

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

September 2016

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CATEGORY	September 2016	September 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	7	1
FIRE	27	29	262	392
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	172	187	1954	1988
OTHER	59	69	626	800
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	2	3	21	40
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	69	64	725	614
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	2	4	48	44
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	331	356	3643	3879

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	5	3	46	42
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	7	20	386	377

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

- 16-3342
- On September 3, King County initiated a rescue of a 15 year old male hiker who had fallen 40 feet. Initially CPR was performed but stopped when the patient regained consciousness. A helicopter with hoist was requested. Local resources were not available so the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) was contacted to coordinate federal resources. The subject was flown to Harborview Hospital.
- 16-3374
- On September 6, Skagit County initiated a search for a missing 46 year old male horseback rider. One horse team from Snohomish County assisted with the search. The subject was located in good health approximately two miles from where he was initially reported missing. Assets did respond to the rally point, but were not deployed.
- 16-3403
- On September 9, NWS Spokane issued a Fire Weather Watch for eastern Washington Methow Valley due to predicted high winds and low relative humidity in effect from Sunday Morning through Sunday night. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on September 10.
 - On September 10, NWS Spokane issued a Red Flag Warning for Okanogan County for wind and low relative humidity in effect from Sunday 1100-2100 hrs. The warning was extended to Lincoln, Grant, Douglas, and Adams Counties on September 11.
 - On September 11, NWS Spokane issued a Red Flag Warning for Adams, Benton, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Klickitat, Lincoln and Yakima Counties for wind and low relative humidity in effect from Monday 1100-1900 hrs.
 - On September 12, NWS Spokane issued a Freeze Warning for Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry and Spokane Counties.
 - All weather watches and warnings expired without incident.
- 16-3415
- On September 10 at 0916 hrs, the United States Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) verified the occurrence of a 4.2Md earthquake 18 miles NNE of Oroville, WA at a depth of 3.1 miles. The Alert & Warning Center made contact with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office who only had reports of shaking via 911 and no reports damage.
- 16-3429
- On September 11 at 1915 hrs, the Washington State Patrol approved State Fire Mobilization for the 230 Switch Yard Fire near Grand Coulee in Douglas and Grant Counties. The State EOC activated to Level 2 to support mobilization activities. Demobilization occurred at midnight on September 13. Two-hundred and thirty acres burned.

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- 16-3236
 - On September 12, Mason County opened a search for two missing hikers near the High Steel Bridge. An air scent dog from Pierce County was coordinated to assist, but a US Coast Guard helicopter located the missing hikers before the asset deployed. Both individuals were cold and wet but otherwise in good condition.

- 16-3447
 - On September 12 at 1945 hrs, the Washington State Patrol approved State Fire Mobilization for the Old Lady Creek fire near Roosevelt in Klickitat County. State fire resources demobilized at 0900 hrs on September 15 and the State EOC returned to Level 3 at that time. The fire burned 2,771 acres.

- 16-3457
 - On September 13, NWS Spokane issued a Freeze Warning for Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, and parts of Okanogan and Spokane Counties. The Warning expired the following day.

- 16-3462
 - On September 13, an Amber Alert was issued for Alexis and Judah Lynley who were taken from their custodial grandmother by their parents, Alexis and Lisa Lynley. Children were found safe in Seattle.

- 16-3466
 - On September 14, Grays Harbor initiated a search for a person who was seen entering the water and not resurfacing near Hoquiam. The use of a Dive Team from Kitsap County, along with Air Scent Dog teams from Pierce County was coordinated to assist. The subject was located deceased; however his body was unable to be recovered.

- 16-3484
 - On September 15, Mason County attempted to conduct the recovery of a missing person near the High Steel Bridge. The recovery team became stranded near a waterfall down in a valley in the Skokomish River and requested a helicopter with hoist. State resources were not available so the AFRCC was contacted. Assets from Navy Whidbey rescued and safely transported the subjects to Sanderson Field in Shelton.

- 16-3496
 - On September 16, Grays Harbor County conducted a search for a missing mushroom picker southwest of Matlock. Search dogs from Pierce County were coordinated, along with ground searchers from Mason, Pierce, and Thurston Counties to assist in the search. The subject safely returned home on his own late that evening.

- 16-3500
 - On September 16, Yakima County Sheriff's Office requested a helicopter with hoist for the rescue of an injured 39 year old climber at the Lunch Counter on Mount Adams. A request for a Yakima Training Center helicopter through the AFRCC was made, and successfully carried out with the subject airlifted to a local hospital that evening.

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- 16-3508
- On September 18, Skamania County initiated a search for a missing hiker on Mt St Helens. The use of ground searchers and a bus were coordinated for from Cowlitz County to assist in the search. The individual was located in good condition on September 19.
- 16-ES-049
- On September 19, Skamania County conducted an Evidence Search for a missing person north of Carson. The use of a search dog and ground searchers were coordinated for from Clark and Klickitat Counties to assist. The mission was closed on September 19; however, the results were not shared.
- 16-3523
- On September 19, Ed Christian of the King County Sheriff's Office called the EOC and requested to open a SAR mission for the rescue of an elderly male. Search dogs, ground searchers and 4x4s were coordinated from Pierce County to assist.
 - On September 20, Ed Christian of the King County Sheriff's Office called the EOC and requested additional dogs, ground searchers, and 4x4s for September 21. Chelan, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties were notified. Kitsap County provided support with two Air Scent Dog Teams. Pierce, Thurston, and Skagit Counties provided 4x4s and ground searchers.
 - The mission was closed the evening of September 21 but the subject was not found.
 - On September 29, Ed Christian called requesting this mission be re-opened and requested ground searchers, 4x4s, and search dogs out of Pierce County.
 - As of September 30, this mission is still open. Another search attempt will begin on October 1.
- 16-3557
- On September 23, the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to an active shooter situation at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, WA. Four individuals were confirmed killed and as of midnight the suspect, described as a Hispanic male in a black T-shirt, was still at large. He was last seen making his way on foot towards I-5. At 1852 hours on September 24, it was announced that the suspect was apprehended. The Skagit County EOC deactivated shortly after the suspect's arrest.
- 16-3636
- On September 30, San Juan County requested a mission number for a downed Kenmore Tours aircraft in the water between San Juan and Lopez Islands. Four passengers were accounted for. WA State Department of Ecology responders arrived on the scene to supervise and conduct the clean-up of fuel and lubricants.

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SEOO Activity for the current month:

2	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
599	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
34	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 6 exercises of which 6 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

<i>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</i>	<i>Frequency of tests</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 and Warning Center</i>	<i>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i>
NAWAS	Twice daily	60	1948	1817	93%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	15	7	47%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	317	145	46%

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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	OPSCAN test	1 per day	29
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	29	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	4

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 4 tests a day, testing 66 drops on 2 circuits. The number above reflects the 4 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.
- OPSCAN: Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN) connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.
- 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 via Zetron Radio Console.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.