



# OEM: Weekly Watch Report

March 6-12, 2017

**Weekly Watch Video** – Toni Sexton, 9-1-1 program analyst at Oregon Office of Emergency Management, provides an update on Text to 9-1-1 in Oregon.

## **Weather –**

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

You can view the weekly forecast [here](#).

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

## **In the News –**

- [State sets up fund to help with damage recovery](#)
- [Klamath County, Oregon develops system for tracking firefighters and mapping structure information](#)
- [Search and Rescue's busy Sunday](#)
- [Cascadia Day 365 and beyond: Rebuilding](#)

## **December Storm: DR-4296-OR**

Oregon Office of Emergency Management and FEMA Region X are providing assistance to Lane and Josephine counties as a result of a severe winter storm and flooding that occurred December 14-17, 2016. The governor declared a state of emergency on January 11 and Oregon received a [presidential declaration](#) January 25, 2017.

- OEM, with FEMA support, conducted applicant briefings in Grants Pass and Eugene on Tuesday (February 14), marking a major first step in getting assistance to eligible state agencies, local governments and certain nonprofit organizations in Josephine and Lane counties.
- Applicants Request for Public Assistance (RPA) needed to be submitted by Feb. 23, 2017.
- State disaster recovery information is available on the OEM website at [www.oregon.gov/oem](http://www.oregon.gov/oem).
- More information about hazard mitigation is available at [www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program](http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program) and [www.oregon.gov/oem](http://www.oregon.gov/oem) and scroll down to the Hazard Mitigation tab.

Additional information on the federal role in this disaster recovery mission, including funds obligated to the state, is available at the FEMA disaster-specific website at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4296](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4296).

### **Cascadia Rising –**

The Oregon Cascadia Rising [After Action Report](#) is now available on the OEM website. The functional exercise took place June 7-10, 2016. Our thanks to all participating organizations for their critical input and assistance in developing the strategic and specific analysis, and recommendations contained in the document.

### **Certain Oregon Guard facilities closed to public access –**

Due to detected levels of lead within some Oregon National Guard facilities in Oregon, several armories have been closed to the public until further notice. This includes use of those facilities as emergency shelter locations. Please visit the [Oregon Military Department Indoor Firing Range Lead Testing web page](#) for information and updates.

### **January Storms –**

- Joint FEMA/State Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted in 12 counties the week of February 27 and completed on March 2. Ten counties have met their Public Assistance (PA) damage threshold, and will be included in OEM's recommendation to Governor Brown for consideration to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration.
- If granted, public assistance funds will become available to aid in the recovery of the approved, affected counties. Counties that have not met their PA threshold will have 30 days following the declaration to document additional eligible damages and request to be added to this disaster.
- If the presidential declaration is approved FEMA and the state will be working on two presidential declarations simultaneously.
- The USDA has signed disaster designation for Malheur County. This will make emergency loans available for the physical losses sustained during the severe snow/weather event.

### **2 Weeks Ready –**

**WEEK 21:** Nearly every community holds preparedness events, frequently hosted by your local first responders. Check with your local fire department to see if they hold preparedness events. If you have not visited our 2 Weeks Ready [web page](#), or new [Facebook page](#), please do so today!

### **Upcoming Events –**

- Save the date! The **Douglas County Public-Private Disaster Preparedness Workshop** will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 16, 2017. Douglas County Emergency Management and Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians is partnering with Oregon Office of Emergency Management and FEMA to host a workshop to look at the issues that the community would encounter by the impacts of a Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake event. The workshop will examine the impacts to transportation and fuel sectors as it relates to business and government operations. This is a great opportunity to get to know your local partners, potential resources and share planning scenarios in advance of a large disaster. **Lunch will be provided.** For more information, contact [tdepew@cowcreek.com](mailto:tdepew@cowcreek.com).
- **2017 Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop** – Oregon Prepared 2017, presented by Oregon's Office of Emergency Management and the Oregon Health Authority, will be held April 11 – 13, 2017 at Sunriver Resort with optional meetings/trainings Monday afternoon and Friday morning. There is no fee to attend; registration includes breakfast and lunch all three days and dinner on Wednesday.
  - Registration has met capacity. If you have not registered but would like to attend, please follow the link to add your name to the wait list: <http://bit.ly/2guKzNi>
  - Lodging is the responsibility of attendees. OEM will reimburse up to four nights of lodging for three representatives from every county and tribal nation, and two representatives from every EMPG eligible city.

### **Grants –**

Fiscal Year 2016 SHSP grant agreements are out. FY17 Grant applications were due January 20. Applications are out to the Grant Review Committee for review now and the committee will meet in March.

### **Training –**

- Planning on going to EMI for training? Your application needs to be submitted no less than six weeks prior to the class. Submit your 119 form to: [james.adams@state.or.us](mailto:james.adams@state.or.us)
- Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up to date list of training.

