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# **Brad Richy Message**

2017 will be remembered as one of the most challenging years in Idaho Emergency Management.

Idahoans are accustomed to hard winters and lots of snow, but the volume of snowfall throughout the state in 2017 was unprecedented. There was so much snow, Idahoans started using the term 'Snowmageddon.' When February arrived, it was winter flooding Idahoans were dealing with. Weather related events led to four Presidential Disaster Declarations for our state.

As the applicant briefings, workshops, and public assistance efforts were underway, IOEM was gearing up for the August 21st Total Solar Eclipse. The 160,000 visitors who came to our state were able to enjoy the experience without any major issues. We credit this in large part to the broad collaboration and planning that happened months in advance. Local, state, and federal partners had been planning and preparing for the event since January, pre-deploying resources, sharing safety messaging and reinforcing existing communication channels.

In June, IOEM along with federal, state, and private sector partners took part in a four day functional exercise called Fractured Grid at IOEM's COOP site. The exercise focused on response measures should a mass power outage affect the state. The lessons learned in that exercise were immediately applied to real-life events happening in the state.

A key achievement for IOEM in 2017 was recognition from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). IOEM became the first state emergency management agency in our region to receive the prestigious EMAP accreditation. This means the methods we use, and the operating procedures we have in place, are considered examples of Best Practices. The citizens of the state of Idaho are fortunate to have experienced and dedicated staff at IOEM who are able to manage multiple events and provide guidance and assistance to our stakeholders around the state.

# History of IOEM

Before September 11, 2001, what is now the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) was the Bureau of Disaster Services (BDS). After 9/11 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 led to an important reorganization at the federal and state level. In 2004, the Idaho Disaster Preparedness Act was amended merging BDS with the Bureau of Hazardous Materials creating the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (IBHS).

On July 1, 2016, our name was changed once again to the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, a name that better communicates our role. The name reflects the agency's mission – preparing for, protecting against, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all hazards.

IOEM operates under the Idaho Military Division. Our key federal partner is FEMA. IOEM is part of FEMA's Region 10 along with Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.



Each branch at IOEM is comprised of different sections and programs dedicated to the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery of emergency management incidents in Idaho.





# How IOEM and the Joint Staff Work Together

The Joint Staff and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management both fall under the umbrella of the Idaho Military Division. The Joint Staff is comprised of thirty individuals from both the Army and Air National Guard who are highly skilled in staffing actions, analyzing situations, planning response efforts, and accessing military capabilities to help civil authorities. While the Joint Staff is a component of the Idaho National Guard, it also becomes the venue by which a Dual Status Commander is activated and opens the door for federal military forces to join an effort if a particular situation warrants. The Joint Staff takes the lead role in all matters pertaining to Emergency Support Function (ESF) 16 – Military Support.





# Presidential Disaster Declarations in 2017

35 counties declared locally for winter weather and flooding-related issues during 2017.

The winter of 2017 brought unprecedented snowfall and subsequent flooding throughout Idaho. It was the kind of winter that resulted in nicknames like Snowmageddon and Floodmageddon. The winter weather affected not just roads and bridges but all sorts of infrastructure, including hiking trails, bike paths, sidewalks, even boat ramps; it affected commerce and industry as well as schools and universities. The extreme weather also brought out the best in individuals and communities as people rallied to assist with things like sandbags, and checking on neighbors.

The weather of 2017 resulted in four Presidential Disaster Declarations signed by President Donald J. Trump. With each signing, groups of FEMA subject matter experts were dispatched to Idaho to assist IOEM with getting the right information and assistance to communities as quickly as possible. The detailed work that comes with each declaration continues today and will likely continue for months to come.



