



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

March 5-11, 2018

Message from the Director – Oregon Office of Emergency Management Operations and Preparedness Manager Sonya Andron talks about the 10th annual Tsunami Road Show which helps communities and individuals prepare for a Cascadia EQ and tsunami. This year's Road Show includes partners from Oregon Geology and the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS).

Weather – You can view the current watches and warnings [here](#).

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

OSFM HazMat Rail Program 2017 Annual Report on HB3225

A copy of the 2017 Annual Report on HB3225, developed by the Office of the State Fire Marshall, can be accessed online at: http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/docs/HazMat_Rail/2017_AR_HB3225.pdf.

Events –

- Several upcoming workshops will discuss how to improve elements of Hazard Mitigation project applications. The workshops will cover the life-cycle of the grants from proposal to closeout. Emergency managers and coordinators, finance and accounting personnel, planners (flood and land use), city managers, public works personnel, and anyone interested in Hazard Mitigation funding are invited to attend. Workshops are: April 11-12 in Pendleton; May 9-10 in Tillamook; and May 16-17 in Grants Pass. Contact angie.lane@state.or.us for more info or to register.
- The Oregon Prepared Workshop 2018 takes place April 2-6, 2018, at Sunriver Resort. This year's theme is "Bridging the Gap from Response to Recovery." The workshop provides networking opportunities, training information and best practices for all phases of emergency management. **Registration is currently full.** The workshop is sponsored by Oregon Office of Emergency Management and the Oregon Health Authority.

In the News –

- [Clatsop County enters agreement for disaster shelters](#)
- [Protecting Our Skies: Taking flight with the fighter pilots who protect Oregon, Washington](#)

What Are We Reading?

Book recommendations by and for Oregon's 9-1-1 and emergency management community
Bearing Drift by Peter Eident is the true story of the collision and sinking of the USCG Cutter CUYAHOGA with loss of life. The story is told by the officer candidate who happened to be conning the ship at the

time and the seemingly insignificant chain of errors that lead up to the collision in the Chesapeake Bay. If there can be a funny disaster book this is the one. Chock full of emergency management, safety and life lessons learned from start to finish. *Submitted by Paul Jewell, USACE, US Army*

Grants –

The Fuel Storage Facility Compatibility Fund Grant Application period is open. Applications are due to OEM no later than May 5, 2018. Materials can be found on the OEM [website](#).

Training –

There are several upcoming trainings that offer exciting opportunities. Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up-to-date list of training.

- March 13, 2018: L0489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters (Grants Pass, OR) – recommended attendance in conjunction with L0288 Local Volunteer and Donations Management. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/l0489-management-of-spontaneous-volunteers-in-disasters-tickets-42694936705>
- March 14-15, 2018: L0288 Local Volunteer and Donations Management (Grants Pass, OR) – recommended attendance in conjunction with L0489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/l0288-local-volunteer-and-donations-management-tickets-42693904618>
- March 19-20, 2018: Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC), presented by the Oregon Health Authority. This class introduces health communicators to principles and tools to support effective communication during a public health crisis. Register at <https://cr18cerc.eventbrite.com>. Registrants will be sent a survey prior to the training to provide trainers with information about attendees' professional background and learning goals.
- March 22, 2018: AWR-319 Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments (Woodburn, OR). Register at: <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/2050/>
- April 20-22, 2018: L0428 CERT Train the Trainer (Eugene, OR). To register: Email patence.m.winningham@ci.eugene.or.us

If you have questions regarding training or need to send in your FEMA 119 forms for a specific course, contact State Training Officer Karen Layng at karen.layng@state.or.us. Applications for training events at EMI must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the class.

Exercises –

- ODOE and OEM will participate in Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station full-scale exercise on March 27, 2018.

Planning –

- FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their federal partners in the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee released a "[Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures](#)."
- The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration updated the [Guidance and Standards](#) used for flood mapping and risk analysis efforts. There were five standards with significant updates, three new standards, six standards with minor terminology updates and five rescinded standards in this maintenance cycle.

9-1-1 Program –

Mark Tennyson, OEM Technology & Response Section Manager and State 9-1-1 Program Manager, has announced plans to retire from state service. Mark's last day in the office will be April 30, 2018; he will be officially retired on June 1. Many thanks to Mark for his service to OEM, the Oregon Military Department, the state of Oregon and her residents, and the 9-1-1 community here and across the country.

Mitigation and Recovery –

- Hazard Mitigation Workshops are planned for Pendleton, Tillamook, and Grants Pass in April and May. These will be the only offerings this year. Contact Angie Lane, SHMO, if you are interested in more information at angie.lane@state.or.us.
- ***The HMA workshop (noted above) in Pendleton is light on attendance. If at least 12 people don't sign up, the eastern Oregon session will have to be cancelled.***

RAPTOR and OpsCenter –

Details will be coming soon regarding the upcoming RAPTOR and OpsCenter training scheduled for the Oregon Prepared Conference in Sunriver. We will be sending out an announcement this week for individuals to register for this training session.

Search and Rescue –

- Oregon State Sheriff's Association Ground Search Management team has announced their first "Search Management in Oregon Initial Operations" class (SAR 101) for May 16-10, 2018, to be held in Tillamook Oregon. Registration and class prerequisite information can be found at <https://oss3a.wildapricot.org/event-2813214> or contact Julie Miller at 503-364-4204; julie@oregonsheriffs.org for more detailed information.
- For general SAR information and future training statewide, please contact Scott Lucas, State SAR coordinator: 971-283-6135 or scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us.

Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring a [Principal Executive/Manager E \(Technology and Response Section Manager\)](#).
- OEM is hiring an [Accountant 2 \(Disaster Grants Accountant\)](#).

Preparedness Tip –

March 11 is the anniversary of the Tohoku, Japan, earthquake that occurred in 2011. The 9.1 magnitude quake left nearly 16,000 dead and more than 8,000 people injured or missing. Be earthquake prepared and know what to do before, during and after an earthquake. OEM offers a great resource, *Living on Shaky Ground*, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) versions. Take some time to read them

Disaster of the Week –

March 11-14, 1888: [The Great Blizzard of '88](#) drops 20 – 60 inches of snow between Washington, D.C., and Maine, killing more than 400 people including a [U.S. Senator](#). The storm shut down the New York Stock Exchange for two days and cut off communication lines along the East Coast of the U.S. and Canada. Snow drifts as high as 40 feet were reported to have completely covered 3-story houses. Hurricane-force winds were reported in some areas of the storm.

Lessons learned: Due to the heavy snow, many fire stations along the East Coast were non-operational, [resulting in over \\$25 million in fire-related losses alone](#) because firefighters could not get to burning structures, emphasizing the importance of identifying critical infrastructure and prioritizing emergency

response efforts. This storm also prompted New York City (and many other areas) to begin burying their telegraph lines underground. This storm led to the design of the first underground subway system in the US, which opened in Boston 9 years after the storm.

ECC –

The State ECC is currently in Steady State (Normal operations). All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.