

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

September 2018

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CATEGORY	September 2018	September 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	4	0	8	9
FIRE	24	35	276	232
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	201	209	1921	1964
OTHER	81	83	689	734
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	1	3	20	21
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	93	85	779	810
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	0	6	36	46
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	7890
Total number of Logged incidents	404	421	3729	3816

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	7	8	38	48
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	0	40	425	679

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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- 18-3062 On September 1, the State EOC continued Level 2 activation status due to the Washington National Guard's deployment in support of the Kettle River Fire in Ferry County.
- 18-3328 On September 1, Chief John Batiste approved State Mobilization at 0700 hours for the Crystal Fire located in Douglas County near East Wenatchee. Initially the fire was 2,500 acres and growing. Homes, crops, and infrastructure were threatened, and Level 2 evacuation orders were in effect. The State EOC continued Level 2 activation status. State mobilization for this fire ended at 1200 hours on September 3. The State EOC remained at Level 2 due to the State Fire Mobilization for the Wagon Wheel Command Fire in Benton County and in support of the National Guard's deployment related to the Kettle River Fire in Ferry County.
- 18-3339 On September 1, Chief John Batiste approved State Mobilization for the Wagon Wheel Command Fire located in Benton County near Benton City at 1645 hours the fire was 400 acres and growing. Homes and infrastructure were threatened. Level 3 evacuation orders were in effect. The State EOC continued Level 2 activation status. State mobilization for this fire ended at 1200 hours on September 3. The State EOC remained at Level 2 in support of the National Guard's deployment related to the Kettle River Fire in Ferry County
- 18-3343 On September 1, the Hanford Department of Energy declared an Abnormal Event due to the Wagon Wheel Command Fire reaching the site's Arid Lands Ecology (ALE) area. No Hanford facilities were threatened, and the fire was contained at approximately 2200 hours.
- 18-3368 On September 3, Clallam County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a missing 74-year-old male believed to have fallen off a bluff in Port Angeles. A helicopter with hoist and spotlight was requested from the US Coast Guard Station, Port Angeles. The subject was located deceased on the beach by ground searchers before the helicopter deployed. A boat from the Coast Guard station was then coordinated to recover the body.
- 18-3377 On September 4, the International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) reported the activation of an InReach device in Kittitas County near Rachel Lake for a hiker who fell. Kittitas County initiated a rescue of the subject and requested a helicopter with hoist. SEOO coordinated the use of a helicopter with hoist from Snohomish County. The female subject was rescued and transported to Harborview Medical Center.
- 18-3391 On September 5, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker near Kendall Catwalk. King County flew their helicopter in support of this mission.

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- 18-3415 On September 6, Yakima County conducted a rescue of a climber who had fallen into a crevasse on Mount Adams. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) to assist. Yakima County also requested 12 mountain rescue personnel to respond. Clark, Pierce, King & Kitsap Counties were contacted to support this request, but before any personnel deployed the injured climber was rescued and transported by helicopter to the hospital.
- 18-3432 On September 7, Mason County conducted a search for a missing male in the Tahuya Forest. Additional ground searchers from Pierce and Thurston Counties along with Search Dogs from Pierce, Clark and Grays Harbor Counties assisted with this mission. The subject was found deceased the following day.
- 18-3441 On September 8, Hanford Department of Energy declared an Abnormal Event for a wildland fire on the reservation. The fire was subsequently contained which ended the event at 0459 hours.
- 18-3444 On September 8, State Fire Resources Mobilization Request was authorized at 1100 hours for the Glade Creek Fire near Mabton in Yakima County. The State EOC was already operating at Level 2 activation status due to the National Guard's Deployment in support of the Kettle Fire in Ferry County. State Fire Mobilization for the Glade Creek Fire ended at 0800 hours on September 11. The State EOC remained activated to Level 2 in support of the National Guard's deployment relating to the Kettle River Fire in Ferry County.
- 18-3451 On September 8, Hanford Department of Energy declared an Abnormal Event for a wildland fire due to the Saddle Mountain Refuge wildfire that spread to the reservation. The event was terminated on September 13 at 0800 hours when the fire was fully contained.
- 18-3455 On September 8, Hanford Department of Energy declared an Abnormal Event for a wildland fire on the reservation. The fire was contained at 2140 hours. and the incident terminated.
- 18-3461 On September 9, Chelan County requested a helicopter to extract 3 stranded hikers at the 9160-foot level of Sherpa Peak. The State Emergency Operations Officers (SEOOs) coordinated the use of a helicopter from Naval Air Station Whidbey to support this mission. The three stranded hikers were subsequently rescued and flown to Boeing Field.
- 18-3464 On September 9, Lewis County conducted a search for a 59-year-old male hunter south of Big Creek. Additional ground searchers from Thurston, Pierce, Cowlitz, Skamania, and Clark county were called to assist. Subsequently, the male walked out of the forest in good health before the search began.

