

Multnomah County is moving to enhanced emergency status today because of alerts for excessive heat and wildfire risk issued by the National Weather Service.

- **A heat advisory has been issued from 11:00AM Tuesday through 08:00PM Wednesday**
  - <https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/a/a.php?i=38114578>
- **A red flag warning (highest risk) has been issued for wildfire risk from 01:00PM-08:00PM *today* due to wind and low relative humidity**
  - <https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/a/a.php?i=38116930>
- **A fire weather watch has been issued for wildfire risk from 11:00AM-11:00PM Tuesday due to wind and low relative humidity** - <https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/a/a.php?i=38117200>

**A situational awareness/common operating picture (SA/COP) coordination call has been scheduled for: Tuesday from 10:00 - 10:30AM, Conference call Number is (877)336-1829, Participant Code: 7189170. See reminder below for SA/COP call protocols. A calendar invite for this call will follow.**

A draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Excessive Heat is available [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SIDVPR4pNTR-yCqxc-E\\_QROruWoPh6Y7FXx8-hpQLbc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SIDVPR4pNTR-yCqxc-E_QROruWoPh6Y7FXx8-hpQLbc/edit?usp=sharing)

The SOP outlines thresholds for activation and subsequent actions. This event meets Threshold #2:

- National Weather Service issues a: (1) Heat Advisory, (2) Heat Watch, (3) Heat Warning, (4) Sends a Weather

Briefing; or (5) The Heat Risk Tool reaches level 3 (red) or level 4 (magenta) for any area in Multnomah County.

- Action 1: EOC moves to enhanced operations.
- Action 2: Communications Office pushes out messaging regarding preventative measures, and other safety information.
- Action 3: Successive SA/COP Coordination Calls are scheduled beginning from the first day of forecasted hot weather and each day for the duration of forecasted hot weather. The initial call will discuss planned actions. Subsequent calls will provide up to date information regarding impacts and will allow county to determine appropriate protective actions, including enhanced public messaging and supporting organizations/agencies who are providing resources for impacted populations.

#### **Situational Awareness Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) Coordination Calls**

If a threshold is met for any severe weather hazard, or MCEM determines the need, the MCEM Duty Officer will schedule a SA/SOP Coordination Call. The Duty Officer will send a calendar invite via email and/or text to the excessive heat group. When possible, this notice will be sent by 12:00 p.m. the day prior to the forecasted weather. Participants are asked to prepare for the call by following the protocols listed below.

**Calls will be kept short (no longer than 30 minutes).**

- SA/COP Excessive Heat coordination calls will occur at 1000 unless otherwise specified these calls will end promptly at 10:30 hrs (10:30 a.m.). See **Appendix A SA/COP Excessive Heat coordination call** for agenda and roll call order.

**Situational Awareness/ Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) Coordination Call Protocols:**

Excessive Heat Group members should call in prepared to discuss information regarding the effects noted from the weather, and any actions being taken to mitigate these effects. Preparation can be accomplished by:

- Hosting operational coordination calls/meetings with organization/bureau/agency/department staff that share interdependencies. This could include contingency planning regarding the various decisions that may be made on the call, and discussions about how to support one another for each. This provides adequate time to arrange for logistics needed to accomplish this support.
- Determining which representatives from each organization will be able to make the call.
- Creating a list of actions being taken by the department/agency/organization. This list of actions should be emailed to [em.dutyofficer@multco.us](mailto:em.dutyofficer@multco.us) and may be used as part of a situation report, information to update the Help for When it's Hot (<https://multco.us/help-when-its-hot>) page, and included in the notes from the call.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

All departments, divisions, agencies, and organizations listed in this SOP:

- Shall submit (electronically is preferred) information regarding any significant incidents addressed, and actions taken, in response to Excessive Heat. During EOC Activations of any level, **This information must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. and/or 1:00 a.m.** to be included in the Situation Report (SitRep) that is compiled by MCEM and shared across the county, with our partners in neighboring counties, and the state.
- Shall coordinate internal contingency planning taking into consideration worst case scenarios. This planning effort can greatly assist in the early identification of possible resource needs.
- Shall submit resource requests (using the Resource Request Form see attached). These resource requests should be submitted to the MCEM Duty Officer as early as possible (and in electronic form whenever possible).
- Shall create and maintain a Continuity of Operations Plan that includes (but is not limited to): essential staff identification/notification and support, identification of alternate locations for operations, alternate schedules, and/or telework options.

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