

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

April 2019

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CATEGORY	April 2019	April 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	0	1
FIRE	44	34	95	75
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	179	234	752	885
OTHER	68	65	290	295
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	4	2	11
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	63	62	265	253
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	4	3	16	18
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	358	402	1420	1538

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	12	2	31	16
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	44	53	366	246

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

- 19-1097
- On April 5, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a High Surf Advisory for the South Washington Coast affecting Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from 0900 on April 6 to 0300 on April 7.
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 - On April 5, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for Northern Inland Waters, Admiralty Inlet, and Puget Sound / Hood Canal affecting Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom Counties in effect from the morning through late night on April 6.
 - On April 5, the NWS issued a High Surf Advisory for the North and Central Washington Coast affecting Clallam, Grays Harbor and Jefferson Counties in effect from 1100 through 2300 on April 6.
 - On April 6, the NWS cancelled the Gale Warning for Puget Sound and Hood Canal, and the Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters and San Juan Islands expired.
 - On April 6, The NWS in Pendleton issued a Flood Watch for the Grand Ronde River affecting Asotin County from late April 8 to the evening of April 9. The Watch was upgraded to a Flood Warning later that day for the same period. On April 7, the Warning took effect early and was extended to end on the afternoon of April 10. On April 10, the Warning was extended until the afternoon of April 11.
 - On April 8, the NWS issued an aerial Flood Warning for the creeks and streams of the northern Blue Mountains affecting Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. The warning expired on April 13.
 - On April 9, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Walla Walla River near Touchet affecting Walla Walla County in effect from that morning to evening. The Warning was later extended until the evening of April 12.
 - On April 9, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the South Fork of the Palouse River at Potlatch through the morning of April 10. The Warning was later extended and then cancelled late on April 10.
 - On April 9, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for Paradise Creek in Moscow affecting Whitman County. The Warning was cancelled on April 10.
 - On April 10, the NWS issued a Winter Storm Warning for Columbia and Walla Walla Counties effective until the afternoon of April 11. The Winter Storm Warning expired on April 12.
 - On April 10, at 1000 hours, the Washington State EOC activated to Level-2 in support of the flooding occurring in Whitman County and the City of Pullman. The SEOC Supervisor, ESF-5 & ESF-15 were activated.
 - On April 10, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Clark County in effect from the morning of April 11 to the morning of April 13.

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- On April 11, The NWS issued a Flood Watch for Whitman County in effect from 2000 April 11 through 1000 April 12. The Flood Watch was cancelled at 0755 on April 12.
 - On April 11, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Walla Walla River near Touchet in Walla Walla County. The warning remained in effect until the early morning hours of April 13.
 - On April 12, the Washington State EOC returned to Level-3, monitoring operations.
 - On April 13, the last of the watches/warnings for this event were cancelled, closing the incident.
- 19-1126
- On April 7, Mason County requested ground searchers and dog teams to search for a lost 21-year-old male. Kitsap County provided the dog teams, while ground searchers were provided by Kitsap and Jefferson Counties.
 - On April 7, Mason County requested a Rope Rescue Team respond. Kitsap County contacted to support and will provide 6 OMR staff with rope rescue skills at 0800 on April 8.
 - On April 8, Mason County requested a search helicopter. AFRCC accepted the mission and provided the resource.
 - On April 9, Mason County suspended the search and will resume next month. Local officials believe the subject slipped down a ravine, into the river and is deceased. They are waiting for the water level to drop in order to resume the search.
- 19-1143
- On April 8, Kitsap County initiated a search for a missing 33-year-old schizophrenic male subject. Two GSSD teams were requested through Pierce County. Pierce County advised they had no dogs available. Kitsap re-evaluated the request and advised that all requests were cancelled in the early morning of April 9 when the subject was located deceased.
- 19-1094
- On April 10, Okanogan County requested Cadaver Dogs to support a search for a missing canoer. Ferry County was contacted for the resources request. The subject was located deceased.
- 19-1184
- On April 13, Chelan County initiated a search for a drowning victim in Lake Chelan. Dive team resources were requested, and coordination begun with Snohomish and King Counties. Before resources could deploy, the subject was recovered by a recreational diver in the area and the request was cancelled.
- 19-1189
- On April 14, Cowlitz County requested a Helicopter to search for a suspect in a police officer shooting. King County and Snohomish County were contacted with the request but declined the mission. Cowlitz County requested AFRCC be contacted with the request for out of area resources for the search. AFRCC was contacted but advised that this request was against policy and they would not be fulfilling it.
 - On April 14, Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Management requested a mobile cell tower. EMD's Telecommunications Section was contacted and delivered the Cell on Wheels (COW) to the search base.

