

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

## October 2022

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CATEGORY	October 2022	October 2021	2022	2021
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	0	4	5
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
OTHER FIXED NUCLEAR FACILITY INCIDENTS (Navy, Framatome, Other)	0	0	1	0
FIRE	60	49	355	446
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	201	227	2293	2253
OTHER	78	58	769	701
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	0	5	5
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	80	61	858	851
TERRORISM	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	8	8	45	49
Total number of logged Incidents:	428	403	4330	4310

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	32	78	811	686
Evidence Search Mission	6	7	43	55

LEGEND	
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
FIRE	Includes all DNR fire line calls as well as State Fire Mobilization requests and non-DNR 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, with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) activated at Level 2 (Partial).
  - On October 31, this mission was ended and related ESFs were deactivated.
- 22-1085
  - This mission in response to the European Green Crab, an aquatic invasive species impacting areas of the coast was initiated on March 25, 2022, as part of the ongoing SEOC activation.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of October 2022.**
- 22-1875
  - This mission in response to Monkeypox Outbreaks was initiated on May 26, 2022, as part of the ongoing SEOC Activation.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of October 2022.**
- 22-3122
  - This mission, initiated on August 12 by Yakima County, involved a search for a missing 68-year-old male last seen on August 3.
  - No additional assistance was requested during October although the search continued.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of October 2022.**
- 22-3171
  - This mission, initiated on August 15 by Clallam County, involved repairs to a water main affecting the community of Bullman Beach.
  - Repairs continued during the month of October and a boil water advisory remained in effect for the community.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of October 2022.**
- 22-3298
  - This mission, initiated on August 22, by the North Cascades National Park, involved a search for an overdue 29-year-old male hiker in the McMillan Spire area.
  - No additional assistance was requested during October although the search continued.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of October 2022.**
- 22-3614
  - This mission, initiated on September 10 by Yakima County, involved a search for a missing 4-year-old along the Yakima River.
  - No additional assistance was requested during October although the search continued.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-3920
  - On October 2, Kittitas County initiated a search for a missing 85-year-old hiker and requested Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) staff and K-9 teams, which were coordinated from Chelan and Yakima Counties. The requests were cancelled, and the mission closed later that evening when the subject was safely located before resources were deployed.
- 22-3923
  - On October 2, Grays Harbor County initiated a search for a missing mushroom picker and requested K-9 teams, which were coordinated from Kitsap, Lewis, and Pierce Counties. On the morning of October 3, the Subject walked out of the woods unharmed, and the mission was closed.

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- 22-3949
  - On October 5, Kittitas County initiated a rescue for a 45-year-old hiker with a potential heart attack and requested a helicopter with hoist. The request was coordinated with the Yakima Training Center (YTC). The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when to the subject was determined deceased.
- 22-3984
  - On September 8, Chelan County initiated a rescue of a man that fell near Asgard's Pass and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish County. The mission was closed later that day, when the subject was determined to be deceased and was recovered successfully.
- 22-3989
  - October 8, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of a 40-year-old male dirt biker at Goat Peak and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King County. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out for medical assistance.
- 22-4002
  - On October 9, Okanogan County initiated a search for a 62-year-old hiker overdue at the Cold Springs Trailhead and requested GSAR to assist, which was coordinated with Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, and Kittitas Counties. The mission was closed the next day when the subject was successfully located and returned home.
- 22-4006
  - On October 10, Chelan County initiated a rescue for a hiker trapped under a boulder near the Lake Viviane area and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. Snohomish and Chelan Counties conducted flights to drop off SAR resources but were unable to transport the subject due to weather and nightfall. The County then requested a military helicopter with hoist and night capabilities, which was coordinated with the YTC. The mission was closed early the next morning when the subject was successfully transported to a hospital.
- 22-4015
  - On October 10, the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency requested a mission number to cover volunteers assisting with traffic control and assembly staging areas related to response to the Nakia Creek Fire.
- 22-4023
  - On October 11, Chelan County initiated a rescue of a hiker with head and hip injuries near Asgard's Pass and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out to a hospital.
- 22-4043
  - On October 13, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Fire Weather Watch for the West Slopes of the North and Central Cascades above 1500 feet affecting Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Lewis Counties in effect from October 15 through 16. The Watch was upgraded on October 14 to a Red Flag Warning in effect from 1100 on October 15 through 1700 on October 16. The Warning expired as scheduled.
  - On October 14, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for the South Cascades and Foothills in effect from October 15 through 16. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.

