

Board on Public Safety Standards and Training
Minutes
January 27, 2011

The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011, in the Boardroom at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Vice Chair, Mark Prince called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board members present:

Mark Prince, Vice-Chair, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Todd Anderson, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
Kent Barker, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
Chris Brown, Superintendent, Oregon State Police
Richard Brown, Public Citizen Member
Shawn Cardwell, Private Security Industry
Christopher Eppley, League of Oregon Cities
Larry Goff, Oregon Fire District Director's Association
John Klum, Chief, Portland Fire & Rescue (by teleconference)
Jeff Martin, Private Security Industry
Rob Poirier, Public Safety Telecommunicators (by teleconference)
Mike Reese, Chief, Portland Police Bureau
Stuart Roberts, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (by teleconference)
David Schutt, Oregon District Attorneys Association (by teleconference)
Glenn Scruggs, Non-Management Law Enforcement
Joseph Siebert, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Lisa Settell, Non-Management Parole and Probation
Scott Stanton, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
Jim Walker, Acting Oregon State Fire Marshal
Max Williams, Director, Department of Corrections

Boart Members Absent:

Andrew Bentz, Chair, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
Arthur Balizan, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Michael Wells, Non-Management Law Enforcement

DPSST Staff:

Eriks Gabliks, Director
Marilyn Lorange, Standards and Certification Program Manager
Theresa King, Certification and Compliance Coordinator
Linsay Bassler, Compliance Coordinator
Kristen Turley, Certification and Compliance Coordinator
Julie Olsen-Fink, Fire Certification Supervisor
Mary Ann Jenson, Facilities & Information Tech Division Assistant
Tammera Hinshaw, Executive Support Specialist

Guests:

Mathew Workman, Chief, Warrenton Police Department

1. Chair's Report and Administrative Announcements

“This is a public meeting, subject to the public meeting law and it will be tape recorded.”

2. CONSENT AGENDA (The following items to be ratified by one vote)

A. Minutes

Approve minutes from the October 28, 2010 meeting.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/BPSST_Minutes/Board102810.pdf

B. Tyron Birdsong, DPSST #35394 - Revocation

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by CPC on November 16, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/CPC_Minutes/CPC111610Minutespdf.pdf

C. Carl D. Brown, DPSST #F07528 - Revocation

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by FPC on November 19, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/FPC_Minutes/FPCMinutes11-19-10.pdf

D. Timothy Gallaher, Jr., DPSST #49465 - Revocation

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by CPC on November 16, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/CPC_Minutes/CPC111610Minutespdf.pdf

E. Samuel Leidig, DPSST #49033 – Revocation

Nine to two vote to recommend to Board by CPC on November 16, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/CPC_Minutes/CPC111610Minutespdf.pdf

F. Casey Lockey, DPSST #40714 – Not revoke

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by PPC on November 9, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/PPC_Minutes/PPC110910Minutes.pdf

Item G. moved to the regular agenda for discussion

H. Matthew Trickey, DPSST #42951 – Revocation

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by PPC on November 9, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/PPC_Minutes/PPC110910Minutes.pdf

I. Paul Yegge, DPSST #F17985 – Not restore eligibility for certification

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by FPC on November 19, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/FPC_Minutes/FPCMinutes11-19-10.pdf

J. Chad Arnold, DPSST #43050 – Approve medical waiver

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by PPC on November 9, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/PPC_Minutes/PPC110910Minutes.pdf

K. Gregory Burroughs, DPSST #19971 – Approve medical waiver

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by CPC on November 16, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/CPC_Minutes/CPC111610_Minutespdf.pdf

L. OAR 259-008-0025 – Proposed Administrative Rule Change

Minimum Standards for Training

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by CPC on November 16, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/CPC_Minutes/CPC111610_Minutespdf.pdf

M. OAR 259-009-0005 and 259-009-0062 – Proposed Administrative Rule changes

Definitions and Fire Service Professional Certification

Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications

Unanimous vote to recommend to Board by FPC on November 19, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/FPC_Minutes/FPCMinutes11-19-10.pdf

Kent Barker moved to approve the consent agenda. Chris Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. G. Brittney Rice, DPSST #45994 – Revocation

Five to one vote to recommend to Board by TPC on November 4, 2010.

http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/BD/Policy_Committee_Minutes/TPC_Minutes/TPC110410.pdf

Theresa King reviewed two procedural areas in the documentation that staff would like to amend.

