

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

September 2015

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CATEGORY	September 2015	September 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	1	4
FIRE	29	42	392	289
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	187	235	1988	2005
OTHER	69	83	800	794
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	3	6	40	50
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	64	69	614	642
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	4	4	44	43
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	1	0	24
Total number of Logged incidents	356	440	3879	3851

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	4	3	39	42
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	12	20	354	377

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

- 15-3239 • On September 1, the State Emergency Operations Center continued Phase III Full Operations in support of statewide emergency management efforts relating to multiple fires across several areas of the state. The State EOC resumed Phase I Normal Operations effective 1700 hrs on Sept 25.
- 15-3241 • On September 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the Stickpin Fire in Ferry County. State fire resources demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 2.
- 15-3257 • On September 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the Carpenter Road Fire in Stevens County. State fire resources were demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 8.
- 15-3305 • On September 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the Black Canyon/McFarlan Creek Fire in Okanogan County. State fire resources were demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 8.
- 15-3329 • On September 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the Renner Lake Fire in Ferry County. State fire resources demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 2.
- 15-3338 • On September 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the North Star/Tunk Mountain Fire in Okanogan County. State fire resources demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 12.
- 15-3479 • On September 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the Tucannon Fire in Columbia County. State fire resources demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 2.
- 15-3490 • On September 1, Whatcom County continued a search for a missing kayaker in Lake Whatcom. Resources were coordinated from Skagit County to assist. The subject was located deceased.
- 15-3527 • On September 1, a magnitude 4.27 earthquake occurred 25 miles North of Grand Coulee. There were widespread reports of the earthquake being felt, but no damages were reported.
- 15-3562 • On September 3, a 3.11 magnitude earthquake, 7.3 miles deep, occurred 11 miles north-northwest of Mount St. Helens. There were no reports of anyone feeling the earthquake, or reports of damage.

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- 15-3628
 - On September 8, Chelan County conducted a search for an active shooter in Manson, Chelan County. A helicopter with forward looking infrared radar was coordinated to assist from King County and a suspect was apprehended.
- 15-3637
 - On September 9, Olympic National Park conducted a search for a missing hiker on the south side of Lake Crescent. Resources from the Olympic Mountain Rescue Unit, Pierce and King Counties were coordinated to assist. The individual was located.
- 15-3647
 - On September 10, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Klickitat County for gusty winds and low relative humidity. This was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on September 11, in effect from the afternoon of September 12 to evening of September 13.
 - On September 11, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Kittitas County for winds and low relative humidity. This was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning later in the evening, in effect from the afternoon of September 12 to evening of September 13.
 - On September 11, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Adams, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima Counties. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning in effect from 1400-2100 hrs on September 13 for gusty winds and low relative humidity for most of eastern Washington, excluding Asotin, Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties.
 - On September 13, the last of the weather warnings/watches expired.
- 15-3660
 - On September 11, Mason County requested ground searchers and air scent dogs to assist in the search of a missing paratrooper. Kitsap, Thurston, Pierce and Grays Harbor Counties were contacted for assistance. Pierce and Kitsap Counties provided air scent dogs, Pierce and Thurston Counties provided ground searchers, and King County assisted with a FLIR equipped helicopter. The subject was located deceased.
- 15-3672
 - On September 12, the California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN) reported a 4.1 magnitude earthquake 25 miles east of Seattle. A Tsunami Information Statement was issued by the National Tsunami Warning Center. The magnitude was later downgraded by the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) to 3.99. PNSN and King County Sheriff received calls that shaking was felt in King County, but no damage was reported.
- 15-3673
 - On September 12, the Tacoma Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for two abducted children believed to be in danger out of the Tacoma area. The child and mother were located unharmed.

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- 15-3687 • On September 13, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1430 hours for a grass fire near Wallula in Walla Walla County. State fire resources were demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 13.
- 15-3689 • On September 13, Klickitat County requested a state fire mobilization for a 2,000 acre wild land Horsethief Butte near Dallesport. The request was approved at 1515 hours. State fire resources demobilized effective 2359 hrs on September 15.
- 15-3696 • On September 14, Skamania County opened a search for an overdue hunter in the Lone Butte area. Ground searchers from Wind River Rescue in Clark County were coordinated to aid in the search. The individual was located in good condition.
- 15-3706 • On September 15, the California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN) and the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) detected a 3.3 magnitude earthquake 1 mile southeast and 10.1 miles deep from Snoqualmie. There were no reports of damages.
- 15-3725 • On September 16, the California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN) and the National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) reported a 7.9 magnitude earthquake off the central coast of Chile. Earthquake was later revised to a magnitude of 8.3. This earthquake generated a tsunami and an advisory was issued for portions of coastal California. There was no tsunami threat to the Washington coast as a result of this tsunami.
- 15-3730 • On September 17, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Special Marine Warning for Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties. The Warning was issued because of severe thunderstorm moving northeast along the south Washington Coast. This event ended without incident.
- 15-3749 • On September 18, Chelan County conducted a rescue mission for an injured hunter with a broken hip near Icicle Creek. Air transportation was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).
- 15-3751 • On September 18, Mason County commenced a search for a missing 62 year-old male near Forest Service Road 2419. Additional resources were coordinated from Kitsap, Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties to assist. The individual was located in good condition.
- 15-3827 • On September 25, Mason County commenced a search and rescue of an injured 72 year-old male with a broken ankle in the Mildred Lakes area. Mountain rescue personnel were coordinated from Kitsap and Pierce Counties as well as a helicopter with hoist from King County to assist. The subject was safely extracted and transported to a local hospital.

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- 15-3839 • On September 27, Mount Rainier initiated a search for a missing group of hikers and cell phone forensic support was coordinated from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) to assist. The subjects were found in good condition.
- 15-3842 • On September 27, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Freeze Warning for Yakima and Kittitas Counties for the morning of September 28. The Freeze Warning expired later in the day when conditions were no longer being met.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

38	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
9	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
939	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
29	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 15 exercises of which 2 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	57	1916	1803	94%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	15	5	33%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	362	192	53%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	4	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	3	OPSCAN test	1 per day	30
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	29	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	5

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.