

Situational Awareness/Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) Excessive Heat Coordination Call: Goals, Objectives, and Thresholds

Goals for SA/COP coordination call:

1. Make sure county residents and outdoor event sponsors know about National Weather Service heat warnings or advisories and know what to do.
2. Maintain situational awareness during an extreme heat incident.
3. Assure that ways to cool off are equitably available across the entire county.
4. Address needs of people and places that are disproportionately impacted by excessive heat.

Objectives for SA/COP coordination call:

- Provide a platform for multiple disciplines to share both planned actions, as well as what impacts they are seeing in the field.
- Create a Common Operating Picture of health impacts across disciplines across the county.
- Provide a platform for subject matter experts to weigh in on the pros and cons of specific Protective Action Recommendations.
- Determine any messages needing to be amplified (or created).
- Provide a platform to coordinate messaging for consistency.
- Identify agencies or organizations that may need assistance in serving as a safety net and protecting the public.
- Encourage participants to update the SOP and contact list.

Thresholds for Activation

Threshold 1: The first calendar day of the year when the temperature is forecasted to reach 90 degrees or warmer.

Action 1: MCEM will schedule and host a Situational Awareness/Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) coordination call with the Excessive Heat Group.

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

Action 1: EOC moves to Enhanced Operations.

Action 2: Communications Office pushes out messaging regarding preventative measures, and other safety information.

Action 3: Duty Officer forwards NWS information to Excessive Heat contact list.

Threshold 3: The [Heat Index](#) reaches level 4 (magenta) for *any* area in Multnomah County.

Action 1: Duty Officer schedules SA/COP Coordination Call

Action 2: If multiple days are forecasted to be at heat index level 4, SA/COP Coordination Calls will be scheduled for each day throughout 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 the county to determine appropriate protective actions.

Threshold 4: The [Heat Index](#) reaches level 4 (magenta) for *any* area in Multnomah County for 3 or more consecutive days.

Action 1: Duty Officer schedules SA/COP Coordination Call to consider opening Cooling Centers.

Threshold 5: Any time deemed necessary by the Director of MCEM, or their designee. County departments or partners may also request the plan be activated.

If you believe that you or your organization would be an appropriate heat call participant and you are not already on the contact list, please reach out to em.dutyofficer@multco.us.