



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

December 19-25, 2016

NOTE: This is the last OEM Weekly Watch Report for 2017. We will resume distribution of the report on January 9, 2017.

[Message from the Director](#) – Meet new State Hazard Mitigation Officer Angie Lane

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 –

- [Shelter from the Subduction Zone](#)
- [Florence hosts Oregon Tsunami Conference](#)
- [Tsunami conference aims to inform, collaborate](#)
- [Winter storm blankets Central Oregon](#)

OEM Phone System –

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has upgraded to a new phone system. While the main number remains the same, individuals in the office now have a new direct dial line. Please check our [updated directory](#).

2 Weeks Ready –

WEEK 10: If you're flying somewhere for the holidays, take a moment and ensure #SafeTravels with these tips:

- Consider a small emergency kit for your suitcase with items such as a flashlight, batteries, a USB power bank and a first aid kit.
- Take a moment to review the security screening process - www.tsa.gov/travel/travel-tips from the TSA.
- Have a plan so [when you land, you're ready](#).

If you have not visited our 2 Weeks Ready [web page](#), or new [Facebook page](#), please do so today!

Grants –

- Fiscal Year 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant application period is open. Applications are due not later than **5 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017**.

- Weekly application help calls will be held 11 a.m. -12 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 30 – December 21 and January 4 – January 18.
- Conference number: 877-873-8018; Participant code: 349525
- Fiscal Year 2016 SHSP grant agreements are out. First quarter narrative reports and requests for reimbursements will be due no later than **January 31, 2017**.
- Fuel Storage Compatibility Fund Grant guidance and application package will be released December 5, 2016 with an application deadline of **5 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017**.
- Fiscal Year 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) grant agreements are out (with a noted few exceptions still in review at DOJ). Signed grant agreements are due back at OEM no later than **January 13, 2017**. Once we've received your signed agreement we will be able to reimburse any pending requests for reimbursements you have submitted.

2017 Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop –

Registration is now open the Oregon Prepared 2017 – Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop, presented by Oregon's Office of Emergency Management and the Oregon Health Authority. The workshop will be held April 11 – 13, 2017, at Sunriver Resort, with additional optional meetings/trainings Monday afternoon and Friday morning.

- Registration closes **February 24, 2017**.
- There is no fee to attend the workshop. The workshop will include breakfast and lunch all three days as well as dinner Wednesday.
- 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.
- The 2017 workshop will feature five tracks, plenary speakers and an exercise. A draft schedule will be released in the next few weeks.
- Please follow the link to register: <http://bit.ly/2guKzNi>

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
- 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., February 16, 2017. The scenario has not been determined yet. OEM's Blue Team will be on duty in the ECC.
- OEM will be supporting Oregon Dept. of Energy's (ODOE) off-year, non-evaluated Columbia Generating Station Exercise on March 14, 2017.
- June 2017 will be a busy month with 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 –

- *Text-to-911 – Call when you can, text if you can't.*
In August 2016 several 9-1-1 centers in Northwest Oregon worked together and became the first in the state to 'go live' with Text to 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 tax, managed by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management's 9-1-1 program, paid for the text to 9-1-1 web based services. 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/>

- The OEM Frame Relay Replacement Team has contracted with Team IBM for the replacement of the frame relay network and associated equipment. IBM has partnered with CenturyLink, Azimuth Communications and West to provide these services. 38 of 43 PSAP locations have now successfully been cut over to the new IP based network.
- Check the [OEM web site](#) for project updates.

Mitigation and Recovery —

- FMAG application entry has begun. For those counties affected, be prepared for requests for more information regarding your applications. Quick turn-around on entry depends on quick responses.
- Closeouts of Disaster 1956 and 1964 have begun. These disasters are fairly old, so information gathering is proving problematic. OEM plans to have these disasters closed out by June 1, 2017.
- Applications for DR 4258 are due by **5 p.m. on December 30, 2016.**
- Snow, ice, and holidays may slow down mitigation actions at the SHMO desk. Please be patient.

RAPTOR —

See where the current weather watches and warnings are for your area. RAPTOR features up-to-date weather watches and warnings for Oregon, including the capability to click on the alert and view full text details. Weather watches and warnings are shown as color-coded boundaries, which can be clicked on to view the forecasted data and the full text of the alert in a separate webpage.

Preparedness Tip —

Winter storms often cause power outages. This may be due to high winds, downed trees or icy conditions. Be sure that your [emergency kit](#) is well stocked with food, water, flashlights, batteries, blankets and comfort items. If the power goes off:

- Check your fuse box or circuit breaker box. If there are no blown fuses or tripped circuits, check to see if your neighbors are without power.
- Call your power company to report the outage. Some utilities offer ways to report outages online or by text.
- Turn off all electrical equipment including your water heater, electric furnace or heaters, stove, stereo or TV, etc., to help prevent overloading the system when the power is restored.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to minimize food loss.
- If a family member depends on medical life-support equipment, a back-up generator is important to consider in case of an extended power outage. Be familiar with [generator safety](#).

Now Hiring —

- Multnomah County is hiring an [Emergency Management Volunteer Coordinator and Trainer](#).

Disaster of the Week —

December 19, 2010: An [oil pipeline explosion](#) killed 30 people (27 were killed in the blast, three more died later of injuries) in San Martin Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico. Dozens were injured, and more than 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. The explosion was caused when fuel thieves drilled into the pipeline, causing oil to leak faster than they could contain it. This resulted in a river of crude oil that flowed down the street, eventually coming in contact with a spark or other ignition source, causing the explosion.

Lessons learned: This disaster highlights the “unintended” consequences of crimes like theft. In Mexico, hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil are stolen each year using the same method that caused this explosion. Usually, the thefts go undetected until oil workers discover the leak. This explosion is only one consequence of this type of crime. It is widely believed that drug cartels perpetrated this, and other fuel thefts, to fund their operations. Several residents reported smelling oil or gas leading up to the disaster, but authorities were never notified. Reporting crimes that may seem minor in nature, like theft, trespassing, or even vandalism, can lessen the “unintended” consequences these crimes may have, and will ultimately improve the quality of life for our entire community. Visit [Crime Stoppers of Oregon](#) or the [Oregon TITAN Fusion Center](#) for information on how you can anonymously report crimes or suspicious activity. Also check out the US Dept. of Homeland Security’s [“If You See Something, Say Something”](#) program (which will soon be available in

Oregon) for more information on how you can assist law enforcement in keeping criminals out of our neighborhoods and better protect our community.

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.