

#### OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee OEM Auxiliary Communications

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# Organizing for Planning and Response

18 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and 33 Oregon Emergency Response Council Agencies





ESF 2 Communications

























ESF 14 Public Information



ESF 15 Volunteers and Donations



ESF 16 Law Enforcement



ESF 17 Agriculture and Animal Protection





## **ESF 2: Communications**

ESF 2 Tasked Agencies	
Primary Agencies	Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC)
Supporting Agencies	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Oregon State Police (OSP) Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) Communications Center Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Oregon Military Department (OMD) Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Adjunct Agencies	Amateur Radio Emergency Services/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (ARES/RACES) Civil Air Patrol (CAP) State Emergency Communications Commission (SECC)



# **ESF 2: Communications Scope**

- Maintain state information technology infrastructure including provision of cybersecurity measures.
- Coordinate the provision of temporary communications capability to state agencies and facilities
- Establish and maintain an effective communications system, including state-owned and commercially leased systems, for use in a disaster
- Maintain a reliable alert and warning system
- Coordinate state support to local and tribal communications systems
- Track the overall status of the state's communications infrastructure during a disaster



### Local/State/Federal Assistance





## **OEM Auxiliary Communications**

- Resources:
  - 9 volunteers and multiple OEM staff
  - 4 HF6 UHF/VHF
  - 12 "drop boxes" with HF/VHF/UHF
  - Mobile Comms Trailer (2 HF 5 VHF/UHF)
  - Voice and data capabilities
- Challenges
  - Additional depth for longduration incidents
  - Equipment lifecycles

#### Engagement

- Simulated Emergency Tests
  (SETs): 2 times annually
- Quarterly State ECC Exercises





## Statewide Auxiliary Communications

- Primarily volunteer capability providers
  - 2 in Malheur to over 80 in Washington County
  - Some are Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) organizations, some are not
- Capabilities exist outside City/County Emergency Operations Centers
  - Hospitals
  - National Guard Armories
  - Portland Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Nodes (BEECN)
  - Unaffiliated sources of information
- Bottom line: Amateur radio is and will be a critical link in our ability to save lives during a disaster



#### **Questions?**