- Page 1, Item G: Recommendations – Rice’s misconduct ***did*** involve *Insubordination*.
- The last document is a TPC staff report with hand-written notes. This should be pulled from the record.

The Board discussed the appearance of inconsistency in the decisions made by the policy committees. In the past, matters involving dishonesty were automatic lifetime disqualifiers. It appears that this decision allows the person to re-apply after 7 years.

Glenn Scruggs moved to return the item to the policy committee for reconsideration or an explanation as to why this case is being handled differently than other policy committees. Max Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Director’s Report

In addition to the attached report (addendum A.), the Director covered the following subjects.

Budget:

The budget process for 2011-2013 is moving forward. The Governor’s Recommended Budget is expected to be released soon. Director Gabliks will send an update to the group when he knows what the DPSST budget looks like. He reminded the Board that this is only the beginning of the process. The Legislature’s Ways and Means Committee will make the final decision on funding for state agencies.

We continue to work with constituent agencies to meet training needs. With the Board’s permission, we obtained funds for two additional Police classes during the middle of last year from

the Ways & Means Emergency Committee. With this addition, DPSST surged classes ahead to address backlogs that we were experiencing. With the downturn of the economy, the two additional classes may not be needed this biennium and will be held in reserve in case they are needed.

Legislative:

Marilyn is the lead on legislative coordination and has gone through more than 2000 bills. There are a number of bills that have impact for DPSST such as; the OLCC, Tribal Law enforcement, Oregon University System, Use of Force, Private Security Consideration bills that we are watching.

The Bail Bond Agent bill has not yet surfaced. DPSST is not for or against this bill.

The Polygraph bill should move through without problems, as this was only a housekeeping issue.

DPSST is working with DOC on moving forward Senate Bill 76, which addresses Corrections Command Staff moving into Leadership roles. In the current statute, there is concern that they are not meeting the definition for certification, as they no longer have direct supervision of inmates. We have worked with DOC on this issue and are hoping this will be a quick fix.

As part of the state budget process, we will be giving a report on the DOC Basic Training Program. The Corrections Policy Committee has been seeing quarterly reports from the DOC Audit Team, which have been very positive.

The Training Division Director position has been in a national recruitment, which closes next week. We have received more than 30 applications from across the country. Director Gabliks will work with stakeholders to ensure the person is a good fit for them as well as DPSST.

Training over 40 hours - We are looking at the fair labor standards, but are not yet ready to give a report.

Chief Painter – The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board met in an emergency meeting to approve a benefit of \$25,000 to assist the family. A request to have Chief Painter's name added to the memorial will be included in the next Police Policy Committee packet.

Some of the Board members are completing their second three-year terms at the end of June and can no longer serve on the Board. We are working with associations for replacements for these positions. Several members are finishing their first terms on the Board. Tami will work with them on getting new Executive Interest forms submitted. Director Gabliks explained the necessity of the Governor's Office paperwork.

5. Committee Reports

- **Corrections Policy Committee – Todd Anderson, Chair**

Todd asked the Board members and their agencies to advocate for stability in the public safety arena.

New DOC BC Curriculum - Theresa King reported. The Executive Committee approved the 2011 curriculum at their December 13, 2010 meeting so that training could begin in January 2011. The training developed exceeds expectations.

DOC Director Max Williams expressed appreciation for the assistance of Theresa and DPSST. Line staff and supervisors are very pleased with the program. This is viewed

as a new stage in a partnership with DPSST. Todd Anderson commended the group on how quickly they accomplished the development and implementation of this training. Richard Brown asked about ensuring the history of how we came to this point is preserved and shared with new staff. Max Williams and Theresa King explained the changes that have taken place in training. History is addressed in two components of the interpersonal communication training new correctional officers go through. Todd Anderson shared that Jail Command and Sheriffs are considering extending the current five-week training to six weeks.

- **Fire Policy Committee – Mark Prince, Chair**

The next meeting for the Fire Policy Committee is February 23. Julie Olsen-Fink reported that the committee has two revocation/denial cases to review and some standards and rules to address.

- **Police Policy Committee – Andrew Bentz, Chair**

N/A

- **Private Security Policy Committee – Jeff Martin, Chair**

Jeff explained that the committee is watching some bills that will affect them. A Senate Bill being introduced would take civil penalties assessed by private security on individual officers, and instead of being funneled back into the program, the funds would be lost in the General Fund.