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- On April 15, the suspect was located, and all resources were demobilized, closing the mission.
- 19-1245
- On April 18, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Grande Ronde river in Asotin County from the evening on April 19 through the evening on April 20. The flood warning for the Grande Ronde River was extended to Sunday afternoon on April 21.
 - On April 19, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Asotin County from 1600 April 19 through the morning of April 20. On April 19, the Flood Warning for the Grande Ronde river was extended until April 22. The NWS in Spokane expanded the Flood Watch to include Garfield county through April 21. Moderate to locally heavy rain continued overnight through much of the day on April 20.
 - On April 20, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for Asotin & Garfield Counties.
 - On April 21, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Grande Ronde River in Asotin County at 0100 when the river was at 9.5 feet for the flood stage of 10.0 feet. The river was forecast to crest below flood stage with a value of 9.5 feet late on April 21.
- 19-1250
- On April 18, Kitsap County requested 2 GSSD to search for an 81 year old female with dementia. The K9 was coordinated through Pierce County. Ground Searchers were also requested and coordinated through Pierce, King, Mason, Snohomish & Jefferson Counties. The subject was located, and the mission was closed out at 1930 on April 19.
- 19-1261
- On April 19, Jefferson county initiated a search for a missing 14-year-old male and requested 6 ground searchers to assist. Kitsap & Mason Counties were contacted to support this mission. Mason County sent 6 ground searchers. The child was located safe and reunited with his parents prior to Mason County searchers responding.
- 19-1303
- On April 22, Grant County activated their Health District EOC in Walla Walla for one confirmed and three probable cases of mumps. The Grant County Health District is investigating and advising residents to check their own vaccination status and make sure their children's vaccinations are up-to-date.
- 19-1308
- On April 23, an Amber Alert was issued for a 5-year-old child who was believed to be abducted in Spokane Valley. The suspect, child and vehicle were located the same day.
- 19-1327
- On April 25, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a mushroom picker missing near Mount Pugh. The county requested 20 additional ground searchers and a dog team to aid in the search. Ground

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searchers from Kitsap and Pierce were ready to deploy when the subject was found in good health.

- 19-1353 • On April 27, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a missing female with mental health issues. They Requested 2 teams of K-9 (2 air scent, 2 trailing) to assist. Grays Harbor, Mason, Clallam, and Kitsap Counties were contacted to support the mission. The subject was found with hypothermia and incoherent and was transported to the local hospital for treatment.
- 19-1369 • On April 28, National Weather Service (NWS) Pendleton issued a freeze warning in effect from midnight on April 28 until 0800 on Monday April 29 for: Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Lincoln, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima.
- 19-1398 • On April 29, The National Weather Service Spokane issued a Freeze Warning which was in effect until 0800 on 30 April for Lower Garfield and Asotin County, the Spokane area, the Washington Palouse, the Kittitas Valley, the Yakima Valley, the Lower Columbia Basin and the Foothills of the Blue mountains.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

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

- Participated in 21 exercises of which 5 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 - FEDERAL	Twice daily	61			
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	58	1798	1726	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	11	42%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	329	186	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	27
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 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.