

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

May 2021

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CATEGORY	May 2021	May 2020	2021	2020
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	3	2	3
FIRE	57	18	188	60
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	200	193	1083	955
OTHER	53	49	325	281
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	0	2	6
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	99	102	332	330
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	1	7	16	15
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	410	372	1948	1650

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	3	63	308	575
Evidence Search Mission	6	4	22	25

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 May 2021 with the State EOC activated at Level 1 (Full).
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of May.**
- 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 May 2021.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of May.**
- 21-1554
 - On May 1, Skagit County initiated a rescue of a paraglider stuck on the Samish Overlook in Bow. A rope rescue team was requested and coordinated with Whatcom and Snohomish Counties. The resource was cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subject was successfully rescued with minor injuries by local resources.
- 21-1655
 - On May 12, Chelan County initiated a search for a 41-year-old male missing since May 8 near Mission Ridge Ski Resort. The county requested a drone, the SAR planning team, and Human Remains Dogs (HRD). The resources were coordinated with Kittitas and King Counties.
 - On May 21, Chelan County suspended the search without resolution and closed the mission.
- 21-1684
 - On May 13, Mason County initiated a search for 2 lost hikers at Mount Rose in Hoodspout. Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) personnel were requested to assist and coordinated with Kitsap County. The resource was cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subjects were located and escorted down the mountain.
- 21-1711
 - On May 14, Mason County initiated a rescue mission for rafters stuck near the High Steel Bridge. OMR rope rescue team was requested and coordinated through Kitsap County. The mission was closed early the next day when the rafters were recovered.
- 21-1722
 - On May 15, King County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker on Snoqualmie Mountain and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The mission closed was closed later that day when the subject was rescued and flown to Harborview.
- 21-1765
 - On May 18, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Freeze Warning for Chelan, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties in effect from 0100 to 0800 on May 19. Adams, Grant, and Lincoln Counties were added to the Warning later that day to be in effect for the same timeframe.
 - On May 19, the NWS let the Freeze Warning expire as scheduled, ending this Weather incident.
- 21-1767
 - On May 18, Yakima County initiated a search for a rescue mission for a female hiker in Washougal near the Morrison Creek Trailhead. They requested mountain rescue personnel, extractors, a helicopter with hoist and

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snowmobiles to assist, which were coordinated with Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was contacted and transported for treatment.

- 21-1782
 - On May 19, Snohomish County requested a Washington Animal Search and Rescue Team (WASART) consult for a horse caught in a fence with a potential broken leg. Animal self-rescued same day, WASART consult taken, and WASART response cancelled.
- 21-1783
 - On May 19, Skagit County initiated a search for an overdue hiker at Marble Mount and requested search dogs to assist. The request was coordinated with Snohomish and Whatcom Counties.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of May.**
- 21-1814
 - On May 19, Mason County requested Mountain Rescue and then helicopter with hoist for an injured hiker with a cracked skull at Mt. Ellinor. The request was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the injured hiker was successfully extracted and transferred to Harbor View Hospital.
- 21-1824
 - On May 22, Skagit County initiated a search for a missing 66 y/o male at Hidden Lake Trailhead. The county requested Mountain Rescue, Search Dogs, and Ground Searchers which was coordinated with Pierce County.
 - On May 23, Skagit County requested a helicopter with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR), and the request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties.
 - On May 24, Skagit County requested Mountain Rescue, Search Dogs and Drones which was coordinated with Kitsap, King, Pierce, and Whatcom Counties.
 - On May 25, Skagit County requested Mountain Rescue, Search Dogs and a Drone which was coordinated with Kitsap, King, Pierce, and Whatcom Counties.
 - On May 27, Skagit County advised they are continuing the search this weekend and requested similar assets as before. Coordinated with King, Pierce, Kitsap, Snohomish, Spokane, and Whatcom Counties to support this request.
 - On May 28, State SAR Coordinator called requesting information and requested that Yakima County be officially requested. The request was coordinated with Yakima County.
 - On May 29, Skagit County advised they were suspending the search. Notified Kitsap, King, Pierce, Whatcom, Snohomish, Yakima, and Spokane County SAR Coordinators. The mission is closed but may reopen in the future.
- 21-1827
 - On May 23, Thurston County initiated a search for a female missing from her residence in Olympia and requested search dogs to assist. The request was coordinated with Pierce County. The resources were cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subject returned home on her own.
- 21-1829
 - On May 23, Jefferson County initiated a rescue mission for 2 injured parties on the Brothers Mountain. A helicopter with hoist and ground searchers were requested to assist and coordinated with the AFRCC and Kitsap county. The

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subjects were extracted by helicopter late that evening, 1 injured, 1 deceased, closing the mission.

- 21-1830
 - Mason County initiated a rescue for an injured hiker on Mt Ellinor and requested Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) support out of Kitsap County to assist. The County then requested a helicopter with hoist but cancelled the request while coordination with AFRCC was still in progress. OMR responded and safely packed the subject off the mountain, closing the mission.
- 21-1843
 - On May 24, Mason County initiated a search for a 11-year-old male who walked into the woods near Shelton. A dog team and ground searchers were requested to assist and coordinated with Grays Harbor, Thurston, Pierce, and Kitsap Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject was located in good condition that evening.
- 21-1847
 - On May 25, Mason County initiated a search for a missing 48-year-old male hiker, and requested a helicopter with FLIR, ground searchers, 4x4s and dog teams. The request was coordinated with King, Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap, Lewis, and Grays Harbor Counties. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was located and escorted out.
- 21-1852
 - On May 25, Pierce County scheduled a missing person search to occur on May 27 and requested HRD and Mountain Rescue to assist. The request was coordinated with King, Kitsap, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties.
 - On May 27, the mission was closed. The subject was not found.
- 21-1887
 - On May 28, Jefferson County initiated a rescue of an elderly female with chest pains near Glass Beach and requested a helicopter. The request was coordinated with Snohomish County and then the AFRCC. The request was later cancelled when medics arrived and determined the helicopter was not necessary. The mission closed late that day when the subject was transported to a hospital for further evaluation and care.
- 21-1892
 - On May 28, the Olympic National Park initiated a search for 2 female campers in the park and requested OMR to assist. The request was coordinated with Kitsap County but later cancelled.
 - On May 29, the Olympic National Park reinstated the request for OMR and added Search Dogs. The requests were coordinated with Kitsap, Pierce, and Grays Harbor Counties. The mission closed later that day when the subject was located and escorted out.
- 21-1923
 - On May 30, Chelan County initiated a rescue for an injured male hiker near Dragon Peak Trail. A helicopter with hoist was requested to assist and coordinated with Snohomish County.
 - On May 31, the mission was closed when the subject was carried out, deceased.

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SEOO Activity for the current month

11	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
3	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
491	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
52	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 9 drills/exercises of which 9 were spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)	Frequency of test	Number of tests completed this month	Total number of stations tested this month	Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center	Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center
NAWAS - FEDERAL	Twice daily	62	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1890	1823	96%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	13	0	0%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	248	141	57%

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

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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.