



CEO Report

About OES

Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the primary local coordination agency for emergencies and disasters affecting residents, public infrastructure, and government operations in the Mendocino County Operational Area (OA). The Mendocino County OA includes the county and its cities, towns, and special districts, in coordination with tribes.

2024 Great Shakeout Exercise



OES participated in the 2024 Great Shakeout Exercise on October 17. The County's call center was activated for call center staff training.

The HAM Radio Group also conducted their simulated exercise at the Emergency Operations Center.



Grants Update

The state recently disseminated FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and Homeland Security Grant Program (HSPG) award allocation letters. FEMA is in the process of implementing a new grant reporting system known as Grants Central System. Initial applications for the FY24 grants will be due in the early part of the new year. OES is concurrently working to complete past EMPG and HSGP grant years while also progressing other grant years.

2024 Pre-season Flood Coordination

OES hosted the 2024 Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting on October 16, 2024. Attendees included key emergency responders with primary responsibility for flood emergency response and coordination. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) lead the discussion on resource needs, status of prepositioning flood fight materials and flood fight methods, and other concerns relating to the upcoming flood season.



Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Trainings



OES staff completed EOC trainings for Admin, Logistics, Planning, and Finance Sections staff. OES is in process of scheduling an Operations Section training in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office.

Preparedness Outreach

OES was featured during the Ukiah Pumpkin Fest's Fire & Safety Expo in October 19. This event has a reach of more than 15,000 participants.



Atmospheric River Response

A significant weather event impacted Mendocino County in November 2024. Characterized as an Atmospheric River and associated Bombogenesis Cyclone, the event brought high winds and

substantial rainfall. This resulted in localized flooding, downed trees, and widespread power outages. Certain areas within the county experienced rainfall exceeding 20 inches, with wind gusts surpassing 60 mph. Localized flooding caused road closures on major transportation routes, including Highways 1, 128, and 175.

The OES proactively implemented virtual operational area briefings to ensure coordinated planning, collaboration, and communication among all response partners throughout the event. Additionally, OES disseminated public information regarding the weather situation and safety precautions via social media platforms. Residents who sustained damages during the event are encouraged to visit mendoready.org to complete a damage assessment form.

December 5, 2024 Earthquake

On December 5, 2024, an earthquake of 7.0 magnitude hit 49 miles from Rio Dell, CA at 10:44am. CEO Antle and Sheriff Kendall immediately responded to the Emergency Operations Center and OES staff conducted an operational area call by 11:15am. Although the earthquake was felt in Mendocino County, no damages were reported from the operational area partners. A tsunami warning was issued but was canceled by the National Weather Service.

