



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 3 – 9, 2015

Message from the Director –

A message from Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps.

Weather –

- Current warnings/watches:
 - Red flag warnings for Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Harney, Malheur, Baker counties from Monday at 2PM until Tuesday at 11PM.
 - Fire weather watch for Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla from Monday at 12PM until Tuesday at 9PM.
- Mon: mid-upper 80's for majority of Oregon, coast 60's, southwest Oregon in the mid 90's.
- Tues: mid-upper 80's for majority of Oregon, coast 60's, southwest Oregon in the mid 90's.
- Wed: low-mid 80's for majority of Oregon, coast 60's, southwest Oregon around 90.
- Thurs: low-mid 80's for majority of Oregon, coast 60's, southwest Oregon around 90.
- Fri: mid 80's for majority of Oregon, coast in the 60's, southwest Oregon around 90.
- Sat: mid 80's for the majority of the state.
- Sun: low-mid 80's for the majority of the state.

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

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

Wildfires:

- Cable Crossing Fire – 1,613 acres, 20% contained, located in Douglas County (6 miles east of Glide), 126 residences threatened (as of 7:10AM this morning)
- Stouts Fire – 15,100 acres, 3% contained, located in Douglas County (16 miles east of Canyonville), 317 residences threatened (as of 7:07AM this morning)
- Phillips Creek Fire – 1,100 acres, 0% contained, located in Union County (7 miles NW of Elgin), 37 residences threatened

Source: http://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/fire_info.aspx

Air Quality:

Due to increased fire activity in Douglas County, current air quality ratings (as of 7AM this morning) for Jackson and Josephine Counties involve unhealthy (and hazardous) ratings:

<http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>

Training –

- For new training opportunities view the [training calendar](#).
- Updated protocols for NIMS/ICS Training can be found at:
http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans_train/train_exercise.aspx

Exercises –

- Cascadia Rising Exercise Mid-term Planning Meeting (MPM) Sept . 16, Location TBD
 - Contact Bill Martin to register: bill.martin@state.or.us.
- ECC Operations drill scheduled for August 13. The exercise will focus on:
 - ESF-5 – Information and Planning
 - ESF-12 – Energy
 - EFS-13 – Military Support
 - ESF-16 – Law Enforcement
- 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.

Community Engagement –

- [National Night Out](#) is Tuesday, Aug. 4.
 - National Night Out has been celebrated across North America on the first Tuesday of August since 1983.
 - It's a day when people hold parties to strengthen community cohesiveness and crime resistance, and get to know their neighbors and their local public safety officials.
 - Many cities in Oregon are participating
- OEM is looking for letters of support from ShakeOut Partners, Organizers, Sponsors, and others for the [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
 - Here are examples of [past letters](#) if you are interested.
- [Registration](#) is now open for the 2nd Annual [Race the Wave](#) in Cannon Beach, Sept. 13.
 - 5/10k run/walk on tsunami route.
 - Prep fair after with giveaways at emergency supply cache above inundation zone.

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.
- The Frame Relay is used today to deliver Automatic Location Information (ALI) along with the 9-1-1 call to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
- The Frame Relay architecture is at end-of-life.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ALI database services was released to ORPIN on June 3, 2015.
- The Frame Relay Replacement Project Executive Sponsor has assembled a seven (7) member RFP evaluation committee.

In the News –

- [Weather break helps crews on two SW Oregon wildfires](#)
- [Person of interest in suspicious mail case released](#)
- [Oregon wildfire spreads quickly in scorching heat](#)
- [Oregon Wildfires & Forest Fires](#)
- [The Emergency Manager: Changing of the Guard](#)

Grants –

- 2015 EMPG Update:
 - FEMA Region X has approved Oregon's FY15 grant application and anticipates awarding our funding by the end of July.
 - Submitted 2015 EMPG work plans have been reviewed and approved.
 - 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).
- 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.
 - The 2015 update will be current into 2020, ensuring the state's eligibility for Stafford Act Assistance and non-disaster mitigation grant programs.

Planning –

- OEM is hosting a Cascadia Planning Summit on Aug. 7 to share statewide strategies about Cascadia Planning.
 - Contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x 22233 or zach.swick@state.or.us for more information.
- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.
- 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.
 - The RFP will close on 3 August 2015, and then accepted proposals will be formally evaluated by a group of COOP planners.
 - This evaluation process, along with standard RFP and contract activity, will probably last about one month.
 - Contact Erik Rau erik.rau@state.or.us with questions.
- The new version of the Cascadia Playbook is here.
 - In order to receive a new Playbook, you will need to turn in the expired Playbook.

- To coordinate your “Playbook Swap”, please contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x22233 or zach.swick@state.or.us.

Wildfires Information –

- <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.

Drought Information –

- For current drought information go to the Water Resources Department [Drought page](#).
- [Drought facts sheet](#).
- <http://www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/Pages/Drought.aspx>.
- Drought conditions persist across much of Oregon, with many eyes watching conditions closely.
 - Emergency managers can take several actions if cities, districts, or elected officials have questions: public information messages and descriptions of federal programs are available upon request.
- Contact Erik Rau (erik.rau@state.or.us) with questions.

Preparedness Tip –

- Educate Children on Preparedness
- Check your child's school website or call the school office to request a copy of the school's emergency plan.
- A copy should be kept at home, at work or other places where you spend a lot of time.
- Incorporate the school's plan into your family's emergency plan.
- Teach your children how and when to call Emergency 911 and local Emergency Medical Services number for help.
- Post these and other emergency numbers by telephones in your home.

Now Hiring –

- OEM is in the process of hiring an Information Systems 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.

Disaster of the Week –

August 7-8, 1975: A total of 62 dams in China’s Henan Province failed following unprecedented rainfall in the region. [The failure of the Banqiao dam](#) caused the failure of 61 others and resulted in the deaths

of 26,000 people (and subsequent deaths of 145,000 due to epidemics and famine related to the flood) and destroyed nearly 6 million structures. The Banqiao dam was re-built in 1993 to hold 1/3 more water than that of the previous structure.

Lessons learned: This disaster forced the Chinese government to focus on improving their nation's dam infrastructure and flood evacuation and warning procedures. Here in the US, the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the [National Flood Insurance Program](#), which provides protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions and that are not typically covered under standard homeowner insurance policies. Flooding is one of the most frequent disasters in Oregon, playing a role in 18 of Oregon's [29 federally-declared disasters](#) since 1955. In addition to the peace of mind provided by flood insurance, practicing good flash flood safety habits can also help prevent a hazard from becoming an emergency. A few inches of fast-moving water can sweep you off your feet, and two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. Use caution after rain storms when driving through low water crossings and stay out of arroyos if rain has been observed or forecast for your area. Visit [Turn Around Don't Drown](#) for more flood safety information.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/index.aspx>.
- [Summer 2015 Oregon Road Projects](#)

Disaster Recovery –

Nothing to update.

Emergency Coordination Center –

- The ECC was activated to a Level II: Limited status on July 27-28 in response to the suspicious envelope incident across the state.
- ESF's activated included ESF-8 (Health and Medical), 10 (Hazardous Materials), 13 (Military) and 16 (Law Enforcement).