



NEWSLETTER

Partnering for a safer Oregon

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Tips on how to keep your ORCEMS once you have it.

Kelly Jo Craigmiles

“Not another article on ORCEMS” you might be saying right about now. I’m one of the OEMA members who took the ORCEMS certification one step further and attained my CEM in 2001 and I would like to tell you a little bit about my experience.

The recertification requirements are basically the same as ORCEMS recertification – just more training hours and contributions to the profession are required. And the best part, when I recertify my ORCEMS I only have to provide a copy of my CEM recertification letter – two certifications for the documentation of one!

I knew I had 5 years before I had to recertify – seems like a long time, but in the scheme of the disaster world it really isn’t. I was diligent in saving my training certificates, agendas and announcements; the appointment letters to special committees and task forces; documentation I knew would be needed. Yet I found myself on December 1, 2010 realizing I had 3 weeks to pull everything together, write up documentation to support contributions to the profession and training, and ACK - a new twist – have supporting verification letters from supervisors for contributions to the profession. Oh yeah, and in the midst of all of this, work in the State ECC during the Aumsville tornado. Definitely some poor planning on my part!

So in pre-planning for my 2016 recertification I’m trying a new tactic: I’ve started my packet and notebook; lined out what the majority of my contributions to the profession will be - I can only do certain ones since I can’t use anything related to training or exercises; and identified which ones require a supervisor verification. Ready-set-go – I hope!

I completed my first contribution on January 12th, spent 30 minutes writing up all the documentation, printed out the page, and had my supervisor sign it. Woo Hoo! One contribution

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EMERGENCY POWER GENERATION PLAN

Your Emergency Plan in 12 Steps

continued from February newsletter

Step 10 Obtain the Necessary Operating Permits

Many jurisdictions require an operating permit to use a temporary generator. You may not need it for emergency power, but if there are permit rules and restrictions, you should secure them in advance. Check with your city and county governments building code or building inspection departments are a good place to start.

Step 11 Identify Your Contacts

With your generator in place, you’ll need to prepare a list of key contacts to reach in an emergency: these are the personnel who will be responsible for carrying out your plan. Make sure your team members have easy access to the list, and update it as necessary. Include each person’s job function, name, office phone number, home number, cell phone number, and e-mail. Include at least one alternate for each function. Your facility’s in-house operations/maintenance staff should be trained to respond to an interruption in utility power. They are your business’s first line of defense against power outages, and should be able to quickly connect your backup power module, or to contact an electrician to make the connection, as appropriate. You should identify in advance a key contact responsible for managing your facility’s computers, security, and data recovery procedures, as well, since these areas of outage management pose special threats and require a more comprehensive response than other systems. Identify a member of your company’s staff to coordinate your complete response to an outage. He or she should be aware of ALL of your emergency response procedures, equipment, and contacts and should be empowered to

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make decisions on your company's behalf as they pertain to your facility's utilities. This person may or may not be the employee designated to activate and monitor your generator. When an outage occurs, you should contact a representative of your electric utility when you have the opportunity; they may be able to tell you when they expect their services to resume. You should also get in touch with your contact at the rental equipment dealership that provided your generator. They may have advice and operating instructions specific to the scenario. Finally, get in touch with your fuel supplier. Arrange for delivery in advance, and make sure they are able to meet your specific demands (delivery times, etc.). Naturally, you should have these contacts established *before* a power outage and make them available to personnel at your facility.

Step 12 Test Drive Your Plan

Many organizations work hard to create a contingency plan, but never test it. When their power fails, it's as if they never made a plan at all. When you've chosen the appropriate emergency equipment and your personnel know their roles, try your plan under pressure. And don't do just one dry run, do two: one planned, and one a surprise. These exercises will help ensure that each person at your organization fully understands what he or she will do in an actual power outage, and they will help you estimate how long it will actually take from the time the power fails until your emergency power supply is online. In a planned dry run, you and your team schedule delivery of your chosen rental generator set and walk through your procedures, step by step. Some rental suppliers will deliver units on a planned basis at no cost except for transportation. Discuss these charges as part of contingency planning. A surprise run-through will provide you a decisive test of your contingency plan. The facility manager or other person in charge announces it without warning. Your supplier is expected to deliver as agreed; your team is expected to respond and perform as if to an actual emergency: the unit is delivered, connected, started, and run. Expect to pay your supplier the full rental rate for this service. A surprise event is highly effective at exposing your plan's weakness and in finding out how your supplier will actually perform. After both dry runs, assess what went wrong. Should the generator be parked in a different place? Do you need a different fuel supplier or electrical contractor? Were there any access issues? Communication problems? Was all the right equipment delivered? Discuss what should be done differently, and adjust your plan accordingly. Remember: "the litmus test for any business/service continuity plan is that it works when executed. To ensure your plans work, exercise them. Make certain that the logistics, procedures and tactical strategies you developed are sound.

