

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

September 2020

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CATEGORY	September 2020	September 2019	2020	2019
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	1	5	3
FIRE	42	21	142	259
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	215	171	1812	1791
OTHER	78	66	552	619
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	2	0	10	5
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	111	100	852	779
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	6	7	33	44
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	454	366	3406	3500

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	64	26	757	532
Evidence Search Mission	8	7	51	67

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 September.**
- 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 September.**
- 20-2930
 - This mission was initiated by Pierce County on August 30 regarding a search for a missing, pregnant 33-year-old female in the Point Defiance Area and continued into September.
 - No resources were requested in September to support this search.
- 20-2952
 - This State Fire Mobilization was initiated on August 31 for the Evans Canyon Fire near Selah in Yakima and continued into September.
 - On September 7, State Fire Mobilization for the Evans Canyon Fire ended at 0800 hours.
- 20-2985
 - On September 3, Chelan County initiated a rescue for an injured hiker. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) for a federal asset. The mission was closed later that day when the female was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center.
- 20-2989
 - On September 4, Thurston County initiated a search for a 79-year-old Korean female in Olympia. Air scent dogs were requested to assist and coordinated the request with West Coast Search Dogs of Grays Harbor County. Later, the County requested German Shepherd Search Dogs (GSSD) which were coordinated with Pierce County.
 - On September 4, Thurston County requested ground searchers (GSAR) for September 5. Coordinated the resources with Pierce, King, Mason, Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, and Lewis counties.
 - On September 5, the mission was closed when the subject was successfully located.
- 20-2991
 - On September 4, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting portions of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skamania, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom Counties in effect from the morning of September 7 to the evening of September 9.
 - On September 4, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting portions of Lewis and Pacific Counties in effect from the morning of September 7 to the afternoon of September 9.

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- On September 4, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting portions of Klickitat and Yakima Counties in effect from the morning of September 7 to the evening of September 8.
- On September 4, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting portions of Adams, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from the morning to the evening of September 7.
- On September 5, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch affecting the Eastern Gifford Pinchot National Forest Mt Adams Ranger District which includes portions of Klickitat and Skamania Counties, in effect from the morning of September 7 through the evening of September 9.
- On September 5, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for portions of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1200 on September 7 through 2200 on September 8.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties in effect from 1100 on September 7 to 2000 on September 9. The Fire Weather Watch was no longer in effect.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for wind and low humidity impacting the East Slopes of the Southern Cascades affecting portions of Klickitat and Yakima Counties in effect from 1100 on September 7 to 2300 hours September 8. The Fire Weather Watch was no longer in effect for these areas. The Red Flag Warning for portions of Klickitat and Yakima Counties expired on September 8.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for wind and low relative humidity affecting portions of Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1100-2300 hours on September 7. The Fire Weather Watches were no longer in effect for these areas.
- On September 6, the NWS issued High Wind Watches affecting Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania Counties in effect from the evening of September 7 to the afternoon of September 8. The Watches were later upgraded to a High Wind Warning in effect from 1700 hours on September 7 to 1300 hours on September 8. The High Wind Warning for these areas expired on September 8.
- On September 6, the NWS issued Red Flag Warnings affecting portions of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1100-2000 hours on September 7. The Fire Weather Watches were no longer in effect for these areas. The Red Flag Warning for these areas expired on September 7.
- On September 6, the NWS extended the Red Flag Warnings for wind and low relative humidity for Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, and Yakima Counties to be in effect from 1100 on September 7 to 2000 on September 9. No Fire Weather Watches remained in effect in the state at that time.