#### Exercise –

- The next quarterly Operation Exercise is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 11, 2017. The base scenario has not been developed yet and OEM has not yet set their internal objectives. Local and tribal participants will tailor this base scenario to meet their local conditions and objectives. OEM's Red Team will be on duty in the ECC.
- OEM will support Oregon Dept. of Energy's (ODOE) off-year, non-evaluated Columbia Generating Station Exercise on March 14, 2017. ODOE objectives include testing alternate communications, satellite phone and amateur radio.
- June 2017 will be a busy month with OMD's COOP exercise June 5-9, ODOE's Hanford Exercise on June 15, Pathfinder/Minuteman Exercise at Camp Rilea June 27-29, concurrent with Pathfinder/Triton at Cape Blanco June 27-28.

#### 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 –

- As of January 2017, eight 9-1-1 centers in Northwest and Central Oregon have gone 'live' with Text to 9-1-1. A public education campaign is underway which encourages the public to "*Call when you can, text if you can't.*"
- An additional 15 centers in Oregon are in the process of obtaining Text to 9-1-1.
- Upon early successful testing and implementation, the state 9-1-1 program has also offered to pay for a web-based interim solution for any 9-1-1 center in the state. For more information and to see current availability of text to 9-1-1 availability visit <http://www.nwtext911.info/>
- Check the [OEM web site](#) for project updates.

#### Mitigation and Recovery —

- Due to workload from current disasters, a backlog of closeouts for projects, and information missing from submitted projects for DR 4258, and extension request has been submitted for application submittal for DR 4258. The SHMO has and will continue to send sub-applicants requests for information during the FEMA review of applications. The timing of funding is contingent on environmental review, which can take up to a year. Several of the projects submitted under DR 4258 will have some impact on the environment that will take a full environmental assessment. Some projects lack the detail necessary for an environmental review and those projects will be flagged for more information needed. The SHMO will notify sub-grantees of award as soon as obligation is known.
- FMAG application review has begun for three of the six FMAG pilots. Awards will be forthcoming as each project is reviewed and approved. The remaining three FMAG pilots present complexities with respect to environmental review and will take longer for award. The SHMO has and will continue to send sub-applicants requests for information during the FEMA review of applications. Because some missing information has already been identified, an extension for those applications has been requested. The SHMO will notify sub-grantees of award as soon as it is known.
- OEM closeouts of Disasters 1956, 1964 and 4055 are in progress, along with closeout of PDM13. All projects and respective disasters must be closed out no later than June 23, 2017, with each disaster or PDM/FMA having due dates a month apart from each other.

- Closeout review of Disasters 1733 and 1824 are now underway at FEMA. Once any issues with closeout reports have been resolved, FEMA will then close the disasters. At that time, OEM will notify all sub-recipients under those disasters so that they know when to start the records retention period.
- Potential funding may be available under DR4296 as a result of the winter storm, December 14-17, 2016. More information will be forthcoming; a formal announcement for HMGP applications will be provided for statewide applications sometime in April. An estimated funding amount will be known within a couple of weeks.
- OEM has started to collect information that could enable Governor Brown to request an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for January's winter storm. On February 23, Joseph Murray distributed information to the 23 counties he believes most likely to have had economic impacts from that event (the SBA normally declares by county). If you need more information or were not included on Joseph's distribution – and should have been – email him at [joseph.murray@mil.state.or.us](mailto:joseph.murray@mil.state.or.us)

#### **RAPTOR and OpsCenter –**

Looking for a refresher on OpsCenter and RAPTOR? We will be conducting pre-conference training at our Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop. Details will be released soon on when this will be conducted.

#### **SAR –**

A "Search Management in Oregon Initial Operations" (GSM) class will be held March 11-15, 2017 at the Josephine County SAR building in Grants Pass. This course is directed at the newly assigned County Sheriff SAR personnel as well as our SAR Volunteer force. The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Saturday through Wednesday agenda affords the volunteers a flexible schedule so they miss as little time as possible from their full time employment. For registration information contact [julie@oregonsheriff.org](mailto:julie@oregonsheriff.org) or Sgt. Sean Collinson at 971-563-9529.

#### **New OEM Website –**

The new OEM Website is now active: [www.oregon.gov/OEM](http://www.oregon.gov/OEM). Remember to update any bookmarks you may have created. If you have any issues locating material or if you have feedback you'd like to offer on our new site, contact us at [public.info@state.or.us](mailto:public.info@state.or.us).

#### **Preparedness Tip –**

Pick a place to meet after a disaster. Designate two meeting places. Choose one right outside your home, in case of a sudden household emergency, such as a fire. The second place you choose needs to be outside your neighborhood, in the event that it is not safe to stay near or return to your home

#### **Now Hiring –**

- OEM is hiring a Limited Duration [Accountant 2](#) position.
- The American Red Cross is hiring a [Regional CEO](#) for the Cascades Region, based in Portland.
- Adventist Medical Center is hiring a [Disaster Preparedness Coordinator](#).
- The University of Oregon is hiring an [Emergency Preparedness Coordinator](#).
- Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District (C911CD) is hiring [Communications Specialists](#) (9-1-1 Dispatcher-Call Takers).
- FEMA is seeking talented men and women who are eager to assist disaster survivors as [Reservist employees](#).

#### **Disaster of the Week –**

**March 11-14, 1888:** [The Great Blizzard of '88](#) drops between 20" and 60" between Washington, DC 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 U.S., which opened in Boston nine years after the storm.

**ECC –**

The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.