



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 19-25, 2019

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

Message from the Director – OEM GIS Program Coordinator Daniel Stoelb reviews the Leadership Briefing, a public [mapping application](#) that offers a wide variety of at-a-glance information about weather, hazards, earthquake data, wildfire activity, road networks, shelters, activations and declarations, and FEMA daily operations brief.

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 –

- [Search & Rescue missions keep teams busy](#)
- [Simulation shows what would happen when a tsunami hits Washington state](#)
- [Fire at Mount Pisgah brings to light necessity of emergency notifications](#)
- [Critics blast Oregon repeal of tsunami-zone building ban](#)

OEM/FEMA Joint Field Office –

A Joint Field Office (JFO) with FEMA representatives has been set up adjacent to OEM offices to develop and deliver FEMA Public Assistance to Oregon counties for two federal disaster declarations: **Winter Storm – February 2019 (DR4432)** and **April Floods – (DR4452)**. A total of nine counties (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Jefferson, Lane, Linn, Umatilla and Wheeler) and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation may receive public assistance stemming from February 23-26, 2019 winter storms and April 6-21, 2019, flooding. View a story map of the [winter storm](#) and the [spring floods](#).

Public/Private Partnership Program –

OEM is coordinating with FEMA Region X to bring two workshops to Oregon relating to public/private partnerships. Look for more information coming soon in the Weekly Watch. [Sonya McCormick](#) is OEM's Public/Private Partnership program manager. Feel free to connect with her with questions or for additional information.

Drought –

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](#).

Training –

FEMA procurement training: This 3-hour presentation provides an overview of the procurement standards imposed by federal regulations on recipients and sub-recipients when procuring services and property with funding through the Public Assistance (PA) program and most federal grants. The target audience for this presentation is applicants for the most recent disaster (FEMA-DR-4432-OR), and FEMA strongly recommends the finance and procurement staff for each applicant attend the training. To RSVP for the training, contact [Dan Gwin](#), deputy state public assistance officer, or 503-378-3254.

- **PENDLETON: Tuesday, August 27, 2019**
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, 4700 NW Pioneer Place, Pendleton, Oregon 97801
- **BEND: Wednesday, August 28, 2019**
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Redmond Public Works, 243 East Antler Ave., Redmond, Oregon 97756
- **Albany: Thursday, August 29, 2019**
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Linn County Sheriff's Office, 1115 SE Jackson St., Albany, OR 97470
- **Beaverton: Friday, August 30, 2019**
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.; 12:30 -2:30 p.m. (Grants Portal)
Beaverton Public Library, Room A, 12375 SW 5th St., Beaverton, Oregon 97005

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>

OEMA –

The 2019 OEMA Conference is scheduled for Oct. 7-10, 2019 at Valley River Inn in Eugene, OR. This year's focus is on critical infrastructure and will feature state, federal and private sector speakers. To register, go to: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=2541582>. Membership meetings for the Oregon Emergency Management Association are quarterly. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 7, 2019 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way in Eugene. For additional information about OEMA, contact oema.secretary@gmail.com.

Grants –

- 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 has released the latest National Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), the process through which FEMA identifies catastrophic threats and hazards, the consequences of those threats and hazards, and the capabilities the nation needs to address those hazards. It is available at <https://www.fema.gov/national-risk-and-capability-assessment>. The document outlines FEMA's approach to that process, which uses the same standardized impact and target language that states, tribes, territories and members of the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program use for their THIRAs.
- The Oregon Department of Energy announced a new resilience resource for small and medium electric utilities. The [Oregon Guidebook for Local Energy Resilience](#) identifies incremental actions electric utilities can take today so they are better prepared in the event of a major emergency, and provides additional guidance to improve overall community energy resilience.

RAPTOR and OpsCenter –

- The OpsCenter crisis management application has been updated to implement the situation reporting component of the system. This update allows specific roles within the system to supply situation report data and generate the state situation report. The 'Guides' section on OpsCenter has been updated to reflect the new procedures for collecting and generating the state situation report.
- A new Leadership Briefing application is available that includes details regarding weather, earthquakes, fire activity and potential, transportation network status, shelter activity, declarations and EOC activity, and the FEMA daily operations briefing. The general public can view this application here: <https://arcg.is/1Tnz8q>

Search and Rescue –

- Mt Hood SAR Council (Region 2) meetings are held monthly at the Clackamas County Sheriff Public Safety building, 12700 SE 82 Avenue, in Clackamas Oregon at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Dave Prouty, contact sar4me@gmail.com.
- Oregon State Sheriff's Association Search and Rescue Advisory Council (SARAC) quarterly meeting 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.
- Oregon State Sheriff's Association 5 day "Search Management in Oregon Initial Operations" course will be held at DPSST, September 30 – October 4, 2019. Registration and pre-requisite requirements are located at <https://oss3a.wildapricot.org/event-3493571> Questions can be directed to: Becca Sloper at 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 –

- The Port of Portland is hiring an [Emergency Program Specialist](#).
- Josephine County is hiring a [Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator](#).
- The City of Portland is hiring a [Disaster Response Planner \(Coordinator II\)](#).
- The University of Oregon is hiring a [Continuity and Emergency Manager](#).

Preparedness Tip –

Many Oregonians burn their backyard debris but most don't know that escaped debris burning is the leading cause of human-caused wildfires in Oregon. Chip, compost or haul your debris to a recycling center. If you must burn, check the weather forecast and call your local fire agency or air authority before you burn. Clear a 10-foot radius around the burn pile, stay by the burn pile and ALWAYS have fire tools on site.

Disaster of the Week –

August 25, 1950: [US Navy hospital ship USS Benevolence](#) sank after it was struck by the freighter SS Mary Luckenbach in dense fog near Golden Gate in California's San Francisco Bay. Of the 526 people aboard the Benevolence, only 23 perished. This was due, in large part, to the efforts of John Napoli, a crab fisherman who single-handedly rescued 70 victims of the tragedy.

Lessons learned: Often times, the first response to an emergency or disaster does not come from the police or fire department, it comes from citizens willing to come to the aid of someone in distress, and the heroism of John Napoli is but one example of an ordinary citizen behaving extraordinarily during a crisis. [Learning basic first aid, CPR](#), and even taking [FEMA's on-line incident command courses](#) can help you be better prepared to render aid during an emergency, and knowing what to do during an emergency can greatly reduce your anxiety and the anxiety of whomever you are helping. Establishing a [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) or other [Citizen Corps program](#) in your community is also a great way to provide a higher level of emergency training to better prepare your community to assist those in need during an emergency or disaster. Developing skills to assist a neighbor, friend, or even a stranger during an emergency is a great way to help become prepared, not scared!

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.