

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

## March 2022

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CATEGORY	March 2022	March 2021	2022	2021
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	0	2	1
FIRE	25	36	48	63
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	237	179	727	668
OTHER	67	59	220	201
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	1	2	1
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	43	55	149	176
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	1	5	6	14
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	374	335	1154	1124

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	49	38	366	292
Evidence Search Mission	7	4	11	11

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 2022 with the State EOC activated at Level 2 (Partial).
  - On March 17, the State EOC deactivated ESF 20 (Defense Support to Civil Authorities) from the Level 2 – Partial Activation in response to COVID-19 pandemic. ESFs 2, 5, 7, 8, 14, and 15 remained activated.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of March 2022.**
- 22-0760
- This weather incident was initiated on February 27, 2022 and continued into March 2022.
  - On March 1, the National Weather Service (NWS) extended the Flood Warning for the Issaquah Creek near Issaquah in King County to be in effect until late that night. The Warning was cancelled that night.
  - On March 1, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Cowlitz River at Kelso affecting Cowlitz County in effect until late that night. The Warning was cancelled later that day.
  - On March 1, the NWS extended the Flood Warning for the Stillaguamish River at Arlington in Snohomish County to be in effect until the morning of March 2. The Warning was cancelled late on March 1.
  - On March 1, the NWS extended the Flood Warning for the Tolt River above Carnation affecting King County to be in effect until late that night. The Warning was cancelled that night.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for Whatcom County.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Naches River near Cliffdell affecting Yakima County.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for the Yakima River near Parker in Yakima County.
  - On March 1, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Chehalis River at Porter affecting Grays Harbor County from that afternoon to the morning of March 4.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the North Fork Stillaguamish River Near Arlington affecting Snohomish County.
  - On March 1, the Flood Watch for Grays Harbor, King, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties expired.
  - On March 1, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Green River Near Auburn affecting King County in effect until the morning of March 2. The Warning was cancelled on March 2.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Naches River near Naches affecting Yakima County.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for Pacific, Wahkiakum, and Cowlitz Counties.
  - On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the South Fork Stillaguamish River Near Granite Falls affecting Snohomish County.

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- On March 1, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for the Palouse River near Potlatch affecting Whitman County in effect from March 2 to the morning of March 3. The Watch was replaced with a Flood Warning on March 2, in effect from that afternoon to late morning on March 3. The Warning was cancelled late on March 2.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, and Thurston Counties.
- On March 1, the Coastal Flood Advisory for the South Washington Coast affecting Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties expired.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Puyallup River Near Orting affecting Pierce County.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warnings for the Nisqually River near National and Chehalis River above Doty.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Satsop River near Satsop affecting Grays harbor.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Deschutes River near Rainier affecting Thurston County.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the South Prairie Creek at South Prairie in Pierce County.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Skykomish River near Gold Bar in King and Snohomish Counties.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Snohomish River near Monroe affecting Snohomish County.
- On March 1, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the White River at R Street Bridge in King and Pierce Counties.
- On March 2, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Newaukum River near Chehalis in Lewis County.
- On March 2, the NWS cancelled the Flood warning for the Snoqualmie River near Snoqualmie Falls in King County.
- On March 2, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County.
- On March 2, the Flood Watch for Lewis County expired.
- On March 2, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Cowlitz River at Randle in Lewis County.
- On March 2, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Skookumchuck River near Bucoda in Thurston County.
- On March 3, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Snohomish River at Snohomish affecting Snohomish County.
- On March 3, the NWS cancelled the Flood warning for the Snoqualmie River near Carnation affecting King and Snohomish Counties.
- On March 3, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch for Mason County.

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- On March 3, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Chehalis River above Grand Mound affected Grays Harbor and Thurston Counties.
  - On March 4, the NWS allowed the Flood Warning for the Chehalis River at Porter affecting Grays Harbor to expire. There being no active Watches, Advisories, or Warnings, this weather incident was closed.
- 22-0786
- On March 1, the US Department of Energy Hanford Site reported an Abnormal Event due to a report of possible gunshots heard in the vicinity of 2750E building in the 200E Area. There were no confirmed injuries, and the event was closed after law enforcement determined there was no threat.
- 22-0848
- On March 6, Skamania County initiated a rescue of a 37-year-old female with a fractured ankle above 6,000 feet on the south slope of Mount Saint Helens and requested a helicopter with hoist to extract her. The request was coordinated with King County and then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). Yakima Training Center accepted the mission and successfully rescued the injured hiker, closing the mission.
- 22-0853
- On March 7, the North Cascades National Park initiated a possible body recovery when a climber fell from a cliff near Colonial Peak. A helicopter with hoist was requested and coordinated from Snohomish County. The mission was closed later that day after the subject was recovered successfully.
- 22-0857
- On March 7, Moses Lake Police Department initiated a search for a 30-year-old female in the Moses Lake area and requested a cadaver dog to assist. The request was coordinated with Spokane County.
  - On March 9, the mission was closed by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office after some evidence was recovered from the search area, but not the subject.
- 22-0927
- On March 12, Skamania County initiated a search for a missing 18-year-old male and requested Ground Searchers to assist. The request was coordinated with Clark and Klickitat Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed a short time later when it was determined the subject had departed the area in a privately owned vehicle.
- 22-0943
- On March 14, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Mason County in effect from late that night through the morning of March 15. The Watch was cancelled on March 15.
- 22-1023
- On March 19, Clallam County initiated a search for a 63-year-old male with dementia in the Sekiu area. A helicopter with FLIR was requested and coordinated with the AFRCC.
  - On March 20, the County requested Ground searchers and search dogs which were coordinated from Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason and Pierce Counties. A helicopter was requested for an overflight of the search area which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC. The County then requested the State SAR Planning Unit, Ground Searchers, and dogs for March 21, which were coordinated with King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties.
  - On March 21, all assets were demobilized, and the mission was closed when the subject was located deceased.

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- 22-1085
- On March 25, the State EOC opened a mission in response to a Governor's Proclamation covering response to the European Green Crab, an aquatic invasive species impacting areas of the coast.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of March 2022.**

*SEOO Activity for the current month*

12	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
9	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
730	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
17	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 4 drills/exercises of which 2 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	62	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1890	1619	86%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	2	8%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	15	320	185	58%

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

*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.