



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 6 - 12, 2015

### Message from the Director –

- This week's message is from OEM Deputy Director Laurie Holien.

### **Weather –**

- Temperatures will remain in the 90's through Wednesday of this week, with colder air moving in mid-week to bring temperatures into the 80's by the weekend.
- A heat advisory is still in effect for the Willamette Valley through Wednesday at midnight.
- A fire weather warning is in effect until tonight at 11PM for portions of Harney, Lake, Klamath, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties.
- Thunderstorms are expected in this area starting this afternoon and continuing tonight.
- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

### **Training –**

- 12 new training activities have been added to the [training calendar](#). The next three training opportunities on the calendar are:
  - AWR – 310 Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders (7/15/2015)
  - COOP Planners Workshop (7/23/2015)
  - Emergency Management Basic Academy T-t-T (8/5-7/2015).

### **Exercises –**

- Planning is continuing on the Cascadia Rising Functional Exercise scheduled for June 2016.
- ECC Operations Drill scheduled for Aug. 13, 2015. The exercise will focus on:
  - ESF-5 – Information and Planning
  - ESF-12 – Energy
  - EFS-13 – Military Support
  - ESF-16 – Law Enforcement
- Addictions and Mental Health Services is sponsoring a FEMA Tabletop Exercise - <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/amh/Pages/amh-fema-training.aspx>

## Community Engagement –

- Please encourage registration for the [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
- The OEM Communication Trailer and preparedness materials will be at this year's Hillsboro Air Show, July 17-19.
- Red Cross Cascades Region is inviting Oregonians and Southwest Washingtonians to join Aug. 1 for the second annual Camp Prepare!
  - This region-wide coordinated camping event invites people of all ages to experience life using only the contents of their preparedness kits.
  - For more information or to register click [here](#).

## E 9-1-1 –

- 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.
- To learn more about the Oregon 911 Frame Relay Replacement Project go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/or911/Oregon-911-Frame-Relay-Replacement-Project.aspx>
- The RFP for the 9-1-1 Frame Relay Replacement Project was released on May 20, 2015 with an initial due date for responses of July 1, 2015. The deadline for responses has now been extended until Tuesday July 21, 2015.

## In the News –

- [June 2015 hottest on record in Salem](#)
- [Past Tense Oregon: Wildfires -- and fighting them -- are part of life in the Pacific Northwest](#)
- [Crews Stretch Resources To Suppress Oregon Fires](#)
- [Fire Restrictions](#)
- [How Twitter and Instagram Could Help Inform Local Disaster Response Efforts](#)

## Grants –

- 2015 EMPG Update:
  - Submitted 2015 EMPG work plans have been reviewed and approved.
  - OEM will issue sub-grants once federal award is received; not expected until Sept.
  - The 2015 EMPG Period of Performance began July 1, 2015, so even though sub-grants will not go out until September (at the earliest), eligible costs beginning July 1, 2015 will be reimbursable.
  - OEM anticipates updating allocation amounts as soon as we know how much 2014 EMPG funds will be de-obligated and will provide those numbers when they are locked in, aiming for early August.
  - If you have any questions or need assistance with the EMPG program, please contact Kelly Jo Craigmiles (Kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us; 503-378-2911 x22246).
- EMPG quarterly reports are due to Kelly Jo Craigmiles by close of business July 15. Please submit exercise reports to Doug Jimenez.
- Close-out of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for DR-1733 (December 2007 flood disaster) with FEMA is moving toward completion.
- HMGP for DR-1824 (2008 Severe Winter Storm) is now in the close-out phase with FEMA.

- FEMA continues to review and obligate funding for HMGP projects from DR- 4169 (February 2014 Severe Winter Storm).
- The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs for Federal Fiscal Year were announced by FEMA on May 29 with the opening of the application period.
  - Detailed information can be found on OEM’s Home Page. The sub-application deadline to OEM is Aug. 14.
- On June 15, FEMA Region X pre-approved the “updated” Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (with Enhanced status) pending promulgation by the Governor; currently being scheduled for early July.

