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State Alert and Warning Center Sets Record for Missions and Incidents in 2011

Camp Murray, Wash. – Washington’s Alert and Warning Center’s set a record in 2011 for total missions and incidents handled in a year. The center, which is continuously staffed through rotating shifts of state emergency operations officers, logged 4,372 missions and incidents last year.

The total represented a 4 per cent increase over the 4,201 missions and incidents recorded in 2010 and broke the previous record of 4,210 mission set in 2007.

The center receives emergency citizen reports of wildfires and hazardous material spills and serves as a coordination point for emergency notifications of tsunami and lahar events, severe weather warnings, Enhanced 9-1-1 system outages, and search and rescue support missions.

The largest part of last year’s record were hazardous material spill reports, which amounted to 56 per cent (or 2,450) of the missions and incidents reports. Overall, total mission and incident reports have climbed nearly 24 per cent in the last 10 years.

For more information about the 2011 mission and incidents reports, see the “2011 Year-End Analysis” at <http://www.emd.wa.gov>

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