

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

January 2023

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CATEGORY	January 2023	January 2022	2023	2022
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	0	0
FIRE	16	6	16	6
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	235	281	235	281
OTHER	73	88	73	88
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	1	0	1
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	67	60	67	60
TERRORISM	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	3	2	3	2
Other Fixed Nuclear Facility Incidents	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	394	438	394	438

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	52	271	52	271
Evidence Search Mission	5	2	5	2

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

- 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 January 2023.**
- 22-4796
- On December 8, the State EOC added Flu and Respiratory Virus Season to the current Level 2 – Partial Activation. with Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) 5 - Emergency Management, 7 – Resource Support, and 8 – Public Health, Healthcare, and Mortuary Services activated.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of January 2023.**
- 22-4846
- On December 16, the State EOC added Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Response to the current Level 2 – Partial Activation to support commercial operations statewide, with ESFs 11 - Agriculture activated.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of January 2023.**
- 22-4894
- This Weather Incident was initiated on December 17, 2022 and continued into January 2023.
 - On January 1, the National Weather Service (NWS) cancelled the Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlach affecting Mason County.
 - On January 3, with no Watches, Advisories, or Warnings in effect, this Weather Incident was closed. The Incident Number remains active for ongoing recovery operations due to weather impacts.
 - On January 31, Governor's Proclamation 23-01: December Extreme Weather and Flooding issued.
- 23-0040
- On January 4, the NWS issued a Coastal Flood Advisory for the North and Central Coast affecting Clallam, Grays Harbor, and Jefferson Counties from 0800 to 1300 on January 5. The Advisory expired as scheduled.
 - On January 5, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Admiralty Inlet in effect from 1600 that afternoon to 0100 on January 6. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On January 5, the NWS issued a High Surf Advisory for the North and Central Washington Coast affecting Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties in effect from 1400 that afternoon to 0500 on January 6. The Advisory expired as scheduled, ending this Weather Incident.
- 23-0049
- On January 4, the Quinault Nation initiated a search for a lost male fisheries technician overdue at Lower Queets Valley Road and requested Cell Phone Forensics, which was coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The request was later cancelled and the mission closed when the subject was located in good condition.

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- 23-0088
- On January 7, the NWS issued a Coastal Flood Advisory for the North Coast Affecting Clallam and Jefferson Counties in effect from 1000 to 1600 on January 8. The Advisory expired as scheduled.
 - On January 7, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch until late morning of January 8. The warning was later extended to be in effect until the morning of January 9, and then extended again to be in effect until the morning of January 10. The Warning was extended on January 10 to be in effect until late morning of January 11. The Warning was cancelled on January 11.
 - On January 9, the NWS issued a Coastal Flood Advisory for the South Washington Coast affecting Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from 1200 to 1700 that day. The Advisory expired as scheduled.
 - On January 9, the NWS extended the area for the Gale Warning into the U.S. Waters Strait of Juan De Fuca in effect that day from 1413 to 2200. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On January 11, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch affecting Mason County until further notice.
 - On January 11, the NWS issued a High Surf Advisory for the North and Central Coast zones affecting Grays Harbor, Jefferson, and Clallam Counties from 0800 on January 12 to 0600 on January 13. The Advisory expired as scheduled.
 - On January 11, the NWS issued an Avalanche Warning for the West slopes of the Cascades affecting Snohomish and King Counties in effect until 1800 on January 12. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On January 12, the NWS issued a Coastal Flood Advisory for portions of Snohomish, Pierce, Mason, Lewis, King, Jefferson, Island, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties in effect from 0600 that day until 1200 on January 13. The Advisory was cancelled early on January 13.
 - On January 12, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for Jefferson and Mason Counties in effect until 1000 on January 13. The Warning was extended on January 13 to be in effect until 2400 that night, at which time it expired.
 - On January 14, the NWS extended the Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch affecting Mason County now in effect until late tomorrow evening.
 - On January 19, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Skokomish River at Potlatch, ending this Weather Incident.
- 23-0114
- On January 8, an AMBER alert was activated by WSP on behalf of the Kent Police Department for a 3-year-old abducted from a gas station. The Alert was cancelled a short time later when the child was located safe.
- 23-0176
- On January 13, Clallam County initiated a search for a missing individual in the Ramon area and requested cell phone forensics, which was coordinated with the AFRCC. The incident was closed later that day without a result reported.
- 23-0252
- On January 18, this Weather Incident was opened for response planning based on a Coastal Flood Outlook issued by the NWS.
 - On January 20, the NWS issued a Coastal Flood Advisory for the north and central coast effective from 0900 to 1500 on January 21. The Advisory expired as scheduled.

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- On January 20, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Admiralty Inlet in effect from 1800 to Midnight on January 21. The Warning was extended on January 21 to be in effect from 1200 to Midnight that day. The Warning was cancelled early on January 21.
 - On January 20, the NWS issued a High Wind Watch for Island and Jefferson Counties in effect from the afternoon through late night of January 21. The Watch was replaced with a Wind Advisory early on January 21.
 - On January 28, the NWS issued a a Gale Warning for Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands in effect from 1800 this evening until 0700 on January 29. The Gale Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On January 31, with no additional coastal flood related Watches, Advisories, or Warnings expected, this Weather Incident was closed.
- 23-0291
- On January 21, Thurston County initiated a cadaver search in a burned home and requested K-9 assistance, which was coordinated with Lewis County.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of January 2023.**
- 23-0306
- On January 23, Mason County initiated a search for a two missing females ages 6 and 45-years of age at the Brown Creek Campground near High Steel Bridge and requested a command vehicle and 4x4 units, which were coordinated with Pierce, Thurston, and Jefferson Counties. A helicopter with FLIR was requested and coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The mission was closed later that day when the subjects were located unharmed.
- 23-0340
- On January 25, Cowlitz County initiated a rescue of an injured ATV rider in Wahkiakum County and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with the AFRCC. The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when ground teams were able to extract the subject successfully.

SEOO Activity for the current month

59	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
68	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
753	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
7	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 4 drills/exercises of which 3 were spill drills.

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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	1889	1302	69%
STAEN	At least twice per month				0%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	301	92	31%

Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)	Frequency of test	Number of tests completed this month	Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)	Frequency of test	Number of tests completed this month
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	
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 agencies via an 800 MHz radio system.

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- 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.