

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

April 2018

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CATEGORY	April 2018	April 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	1	1	3
FIRE	34	19	75	36
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	234	213	885	868
OTHER	65	75	295	292
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	4	3	11	9
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	62	58	253	225
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	3	5	18	18
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	402	374	1538	1451

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	2	3	16	16
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	53	43	246	461

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

- 18-1182
- On April 5, The National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch for Cowlitz, Pacific, and Wahkiakum Counties from late on April 6 through the evening of April 7. The Watch was expanded later that day to include portions of Wahkiakum, Cowlitz and Clark Counties.
 - On April 5, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch for the Central and North Central Coasts affecting Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Clallam Counties from late night on April 6 through the afternoon of April 7.
 - On April 5, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Mason County from the afternoon of April 7 through the morning of April 8. The Watch was cancelled on April 7.
 - On April 6, The National Weather Service upgraded the High Wind Watch to a High Wind Warning for the South Washington Coast, Lower Columbia River Region, and south Cascades affecting Pacific, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz Clark, and Skamania Counties from 0400 to 2000 on April 7. The Warning was extended until 1000 on April 8 and then cancelled on the morning of April 8.
 - On April 6, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands, Admiralty Inlet-Puget Sound and Hood Canal, affecting Jefferson, Island, San Juan, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom Counties from 0500 hrs on April 7 until 0500 hrs on April 8.
 - On April 6, the National Weather Service issued a High Surf Advisory for the South Washington Coast through April 7. The Advisory was cancelled on April 8.
 - On April 6, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for the Central and North Central Coasts affecting Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Clallam Counties from 0300 until 2300 hrs April 7. The Warnings were downgraded to High Wind Advisories on April 7.
 - On April 6, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the South Washington Cascades affecting Cowlitz and Skamania Counties from 1600 on April 7 to 1800 on April 8. The Warning expired without incident
 - On April 7, the National Weather Service issued a High Surf Advisory for the North and Central Coast affecting Clallam, Jefferson and Grays Harbor Counties from 1200 that day until 0300 on April 8. The Advisory was extended until 0900 and extended again until 1200 on April 8. The Advisory expired without incident.
 - On April 7, the National Weather Service extended the High Wind Warning for the South Coast affecting, Skamania, Clark, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz and Pacific Counties until 1000 on April 8.
 - On April 7, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River near Potlatch affecting Mason County from late that night until the morning of April 9.

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- On April 7, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County until late on April 8.
- On April 8, the National Weather Service cancelled the Flood Warning for the Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County.
- On April 8, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Skookumchuck River near Bucoda affecting Thurston County until the afternoon of April 9.
- On April 9, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch from late on April 9 through the morning of April 10 for Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties.
- On April 9, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Island and Admiralty Inlet from 0600 until 1500 on April 10. The Warning expired without incident.
- On April 9, the National Weather Service cancelled the Flood Warnings for the Skookumchuck River near Bucoda in Thurston County and the Skokomish River near Potlatch in Mason County.
- On April 9, the National Weather Service upgraded the High Wind Watch for the South Washington Coast to a High Wind Warning from 0400 to 0900 on April 10. The Warning expired without incident.

18-1183 • On April 5, Skagit County conducted a search for a 93-year-old female who had walked away from her residence in Alger. Search dogs were coordinated from Snohomish County to assist, however the individual was located prior to their arrival and was transported to the hospital for treatment.

18-1269 • On April 10, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and Admiralty Inlet from 0300 until 1500 on April 4.

- On April 11, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Northeast Mountains and Okanogan Highlands through April 12.
- On April 12, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Cascades of Lewis and Pierce Counties from the morning until the evening of April 13. The watch was upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning in effect until the morning of April 14. The Warning was cancelled on April 14.
- On April 12, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Skokomish River in Mason County from the afternoon of April 13 through the afternoon of April 14.
- On April 12, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the South Washington Cascades affecting Cowlitz and Skamania Counties from 1700 on April 12 until 1700 on April 13. The Warning was cancelled on April 13.
- On April 13, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters and San Juan Islands until 1700 the same day.
- On April 13, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River near Potlatch in Mason County from late that night until the evening of April 15. The Warning expired without significant incident.

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- On April 13, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Thurston and Lewis Counties from late on April 14 through early morning of April 15. The Watch was cancelled on the morning of April 15.
 - On April 14, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Willapa Hills and South Washington Coast affecting Pacific, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz Counties. The Flood Watch was cancelled during the early afternoon of April 14
 - On April 14, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Grays River near Rosburg in Wahkiakum County until the afternoon of April 15. On April 15, the National Weather Service cancelled the Flood Warning for Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County, ending the weather event
- 18-1354
- On April 16, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Cascades of Pierce and Lewis Counties until midnight. The Warning expired without incident.
- 18-1386
- On April 19, Grays Harbor County conducted a search for a 34-year-old male near Lake Quinault. Additional searchers were coordinated from Kitsap, Mason, Pierce and Thurston Counties to assist.
 - On April 20, a helicopter with FLIR from King County, search dogs from Kitsap, Mason, Pierce and Thurston counties, and a Swift Water Rescue Team from Mason County were coordinated to assist. The search was suspended on April 20, pending further investigation.
- 15-1506
- On April 29, Mason County conducted a search for the remains of an 83-year-old female near the Putvin Trailhead, missing since October 2017. Addition resources including dogs and ground searchers were coordinated from Kitsap, Pierce and Cowlitz Counties to assist. Nothing was found.
 - The search was scheduled to resume on May 5-6 with resources including dogs, a drone, and Mountain Rescue coordinated from Pierce, Kitsap and Cowlitz counties to again assist. Search is pending as of the end of this report.
- 18-1516
- On April 29, the University of Washington Seismology Laboratory reported that a 1.8-mile-deep, 3.3 magnitude earthquake occurred at 1055 hrs, located 9 miles ENE of Cle Elum. Kittitas County Dispatch reported not receiving any calls from anyone feeling the event.
- 18-1526
- On April 29, Pierce County conducted a search for a missing 14-year-old girl in Puyallup. Search dogs were coordinated from Thurston County to assist. On April 30, the missing child was ruled a run away and the search was cancelled.

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- 18-1534 • On April 30, the Tacoma Police Department issued an Amber Alert for an unidentified 10 year old male abducted near Delong Elementary School in Tacoma, Pierce County. The Amber Alert was cancelled later that day when the child was located and placed in safe custody.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

76	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
54	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
845	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
13	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 8 exercises of which 8 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	119	1890	1774	94%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	11	42%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	280	110	39%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	5	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	4	OPSCAN test	1 per day	30
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30	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 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.
- 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.