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- On September 6, the NWS issued a High Wind Warning for the Greater Vancouver Area affecting Clark County in effect from 1700 On September 7 to 1300 on September 8. The High Wind Warning for these areas expired on September 8.
 - On September 7, the NWS issued High Wind Warnings affecting Adams, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, and Okanogan Counties in effect from 0500 to 2000 hours that day.
 - On September 7, the NWS issued a Dust Storm Warning for portions of Spokane, Adams, Whitman, and Lincoln Counties in effect from 0500-2000 that day.
 - On September 7, the NWS extended the Red Flag Warning for Western Washington until 2300 on 9/10/20
 - On September 7, The Red Flag Warning affecting portions of Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties expired.
 - On September 8, The NWS extended the High Wind Warning for Clark, Cowlitz & Skamania Counties to 1900 tonight.
 - On September 9, The Red Flag Warning for portions of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum and Yakima Counties expired.
 - On September 10, the remaining Red Flag Warning expired as scheduled. No watches or warnings remained in effect, closing this weather incident.
- 20-3020
- On September 6, Yakima County requested a helicopter with hoist for the rescue of a severely ill hiker at Two Lakes campground. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the AFRCC. The mission was later closed after US Navy Whidbey Island airlifted the subject and deliver delivered him to a hospital in Yakima for treatment.
- 20-3025
- On September 6, Chelan County initiated the rescue of an 11-year-old male with a fractured femur. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with Snohomish County. The mission was later closed when subject was airlifted to a hospital for medical care.
- 20-3029
- On September 6, Skamania County requested ground searchers to assist in the rescue of an injured hiker on Dog Mountain. The request was coordinated with Clark and Klickitat Counties. The mission was closed when the subject was later extracted successfully and transported to the hospital.
- 20-3038
- On September 6, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of a hiker with a broken leg in the Ingalls Peak area and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with Snohomish County and then the AFRCC. The request was cancelled later and replaced with a request for Seattle Mountain Rescue and the Chelan County helicopter to do a search for the subject on the morning of September 7. The requests were coordinated with King and Chelan Counties.

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- On September 7, Kittitas County requested cell phone forensics to assist. The request was coordinated with the AFRCC. The subject was located early that morning and the cell phone forensics and helicopter from Chelan were cancelled. A helicopter with hoist was again requested and coordinated with the AFRCC. All remaining state resources were cancelled when Whidbey NAS accepted the extraction mission. The mission was closed when the subject was safely rescued by Whidbey NAS and transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- 20-3043
- On September 7, Chief John Batiste authorized State Fire Mobilizations in support of the Cold Springs Fire (Okanogan County) and Pearl Hill Fire (Douglas County) as of 0645 hours. The original mobilization request was made for one fire, but during the approval process the fire was divided by the Okanogan/Douglas county line into two separate incidents.
 - On September 9, FEMA advised that the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) request for the Cold Spring Canyon Fire and Pearl Hill Fire was approved. This declaration included Okanogan & Douglas Counties as well as the Colville Reservation.
 - On September 13, State Fire Mobilization for the Cold Springs fire ended at 2200 hours.
 - On September 18, State Fire Mobilization for the Pearl Hill Fire ended at 1900.
- 20-3048
- On September 9, Chief John Batiste authorized the Fire Mobilization request for the Colfax Fire in Whitman County as of 1215 hours.
 - On September 14, State Fire Mobilization for the Colfax Fire ended at 1830 hours.
- 20-3051
- On September 9, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Whitney Fire in Lincoln County as of 1400 hours.
 - On September 15, State Fire Mobilization for the Whitney Fire in Lincoln County ended at 2359 hours.
- 20-3052
- On September 7, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Apple Fire in Chelan County as of 1615 hours.
 - On September 12, State Fire Mobilization for the Apple Fire ended at 2000 hours.
- 20-3053
- On September 7, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Babb Fire in Spokane County as of 1615.
 - On September 14, State Fire Mobilization for the Babb Road Fire in Spokane County ended at 1830 hours.
- 20-3065
- On September 7, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Euclid Track Fire in Spokane County as of 2100 hours.
 - On September 11, State Fire Mobilization ended for the Euclid Track Fire at 2000 hours.
- 20-3068
- On September 8, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the 244th Command Fire in Pierce County as of 0230 hours.
 - On September 12, State Fire Mobilization for the 244th Command Fire ended

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at 1800 hours.

