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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER
MONTHLY REPORT

February - 2007

CATEGORY	2007	2006	YTD 07	YTD 06
CSEPP INCIDENTS	1	7	3	9
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	0	1
FIRE	9	17	14	24
HAZMAT	176	173	396	371
OTHER	50	31	93	52
911 OUTAGES	0	2	4	4
SAR	41	54	82	106
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	5	5	7	9
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(6)
TOTAL	282	289	599	576

LEGEND

CSEPP Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS Columbia Generating Station
FIRE Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911 911 Service Outages
ESAR Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On February 2, Pierce County Sheriff's Department commenced a search for three missing men driving a 4x4 in the Elbe area. One man walked out of the area but could not give any directions to ground searchers as to the location of the other two men. A helicopter with Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) capability from the King County Sheriff's Department was coordinated through the Alert and

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Warning Center. Prior to the helicopter launching the two missing men were located in good condition.

- On February 5, the Skamania County Department of Emergency Management activated their EOC in response to a continuing landslide near Rock Creek, north of Stevenson. The landslide affected one home and may impact other homes in the vicinity. If Rock Creek should be dammed from the slide and then flood it would block local rail tracks. The County worked closely with local utilities, Burlington Northern, representatives from Bonneville dam and the Corps of Engineers. The State EOC requested assistance from DOT, geologists, the Department of Health to support Skamania County
- On February 7, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office commenced a search for a missing 10-year old boy last seen near his home in Lake Stevens during the afternoon. Additional search dog teams from King County were responding when the subject was located in good condition.
- On February 13, the University of Washington Seismology Lab reported a 3.4 magnitude earthquake at Mount St. Helens. There were no reports of damage, injuries, or of the event being felt.
- On February 15, the Clallam County Sheriff's Office commenced a search for two missing teenage boys in the Sequim area after they failed to return from four wheeling trip. Civil Air Patrol assistance was requested. The uninjured subjects walked out of the area later that morning closing the search.
- On February 18, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Northeast Washington Mountains. One to two inches of snow accumulations above 3000 feet was expected from Monday afternoon through Tuesday morning. A Winter Storm Warning was issued for Spokane, Pend Oreille, Northern Spokane, Chelan, and Okanogan Counties from Monday morning until Tuesday morning. A Winter Storm Watch was issued for all Cascades until Tuesday afternoon. At 2000 feet up to 2 feet or more was expected as a heavy front moved through the Cascades on Monday. All weather watches and warnings associated with this system were cancelled on February 20th.

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- On February 24, the National Weather Service issued a Heavy Snow Warning for the South Washington Cascades (Cowlitz and Skamania Counties). Two feet of new snow was forecasted through February 25th. Additionally, a Heavy Snow Warning was issued for the East Slopes of the Central and Southern Cascades, (Okanogan, Douglas, Grant, Yakima and Klickitat Counties), and for Northeast Washington (Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Spokane). Eight to twelve inches of snow was expected in that region. All warnings for this system were cancelled the morning of February 26th.
- On February 26, the National Weather Service issued a Heavy Snow Warning for the Willapa Hills in Southwest Washington (Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties). Additionally, a snow advisory was issued for Western Skagit County and the Everett vicinity. These were cancelled on February 28th.
- On February 28, the National Weather Service issued a heavy snow warning for Spokane, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties. The warning was allowed to expire that afternoon. In addition, a heavy snow warning was issued for the Everett area with five to nine inches of snow expected by March 1st.
- On February 28, a snow and ice coated I-90 near Snoqualmie Pass was closed in both directions in the late afternoon for approximately six hours due to a multiple vehicle accident in the westbound direction and several spinouts approaching the summit eastbound. Approximately 50 vehicles were involved in the westbound pileup which caused four serious injuries. Additionally, a 150-gallon semi fuel tank sprang a leak when it jackknifed spilling about 100 gallons of fuel down a storm drain and into a creek.
- For the month of February 2007 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 54 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 9 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 759 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 20 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 25 exercises all of which were vessel spill drills

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- Made 962 and answered 1340 telephone calls
- Conducted 2562 National Warning System Tests and 236 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console).
- Conducted 54 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 3 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)