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July 2015

CATEGORY	July 2015	July 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	1	3
FIRE	84	71	284	199
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	230	232	1544	1523
OTHER	90	91	637	618
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	3	4	30	40
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	90	103	474	458
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	7	7	35	32
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	1	0	23
<b>Total number of Logged incidents</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>2896</b>

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	2	3	29	35
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	55	49	284	291

LEGEND	
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
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

- 15-2451 • On July 1, the State EOC continued Phase II Operations in support of State Fire Resources Mobilization for the Sleepy Hollow Fire in Chelan County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended on July 3 at 1200 hrs.
- 15-2479 • On July 1, the State EOC continued Phase II Operations in support of State Fire Resources Mobilization for the Road 6 Fire in Douglas County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended for the Road 6 Fire on July 2 at 1200 hrs.
- 15-2485 • On July 1, a Fire Weather Watch that was issued on June 30 continued for the east slopes of the southern Cascades.
  - On July 1, Fire Weather Watches were issued for the East Central Cascade Valleys, the East South Central Cascade Valleys, the East Northern Columbia Basin and Okanogan/Methow Valleys, the East slopes of the Southern Cascades and the Columbia Basin.
  - On July 2, The National Weather Service upgraded all of the Fire Weather Watches for Eastern Washington to Red Flag Warnings.
  - On July 4, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for the Northeast Mountains.
  - On July 4, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for North Coastal Lowlands, the Northwest Interior, and the Central and South Sound Lowlands.
  - On July 5, all weather warnings for this series of events expired or were cancelled by the National Weather Service.
- 15-2502 • On July 1, the State EOC continued Phase II Operations in support of State Fire Resources Mobilization for the Monument Hill Fire in Grant County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended on July 3 at 1200 hrs.
- 15-2549 • On July 3, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved for the 231 Fire in Stevens County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended at 2400 hrs on July 7.
- 15-2550 • On July 3, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved for the Junction Fire in Klickitat County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended at 2400 hrs on July 4.
- 15-2567 • On July 4, King County Special Operations conducted a rescue mission for an injured female with leg injuries near Necklace Valley. Additional resources were coordinated from Snohomish County to assist. The injured female was flown to the hospital for treatment.

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- 15-2571 • On July 4, King County Special Operations opened a mission to rescue an injured 20 year-old male who fell off a cliff in Black Diamond. Additional resources were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. The injured male was transported to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-2580 • On July 5, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved for the Beezley Hills Fire in Grant County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended at 2400 hrs on July 7.
- 15-2594 • On July 5, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved for the Gilmore Gulch Fire in Asotin County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended at 1800 July 9.
- 15-2604 • On July 6, Lewis County conducted a rescue of an injured hiker near Lily Lake in the White Pass and a helicopter with hoist was coordinated from King County to assist. The hiker was flown to Harborview Hospital.
- 15-2614 • On July 6, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Spokane, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Lincoln, and Okanogan Counties.
  - On July 7 the National Weather Service upgraded the Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag Warning for Spokane, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry and Okanogan Counties.
  - On July 7, a Flash Flood Warning was issued for central Chelan County.
  - On July 7, all watches and warnings for this series of events expired or were cancelled by the National Weather Service.
- 15-2619 • On July 6, the Ice Caves in Snohomish County collapsed creating a Mass Casualties Incident (MCI). Assistance was coordinated from the King County Sheriff's Office and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center as well as ice cave collapse techniques from the Washington State Department of Transportation. One person was killed and the others were rescued and flown to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-2634 • On July 7, the AMBER Alert System was activated for seven year-old Devin P. Owens. The Alert was cancelled later in the evening when the child was found safe.

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- 15-2646 • On July 7, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin Counties and a Fire Weather Watch for Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Whitman, and Lincoln Counties.
  - On July 9, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for Columbia and Walla Walla Counties.
  - On July 10, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Spokane, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry & Okanogan Counties.
  - All watches and warnings for this series of events expired or were cancelled by the National Weather Service.
  
- 15-2666 • On July 9, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office conducted a rescue of three teen-agers who were stuck on a cliff north of Rimrock Lake. A helicopter with a hoist was coordinated from the Washington National Guard to assist. The individuals were rescued and transported to safety.
  
- 15-2682 • On July 10, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved at 2315 hrs for the Douglas County Complex Fire in Douglas County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended at 2359 hrs on July, 15, 2015
  
- 15-2684 • On July 11, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for Okanogan, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. The watch expired without incident.
  
- 15-2698 • On July 11, a private aircraft was reported overdue by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC, Mission Number 15M-0392). Two grandparents were flying their granddaughter back home to Lynden from Kalispel, MT on a Beech-35, Tail Number 8749A. Elements of WSDOT-AVN and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) were involved in the search. The granddaughter walked out the woods near Brewster on July 13. On July 14, air support was coordinated for Snohomish County Sheriff's helicopter to conduct an aerial search of the suspected crash site. On July 15 a ground crew and mountain rescue crew from Skagit County deployed to the crash site and recovered the bodies of the grandparents.