- 20-3083
 - On September 8, Chief Batiste authorized State Mobilization for the Sumner Grade Fire near Bonney Lake in Pierce County at 0941 hours. FMAG approved as of 2109 hours that day.
 - On September 15, the State Fire Mobilization for the Sumner Grade Fire in Pierce County ended at 2359 hours.
- 20-3086
 - On September 8, Pierce County initiated a search for a missing person in the Fairfax Bridge area. A drone was requested to assist, and the resource was coordinated with Thurston and King Counties. The mission was closed several days later without a result.
- 20-3091
 - On September 8, Chief Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Bordeaux Fire in Thurston County at 1600 hours. FMAG approved as of 2109 hours that day.
 - On September 11, State Fire Mobilization for the Bordeaux Fire ended at 2000 hours.
- 20-3106
 - On September 9, A State Fire Mobilization Request was received from Skamania County for the Big Hollow Fire. The request was placed on hold to be reevaluated on the morning of September 10. The mobilization request was not approved.
- 20-3134
 - On September 11, Columbia County in Oregon requested assistance with coordination and support of relocation efforts for people and pets due to the wildfires. Wahkiakum County assisted with that effort at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. This mission remained open throughout the month for use by all counties assisting Oregon with evacuees.
- 20-3139
 - On September 11, Mason County initiated a search for a missing male hiker near Shelton and requested a GSSD and Ground Searchers (GSAR) to assist. The request was coordinated with Grays Harbor, Kitsap County and Thurston County. The resources were later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject was rescued with local resources.
- 20-3140
 - On September 11, Mason County requested mountain rescue to assist with an injured woman on Mt Eleanor. The request was coordinated with Kitsap County. The mission was later closed when the woman was successfully extracted.
- 20-3142
 - On September 11, the NWS issued a Dense Smoke advisory for Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat, and Walla Walla counties in effect until 1200 on September 14.
 - On September 12, the NWS extended the Dense Smoke Advisory to include the Northwest Blue Mountains and the Simcoe Highlands affecting Columbia, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties in effect until 1200 on September 14.
 - On September 12, the NWS issued a Dense Smoke Advisory for Adams, Asotin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Whitman counties in effect until 1200 on September 14. The Advisory was cancelled on September 13.

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- On September 13, the NWS issued a Dense Smoke Advisory affecting portions of Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties in effect until 1200 on September 14. The Advisory was later expanded to include Skamania County and to be in effect until 1800 on September 14.
 - On September 14, the NWS cancelled the Dense Smoke Advisory for portions of Walla Walla, Columbia, Benton, Franklin, Klickitat and Yakima Counties.
 - On September 14, the NWS extended the Dense Smoke Advisory for Skamania, Clark, Wahkiakum & Cowlitz Counties until 0500 on September 16.
 - On September 15, the NWS extended the Dense Smoke Advisory until noon on September 17 for portions of Skamania, Clark, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz Counties. The Advisory was cancelled on September 16. All Advisories having expired or cancelled; the weather incident was closed.
- 20-3145
- On September 11, a 3.1 magnitude earthquake occurred 14 miles SE of Centralia in Lewis County. There were no reports of damage from this incident.
- 20-3146
- On September 12, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization in support of the Wawawai Canyon Track Fire near Pullman in Whitman County at 0530 hours.
 - On September 13, State Fire Mobilization for the Wawawai Fire ended at 2000.
- 20-3149
- On September 12, Chelan County opened a rescue of a male hiker with a broken knee on the Pacific Crest Trail and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully extracted and flown to an ambulance for further care.
- 20-3165
- On September 13, the Olympic National Park initiated a rescue of a male hiker suffering an allergic reaction near Haigs Lake and requested assistance with coordinating a helicopter with hoist from the Navy. Connected the park ranger and the AFRCC so they could do Federal to Federal mutual aid. The Park later requested Mountain Rescue staff to assist and the request was coordinated with Kitsap County.
 - On September 14, the AFRCC called to advise that they spoke with Olympic National Park and all subjects have been contacted and escorted down the mountain. All device signals have been secured. Incident closed.
- 20-3185
- On September 14, a 2.8 magnitude earthquake occurred in King County. There were no reports of damage from this incident.
- 20-3188
- On September 15, Jefferson County requested Human Remains Dog (HRD) teams to assist with a cadaver search on September 19. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, Grays Harbor, Snohomish, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Whatcom, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Snohomish, Lewis, and Mason Counties.
 - On September 21, Jefferson County suspended this search. It may be reopened in the future.
- 20-3222
- On September 18, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for urban areas and small streams in Southeastern Clark County in effect until 0630 hours that day. The Flood Warning expired as scheduled, ending the weather incident.

