

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

February 2015

CATEGORY	February 2015	February 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	0	1
FIRE	22	4	33	14
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	213	205	407	423
OTHER	73	63	169	146
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	6	8	11	12
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	39	54	84	107
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	1	3	4	8
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	1	0	5
Total number of Logged incidents	354	338	708	716

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	3	3	11	12
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	33	120	103	150

LEGEND	
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
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

- 15-0378 • On February 1, Mount Rainier National Park requested Mountain Rescue personnel to assist in the search for 3 overdue climbers. Resources were coordinated from Pierce, Kitsap, Snohomish and King Counties to assist. The subjects climbed down on their own in the early morning hours of February 2 in good condition.

- 15-0404 • On February 3, an approaching storm system prompted the issuance of the following weather related products by National Weather Service:
 - February 3: Flood Watch for the Skokomish River in Mason County.
 - February 4: High Wind Watch and High Wind Warning for the South Washington Coast.
 - February 5: Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, High Wind Watch and High Wind Warning for Columbia and Walla Walla Counties, Flood Watch for rivers in Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason, Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties, Flood Warning for the Skokomish River in Mason County.
 - February 6, Flood Warning for the Bogachiel, Dungeness and Elwha Rivers in Clallam County, the Nooksack River in Whatcom County, the Skagit River in Skagit County and the Grays River Wahkiakum County, Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, Flood Watch for rivers in Chelan, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties, High Wind Warning for Columbia and Walla Walla Counties.
 - February 9: Flood Watch for Paradise Creek in Mason County.

- 15-0464 • On February 8, King County conducted a search for two overdue brothers who were shooting target practice between Renton and Green River. Phone forensics assistance was coordinated from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The subjects were located in good condition.

- 15-0511 • On February 14, The State EOC activated to Phase II, Enhanced Operations, effective 0700 hrs, in support of Franklin County emergency operations and law enforcement efforts relating to protests that were conducted in response to a City of Pasco shooting. The state EOC returned to Phase I, Routine Operations, effective February 15, at 1900 hours.

- 15-0349 • On February 14, Skamania County Sherriff's Office reopened a search for a missing female near Trout Lake. Ground searchers and cadaver dogs were coordinated from Clark and Klickitat Counties to assist. The subject was not found.

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- 15-0553 • On February 16, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center reported that a Personal Locator Beacon signal had detected distressed hikers near Mount Stuart in Chelan County. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated from King County to assist in their extraction. The injured individuals were safely rescued off of the mountain.

- 15-0576 • On February 18, a magnitude 4.3 earthquake occurred at 0104 hrs. located 19 miles NNW of Ellensburg. There were no damages reported.

- 15-0705 • On February 28, Lacey Police requested blood hounds from Pierce County to assist in the search of a missing elderly female. She was safely located later that day.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

40	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
51	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
808	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
7	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 2 exercises of which 1 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)	Frequency of tests	Number of tests completed this month	Total number of stations tested this month	Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center	Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center
NAWAS	Twice daily	56	1822	1755	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	15	5	33%

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CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	308	170	55%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	5	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	6	OPSCAN test	1 per day	28
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	28	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	3

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.

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- 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.