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“PLANNING FOR AN ACCESSIBLE CASCADIA RISING”

CIEP is now engaged in the planning for a full-scale exercise with Washington State. This full-scale exercise will take place in June 2022, and include players from Idaho, Oregon, partners in FEMA, including its counterparts in Region 10.

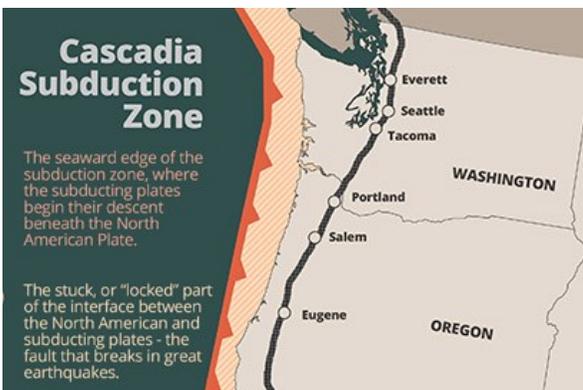
This exercise is a sequel to the Cascadia Rising exercise that took place in 2016. The first exercise tested the response capabilities up to four days after a simulated Magnitude 9.2 earthquake that jolted the Pacific Northwest Coast from Northern California all the way up to British Columbia in Canada.



Logo for Cascadia Rising exercise in June 2022.

Planning for Cascadia Rising 2022 (CR22) picks up where the 2016 exercise left off, beginning at the 96th hour and going forward. Areas of focus in this exercise will be on mass care and critical transportation. By then, we assume that our communication networks are operable after the “mega-quake”. Included in the planning by state and local emergency management agencies will be numerous training, drills, workshops, and tabletop exercises prior to CR22.

Disaster planners throughout the region are shifting their paradigms to focus on the Whole Community approach and seeking public input from advocates. This presents a golden opportunity for CIEP stakeholders and other subject matter experts in access and functional needs (AFN) that participate in the planning to inject AFN elements into the different vectors in this exercise. Nothing about us without us!



The Cascadia Subduction Zone in the Pacific Ocean near Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia

Contact your local emergency management office or us at CIEP to learn how you can participate in CR22. Stay tuned for further updates to learn more about opportunities to help protect yourself and your loved ones during a disaster, WA Emergency Management Family Preparedness Website:

<https://mil.wa.gov/personal>

INCLUSIVE DISASTER PLANNING FOR LGBTQ+

Each June, we celebrate Pride Month in honor of the many contributions that our friends in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and other nonconforming communities (LGBTQ+) have enriched our society everywhere. In turn, CIEP shares some inclusive emergency planning tips and resources.

RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS & PLANNERS

from [LGBTQ TA Center Equity News](#)

[Emergency Preparedness and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender People: What Health Centers Need to Know](#)

This tip sheet from the LGBT Health Education Center describes some of the specific challenges that LGBT people may face during an emergency and offers tips for health centers to address these challenges when developing emergency preparedness plans.

[Working with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People: A Cultural Competence Guide for Emergency Responders and Volunteers](#)

This Human Rights Campaign (HRC) guide will be most useful as emergency response directors create training programs in advance of disasters. A one page cultural competence guide is included for Just-in-Time training after a disaster has occurred.

[How to Include the LGBT Community in Disaster Preparedness](#)

This interview features Preparedness Summit presenter Leighton Jones on the topic of the special issues facing LGBTQ individuals and families living in temporary shelters. LGBTQ-inclusive disaster planning tools.

[Meeting the Needs of Transgender People in Disaster Situations](#)

This 2-page tip sheet explains how disaster aid workers can ensure that everyone impacted by an emergency evacuation is afforded safety and care without fear of discrimination.



TOP 10 2020 DISASTERS

Last year in 2020, it seems like we have had one disaster after another. Below is a list of calamities that have befallen the United States. 2021 promises to bring more of the same types of emergencies that we need to plan for. In Washington State, emergency planners were faced with the challenge of maintaining COVID protocols such as face coverings, social distancing, and non-congregate shelters while responding to wildfires.

#10—The Washington State Wildfires

#9—Hurricane Zeta

#8—The Oregon Wildfires

#7—The Tennessee Tornado Outbreaks

#6—Hurricane Sally

#5—Hurricane Isaias

#4—The August Derecho

#3—Hurricanes Laura and Delta

#2—The California Wildfires

#1—The Coronavirus Pandemic

Adapted from: [Tidal Basin 12/31/2020](#)



ACCESS & FUNCTIONAL NEEDS RESOURCES

[COEHSEM Confluence News Media Featured Interview: Jim House ***NEW***](#)
[Audio Podcast](#) | [Interview Transcript \(coehsem.com\)](#)

[WA Emergency Management Division—Access & Functional Needs ***NEW***](#)

[WA Emergency Management Division—Disaster Ready Washington](#)

[WA Emergency Management Division—Alert & Notification Warnings](#) listed by County

[WA State Local Emergency Management Agencies](#) listed by County

[WA State Local Health Jurisdictions \(LHJs\)](#) listed by City/County

[WA State Department of Ecology – Emergency Planning Committees](#) listed by County

[The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies ***NEW***](#)

[CDC Disability and Health Emergency Preparedness](#)

[COVID-19 Accessible Resources Home](#) | [Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation](#)

[Inclusive Emergency Lifelines](#) | [Wireless Inclusive RERC](#) | [Georgia Institute of Technology](#)

WASILC Solidarity Statement

The Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC) stands in solidarity with the Black Community and all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. We fully support the Black Lives Matter movement and condemn systemic racism, oppression, and injustice. Achieving our mission requires us to educate and advocate for systemic changes for all people with disabilities, which includes the intersectionality of race and disability. We recommit to this vital work and will hold ourselves accountable to become better allies. We know we cannot elevate the disability community without elevating the BIPOC communities we serve.

About CIEP

CIEP is a statewide advisory group that brings expertise into disaster planning based on access and functional needs (AFN) faced by people with disabilities in three areas: 1) Effective communications, 2) Programmatic Access, and 3) Physical Access. We welcome any suggestions for future issues of the quarterly **CIEP ALERT** newsletter. Past issues since 2018 are available at <https://www.wasilc.org/newsletter>.

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COMING EVENTS

[CIEP Standup Calls \(Response to COVID-19 and other Disasters\)](#)

WHEN: Every other Wednesday at 10:00 am until further notice.

WHERE: Zoom —Email Jim.House@dshs.wa.gov for more info

Note: Until further notice, all CIEP standup calls will be biweekly every other Wednesdays beginning at 10am and ending at 11am.



[Washington State Independent Living Council \(WASILC\) Quarterly Meetings](#)

WHEN: Thursday 7/15/2021: 10:00am - 5:00pm

WHERE: Zoom —Email Jolie.Ramsey@dshs.wa.gov or call 360.725.3693 for more info.

Note: Due to the status of WASILC's COVID-19 response, the next Quarterly Meeting will be held virtually. The finalized meeting agenda will be announced soon.

All CIEP Standup Calls and WASILC Quarterly Meetings are virtual until further notice and open to everyone. ASL interpreters and CART will be provided. For other reasonable accommodation requests, please contact us through either email as early as possible prior to the meeting to ensure availability.