

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

## September 2019

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CATEGORY	September 2019	September 2018	2019	2018
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	4	3	8
FIRE	21	24	259	276
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	171	201	1791	1922
OTHER	66	81	619	690
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	1	5	20
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	100	93	779	777
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	7	0	44	36
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	366	404	3500	3729

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	26	0	532	425
Evidence Search Mission	7	7	67	38
LEP Incidents	0	0	0	0

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

- 19-3171
  - On September 4, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Asotin, Columbia and Garfield Counties, in effect from 1300 on September 5 to 1700 on September 6. The Watch expired as scheduled.
  - On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for the East Slopes of the South Washington Cascades in effect from the Afternoon to Evening of September 7.
  - On September 7, the National Weather Service cancelled the Fire Weather Watch, ending this event.
- 19-ES-0061
  - On September 4, Thurston County opened an ESAR a weapons search. Human Remains Detection (HRD) dogs were requested and coordinated with Lewis and Pierce Counties.
  - On September 5, the search was completed, and the mission closed.
- 19-3176
  - On September 4, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office opened a rescue mission for an injured juvenile hiker in the Goat Rocks area. The county requested a helicopter with hoist and the request was relayed to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). A military helicopter from the Yakima Training Range extracted the subject to safety on September 5.
- 19-3198
  - On September 6, A personal locator beacon was activated for a hiker with an injured pelvis that needed to be rescued in Okanogan County north of Stehekin. The subject was successfully extracted and transported to the hospital by helicopter that evening.
- 19-3201
  - On September 7, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for Yakima, Kittitas, Klickitat, Chelan and Okanogan Counties from 2000 that evening through 0800 on September 8.
  - On September 8, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for Chelan County until 0245 hours.
  - On September 8, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for East Central Okanogan county including the Tunk Burn Scar and Omak area until 0445 hours.
  - On September 8, all watches expired ending this incident.
- 19-3204
  - On September 7, Yakima County opened a SAR mission to rescue an injured man in the Yakima Reservation on Deer Butte. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated through the AFRCC from the Yakima Training Center. Subject was successfully extracted and airlifted to a local hospital.
- 19-3215
  - On September 8, the Department of Energy (DOE) Hanford declared an Abnormal Event Hanford due to Fire Department response to a wildland fire located near the east end of the Gable Mountain on the Hanford Site. The fire was declared contained at the time of the Abnormal Event issuance. No Hanford facilities were threatened
- 19-3230
  - On September 8, the National Weather Service issued a Tornado Warning for south central Clark County after a confirmed tornado was located over Orchards near downtown Vancouver. The Warning expired after a short time.

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- 19-3241
- On September 10, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for Chelan County from 0615 until 0915 that day. The warning expired without further action.
  - On September 10, The NWS Spokane issued a Flash Flood Watch for Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties from 1100 through the evening of that day. The Flash Flood Watch expired without further action and the incident was closed.
- 19-3252
- On September 11, Cowlitz County opened a rescue of a female hunter trapped in a canyon. Volcano Mountain Rescue Ropes Team was requested and coordinated with Clark County. The request was cancelled before the resource arrived on scene when the subject was successfully extracted by ground resources.
- 19-3303
- On September 15, the North Cascades National Park conducted a search for a missing female camper near the Hidden Meadows Campground in Chelan County. Planning Unit support was coordinated from King Co to assist.
  - On September 15, the North Cascades National Park requested 10 ground searchers and a Mobile Command Vehicle to assist. Coordination was made with Skagit and Whatcom Counties for support.
  - On September 16, the subject was located cold and tired, but in good condition.
- 19-3325
- On September 16, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters and San Juan Islands from 0500-1700 hours on September 17. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- 19-3359
- On 18 September, Klickitat County opened a search for a missing female since July. A resource request for the State SAR Planning Unit was requested and coordinated from King County.
  - On September 20, King County reported the State SAR Planning Unit will support this search. **The mission remained open as of September 30.**
- 19-3377
- On September 20, Olympic National Park opened a rescue of an injured hiker and requested Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) assistance. Coordination was accomplished with Kitsap County for the resource and the subject was successfully extracted and delivered to the hospital early in the morning of September 21.
- 19-3387
- On September 21, Kittitas County open a mission for a rescue of an injured motorbike rider. A helicopter with hoist was requested from AFRCC to support this mission but was later cancelled when it was determined the subject could be brought out by ground assets. The subject was transported by commercial air assets to Harborview.
- 19-3389
- On September 21, Pend Oreille County initiated a rescue for an injured male on a dirt bike who blew out his knee and has a back injury and unable to walk on his own. Coordination was completed with Spokane County to assist with a helicopter with hoist. The patient was rescued and transported to the hospital.
- 19-3390
- On September 21, Kitsap County initiated a rescue of a 33-year-old male who fell down a cliff on Mt Constance Trail. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with AFRCC. Olympic Mountain Rescue was later requested to supplement in case the helicopter was not successful due to cloud cover

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and the resource was coordinated with Kitsap County. Subject was airlifted successfully and transported to Harborview Hospital.

- 19-3424
- On September 23 at 1852, Pierce County Duty Officer opened a search for a missing 74-year-old mushroom picker. Article Scent dogs were requested, and coordination accomplished with Kitsap County.
  - On September 24, Pierce County requested ground searchers, 4x4 vehicles and additional tracking/trailing dogs. The AWC coordinated with King, Kitsap, Clark, Cowlitz and Thurston for the resources. The additional resources were cancelled later that day when the subject was successfully located and escorted out.
- 19-3431
- On September 24, Olympic National Park requested personnel from OMR to carry out an injured female in her 50's. The action was planned for 1000 on September 25. OMR resources were coordinated from Kitsap County. The subject was extracted by airlift on September 25 and OMR were released from the scene without action.
- 19-3447
- On September 28, a Gale Warning was issued for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands in effect until 1600 that day.
  - On September 26, the NWS issued a Winter Storm Watch for Chelan, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties in effect from the evening of September 27 until the morning of September 29. The Watch was upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning on September 27, in effect from 0200 hours on September 28 to 1700 hours on September 29. The Warning expired as scheduled.
  - On September 29, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning in effect from 0200 to 1000 hours on September 30 for the Upper Columbia Basin, Spokane Area, and the Washington Palouse affecting Adams, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane and Whitman Counties.
  - On September 29, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning in effect from 0200 to 1000 hours on October 1 for the Waterville Plateau, Okanogan Valley, Wenatchee Area, Moses Lake Area, Lower Garfield and Asotin Counties affecting Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Garfield, Grant, and Okanogan Counties.
  - On September 29, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning in effect from midnight on Sunday to 1000 hours Monday for the Foothills of the Blue Mountains, Simcoe Highlands, Kittitas Valley and the Yakima Valley affecting Columbia, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties.
  - On September 30, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning in effect from 0200-1000 Tuesday for the Foothills of the Blue Mountains, Simcoe Highlands, Kittitas Valley and the Yakima Valley affecting Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties.
  - All Warnings and Watches expired as scheduled, ending this incident.
- 19-3489
- On September 30, State Department of Health requested a mission number for a pulmonary injury due to vaping.

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*SEOO Activity for the current month*

70	Warning issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
17	Warning issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
443	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
21	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 19 exercises of which 13 were spill drills.

*Conducted the following test:*

<i>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test</i>	<i>Frequency of test</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 Warning Center</i>	<i>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center</i>
NAWAS - FEDRAL	Twice daily	59	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	59	1840	1718	93%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	13	2	15%
CEMENT	At least 3 per week	12	252	140	56%

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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	6	OPSCAN test	1 per day	29
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	29	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.