

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

**April 2020**

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CATEGORY	April 2020	April 2019	2020	2019
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0
FIRE	<b>5</b>	44	<b>42</b>	95
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	<b>136</b>	179	<b>762</b>	752
OTHER	<b>36</b>	68	<b>232</b>	290
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	<b>0</b>	0	<b>6</b>	2
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	<b>54</b>	63	<b>228</b>	265
TERRORIST	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	<b>1</b>	4	<b>8</b>	16
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	<b>232</b>	358	<b>1278</b>	1420

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	<b>4</b>	44	<b>512</b>	366
Evidence Search Mission	<b>2</b>	12	<b>21</b>	31

<b>LEGEND</b>	
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

- 20-0265
  - This mission in response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak was initiated on January 21 and continued into April with the State EOC activated at Level 1 (Full).
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of April.**
- 20-1127
  - On April 9, Grays Harbor County requested a mission number for an 81-year-old missing female Aberdeen. A helicopter with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) resource was requested and coordinated through King County.
  - On April 10, the mission was closed when the subject was located in Aberdeen and transported to a local hospital for evaluation.
- 20-1157
  - On April 15, Clark County opened a search for a 50-year-old male near Jones Creek Campgrounds. Cell phone forensics was requested and coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).
  - On April 21, the mission was closed when subject returned to his home in Hillsboro, OR, in good condition.
- 20-1158
  - On April 15, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire Weather Watch for the Clark County Lowlands from the afternoon to the evening of April 16. The Watch was cancelled early on April 16.
  - On April 16, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning for Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties from 0200 - 1000 on April 17. The Freeze Warning was cancelled as scheduled, ending this event.
- 20-1173
  - On April 16, Stevens County opened a search for a teen male in the Black Lake area on the Colville Reservation. Early on April 17, they requested a helicopter with FLIR to assist and the request was coordinated and approved by AFRCC.
  - On April 17, the Subject was located, extracted and transported to a local hospital for evaluation, closing this mission.
- 20-1176
  - On April 17, the National Park Service requested a mission number for a vehicle in the water. A dive team from Stevens County was requested and coordinated. There were no individuals in the vehicle and the mission was closed later that day.
- 20-1184
  - On 18 April, WSP Spokane initiated an Amber Alert for an abducted 1-year-old in Ferry County. The child was located quickly, and the Alert was cancelled.
- 20-1195
  - On April 19, King County initiated the rescue of a 61-year-old male hiker in the North Bend area. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated through Snohomish County. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully extracted and transported to the hospital for further care.
- 20-1247
  - On April 26, the National Park Service requested a dive team, a trail scent dog, and a cadaver dog for a search at Lake Crescent. The assets were coordinated through Kitsap and Pierce Counties.
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- On April 28, Snohomish County requested Cell Phone Forensics in a search for an overdue ATV rider. The resource was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was located.

### *SEOO Activity for the current month*

7	Warning issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1	Warning issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
354	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
10	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 3 drills/exercises of which 2 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	58	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	60	1830	1758	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	5	19%
CEMENT	At least 3 per week	14	266	120	45%

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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	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	Not tested due to Coronavirus activities
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30			

*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.
- 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.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.