

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

June 2016

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CATEGORY	June 2016	June 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	1	3	2
FIRE	36	66	158	200
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	182	246	1339	1314
OTHER	50	88	441	546
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	3	6	14	27
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	84	99	405	384
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	8	7	32	28
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	364	513	2392	2501

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	4	5	27	27
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	25	57	298	229

LEGEND

WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
FIRE	Wildland Fire incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, including but not limited to Tsunami events, Earthquakes, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 16-2017
 - On May 31, Thurston County continued the search for a 19-year old male near Maytown. Search dog teams from Pierce County, ground searchers from King and Cowlitz Counties, and the Civil Air Patrol assisted. The subject was not located and the search was terminated on June 2. On June 15, the mission was re-opened and additional search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County. The subject was not found.

- 16-2042
 - On June 2, the National Weather Service issued an Excessive Heat Watch for Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties. The Watch was upgraded to an Excessive Heat Warning on June 3. The warning expired on June 5.
 - On June 5, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Stehekin River in Chelan County. The watch was canceled on June 7.

- 16-2060
 - On June 3, several Union Pacific Railroad oil transport cars derailed and caught on fire near Moiser, Oregon, along the Columbia River. A boom was put in place to contain the spill and an Air Quality Advisory was issued for the surrounding areas. Washington State Department of Ecology spill responders were notified and responded to the scene to monitor clean-up actions.

- 16-2090
 - On June 5, Chelan County initiated a search of a missing hiker at Asgaard Pass. A helicopter from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The subject was not located.

- 16-2092
 - On June 5, the International Emergency Response Coordination Center (IERCC) reported that a personal locator beacon was activated for an injured mountain climber near Blum Lake in Whatcom County. A helicopter from Snohomish County was coordinated to assist with this mission. The helicopter was unable to reach the subject and the individual was subsequently carried out by ground searchers on June 6.

- 16-2107
 - On June 7, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Klickitat and Columbia counties. The warning was subsequently cancelled on June 8.

- 16-2117
 - On June 8, Thurston County Sheriff's Office opened a search for a missing female in the Olympia area. Cadaver dogs and ground searchers were requested from Pierce, King and Yakima Counties and assisted with this mission. On June 15, additional resources were requested throughout the state as the search concentrated on a landfill site in Klickitat County. The search was suspended on June 24. The mission was reactivated on June 28 to examine a residence in Olympia on June 30 using search dogs from Pierce

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County. The subject was not located and the mission was suspended by Thurston County.

- 16-2119 • On June 8, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, and Whitman counties due to a forecast of damaging wind and hail. The watch was upgraded to a warning for Asotin County before being cancelled later that afternoon.
- 16-2139 • On June 10, the IERCC reported that a Personal Locator Beacon was activated on Mount Rainier for a distressed hiker near Mounts Creek. A Chinook helicopter was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Center. Prior to dispatching the helicopter, Mount Rainier used a local asset and discovered multiple hikers were involved. All subjects were subsequently rescued in good condition.
- 16-2166 • On June 12, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for the Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima counties. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on June 13 which expired later that evening.
- 16-2193 • On June 14, Yakima County conducted a rescue of two individuals who were stranded in the snow at 6,000 ft. near Bower Lake. A helicopter from the Yakima Training Center was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center to assist with this mission. The subjects were safely hoisted out by the helicopter.
- 16-2198 • On June 14, the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for Whitman, Spokane, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan and Lincoln counties. The warning expired without incident.
- 16-2224 • On June 16, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Warning for Stevens County. The warning expired the same evening without incident.
- 16-2237 • On June 17, Skamania County conducted the rescue of a female hiker with lacerations to her knee with assistance coordinated from Klickitat County. The hiker was successfully rescued and treated.
- 16-2235 • On June 18, Mount Rainier National Park requested mountain rescue personnel to assist in the search for two climbers who activated a Personal Locator Beacon on June 17. Mountain rescue teams from King, Kitsap, Snohomish, and Pierce counties were contacted for support. The use of a helicopter from the Washington Army National Guard was coordinated via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The subjects were subsequently located and safely flown off the mountain by helicopter.

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- 16-2257
 - On June 20, King County conducted a search for possible human remains at a burned home near Auburn. Search dog teams were coordinated from Pierce County to assist with this mission. The subject was found in the home deceased.
- 16-2276
 - On June 21, Okanogan County conducted a rescue of an injured climber. A helicopter from Snohomish County was coordinated to support this mission. The individual was subsequently transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- 16-2326
 - On June 25, Yakima County conducted the rescue of an injured male hiker near Dumbbell Lake. A helicopter from the Yakima Training Center was coordinated via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The individual was subsequently transported to the Yakima Memorial Hospital for treatment of an injured ankle.
- 16-2345
 - On June 26, Chelan County requested a helicopter with hoist to rescue an individual with a knee injury near the summit of Mount Stewart. A helicopter was coordinated from Snohomish County and successfully rescued the subject and transported him to a local hospital.
- 16-2367
 - On June 29, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for most of Klickitat County.
 - On June 29, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Benton, Chelan, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima counties. The Fire Weather Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on June 30 for Chelan, Kittitas, Yakima, Douglas and Grant counties.
 - On June 30, The National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for an area south of the Kittitas Valley and the Hanford district in Central Washington.
 - All warnings expired without incident.
- 16-2372
 - On June 29, the Mount Rainier National Park Service initiated a search for an overdue hiker. The Park Service requested cell phone forensics support from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, an aircraft with Forward Looking Infra-Red Radar (FLIR) capability, and mountain rescue personnel for the following day. A UH-60 Blackhawk with FLIR from Gray Army Airfield at Joint Base Lewis-McChord was coordinated via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center to conduct an air search. The missing hiker was subsequently found in good condition later that evening before the helicopter deployed.
- 16-2377
 - On June 29, Kitsap County opened a search for a missing 86 year-old male in the Port Orchard area. Six search dogs were immediately requested from Pierce County to assist in the search, however, the subject was found in good health before the dogs deployed.

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SEOO Activity for the current month:

69	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
12	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
643	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
46	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 9 exercises of which 3 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

<i>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</i>	<i>Frequency of tests</i>	<i>Number of tests completed this month</i>	<i>Total number of stations tested this month</i>	<i>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i>	<i>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i>
NAWAS	Twice daily	60	1962	1874	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	10	33%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	15	272	144	53%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	10	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	2
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	19	OPSCAN test	1 per day	31
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	4

Test information/definitions:

- NAWAS: National Warning System Tests (NAWAS) over the State and Federal circuits. NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal jurisdictions and agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies and some tribes on the State circuit. there are 4 tests a day, testing 66 drops on 2 circuits. The number above reflects the 4 tests a day. Previously the number included the total number of stations contacted during those tests.
- DOE tests: Department of Energy Hanford Site has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here
- CGS tests: Columbia Generating Station has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- AHAB: All Hazards Alert Broadcast System is tested daily through the daily function tests, which tests the functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound siren systems. The voice and tone sirens are tested monthly. The AHAB Siren activates the coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- OPSCAN: Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN) connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.
- STAEN: The State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) connects state agency via an 800 MHz radio system.
- CEMNET: Comprehensive Emergency Management Network radio connecting all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.