



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 15-21, 2019

OEM Weekly Watch Reports are available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/OEM/Pages/weeklywatch.aspx>

Message from the Director – OEM Communications Officer Doug Jimenez talks about OEM communications capabilities.

Weather –

You can view the current watches and warnings [here](#). Check out our new live weather dashboard (now with air quality data) [here](#).

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

Check out OEM's new live weather dashboard [here](#).

In the News –

- [Earthquake wake-up call](#)
- [Federal disaster declared for April storm damage in 6 Oregon counties](#)
- [For Central Oregon, Cascadia planning a work in progress](#)
- [Tsunami Zone building law puts Oregonians in danger](#)

9-1-1

HB 2449, which increases the rate of tax for emergency communications, was passed by the Oregon Legislature. The bill increases the current 9-1-1 tax on devices that access 9-1-1 from \$.75 to \$1.00 as of January 2020, and to \$1.25 as of January 2021. The additional money will help to fund updates to Oregon 9-1-1 infrastructure and technology, and provide an improved path to the future of 9-1-1 in Oregon. Many thanks to OEM's 9-1-1 Section Manager Frank Kutcha and his team of dedicated staff who provided a wealth of financial and program information over the past year to assist the 9-1-1 community in moving the bill forward.

April Floods – (DR4452)

Oregon has received a federal disaster declaration ordering federal assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts in Curry, Douglas, Grant, Linn, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties as a result of severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred April 6-21, 2019. A joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) was conducted the week of May 13 in the affected counties, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. More than \$8 million in damages were documented by our local partners, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff. A [story map](#) has been created for this event.

Winter Storm – February 2019 (DR4432)

A Joint Field Office (JFO) with FEMA representatives has been set up adjacent to OEM offices to develop and deliver FEMA Public Assistance in the designated counties of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Jefferson which were approved for federal disaster declaration stemming from the February 23-26 winter storms. The [major disaster declaration request](#), submitted by Oregon Governor Kate Brown on April 18, was approved by President Trump on May 2. A [story map](#) has been created for this disaster.

EMAC –

Learn about EMAC's membership, the law, how the Compact is utilized, lessons learned from recent disasters and how you can prepare for the next incident. This webinar is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6188890767656975618>

Training –

- **The 2019 Pacific Northwest EMPA Disaster and Emergency Communications Conference** is scheduled for Aug. 12-13 at Portland State University. The event features local and international speakers presenting practical experiences, scenario-based practice and solution-focused interactive sessions. Early bird registration (\$350) through July 10. For more information or to register for the event, visit <https://www.empa.org.au/conferences/pnw-usa-conference>

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>

Grants –

- **SPIRE:** Check out the OEM website for the [list of successful applicants](#). More than 290 applications were processed. Thanks to our committee members who put in long hours to score the applications. We are moving forward with procuring the equipment. Successful applicants should see the official notice and grant agreement soon.
- **EMPG FY19:** The notification of funding is in hand and the grant amount is almost the same as last year. Invitations to apply were sent out via email. The [application package](#) will also be on the OEM website on the grants page. If you don't have an application, contact the program coordinator Jim Jungling at 503-378-3552
- FEMA's High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation (HHPD) [Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NoFO) is now available. *Note: After the NoFO was released, it was revealed that HHPD grant funding cannot be used to update your Hazard Mitigation Plans to meet the HHPD Grant requirements. For more details, please see the NoFO.* Non-federal sponsors are encouraged to review the (NoFO) at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=316238>. Questions regarding the HHPD Grant Program can be sent to FEMA-NDSP-HHPDGrants@fema.dhs.gov. For more information about the HHPD Grant Program, visit <http://www.fema.gov/rehabilitation-high-hazard-potential-dam-grant-program>.

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 is 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. We expect FEMA policy and guidance to be forthcoming with this Act.
- HMGP Post Fire applications are making their way to FEMA for review. Awards will not be made until all application information submitted has been vetted by FEMA, including environmental review, which can take up to a year. If your project does not include “shovel” work, then you will get through the review and award process more quickly.

RAPTOR and OpsCenter —

- The OpsCenter application will be updated to include the latest iteration of situation reporting by the end of July. As a part of this release, users will be given instructions on the new processes for gathering situation report data during an event. Other functions of the system, such as incident data tracking, will remain the same.
- A major update to RAPTOR was released late last week. This update brings the application up to the latest technology from the GIS software provider, Esri, and allows for easier updates in the future. As a part of this update, we have created a new interactive [user guide](#) that documents all tools within the application.

Search and Rescue —

- Mt Hood SAR Council (Region 2) meetings are held at the Clackamas County Sheriff Public Safety building, 12700 SE 82 Avenue, in Clackamas Oregon at 7 p.m. on a monthly basis. For more information, contact Dave Prouty, contact sar4me@gmail.com.
- Oregon Search & Rescue CORSAR (Region 4) quarterly meeting will be held at the Brookings Oregon Police Dept. EOC at 10 a.m. on July 29, 2019. For more information, contact [Chris Duran](#).
- Oregon State Sheriff’s Association Search and Rescue Advisory Council (SARAC) quarterly meeting will be held Sept. 25-26, 2019 at DPSST in Salem via two half-day sessions (12-5 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday). For more information contact Sr. Deputy Bruce McGuire at 541-265-4277, x7125.

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 —

- FEMA is hiring a [Hazard Mitigation Insurance Specialist](#) for the Salem area (temporary position)
- FEMA is hiring several [temporary public assistance positions in the Eugene area](#)
- OEM is hiring an Operations and Preparedness Section [Office Specialist 2](#) and a State 9-1-1 Program [Office Specialist 2](#).
- OEM is hiring a [Program Analyst 3](#) (State Hazard Mitigation Officer).

- Clackamas County is hiring a [Disaster Management and Community Planning Coordinator](#).
- Metro (Portland) is hiring an [Emergency Planning Manager, Solid Waste Division](#).
- The Emergency Management Department, within Lane County, is currently recruiting for a [Senior Emergency Management Analyst](#) position.
- The University of Oregon is hiring a [Continuity and Emergency Manager](#).

Preparedness Tip –

Looking for a mid-summer project? Check your 2 Weeks Ready preparedness kit and update as needed to make sure all your supplies are fresh and usable. Consider adding something new – an extra pair of eyeglasses, dried herb/spices, space blankets, etc.

Disaster of the Week –

July 20, 1977: [Johnstown \(PA\) Flood](#). Nearly 12” of rain over a 10-hour span caused over \$300 million in damages and 84 people lost their lives. No other flash flood has killed more people in the US since this storm. This disaster was preceded by the historic 1889, which killed 2,209 people. Parts of Johnstown received up to 12” of rain causing at least 6 dams to fail and sending 128 million gallons of water into Johnstown, leaving the downtown area under up to 10 feet of water.

Lessons learned: Flooding can occur at any time of the year throughout Oregon, with eastern Oregon especially prone to flash flooding during thunderstorms. Prolonged or heavy rains over burn scars increases this threat. That’s why it’s important to keep an eye to the sky during severe weather, check weather and news sources frequently during bad weather, and to [register for emergency weather alerts](#) on your mobile phone or invest in a NOAA weather alert radio. They can save lives! It is also important to remember that a foot of moving water can lift a vehicle and carry it away, so use caution at low-water crossings and when in doubt: [Turn Around, Don’t Drown!](#)

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.