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June 2015

CATEGORY	June 2015	June 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	1	0	1	2
FIRE	66	38	200	128
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	246	222	1314	1291
OTHER	88	93	546	527
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	6	8	27	36
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	99	79	384	355
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	7	6	28	25
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	2	0	22
Total number of Logged incidents	513	448	2500	2386

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	5	6	27	32
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	57	7	229	242

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

- 15-1993 • On June 1, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Chelan, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, and Spokane Counties. The Watch was in effect from Noon June 1, 2015 until 5 AM June 2, 2015. A series of Flash Flood Warnings and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings were issued during the early evening of June 1st for multiple eastern Washington Counties. These events ended without incident.
- 15-2005 • On June 1, the Department of Energy Hanford issued an Abnormal Event for a grassland fire near Route 6 (Northwest corner of the Hanford Site). The fire was several acres in size, but did not threaten any structures or radiological areas. The fire was promptly extinguished.
- 15-2017 • On June 2, Thurston County conducted a search for a missing male in the Tenino area. Additional resources were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. The subject was located in good condition.
- 15-2035 • On June 2, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for Central Okanogan due to heavy thunderstorm activity. This event ended without incident.
- 15-2044 • On June 4, an earthquake with a magnitude of 2.94 occurred at 0648 hrs located eight miles SW of Morton. There were no reports of damages.
- 15-2078 • On June 6, a Fire Weather Watch was issued for Kittitas and Yakima Counties for the afternoon and evening hours of June 8. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on June 7 for the same timeframe. This event ended without incident.
- 15-2093 • On June 7, Cowlitz County commenced a recovery mission for a drowning victim in the Lewis River near Woodland. Aircraft support was coordinated from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Aviation Division. Additional dive resources were coordinated from Skamania County. The victim was recovered and the mission was subsequently closed.
- 15-2108 • On June 8, Stevens County requested Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) cell phone forensics to assist in locating a man missing since May 30. The man left Colville driving to Rainier, Oregon. The subject was not located. The mission was closed by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation at 1600 hours on June 10.

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- 15-2078 • On June 8, the National Weather Service issued Red Flag Warnings for the Eastern Washington Columbia Basin from 2 PM Tuesday June 9 thru 9 PM Thursday June 11 and the East Slopes of the Southern Washington Cascades from 2 PM Tuesday June 9 thru 10 PM June 11 due to gusty winds and low humidity. This event ended without incident.
- 15-2109 • On June 9, Pierce County requested bloodhounds to assist with a search for a missing 29 year-old female that went missing in Orting on June 8. Additional resources were coordinated from King County to assist. The search continued on June 13 with various Search and Rescue resources responding from several surrounding jurisdictions to assist. This SAR mission remained open as of the end date of this report.
- 15-2078 • On June 9, the Red Flag Warning was extended to include Chelan, Douglas, Adams, Walla Walla and Grant Counties.
- 15-2078 • On June 10, the National Weather Service extended the duration of the Red Flag Warning to Friday evening, 12 June. The affected counties were: Benton, Franklin, Chelan, Columbia, Walla Walla, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat and Yakima.
- 15-2078 • On June 12, The National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for portions of Spokane, Stevens, and Okanogan Counties. The warning expired that evening.
- 15-2174 • On June 12, Mount Rainier National Park requested assistance from King County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit with the search for a missing climber. Avalanche beacon locating equipment was coordinated for use on June 13. The subject was located deceased on June 13th before the equipment could be deployed.
- 15-2183 • On June 13, Whatcom County requested a helicopter with hoist to assist with the rescue of an injured hiker near Mount Baker. Snohomish County Sherriff's Office Aviation Unit responded for the rescue and transported the subject to a local hospital.
- 15-2188 • On June 13, Skamania County requested search dogs to locate a missing person in the Mount Adams Ranger Station area. A call-out was made to Clark County. The subject was not located.
- 15-2183 • On June 13, a Fire Mobilization request was received and approved by the Washington State Patrol for a 300 plus acre wildfire affecting Douglas and Okanogan Counties. The fire was demobed on June 16 after burning 1064 acres. No structures were lost as a result of the fire.

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- 15-2210 • On June 14, a spot beacon was activated in the vicinity of Colchuck Lake in Chelan County. The county requested helicopter support. After verifying that state assets were not available, a Navy helicopter was requested and granted. The individual was rescued alive and taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-2226 • On June 15, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for East Slopes South Cascades from June 16 to June 19 and a Fire Weather Watch for the Lower Columbia Basin and Kittitas Valley, June 16 to June 19. On June 18, these warnings were revised to expire as of June 18, 2100 hrs and did so without incident.
- 15-2226 • On June 18, the National Weather Service quickly re-issued a Red Flag Warning for the East Washington South Central and Central Cascade Valleys until 2100 hours the same day. The warning expired without incident.
- 15-2280 • On June 19, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for the East Washington Central Cascade Valleys (Chelan County), from 1400 to 2000 hrs the same day. The warning expired without incident.
- 15-2299 • On June 20, the Yakima County Sheriff's office opened a rescue mission for an injured hiker at the 8600 foot level of Mt Adams. A helicopter with a hoist was requested (from King and Snohomish Counties) to retrieve the injured hiker, however neither one was available so a request was made through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center for a helicopter from the Yakima Firing Center. The subject was rescued successfully and transported to medical care.
- 15-2362 • On June 24, the National Weather Service issued an Excessive Heat Watch for Friday PM thru Sunday PM for the southwest interior affecting Clark, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz & Skamania Counties from Friday Noon to Sunday AM. On June 25, the watch was increased to an Excessive Heat Warning for these counties, except for Pacific for the same timeframe.
 - On June 24, the National Weather Service also issued a Fire Weather Watch for Clark, Cowlitz & Skamania Counties for Fri AM to Sun AM. On June 25, the National Weather Service added Pacific, Wahkiakum and Lewis counties.
 - On June 25, the National Weather Service issued an Excessive Heat Watch for the Greater Puget Sound region of Snohomish, Kitsap, King, Pierce, Thurston, and Lewis Counties effective Friday afternoon through Saturday evening.
 - On June 25, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for much of Southwest Washington from 1100 hrs on Friday to 1100 hrs on Sunday with potential for abundant lightning.

