



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

September 21-September 27, 2015

### Message from the Director –

- OEM Director Andrew Phelps discusses the recent Wildfires in Oregon and mitigation fund availability from the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program.

### **Weather** – small craft advisory for winds until 9/22 at 3AM.

- Monday – mid 70's for the majority of Oregon
- Tuesday – mid 70's for the majority of Oregon
- Wednesday – mid 70's for the majority of Oregon
- Thursday – upper 70's for the majority of Oregon, low 80's in southwest Oregon, chance of precipitation Thursday evening west of the cascades
- Friday – upper 60's to low 70's for the majority of Oregon, chance of precipitation west of the Cascades
- Saturday – upper 60's for the majority of Oregon, slight chance of precipitation for central and eastern portions of the state
- Sunday – upper 60's for the majority of Oregon, slight chance of precipitation west of the Cascades

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

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

### **Wildfires** –

- Canyon Creek Complex – 95% contained, 110,422 acres
- Dry Gulch – 85% contained, 17,823 acres
- Grizzly Bear Complex – 44% contained, 79,374 acres
- National Creek Complex – 90% contained, 20,945 acres

Information courtesy of: [http://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/fire\\_info.aspx](http://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/fire_info.aspx)

### **In the News** –

- [Oregon Office of Emergency Management Presents Earthquake Preparedness Presentations](#)
- [Preparing for the worst](#)
- [Community Members look to Better Prepare Themselves for Disasters](#)
- [Earthquake playbook to avoid 'punch in the face'](#)
- [As earthquake fears continue to vex Oregonians, state updates its disaster guide](#)
- [Oregon Updates its Post Disaster Playbook](#)

## Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

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

### Identification of Cyber Threats and Hazards Webinar

- Designed to assist critical infrastructure owners and operators, physical security and information security professionals, Chief Information Officers, risk managers, business continuity planners, IT directors, human resource professionals, and local homeland security and emergency management staff in their efforts to enhance the preparation, security, and resilience of their facilities and assets.
- Two options for the webinar:
  - Wednesday, Sep 9 – 8-9 am PT - [Registration Link](#)
  - Tuesday, Sep 22 – 10:30-11:30 PT – [Registration Link](#)
- Coordinated by the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection, is co-sponsored by FBI/InfraGard, private-industry-focused Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3), and the State/Local, Tribal, Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC).

### Site of Interest:

- US Energy Information Administration website:  
<http://www.eia.gov/>

## 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](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans_train/train_exercise.aspx)
- The joint Oregon and [Washington Emergency Management Associations](#) conference to network with state, city, public, private sector and non-profit emergency management professionals is Sept. 21-24.
  - Hilton – Vancouver Washington, 301 West 6th Street, Vancouver WA 98660

## Exercises –

- 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.
- The next ECC Operations exercise is scheduled for November 12, 2015, 0900-1300. Focus will be on Core Capabilities: Operational Coordination, Operational Communication, Critical Transportation, to include other critical infrastructure. The following ESFs, will be primary players:
  - ESF-1 Transportation
  - ESF-2 Communications
  - ESF-3 Public Works
  - ESF-5 Information and Planning

## Community Engagement –

- More than 370,000 Oregonians are now registered for this year's Great Oregon ShakeOut! Earthquake drill! Go [here](#) to get resources that will help promote the ShakeOut.
- 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](mailto:althea.rizzo@state.or.us))

## 9-1-1 Program –

- The 9-1-1 Program Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) are being rewritten. The proposed OARs have been submitted to the Secretary of State's Office, shared with stakeholders, and will appear in the Oregon Bulletin on October 1, 2015. From September 15, 2015 through November 6, 2015 is public comment time.
  - For questions pertaining to the OARs, please contact Gillien Duvall at [gillien.duvall@state.or.us](mailto:gillien.duvall@state.or.us).

- For questions regarding the interested parties list, please contact Genevieve Ziebell at [genevieve.ziebell@state.or.us](mailto:genevieve.ziebell@state.or.us).

