

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

August 2020

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CATEGORY	August 2020	August 2019	2020	2019
Logged incidents:				
FIXED NUCLEAR FACILITIES (Hanford, CGS, Naval)	1	0	5	2
FIRE	24	30	100	238
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	209	209	1597	1620
OTHER	63	60	474	553
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	0	8	5
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	162	129	741	679
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	5	3	27	37
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	464	431	2952	3134

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	56	51	693	507
Evidence Search Mission	7	7	43	60

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

- 20-0265
 - This mission in response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak was initiated on January 21 and continued into August with the State EOC activated at Level 1 (Full).
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of August.**
- 20-1611
 - On May 30, the State EOC extended the Level 1 activation already in progress for incident 20-0265 (COVID-19 Virus Response) to cover protests and civil unrest which continued into August.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of August.**
- 20-2357
 - This mission was initiated on July 23 in regard to a King County search for an overdue hiker near North Bend. Activities were suspended on July 30 pending any additional operations in August. No additional requests were made and King County closed the mission as of July 31. It may reopen in the future if more evidence is discovered.
- 20-2399
 - This mission was initiated on July 25 in regard to a King County search for a missing 18-year-old female in the Stevens Pass area which continued into August.
 - On August 1, the mission was closed when the subject was located alive, extracted, and taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 20-2497
 - On August 1, King County opened a search for a 77-year-old male hike overdue since July 31. Cell phone forensics were requested and coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).
 - On August 2, the mission was closed when the subject was safely located.
- 20-2500
 - On August 2, Lewis County initiated a rescue mission for 3 injured hunters that slid down a hill. A helicopter with hoist was requested to assist, and coordinated with King and Snohomish counties, as well as AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when subjects were rescued and transported to the hospital.
- 20-2513
 - On August 2, Pierce County initiated a rescue of a 33-year-old hiker with medical issues and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with the King and Snohomish Counties. The request was later cancelled and the mission closed when subject refused assistance.
- 20-2514
 - On August 2, Mason county initiated a rescue mission for a female hiker with a broken ankle on Mount Eleanor and requested Mountain Rescue staff to assist. The request was coordinated with Pierce and Kitsap Counties. A helicopter with hoist was also requested and coordinated through the AFRCC.
 - On August 3, the mission was closed when the subject was extracted and transported to a local hospital.

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- 20-2535
- On August 4, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Adams, Lincoln, and Grant Counties effective from the afternoon to evening on August 6. The Watch was cancelled early on August 6.
 - On August 5, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties effective from the morning through evening on August 6. The Watch was cancelled early on August 6.
 - On August 6, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for the East Slopes of the Southern Washington Cascades affecting Klickitat County in effect from 1100 to 2300 that day. The Warning was cancelled late that evening, ending this weather incident.
- 20-2560
- On August 6, Mason County initiated a rescue of a deputy injured while conducting a body recovery and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with King County and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted to a local hospital for medical treatment.
- 20-2581
- On August 7, Yakima County initiated a rescue of a male who was injured on Mount Adams and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated through King County and the AFRCC. The request was later put on hold pending a ground team reaching the subject to verify injuries.
 - On August 8, the mission was closed when the subject was able to walk out with ground team support.
- 20-2604
- On August 9, Clallam County and Olympic National Park initiated a search for an overdue hiker. They requested Mountain Rescue staff and K-9 teams which were coordinated with Kitsap and Grays Harbor Counties. The State SAR Planning Team was also requested and coordinated with King County.
 - On August 10, Olympic National Park requested ATVs or 4x4's and GSAR with experience operating off trail areas and rough terrain. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties. The resources were cancelled and the mission closed later that night when the subject was located and airlifted out in good condition.
- 20-2609
- On August 9, the NWS issued Fire Weather Watches affecting Adams, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from the afternoon through evening of August 11.
 - On August 10, the NWS issued Red Flag Warnings affecting Adams, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1400 to 2200 on August 11.
 - On August 11, the NWS cancelled the Red Flag Warning affecting Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties.
 - On August 11, the NWS cancelled the remaining Red Flag Warnings in Eastern Washington. With no Watches, Advisories or Warnings in effect, this weather incident was closed.

