SUBJECT: Oregon Emergency Response System

AFFECTED CODES/DIRECTIVES: SOP 02-10

(1) PURPOSE: To inform OR-OSHA personnel of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS).

(2) BACKGROUND: OR-OSHA may be asked or become involved in hazardous material incidents outside the scope of division functions. OARS was developed to provide communication, coordination, and cooperation between various government agencies and private firms.

(3) ACTION: OR-OSHA personnel should be aware of OERS. The attached brochure outlines the operation and functions of OERS. This information may prove helpful in responding to inquiries on hazardous spills.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAW
ORS 466.635 requires any person owning or having control over oil or hazardous material who has knowledge of a spill or release shall immediately notify OEM as soon as that person knows the spill or release is are portable quantity. ORS 761-405 requires that railroads notify OEM of any derailment or fire involving of affecting hazardous materials. OAR 345-60-030 requires similar notification for radioactive material incidents, Section "304, Title III of the Federal Superfund Amendments and Re-authorization Act (SARA) of 1986 requires facilities to notify the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) if there is a release of a listed hazardous substance that exceeds the reportable quantity for that substance. YOUR CALL TO OERS WILL SATISFY THESE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. Advise the duty officer that you are making a SERC/LEPC notification and submit the required - written report to: SERC/LEPC c/o OERS, 595 Cottage Street NE, Salem, OR 97310. You may also be required to notify the local 9-1-1 Center and the National Response Center.

MEMBERS OF OERS
Department of Agriculture
Building Codes Division
Department of Corrections
Oregon Emergency Management
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Forestry
Department of Geology
Department of Justice
Department of Land Conservation and Development
Health Division
Military-DoD
Oregon Poison- Center
Occupational Safety and Health
Office of State Fire Marshal
Division of State Lands
Oregon State Police
Parks Department
Public Utility Commission
Department of Transportation
Water Resources Department
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503-378"OERS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) is to coordinate and manage state resources in response to natural and technological emergencies and civil unrest involving multi-jurisdictional cooperation between all levels of government and the private sector.

OERS is the primary point of contact by which any public agency provides the state notification of an emergency or disaster, or requests access to state or federal resources.

OERS was established in 1972 by the Governor of Oregon to improve communications and coordination between government agencies responding to hazardous materials incidents across the state. This was the first state plan of its type in the country. Since that time, OERS has become an "all-hazards" system, responding to other types of emergencies; Natural Hazards such as floods, wildfire and earthquakes and Search and Rescue missions. OERS operates under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 401.

Executive Order of the Governor and Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 104, Chapter 40. OERS is the cornerstone of the State Emergency Services System.

WHEN A HAZARD THREATENS

Local public safety agencies such as law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services normally provide the first response to an incident. Access to this local assistance is through 9-1-1. Once notified, local public safety agencies would call OERS at 800-452-0311. If necessary, responsible parties would then call the National Response Center at 800-424-8802.

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ACTIVATING THE SYSTEM

OERS is provides, 24-hour service through Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) of the Department of State Police. The OEM duty officer will ask you to provide the following information:

1. YOUR NAME AND AGENCY.
2. YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER.
3. TYPE OF INCIDENT AND THE MATERIALS INVOLVED.
4. LOCATION/TIME OF INCIDENT.
5. BACKGROUND/HOW THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.
6. ON-SCENE CONTACT AND HOW TO REACH THEM.
7. SEVERITY OF INCIDENT - THREAT TO PEOPLE, PROPERTY, OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

1-800-452-0311

(in Oregon)

13. ACTIONS TAKEN - CONTAINMENT, EVACUATION

503-378-6377

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9. RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND TELEPHONE NUMBER