### ID-02 WINTER FLOODING (DR 4310)

February 5 – February 27

CASSIA, BINGHAM, GOODING, FRANKLIN, JEFFERSON, JEROME, LINCOLN, MINIDOKA, TWIN FALLS, WASHINGTON, ELMORE

### ID-03 FLOODING LANDSLIDES AVALANCHES (DR 4313)

March 6 – April 3

BENEWAH, BONNER, BOUNDARY, CLEARWATER, IDAHO, KOOTENAI, LATAH, SHOSHONE, VALLEY

ID-04 SPRING RIVER FLOODING (DR 4342)

> March 29 – June 15 ADA, CANYON

### ID -05 SPRING FLOODING (DR 4333)

May 6 – June 16 BLAINE, CAMAS, CUSTER, ELMORE, GOODING

# Recovery

2017 was a record-setting year for the Idaho Office of Emergency Management Recovery Program in terms of the number of major disaster declarations. The unusually wet winter led to the declaration of five state disasters across 25 counties, resulting from unprecedented flooding and landslide activity. The first. ID-01-2017 saw effects of severe winter weather in Washington, Payette, Canyon, Ada, and Custer Counties. While the disaster did not qualify for a Presidential Declaration, it did affect enough individuals to qualify for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration through the Small Business Administration (SBA). Cooperative efforts between IOEM and the Department of Commerce, and requested through the Governor's Office, the declaration provides low interest loans to those businesses affected by the severe winter storms.

Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) put estimates of damage totaling over \$27,000,000. In order to effectively manage the recovery from these incidents, IOEM and FEMA established a Joint Field Office (JFO) in Boise, supported by three Area Branch Offices located in Twin Falls, Lewiston, and Coeur d'Alene. While August's Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria disrupted the JFO Operations with temporary funding restrictions and mass demobilizations from existing operations to redirect resources to those affected areas, FEMA has been steadily reconstituting the JFO with redeployed Project Specialists. IOEM and FEMA continue to work with eligible Applicants in these areas to develop Project Worksheets to account for damages associated with the incidents and process reimbursements to assist in recovery efforts. In addition to funding through FEMA, the declarations have provided additional recovery mechanisms through the SBA for low-interest loans to eligible organizations.



# **Emergency Relief Funds**

The IOEM Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) was established during the 2017 legislative session through Senate Bill 1141. It provides \$50 million in assistance to counties and local governments whose roadway infrastructure was devastated by extreme weather-related events in 2017. The ERF is for permanent road and bridge repair. Funding from the ERF will be offset by money from FEMA-eligible projects, further maximizing State of Idaho resources.

### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS \_

# S50 MILLION

TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF TO COMMUNITIES FACING SEVERE ROAD AND BRIDGE DAMAGE DUE TO THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER OF 2017.

### EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND PANEL STATUTORILY DEFINED WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

- Idaho Office of Emergency Management
- Local Highway Technical Assistance Council
   Governor's Office
- Idaho Transportation Department
- Association of Highway Districts
- Association of Cities

Association of Counties

ORIGINAL APPS	APPLICATION	AWARD
SUBMITTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
502	\$60,920,330	\$53,398,125



# **Idaho Emergency Operations Center**

The Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) is the central hub for coordinating state efforts, and situational awareness, during a natural or man-made disaster.

A challenging winter with record snowfall, and subsequent spring flooding, led to the IDEOC being activated nine times in 2017 – more than 180 days. This was the longest disaster activation in more than twenty years.

### **2017 IDEOC Activation Events**

- Winter storms
- Winter flooding
- Landslides, avalanches and flooding
- Spring flooding
- Spring river flooding
- The Fractured Grid Power Outage functional exercise with FEMA Region X
- The August Total Solar Eclipse
- Idaho County Water Failure
- Kootenai County Saline (shortage)

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times in 2017 - more than 180 days.



### **IDEOC ACTIVATION LEVELS**

There are four levels of IDEOC activation, communicating changes in state emergency management response activity. A change up or down in activation level is an indicator that the number, size, or complexity of an event, single incident, or combination of incidents has changed.

At any level of activation, the IDEOC will work to create a common operating picture among state, local, and federal agencies. Emergency Management partners and the public will be informed through publication of reports, including news releases, media interviews, information posted on the IOEM website, social media, and WebEOC – the state of Idaho's information sharing platform.