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- 20-2610
- On August 9, Chelan County initiated the rescue of a female hiker with a broken ankle on the Stiletto Peak Trail and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with King County and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that evening when the subject was successfully airlifted and transported to Harborview Medical Center.
- 20-2613
- On July 9, King County initiated a rescue for an injured hiker on Iron Cap Mountain. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated through the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject and a companion were both airlifted and transported to Harborview Medical Center.
- 20-2617
- On August 9, WSP Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Johnson Butte Fire near Kennewick in Benton County effective 1830 hours.
 - On August 9, the Mobilization request for the Johnson Butte Fire was withdrawn as of 1857.
- 20-2644
- On August 11, the Olympic National Park initiated a search for 2 overdue male hikers near Muncaster Basin and requested the State SAR Planning Unit and Mountain Rescue staff to support. The request was coordinated with King, Kitsap and Pierce Counties. The resources were later cancelled and the mission closed when the subjects walked out to the trailhead on their own.
- 20-2656
- On August 12, Jefferson County initiated a rescue of an asthmatic hiker in the Lena Lake area. The County requested Olympic Mountain Rescue to assist and the request was coordinated with Kitsap County, then requested a helicopter with hoist which was coordinated with King County and then the AFRCC. The resources were later cancelled and the mission closed when the subject was able to get to a campground and get care.
- 20-2659
- On August 13, the NWS issued an Excessive Heat Watch affecting portions of Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from the afternoon of August 15 to the evening of August 16.
 - On August 13, the NWS issued an Excessive Heat Watch affecting portions of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Walla Walla, Whitman, Spokane, and Yakima Counties in effect from August 16 through the evening of August 18.
 - On August 13, the NWS issued a Heat Advisory affecting portions of Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties in effect from 1200 on August 15 through 2100 on August 16.
 - On August 13, the NWS issued an Excessive Heat Warning affecting portions of Clark and Skamania Counties in effect from 1200 on August 15 through 2100 on August 16.
 - On August 13, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting portions of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from 1100 to 2300 on August 15.
 - On August 13, the NWS issued an Excessive Heat Watch affecting portions of Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties in effect from the morning through the evening of August 16.

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- On August 14, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Thurston, Mason, Skamania, and Grays Harbor Counties effective August 15 through August 16.
- On August 14, the NWS issued a Heat Advisory for portions of Columbia, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties from 1100 on August 16 to 2100 on August 18.
- On August 14, the NWS issued a Heat Advisory for portions of Asotin, Chelan, Ferry, Garfield, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties from 1200 on August 16 to 2000 on August 18.
- On August 14, The NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting portions of King, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom Counties in effect from 1100 on August 15 to 2300 on August 16. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- On August 14, The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Warning affecting portions of Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties in effect from 1100 on August 16 through 2100 on August 18.
- On August 14, the NWS issued an Excessive Heat Warning affecting portions of Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan and Whitman Counties in effect from 1200 on August 16 through 2000 on August 18.
- On August 15, the National Weather Service issued an Excessive Heat Warning for portions of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Lewis counties effective from 0700 on August 16 to 0200 on August 17. A Heat Advisory was issued for portions of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, and Jefferson Counties for the same time period. Both the Warning and Advisory expired as scheduled.
- On August 15, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting portions of Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties in effect from 1100 to 2300 on August 16. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- On August 16, the NWS cancelled the Excessive Heat Warning for Clark and Skamania Counties.
- On August 16, the NWS cancelled the Heat Advisory for Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties.
- On August 16, the NWS cancelled the Red Flag Warning affecting Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, and Skamania Counties.
- On August 17, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting portions of Okanogan and Douglas Counties in effect from 1400 to 1900 that day. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- On August 17, the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Walla Walla Counties in effect until 2200 that evening. The Watch for Asotin and Garfield was cancelled early. The Watch for Columbia and Walla Walla Counties expired as scheduled.
- On August 18, the NWS cancelled the Heat Advisory affecting portions of Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima Counties.

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- On August 18, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting portions of Okanogan and Douglas Counties in effect from 1400 to 2000 that day.
 - On August 18, the last of the weather warnings and advisories for this event expired, ending this weather event.
- 20-2669
- On 14 August, Chief John Batiste approved State Fire Mobilization for the Sunset Fire near the Spokane City airport in Spokane County at 1415 hours.
 - On August 14, the Mobilization ended at midnight.
- 20-2696
- On August 15, Mount Rainier National Park requested mountain rescue resources for assistance with locating and recovering a drowning victim in the Glacial Lake area. The request was coordinated with Pierce, Kitsap, King and Snohomish Counties.
 - On August 16, the National Park requested additional Mountain Rescue resources to assist with the recovery on August 17. The request was coordinated with King, Kitsap, Pierce and Yakima Counties.
 - On August 18, the mission was closed when the subject's body was located and airlifted off the mountain.
- 20-2697
- On August 16, Kittitas County initiated a search for a 74-year-old missing fisherman in the Yakima River. A cell phone forensic resource was requested to assist and coordinated with AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was located alive and transported to the hospital.
- 20-2707
- On August 16, Chelan County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for 2 female overdue hikers at Enchantment Loop Trail.
 - On August 17, the County requested a helicopter with hoist to assist and the request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The mission was closed later that day when the subjects were successfully located.
- 20-2710
- On August 16, Kittitas County opened a rescue of a sick 59-year-old male hiker near Escondido Lake. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with King County and the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day after the subject was extracted by helicopter and taken by paramedics to the hospital.
- 20-2721
- On August 16, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization for the Chief Timothy Fire near Clarkston in Whitman County at 1800 hours.
 - On August 19, the Mobilization ended at 2000 hours.
- 20-2724
- On August 16, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization for the Badger Lake Road Fire near Cheney in Spokane County at 1930 hours.
 - On August 21, the Mobilization ended at 2000 hours.
- 20-2742
- on August 17, Jefferson County opened a search and rescue of a male hiker with medical issues on the Big Quilcene River Trail. The county requested a helicopter with FLIR and hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, then the AFRCC. Cell Phone Forensics were also coordinated with the AFRCC for this mission. The resources were later cancelled when subject was located.