Resource Typing

Resource typing is categorizing, by capability, the resources requested, deployed, and used in incidents. Measurable standards identifying resource capabilities and performance levels serve as the basis for categories. Resource users at various governmental agencies use these standards to identify and inventory resources, which may be divided into subcategories to define more precisely the capabilities needed to meet specific requirements.

Resource typing is designed to enhance emergency readiness and response at all levels and is part of the National Incident Management System. A comprehensive and integrated system for resource typing allows jurisdictions to augment their existing resources during an incident, and assists jurisdictions in effectively identifying, locating, requesting, ordering, and tracking outside resources.

Easy identification of these resources hastens the response to the requesting jurisdiction. Resource typing is also important for businesses that are part of critical infrastructure that may need to request resources from their local jurisdiction or the state. Additional information on Resource Typing can be found on-line: Resource List: <https://www.rkb.us/nims.cfm> Generators: <https://www.rkb.us/download.cfm?id=1268>

A Final Word

A highly-qualified rental equipment supplier is your essential ally during an electric power emergency. Choose a supplier with a full inventory of the generating equipment you will need during a power outage. A reputable supplier will have experience in your specific industry and will be glad to answer questions about emergency power and support your contingency planning process. In addition, a rental supplier should be qualified in more than one utility profession. Your building has power, compressed air, water, and HVAC needs. Can your rental supplier accommodate them in an emergency? Choose carefully.

For more information on choosing a rental equipment provider, see *Contingency Planning for Disrupted Electric Power: The Case for Partnering with a Strong Rental Power Supplier* by George Schalk, available online at www.pertersonpower.com

Earthquakes in April

1845-San Salvador destroyed by earthquake

1905-Earthquake in Kangra India, kills 20,000

1906-SF 8.25 earthquake & fire kills nearly 4,000 & destroys 75% of city

1906-SF Earthquake ends killing 452

1931-Earthquake devastate Managua Nicaragua, kills 2,000

1954-Earthquake/tsunami ravage Aleutians, 200 killed

1960-Earthquake strikes South Persia, 500 killed

1965-Earthquake hits Seattle; 5 die

1966-An earthquake of magnitude 7.5 destroys Tashkent.

1972-7.0 earthquake kills 1/5 of population of Iranian province of Fars

1979-A 7.1 earthquake on Montenegro coast.

1990-126 die in a (6.9) earthquake in China

1991-Earthquake strikes Costa Rica & Panama, kills 95

1991-Earthquake in Georgia, kills 100

1992-Earthquake rocks Germany

1992-5.5 earthquake hits Netherlands

1992-6.0 earthquake in California

1998-A 5.6 earthquake in Bovec, Slovenia.

2009-A 6.3 magnitude earthquake strikes L'Aquila, Italy, killing at least 253.



Jeff Sargent A Man of Many Talents By Mary Davis

Jeff Sargent, OEMA member, Federal employee, aspiring actor, volunteer and general all around nice guy has a quiet low key manner. But ask Jeff to handle a project or help out with something and he is the first to volunteer. If it

has to do with the OEMA website, visiting a Legislator, writing an executive summary or analyzing the budget, Jeff is your man. Jeff joined OEMA in 2006 and served as President in 2009/10. He currently enjoys Past President status but certainly doesn't rest on his laurels when it comes to accomplishing projects for the organization.

Jeff currently is employed by the Oregon Federal Executive Board (FEB) where he has been a Management Analyst for the last eight years. At the Oregon FEB he does emergency preparedness project management, exercise planning and development, information sharing, program marketing, office IT maintenance and website updating.

After earning a BA in Political Science from UCLA and an MBA from Pepperdine he spent seven years in the advertising industry. He also did a three year stint as Development Officer for the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette before joining the FEB in 2002. Jeff recently earned his FEMA Continuity of Operations Professional Continuity Practitioner Level 1 certificate.

Jeff and his wife Julia make their home in McMinnville where Jeff's volunteer activities include Rotary Club of McMinnville, Board Member; Gallery Theater of McMinnville, Board President; American Red Cross, First Aid/CPR/AED instructor and McMinnville Planning Commission (2008-10).

Jeff and his wife both had roles in the recent production of "Don't Dress for Dinner" that played at the Gallery Theater in February. This may be a new calling for Jeff.

Jeff's pseudo brush with greatness: His Dad is good friends with John Depp Sr. (they grew up together in Kentucky). Jeff's Dad and stepmother spent her birthday last year at Johnny Depp's house in Los Angeles with him and his wife. (I'm thinking our next OEMA Conference Keynote Speaker)! Also Jeff's mother was kissed by Elvis during one of his concerts – Twice! (he came back for another one). No wonder Jeff has the theater bug!

