

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

**July 2019**

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CATEGORY	July 2019	July 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	1	2	3
FIRE	25	41	207	211
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	228	207	1411	1491
OTHER	77	108	494	531
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	1	5	18
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	111	115	550	561
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	7	7	34	30
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total number of Logged incidents</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>2703</b>	<b>2845</b>

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	<b>10</b>	5	<b>53</b>	25
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	<b>32</b>	41	<b>447</b>	383

**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

- 19-2250
- On July 1, King County Sheriff's Office continued the search for a missing hiker in the Denny Creek Trail area that began on June 30.
  - On July 1, cell phone forensics was requested and performed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. In addition, ground searchers, search dogs and 4x4s were coordinated from Snohomish, Pierce, Thurston and Kittitas Counties.
  - On July 2, the subject was located deceased and recovered by ground searchers coordinated from Snohomish, Pierce and Kittitas Counties.
- 19-2269
- On July 2, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Flash Flood Watch for Okanogan and Chelan Counties in effect through that evening.
  - On July 2, the NWS issued Flash Flood Warnings for Central Chelan County in effect until 1830 hours, Central Douglas County in effect until 2000 hours, and West Central Ferry/East Central Okanogan Counties in effect until 2030 hours. The Watch and Warnings expired as scheduled, ending this incident.
- 19-2347
- On July 6, the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a missing kayaker on Lake Cle Elum and requested an air asset for to do a flyover of the area. The request was later cancelled when it was determined the subject was likely deceased.
  - On July 7, a dive team was requested to locate the subject and coordinated from King County. A dive team from Pierce County was also coordinated and placed on standby for possible deployment on July 9 if the subject was not located.
  - On July 10, the subject's body was recovered from the lake and this mission was closed.
- 19-2363
- On July 7, the NWS issued Flash Flood Warnings for Northern Pend Oreille County in effect until 1845 hours and North Central Pend Oreille County in effect until 1930 hours. The Warnings expired as scheduled, ending this incident.
- 19-ES-047
- On July 9, Thurston County opened an evidence search mission to search for human remains near the Alpental Ski Area. Search dogs were coordinated to assist on July 10 from Lewis County.
  - On July 11, Thurston County requested Human Remains Detection (HRD) Dogs and Ground Searchers (GSAR), which were coordinated with King, Lewis, and Pierce Counties. The mission was closed later that day but results were not disclosed.

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- 19-2389
  - On July 9, King County opened a search for an overdue hiker near the Alpentel ski area. Mountain rescue volunteers were requested and coordinated with Kitsap, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties. The subject was subsequently located deceased.
  - On July 14, the subject's body was recovered and the mission was closed.
- 19-2391
  - On July 9, Whatcom County opened a search for a 36 year old hiker near Mount Baker.
  - On July 10, Whatcom County requested Mountain Rescue volunteers to assist which were coordinated with Snohomish, King, Pierce and Kitsap Counties. The subject was located deceased and the mission was closed later that day.
- 19-2401
  - On July 10, Skagit County opened a mission to provide assistance to state parks with a body recovery near Mount Adams.
  - On July 12, the recovery mission was completed, and the mission closed.
- 19-2429
  - On July 12, Lewis County opened a search for an 81-year-old male with dementia who rode away from a family event in Mossy Rock on an ATV. ATV or 4x4s were requested to assist and coordination completed with King, Mason, Pierce, Thurston, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties. The subject was found in good condition the morning of July 13, before the coordinated resources deployed.
- 19-2449
  - On July 14, Pierce County initiated a rescue of an ill hiker with additional medical conditions in the Greenwood Lakes are. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated through King County. The subject ended up walking out on her own.
- 19-2453
  - On July 14, Mason County opened a search for a missing female with dementia near Hoodspert. Ground searchers and ATV's were coordinated from Jefferson, Thurston, Pierce, and Kitsap Counties. The subject was found safe.
- 19-2457
  - On July 14, the State EOC activated to Level 2 (partial) in support of the Powerline Fire Mobilization near Mattawa in Grant County.
  - On July 16 at 2000 hours Mobilization for the Powerline Fire in Grant County ended. The State EOC Activation Level reverted to Level 3 – Monitoring at that time.

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- 19-2492
  - On July 17, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting Adams, Grant, Douglas, and Lincoln Counties, in effect on July 18 from 1400-2000 hours. The Warning expired as scheduled.
  - On July 17, The NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima in effect on July 18 from 1500-2100 hours. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this incident.
  
