

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

March 2021

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CATEGORY	March 2021	March 2020	2021	2020
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	1	0
FIRE	36	8	63	37
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	179	169	668	626
OTHER	59	47	201	196
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	1	0	1	6
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	55	55	176	174
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	5	2	14	7
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	335	281	1124	1046

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	38	20	292	508
Evidence Search Mission	4	6	11	19

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, 2020 and continued into March 2021 with the State EOC activated at Level 1 (Full).
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of March.**
- 20-2375
- On May 30, 2020, 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 March 2021.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of March.**
- 21-0811
- On March 4, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Flood Watch for Mason County in effect through the afternoon of March 5.
 - On March 4, The NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, including the San Juan Islands, in effect until 0100 on March 5.
 - On March 5, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for the Skokomish River near Potlach affecting Mason County.
 - On March 5, The Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, including the San Juan Islands expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-0844
- On March 6, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, including the San Juan Islands, in effect from 2200 that evening to 0700 on March 7. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-0868
- On March 8, the NWS issued a Marine Warning for the Cape Shoalwater to Cascade Head in effect until 1930 hours. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-0872
- On March 9, the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) reported a 3.3 magnitude earthquake, 0.2 miles deep, occurred at 0510 hours, 99.9 miles NW from Olympia.
- 21-0973
- On March 18, the NWS issued a Gale Warning in effect from 0200 to 1500 on March 19 for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands.
 - On March 19, the NWS issued a Tornado Warning near the southwest Jefferson County coast in the Kalaloch area in effect until 0515 that morning.
 - On March 19, the NWS issued a Marine Warning for Coastal Waters from Cape Flattery to James Island out 10 nautical miles until 0730 that morning.
 - On March 19, the NWS issued a Marine Warning for Coastal Waters from James Island to Point Grenville out 10 nautical miles until 0730 that morning.
 - On March 19, the NWS issued a Tornado Warning for West Central Jefferson County and Southwestern Clallam County in effect until 0815 that morning.
 - On March 19, the NWS issued a Tornado Warning for Grays Harbor County and Southwestern Jefferson County in effect until 0830 that morning.
 - On March 19, the NWS extended the Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands to be in effect until 2300 hours.
 - On March 19, the Tornado Warnings for Jefferson, Clallam and Grays Harbor and the Marine Warnings expired as scheduled.

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- On March 19, The Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands expired, ending this weather incident.
- 21-0992
- On March 20, Thurston County initiated a search for a missing 91-year-old male with Alzheimer's and requested a trailing dog and vehicles to assist. The requests were coordinated with Pierce, Lewis, and Kitsap Counties. The subject was located alive and transported to medical care later that morning.
- 21-1043
- On March 25, Lewis County requested a side scan sonar for a body search starting March 26 at 0900. Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Mason, and Kitsap Counties were contacted for this request. The County suspended the resource request for this search later that day.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of March.**
- 21-1060
- On March 26, Skamania County coordinated with the North Country Volcano Rescue Team (VRT) to rescue a 23-year-old male with shoulder injury on Mount Saint Helens. VRT escorted subject to the parking lot who subsequently drove away.
- 21-1065
- On March 26, the NWS issued a High Wind Watch for Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat, and Walla Walla Counties in effect from the afternoon to evening of March 28.
 - On March 26, the NWS issued a High Wind Watch for Asotin, Adams, Douglas, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, and Whitman Counties in effect from late afternoon to the evening of March 28.
 - On March 26, the NWS issued a Winter Storm Watch for Skagit and Whatcom Counties in effect from late night March 27 to late night March 28.
 - On March 27, the NWS upgraded the Winter Storm Watch to a Winter Storm Warning for Whatcom and Skagit Counties, in effect from the morning of March 28 to the morning of March 29.
 - On March 27, the NWS upgraded the High Wind Watch to a High Wind Warning for Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat and Walla Walla Counties in effect from the afternoon of March 28 to the morning of March 29.
 - On March 27, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the areas around Puget Sound Northern Inland Waters, Admiralty Inlet and Hood Canal, in effect from early morning March 28 to late morning March 29.
 - On March 27, the NWS upgraded the High Wind Watch to a High Wind Warning for Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan and Whitman Counties in effect from the afternoon of March 28 to the early morning of March 29.
 - On March 27, the NWS extended the High Wind Warning for Adams, Douglas, Chelan, and Grant counties to be in effect from 1400 on March 28 to 0500 on March 29. It was extended on March 28 to include Yakima and Klickitat Counties.
 - On March 28, the NWS upgraded a Winter Storm Advisory to a Winter Storm Warning for Snohomish and King Counties in effect from 0800 on March 28 to 0500 on March 29.

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- On March 28 the NWS issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Cascades Crest including Highway 2 between Coles Corner and Stevens Pass in effect from 1400 on March 28 to 0500 on March 29.
- On March 28, the NWS extended the Gale Warning for the Puget Sound and Hood Canal to be in effect from 1200 to 1800 on March 28. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- On March 28, the NWS extended the Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters and San Juan Islands to be in effect from 1200 on March 28 to 0600 on March 29. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- On March 28, the NWS issued a Dust Storm Warning for North Central Adams and Southwestern Lincoln Counties in effect until 1715 that day. The Warning expired as scheduled.
- On March 29, the NWS cancelled the High Wind Warnings for all affected counties in Eastern Washington.
- On March 29, the NWS cancelled the Winter Storm Warnings for all counties in western Washington. With no Watches, Advisories or Warnings in effect, this weather incident closed.
- On March 29, Olympic National Park initiated a rescue for a subject with a broken leg near the Dosewallips Campground and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, then the AFRCC. The mission was closed late that day when the subject was airlifted out to a hospital for care.

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SEOO Activity for the current month

100	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
47	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
618	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
4	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 12 drills/exercises of which 10 were spill drills.

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Conducted the following tests:

<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	1890	1809	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	5	19%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	302	172	57%

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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	0
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.

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- 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.