As you can see Jeff is a "man of many talents" and a pleasure to know. Thanks Jeff for the fun and service you provide OEMA.

Membership letter - Did you know?

If you've been looking over the ORCEMS application and wondering "How do I show that I've been a member in OEMA?" Here's your answer. Mary Davis tracks all our members and what committee's they're on. If you are planning on applying for the ORCEMS you can email her and ask for a letter covering your years of service and committee affiliations.

ORCEMS continued

down and five to go! And the best part is I won't have to worry "what did we do five years ago on that committee?" when I'm completing my re-certification packet in 2016.

It may seem like a lot of time intensive, tedious work, but the end result is well worth it. Finding all your training certificates and other documentation required, putting them in a certain format, and preparing a professional package is really no different than writing a college research or dissertation paper, completing a job application background check, or applying for a home loan. The first time is always the hardest!

Kelly Jo Craigmiles
OEM

Editor's note: This same strategy would work well in preparing the first time....

Computer Ease

By Dawn Blalack

I collaborate on several documents and it helps to know who changed what when sending documents back and forth. In order to help with this process in MS Word, we turn on track changes.

Tools - Track Changes - Or Ctrl + Shift + E

This allows changes to be made and documented. I also select sections and insert comments.

To insert a comment: Insert - Comment
Type what you need to say.

SRGP Committee Update

The Seismic Rehab Grant Committee met on Monday January 24th, 10:00 AM at the Anderson Readiness Center. The purpose of this meeting was for the Schools & Emergency Services Subcommittees to present each of their final recommendations for the 2nd round of grant applications to the full committee for approval. The successful grant applications recommendations were reviewed, voted on and were submitted to the OEM Director for final approval. This was a public meeting, so the meeting information will be up on OEM website shortly.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/>

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Association of Oregon Counties

By Jeff Sargent

At the January 2011 Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Public Safety Committee conference call, the group was discussing a revision to their principles. Jeff Sargent, OEMA Past President and liaison to the AOC, commented, "Your principles make several references to human services and public safety. Yet all references in the principles describe public safety in terms of law enforcement. As emergency management is an element of public safety and clearly a concern of yours, shouldn't there be a distinct reference to it in your principles as well?" Yamhill County Commissioner Mary Stern, who was chairing the meeting, agreed. A revision was recommended and referred committee for approval; a small victory for emergency management and OEMA.

OEMA began a more formal relationship with the AOC in 2009. Staff liaison and Legal Counsel Paul Snider and Communications Director Eric Schmidt attended the December 2009 OEMA General Membership Meeting to introduce the AOC. Sargent attended the AOC's annual conference that year, and has been participating in Public Safety Committee meetings since.

The AOC was first organized in 1906 by a group of county judges interested in providing a forum for information sharing and consensus development. By 1936, the membership realized a need for greater representation in the state legislature and more attention to the growing activities of AOC.

AOC is an advocate for county government and county officials in their relationships with the Oregon Legislature and state agencies. AOC also works with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to advocate on behalf of counties with Congress and federal agencies. In addition to this representation with the state and federal government, AOC provides an information clearinghouse, technical assistance, research, publications, training, conferences and workshops, and other services to county officials and the citizens of Oregon.

All 36 of Oregon's counties are members of AOC. The organization's activities are directed by a Board of Directors, composed of elected and appointed officials. Officers are elected at the AOC annual conference held each November. The 2011 president is Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson.

The organization is administered by an executive director, who has responsibility for all personnel matters and reports directly to the board of directors. Overall support comes from 15 management and policy staff, five staff for the County Road Program, and two AOC consultants. The association is funded by fees assessed to each member county.

Several steering committees address the broad range of issues important to the membership. Among them is the Public Safety Committee, led by Commissioners Jim Bernard of Clackamas County and Jay Dixon of Benton County. The AOC also has a large and active Legislative Committee, led by AOC President Carlson.

For more information on the AOC, go to www.aocweb.org. Their 2011 newsletter archive can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs046/1103731777391/archive/1104681350364.html>.

Courtesy of the Association of Oregon Counties

Call for Articles: If you have an idea for an article or would like to contribute one of your own, please contact dawn.blalack@gmail.com

Spotlight on Eric Plebuch, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee

By Sue Lamb



Eric Plebuch is the current Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. Eric brings 10 years experience to OEMA as a Rental Sales Consultant with Peterson Caterpillar, providing utility related products, such as generators, chillers, A/C, compressed air systems, and pumps. Prior to his career with Caterpillar, Eric spent eight years in the United States Marine Corps. He sees his role with OEMA as helping to establish a simpler interface between government agencies in need and private sector business' with means and resources. Eric and his wife Jinger have been married 15 years and have two teenage sons. The Plebuch's now call Sweet Home 'home', having moved from Seattle, WA in 2006. Eric likes to play golf whenever he gets the opportunity.