- 19-2493
  - On July 17, Lewis County requested Mountain Rescue assets to assist with the rescue of a male hanging midway on a 1,200-foot vertical cliff. Coordination was accomplished with Clark and Pierce Counties.
  - On July 17, Tacoma Mountain Rescue deployed to assist from Pierce County and requested back up from Olympic Mountain Rescue. Coordinated with Kitsap County for the resource. The subject was rescued.
  
- 19-2496
  - On July 17, Clallam County requested Bloodhounds to assist with a search of a missing 63-year-old male. The subject was located before resources deployed.
  
- 19-2506
  - On July 18, Department of Energy Hanford declared an abnormal event in response to a wildland fire located on the Hanford Arid Lands Ecology (ALE) Reserve.
  - On July 19, this incident was closed when containment of the fire indicated no DOE facilities were threatened.
  
- 19-2516
  - On July 19, Kittitas County requested back country GSAR for steep terrain search of a 60-year-old male and horse. Resources requested from Chelan, Douglas and Yakima Counties. Subject was found before resources deployed.
  
- 19-2531
  - On July 20, Mason County DEM requested a mission number for an injured male hiker with a broken collar bone and multiple open wounds on Mount Ellinor/Washington Traverse. Coordination with Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) from Kitsap County and a helicopter with hoist from Navy Whidbey was accomplished. OMR was later cancelled when the helicopter successfully extracted the subject and airlifted him to Harborview.
  
- 19-2532
  - On July 20, the State EOC activated to Level 2 (partial) in support of the Juniper Fire Mobilization near Bickelton in Klickitat County.
  - On July 23, The fire mobilization for the Juniper Fire ended and the state EOC returned to Level 3 normal operations as of 1630 hours.

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- 19-2550
- On July 21, Snohomish County initiated the rescue of an injured dog near the Gothic Basin Trailhead. Litter carriers were requested to extract the subject and coordination was accomplished with King and Snohomish Counties.
  - On July 23, the subject was successfully extracted and the mission closed.
- 19-2559
- On July 22, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Adams, Benton, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Spokane, Yakima, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties in effect from July 23 at 1400 to July 24 at 0500. The Watch was later upgraded to a Red Flag Warning for the same areas and timeframe.
  - On July 23, the NWS issued Severe Thunderstorm Warnings for Spokane, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties with the last one expiring at 2300 that evening.
  - On July 23, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas and Yakima Counties in effect until 2300 that evening.
  - On July 24, the Red Flag Warning for Adams, Benton, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Spokane, Yakima, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties expired, ending this incident.
- 19-2597
- On July 25, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Klickitat County in effect on July 26 from 1300-1900 hours. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on July 26 for the same counties and time period.
  - On July 25, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting portions of Kittitas and Yakima Counties in effect on July 26 from 1600-2000 hours. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on July 26 for the same counties and time period.
  - On July 26, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Grant, Ferry, Chelan, Douglas, Spokane, Adams, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens and Whitman Counties in effect on July 27 from 1200-2000 hours. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on July 27 for the same counties and time period. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this incident.
- 19-2605
- On July 25, Yakima County conducted a rescue of an individual with a head injury near Sheep Lake. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated from the Yakima Training Center via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment.
- 19-2631
- On July 27, Skagit County requested Mountain Rescue resources to assist with the search for 2 overdue hikers in the North Cascades National Park. Coordination was accomplished with Whatcom County. The incident was closed on July 29 when the hikers were located and escorted out.

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- 19-2646 • On July 28, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of an injured female hiker on Mount Stewart. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated with the AFRCC and the subject was successfully extracted and airlifted to Harborview.
- 19-2678 • On July 30, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties in effect until 2100 hours that evening.
- 19-2685 • On July 30, Kitsap County opened a search for a 77-year-old female Alzheimer patient. Air Scent/Trailing dogs and GSAR were requested and coordinated from Pierce, King, Jefferson, Mason, Thurston, Lewis, Snohomish, and Clark Counties. Subject was found in good condition early on July 31, before resources deployed.
- 19-2697 • On July 31, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Adams, Lincoln, Grant, Douglas, and Whitman Counties effective through the morning of August 2.

*SEOO Activity for the current month:*

93	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
18	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
847	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
55	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 5 exercises of which 3 were vessel spill drills.

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*Conducted the following tests:*

<b>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</b>	<b>Frequency of tests</b>	<b>Number of tests completed this month</b>	<b>Total number of stations tested this month</b>	<b>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</b>	<b>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</b>
NAWAS - FEDERAL	Twice daily	62			
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1967	1842	94%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	7	27%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	318	226	71%

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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	6	OPSCAN test	1 per day	33
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	3

*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

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- 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.