

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

August 2015

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CATEGORY	August 2015	August 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	1	4
FIRE	79	48	363	247
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	258	247	1802	1770
OTHER	94	93	731	711
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	7	4	37	44
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	76	115	550	573
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	4	7	39	39
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	0	0	23
Total number of Logged incidents	518	515	3523	3411

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	6	4	35	39
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	58	66	342	357

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

- 15-2946
- On August 1, Red Flag Warnings continued from July 31 to August 2 for the following counties: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Mason, Whatcom, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Asotin, Columbia, Walla Walla, Benton and Franklin.
 - On August 1, the Excessive Heat Warning for Clark County continued from July 31.
 - On August 2, a Fire Weather Watch was issued for Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Chelan, Douglas and Columbia Counties.
 - On August 3, a Red Flag Warning was issued for Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Adams, Lincoln, Whitman, Okanogan and Yakima Counties.
 - On August 5, a Red Flag Warning was issued for portions of Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Walla Walla, Klickitat and Franklin Counties.
- 15-2979
- On August 1, Skamania County continued searching for a missing 87 year-old female berry picker in the Sawtooth Berry Fields area. Ground searchers, dog teams, a helicopter and horse mounted search and rescue teams were coordinated from Clark, Klickitat, Cowlitz, Pierce, Lewis and King Counties to assist. The woman was located in good condition on August 2.
- 15-2998
- On August 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization continued for the Deckerville Fire in Mason County. State Fire Resources demobilized effective August 2 at 2400 hrs.
- 15-3008
- On August 1, King County Sheriff's Office initiated the rescue of an injured climber in the Snoqualmie Pass area. A Snohomish County Sheriff's Office helicopter with hoist was coordinated to assist. The individual was successfully rescued.
- 15-3015
- On August 1, State Fire Resources Mobilization for aircraft support was approved effective 1530 hrs for the Sunrise Fire in Pierce County. State Fire Resources demobilized effective 1700 hours on August 7.
- 15-3023
- On August 1, Franklin County requested dive rescue for a body recovery in the Columbia River near Savage Island. Benton County was contacted and assisted in the recovery.
- 15-3026
- On August 2, the Mount Rainier National Park conducted a rescue of an injured 48 year-old female. Additional resources were coordinated from Olympic Mountain Rescue to assist. The injured hiker was successfully

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rescued and taken to the hospital for treatment.

- 15-3058 • On August 3, Kittitas County conducted a rescue of a 30 year-old female with a compound fracture of her ankle. A helicopter with winch was coordinated from Snohomish County to assist. Subject was flown to Pangorn Airfield and received medical assistance from medics on site.
- 15-3070 • On August 4, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1915 hrs for the Highway 8 Fire in Klickitat County. State Fire Resources demobilized August 8 at 2359 hrs.
- 15-3074 • On August 4, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office commenced the rescue of an injured hiker on Mount Pilchuck. Mountain rescue personnel from Skagit and King Counties were coordinated and responded to assist. The subject was safely rescued on August 5.
- 15-3115 • On August 7, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of south central and south eastern Washington. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on August 8 with thunderstorms and abundant lightning expected beginning August 9 through the 11. The warning expired on the evening of August 11.
 - On August 9, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Cowlitz, Kittitas, Skamania, Spokane, Whitman, and Yakima Counties from Monday afternoon to late evening for thunderstorms with abundant lightning. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on August 10 effective through the evening of August 11. The warning expired on the evening of August 11.
- 15-3140 • On August 8, the International Emergency Response Coordination Center notified the state Emergency Operations Center of several personal locator beacon activations near Mount Baker. It was discovered that a climber was seriously injured (broken leg, head injury) after a fall. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station to assist. The subject was transported to a local hospital.
- 15-3142 • On August 8, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1930 hrs for the Coulee Hite Fire in Spokane County. State Fire Resources demobilized on August 10 at 2130 hrs.
- 15-3148 • On August 8, Air support was requested from San Juan County for a patient on a ventilator at Peace Island Medical Center. Air support was coordinated through Whidbey Naval Air Station and the patient was transported to a hospital in Bellingham.

