



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 17-23, 2015

Weekly Video – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BP7t5ZHs_xo

ECC –

- The State ECC is currently in Level 2 Limited Activation from 8-5 to monitor and coordinate Emergency Support Functions due to wildfires

Wildfires –

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is monitoring 19 wildfires and the State ECC is currently in Level 2 Limited Activation. OpsCenter Incident #2015-1708.

- Governor issued a State of Emergency Wildfire Declaration (Verbal on 7/31/15)
- Local State of Emergency declared for Grant County on 8/14/15
- Local State of Emergency declared for Baker County on 8/16/15
- OpPlan Smokey activated to manage Oregon National Guard assets and support
- Conflagration Act invoked for Stouts Fire
- Conflagration Act invoked for Cornet Fire
- Conflagration Act invoked for Canyon Creek Complex
- Conflagration Act invoked for Windy Ridge Fire

Please email OpsChief@oem.state.or.us to submit a situation report or for more questions

Air Quality –

- Stay up-to-date on wildfire smoke density and public health advisories, or view and monitor at <http://www.oregonSmoke.blogspot.com/>

Weather –

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

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

In the News –

- [Earthquake preparedness in slow motion: Editorial sketchbook](#)
- [Oregon wildfires force more than 1,000 to evacuate](#)
- [Tales of luck, loss emerge from fire's front lines near John Day](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/index.aspx>

- [Summer 2015 Oregon Road Projects](#)

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
- 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 –

- It's Time to Get Ready: Join Us For Natural Disaster Preparedness Events

Saturday, September 12, 2015:

- [Get Ready Salem](#) – 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the State Capitol State Park Grounds in Salem.
- [Get Ready Lincoln County](#) – Noon to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Newport.
- Get Ready Vancouver – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CRESA Building, 710 W. 13th Street in Vancouver.
- [Get Ready Happy Valley](#) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City of Happy Valley's city hall outdoor area.
- [Get Ready Coos Bay](#) – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coos Bay Fire Department, 450 Elrod Ave in Coos Bay.

Saturday, September 19, 2015:

- Get Ready The Dalles – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, 1400 W. 8th Street in The Dalles.
- [Get Ready North Coast](#) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lum's Auto Center, 1605 SE Ensign Lane in Warrenton.
- 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.
 - For more information contact Althea Rizzo (althea.rizzo@state.or.us)
- [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.

9-1-1 Program –

- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ALI database services was released to ORPIN on June 3, 2015. The RFP has closed and an Evaluation Committee comprised of members from the Department of Administrative Services Chief Information Office, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS), OEM and 9-1-1 centers / Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) are reviewing the responses. It is anticipated that a vendor will be selected near the end of August.

Grants –

- 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.
 - The State's grant application to FEMA is due August 28.
- On July 1, 2015, Governor Kate Brown signed the adoption letter for the 2015 "updated" Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (with Enhanced Status). The State will submit the plan to FEMA for final approval in the coming month.
 - 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 supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.
- 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.

Preparedness Tip --

Stay high and dry during a flash flood

- Know your proximity to rivers, streams and dams
- During heavy rain, avoid underpasses, underground parking garages and basements
- Avoid hiking or camping if thunderstorms are predicted
- Develop an evacuation plan for your family
- Don't walk in water above your ankles; you can be swept off your feet in as little as six inches of rushing water
- Turn off the electricity and other utilities

Now Hiring --

- OEM Technology and Response Section has an ISS 5 9-1-1 Program Analyst vacancy. An announcement will be made once this position has posted.
- Washington County is hiring an [Emergency Management Supervisor](#).
- 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 --

August 17, 1969: [Hurricane Camille](#), the second strongest hurricane to hit the US since weather records have been kept, makes landfall along Mississippi's coast and kills 256 people while causing nearly \$1.5 billion in damages (\$9 billion in 2012 dollars). Three people were also killed in Cuba by this storm.

Lessons learned: Hurricane Camille inspired the creation of the [Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale](#), which rates the severity of a hurricane based upon wind speed (Category 1- Category 5). Although this system does not consider potential storm surge impact, this scale does give some estimation as to the overall impact of an incoming storm. This scale also helps the general public understand the potential severity of a hurricane as it approaches land. Innovations like the Saffir-Simpson scale can help us be prepared for bad weather. Having a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) in your home and office can also provide real-time weather warnings for your area and help you make decisions about how best to prepare for incoming severe weather.