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- 18-3492 On September 11, Snohomish County conducted a search for a 68-year-old male in Snohomish City. Additional ground searchers and search dogs from the following counties were called-in to assist with this mission: King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom. The subject was located in good condition in Lakewood, Pierce County, on September 12.
- 18-3547 On September 15, Clallam County opened a search for a missing mushroom picker in the La Push area. The SEOOs contacted the AFRCC to coordinate cell phone forensics and the use of a helicopter with Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) . The subject was found about 10 hours later.
- 18-3553 On September 15, Skamania County initiated a rescue for an injured hiker. A helicopter with hoist was requested through AFRCC. The subject was rescued and transported by helicopter to the hospital.
- 18-ES-033 On September 17, Snohomish County requested human remains dog teams to assist in a search on September 23 for remains of a male missing since December 2017. Coordination was accomplished with Kittitas, King, Pierce and Whatcom Counties. The evidence was collected, and the mission was closed on September 23.
- 18-3592 On September 18, Skagit County initiated a search for 2 missing hikers. The SEOOs coordinated the use of a helicopter with FLIR through AFRCC to assist. Both subjects were located in good condition.
- 18-3591 On September 18, Pierce County conducted a rescue of an injured horse and rider near Green Water Lakes. The Washington State Animal Response Team (WASART) from King County was contacted to assist with this mission. The subjects walked out on their own and in good condition.
- 18-3625 On September 22, Lewis County conducted a search for a missing mushroom picker near Packwood. Additional resources from the following counties provided additional assistance: Thurston, and Cowlitz. When located, the subject was cold and hungry, but in good condition.
- 18-3631 On September 22, Kittitas County conducted a rescue of an injured horse. The Washington State Animal Response Team (WASART) from King County was contacted to assist with this mission. The horse was successfully rescued.
- 18-3643 On September 23, King County conducted a rescue of an injured 64-year-old hiker near Granite Mountain. A helicopter was coordinated through the AFRCC to assist. The subject was flown to the hospital for treatment.
- 18-3656 On September 24, Wahkiakum County opened a search for a missing 54-year-old male hike near the town of Nacelle. Two hours later they requested 30 ground searchers, an Incident Management Team, two search dogs and a

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helicopter. The requests were immediately made to: AFRCC, Clark, Cowlitz, Thurston, Pierce, Mason and Lewis Counties. The subject was located on September 25 in good condition.

- 18-ES-038 On Sept 30, Mason County conducted an evidence search near the Putvin Trailhead. Additional ground searchers from: Kitsap, Pierce and Thurston Counties assisted with this mission. The mission was closed at 1830 hours.

- EMAC EMAC 1502RR8151 – Greg Miller called to report all participants were home safe and to close out this EMAC as of 1200 hours on September 26, 2018.

- 18-3692 On September 28, Snohomish County initiated a search for a missing 19-year-old male located at Mount Baring. The SEOOs contacted the following counties to provide Mountain Rescue assets for this mission: King, Pierce, Skagit, Whatcom and Kitsap. The Subject walked out on his own and in good condition.

- 18-3703 On September 29, Whatcom County initiated a rescue of a 63-year-old male climber with back and head injuries. A helicopter with hoist was provided by NAS Whidbey Island and transported the injured patient to a medical facility.

- 18-3710 On September 29, Jefferson County Detectives initiated a search for a missing, potentially suicidal male, from the Elkhorn Campground in Dosewallips. A resource request for 1 tracking dog and 1 drone was made. Kitsap County provided 1 drone. Grays Harbor called back to advise they would be sending 1 dog and handler in the morning. This mission remained open at the end of the reporting period.

- 18-3717 On September 29, Skamania County initiated a search for a missing 56-year-old female from Kitsap County. A resource request for 20 ground searchers was made. SEOO's contacted the following counties to provide ground searchers for the mission: Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Klickitat, and Yakima. The subject was subsequently located in good health on September 30 and the mission was closed at 2030 hours.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

1	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
0	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
614	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.

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50	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.
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- Participated in 13 exercises of which 5 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	118	1859	1711	92.04%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	6	23.08%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	280	112	40.0%

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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	29
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.