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- 15-3169 • On August 10, Thurston County commenced a search for a missing 73 year-old male near John Luhr Boat Launch in Lacey Washington. Additional resources were coordinated from King, Pierce, and Grays Harbor Counties to assist. The search was suspended without the subject being located.

- 15-3186 • On August 11, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office initiated the rescue of an injured climber in the Sulphur Creek area on Mt Baker. A Snohomish County Sheriff's Office helicopter with hoist was unable to complete the mission so a helicopter with hoist was requested from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. The individual was rescued successfully and taken to the hospital.

- 15-3191 • On August 12, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for most of eastern Washington until late that evening.
 - On August 12, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Kittitas, Klickitat, Yakima, Walla Walla, Columbia, Franklin & Garfield counties from Friday morning (8/14) through Friday evening (8/14).
 - On August 13, the Fire Weather Watch for Adams, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning and it was expanded to include Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, and Pend Oreille & Stevens Counties.
 - On August 13, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for the burn scar areas of Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties.
 - On August 14, the National Weather Service issued a Dust Storm Warning for Chelan, Adams and Lincoln Counties.
 - On August 14, The National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Warning for Okanogan County.
 - On August 14, the Red Flag Warning was extended for Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry Counties.
 - All watches and warnings were allowed to expire on August 15.

- 15-3226 • On August 13, Kitsap County conducted a search for a 78 year-old male on Bainbridge Island. Additional search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. The Individual was located deceased.

- 15-3239 • On August 14, the State EOC activated to Phase II effective 0700 hrs in support of statewide emergency management efforts relating to multiple fires across several areas of the state.
 - On August 16, the State EOC increased its activation level to Phase III, Full Operations effective 0750 hrs in continuing support of statewide emergency management efforts relating to multiple fires across several areas of the state. The state EOC remained activated at the time of this reports submission.

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- 15-3241
- On August 14, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 0900 hrs for the Stickpin Fire in Ferry County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
 - On August 21, at 2039 and at the request of Ferry County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent out announcing the following, “An immediate level 3 evacuation order has been issued for the following areas off of Highway 395: Carson Road, Pool Road, Murphy Road, Harter Way and BJ Place. A Level 3 evacuation means current conditions present specific and immediate threat(s) to the life and safety of the persons in this area. You are advised to evacuate immediately Fire and law enforcement personnel are working in this area to provide specific information of the route(s) to take. An immediate level 2 evacuation order has been issued for Roosevelt Road, River Edge Road and Nancy Creek Road. Level II means conditions indicate a good probability that hazards associated with the approaching fire(s) will severely limit our ability to provide emergency services protection. Dangerous conditions exist that may threaten your residence or business. The Red Cross has an evacuation center available at Grace Evangelical Church, 851 S. Miner Street in Colville and an evacuation center set up at the Republic High School, 30306 Highway 20 East, Republic, WA.”
- 15-3246
- On August 14, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1300 hrs for the Reach Complex Fire in Chelan County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
 - On August 14, at 1427 hrs and at the request of Chelan County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent announcing the following, “Level 3 fire evacuation of the following areas in the City of Chelan. All residents are urged to leave the area immediately. Anyone living on South Farnham Street, East Packard Street, East Raymond Street, West Raymond Street, South Emerson Street, East Franklin Street, East Iowa lane, East Iowa Street, East Nebraska Street, Iowa Court, South Bradley Street, East Prospect Street and Gorge Road and the area of Chelan Falls are urged to leave the area immediately.”
- 15-3169
- On August 14, Thurston County reopened a search for a 73 year-old male in the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge area. Additional search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. Individual was not located and the county closed the mission.

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- 15-3252 • On August 14, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 2145 hrs for the Marble Valley Fire in Stevens County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.

- 15-3257 • On August 14, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 2300 hrs for the Carpenter Road Fire in Stevens County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.