Upcoming Meetings

April 13, 2011

E-Board Conference Call
10am-12pm

May 11, 2011

E-Board Aloha @TVFR
11am-4pm

June 15, 2011

The Dalles @ 10am-2pm
General Membership

Liason Roster

American Public Works Association (APWA): Les Miller
Association of Counties (AOC): Jeff Sargent/Tony Hyde
Civil Air Patrol: Bill Howard
Domestic Preparedness Working Group (DPWG): Scott Porter
Federal Executive Board – Emergency Preparedness Committee: Jeff Sargent
FEMA Region X Regional Advisory Committee: Mike Harryman
Health Preparedness: Mike Harryman
International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM): Mike Mumaw
IAEM Universities & College Higher Education Caucus: Andre' LeDuc
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC): Terry Wolfe
Military/National Guard/DOD: Kori Olsen
National Emergency Management Association: Vacant
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP): Vacant
Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS): Chuck Leonard
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA): Les Hallman
Oregon Homeland Security Council: Joe Rizzi
Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC): Mike Mumaw
Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience: Josh Bruce
Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA): Wayne Stinson
Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD): Scott Reuter
Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program Committee: Mike Lueck
State Citizen Corps Advisory Council: Vacant

Call for Liasons: As you can see from the liason list, there are some vacancies. A vacancy provides an opportunity. If you're interested in stepping up to these opportunities, please contact mike.harryman@state.or.us.

Bob Grist, Vice Chair Professional Development Committee

By Sue Lamb

Dr. Bob Grist is the Vice Chair of OEMA's Professional Development and Training Committee. This role comes naturally to Bob who is a credentialed CEM/ORCEM specialist and has received his MPA and Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy from PSU's Hatfield School of Government. Bob has also completed instructor training programs at both EMI (Emmitsburg, MD) and DHS Center for Domestic Preparedness (Anniston, AL). He enjoys teaching assignments with the local colleges and universities in the Portland area. Bob is currently serving as a UASI Regional Planner with the Multnomah County Emergency Management Office where his work emphasis includes preparedness projects with the port authorities and waterway communities. On-going projects for Multnomah County include Continuity of Operations/Government (COOP/COG), small cities flood mitigation, and disaster recovery. He joined the Multnomah County team after careers with the military and law enforcement in Southern Oregon. Bob received the National Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his leadership in directing response and recovery efforts during the '96-'97 floods in Southern Oregon. On a personal note, Bob enjoys reading, spending time with friends and family, and traveling. He is eager to begin "playing at" golf again and pursuing other recreational activities.

Les Miller, Membership

Committee Chair

By Sue Lamb



D. Leslie (Les) Miller, PE was destined for a professional career involving emergency preparedness. An OEMA Past President and current Chair

of the Membership and Marketing Committee, he first found how to combine his boyhood fascination with dirt and water with public assistance by collaborating with some friends to clear the woody debris from 5' culverts, that if gone unattended, would have flooded his Walla Walla neighborhood. Les went on to graduate from Washington State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Les' professional journey has been focused on making sure that the 'rainbow' comes after the storm. He has worked in the private sector as an Engineering Loss Prevention Consultant and many years in the public sector with the US Army Corps of Engineers in a broad range of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation roles. Les has managed planning, training, and exercises for radiological hazards, as well as managed continuity of operations plans and reconstitution programs for future potential disasters such as earthquakes and floods. With floods being the prevalent hazard in the Northwest, Les is currently the Preparedness Program Manager of the USACE Portland District where he still gets excited about detailed designs and preparations that will protect lives and prevent flood damages. He is living every boy's dream of being able to play at his work and having the satisfaction of knowing that at the end of the day, it matters. Les' own personal 'rainbow' is his wife of over thirty years and his five delightful children.

2011 OEMA conference

October 10-13, 2011

Sunriver, Oregon

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OEMA - NEW MEMBER SPECIAL!

By Mary Davis

Do you know someone who would like to be a member of OEMA? Now is the time to join. At the October OEMA membership meeting the membership voted to approve a complimentary membership to anyone joining OEMA starting November 1, 2010. This free membership will run until June 30, 2011. We hope that following the complimentary membership the person will find value in remaining a member of OEMA and continue by paying the annual dues. Please direct anyone who is interested to our website

WWW.OREGONEMERGENCY.COM

On the Homepage click on Renew/Join. Follow the steps to Join.

This is a great opportunity so please share with your colleagues.