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, Division 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 1-800-424-8802.

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(Nationwide)

503-378-6377
(Salem, Oregon)

"SERVICE FIRST"

ACTIVATING THE SYSTEM

OERS 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.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN -CONTAINMENT, EVACUATION

9. RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

ORS 466.635 requires any person owning or having control over oil or hazardous materials who has knowledge of a spill or release shall immediately notify OEM as soon as that person knows the spill or release is a reportable quantity. ORS 761.405 requires that railroads notify OEM of any derailment or fire involving or 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 Committee (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, PO Box 14370 Salem, OR 97309-5062. You may also be required to notify the local 9-1-1 Center and the National Response Center.
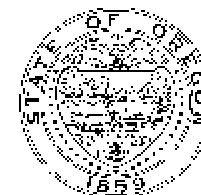
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