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- 20-3237
 - On September 18, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for Central Chelan County in effect until 2300 that day. The Flash Flood Warning expired at 2300 as scheduled, ending the weather incident.
- 20-3266
 - On September 21, Jefferson County initiated a search for a missing male hunter south of Forks. Cell forensics were requested and coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was later closed when the subject was contacted via cell and informed that he was fine.
- 20-3280
 - On September 22, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and Admiralty Inlet in effect from 0600 to 1800 on September 23. The Warning was extended to end at 2000 hours and expired at that time.
 - On September 23, the NWS issued a High Surf Advisory for the North and Central Coast beginning at 1100 on September 24 until 1400 on September 25.
 - On September 24, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and Admiralty Inlet in effect until 1100 that day.
 - On September 25, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch in Mason County in effect from 1200 on that day to 0300 on September 26.
 - On September 25, the NWS has issued a High Surf Advisory for the North and Central Coast in effect until 1700 that day.
 - On September 25, the NWS issued a Dust Storm Warning for Northern Douglas County and South-Central Okanogan County until 1545 that day.
 - On September 25, the NWS issued a Dust Storm Warning for South Central Adams County until 2030 that day.
 - On September 26, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for Mason County. All Watches or Warnings having expired or cancelled; this weather incident closed.
- 20-3286
 - On September 22, Thurston County opened a search for a 67-year-old female missing in the Olympia area. Search dogs were requested and coordinated with Grays Harbor, Pierce, and Kitsap Counties. The mission was closed at midnight that day when subject was located alive and well.
- 20-3296
 - On September 23, Mount Rainier National Park opened a mission to recover a deceased subject and requested Mountain Rescue assets to assist on September 24. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Yakima Counties. The subject was safely recovered from the mountain and the mission closed on September 24.
- 20-3347
 - On September 26, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning affecting Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, and Spokane Counties in effect from 2300 that evening through 0800 on September 27.
 - On September 27, the Warning expired as scheduled, ending this event.

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- 20-3357
- On September 27, Whatcom County initiated a rescue of a female hiker with a compound fracture and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully extracted and flown to the hospital.
- 20-3358
- On September 27, Skagit County initiated a rescue of two subjects from the Skagit River and requested a helicopter to assist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, then the AFRCC. The request was later cancelled and the mission closed when local resources were able to extract the subjects from the water.
- 20-3362
- On September 27, Cowlitz County initiated a search for a 16-year-old male hiker in the Coldwater Trailhead area and requested a helicopter with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) to assist as soon as possible and another FLIR helicopter to assist at 0800 on September 28. Coordinated the requests with King and Snohomish Counties, then the AFRCC.
 - On September 28, Cowlitz County DEM requested the 304th Rescue Squadron and a CH-47. Coordinated with the AFRCC and Camp Murray Joint Operations Center.
 - On September 28, Cowlitz County DEM requested ground searchers, search dogs, horse mounted patrol and a helicopter for the next operational period on September 29. The request was coordinated with King, Lewis, Snohomish, Pierce, Mason, Lewis, Clark, Klickitat, Kitsap and Snohomish Counties
 - On September 29, all resources were cancelled and the mission was closed when the subject was located.
- 20-3365
- On September 27, Clallam County initiated a search and rescue of an injured 51-year-old female hiker and requested a helicopter to assist in locating the subject. AFRCC accepted the mission upon direct request from the county. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was located, extracted, and flown to the hospital.
- 20-3378
- On September 28, Thurston County initiated a search for a missing 83-year-old male with dementia in Tumwater. Search dogs were requested and responded from Pierce County. The subject was safely located early morning of September 29, closing the mission.
- 20-3383
- On September 29, King County initiated a search for an overdue male hiker near Gem Lake. On September 30, the County requested Mountain Rescue, Ground Searchers (GSAR), 4x4 vehicles, and dogs to assist. The request was coordinated with Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap, Kittitas, Chelan, and Thurston Counties.
 - On September 30, King County requested additional resources including Mountain Rescue, GSAR, and 4x4 vehicles for the continuation of this search on October 1. Resource coordination was conducted with Chelan, Kitsap, Kittitas, Pierce, Snohomish, and Yakima Counties.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September.**

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- 20-3388
- On September 29, Skagit County opened a search for a missing 87-year-old male in Marblemount. Search dogs were requested and coordinated from Whatcom County to assist in this search. The subject was found safe early the following morning.

SEOO Activity for the current month

179	Warning issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
81	Warning issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1145	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
57	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery, and response operations.

Participated in 18 exercises of which 16 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	60	1830	1691	92%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	13	2	15%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	302	163	54%

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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	5	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	1
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.