

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

May 2019

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CATEGORY	May 2019	May 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	0	1	1
FIRE	56	50	151	125
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	236	221	988	1106
OTHER	56	63	346	358
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	2	4	4	15
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	86	94	351	347
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	5	1	21	19
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	442	433	1862	1971

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	8	2	39	18
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	26	72	392	318

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

- 19-1475 • On May 4, King County initiated a search for a 51-year-old male with Parkinson's Disease. The use of cell phone forensics was requested and coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The mission was closed on May 5 after the subject was found and returned to his family.
- 19-1507 • On May 8, Skamania County initiated a rescue for a 70 year-old-female with a broken ankle. Coordination with Clark county was made for a six-man hasty team. The subject was successfully extracted and flown to the hospital by helicopter for further medical treatment.
- 19-1512 • On May 9, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire Weather Watch in effect from the afternoon through evening of May 10 for dry and unstable conditions for Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania Counties.
 - On May 9, the NWS upgraded the Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag Warning from 1300-2000 hours on May 10 for Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties. The Warning expired as scheduled, closing the incident.
- 19-1567 • On May 10, the King County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a male hiker in his 20's that became separated from his hiking group. Early on May 11, they requested cell phone forensics in support of the search and this assistance was coordinated with the AFRCC. The missing hiker was found in good condition the next day.
- 19-1573 • On May 12, the Olympic National Park conducted a rescue at Third Beach. Olympic Mountain Rescue was contacted and deployed from Kitsap County to assist. The subject was safely rescued.
- 19-1578 • On May 15, the State Emergency Operations Center activated to Level 2 effective 1200 hrs. in support of the measles outbreak in Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties. The activation continued to the end of the month with at least 8 cases of measles reported.in Washington State
 - On May 30, the State Emergency Operations Center returned to Level 3 monitoring.
- 19-1594 • On May 13, the International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) reported an activation of an InReach tracking device on Mount Baker and a search was conducted by Whatcom County. The Alert & Warning Center (A&WC) contacted AFRCC to coordinate the use of a helicopter with hoist. A helicopter from Whidbey Naval Air Station was dispatched to the scene. The subject was rescued and transported to the hospital for treatment.

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- 19-1619
- On May 14, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Dispatch reported a suspicious package with white powder was found in the mailbox of a Lacey resident. The Department of Ecology, FBI and the Washington State National Guard's 10th CST Team were notified. After the powder was tested it was determined to be Methyl Amphetamine and the package was then transported to a local lab for further testing. There were no injuries during this incident.
- 19-1638
- On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, and Okanogan Counties in effect from early afternoon to late evening on that day. Grant County was later added to the Watch. The Watch for Chelan and Ferry Counties was cancelled, and the Watch for Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties was extended to be in effect until the early afternoon on May 17.
 - On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima Counties in effect until 0500 hrs. on May 17. The Watch expired as scheduled.
 - On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Spokane, Walla Walla and Whitman Counties in effect from early afternoon that day through the morning of May 17. The Watches were all cancelled early on May 18.
 - On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the burn scar areas of Grant and Douglas Counties until 2030 hrs. due to heavy thunderstorms. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Warning from 1645 until 1800 hrs. for East-Central Spokane County due to thunderstorms. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for North Lincoln and West Central Spokane County until 1830 hrs. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On May 16, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for heavy rain affecting Okanogan County in effect until 0215 hrs. on May 17. The Warning was later extended to be in effect until 0515 hrs. The Warning expired at 0515 hrs.
 - On May 17, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for the Grand Ronde River at Troy affecting Asotin County in effect from Saturday morning to Saturday evening. The Watch was cancelled on May 18. No Watches or Warnings remained in effect and the entire weather incident was closed at that time.
- 19-1642
- On May 16, Skamania County conducted the rescue of an injured 73-year-old female at Dog Mountain. Additional resources from Clark County coordinated for additional assistance. The subject was carried out but refused further transport for medical treatment and used her own vehicle to depart.
- 19-1695
- On May 20, Grays Harbor initiated a search for a 38-year-old male in the Hoquiam area. Additional search dogs and ground searchers were requested and coordinated for. The subject was found in good condition later that day.