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- 15-2737
  - On July 14, The National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Chelan and Douglas Counties effective from 3 PM July 15 until 8 PM July 16 for wind and low relative humidity.
  - On July 14, The National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Yakima, Kittitas, Benton and Adams Counties effective from 2 PM until 9 PM July 16 for wind and low relative humidity.
  - On July 15, The National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for July 17 (afternoon) to July 17 (evening). Okanogan, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln & Adams Counties were affected. This was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on July 16 for the same time period.
  - On July 16 the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania, Yakima and Klickitat to July 18 (evening).
  - On July 17, all watches and warnings for this series of events expired or were cancelled by the National Weather Service.
  
- 15-2738
  - On July 14, Jefferson County conducted a rescue of an injured hiker near the Lower Lena Lake Trailhead. Ground searchers and base support personnel were coordinated from Kitsap and Mason Counties to assist. The individual was rescued.
  
- 15-2744
  - On July 14, a private aircraft was reported overdue by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC, Mission Number 15M-0404A). Two people were on board and the last known location was near Mount Baker. The next day the wreckage was spotted and a helicopter with hoist was coordinated to assist with the recovery.
  
- 15-2769
  - On July 16, Kitsap County conducted a search for a six year-old girl near Bremerton. Search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. The child was located in good condition.
  
- 15-2799
  - On July 18, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Klickitat County.
  - On July 19, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for: Kittitas, Yakima, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln & Adams Counties.
  - On July 19, the National Weather Service added more counties and changed the Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag Warning for: Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman, Yakima Counties through July 21.
  - On July 20, the Red Flag Warning was extended for Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima Counties.
  - On July 21, all watches and warnings for this series of events expired, or were cancelled by the National Weather Service.

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- 15-2817 • On July 19, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1815 hrs for the I-90 Fire in Grant County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended on July 22 at 0200 hrs.
- 15-2841 • On July 20, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved effective 1615 hrs for the Blue Creek Fire in Walla Walla County. State Fire Resources Mobilization ended on July 26 at midnight.
- 15-2853 • On July 21, Kitsap County conducted a search for a dementia patient. Additional resources were coordinated from Mason, Thurston and Pierce Counties to assist. The individual was located in good condition.
- 15-2901 • On July 24, Thurston County conducted a search for a missing 14-year old male in Olympia. Two search dog teams were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. Additional resources were also requested from Lewis, Mason, King, and Grays Harbor Counties. The resources were cancelled when the subject was located in good condition.
- 15-2912 • On July 26, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for Okanogan County. The watch expired at 2000 hours the same day.
- 15-2946 • On July 28, the National Weather Service issued a Heat Advisory for Cowlitz, Clark, Wahkiakum, Lewis, Thurston, Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties.
  - On July 29, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Clallam, Mason, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Lewis and Pierce Counties.
  - On July 29, the National Weather Service replaced the Heat Advisory for Clark and Skamania Counties with a Excessive Heat Warning. The Warning is in effect until 9 PM July 30.
  - On July 30, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Grant, Kittitas, Douglas, Yakima, Benton, Walla Walla, Asotin, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat and Chelan Counties effective beginning 31 July. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning effective 31 July through 1 August.
  - On July 31, the National Weather Service cancelled the Fire Weather Watch for the following counties: Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima.
  - On July 31, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Klickitat County effective for 1 August.
  - On July 31, the National Weather Service a Heat Advisory for the Lower Garfield and Asotin Counties, in effect until 2000 hours, August 2.
  - On July 31, the National Weather Service extended the Excessive Heat Warning for Clark County for 24 hours.

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- 15-2951 • On July 28, Snohomish County opened a rescue mission for an injured female hiker with a broken ankle. Ground SAR volunteers were coordinated through Skagit County to pack her out 4 miles back down to the trail head. The individual was rescued and transported to the hospital.
- 15-2954 • On July 28, Franklin County commenced a rescue for an 18 year-old female with a broken leg at Palouse Falls. A request for helo support with hoist capability was made to AFRCC. The request was cancelled when the subject was rescued by local resources.
- 15-2979 • On July 30, Skamania County opened a search for a missing 87 year-old female berry picker in the Sawtooth Berry Fields area. Ground searchers and a search dog team responded from Clark County. Additional dog teams from Lewis County, along with ground searchers from Cowlitz County, deployed to support this mission. The search continued through July 31.
- 15-2983 • On July 30, Kitsap County initiated a search for a missing 61 year-old male Alzheimer's patient in the Port Orchard Area. Two search dog teams, who were initially requested to support Mission Number 15-2979 from Pierce County, were reassigned to support this mission. The subject was found in good health. The Pierce County dog teams were en-route and were reassigned to support the search in Skamania County (Mission Number 15-2979).
- 15-2998 • On July 31, State Fire Resources Mobilization was approved for the Deckerville Fire in Mason County. State Fire Resources Mobilization continued through the end of the day/month.

*SEOO Activity for the current month:*

57	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
53	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
1271	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
46	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 5 exercises of which 1 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	61	1997	1888	95%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	5	17%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	312	169	54%

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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	6	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	5

*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

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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.