- 15-3297 • On August 17, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Klickitat County. The Watch was in effect from 3 PM until 8 PM August 19. On August 18, the National Weather Service issued an Excessive Heat Warning for Clark County effective from 9 PM August 18 until 6 PM August 19. At 2050 on August 18, the NWS downgraded this to a Heat Advisory.
 - On August 19, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for the following counties previously under a Fire Weather Watch: Benton, Columbia, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima. The Warning is in effect from 0800 hours 8/20/15 until 2300 hours 8/21/15.
 - On August 20, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for the following counties: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and the rest of Walla Walla.
 - On August 20, a Fire Weather Watch was issued for the following counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning for Aug 22.
 - On August 22, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for portions south eastern, north central, and northeast Washington effective for August 23 thru the 24.
 - On August 23, the Red Flag Warnings issued previously for portions of north central and northeast Washington were extended until the evening of August 25.
 - On August 24, Red Flag Warnings were issued for Lincoln, Spokane and Whitman Counties from the evening of the 24 until the morning of the 25.
 - The above Red Flag Warning was replaced, in part, with a new one due to abundant lightning affecting the following counties: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat and Walla Walla.

- 15-3300 • On August 17, State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved effective at 1430 for the Okanogan Complex Fire in Okanogan County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
 - On August 19, at 2024 hrs and at the request of Okanogan County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent announcing the following, "The Town of Riverside is under a level 3 Evacuation Notice. All personnel in the town of Riverside and the surrounding area are

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requested to evacuate the town and head north to the Town of Tonasket via Hwy 97 immediately.”

- On August 20, at 1929 hrs at the request of Okanogan County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent announcing the following, “At the request of Okanogan County Emergency Management an evacuation notice level III has been issued for the city of Tonasket. Evacuate immediately. Do not wait for door to door notification. Proceed south using U.S. highway 97 to shelter in Brewster at Brewster High school located at 503 south 7th street.”
- 15-3305
- On August 17, State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved effective 1930 hours for the Black Canyon McFarland Creek fire in Okanogan County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
- 15-3329
- On August 19, State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved effective at 1115 for the Renner Lake Fire in Stevens and Ferry Counties. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
- 15-3337
- On August 19, State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved effective at 1700 for the Twisp River Fire in Okanogan County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
 - On August 19, ay 1628 hrs and at the request of Okanogan County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent announcing the following, “The towns of Winthrop and Twisp are being evacuated immediately. People evacuating from Winthrop should proceed south on East Side Road, past the Smoke Jumper Base, then proceed south east on Highway Twenty, Highway One Fifty Three to the shelter at Brewster High School. Do not go from Winthrop to Twisp directly on Highway Twenty, or you will add to traffic congestion in Twisp. Twisp residents should evacuate to the south toward Pateros.”
- 15-3338
- On August 19, State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved effective at 1700 for the North Star Fire in Okanogan County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
 - On August 23, at 1327 hrs and at the request of Ferry County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent out announcing the following, “An immediate level 3 evacuation order has been issued for McMann Creek South to the Colville Reservation. This is approximately 6 miles south of the City of Republic. A level 3 evacuation means current conditions present specific and immediate threats to the life and safety of the persons in this area. You are advised to evacuate immediately. Fire and law enforcement personnel are working in this area to provide

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specific information of the routes to take. A Red Cross evacuation center is available at Grace Evangelical Church at 8 5 1 South Miner Street in Colville and a local shelter will be available at the Republic High School located at 3 0 3 0 6 Highway 20 East in Republic Washington.”