### MONITORING

IOEM normal operations. The IDEOC is not activated, and IOEM staff work their dayto-day activities, including monitoring any potential emerging issues.

### **LEVEL 3 ACTIVATION**

An incident is likely to occur or has occurred. Jurisdictional disaster or emergency declarations are in place or anticipated, and a state proclamation of disaster emergency may be in effect or imminent.

### **LEVEL 2 ACTIVATION**

There are multiple ongoing incidents, or a large scale (multi-jurisdictional, statewide) incident has occurred. Actual or potential impact from the incident requires a high amount of direct state assistance for response and recovery efforts. Mutual aid agreements or federal assistance may supplement the response.

### **LEVEL 1 ACTIVATION**

An event that overwhelms the state's ability to respond effectively to a disaster without external assistance is happening. Actual or potential impacts on public health, welfare, and infrastructure requires an extreme amount of direct state and federal assistance and mutual aid for response and recovery. The Governor is requesting a Presidential Disaster or Emergency Declaration.



# Plans

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The Idaho Office of Emergency Management Plans Section maintains the Idaho Emergency Operations Plan (IDEOP) and the IOEM Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan. The IOEM Plans Section also manages the yearly update of Idaho's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) as well as the State Preparedness Report (SPR). These are the critically important documents that examine the hazards Idaho faces, assesses the capacity necessary to respond to each of them, and then identifies gap areas that can be filled with additional equipment, personnel, and training.

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In 2017, the Plans Section introduced an updated Continuity of Operations (COOP) Template. The COOP template provides interested parties a template and manual for the development of continuity plans. The Plans Section was instrumental in providing the necessary documentation for Idaho's (EMAP) Accreditation.

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The 2017 update of the IDEOP incorporated the many improvements and lessons learned from the 6-months the Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) was activated. The IDEOC activation was a result of severe winter and spring weather that led to four Presidential Disaster Declarations.

- Idaho's EMAP accreditation verified that Idaho emergency plans are on par with emergency management programs across the country.
- The Plans Section is always available to provide subject matter expertise and guidance to counties, tribes, and our state agency partners on Emergency Operations Planning and Continuity of **Operations** Planning.

# Mitigation

Mitigation is a long-term risk reduction program to build resiliency to multiple hazards. The IOEM Mitigation Section assists the state and jurisdictions with grants for plans and projects. 2017 was a notable year for extra funding opportunities due in part to federal declarations. There are pending grant applications totaling more than \$10 million. Ongoing and completed projects include stormwater drainage improvements, wildfire fuel reduction, and multiple publications to educate the public. Check out the Without Warning comic specifically designed for Idaho earthquake education.

Eighteen counties, two tribes, and the state are updating mitigation plans – a huge effort.

### Benefits

- Supports land use planning and decision making by protecting lives and property.
- Integrates plans and prioritizes community projects.
- Saves on future disasters each dollar spent on mitigation results in \$4 savings.
- No damages were reported in 2017 to previously funded mitigation projects

   a tremendous success!



## MITIGATION PROJECTS

COMPLETE\$3,178,655.72ON GOING\$3,291,983.00PENDING\$10,603,563.84







# **PIER Team and Social Media**

### THE RIGHT INFORMATION • TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE • AT THE RIGHT TIME

In 2017, the Idaho Public Information Emergency Response Team's (PIER) use of social media to share information about winter weather, spring flooding, and the total solar eclipse reached record numbers of people. That's why the PIER team is such an important resource for the State of Idaho. The trained public information officers from each State of Idaho agency can be activated and deployed to assist communities, or other state agencies, with public information needs anywhere in Idaho, and even neighboring states.

With a majority of the public now using social media as their primary go-to source of information, this tool will continue to be a vital method for collecting, monitoring, and distributing information.

### SOCIAL MEDIA DURING THE AUGUST 21, 2017 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE AUGUST 2017 TOTAL IMPRESSIONS 139.6 K IMPRESSIONS PER DAY 4.5 K

# **Total Solar Eclipse**

Local, State, and Federal Planning, Partnerships and Collaboration lead to a successful Eclipse 2017 weekend.

