

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

## September 2021

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| CATEGORY                                 | September 2021 | September 2020 | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|----------------|------|------|
| Logged incidents:                        |                |                |      |      |
| DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site) | 1              | 0              | 5    | 5    |
| FIRE                                     | 21             | 42             | 397  | 142  |
| HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)   | 211            | 215            | 2026 | 1812 |
| OTHER                                    | 78             | 78             | 643  | 552  |
| 911 SERVICE OUTAGES                      | 1              | 2              | 5    | 10   |
| SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)         | 107            | 111            | 790  | 852  |
| TERRORIST                                | 0              | 0              | 0    | 0    |
| INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS                | 5              | 6              | 41   | 33   |
| CGS (Columbia Generating Station)        | 0              | 0              | 0    | 0    |
| Total number of logged Incidents:        | 424            | 454            | 3907 | 3406 |

| Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above |    |    |     |     |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Additional Weather Alerts   | 19 | 64 | 608 | 747 |
| Evidence Search Mission   | 10 | 8  | 48  | 51  |

| 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 September 2021 with the State EOC activated at Level 2 (Partial).
  - On September 4, the Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Management requested refrigerated trailers for local use.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of September.**
- 21-2454
  - On July 1, Oregon State initiated an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request for state-to-state mutual aid assistance to support ongoing fire operations. The mission continued into September 2021.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of September.**
- 21-2765
  - On July 6, Governor Inslee signed an emergency proclamation regarding ongoing wildland fire activities statewide. The State EOC extended the ongoing Level 2 - Partial Activation in place for COVID-19 to include this emergency. This mission continued into September 2021.
  - On September 13, the State EOC deactivated ESF 12 (Energy) for wildland fires. ESFs 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, and 20 remain activated in support of wildland fires and ongoing COVID-19 activities.
  - On September 24, the State EOC deactivated ESF 20 (Defense Support to Civil Authorities) from the current Level 2 – Partial Activation. ESFs 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 15 remained activated in support of wildland fires and ongoing COVID-19 activities.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of September.**
- 21-3461
  - This mission for Stevens County involving a search for a missing person in the Colville area was initiated on August 30 and continued into September 2021.
  - On September 1, the mission was closed when the subject was located alive.
- 21-3465
  - This mission for the Olympic National Park involving a search in the park was initiated on August 30 and continued into September 2021.
  - On September 1, the park closed the mission after receiving the planning assistance they requested.
- 21-3477
  - This Weather Incident was initiated on August 31 and continued into September 2021.
  - On September 1, the Frost Advisory for Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens and Whitman Counties expired, ending this weather incident.
- 21-3479
  - This mission for Whatcom County involved a body recovery at Sunset Pond in Bellingham was initiated on August 31 and continued into September 2021.
  - On September 2, the mission was closed after the requested Human Remains Dog team support concluded.
- 21-3486
  - On September 1, the US Department of Energy Hanford Site reported an Abnormal Event due to a report of a solvent type smell that occurred during excavation activities in the 200 west area. The event was terminated later in the day when no evidence of a chemical release was found.