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- 19-1710
- On May 21, the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network reported a 3.4 magnitude earthquake near Copalis Beach. The quake was felt by nearby residents but did no significant damage.
- 19-1770
- On May 25, Pierce County initiated a search for a missing 85-year-old male in the Ashford County Park area. The A&WC coordinated the use of additional 4x4 through Thurston County which provide two vehicles.
 - On May 26, Kitsap County provided 2 air scent dog teams, King County provided 3 air scent dogs and Clark County provided 1 air scent dog.
 - On May 26, Pierce County requested an additional 20 ground searchers (GSAR). The following counties provided support: Kitsap Count—13, Cowlitz County—5, King County--13.
 - On May 27, an aircraft with FLIR was requested from DOT Aviation (fixed wing), King (helicopter) and Cowlitz (drone) Counties. Cowlitz County provided 4 drones for this search.
 - On May 27, King County responded to the request for a helicopter with FLIR to support the search effort. Guardian One supported the ground effort focusing on the trails where the missing man was believed to be. Pierce County also requested 2 x dog teams from Kitsap County.
 - On May 28, Pierce County requested 20-30 GSAR and as many dog teams as possible for May 29. Clark, Cowlitz, King, Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Kitsap and Snohomish Counties were contacted. Kitsap, Kittitas and Clark Counties provided 1 x Dog Team each; Cowlitz and Kitsap provided a total of 20 GSAR.
 - Brian McDonald, Pierce County Duty Officer called to advise they were suspending this search as of now until approximately June 8. At that time, they will be looking for cadaver dogs and will resume the search at that time.
- 19-1776
- On May 25, Whatcom County initiated a search for a missing 7-year-old female in the area of Goodell Creek Campground. Whatcom turned the SAR over to the National Park Service (NPS) requesting a helicopter with FLIR and Swift Water Rescue. Skagit, Snohomish and King Counties were contacted to coordinate these requests. The AFRCC was also contacted to support air operations and provided 1 helicopter from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station.
 - On May 26, additional Swift Water Rescue support was requested from Pierce County.
 - On May 26, Skagit County provided 5 GSAR and Whidbey Naval Air Station provided 1 x helicopter.
 - On May 26, NPS requested the State SAR planning unit (SSPU). King was contacted to coordinate this request. SSPU supported this search.
 - On May 26, Whatcom County confirmed the missing 7 y/o girl was found safe and all further resources were cancelled.
- 19-1782
- On May 26, the AWC was notified that Washington State would deploy 1 person to Topeka, KS under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Deployment dates are May 27-June 12.

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- 19-1787 • On May 26, The NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Walla Walla and Franklin Counties until 1730. The Warning expired without significant incident.
- 19-1808 • On May 27, Olympic National Park Ranger called to request a dive team for a possible body recovery at Lake Crescent in Clallam County.
 • On May 28, Kitsap County notified they will have a team to report on the morning of May 29.
 • This incident continued into June.
- 19-1819 • On May 28, The NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for Klickitat County until 1930.
 • On May 28, the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for North Central Adams County in effect until 1930.
 • On May 28, the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Central Benton County in effect until 2000 hours.
 • All Warnings expired as scheduled, ending with the Flash Flood Warning for Klickitat at 2130. This weather incident closed at that time.
- 19-1835 • On May 30, DOE Hanford reports an Abnormal Event for a computer fire.
 • On May30. DOE Hanford closed this incident as soon as the fire was extinguished.
- 19-1861 • On May 31, the NWS Spokane issued a Flash Flood Warning for central Okanogan County. Excessive rainfall over the southern end of the Crescent Mountain burn scar will result in a debris flow moving through the Buttermilk Creek drainage.
 • On May 31, the NWS let expire the Flash Flood Warning.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

33	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
4	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
754	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
34	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 18 exercises of which 12 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	62	1952	1874	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	12	46.15%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	301	178	59.14%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	7	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	5	OPSCAN test	1 per day	31
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.