Idahoans and visitors to our state enjoyed the August 21st Total Solar Eclipse with few major challenges. While there were traffic delays, as expected, the impact was relatively minimal. IOEM had worked with local, state, and federal partners for months prior to the event, pre-deploying resources and identifying potential traffic, fire, logistical, and general safety issues. Approximately 160,000 visitors, mostly from Utah and Oregon, took advantage of Idaho's open spaces to enjoy the total eclipse. While 19 Idaho counties were in the path of totality, eclipse watchers just north and south of the path had an enjoyable experience as well. The event, and planning for the event, allowed Idaho to test many of our emergency management processes and further reinforce relationships between our stakeholders.

### Idaho's Eclipse Experience - what worked well:

- COORDINATING AND COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PARTNERS
- CREATING A ROBUST WORKING GROUP WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS
- PRE-DEPLOYING ASSETS
- ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS ACROSS THE STATE
- IDAHO COMMERCE AND IOEM WEBSITES
- PRE-EVENT SAFETY MESSAGING
- FURTHER REINFORCING MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS IN SHARING
   SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS MESSAGING
- UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA TO GAIN TRACTION ON SAFETY MESSAGING
- PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AUDIENCE



# Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Idaho firefighters help California as part of EMAC mutual aid agreement.

Firefighting personnel from multiple Idaho Fire Departments headed to California in late 2017 to assist with firefighting efforts. California experienced unprecedented destruction during a fire season that claimed lives and destroyed countless homes. One of the most severe fires was the Thomas Fire near Los Angeles.

More than 50 individuals and 14 engines from Boise, Kuna, Meridian, Star, Sand Hollow, Parma, Madison, Teton Valley, Swan Valley, and Idaho Falls provided essential support under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The mutual aid agreement was created so that states would have the ability to provide assistance whenever a natural disaster strikes. In total, there were over 10 states that deployed resources to California to aid in this particular crisis.

IOEM is thankful to our local and state agency partners, and to EMAC, for a willingness to provide assistance when the call goes out.

# Community Preparedness Program

The Community Preparedness Program within the Idaho Office of Emergency Management takes a Whole Community approach to emergency preparedness. Time and experience have shown the more informed Idahoans are on how to maintain an adequate level of preparedness for all hazards, the fewer lives are put in jeopardy when disasters happen. By strengthening relationships with emergency management partners around the state, Idahoans are more self-sufficient and resilient.

# Preparedness KIT

YOU MAY NEED TO SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN AFTER AN EMERGENCY. THIS MEANS HAVING YOUR OWN FOOD, WATER, AND OTHER SUPPLIES IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS. LOCAL OFFICIALS AND RELIEF WORKERS WILL BE ON THE SCENE AFTER A DISASTER BUT THEY CANNOT REACH EVERYONE IMMEDIATELY. YOU COULD GET HELP IN HOURS OR IT MIGHT TAKE DAYS.

<sup>11</sup> Update your family preparedness kit in both your home and your car each year. When you're stocking your kits try to think of the things to include that will make being stranded or without services easier for everyone – including your pets. <sup>77</sup> – Brad Richy, IOEM



THE GREAT IDAHO SHAKEOUT – AN ANNUAL ONE MINUTE DRILL EACH OCTOBER THAT ENCOURAGES PARTICIPANTS TO DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON. IN 2017 93,000 + IDAHOANS PARTICIPATED; IDAHO IS THE 6TH MOST SEISMICALLY ACTIVE STATE IN THE COUNTRY SO UNDERSTANDING HOW TO REACT IN AN EARTHQUAKE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT.



**FIREWISE** – OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION EFFORTS THAT INCLUDE EDUCATION ON CON-CEPTS LIKE "DEFENSIBLE SPACE" ARE IMPORT-ANT TO IDAHOANS IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE. IN 2017, IOEM COLLABORATED WITH CHANGE TO NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CEN-TER AND THE SOUTHWEST IDAHO WILDFIRE MITI-GATION FORUM TO ENHANCE FIREWISE EFFORTS.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS (CERT) – IOEM FUNDED AN EFFORT BY THE MERIDIAN MEDICAL ARTS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL TO COMPETE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CERT COMPETITION. STUDENT TEAMS WON INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT.



