



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 1 –7, 2016

Message from the Director –

Weather –

You can view the current watches and warnings [here](#).

You can view the weekly forecast [here](#).

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

In the News –

- [Meeting Future Emergency Management Challenges Through Education](#)
- [Amateur Radio Plays Key Role In Major FEMA Earthquake Disaster Exercise](#)
- [Governor Brown Talks Disaster Prep in Redmond](#)
- [Is the Cascadia Subduction Zone a Ticking Time Bomb?](#)

OEM Website Update –

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is in the next phase of redesigning its website to ensure visitors can easily find information. We want to include you in the process and request your participation in Optimal Sort, a survey that will help us organize website content. Please take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey which can be found at <http://ows.io/os/ks6ovf08>. For additional information about how to navigate the survey tool, view this week's Message from the Director video.

Hazards Update –

- **Drought**
 - The past winter and spring brought some relief to drought across Oregon; water officials and emergency managers are closely monitoring [conditions this summer](#). Counties facing potential drought this year can now receive help faster. A new process for requesting a drought declaration under ORS 536 provides access to many water policy tools without requiring a declaration of emergency under ORS 401. Further details are available in the [memo and request template at the OWRD website](#) or at the monthly Drought Readiness Council meetings. For more information contact OEM's [Erik Rau](#) or 503-378-2911 x22252.
- **Wildfire**
 - OEM has developed a [Wildfire Communications Toolkit](#) with suggested messages, templates and social media shareables for the 2016 fire season. OEM has also updated the [Wildfire Factsheet](#).
- **Zika**
 - Four Zika cases in Florida have been linked to local mosquitos. At this time, the risk of mosquitos spreading Zika in Oregon remains low; Oregon does not have the two types of mosquitos known to

spread Zika. Case counts and general information for the public (updated every Tuesday) may be found at www.healthoregon.org/zika. Information for healthcare providers may be found at www.bitly.com/zikaoregon.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- FEMA Region X is accepting applications for a Maturing Public-Private Partnerships Workshop in Lynnwood, WA, August 16-18
 - For more information, contact Stacie Imuta at Stacie.imuta@fema.dhs.gov or 425-487-4772.
- 7X24 Exchange is an International Users Group for those that design, build, use and maintain mission-critical enterprise information infrastructures. They will be hosting a private Thought Leadership luncheon on August 5 at the Portland City Grill with dozens of leaders from Portland area companies. Also attending will be local, state and federal leadership for Emergency Response including Lt. General Hokanson, Deputy Director of NORAD and Northern Command. OEM Director Andrew Phelps will speak about Cascadia Rising. The lunch will serve to further the goal of 7X24 to enhance public/private partnerships in service to disaster preparedness.

Training –

- FEMA's Emergency Management Institute is now accepting application packages for the [2017 National Emergency Management Executive Academy](#). This Academy provides a comprehensive and cutting-edge curriculum to enhance strategic leadership and critical thinking for emergency management senior executives from all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.
 - Applications will be accepted through August 5. There are a limited number of seats and enrollment is competitive.
- 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.

Community Engagement/ Other Events –

- ASCE and OPB/Oregon Field Guide partner from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2
 - Northern Lights Theater in Salem (3893 Commercial Street SE) to show "Unprepared," a documentary focusing on earthquake preparedness. A panel of speakers from ASCE, ODOT, the City of Salem and Marion County will discuss the film and answer questions.
- The [Oregon Heritage Commission contractors](#) for museums and cultural organizations is hosting a series of upcoming workshops on emergency response and recovery. Instructor Rebecca Elder has ten years of experience working with history institutions and an MSIS with a Certificate of Advanced Studies for Conservation of Library and Archival materials. She is a Professional Associate of the American Institute for Conservation, as well as an active member of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums, the Society of American Archivists and the Texas Association of Museums. All workshops take place from 9 a.m. to noon.
 - **Aug. 15** Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute, Pendleton
 - **Aug. 16** Deschutes Historical Museum, Bend
 - **Aug. 17** Southern Oregon University Medford Campus, Medford
 - **Aug. 18** Coos Bay History Museum, Coos Bay
 - **Aug. 19** Architectural Heritage Center, Portland
- Oct. 4-6, Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA) 2016 Conference will take place at the Salishan Spa and Golf Resort. This year's keynote speaker is Lt. General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.) Commander of the Joint Task Force Katrina and Global Preparedness Authority.
 - Registration for the conference opened June 7, for more information check [here](#).

