



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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OEM Priorities

Oregon's Resilience is defined by Collaboration

Emergency Managers

Tribal Partners

First Responders

State Agencies

Nonprofit Organizations

Community Leaders



Preparedness and Community Resilience

OEM's flagship outreach initiative *Be 2 Weeks Ready* continues to bring preparedness messaging across the state.



The 2025 Oregon Prepared Conference featured a Tribal blessing by a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and hosted the annual Tribal Caucus with representatives from seven Tribal Nations and organizations.





Preparedness and Community Resilience

Preparedness event in with seniors in Morrow County



2025 Ready Fair at OEM was a huge success!



Our Eastern Oregon Regional Coordinator in Umatilla County





Response and Recovery



OEM and Wasco County signing the IGA





Mitigation



Smoke seen from the AlertWest camera in Phoenix, alerting fire crews to a growing vegetation fire they were able to contain at 30 acres.



On August 10, 2025, a hay bale along the fence line between two properties ignited, and the fire quickly spread across both properties. The flames consumed one property's hay barn, and a car parked just a few feet from the other property's home.

One property (left) had prior fuels reduction work, including limbing trees that had been touching and hanging over the home, completed in spring 2024 and installed a metal roof in spring 2025, both made possible with funds from the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program.

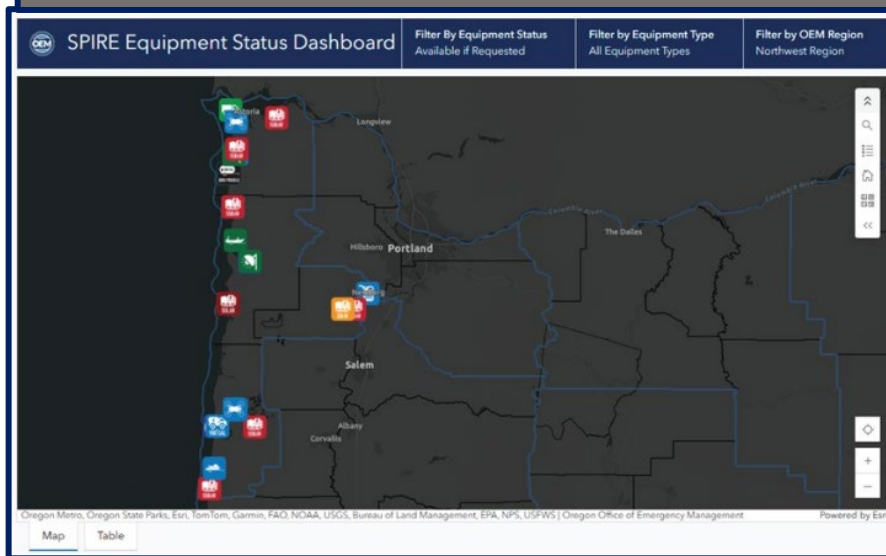
The homeowner believes that without the metal roof, wind-driven sparks would have ignited the home before help arrived. At the time of the fire, a household member was asleep inside.





SPIRE

The SPIRE Website provides a dashboard and map that show where equipment is stationed throughout the state.



Baker County sand bagging machine



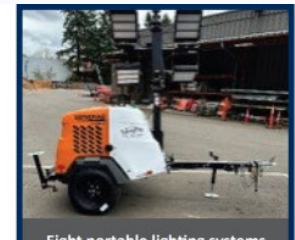
13 Drones were added in 2025, totaling 18 available for deployment.



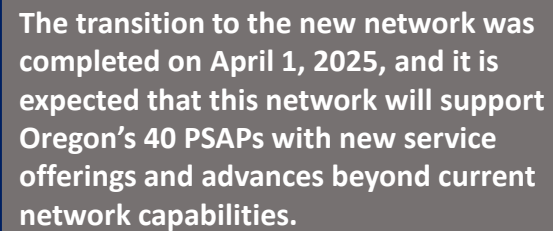
30 fuel trailers are currently available for use, adding five new trailers in 2026.



11 rescue watercrafts are being used around the state.



Eight portable lighting systems are currently available, adding three more in 2026.

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Search and Rescue



As part of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) 2025 Spring Conference, Oregon's State Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator, Scott Lucas, was invited to speak at a special tour hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station North Bend.



As outdoor recreation, hiking, and adventure tourism grow statewide, the demand for search and rescue (SAR) in Oregon is rising. In 2025, Oregon conducted 1,111 SAR missions.



Mutual Aid



Two highly trained Human Remains Detection (HRD) canine teams from Oregon deployed to Texas for 16 days in support of disaster recovery operations. The teams were made up of volunteer handlers and dogs from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) program.



OEM deployed a six-member swift water rescue team from Clackamas Fire District to assist with ongoing flood response efforts.



Looking Ahead



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TIMES

THANK YOU

