



Emergency Management and Disaster Response Planning at OHSU

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OHSU: Oregon's Academic Health Center

- Mission areas: healthcare, education, research
- Oregon's 4th largest employer 21,016 people
- Over one million patient visits a year with most complex and acute care in Oregon
- Medical Resource Hospital
- Regional Resource Hospital Regions 1 and 6
- Oregon Medical Coordination Center





- Marquam Hill Campus
- Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis



How do we prepare at OHSU?

- Plan for worst-case scenario using most common occurrences to build a sustainable plan; emphasis on **personal preparedness**
- Committees representing mission areas reporting to OHSU-wide committee
- Collaboration with federal, state, and local partners



Current Successes

- Emergency Management staffing
- Initial assessment and activation
- Continuity planning
- Inclement weather and wildfire smoke
- Regular exercises and after-action review



Challenges and Areas of Focus

- Evacuation
- Potable Water
- Family Assistance/Family Reunification
- Mass Casualty Response
- Decontamination – Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological

Looking Forward

- Continued engagement with community partners
- Broader awareness about disasters and personal preparedness education
- Open to opportunities for collaboration



Thank you!

