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Andrew Phelps is the Director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management within the Oregon Military Department. In addition to managing the state's 9-1-1 program, Phelps' office maintains comprehensive planning, training, exercise, and community engagement programs to ensure Oregon can mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any emergency or disaster, regardless of cause. He also serves as the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer for disaster declarations.



Phelps began his career in New York where he was an active member of the response and emergency management community with extensive experience as an emergency medical technician, fire fighter, public information officer, and as a wilderness and technical search and rescue technician. He was also a response team member of New York Search and Rescue and was the Rescue Team Chief for New York City's first FEMA-recognized Community Emergency Response Team. Phelps left New York to manage the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Local Preparedness Program, which provided technical assistance to local and tribal emergency management programs. In addition to his program management responsibilities, he was also New Mexico's Emergency Operations Center Planning Section Chief for several federally declared disasters and would function as a liaison to local EOCs and Incident Management Teams. Prior to his arrival in Oregon, Phelps was the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, the oldest capital city in the United States, where he was also served as a volunteer firefighter with the Santa Fe County Fire Department.

Phelps graduated Magna Cum Laude from John Jay College in New York City with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration/Emergency Management and Planning. He received his Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California where he was also class president. His Master's thesis, *Play Well With Others: Improvisational Theater and Collaboration in the Homeland Security Environment*, was published in September, 2013.