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** – UNDERSTANDING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES AROUND THE STATE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. IOEM USES SOCIAL MEDIA, COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS, PREPAREDNESS FAIRS, AND CLASSROOM VISITS TO REACH A WIDE AUDIENCE. IN 2017, IOEM REACHED MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS.



# **Training and Exercise**

The IOEM Training and Exercise program coordinates required classes and training under the National Incident Management System for County and Tribal officials throughout the state.

### Fractured Grid Mass Power Outage exercise

 Partnering with FEMA Region 10 and multiple state and local agencies, the exercise focused on the coordination needed to develop regional situational awareness and operational coordination in the event of a prolonged massive power outage.

### Training for counties affected by the August Total Solar Eclipse

 IOEM staff traveled to counties throughout the path of totality to provide guidance and collaboration opportunities for managing a large scale event of this kind.

### **Civil Unrest Tabletop Exercise**

 A discussion based exercise in partnership with the Boise Police Department and the Idaho PIER Team that tested standard operating procedures (SOP) and identified ways to align those SOPs with real world needs during a civil unrest incident.

### Basic Academy course

- In collaboration with FEMA Region 10 and The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, IOEM unveiled a new version of the Basic Academy. The course covered important components of emergency management that are applied to daily operations. This new version of Basic Academy consisted of four weeks over the course of four months. The course design allowed people the opportunity to stay local as opposed to traveling to EMI in Maryland to receive this training.
- The first graduating class included 23 participants from Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Attendees had diverse backgrounds ranging from emergency managers, to law enforcement, and public health officials.



# **Area Field Office Regions**

There are five Area Field Office Regions in Idaho:

- Northern Idaho Area
- Northeast Area

- North-Central Area
- South-Central Area
- Southeast Area

Area Field Officers (AFOs) are subject matter experts on a wide variety of issues relating to Idaho's emergency management efforts, and how to effectively and seamlessly apply those efforts in geographically diverse communities around the state.

With the assistance of AFOs, local jurisdictions engage in mitigation efforts and are able to navigate the sometimes complex grant requirement process. AFOs provide essential support to the counties and Tribes including maintaining situational awareness of emerging threats and hazards, coordinating preparedness fairs and public outreach events, and facilitating local training and exercise opportunities.

In 2017, each IOEM area field office region had multiple counties included in Presidential Disaster Declarations.

"The issues we face in Northern Idaho are distinct to this region. As a County Emergency Manager I rely a great deal on my Northern Area Field Officer to keep me informed on issues relating to emergency management throughout the state. I count on him as a go-to source for information relating to response, recovery, mitigation - the whole nine vards."

- Sandy Von Behren, Kootenai County Emergency Manager



# GIS/RISK Map

A geographic information system (GIS) is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present spatial or geographic data.

The GIS Section at IOEM supports all the agency's programs, and staff, as well as counties and Tribes in Idaho. The GIS Section provided important mapping and data for the 2017 snow and flooding related disasters. These essential tools provide local communities, counties, and decision-makers, with detailed situational awareness so they can best respond to an event or series of events.

The IOEM GIS Section supported the statewide coordination of data, and common operating picture information, during the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse that crossed Idaho. During this event, many agencies provided data that could be mapped and viewed in the IOEM online mapping website BEACON.

The GIS Section also includes FEMA's RiskMAP Program (Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning). This program is a contracted technical partnership that facilitates FEMA initiatives for helping local jurisdictions assess risk and plan mitigation projects to enhance resilience. RiskMAP funds some of these projects and collects spatial data to map DFIRMs in area of high risk of flood. Final draft DFIRMs were delivered to Ada and Canyon counties, and the cities of Weiser and Kuna. Approximately 1,500,000 acres of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) was acquired in eight southeastern Idaho counties and one Tribe: Bingham, Bannock, Bonneville, Caribou, Bear Lake, Franklin, Oneida and Power Counties, and the Shoshone Bannock Tribe. The City of Pocatello accredited several reaches of the Portneuf river levee, those areas can now be used in future flood modeling.