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- 21-3490
  - On September 1, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Frost Advisory for Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties in effect from 0400 to 0900 on September 2. The Advisory expired as scheduled, closing this weather incident.
- 21-3526
  - On September 3, the Federal Aviation Administration requested closure of the Woodland State Airport in Cowlitz County so a brush fire could be contained. The request was successfully coordinated with the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division. The airport was reopened a short time later when the fire was extinguished.
- 21-3533
  - On September 4, King County initiated a rescue of a base jumper in a tree near Snoqualmie Pass and requested Snohomish County's helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was coordinated with Snohomish County and the mission was closed when the subject was airlifted out successfully.
- 21-3544
  - On September 4, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of a 36-year-old female with suspected spinal injuries when she drove her 4-wheeler off a cliff. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The resources was later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject was extracted and transported to the hospital by members of her group.
- 21-3557
  - On September 5, Mason County initiated a search for a rescue mission for an injured female hiker on Mount Washington in Shelton. Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) personnel and a helicopter with hoist were requested to assist, and coordinated with Kitsap, King, and Snohomish Counties as well as the AFRCC.
  - On September 5, the mission was closed when the subject was rescued and flown to Harborview.
- 21-3560
  - On September 5, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of a 36-year-old female hiker with an eye injury near Shovel Lake. A helicopter was requested and coordinated with the AFRCC.
  - On September 6, the mission was closed when the subject was successfully airlifted out to Harborview Hospital.
- 21-3575
  - On September 6, Kittitas County initiated a search for two lost hikers on Mount Daniel. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subjects walked out on their own.
- 21-3577
  - On September 6, Whatcom County initiated a rescue of a 20-year-old female with a broken leg on Anderson Watson Lakes Trail. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subject was brought out on the ground and transported to the hospital.
- 21-3585
  - On September 7, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for Adams, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, and Whitman Counties in effect from the afternoon to evening of September 8.
  - On September 8, the NWS cancelled the Fire Weather Watch, closing this weather incident.

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- 21-3622
- On September 9, Chelan County initiated a rescue for a climber with a head injury near French Ridge and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The mission was closed later that day when the helicopter transported the subject to Providence Hospital in Everett.
- 21-3638
- On September 10, Chelan County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker at Colchuck Lake. A helicopter with hoist was requested to extract the subject and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC.
  - On September 11, the mission was closed when a Yakima Training Center (YTC) helicopter responded the next morning and successfully transported the subject to the Cascade Medical Center for treatment.
- 21-3649
- On September 11, Chelan County initiated a rescue of a 35-year-old male experiencing cardiac arrest. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The resource was later cancelled, and the mission closed when CPR was discontinued.
- 21-3650
- On September 11, Mount Rainer National Park initiated a rescue for an injured hiker with a possible closed broken ankle and requested Mountain Rescue and support to assist. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, Pierce and King Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission was closed later that day when the subject was rescued by helicopter.
- 21-3657
- On September 12, Lewis County initiated a rescue of a 42-year-old female unable to walk SW of Clear Lake. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was airlifted out to a hospital in Yakima County.
- 21-3665
- On September 12, JBLM initiated a search for a missing 44-year-old male. Search dogs were requested and coordinated with Pierce County. The mission was closed before resources mobilized when the subject was located unconscious.
- 21-3691
- On September 14, the NWS issued a Freeze Watch for Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens Counties in effect from the evening of September 15 through the morning of September 16. The watch was upgraded to a Freeze Warning for the same counties and timeframe on September 15.
  - On September 15, the NWS issued a Frost Advisory for Adams, Chelan, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, and Whitman Counties from the evening of September 15 through the morning of September 16.
  - On September 16, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands in effect from 0500 to 1700 on September 17. It was later extended to include the Admiralty Inlet and to be in effect until 2300.
  - On September 16, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for portions of Okanogan County effective through September 18.
  - On September 17, the NWS issued a High Wind Warning for Skagit, Island, and Jefferson Counties in effect until 2300 that night.

