



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

February 4-10, 2019

Message from the Director – Director Phelps shares OEM’s 2018 [Year in Review](#) which summarizes much of the amazing work done last year. We recognize these accomplishments would not be possible without partnerships and support from the emergency management community in Oregon.

Weather –

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

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

In the News –

- [WINTER: Significant changes; Weather dashboard launched](#)
- [OSU researchers step toward potentially predicting earthquakes](#)
- [How a phone app could save lives in the case of a tsunami](#)
- [Individuals and schools need serious quake plans](#)

Measles –

The Oregon Health Authority and Multnomah county are working together on re is a measles outbreak in Clark County with a confirmed case in Multnomah County and a number of public exposure sites across Portland. These resources may help provide useful information about measles.

- [OHA measles page](#)
- [Multnomah County measles page](#)
- [Clark County measles page](#)

Training –

We have several upcoming trainings that are exciting opportunities.

- Feb. 26-28, 2019: ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (Portland). Register on [iLearnOregon](#) or contact Danielle.Y.Brown@dshoha.state.or.us.
- Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (L0273), April 29-May 2 (CFM exam on May 3), Central Point, OR. To register, go to: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

Oregon’s Current Training Calendar: <http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Pages/Training.aspx>

Washington State Training Calendar: <https://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise>

Idaho State Training Calendar: <https://www.idahoprepares.com/preceptorStudent/calendar.k2>

FEMA Region X Training calendar: <http://fema.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

Legislative Session –

- Director Phelps provided [informational briefing](#) on Jan. 30 to the Senate Committee on Veterans and emergency Preparedness.
- See attached PDF of legislation that may be of interest to the emergency management community.

9-1-1

For 2019, The State 9-1-1 Program will be focused heavily on continuing our work surrounding the implementation of program process improvements and developing strategies for ensuring sustainability of the 9-1-1 Subaccount now and into the future. As we shared throughout 2018, the growing fiscal demands on the 9-1-1 Subaccount over the past decade has brought us to the point where we need to focus our immediate efforts on identifying near-term opportunities for reducing demand on the account.

Grants –

OEM is conducting a conference call to discuss and answer questions about the State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) Grant Program at 10 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2019. Call line: 866-363-4734; participant code: 152191#. The SPIRE application guidance, worksheet and equipment list are on the OEM Website: www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Grants/Pages/Spire.aspx. If you have questions about this program, contact jim.jungling@state.or.us.

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.

Mitigation and Recovery –

- The Public Assistance Team at OEM have been sending out to the local lists FEMA Public Assistance program updates as we receive them. Recent notifications include FEMA disaster indicators and threshold for FFY19 effective Oct. 1, 2018 and FEMA Public Assistance Revised PA Fact Sheet Contracting Requirements Checklist. Please contact Julie Slevin or Dan Gwin if you have any questions. Also possibly significant changes coming with the recent passage of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which include in this bill the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA). We are reviewing the DRRA for potential impacts good or bad. We expect FEMA policy and guidance to be forth coming with this Act.
- HMA News:
 - HMGP Post-fire application period end date is in early May 2019. Applications are due to the SHMO by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2019. Those counties that are participating in this funding opportunity now have a bit more time to prepare applications. All funding has been "accounted" for; however, there could be a statewide opportunity statewide if sub-applicants do not submit applications by April 5.

- *There were no FMA sub-applications to submit to FEMA this year. However, the Oregon PDM Grant application is requesting over \$11 million to support Advanced Assistance in Wheeler; update plans in: Coos, Curry, and Wallowa Counties, as well as for the cities of Portland and Sweet Home; conduct a resilient infrastructure project in Reedsport; conduct a seismic retrofit project for City of Gresham; and, conduct fuels treatment and retrofit homes in Ashland.*

RAPTOR and OpsCenter –

A new announcement will be made this week regarding the situation report and user input of data for the situation report. We are currently in the process of creating the first draft of functionality for the local and tribal input form.

Interested in finding out about forecasted flood activity? We have created a new flood dashboard that allows users to view flood data in a dashboard format. This does not take the place of RAPTOR, but serves more as a dashboard view of data that is simple to read and understand. On this new dashboard, you'll see a count of how many gages are in action stage or higher, map in the middle (which you can click on points representing the stream gages), and details on the right side of the screen that show the gage information (sorted by waterbody and location). The map contains information showing the stream gages, live weather radar, and weather watches/warnings that are of the flood type. Take a look at the dashboard [here](#).

Search and Rescue –

- A “Search Management in Oregon Initial Operations” (GSM 101) class will be conducted March 6-10, 2019 in Bend, Oregon. [Register](#). Registration Code: GSM2019. Questions about the training? Contact anthony_morris@co.washington.or.us. For registration questions, contact Julie Miller: 503-364-4204.
- For general SAR information and statewide training, contact State SAR Coordinator Scott Lucas at scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us or 971-283-6135.

Now Hiring –

- Portland Bureau of Emergency Management is hiring an [Emergency Management Director \(Director1\)](#).
- The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality currently has an opening for a full-time [Public Affairs Specialist \(Public Affairs Specialist 2\)](#).

Preparedness Tip –

Sometimes the best way to be prepared is to use your resources! One great resource, especially during winter weather season, is ODOT's TripCheck. This easy-to-use webpage offers at-a-glance road conditions – from live traffic feeds to weather issues – for the entire state. Check it out at www.tripcheck.com.

Disaster of the Week –

February 7, 2009: Fueled by temperatures as high as 115° F and winds as high as 60mph, [hundreds of brush fires](#) broke out across Southeastern Australia, killing 173 people, injuring over 400, and destroying more than 3,000 structures (including 2,000 homes).

Lessons learned: This fire, the largest in terms of lives lost ever experienced in Australia, led to intense scrutiny of existing policies, both for firefighting and building codes. Much debate centered around Australia's [“Stay and defend or leave early”](#) policy, which asks Australians to decide well before a fire occurs whether they will choose to leave when a fire threatens but is not yet in the area, or stay and actively defend their property, knowing they may well be on their own without assistance from professional firefighting services. This policy had been considered very successful until these fires. Australians now call their approach to home wildfire defense Now Australians officially call the approach, “Prepare, Act, Survive” and advise residents to prepare

their homes as if they will attempt to defend them against a wild fire, but be prepared to quickly evacuate. Visit [Project Wildfire's](#) Ready Set Go information page to find out what you can do to protect your home from wildfire.

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.