

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

**March 2018**

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CATEGORY	March 2018	March 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	1	2
FIRE	24	8	41	17
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	212	231	651	655
OTHER	89	76	229	217
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	2	7	6
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	81	53	191	167
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	2	5	15	13
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total number of Logged incidents</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>1135</b>	<b>1077</b>

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Missions</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>418</b>

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

- 18-0704 • On March 2, the Winter Storm Warning issued February 28<sup>th</sup> expired for the Northeast Mountains, Okanogan Highlands, and east slopes of the northern Cascades.
- 18-0759 • On March 3, King County Sheriff's Office requested cell phone forensics assistance from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center for a missing 28-year-old male search. The subject was found deceased later that same day.
- 18-0764 • On 3 March, Kittitas County initiated a search and rescue mission for four snowmobilers involved in an avalanche near Salmon la Sac Road. Mountain rescue personnel and a helicopter with hoist were coordinated from King County along with a snowmobile rescue team from Yakima County and an additional helicopter from Chelan County. Two subjects were recovered deceased and one was injured and airlifted to Harborview.
- 18-0777 • On March 4, Snohomish County initiated a search for a missing 36-year-old male in the Stanwood area. Search dogs were coordinated from Pierce, King, and Kitsap Counties to assist in the search along with ground searchers from King County. The subject was found safe the following day.
- 18-0779 • On March 4, Okanogan County initiated a recovery of an avalanche victim in the Mazama area. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated with Snohomish County and the body was recovered the following day.
- 18-0821 • On March 7, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Cascades of Whatcom, Skagit, Pierce, and Lewis Counties.  
• On March 8, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for portions of Cowlitz, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties and a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands.
- 18-0868 • On March 10, Whatcom County initiated a recovery of an avalanche victim in the Mt. Baker area. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated to assist from Snohomish County and the body was recovered later that evening.
- 18-0887 • On March 11, Yakima County initiated a search for five missing snowmobilers on Mt. Adams. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center from the Yakima Training Center. The subjects were located and extracted by the military helicopter later that day.
- 18-0893 • On March 11, Skamania County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker near Carson. A helicopter with hoist assist was coordinated from the Coast Guard Air Station Astoria. The subject was safely hoisted out of the area and transported to a Portland hospital by the Coast Guard.

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- 18-0914 • On March 12, Mount Rainier National Park initiated a search for a missing 23-year-old snowshoer in the Camp Muir area. Cell phone forensics were coordinated with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center along with mountain rescue teams from King, Kitsap, and Pierce Counties. The subject was found deceased the following day.
- 18-0944 • On March 15, an AMBER Alert was issued for a 1-year-old abducted by his father in Bothell. The child was located safe at his grandmother’s house the following day.
- 18-0978 • On March 18, Snohomish County initiated a search for a 24-year-old male missing since January 23<sup>rd</sup> and last seen near the Tulalip Resort Casino. Human remains search dogs were requested and coordinated from King, Kitsap and Mason Counties to assist in the search on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The subject was not located.
- 18-0999 • On March 20, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for portions of Chelan, Ferry, Okanogan, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties for heavy rainfall and melting snow.
- 18-1095 • On March 28, an AMBER Alert was issued for a 5-year-old boy abducted by his father in Lake Forest Park north of Seattle. The alert was cancelled an hour later after the child was safely recovered and the father taken into custody.

*SEOO Activity for the current month:*

16	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
8	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
680	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
32	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 5 exercises of which 3 were vessel spill drills.

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*Conducted the following tests:*

<b>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</b>	<b>Frequency of tests</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 and Warning Center</b>	<b>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</b>
NAWAS	Twice daily	62	1952	1847	94.62%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	8	30.77%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	293	102	34.81%

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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	4	OPSCAN test	1 per day	30
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	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

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- 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.