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- On September 17, the NWS cancelled the Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands.
  - On September 18, the NWS cancelled the Flash Flood Watch for Okanogan County, ending this weather incident.
- 21-3722
- On September 16, the Olympic National Park initiated a search for a 26-year-old male overdue hiker. They requested Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) to assist. Contacted Kitsap County to coordinate this request.
  - On September 17, the Olympic National Park requested the State SAR Planning Unit. King County contacted to coordinate this request. The park later requested OMR, which was coordinated with Kitsap County.
  - On September 17, the Olympic National Park requested additional assets for September 18. They requested SAR teams for a day search on the Staircase end of the trail and for a 2-3 night search starting at the Graves Creek Trailhead. Kitsap and Pierce Counties were contacted to coordinate this request.
  - On September 18, the Olympic National Park requested additional mountain rescue resources, which were coordinated with King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish Counties.
  - On September 19, the Olympic National Park requested Mountain Rescue resources for that day, which were Kitsap, King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Clark Counties. They later added a request for Mountain Rescue and K-9 resources for September 20 and 21, which were coordinated with Kitsap, King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Clark Counties. All resources were cancelled, and the mission closed late that day when the subject was located with slight hypothermia and transported to a hospital in Thurston County.
- 21-3743
- On September 17, Island County initiated a search for an 80-year-old female Alzheimer's patient and requested a helicopter with FLIR to assist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC.
  - On September 18, Island County requested Ground Searchers and Air Scent dog teams to assist. The request was coordinated with Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and King Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subject was located and transported to the hospital.
- 21-3775
- On September 20, Skagit County initiated a rescue of a male on the Pacific Crest Trail and requested a helicopter with hoist to assist. The request was cancelled when the subject relayed that he could walk out. The mission was closed later that day when the subject walked out successfully.
- 21-3781
- On September 20, Grays Harbor County initiated a search for 70-year-old male in the Amanda Park area and requested Cadaver Dog and Scent Trailing Dogs to assist. The request was coordinated with Pierce, Lewis, Thurston, and Kitsap Counties. The County later requested Olympic Mountain Rescue staff, which were coordinated with Kitsap County.
  - On September 21, this mission was closed and turned into a missing person investigation.

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- 21-3835
  - On September 25, Kittitas County initiated a medical rescue of an unresponsive, unconscious male in his 60's with CPR in progress. A helicopter from the YTC was requested and coordinated with the YTC and AFRCC. The request was cancelled, and the mission was closed later that day when the subject was determined deceased.
- 21-3837
  - On September 25, Skagit County initiated a search for an 8-year-old Autistic male in the Sedro Woolley area and requested a helicopter to assist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject was located unharmed.
- 21-3848
  - On September 26, Mason County initiated a recovery of 2 bodies near the High Steel Bridge and requested OMR to assist on September 27. The request was coordinated with Kitsap County. The mission was cancelled due to inclement weather and flooding.
- 21-3855
  - On September 27, Kuni County on behalf of Shoshone County in Idaho requested Ground Searchers and dogs from Spokane County to assist with a search for a missing mushroom picker. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was located in good condition.
- 21-3858
  - On September 27, Chelan County initiated a rescue of a hypothermic female near Lake Viviane 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 a helicopter from Fairchild Air Force Base hoisted and transferred the subject to Cascade Medical Center in Leavenworth.
- 21-3868
  - On September 27, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for northeastern Clark County and west central Skamania County in effect until 2030 that night. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-3874
  - On September 28, Skagit County initiated a recovery of the body of a male in Little Mountain Park in Mount Vernon and requested mountain rescue assistance. The request was coordinated with Whatcom and Snohomish Counties.
  - On September 29, the mission was closed when the subject was successfully recovered.
- 21-3877
  - On September 28, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Island Waters including The San Juan Island in effect from 0600 to 2300 on September 29.
  - On September 29, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Admiralty Inlet and extended the Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters to be in effect from 0300 that day until 0500 on September 30.
  - On September 30, the Gale Warnings expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.

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*SEOO Activity for the current month*

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| 56  | Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.                    |
| 30  | Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.                   |
| 567 | Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies. |
| 37  | Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.                |

Participated in 13 drills/exercises of which 8 were spill drills.

*Conducted the following tests:*

| <b>Test Conducted<br/>(see below for descriptions of each test)</b> | <b>Frequency of test</b> | <b>Number of tests completed this month</b> | <b>Total number of stations tested this month</b> | <b>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center</b> | <b>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center</b> |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| NAWAS - FEDERAL   | Twice daily              | 60  | 0   | 0   | 0%  |
| NAWAS - STATE   | Twice daily              | 60  | 1830  | 1687  | 92%   |
| STAEN   | At least twice per month | 2   | 13  | 1   | 8%  |
| CEMNET  | At least 3 per week      | 14  | 266   | 157   | 59%   |

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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                 | 4  | King County 800 MHz Radio System tests  | At least 1 per week                 | 2  |
| 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.