

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

April 2021

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CATEGORY	April 2021	April 2020	2021	2020
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	0	2	0
FIRE	68	5	131	42
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	215	136	883	762
OTHER	71	36	272	232
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	1	0	2	6
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	57	54	233	228
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	1	1	15	8
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	414	232	1538	1278

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	3	4	305	502
Evidence Search Mission	5	2	16	21

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 April 2021 with the State EOC activated at Level 1 (Full).
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of April.**
- 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 April 2021.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of April.**
- 21-1043
- This mission regarding a body search in Lewis County was initiated on March 24 and continued into April.
 - On April 19, the mission was closed when the subject was located and recovered.
- 21-1164
- On April 3, Grays Harbor County initiated a recovery of a deceased female who was found in her vehicle submerged in the Chehalis River near Oakville. Tacoma Mountain Rescue rope techs were requested to assist the dive team and the request was coordinated with Pierce County.
 - On April 6, the mission closed when the subject was successfully recovered.
- 21-1238
- On April 10, the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) verified a 3.2 magnitude earthquake, 8.28 miles deep, 8.25 miles ESE of North Bend in King County.
- 21-1279
- On April 12, Skagit County initiated a search for a missing 60-year-old male with dementia. A helicopter with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) was requested and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).
 - On April 13, Skagit County requested Ground Search and Rescue staff, Search Dogs, and Planners which were coordinated with Whatcom, Snohomish, King, Kitsap and Pierce Counties. The mission was closed late that day when the subject was located and transported to a local hospital for evaluation.
- 21-1381
- On April 18, Cowlitz County opened a search for 4 adults and 2 children lost on the Coldwater Trail near Mount St. Helens and requested a helicopter to assist. The resource was coordinated through King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that night when the subjects were located safe.
- 21-1382
- On April 19, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Freeze Warning for Benton, Columbia, Walla Walla, Franklin, and Yakima Counties in effect from 2400 on April 19 to 0900 on April 20.
 - On April 19, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning for portions of Yakima County in effect from 2400 on April 19 to 0900 on April 20.
 - On April 20, The Freeze Warnings for Benton, Columbia, Walla Walla, Franklin and Yakima Counties expired, ending this weather incident.

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- 21-1390
 - On April 19, a State Fire Mobilization request was received for the Green Valley Fire in Auburn, King County. State Fire Mobilization was approved at 1500 hours.
 - On April 22, Deputy State Fire Marshal Blake Bowen reported that State Fire Mobilization for the Green Valley Fire ended as of 1600 hours that day.
- 21-1415
 - On April 21, the Richland Police Department activated an Amber Alert for Liam Hogan, a 7-year-old autistic male abducted by his sister using their parent’s vehicle. The Amber Alert was cancelled when they were located safe later that morning.
- 21-1475
 - On April 26, the PNSN verified a 2.8 magnitude earthquake, 1.51 miles deep, 9.3 miles NW of Concrete in Skagit County.
- 21-1515
 - On April 29, Department of Energy at Richland declared an Abnormal Event due to a leaking storage tank on the site.
 - **This incident remained open as of the end of April.**

SEOO Activity for the current month

6	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
0	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
647	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
10	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 10 drills/exercises of which 6 were spill drills.

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	59	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	60	1830	1744	95%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	3	12%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	256	157	61%

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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	4
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.