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- On June 25, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom from Saturday PM to Sunday PM for low humidity and potential dry lightning.
 - On June 26, the National Weather Service issued an Excessive Heat Warning for the Greater Puget Sound Region and the Southwest Interior. The Warning is in effect from noon June 26 until 1445 June 28.
 - On June 26, the National Weather Service issued a fire weather watch for all of western Washington counties on the west side and Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas, Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties on the east side.
 - On June 27, the National Weather Service upgraded the Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag Warning for Western WA. The Warning will be in effect from 1400 hrs on 6/27/15 until 2300 hrs on 6/28/15.
 - On June 27, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Stevens County, and also issued a Red Flag Warning for Central and Eastern Washington in effect from 1700 on 6/27 through 2000 on 6/28.
 - On June 28, the National Weather Service announced a Red Flag Warning in effect beginning 0830 until 2300 that night for all of Western Washington except Clark, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties as well as a Red Flag Warning issued for the east portion of the North Cascades National Park/Lake Chelan Recreational Area from 1700 on 6/28 to 2300 on 6/29 for abundant lightning.
 - On June 28, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Cowlitz and Skamania Counties for abundant lightning. The warning was in effect from 0930 hrs to 2300 hrs.
 - On June 28, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning from 1700 hours that evening to 2000 hours Monday for Klickitat, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, and Garfield Counties due to thunderstorms producing gusty winds.
- 15-2420 • On June 26, Whatcom County commenced a search for 2 stranded hikers on Big Bear Hill. Additional Mountain Rescue personnel were coordinated from Skagit Mountain to assist. The subjects were rescued and transported out of the area.
- 15-2425 • On June 27, Chelan County requested a helicopter with hoist to rescue a wounded climber that had fallen in the Seven Finger Jack area. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated from Snohomish County to assist. The subject was taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-2432 • On June 27, Pend Oreille County requested a helicopter from AFRCC to extract a wounded rucksack racer from Granite Peak. The subject was rescued and airlifted to a local medical facility.

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- 15-2435 • On June 27, Fire Resource Mobilization was approved for the Les Blair Fire in Benton County.
- On June 28, the State Emergency Operations Center activated to Phase II effective at 1930.

- 15-2446 • On June 28, Kittitas County conducted a rescue of an injured 43 year-old male hiker north of Mirror Lake. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated from King County to assist. The subject was transported to Harborview Hospital.

- 15-2451 • On June 28, the SE Benton Complex Fire was established to manage the Les Blaire and the Berrain Fire's located in Benton County. Additionally,
15-2435 State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved effective 1900 hrs for the Sleepy Hollow Fire in Chelan County.
- The State Emergency Operations Center activated to Phase-III effective 2200 hours.
- Demobilization for the SE Benton Complex fire occurred at 2000 hrs, June 29.

- 15-2362 • On June 28, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for the following counties: Klickitat, Yakima, Franklin, Benton, Walla Walla and Columbia. The warning expired without incident.

- 15-2451 • On June 28 the International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) reported a SPOT beacon had activated in Okanogan County. The subject had pre-existing health issues and was on several types of medications. The Okanogan County Sheriff's Office requested US Navy helicopter support to evacuate the individual. The subject was located in a remote area where no Washington State aircraft assets were available. Helicopter support was coordinated with Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. The subject was rescued and transported to the hospital.

- 15-2362 • On June 28, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Skamania, Yakima, Kittitas and Chelan Counties. The National Weather Service also upgraded the Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag Warning for Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. All warnings expired in the evening of June 29.

- 15-2468 • On June 29, Whatcom County conducted a rescue of an injured climber on the south side of Mt. Baker. Additional resources were coordinated from Skagit County to assist. The subject was successfully rescue and transported to the hospital for treatment.

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- 15-2479 • On June 29, The Road 6 Fire in Douglas County was established. A fire resource mobilization was approved at 2100 hours for the 2000 plus acre wild fire burning near Mansfield.
- 15-2482 • On June 29, Clallam County opened a search and rescue south of Port Angeles. A man was reported to have fallen over a 150 foot cliff while attempting to rescue a friend. The county sheriff's office requested a helicopter with hoist. Due to the time critical nature of the search, a United States Coast Guard (USCG) helicopter was dispatched from Ediz Hook at Port Angeles through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The incident was closed after an extensive ground and air search when nothing was found.
- 15-2485 • On June 30, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Kittitas and Yakima Counties due to winds of 15 to 30 MPH and high relative humidity.
- On June 30, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for the east slopes of the southern Cascades through Saturday evening

SEOO Activity for the current month:

102	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
84	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1339	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
41	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 10 exercises of which 0 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>

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NAWAS	Twice daily	60	1920	1833	95%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	7	23%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	363	208	57%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	10	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	11	OPSCAN test	1 per day	24
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.

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- 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.