help first responders use your cell phone to notify the right people in an emergency. Include the acronym ICE (In Case of Emergency) in front of your emergency contacts’ names. Example: “ICE Dad” or “ICE Alison.”
- Create a phone tree
 - Write a list of key contact information for each member of your family and business. Designate an out-of-state contact to communicate among separated family and business members. If phone lines don’t work, use social media and text messaging to let others know you are safe.
- [Prevent communication breakdowns](#)
 - Always keep electronic devices fully charged, and keep multiple cell phone chargers/adapters at various locations.

Disaster of the Week –

March 11-14, 1888: [The Great Blizzard of '88](#) dropped between 20” and 60” between Washington, DC and Maine, killing more than 400 people including a [US Senator](#). The storm shut down the New York Stock Exchange for two days. It also

cut off communication lines along the East Coast of the United States and Canada. Snow drifts as high as 40 feet were reported to have completely covered 3-story houses. Hurricane-force winds were reported in some areas of the storm.

Lessons learned: Due to the heavy snow, many fire stations along the East Coast were non-operational, [resulting in more than \\$25 million in fire-related losses](#). Firefighters could not get to burning structures. This emphasizes the importance of identifying critical infrastructure and prioritizing emergency response efforts. This storm also prompted New York City (and many other areas) to begin burying their telegraph lines underground. This storm also led to the design of [the first underground subway system](#) in the US, which opened in Boston nine years after the storm.

RAPTOR –

Did you know that two different jurisdictions used RAPTOR for training and exercise last week? Here's a shout-out to Columbia County and the City of Roseburg for using RAPTOR during the week!

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.