

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

May 2018

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CATEGORY	May 2018	May 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	1	1	4
FIRE	50	34	125	70
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	221	246	1106	1114
OTHER	63	97	358	389
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	4	2	15	11
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	94	105	347	330
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	1	4	19	22
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	433	489	1971	1940

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	2	4	18	20
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	72	83	318	545

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

- 18-ES-012 On May 3, Skamania County re-opened an evidence search and requested a cadaver dog to assist searching in the Washougal area beginning at 0800 hours on May 3. A handler and cadaver dog from Clark County were coordinated and responded.
- 18-1566
- On May 3, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Okanogan River near Tonasket due to snow melt through next week. The watch was upgraded to a Flood Warning on May 4. The Warning was cancelled on May 28.
 - On May 4, The National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Kettle River near Ferry above Curlew affecting Ferry County. The Watch was upgraded to a Flood Warning due to snow melt on May 5.
 - On May 6, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Naches River near Naches in effect from May 7 to May 11. The Warning was cancelled on May 9.
 - On May 7, the National Weather Service Pendleton issued a Flood Watch for the Naches River near Cliffdel in Yakima County from the afternoon of May 9 to the morning of May 10.
 - On May 7, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch from the morning of May 9 to the afternoon of May 13 for the Similkameen River near Nighthawk affecting Okanogan County. The Watch was upgraded to a Flood Warning in effect until further notice on May 8. The Warning was cancelled on May 19.
 - On May 8, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning until May 14 for snowmelt in Northeast Okanogan County causing flooding along the shore of Lake Osoyoos.
 - On May 8, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Stehekin River at Stehekin in Chelan County in effect until further notice. The Warning was cancelled on May 17.
 - On May 8, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Methow River near Pateros in Okanogan County until further notice. The Warning was cancelled on May 18.
 - On May 8, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for Salmon Creek in Okanogan County in effect until May 12. The Warning was cancelled on May 12.
 - On May 8, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Walla Walla County until 2045 hours.
 - On May 9, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Pend Oreille River below Albeni Falls affecting Pend Oreille County until further notice. The Watch was upgraded to a Flood Warning in effect until further notice on May 10.
 - On May 9, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Chewuch River near Winthrop until May 11. The Warning was reissued on May 11 in effect until May 17. The Warning was cancelled on May 12.

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- On May 10, Swift Water Rescue teams were coordinated from Spokane County to assist Ferry County in conducting welfare checks, deliver medications and/or oxygen, and to conduct possible evacuations of residents along the Kettle River near Curlew.
- On May 11, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for Okanogan County. The Watch was cancelled on May 18.
- On May 12, Okanogan FD submitted a Mobe Request for manpower and pumps. This request was forwarded to the EOC and Fire Marshal's Office for action.
- On May 12, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for ALL of Okanogan County replacing those for individual rivers until May 18.
- On May 13, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for the Naches River at Naches in Yakima County. The Watch was cancelled on May 15.
- On May 16 the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Columbia River affecting Clark County in effect until further notice.
- On May 18, the NWS issued Flood Warnings for the NE and Central Okanogan County in effect until the afternoon of May 25.
- On May 20, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Kettle River near Curlew in Ferry County.
- On May 21, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Columbia River at Vancouver affecting Clark County.
- On May 23, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for Okanogan and Chelan Counties. The Watch expired without incident.
- On May 25, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for Asotin County until 2300 hours. The Watch expired without incident.
- On May 31, a Flood Warning remained in effect for the Pend Oreille River below Albeni Falls affecting Pend Oreille County. This incident remained open into June.

18-1581 On May 4, Skagit County opened a search for a missing elderly female who had been missing since the prior evening. Search dogs and ground search volunteers were coordinated to assist in the search. The missing woman was located in good health on May 5 closing the search.

18-1583 On May 4, the Seattle Corps of Engineers activated their EOC for flooding in eastern Washington. The EOC remained open as of May 31 and this incident remained open into June.

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- 18-1633 On May 5, Clallam County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a missing day hiker whose vehicle was located at the Lower Gray Wolf Trail Head in the Olympics. A helicopter with FLIR through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and a search dog from Mason County was coordinated to assist. On May 9, additional resources were coordinated out of Kitsap and Mason Counties including mountain rescue, ground searchers and 4x4 teams. The subject was located deceased on May 13.
- 18-1667 On May 10, Skamania County requested a drone and 2 hasty teams (10 ground searcher) to look for a woman who walked away from an accident last night. The following counties were contacted: Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis & Klickitat. Shortly after the calls were made, Skamania County SO reported the woman had walked back home. This mission was closed and the neighboring counties recalled and informed of the cancellation.
- 18-ES-017 On May 11, Kittitas County reopened an evidence search from 2017 (17-ES-046) to look for human remains in the Manashstash Ridge area on May 19 and 20. King County provided Command and Control assistance as resources were coordinated statewide to assist in the search. Results of the search were unknown at time of publication.
- 18-1734 On May 14, Lewis County conducted a body recovery for a person in the water at Scanewa. A dive team was coordinated from Pierce County to assist.
- 18-1782 On May 18, Pierce County initiated a search for a fleeing suspect a helicopter was requested from King and Snohomish County. Both counties declined this mission.
- 18-1833 On May 22, Pierce County initiated a search for a missing person with 5-8 ground searchers requested from King County. Subject was found and request for ground searchers was turned off.
- 18-1871 On May 25, Okanogan County Sheriff's office requested a helicopter with hoist to rescue a 32-year-old female climber who had fallen off a cliff in the Mazama area. A helicopter was immediately coordinated from Navy Whidbey Island. Subject was successfully extracted and transported to Harborview.
- 18-1879 On May 26, Snohomish County opened a search for a missing 13-year-old boy in the town of Snohomish. Four hours later the County requested ground searchers and search dogs to assist. The request was made to King, Pierce, Skagit, Thurston and Kitsap Counties, but the boy was located and mission closed before any assets deployed.
- 18-1881 On May 26, Grant County initiated a search for a missing teenager in Banks Lake at Steamboat Rock State Park. A dive rescue team from Spokane County was coordinated and responded to assist. The subject was recovered deceased.

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- 18-1898 On May 27, the International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center notified of a PLB that was activated in the vicinity of Brother’s Mountain in Jefferson County. A climber had fallen a couple hundred feet. Subject was recovered by Olympic Mountain Rescue and flown to Harborview Medical Center.
- 18-1899 On May 27, Kittitas County dispatch notified that a vehicle (Jeep) had gone over a cliff with 3 people on board. A helicopter was coordinated from Snohomish County to extract victims.
- 18-1900 On May 27, a body was spotted by climbers on the SW chute of Mt. Adams at the 8500’ level. Mountain Rescue Teams from King and Kitsap Counties and a helicopter with hoist from King County was coordinated to assist. The body was recovered on May 31.
- 18-1912 On May 27th, Skamania County initiated a search for an injured hiker in Dog Mountain. Ten ground searchers from Clark County were coordinated and responded to assist. Before any assets deployed the injured hiker was assisted out on foot and the search mission was closed.
- 18-1918 On May 28, the Olympic National Park conducted a rescue for an injured hiker near Trapper Shelter. The Olympic Mountain Rescued Team was coordinated to assist. The subject was rescued and taken to the hospital for treatment.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

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

- Participated in 16 exercises of which 7 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

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<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	124	1952	1841	94%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	11	42%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	15	350	124	35%

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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	7	OPSCAN test	1 per day	30
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	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 four tests a day, two state and two federal, testing 66 drops on two circuits. The number above reflects the four 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.