### **Available Map Layers**



# Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management coordinates the activities of the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission. The IPSCC is a commission of stakeholders appointed by the Governor. The IPSCC provides a forum where public safety communications stakeholders can collaborate to advance consistency and common consensus building, to assist in the standardization of agreements for sharing infrastructure, to suggest best practices, performance measures and performance evaluation in the integrated statewide strategic planning and implementation of interoperability among public safety communications professionals and entities that serve the communities in Idaho, regardless of jurisdiction.

### 2017 Year in Review:

- FY 2016 Grant closed out. Released \$1,108,097.78 to counties and paid out \$987,816.16. \$120,281.62 will be returned to the special grant fund.
- FY 2017Grants. Released \$2,106,091 to counties and have paid out \$850,424.31. \$1,164,667.35 remains in the fund.
- FY 2018 Grant. Will be releasing \$1,539,930.11 as of 1 Nov 2017.
- 40 counties participate in the grant fund now. Blaine County joined the grant program Sept 2017.

- IPSCC was formed 1 July 2016 from the IECC. Added representation to the new commission to balance stakeholder input, provide more local input (District Interoperability Governance Board [DIGB]). Now includes all of public safety (911 call taking, dispatch, radio, and broad band or data).
- 12 counties now have text to 911 live, 11 more are in the process of putting text to 911 in place.
- The commission has approved the writing of an Request For Proposal (RFP) for Consultant Services in preparation of working on an RFP for Next Generation 911 for Idaho. The RFP for the consultant should be released in 2018.



# Emergency Management Accreditation Program



The accreditation process involved hundreds of hours of time and energy to thoroughly document all of IOEM's policies and processes to substantiate the good work we do. IOEM also relies upon support and assistance from our State agency partners when responding to disasters, so this really is a statewide distinction of excellence and accountability.

In 2017, Idaho became the first state in the Northwest to receive the prestigious Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) distinction. EMAP is a voluntary standards, assessment, and accreditation process for disaster preparedness and response programs throughout the country. EMAP fosters excellence, uniformity, and accountability in emergency management and homeland security programs. Idaho is the first state to receive the accreditation in FEMA Region 10, which also includes Alaska, Oregon and Washington.

The accreditation process evaluates emergency management programs on compliance with requirements in 16 areas, including planning, resource management, training and exercise, public information, and administration – the foundation of the nation's emergency preparedness system.

Compliance in more than 60 standards must be met to achieve EMAP accreditation. Emergency management agencies must demonstrate proficiency through a rigorous process including documentation, self-assessment, and peer assessment verification. The accreditation demonstrates to all stakeholders that the state's emergency management programs are sustainable and in line with best practices nationwide. EMAP accreditation is valid for five years.



# **Grants Branch**

The IOEM Grants Branch includes HazMat Special Teams, Logistics, and Recovery. The Grants branch coordinates resources before, during, and after a disaster. As the State of Idaho's Administrative Agency for Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Grants section applies for funding and passes much of that funding on to local jurisdictions throughout Idaho.

- Issued more than 500 sub-recipient awards for Disaster and Preparedness Grants
- Provided technical assistance to sub-recipients for subgrant awards
- Conducted annual risk assessment of all jurisdictions receiving pass-through federal funds
- Assisted local jurisdictions with Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Compliance (EHP)
- Conducted fifteen monitoring site visits as directed by federal guidance
- Responded to activations of the State Emergency Operations Center during multiple disasters, as well as the eclipse event
- Key role in EMAP Accreditation process with reviews of standard operating procedures (SOP), job descriptions, and procedures related to participation in the EOC during an incident

### 2017 IDAHO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NON-DISASTER GRANTS



### \_\_\_ 2017 IOEM FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS \_\_\_



All grant funds cover multiple fiscal years.