Planning –

- Tuesday, August 16, 3 to 5 p.m., OEM's Erik Rau will present a Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Toolkit Workshop. The workshop will provide an overview of the statewide COOP toolkit, OregonCOOP.com, and the contract that supports it. Discussion will also include a brief description of the first steps to managing a COOP planning program.

- Oregon Coast Community College, Southbeach Campus Community Conference Room, 400 SE College Way, Newport, OR 97366-4100. RSVP by email vdemaris@co.lincoln.or.us for full document set, conference phone number, and webinar link. The workshop and the toolkit are at no cost.
- FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their federal partners in the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee released a "[Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures.](#)"
- The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration updated the [Guidance and Standards](#) used for flood mapping and risk analysis efforts. There were five standards with significant updates, three new standards, six standards with minor terminology updates and five rescinded standards in this maintenance cycle.

9-1-1 Program –

- August 29-31, is the annual [Oregon GIS Mapping and MSAG Coordinators Conference](#) at the Eagle Crest Resort. For more information contact Michael Gurley at Michael.gurley@state.or.us or 503-378-2977 x22284.
- For the latest frame relay replacement project updates, please check the [OEM web site](#).
- The Portland Dispatch Center Consortium Text to 9-1-1 pilot is scheduled to go live later this summer. The state is currently reviewing options for the most effective approach to a statewide rollout, once a successful pilot is completed.

Grants –

- EMPG Grant: Final allocations for FY16 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) were sent out on July 7. If you have any questions please contact Clint Fella at 503-378-2911 x22227 or clint.fella@state.or.us.
- The [Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program \(SRGP\)](#) provides funding for seismic rehabilitation of critical public buildings, particularly public schools and emergency services facilities. The next application period opens July 1 and closes September 30. In order to apply, contact the Business Oregon SRGP Coordinator, [Gloria Zacharias](#), phone 503-986-0132.

Mitigation and Recovery –

- OEM continues its work with federal agencies on the Fire Management Assistant Grant (FMAG) – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) pilot program. OEM has also filed an extension and will provide updates in the near future.

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

Federal disaster assistance is being delivered to public entities in 14 counties: Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties.

- The JFO closed in mid-July. A with a small contingent of FEMA staff remain until mid August.
- Port of Brookings will receive more than \$400K to cover damages to the harbor. The grant will help pay for dredging and hauling away of 9,325 cubic yards of sediment.

RAPTOR –

Interested in seeing more data about active wildfires in our area? Check out the fire configuration of secured RAPTOR for more details, including active wildfire perimeters, air quality, thermal satellite and more.

SAR –

Search and rescue continues to have a busy summer. This past weekend individuals in two separate instances were located. Currently teams in Marion County are looking for an overdue hiker near Mt. Jefferson near Breitenbush.

Preparedness Tip –

Heading to the beach? OEM has created the Oregon Coast Visitor Tsunami Awareness project. Project goals are to improve the visitor's awareness of the tsunami hazards and to support the hospitality industry on the Oregon coast in becoming more prepared for tsunami events.

- Find out if you will be in a tsunami inundation zone.
- Know the designated evacuation routes and plan a route best suited for your family.

- Familiarize yourself with local tsunami evacuation protocols. If possible, pick areas 100 feet above sea level or go as far as two miles inland, away from the coastline. If you cannot get this high or far, go as high or far as you can. You should be able to reach your safe location on foot within 15 minutes.

Now Hiring –

- Training and Exercise Coordinator Position at Multnomah County Emergency Management
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/multnomah/jobs/1491344/training-and-exercise-coordinator>

Disaster of the Week –

On August 5, 2010, [Two people were killed and 38 injured](#) near Gray Summit, Missouri when a pick-up truck driver slammed in to a tractor trailer causing a major traffic accident involving two school buses carrying a high-school band to an amusement park. The driver of the pick-up was killed, as was a 15-year-old student on one of the school buses.

Lessons learned: An investigation into this accident revealed the 19-year-old driver of the pick-up truck sent six text messages and received five text messages in the minutes leading up to the crash. While a vehicle accident with two fatalities may not be considered a disaster, consider the number of traffic accidents and fatalities that occur throughout the year as a result of inattentive driving, often because a driver is distracted by text messages or other cell-phone distractions. [Texting while driving is banned](#) (at least in part) in all but two states. [Oregon also prohibits](#) the use of cell phones (including hands-free) for all drivers under the age of 18. Exceptions to the use of hands-free devices while driving are made for those summoning emergency assistance (provided no one else in the vehicle is capable of doing so) and for licensed amateur radio operators using an amateur radio.

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.