

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

October 2018

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CATEGORY	October 2018	October 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	1	0	9	9
FIRE	39	64	315	296
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	206	180	2127	2144
OTHER	70	85	759	819
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	2	2	22	23
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	90	91	869	901
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	7	9	43	55
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	415	431	4144	4247

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	5	4	43	52
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	13	73	438	752

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

- 18-3751 On October 3, Kitsap County opened a search for a 60-year-old male dementia patient in the Port Orchard area. Kitsap County requested 20 ground searchers and 1 dog to assist. The request was made to: King, Pierce, Lewis, Skagit, Snohomish, Grays Harbor and Skamania Counties. Subject was found in good condition before any resources deployed.
- 18-3760 On October 4, The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Freeze Warning for Asotin, Garfield and Grant Counties in effect from 0100 to 0900 hours on October 5. The Warning expired without significant incident.
- 18-3797 On October 7, Lewis County opened a mission for a missing suicidal 19-year-old female. On October 8, Deputy called to request 8 to 10 Mountain Rescue personnel and coordination was accomplished with King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Subject's body was subsequently recovered.
- 18-3822 On October 9, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for SE Washington and the Southern Blue Mountains of Walla Walla and Columbia Counties until 1300 hours. The Watch expired without further action.
- 18-3828 On October 9, Thurston County opened a search for human remains resulting from a fire at the Tumwater Brewery. Cadaver dogs were coordinated from Pierce and Kitsap Counties to conduct a search on October 13. Nothing was located.
- 18-3842 On October 10, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning for portions of Adams, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Lincoln, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima Counties in effect from 0200 to 0900 hours on October 11. The Warning expired without significant incident.
- 18-3870 On October 13, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning for the Kittitas Valley, Yakima Valley, and Lower Columbia Basin of Washington in effect from 0200 to 0900 hours, October 14. The Warning expired without significant incident.
- 18-3875 On October 13, International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) called for an In-Reach Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) activation reporting a woman hiker with a broken ankle near Mount Baker. The mission was passed to the Whatcom County Sherriff for rescue operations. The subject was subsequently transported to the hospital for treatment.
- 18-3882 On October 14, the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office initiated the rescue of a male who fell 60-80 feet down an embankment on the Humptulips River. Olympic Mountain Rescue was coordinated from Kitsap County to assist. Subject was successfully rescued later that day.
- 18-3892 On October 14, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning for the Kittitas Valley, Yakima Valley, the Blue Mountains and Lower Columbia Basin of Washington in effect from 0200 to 0900 hours, October 15.

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On October 14, the NWS added Clark, Cowlitz & Wahkiakum Counties to the Freeze Warning in effect from 0300 to 0900 hours, October 15. The Warnings expired without significant incident.

- 18-3897 On October 14, Kittitas County initiated a Search and Rescue (SAR) Mission for an overdue hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). On October 15, they requested additional resources. King County was contacted to provide those resources. The hiker was located in good condition.
- 18-3924 On October 17, Klickitat County initiated the rescue of a downed paraglider. King and Snohomish Counties were contacted and were not available. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) was contacted to coordinate federal assets. The subject was extracted successfully and transported to a hospital for further care.
- 18-4042 On October 25, Kitsap County initiated a search for a missing Alzheimer's patient. Dogs were requested and coordinated through Pierce County. Kitsap County advised the subject was located before the resources arrived on scene.
- 18-4047 On October 26, the Hanford Department of Energy issued an Abnormal Event after steam was observed during grout filling operations at PUREX Tunnel 2. Employees were directed to take cover as a precaution. Field readings taken later indicated that there was no release of hazardous materials and the take cover order was lifted.
- 18-4078 On October 27, Yakima County Sherriff's Office initiated a search for a missing 40-year old hunter near Flat Iron Lake. A helicopter was requested and coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Subject was located in good condition and mission closed on October 29.
- 18-4112 On October 29, Mason County opened a search for a 35-year-old male brush picker missing in the Price Lake Area. A command vehicle and 10 Ground Searchers were requested and coordinated through Thurston and Kitsap Counties.

On October 30, Other resources requested were a helicopter with Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR), coordinated with Snohomish and King Counties, then the AFRCC; search dogs, coordinated with Pierce, Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties; and 4x4 vehicles, coordinated with Pierce and Thurston Counties.

On October 30, Mason County requested Ground Searchers and a Command Vehicle for October 31. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, Thurston, King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties.

On October 31, an additional Tracking Dog was coordinated from Pierce County to assist.

On October 31, Mason County requested 20 Ground Searchers and 4-6 ATV/Quads for Nov 1. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, Thurston, King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties. This mission remained open at the end of the reporting period.

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18-4117 On October 30, NWS Seattle issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and Admiralty Inlet in effect from 2000 hours, October 30, through 0800 hours, October 31.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

27	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
6	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
655	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
37	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

➤ Participated in 18 exercises of which 9 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 - FEDERAL	Twice daily	62			
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1860	1691	91%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	12	46%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	337	151	45%

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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	7	OPSCAN test	1 per day	32
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	6

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 states 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.