

KNOW YOUR PORT:

Port Participation in Regional Emergency Management Operations

The Port of Port Angeles oversees and maintains public infrastructure that will be vital in the event of an catastrophic event on the North Olympic Peninsula.

One way the Port supports regional emergency planning is by facilitating the use of the airport terminal, block hangars, parking lot, apron space and/or other facilities and locations by area agencies for training and testing plans. Periodic exercises coordinated by Clallam County emergency management personnel in cooperation with other groups such as the Washington National Guard and the Coast Guard are supported by the Port.

In 2016, the Port granted a fee waiver to the National Guard Homeland Response Force (FEMA Region 10) for use of the Fairchild Airport Terminal for its Cascadia Rising exercise, which simulated a magnitude 9.0 earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the Pacific Northwest coast. The exercise's purpose was to test local, state, tribal and federal catastrophe emergency plans.

In 2017, a fee waiver was granted to the Washington National Guard, Special Operations Detachment-Pacific for use of the Fairchild Airport Terminal for its 2017 Domestic Operations Command Post training exercise. This exercise was also in preparation for a possible Cascadia Rising event.



William R. Fairchild International Airport is a crucial asset in planning for local emergency response to major disasters.