

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

February 2018

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CATEGORY	February 2018	February 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	0	2
FIRE	10	4	17	9
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	200	201	439	423
OTHER	61	61	140	141
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	3	3	7	4
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	56	47	110	114
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	7	5	13	8
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	337	321	727	699

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	4	8	8	10
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	83	163	184	261

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

18-0413	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 2, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties• On February 3, The National Weather Service issued Flood Warnings for the Tolt River near Carnation and the Snoqualmie River near the Falls affecting King County• On February 3, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Lewis and Thurston Counties• On February 4, the National Weather Service issued the following Flood Warnings: Pilchuck River near Snohomish, the Snohomish River at Snohomish, the Snohomish River at Monroe and the Stillaguamish River at Arlington affecting Snohomish County; the Snoqualmie River near Carnation affecting King County; the Nooksack River at North Cedarville affecting Whatcom County; and the Palouse River at Potlatch, Idaho affecting Whitman County• On February 5, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Walla Walla River near Touchet affecting Walla Walla County• On February 6, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the White River at R Street in Auburn affecting King County• On February 8, the last of the remaining Flood Warnings were cancelled by the National Weather Service
18-0458	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 6, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a missing 78-year old female with dementia in Vaughn. Search dogs from Kitsap and Mason County were coordinated to assist in the search. The subject was safely located later that day
18-0526	On February 11, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters
18-0529	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 12, Walla Walla and Kitsap Counties activated their Emergency Operations Centers for warming centers support due to cold weather
18-0536	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 12, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman Counties. The watch was upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning on February 13th
18-0568	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 15, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Cascades of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Skamania, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties and for the Northeast Mountains of Spokane, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. The watches were upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning on February 16th• On February 16, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Northeast Blue Mountains of Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Okanogan, and Walla Walla Counties• On February 16, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for the east Columbia River Gorge area of Klickitat County

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 17, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the East Slopes of the Washington Cascades of Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima Counties • On February 17, the National Weather Service issued High Wind Warnings for much of central and eastern Washington • February 17, the National Weather Service issued Winter Storm Watches for the North Slopes of the Olympic Range including Hurricane Ridge and the eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca including Sequim and Port Angeles • On February 17, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the North Slopes of the Olympic Range including Hurricane Ridge • On February 18, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for Everett and vicinity • On February 18, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for Western Whatcom and San Juan Counties • On February 18, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Puget Sound Hood Canal areas affecting Jefferson, King, Mason, Pierce, Snohomish and Thurston Counties
18-0572	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 15, Klickitat County initiated a search for a missing 84-year-old male in Lyle. A helicopter with FLIR was coordinated to assist in the search through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and flown by the United States Coast Guard. The subject was located the following morning with mild hypothermia
18-0631	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 20, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for portions of Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties
18-0663	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 23, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the western Washington Cascades. The watch was upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning on February 24th • On February 24, additional Winter Storm Warnings were issued for portions of Walla Walla, Columbia, Spokane and Whitman Counties
18-0679	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 24, Clallam County initiated a rescue for an injured hiker who had fallen down a waterfall near Ozette. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and assisted in safely extracting and transporting the subject to a local hospital
18-0691	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 25, Whatcom County reported a snow slide near mile post 122 of State Route 20 trapping several people on the east side of the slide near the North Cascades Institute. Washington Department of Transportation crews cleared enough of the slide on February 26th to allow those trapped behind it to leave the area. Both lanes were reopened to traffic on February 27th
18-0692	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 25, Kittitas County began search and rescue operations for snowmobilers caught in an avalanche near the Crystal Springs Sno-Park near Stampede Pass. Rescue ski patrol teams, snowshoers, and snowmobilers were coordinated from King County to assist in the operation.

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	The incident closed that evening after four injured subjects were rescued and one subject was recovered deceased
08-0704	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On February 27, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Northeast Mountains, Okanogan Highlands, and east slopes of the northern Cascades. The watch was upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning on February 28th On February 27, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands

SEOO Activity for the current month:

109	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
60	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1077	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
10	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 6 exercises of which 4 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	56	1766	1673	94.7%
STAEN	At least twice per month	1	13	1	7.69%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	280	134	47.9%

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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	26
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	28	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.