



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 2-8, 2018

[Message from the Director](#) – OEM Director Andrew Phelps offers summer safety tips.

### Weather –

The NWS has some great [summer weather safety](#) information including graphics, video and infographics. Feel free to use these for your public outreach or social media.

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

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

### In the News –

- [Digging deep to provide seismic upgrades](#)
- [Elementary tour doubles as disaster preparedness summit](#)
- [OEM stresses importance of seismic retrofitting](#)
- [Many people, businesses and agencies deserve thanks for help with Salem's water crisis](#)

### EMPG –

We announced a significant change to the EMPG program during the May LEMU call, and would like to expand on that here for those of you who were not present. We have the opportunity to shift duties to a full time grant coordinator for EMPG, as well as a full time staff for operations in our ECC. Unfortunately, this means that KJ Craigmiles will be moving to the operations role full time and leaving EMPG in the capable hands of Carrie Froelich. This is a win for the organization and our stakeholders. KJ's expertise can now be focused on operations, and Carrie can draw on KJ's long-time experience in the program. Continue to work with KJ through the 2017 Grant year, and Carrie will be picking things up fully when 2018 is announced. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### Training –

Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up-to-date list of training. 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](mailto:karen.layng@state.or.us). Applications for training events at EMI must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the class.

### 9-1-1

The 9-1-1 Program is working with the statewide 9-1-1 community to develop technology hardware, software and maintenance service standards for critical 9-1-1 public safety call-taking equipment. These

products and services are relied upon 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are vital to the operation of all statewide 9-1-1 centers. Once complete, these standards will provide a fair and equitable basis for the allocation of state resources while ensuring the continual operation of these critical life-safety systems when the citizens of and visitors to Oregon need them most.

#### **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.
- Water conditions across Oregon change according to many factors, including weather, snowpack, streamflow, reservoir storage, and others. Oregon Water Resources Department collects this information and much more, and distributes it in [a report every two weeks \[subscription link\]](#). For more information on drought assistance programs, declaration procedures, water conservation tips, or other information, please see the [Oregon Water Resources Department web page on drought](#).

#### **Mitigation and Recovery —**

- HMGP post-fire funding (as a result of the 2017 fire season FMAG declarations) will be coming online sometime this month. The impacted counties are Hood River, Multnomah, Curry, Klamath and Deschutes. Once FEMA makes the formal invite to apply, a notice will be sent to those counties first.
- DR 4328 Application Packages have been sent to the applicants interested in applying for HMGP funds. There is approximately \$100,000 still available for a project. Contact Angie Lane, State Hazard Mitigation Officer for more information. Applications are due by July 16, 2018.

#### **RAPTOR and OpsCenter –**

A major update has been applied to the OpsCenter crisis management application. This update allows for full functionality with other browsers, including Chrome. We will be continuing work to improve this application over the next year to revise the situation reporting process. Stay tuned for more details related to these updates.

#### **Search and Rescue –**

- The Oregon State Marine Board has issued a caution to paddlers to scout rivers for obstructions before going afloat. The caution notes that many trees have fallen into Oregon rivers and streams over the winter and can cause a risk for paddlers, rafters and tubers. For more information, visit the Marine Board’s [obstruction page](#) to see where there are reported obstructions. Wear a life jacket and fill out a [float plan](#) and print out a copy to let others know where you are boating and when to expect your return.
- The “USCG Basic Inland SAR” course dates have been changed from 16-17 August to 15-16 August. Location remains the same, the State ECC here in Salem. There is still room left in the class to enroll.
- Apple iOS 12 program will feature [9-1-1 Auto Location](#) starting September 2018. It will apply to iPhones 5 thru X. The feature will only apply when you dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

For general SAR information and future training statewide, please contact Scott Lucas, State SAR coordinator at: [scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us](mailto:scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us) or 971-283-6135.

**Now Hiring –**

- OEM is hiring a [Program Analyst 2 \(9-1-1 Program Analyst\)](#).
- The City of Portland Bureau of Development Services is recruiting for a [Safety and Risk Officer I](#).
- Jackson County is hiring an [Emergency Manager](#).

**Preparedness Tip –**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday is a great time to gather with family and friends. When it comes to fireworks, keep it legal and kit it safe! Use only legal, consumer-grade fireworks. If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in kids and adults. Never allow children to handle fireworks. Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can. Think about your pet; keep them indoors to reduce the risk that they will run loose or get injured. The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home — attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals.

**Disaster of the Week –**

**July 2, 1990:** A [stampede caused by pilgrims leaving Mecca](#) kills 1,426, making it the most deadly incidents ever to occur during the Hajj, the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. It is believed the stampede was caused by pilgrims stopping inside of the long, air-conditioned tunnel, to escape 112° temperatures outside. The tunnel was meant to hold 1,000 people, but observers estimated that 5,000 pilgrims crowded into the tunnel.

**Lessons learned:** Some safety measures were implemented following the 1990 stampede, including the provision of additional security and crowd control measures. However, in the years that followed, nearly 1,000 more people were [killed in stampedes during pilgrimages](#). Following a stampede in 2006, [engineers recommended changing the shapes of walls](#) around pillars from a circular configuration to ellipses, which improved the flow of crowds and reduced the frequency of incidents like stampedes.

**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.