- On August 23, at 1341 hrs and at the request of Ferry County, an Emergency Alert System message was sent out announcing the following, “Effective immediately as of noon August 23, a level 2 evacuation notice has been issued for the City of Republic and surrounding communities. This includes areas north of McMann Creek extending north including the community of Republic to approximately 2 miles north of town including the Knob Hill Road and Klondike Road to Torboy on the east. This area extends from the Ferry County line on the west to an eastern boundary from Torboy on Highway 21 North south to Pine Grove Junction continuing on State Highway 20 East to Hall Creek. Level 2 means that conditions indicate a good probability that hazards associated with the approaching fires will severely limit our ability to provide emergency services protection. Dangerous conditions exist that may threaten your residence or business. You must prepare to leave at a moment’s notice. This may be the only notice that you receive. You will be kept advised as conditions change. Area radio stations have been asked to broadcast periodic updates. There is a potential for extreme fire behavior to develop today due to current and predicted weather conditions. If a plume of hot air develops over the fire, the fire can spread rapidly in any direction. Since smoky conditions may limit visibility it is important for people to monitor official information sources today in case there is a need to escalate evacuation notices. We are making preparations and we want citizens to be prepared in the event this occurs. A Red Cross evacuation center is available at the Grace Evangelical Church, 8 5 1 South Miner Street in Colville and a local shelter will be available at the Republic High School located at 3 0 3 0 6 Highway 20 East in Republic Washington.”
- 15-3366 • On August 22, Jefferson County requested an additional 6 ground searchers to assist in the rescue of a 67 year old female with a broken ankle in the Lena Lakes area. Kitsap County and Mason County were contacted to provide assistance. The subject was taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-3382 • On August 23, Kitsap County requested the Pierce County German Shepherd Search Dog (GSSD) Teams to assist in the search for a missing 75 year old female with slight dementia. Three GSSD teams deployed. The individual was found alive and well.
- 15-3386 • On August 23, Mt Rainier National Park requested 24 Mountain Rescue with 2 support staff, 2 bloodhounds, and 2 GSSD to assist with the search for a male hiker that separated from his group, possibly due to

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alcohol and drug use. Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap, Clark, King, Skagit, Whatcom, Spokane, and Yakima were contacted resulting in 2 GSSD and 18-19 Mountain Rescue with 1 support staff being provided. The individual was located in good condition.

- 15-3397 • On August 24, Snohomish County conducted a rescue of an injured 79 year-old female at the Heather Lake Trailhead. Additional ground search personnel were coordinated from Skagit County to assist. The individual was rescued and transported for medical treatment.
- 15-3396 • On August 24, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1530 hrs for the Upper Skagit Complex Fire in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this reports submission.
- 15-3415 • On August 25, the United State Coast Guard requested dive team assistance in locating an overdue diver off of Neah Bay. Resources were coordinated from Kitsap County to assist but it was later determined the mission was too risky and treacherous. The Coast Guard decided to call of the mission for these same reasons.
- 15-3436 • On August 26, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for areas of Central, SE and NE Washington.
 - On August 27, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch for the south Washington coast (Willapa Hills) in Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties.
 - On August 27, the National Weather Service in Spokane issued a High Wind Watch for the Okanogan Valley, Northeast Mountains, the Blue Mountains, Moses Lake area and Asotin and Columbia Counties.
 - On August 28, the National Weather Service upgraded the High Wind Watch for the Washington Coast to a High Wind Warning.
 - On August 28, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, including the San Juan Islands, Puget Sound and hood Canal.
 - On August 29, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for most of the Western Washington Lowlands. .
 - On August 29, the National Weather Service issued a Dust Storm Warning for Grant, Lincoln, Adams, Whitman & southeast Spokane Counties.
 - On August 29, the National Weather Service updated the Dust Storm Warning to include Douglas County and all of Spokane County.
 - On August 29, the National Weather Service updated the Gale Warning to a Storm Warning for Clallam, Jefferson & Grays Harbor Counties for coastal waters.
 - On August 29, the National Weather Service updated the Gale Warning to a Storm Warning for Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan and Island Counties.

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- On August 29, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for the western Straits (Clallam County).
- 15-3479 • On August 29, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1545 hrs for the Tucannon Fire in Columbia County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued as of the time of this report's submission.
- 15-3485 • On August 30, San Juan Island Dispatch requested air support to transport a medical patient from Lopez Island to Bellingham. Air support was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The patient was transported by a helicopter from Whidbey Naval Air Station.
- 15-3489 • On August 30, the Olympic National Park conducted a rescue of an injured climber. Resources were coordinated through Kitsap County for Olympic Mountain Rescue to assist. The subject was successfully rescued and taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-3490 • On August 30, Whatcom County Sherriff's Office requested dive team assistance from Skagit County for the search of a missing kayaker on Lake Whatcom. Resources were coordinated from Skagit County to assist. Search is still ongoing at the time of this reports submission

SEOO Activity for the current month:

174	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
59	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1376	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
64	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 6 exercises of which 2 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

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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	59	1888	1771	94%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	7	23%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	4	300	168	56%

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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	4	OPSCAN test	1 per day	29
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

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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.