



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!

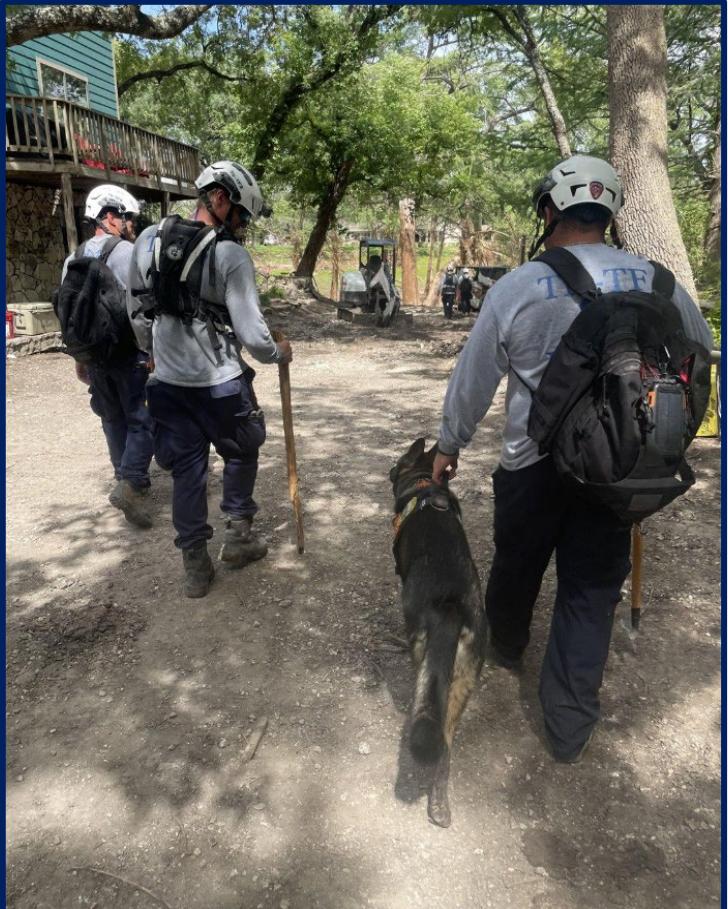


Our Eastern Oregon Regional Coordinator in Umatilla County





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.

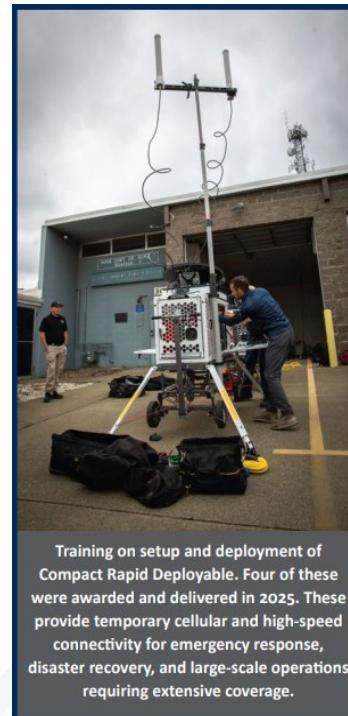
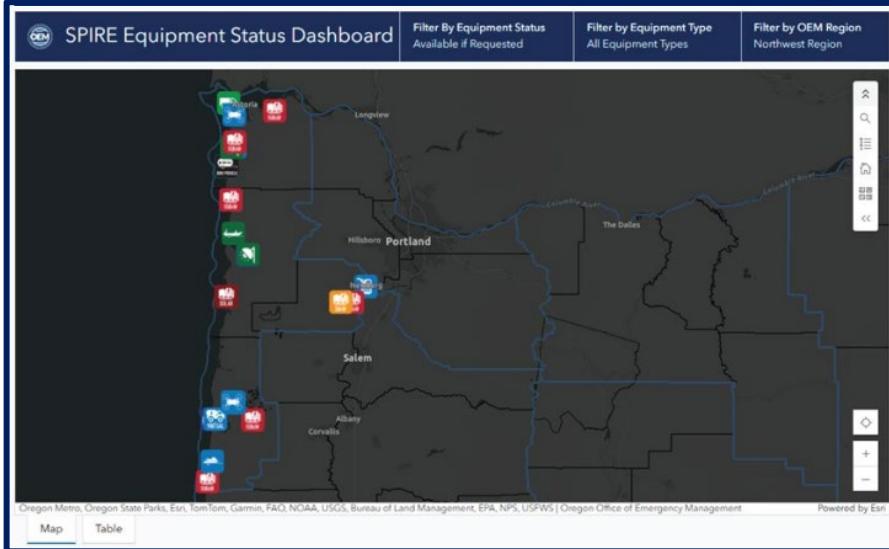
One property (left) had prior fuels reduction work, including limbing trees that had been touching and hanging over the home, completed in spring 2024 and installed a metal roof in spring 2025, both made possible with funds from the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program.

