

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

March 2015

CATEGORY	March 2015	March 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	0	1
FIRE	36	14	69	28
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	220	226	634	649
OTHER	88	98	261	244
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	4	6	15	18
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	62	51	146	158
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	3	4	7	12
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	0	0	5
<b>Total number of Logged incidents</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1115</b>

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	4	4	15	16
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	7	77	110	227

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

- 15-0829 • On March 8, Snohomish County requested 20 ground personnel to assist in the rescue of an injured hiker in the Mt Pilchuck area. Resources were provided from King, Skagit and Pierce Counties. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-0830 • On March 8, Thurston County requested a cadaver dog to assist in the recovery of possible remains after a structure fire in Lacey. Resources were coordinated from Pierce County to assist, but no remains were found.
- 15-0907 • On March 15, The National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for the South Washington Coast affecting Pacific County and for the Willapa Hills affecting Pacific, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties.
- 15-0918 • On March 15, The San Juan County Sheriff's Office requested air support to transport a 56 year-old male with abdominal problems from East Sound Airport to Saint Joseph Hospital in Bellingham. Resources were coordinated from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and Whidbey Naval Air Station successfully transported the patient.
- 15-0949 • On March 18, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requested cell phone forensics to assist in locating a man involved in a vehicle accident off Highway 101 near Brinnon. Resources were coordinated from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The individual was located and taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-0975 • On March 20, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters and Admiralty Inlet, including San Juan County. The warning expired at midnight after the front moved through.
- 15-0993 • On March 22, Thurston County conducted a rescue mission for subject stranded in a swamp near Olympia and suffering from hypothermia. Air support was coordinated from King County but they could not extract the subject due to dense fog. The local Fire Department successfully rescued the individual.
- 15-1015 • On March 24, Pierce County conducted a search for a missing male with diminished mental capacity. Air support was coordinated from King County Special Operations, but cancelled when the subject was located.
- 15-1020 • On March 24, Pierce County conducted a rescue mission for a horse submerged in mud near Graham. Support was coordinated for Washington Animal Search and Rescue Team to assist. The animal was successfully rescued.

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- 15-1021 • On March 24, Columbia County conducted a search for two overdue backpackers. Air support was coordinated through Spokane County Sheriff's Office. The subjects were located and reunited with their families.
- 15-1070 • On March 27, the California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN) registered a 2.9 magnitude earthquake, 3 miles deep and 8 miles SSW of Chelan. There were no reports of damage, or of anyone feeling the earthquake.
- 15-1080 • On March 27, Mount Rainier National Park requested mountain rescue units to respond to rescue two climbers who were incapacitated and hypothermic about ½ mile below Camp Muir on Mount Rainier. Pierce, King & Kitsap Counties mountain rescue units were contacted, but before anyone could deploy the injured climbers were able to re-assess their situation and decided they would "self-rescue". Mountain rescue support was cancelled at that point.
- 15-1081 • On March 28, Grays Harbor County requested 8-10 additional ground searchers to aid in a search for an overdue hiker. The following counties were contacted for assistance: Mason, Thurston, Lewis, Pacific, Jefferson, Clallam, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz. Jefferson was planning on sending 6-7 searchers, but the subject was found before anyone deployed.
- 15-1080 • On March 28, Mount Rainier National Park re-opened this mission because the climbers have not been able to self-recover. The following counties were contacted to support the park's request for 20 mountain-rescue personnel to begin operations at 0700 on March 30: Snohomish, King, Pierce and Kitsap. By 1730 hours, Mount Rainier reported the subjects were found and the resources were cancelled.
- 15-1132 • On March 31, an Amber Alert was issued for Aaron L. Lopez. The child was located later the same evening and the suspect was taken into custody.

*SEOO Activity for the current month:*

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

- Participated in 9 exercises of which 1 were vessel spill drills.

*Conducted the following tests:*

<b><i>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</i></b>	<b><i>Frequency of tests</i></b>	<b><i>Number of tests completed this month</i></b>	<b><i>Total number of stations tested this month</i></b>	<b><i>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i></b>	<b><i>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i></b>
NAWAS	Twice daily	60	1920	1828	95%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	15	3	20%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	363	191	53%

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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	7	OPSCAN test	1 per day	30

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AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30	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.
- 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.