

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

## November 2019

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CATEGORY	November 2019	November 2018	2019	2018
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	4	9
FIRE	34	61	336	376
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	170	182	2150	2310
OTHER	82	58	780	818
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	0	5	22
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	59	54	908	921
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	1	3	51	46
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	346	358	4234	4502

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	10	59	596	496
Evidence Search Mission	4	5	75	48

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

- 19-3641
  - This mission regarding a search for an overdue male hiker in Skamania County was initiated on October 14 and was open as of November 1. The mission was closed by the county on November 3, without locating the subject.
- 19-3744
  - This mission regarding a missing female hiker in the Marblemount area of Skagit County was initiated on October 19 and was open as of November 1.
  - On November 8, Skagit County requested Air Scent dogs with large source certification and request was coordinated with Chelan, King, Kitsap and Walla Walla Counties.
  - On November 20, Skagit County reported that some items had been located and they would investigate possibility of subject being in the area of the items on November 22. **This mission remained open as of the end of November.**
- 19-3861
  - This mission regarding a missing person from 1999 in Whatcom County was initiated on October 28 and was open as of November 1. Resources were coordinated during the month of October. The mission was closed on November 7 but subject was not located.
- 19-3937
  - On November 5, Jefferson County opened a search for a 3-year-old boy in Quilcene. Dogs were requested to assist and coordination was begun, but the request was cancelled when the child was located a short time later.
- 19-3972
  - On November 9, Snohomish County called to request a helicopter with hoist to rescue an injured 58-year-old male from 700-foot elevation, just east of Arlington. The subject was airlifted to Harborview Hospital, closing this mission.
- 19-3974
  - On November 9, a magnitude 3.4 earthquake occurred at 0738 hrs located 4.5 miles ENE of Fall City in King County with a depth of 10.8 miles. King County Dispatch received no calls from anyone feeling the event.
- 19-4004
  - On November 10, the International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) notified of a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) activation in Okanogan County. The county began a search for a 33-year-old female hiking in the Reynolds Creek area as a result of this PLB activation. A helicopter with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) was requested to assist after nightfall. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). AFRCC accepted the mission. Subject was located in good condition before the helicopter launched.
- 19-4015
  - On November 12, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division conducted a search for a missing aircraft near Metaline Falls in Pend Oreille County. Four-wheel drive vehicles were coordinated from Spokane County to assist.
  - On November 15, WSDOT Aviation requested additional four-wheel drive vehicles and ground searchers. Spokane and Pend Oreille Counties were contacted to support this request.
  - On November 16, Pend Oreille County and WSDOT Aviation advised that the aircraft was located in a lake along with a deceased person. The AFRCC was advised to close the mission, however, the mission remained open pending return of Pend Oreille County personnel and equipment.

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- On November 18, the mission was closed after recovery of the deceased subject was completed.
- 19-4025
- On November 12, Thurston County conducted a search of a missing female with the mentality of a child in Olympia. Additional Search Dogs were coordinated from Pierce and Grays Harbor to assist. The mission was closed late that day without success.
- 19-4053
- On November 15, Mason County opened a search for a missing male near the Steel Bridge. Cadaver dogs and Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) were requested to assist and coordinated with Pierce, Kitsap, King, Grays Harbor, and Thurston counties.
  - On November 16, Mason County closed the mission without locating the subject.
- 19-4073
- On November 17, Skagit County opened a rescue of a female with a broken ankle on Lookout Mountain. Mountain Rescue resources were requested, and coordinated with King, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties.
  - On November 18, the subject was located, extracted and transported to the hospital.
- 19-4088
- On November 18, a magnitude 3.5 earthquake occurred at 0848 hrs located 11 miles NNW of Hartline in Grant County with a depth of 2.6 miles. Grant County Dispatch received no calls from anyone feeling the event.
- 19-4117
- On November 20, Grays Harbor opened a search for a missing male mushroom picker in the Quinault Nation area. GSAR were requested for the following morning and coordinated through Mason, Thurston, Pierce and Kitsap Counties. Subject was located the following day in good condition.
- 19-4175
- On November 25, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch for Spokane, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties in effect on November 27. A High Wind Watch was also issued for San Juan, Western Whatcom and Western Skagit Counties in effect from November 26 to November 28.
  - On November 26, a Gale Warning was issued for the Northern Inland Waters, Admiralty Inlet and Puget Sound and Hood Canal, in effect from 0400 to 2400 that day. A High Wind Warning was issued for Western Whatcom County from 0600 hours on November 27 until 0600 hours on November 28, then extended to be in effect from 1900 on November 26 to 0600 hours on November 28. A High Wind Warning was also issued for San Juan and Western Skagit Counties in effect from 1900 hours that day until 0700 hours on November 28.
  - On November 27, the NWS issued a High Wind Warning for Clallam & Jefferson Counties in effect from that morning to 1000 hours on November 28.
  - On November 28, the last weather watch/warning was cancelled, ending this incident.
- 19-4205
- On November 27, Olympia PD requested a mission number for a missing 45-year-old disabled female. Blood Hounds were requested and coordinated from Pierce, Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties. Before the resources mobilized, subject called 9-1-1, was located, and then transported to a local hospital.

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- 19-4212
- On November 28, Mount Rainier National Park requested 6 ground searchers for a 29-year old male hiker with head injuries. Contacted Pierce County DEM duty officer to request mountain rescue and staff to carry the subject. Mountain Rescue accepted the request for both resources.
  - On November 29, the subject was extracted by airlift and transported to the hospital for further care, closing the mission.

*SEOO Activity for the current month*

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

Participated in 14 exercises of which 6 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	60	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	60	1829	1710	93%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	8	31%
CEMENT	At least 3 per week	12	250	168	67%

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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	4	OPSCAN test	1 per day	No longer tested
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.