**RRT:** REGIONAL HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM

**RBS:** REGIONAL BOMB SQUAD

**ITRT:** IDAHO TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

**IIMAST:** IDAHO INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TEAM

# Hazmat/Special Teams in 2017

IOEM continues to fulfill our obligation to provide cost recovery to local governments for costs associated with responding to hazardous materials incidents within their communities.

- Assisted State EMS with the delivery
   of a train-the-trainer class for Personal Protective Equipment for the Ebola virus and other pathogens.
- Assisted in the delivery of multiple and varied Incident Command System (ICS) courses.
- Ensured that all Idaho Special Teams remained current in their training.
- Assisted Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in required annual training relating to hazardous materials.
- Trained four new Hazmat Duty Officers for IOEM.
- The Idaho Incident Management and Support Team (IIMAST) responded to multiple locations in the state to assist in response activities to support local communities. The Regional Hazmat Teams, Bomb Squads, and the Idaho Technical Rescue Teams, responded to multiple incidents throughout the state in 2017.

- Responded to activations of the State EOC during the multiple disasters and exercises that occurred in 2017.
- Development of the Idaho Preventative Rad/Nuclear Detection Program continues. This includes securing a portal monitor for Idaho State Police (ISP), and developing various procedures to use for special events.
- Participated in the Lakes Commission meeting in Sandpoint to explain the State Hazmat plan and resources as they relate to Crude Oil trains traveling through northern Idaho.
- Continued collection of Tier 2 data for facilities throughout the state. Tier 2 facilities store and or use extremely hazardous substances. IOEM ensures that this information is available to local responders, emergency managers, and the regional Hazmat teams.

# WebEOC

WebEOC is the state of Idaho's emergency management informationsharing platform. County and Tribal emergency managers, as well as state and federal partners, can sign on to this secure system managed by IOEM, and have access to valuable information, images, and updated reports on issues of importance anywhere in the state. WebEOC provides essential situational awareness, and is a key tool for ensuring that accurate and timely information is available in a disaster or an exercise.

The number of WebEOC users continues to grow exponentially and IOEM provides training and maintenance on this important tool.

"At Boise State, IOEM's WebEOC tool is our primary incident management tool. It's critically important to what we do."

- Robert Littrell, Emergency Management and Continuity Planning, Boise State University

"WebEOC has been an important tool for the Walla Walla District during multiple major events, and a significant factor in how we have been so responsive. WebEOC helped us maintain situational awareness of flooding in Idaho in a collaborative, real-time forum with other government emergency responders at all levels."

– Jeff Stidham, Disaster Response Manager, Walla Walla District, US Army Corps of Engineers

# In 2017 nearly **1,000** individual users logged in.





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Looking Ahead



Natural and man-made disasters can be difficult if not impossible to predict. That is why being prepared for All-Hazards is a key initiative of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management. Communicating our preparedness message to all Idahoans, and visitors to our state, remains a priority.

In 2018, the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, in partnership with the First Lady of Idaho, Lori Otter, will unveil the latest in the Ida Book series. **Ida Prepares! A Year in Emergency Preparedness with Ida, Tank, Duke, and Ace** is set for publication in late spring. The book is written for elementary schoolaged children. It helps them to understand the importance of being prepared and resilient. The book is an easy to understand guide for children and families. We look forward to sharing this book, along with the First Lady of Idaho, with families around the state.

# FirstNet



Build out begins in 2018 on Idaho's FirstNet broadband network. The buildout comes on the heels of Governor Otter approving the FirstNet / AT&T five year state plan to build, operate, maintain, and continually improve a wireless public safety broadband network in Idaho. The network is the first nationwide network dedicated to the first response community. IOEMs State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) team will continue working with network partners in both the private and public sector to foster a spirit of growth and cooperation. Improved network coverage and capacity will begin to emerge and accelerate in 2018 with numerous site builds that will bolster telecommunications within Idaho.



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