### Planning –

- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.
- State natural hazard mitigation plans moved from a three-year to five year update cycle by Federal rule change last year.
- The 2015 update will be current into 2020, ensuring the state’s eligibility for Stafford Act Assistance and non-disaster mitigation grant programs.
- The Request for Proposals to supply a statewide solution for COOP services was posted to the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) on July 2. RFP number: DASPS-1110-15.
  - It will be open for thirty calendar days, followed by an evaluation period of approximately two weeks.
  - Contact Erik Rau [erik.rau@oem.state.or.us](mailto:erik.rau@oem.state.or.us) with questions.
- The new version of the Cascadia Playbook is here
  - Cascadia Playbooks remain controlled and tracked documents with specific numbers assigned.
  - In order to receive a new Playbook, you will need to turn in the expired Playbook.
  - If you are planning a trip to Salem / OEM, please bring your old Playbook, so we can swap it.
  - To coordinate your “Playbook Swap”, please contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x 22233 or [zach.swick@oem.state.or.us](mailto:zach.swick@oem.state.or.us).

### Wildfires Information –

Here are some great resources with current information about Oregon Wildfires:

- <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/> - This page is designed to provide for timely and official fire information about wildland fires across the Pacific Northwest. The information is posted by the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in partnership with Public Information Officers that work for federal, state and local fire agencies and is drawn from official sources within the wildland fire community.
- <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> - This site is an effort by many city, county, tribal, state and federal agencies to coordinate and aggregate information for Oregon communities affected by wildfire smoke. The information is posted here by the agencies themselves while volunteers built and are maintaining the page.
- <http://wildfireoregondeptofforestry.blogspot.com/> - Current information about fires on Oregon Department of Forestry, department-protected lands

### Current Fires –

- Buckskin – 5,345 acres, 60% contained (located in Curry County)
- Bunker Hill Complex – 388 acres, 90% contained (located in Douglas County)
- Corner Creek 0297 PR – 26,414 acres, 15% contained (located in Grant County)
- Harper Complex – 442.5 acres (located in Grant County)
- Radar – 1,037 acres (located in Harney County)

For current wildfire information you can also go to RAPTOR (Real-Time Assessment and Planning Tool for Oregon) - Oregon's Common Operating Picture for Emergency Management and Response.

[http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans\\_train/RAPTOR.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans_train/RAPTOR.aspx)

Subscribe to our listserv! <http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/raptor>

### Drought Information –

- For current drought information go to the Water Resources Department [Drought page](#).

### Preparedness Tip –

- Wildfires often begin unnoticed. However, they spread quickly and every second counts! Talk with members of your household about wildfires—how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs. <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/wildfire>

### Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring an Oregon State Service Corps AmeriCorps [Emergency Preparedness Specialist](#).
- OEM is in the process of hiring an Information System Specialist 7 (Network Analyst).
- OEM is in the process of hiring a Part Time Public Affairs Specialist 3.
- OEM has a Public Private Community Affairs Liaison vacancy. An announcement will be made once this position has posted.
- Samaritan Health Services is hiring an Emergency Management Program Specialist. To view announcement, please visit Samaritan Health's employment [site](#).

### Disaster of the Week –

**July 6, 1944:** A fire during the [Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut](#) killed [an estimated 170](#) people and injured over 700 others. The cause of the fire, which rapidly spread across the “big top” tents waterproofing made of a mixture of paraffin and gasoline (a common waterproofing method, if you can believe it), was never determined.

**Lessons learned:** This tragedy sped up the demise of large circuses performing in tents, and instead using permanent structures like theaters and sporting arenas for their shows. Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey stopped using big tops altogether in 1955. One haunting lesson learned from this tragedy is the inability to confirm the identity of a child who was killed in the fire, a young girl known only as “Little Miss 1565” named after her morgue ID number. A number of theories persist as to the girl's identity; that a grief-stricken parent identified the wrong body and she was never claimed, or that her entire family died in the blaze. Regardless, maintaining current photographs and medical information for family members like height, weight, blood type, and finger prints, as well as access to dental records can help bring a family closure following a disaster like this and ensure a child is not buried without a name. [CLICK HERE](#) to order a free Child Safety and ID kit.

### **Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –**

- Physical attacks on high-capacity Internet cables are increasingly common causing widespread service disruptions in CA. Visit [link](#) for more information.

### **Disaster Recovery –**

Nothing to update

### **Emergency Coordination Center –**

- No activities this week, Level I Standby. Staff continues to monitor wildfires.
- OEM is continuing to develop the Oregon Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST).
  - VOST Teams support many types of emergencies and disasters, as well as public safety related organizations of all types with social media support.
  - Emergency managers need to know what's being shared on social media to gain real-time situational awareness, to respond to rumors, misinformation or old information, and to support the good information that's being shared.
  - OEM is asking local emergency managers interested in VOST to attend trainings and identify a local volunteer(s) to support Oregon VOST.
  - For more information on Oregon VOST contact Cory Grogan; [cory.grogan@state.or.us](mailto:cory.grogan@state.or.us).