#### Grants –

- EMPG: We did not get the FY15 EMPG grant agreements out this week. There have been numerous updates to the CFR. If all goes well, expect to see them in your email inbox during this upcoming week.
- If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Jo Craigmiles ([kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us](mailto:kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us), ext 22246) or Dan Gwin ([dan.gwin@state.or.us](mailto:dan.gwin@state.or.us), ext 22290) at 503-378-2911.
- HMPG: FEMA places a high priority on supporting expeditious wildfire recovery through the use of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- In order to advance risk reduction after Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations, FEMA announced on September 10<sup>th</sup> a Pilot to provide HMGP assistance linked to FMAG fire suppression declarations.
  - For Oregon, this means six HMGP programs for Oregon's six FMAG declarations in Baker, Douglas, Grant, Josephine and Wallowa counties.
  - Section 570 of the Fiscal Year 2015 DHS Appropriations Act authorizes FEMA to provide HMGP assistance as a result of a FMAG declaration.
  - FMAG Information: <http://www.fema.gov/fire-management-assistance-grant-program>
  - HMGP Information: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

#### 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](mailto:zach.swick@state.or.us).

#### Preparedness Tip –

- *Building the Oregon Resilience Legacy:*
  - It is most probable that Cascadia will happen in our children's and grandchildren's lifetimes. We can give our future generations the tools they need. Every high school student in Oregon should graduate with a first aid certification. Starting a Teen CERT program looks good on scholarship applications.
- *You're more prepared than you think:*
  - Being prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks is a goal. You can get there over time, you don't have to get there today. Start small and work towards the two-week goal.
  - Check the garage, shed, storage unit and junk drawer for emergency kit items before adding to your shopping list. You probably have many of the things already, such as flash lights and leather gloves.

#### Disaster of the Week –

**September 23, 2005:** 23 people were killed when a [bus evacuating senior citizens from a nursing home](#) during Hurricane Rita caught fire and exploded on Interstate 45, just south of Dallas. The bus was taking the nursing home patients to another nursing facility in Dallas to escape the coming storm. The surviving 21 passengers and driver sustained burns, cuts, and smoke inhalation injuries.

**Lessons Learned:** One concern for emergency managers during a disaster is the "disaster within the disaster" sometimes caused by steps taken to protect the public or untrained, spontaneous volunteers rushing to help and becoming victims themselves. This incident highlighted the importance of ensuring the decision to evacuate or shelter a population is supported by same primary objective that is the priority for emergency response plans: life safety and protecting the public. Developing and practicing emergency plans at home, in the private sector, at schools, and government institutions can go a long way towards avoiding becoming a secondary emergency and can help reinforce the need to conduct emergency actions as safely as possible to avoid further injury, damage to property or the environment, or loss of life. The fire was determined to have been caused by an overheated wheel bearing assembly that ignited a rear tire beneath the engine compartment. Families of those who were killed [reached an \\$80 million settlement](#) in 2009.

**Public and Private Partnerships –**

*The Red Cross is pleased to announce our next Business Leaders Resilience Event in Portland on Friday, September 25, in partnership with Portland Business Alliance and PGE, and hosted by the Bill Naito Company.*

- WHO: This free event is open to businesses of all sizes and sectors.
- WHAT: Learn about the local hazards and risks we face with a preview of OPB's upcoming #unprepared documentary and hear directly from top business leaders about the steps they're taking to plan for emergencies as well as the tools available to engage employees, assess readiness, and strengthen resilience for disasters – large and small.
- WHEN: Friday, September 25 from 9-11 AM
- WHERE: Montgomery Park: 2701 NW Vaughn Street, Portland, Ore. 97210
- RSVP for the September 25 Business Resilience Event [HERE](#)

**ECC –**

- The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. OEM staff continues to monitor the fires, all requests for assistance have returned to normal Duty Officer procedures of notifying OERS at 1-800-452-0311.