

# Our Beginnings

**1997**  
DLCD hires CPW to review and evaluate Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 7—Areas Subject to Natural Disasters and Hazards.

**2001**  
The Showcase State program becomes known as the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resistance and Resilience; ONHW leads coordinating the group's risk reduction & mitigation activities throughout the state.

Cumulatively, events such as 9-1-1, the Indian Ocean tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, & Virginia Tech change the priorities, focus & demands of local emergency management programs.

**2005—2006**  
ONHW & CPW assist the University of Oregon in developing a natural hazard mitigation plan for campus that opens the door to establishing a disaster resilient university program.

**2006—2007**  
The Partnership Advisory Committee begins to discuss an organizational restructuring to better serve the needs of the communities within the state.

**June, 1 2007**  
ONHW & the Partnership for Disaster Resistance & Resilience merge under one name and management structure at the University of Oregon: **OPDR - Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience is born.**



**Oct. 30, 2000**  
The President signs into law the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). This establishes a national pre-disaster mitigation program & creates new requirements for the National Post-Disaster Mitigation Program.

**2000**  
CSC establishes the Oregon Natural Hazards Workgroup (ONHW) specifically to work on identified natural hazards issues in Oregon. ONHW will link the skills, expertise, and innovation of higher education with the natural hazard risk reduction needs of communities & regions in Oregon, providing a service to the state and learning opportunities for students.

**2002**  
ONHW embarks on a regional capacity building initiative to develop and implement local natural hazard mitigation plans utilizing federal funds made available by the passage of DMA2K.

**2002**  
ONHW develops a comprehensive five-year strategic plan for the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resistance and Resilience organized around five distinct working groups: state hazard planning; businesses/economic recovery; pre-disaster mitigation; public awareness, education & outreach; & public-private partnerships.

**2007**  
The Partnership's activities look beyond the scope of natural hazards only, to a more integrated, enterprise-wide emergency management capacity building program.

**September 2007**  
OPDR begins working with the University of Oregon administration to implement an enterprise-wide emergency management program for campus.