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- 20-2752
- On August 17, Klickitat County initiated a search mission for an overdue male hiker in the Box Canyon area north of Goldendale. The mission was closed on August 20 but reopened on August 28.
 - On August 28, the County requested cadaver dogs, which were coordinated with Clark, Kittitas and Yakima counties.
 - On August 30, Klickitat County requested to suspend this mission, with negative results reported.
- 20-2758
- On August 18, Jefferson County initiated a search for an overdue hiker stuck on a Black Horn Mountain. Ground Searchers were requested and coordinated with Clallam County.
 - On August 19, the mission was closed when the subject was located and rescued.
- 20-2775
- On August 19, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Palmer Fire near Oroville in Okanogan County at 0945 hours.
 - On August 27, the mobilization for the Palmer Fire in Okanogan County ended at 0800.
- 20-2791
- On August 19, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The mission was closed later that day when subject was airlifted to waiting paramedics for advanced care.
- 20-2795
- On August 19, the Mount Rainier National Park requested the State SAR Planning Unit and ground searchers to assist with a search for a missing 74-year-old male hiker last seen near the Golden Lakes. The request was coordinated with King and Pierce Counties. The resources were cancelled and the mission closed later that day when the subject was located.
- 20-2808
- On August 20, DOE Hanford declared a Abnormal Event at 1601 hours due to a discovery of a container of an unknown substance. The event was terminated at 1705 hours that day.
- 20-2825
- On August 22, Whatcom County initiated a rescue of an injured male on Table Mountain and requested a helicopter with hoist. The resource was coordinated with Snohomish County. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted to Providence Hospital.
- 20-2844
- On August 23, the issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties in effect from the afternoon of August 24 through the evening of August 25.
 - On August 24, the Fire Weather Watch for portions of Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning effective from that day through the evening of August 25.
 - On August 25, the Red Flag Warning for Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties expired as scheduled, ending this weather event.

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- 20-2852
- On August 24, Skagit County initiated a rescue for a 38-year old man in the Found Lake area and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, then the AFRCC. The resource request was later cancelled when helicopter support was locally coordinated from Mt. Rainer National Park for this mission. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was safely rescued.
- 20-2875
- On August 26, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of an epileptic hiker at Cheese Rock and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties as well as the AFRCC. The resource was later cancelled and the mission closed when the subject was able to walk out with assistance of ground searchers.
- 20-2885
- On August 27, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for much of eastern Washington including Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Yakima, Spokane, Grant, Lincoln, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Benton, Klickitat, Franklin and Adams Counties effective for August 29.
 - On August 28, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Whitman and Yakima Counties in effect for August 29.
 - On August 28, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning affecting Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1400-2300 on August 29. The fire weather watch was no longer in effect.
 - On August 28, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens Counties in effect from 1400-2100 on August 29. The Fire Weather Watch was no longer in effect.
 - On August 29, all Warnings and Watches expired as scheduled, ending this weather event.
- 20-2893
- On August 27, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Bartholomew Fire near Medical Lake and Fairchild AFB in Spokane County at 1530 hours
 - On August 29, the mobilization ended at midnight.
- 20-2916
- On August 29, Pond Oreille County Sheriff's Office initiated a search mission for an 18-year-old male in the Fan Lake area. Cell phone forensics was requested and coordinated with AFRCC. The male was located shortly after the forensics analysis was conducted and the mission closed at 1800 hours.
- 20-2925
- On August 30, Skamania County Sheriff's Officer requested support from Clark County's Technical Rescue Team for rescue of a person trapped on a ledge in the Spirit Falls area. The request was coordinated with Clark County. The mission was closed later that day when the technical team was able to extract the subject safely.
- 20-2928
- On August 30, Grant County Sheriff's Office requested support from the Columbia Basin Dive Team for the recovery of a heavily intoxicated male at Banks Lake who fell off a boat and remained under the water. Benton County Dispatch was notified of this request at 1518 and advised they would coordinate resource support directly with Grant County Sheriff's Office.

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- 20-2930
 - On August 30, Pierce County initiated a search for a missing, pregnant 33-year-old female in the Point Defiance Area. Human Remains Detection dogs were requested and coordinated with Mason and Kitsap Counties.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of August.**
- 20-2934
 - On August 30, Jefferson County requested a helicopter with hoist and a paramedic for the rescue of a seriously injured hiker on Mount Townsend. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, then with AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was airlifted to the hospital.
- 20-2952
 - On August 31, Chief John Batiste authorized State Fire Mobilization in support of the Evans Canyon Fire near Selah in Yakima at midnight.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of August.**

SEOO Activity for the current month

197	Warning issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
72	Warning issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
879	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
45	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 10 exercises of which 4 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 - FEDERAL	Twice daily	61	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1875	1686	90%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	1	4%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	248	135	54%

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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	5	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	2
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31			

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.