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.



Training on setup and deployment of Compact Rapid Deployable. Four of these were awarded and delivered in 2025. These provide temporary cellular and high-speed connectivity for emergency response, disaster recovery, and large-scale operations requiring extensive coverage.



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.



Emergency Communications

Oregon 9-1-1 Jobs

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The State of Oregon has 40 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) across the state with continual openings for jobs. Being a 9-1-1 dispatcher or call taker is both challenging and rewarding, making it one of the most dynamic careers in public safety. In times of crisis, people rely on professional 9-1-1 telecommunicators to offer guidance and support until physical assistance arrives on the scene.

Through the technology and critical thinking, 9-1-1 professionals make a difference in people's lives every day. Their dedication and quick thinking can often mean the difference between life and death.

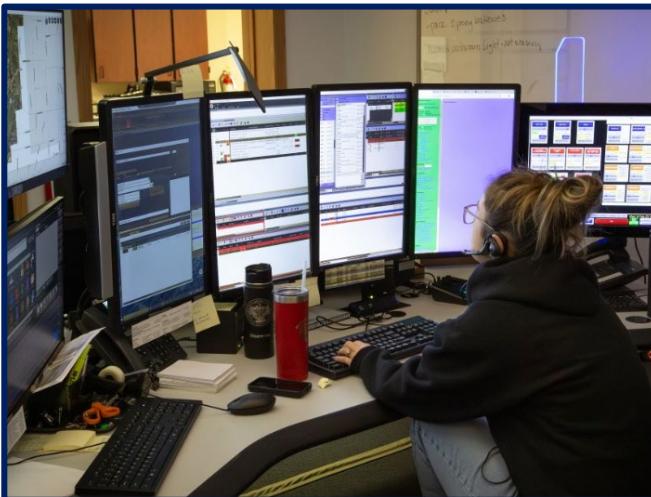
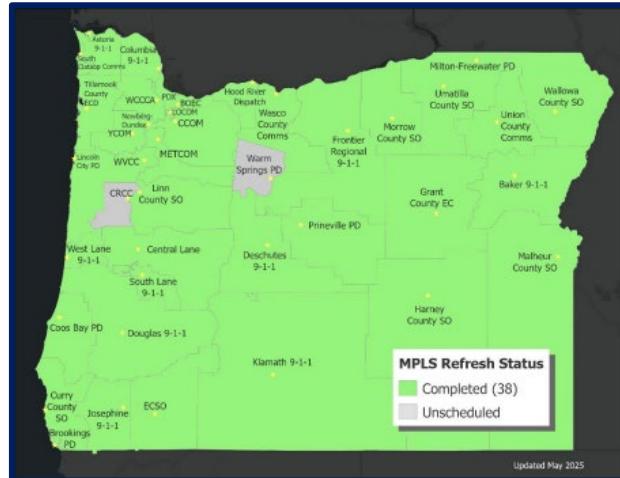
Oregon is looking for people who can remain calm under pressure, communicate clearly and effectively, and provide excellent customer service.

Join us to make a difference, assist those in need, and be a guiding voice in times of crisis.

Start a career as a 9-1-1 professional today!

Oregon 9-1-1 Job Websites

| County | Website | Point of Contact | Email | Phone |
|-----------|--|------------------|--|--------------|
| Baker | Baker County Dispatch Center | Travis Ash | tash@bakercountyor.org | 541-523-6415 |
| Benton | Corvallis Regional 9-1-1 Communications Center | Joel Goodwin | joel.goodwin@corvallisoregon.gov | 541-766-6905 |
| Clackamas | Lake Oswego Communications | Tina Burgess | burgess@clackamas.or.us | 503-636-0252 |
| | | Julie Warren, HR | hrteam@lakeswego.org | 503-534-4244 |

A photograph showing a dispatcher from behind, wearing a headset and operating a large control panel with multiple screens and buttons.

The transition to the new network was completed on April 1, 2025, and it is expected that this network will support Oregon's 40 PSAPs with new service offerings and advances beyond current network capabilities.



Search and Rescue



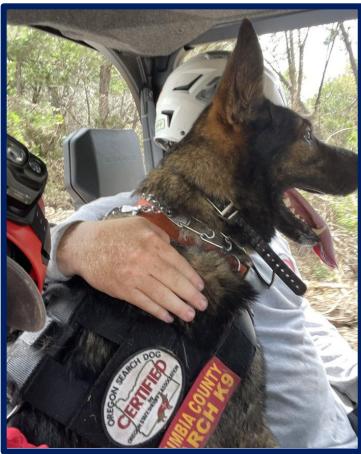
As part of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) 2025 Spring Conference, Oregon's State Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator, Scott Lucas, was invited to speak at a special tour hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station North Bend.



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



THANK YOU

