

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

October 2015

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CATEGORY	October 2015	October 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	1	4
FIRE	40	45	432	334
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	198	244	2186	2249
OTHER	76	81	876	875
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	9	5	49	55
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	63	65	677	707
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	2	8	46	51
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	0	0	24
Total number of Logged incidents	388	448	4267	4299

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	7	2	46	44
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	35	35	389	412

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

- 15-3928 • On October 4, the Chelan County sheriff's office requested a helicopter with a hoist to rescue a 67 year-old male with a broken leg south west of Leavenworth in the Goat Mountain area near the Chelan/Kittitas County line. Snohomish County provided the asset to rescue the injured man and transport the injured individual to the Riverside Hospital.
- 15-3930 • On October 5, an Amber Alert was issued from the City of Yakima for two abducted children. The Amber Alert was cancelled within 20 minutes when the children were found safe.
- 15-3967 • On October 8, the International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) received a satellite phone call from a hiker near Crow Creek Lake. The individual was in the company of a diabetic child having medical difficulties. The Yakima County Sheriff's Office was contacted and the location information was relayed. Yakima County ground search and rescue personnel located the party and escorted them out to safety.
- 15-3980 • On October 9, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for Admiralty Inlet and the Northern Inland Waters. The warning affected the following counties: Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, San Juan, Kitsap and Jefferson. The warning expired the following day.
- 15-4004 • On October 12, Grays Harbor conducted a search for a missing female mushroom picker near Copalis Crossing. Thirty additional ground searchers and tracking dogs were requested from Mason, Thurston, Pierce, Kitsap, Wahkiakum and Lewis Counties to assist. The missing mushroom picker was found the following day and transported to safety by helicopter.
- 15-4010 • On October 12, the Olympic National Park began a search for a hiker who activated his PLB Spot Beacon on the Skyline Ridge Trail in the Quinault area of the park. Olympic Mountain Rescue from Kitsap County responded with two Mountain Rescue teams to assist. The subject was located in good condition.
- 15-4020 • On October 13, the Yakima State Patrol issued an Amber Alert for two abducted Hispanic children. The alert was quickly cancelled when the children were located safely in Spokane.
- 15-4019 • On October 13, Skamania County conducted a search for a 39 year-old male hiker near Lone Butte. Resources were coordinated from Yakima, Klickitat, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Kitsap and Pierce Counties to assist. The subject was not located.

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- 15-4038
 - On October 14, Lewis County conducted a search for a missing person on the Cowlitz River. Dive teams were coordinated from Cowlitz and Pierce Counties to assist. The individual was not located.
- 15-4068
 - On October 17, the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) initially recorded a 3.2 magnitude earthquake, 0 miles deep and 10 miles north of Nespelem, WA, in Okanogan County, near Grand Coulee Dam and the border of Ferry County. PNSN later downgraded the earthquake to a 2.7 magnitude. There were no reports of damages.
- 15-4080
 - On Oct 17, Snohomish County conducted a search for two lost hikers on Mount Bearing. Team members from Seattle and Skagit Mountain Rescue were coordinated to assist. The subjects were located and taken to a local hospital with injuries.
- 15-4180
 - On October 26, King County requested ground SAR and 4x4's to assist in the search for two lost hikers in the vicinity of the Pratt River Trailhead. Additional resources were coordinated from Snohomish, Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties. Both parties were located that afternoon in good condition.
- 15-5182
 - On October 26, Pierce County opened a search for a missing mushroom picker near the 4400 block of Alder Cut-off Road. Additional resources were coordinated from Snohomish and Kitsap Counties to assist. The subject was located later that morning in good condition.
- 15-4225
 - On October 28, a magnitude 3.2 earthquake occurred at 1935 hrs located 5 miles SSW of Morton. There were no damages or reports of the event being felt.
- 15-4233
 - On October 29, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Western Washington, which included the following counties: Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Cowlitz, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kitsap, Mason, Thurston and Lewis. The Flood Watch was extended to most of southwest Washington on October 30.
 - On October 30, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the inland waters of Puget Sound and Hood Canal. The warning expired that afternoon.
 - On October 30, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Olympic Mountains and Cascades of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Lewis Counties effective until November 2. The Watch was upgraded to a Warning on October 31.
 - On October 30, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued a Flood Warning for the Tolt River near Carnation. This Warning remained in effect through Saturday evening on October 31.
 - On October 30, the National Weather Service added a Flood Warning for the Snoqualmie River near Carnation and the Skykomish River near Goldbar. The

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Warning remained in effect until late Sunday night on November 1.

- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River near Potlatch in Mason County through 1 November.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a High Surf Advisory for Clallam, Jefferson and Grays Harbor Counties through November 1.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the South Fork of the Stilliguamish River near Granite Falls affecting Snohomish County.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Grays River near Rosberg affecting Wahkiakum County.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Puyallup River near Orting and the Carbon River near Fairfax.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued an Urban Areas and Small Streams Flood Warning for south central Snohomish County.
- On October 31, a Flood Warning was issued for the Stilliguamish River near Arlington for minor flooding.
- On October 31, a Flood Warning was issued for the Cowlitz River at Packwood and Randle effecting Lewis County and the Nisqually at National affecting Pierce County.
- On October 31, a Flood Warning was issued for the Snohomish River at both Monroe and Snohomish affecting Snohomish County.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Stehekin River affecting Chelan County.
- On October 31, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for Admiralty Inlet, Hood Canal and the Puget Sound.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

64	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
64	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
779	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
62	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 7 exercises of which 1 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

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<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	1920	1836	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	12	40%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	313	158	50%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	6	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	12	OPSCAN test	1 per day	32
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	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.