



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

October 5, 2015 – October 11, 2015

[Message from the Director](#) – Watch Geologic Hazards Program Coordinator Althea Rizzo talk about the Great Oregon ShakeOut.

### **Umpqua Community College Shooting**

On October 1, 2015 at approximately 10:38am, an active shooter was reported at Umpqua Community College. This tragic event resulted in 10 dead, including the shooter, and 9 injured. Responders from local, state and federal levels came together to coordinate efforts and information. Active shooter incidents are among the most complicated emergencies; requiring the combined efforts of law enforcement, health and medical, fire and other services. Our thoughts and hearts are with the victims and their families during this difficult time. By all accounts the Oregon emergency response community did an outstanding job responding to this event. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) worked with locals to coordinate information and the OEM Public Information Officer and the Oregon VOST mobilized to support the Joint Information Center (JIC) in Roseburg. Local mental health services and experienced crisis teams from Connecticut and Washington DC are providing support to local response.

Upcoming events:

- Monday, October 5th: University of Oregon Vigil
- Sunday, November 1st: Umpqua Strong 2K/5K

### **Weather –**

Monday – mid 80's in the valley, mid 70's east of the Cascades.

Tuesday – upper 70's for the majority of the state.

Wednesday – mid 70's for the majority of the state, mid 80's in southern Oregon, slight chance of precipitation in NW Oregon.

Thursday – mid to upper 70's for the majority of the state.

Friday – upper 70's to lower 80's for the majority of the state, slight chance of precipitation in NW Oregon in the evening.

Saturday – mid to upper 70's for the majority of the state, chance of precipitation in the valley.

Sunday – low 70's for the majority of the state, precipitation expected through the valley and NE Oregon.

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 starts with the basics](#)
- [Mass shooting at Umpqua community college in Oregon: Live updates](#)
- [Great ShakeOut drill for earthquake preparedness](#)
- [Another mass shooting in the U.S.](#)
- [Fire season second costliest in history](#)

## Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Disaster Resilient Solar PV Workshop
  - Oct 16, Platt Electric Supply , Beaverton, 8:00-2:00
- Private Sector: Oregon Business Development Association Annual Conference
  - Cascadia CIKR briefing
  - Oct 18-20, Inn at the Commons, Medford.
- [Bakken Oil Transport: Emerging Risks Awareness Training](#)
  - A course on general awareness and safety of Bakken crude oil for municipalities, communities and organizations to prepare for a rail incident.
    - October 22 8am-430pm, Boardman OR
    - October 23 8am-430pm, Seattle WA
- Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association and PUD Engineering Operations Meeting
  - Cascadia CIKR Briefing
  - Nov 17, EWEB, Eugene, 10:00-2:00
- Oregon Telecommunications Association Safety Seminar
  - Cascadia CIKR Briefing
  - Nov 18, Salem, 11:00-12:00
- Private Sector: Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
  - “Mobilize the Community: Mass Care and Shelter Services”
  - Dec 9, Salem Convention Center 10:30-2:30
- <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/index.aspx>

## 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)

## Exercises –

- ARES/RACES [QuakeEX II 2015 SET](#), occurring on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 0800 to 1700 hrs.
- 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 410,000 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))
- Washington County's [QuakeUp](#) event on earthquake and disaster preparedness
  - October 10 9am-130pm, Hillsboro Civic Center
- [Disaster Relief Trials](#)
  - A bike race designed to test navigation, problem solving, and hauling mettle while educating on the use of cargo bikes during an emergency
  - October 17 10am-5pm, University of Portland

## 9-1-1 Program –

- The 9-1-1 Program is rewriting Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). The proposed OARs have been submitted to Secretary of State's Office and 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 –

- 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.

## Planning --

- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

## Preparedness Tip –

- Turn Around, Don't Drown.
  - Each year, deaths occur as a result of flooding. Over half of flood related drowning are caused by vehicles driven into hazardous waters.
  - 6 inches of moving water can knock over an adult and only 12 inches can carry away a small vehicle.

## Disaster of the Week –

**October 8-10, 1871:** [The Great Chicago Fire](#) destroyed over 18,000 structures, left 300,000 people without homes (1/3 of Chicago's population at the time) and cost 300 people their lives. Although the cause of the fire was never officially determined, the fire is often falsely attributed to a cow kicking over a lantern in a barn. Although the Chicago fire is the most well-known fire, it was actually second in size and loss of life to the [Peshtigo Fire](#) that burned in Northern Wisconsin, destroying 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and burning 1.2 million acres (more than 10 times larger than the [Canyon Creek Fire](#), which burned in Grant County earlier this year).

**Lessons learned:** This fire led to changes in building standards (most structures, and in Chicago many streets, at the time were made of wood) and made public safety a platform for political campaigns. Many government buildings were also destroyed, placing increased focus on the need to create redundancy for records maintenance. The commemoration of this fire also gave rise to [Fire Prevention Week](#). Fire Prevention Week began as Fire Prevention Day in 1920 and was expanded in 1925. Each year follows a prevention theme. This year's theme advocates for smoke alarms in every bedroom with the phrase "Hear the beep where you sleep". [Past themes](#) have included messages about the importance of smoke detectors and conducting fire escape drills to 1942's theme suggesting fires in the US aid Germany's war effort (the logic being that the costs to fight fires in the US uses money that could be used to support the US war effort).

## 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.