



**GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MOVING  
TO NEW LOCATION ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2009  
ROUTINE BUSINESS WILL BE TEMPORARILY INTERRUPTED**

**MOSES LAKE** – Grant County Emergency Management will be moving to a new location on Monday, November 2, 2009. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that day, routine administrative services on-site and access by telephone will be temporarily unavailable. Emergency capabilities will not be affected.

The new GCEM location is 1525 E Wheeler Rd in Moses Lake, next to Grant County District Court, and the former site of Grant County Prevention and Recovery Center (PARC). The new facility offers increased office space and a larger Emergency Operations Center.

GCEM was originally co-located at the Multi Agency Communications Center in Moses Lake. Since early 2007, GCEM has been temporarily housed in a small manufactured home at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Intensifying space, technology, and interoperability constraints over the past decade prompted the County to conduct a space needs assessment and develop options to relocate the EOC. When PARC relocated in September from the Wheeler Rd facility to the Grant Integrated Services building, the Board of County Commissioners approved GCEM to relocate operations.

“GCEM plays an important role in ensuring coordination of county and state agencies during an emergency,” said Director Sam Lorenz. “This new facility will help make communication between agencies more seamless so that during an emergency, resources are easily marshaled and dispatched to areas that need help.”

Activated during large scale emergencies or special events, the EOC serves as a central location for senior officials from city, county, state and federal agencies, non-profit entities and private sector partners to coordinate response efforts and disseminate information. The EOC offers a single location from which to manage incidents such as wildfires, chemical spills, or weather-related occurrences, as well as the day-to-day workspace for GCEM planning and response personnel.

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# Grant County EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Grant County Commissioners Authorize Relocation of the Emergency Operations Center

Effective November 2, 2009

### GCEM's office at 1525 E Wheeler Rd in Moses Lake replaces the agency's former facility at the Grant County Fairgrounds

This project called for a renovation to the former Prevention & Recovery Center (PARC) offices in the Grant County District Court building. The facility offers a larger EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER and general offices. The building is supported by excellent audiovisual, communications and information technology systems.

Activated during large-scale emergencies or special events, the EOC is a central location for senior officials from city, county, state, and federal agencies, and relevant private entities to coordinate response efforts, make decisions about resource needs and distribution, and disseminate information. With the capability to support operations for multiple agencies, the EOC also serves as a clearinghouse for sharing information during emergencies.

During non-emergency periods, the facility may offer room for local government public meetings and training sessions.



E Wheeler Rd

State Route 17