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- 22-4065
  - On October 15, Whatcom County initiated a rescue of a 55-year-old female with heat stroke near Bagley Lake and requested a helicopter, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully extracted and flown to the hospital.
- 22-4066
  - On October 15, Chelan County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker near Colchuck Lake and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out to the hospital.
- 22-4080
  - On October 16, Grays Harbor County initiated a search for a 61-year-old female mushroom picker in the Humptulips area and requested tracking/trailing dogs, which were coordinated with Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce Counties. The County later requested a drone with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR), GSAR, and additional K-9s, which were coordinated with Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason and Pierce Counties. The mission was closed the next day when the subject was located in good condition.
- 22-4082
  - On October 16, Kittitas County initiated a search for a 30-year-old male hiker near Way Creek Trailhead in Teanaway and requested cell phone forensics, which was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was later closed when the subject walked out on their own.
- 22-4092
  - On October 16, Chelan County initiated a rescue for a 28-year-old rock climber on Mount Stuart and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the YTC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out to the hospital.
- 22-4101
  - On October 16, Chief John Batiste authorized State Fire Mobilization at 1400 hours in support of the Nakia Creek Fire in Clark County near Hockinson and Camas.
  - On October 20, State Fire Mobilization for the Nakia Creek Fire was ended at 2400 hours.
- 22-4129
  - On October 18, the Department of Energy - Hanford declared an Abnormal Event as a precautionary measure during disposal of a legacy chemical compound solution at one of their laboratories. The event terminated later that day once the material was transported safely off site for disposal.
- 22-4161
  - On October 22, the NWS issued a Freeze Watch for Yakima and Kittitas Counties in effect from late on October 22 through the morning of October 23. The Watch was later upgraded to a Freeze Warning in effect from 0200 to 1000 on October 23. The Warning was cancelled early on October 23, ending this weather incident.
- 22-4181
  - On October 23, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands in effect from that evening through 1000 on October 24. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.

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- 22-4197
- On October 24, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for the West Slopes of the North Central Cascades and Passes in King and Snohomish Counties in effect through the afternoon of October 25.
  - On October 24, The NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for North Central King County in effect until 0245 on October 25. The Warning expired as scheduled.
  - On October 25, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for the Bolt Creek burn scar in Northern King County and Southeastern Snohomish County until 0515 that morning. The Warning expired as scheduled.
  - On October 25, the NWS has cancelled the Flash Flood Watch for the West Slopes of North Central Cascades and Passes in King and Snohomish Counties, ending this weather incident.
- 22-4221
- On October 25, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands in effect until 2000 hours that day. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 22-4240
- On October 26, the NWS issued Gale Warnings for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and the Admiralty Inlet in effect from 0800 to 2000 on October 27. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 22-4255
- On October 27, Chelan County initiated a rescue of a hypothermic hiker in the Colchuck Lake area and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties, and then the AFRCC. Due to weather and terrain, the subject could not be evacuated by helicopter, so Mountain Rescue stayed with the subject and kept them warm. The mission was closed the next day when the group escorted the subject out and the subject was able to depart via their personal vehicle.
- 22-4261
- On October 28, Mason County initiated a search for a missing female near Lynch Road and requested Air Scent Dogs, GSAR, and 4x4 vehicles, which were coordinated with Jefferson, Pierce, Thurston, Grays Harbor, and Kitsap Counties. The mission was closed the next day when the subject was located deceased.
- 22-4264
- On October 28, Klickitat County initiated a search for human remains from a subject missing for two years and requested Human Remains Dogs, GSAR, and Support Staff, which were coordinated with Clark, Skamania, and Yakima Counties.
  - **This mission remained open as of the end of October 2022.**
- 22-4287
- On October 29, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands in effect from 2300 on October 29 until 1700 on October 30. This Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 22-4307
- On October 30, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for the Bolt Creek Burn Scar affecting King and Snohomish Counties in effect through late night of October 31. The Watch was cancelled on October 31.
  - On October 30, the NWS issued a High Surf Advisory for South Washington Coast for Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from 2300 that night to 0500 hours on October 31. The Advisory was cancelled on October 31.

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- On October 31, the NWS has issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch affecting Mason County in effect from 0200 hours until late that evening. The Warning was cancelled late on October 31.
- On October 31, the NWS issued a Freeze Watch for portions of Kittitas and Yakima Counties in effect from late night on November 1 through the morning of November 2.
- On October 31, the NWS issued a Freeze Watch for portions of Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from late night on November 2 through the morning of November 3.
- **This weather incident remained open as of the end of October 2022.**

### SEOO Activity for the current month

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

Participated in 13 drills/exercises of which 7 were spill drills.

### Conducted the following tests:

<b>Test Conducted (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	62	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1890	978	52%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	13	5	38%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	257	146	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			
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30			
			King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	2

*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 agencies 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.