

Tribal Relations and Engagement

Testimony to the Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Vision | Mission | Values

VISION

An established, equitable culture of preparedness that empowers Oregonians to thrive in times of crisis.

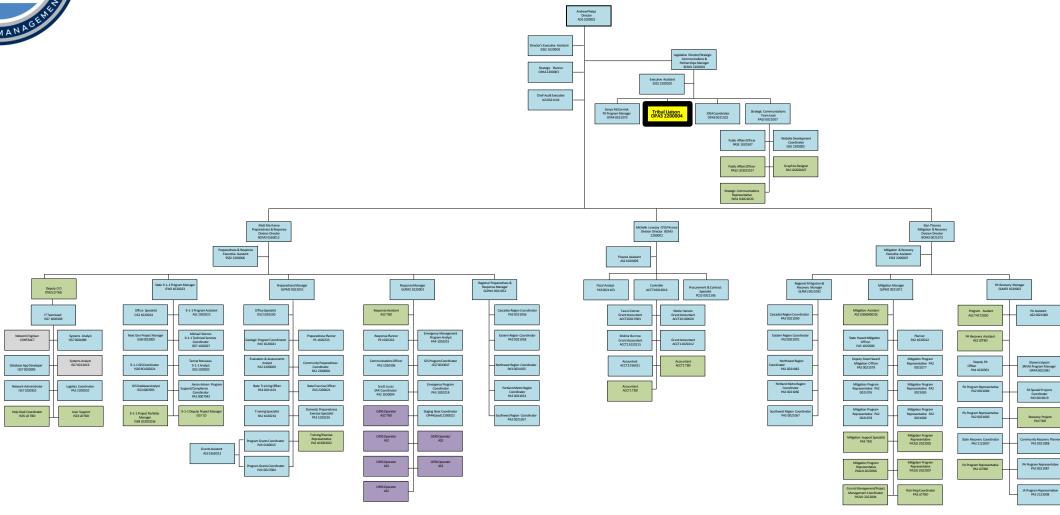
MISSION

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management leads collaborative statewide efforts, inclusive of all partners and the communities we serve, to ensure the capability to get help in an emergency and to protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters regardless of cause.

CORE VALUES



Oregon Department of Emergency Management





Government-to-Government Relationships

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) Staff members offer technical assistance to all Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon in several areas.

- Emergency Management Program Development
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans and Project Work
- Exercise Participation
- Training Delivery
- Auxiliary Communications Technology
- Public Education and Outreach Materials
- Grant Applications and Reports



Summary of Tribal Requests and Incidents (July 2021- Present)

Operations Center Requests

All	Total	Equipment	Facility	Personnel	Supply
Tribes* (*Includes Federal Tribal)	47	5	1	14	27

Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Incidents

All Tribes* (*Includes Federal Tribal)	Total	Communications	Hazmat	Natural Hazard	Search and Rescue
	8	1	2	3	2





Highlights of 2022 Grant Administration and FEMA Disaster Assistance

> Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

• Over \$350,000 in awards to six (6) Tribes.

→ State Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

• Over \$155,000 in non-competitive and competitive awards to five (5) Tribes.

> Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Assistance

- Tribal Governments can, but are no longer required to, request a Major Disaster Declarations (DR) through the State/recipient.
- Tribal Governments can directly request a DR to the FEMA Regional Administrator.
- Tribes can also choose to be Subrecipients under a State's Major Disaster Declaration.



Tribal Engagement

Continuing to foster and strengthen Tribal Relationships:

- ➤ OEM's Tribal Liaison attended the **State-Tribal Natural and Cultural Resources Cluster Group** meetings virtually throughout 2022.
- ➤OEM's Tribal Liaison attended the **Oregon Tribal Preparedness Coalition** meetings virtually throughout 2022; and in-person in March 2022 in Bend.
- ➤OEM Staff attended the **State-Tribal Public Safety Cluster** meetings virtually throughout 2022; and in-person in October 2022 in Florence.
- ➤ OEM Staff participated in the **2022 Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit** in October 2022 in Florence.
 - Hosted by The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.



Questions?

Thank you!





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