The sub committees are active reviewing programs.

- **Telecommunications Policy Committee – Rob Poirier, Chair**

The committee is meeting next week to review four revocation cases and one case to reconsider.

Rob thanked everyone for their support of the prepaid cell phone tax and the multi-line phone systems bill that will enable responders to be better able to find locations where incidents are taking place.

The consolidated task force is waiting for feedback from the Legislature.

Good of the Order

Stuart Roberts explained why he is leaving the Board and introduced Mathew Workman as his replacement.

Mike Reese distributed flyers for a nice event in Portland for first responders on 9/11.

6. Next meeting date: April 28, 2011

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Addendum A.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Update for Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

Prepared by Director Eriks Gabliks
December 28, 2010

Agency-Wide Matters

Budget Update

DPSST has submitted its Agency Request Budget (ARB) and has met with state budget development officers to appeal their initial recommendations. We have not received any additional information since we presented our appeal a number of weeks ago. It is our understanding that Governor Kulongoski will issue a proposed budget for 2011-2013 as he leaves office. Incoming Governor Kitzhaber who will then create his Governors Recommended Budget will review this proposal. This will be the starting point for the legislative session. Since some of you are new to the state budget process, DPSST will not know what its actual budget is until the Ways & Means Committee holds its hearings and when the session concludes around July 1, 2011. As we approach the legislative session, please remember DPSST was asked to submit a 25% reduction package for CFAA funded programs as part of its 2011-2013 Agency Request Budget. DPSST programs funded by what is called "other funds" have been asked to submit a 10% reduction package (Private Security-Private Investigators, Fire Training and Certification, 9-1-1 training, etc. We will not know what reductions, if any, will be recommended until the Governor and legislature begin their work. We will keep you all posted during the legislative session.

Legislative Update

The legislature is just days away from starting its work. There are a number of legislative concepts DPSST is tracking. DPSST has requested one bill to be introduced which deals with the Polygraph Licensing Program. This bill would bring some old language up to date with current practices. The Board at its last meeting approved this legislative concept.

A number of stakeholder groups have approached us regarding legislative concepts that may be considered during the 2011 session. These bills include: Police Powers and DPSST certification for the Oregon University System, Tribal Law Enforcement Police Powers, Police Powers and DPSST certification for investigators of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), and the licensing of Bail Bond Agents within the Private Security/Private Investigator Program. The Tribal Police Powers Bill was heard and accepted by the Legislative Committee last week. DPSST does not support the current bill as written as it would require DPSST to conduct additional duties which are not in align with our agency's mission. The Bail Bond Agents Bill was scheduled at the same hearing but was pulled from the agenda, as additional work was needed. It is important to note that while DPSST has spoken with many of these groups, our communication is to ensure that language does not affect DPSST's current statutes and rules. DPSST understands that the legislature enacts legislation based on input from constituents.

One final bill being worked on by the Oregon Department of Corrections and DPSST would clarify the definition of corrections officer in DPSST's statutes. Currently, corrections officers who move to management positions in larger organizations may be in situations where they lose their certification if they are not in direct supervision of inmates. This housekeeping change would

address this issue and allow currently certified corrections officers to retain their professional certification.

Organizational Changes within Training Division

DPSST is always looking for ways through which we may enhance our operations. These unprecedented fiscal times and the recently announced changes in state practices by the incoming Governor, indicate that we are going in the right direction. After months of discussion within the Leadership Team, DPSST announced some changes in the reporting structure within the Training Division a few weeks ago. The changes do not result in any person losing their job or changing their classification. The changes will be effective no sooner than January 3, 2011 and are outlined below. These changes will assist and enhance the services we provide to both our internal and external customers.

The majority of the changes are within the Training Division's Operations Section. Supervisor Marshall Roache will continue to oversee scheduling and dorm reception staff but his position will report directly to the Training Division Director. Suzy Isham will resume her former position as Supervisor of the Regional Training Program. The employees in the Curriculum Section will become part of the Academy Training Section and report to Ray Rau. Inventory Control Specialist, Greg Francom will report to Ed Thompson (Tactical Section) and Specialist, Joe Wagner will report to Roger Eaton (Survival Skills). Office Specialist, Kristi Anderson will support both Tactical and Academy Training Sections, which currently do not have any clerical support.

Training Division Director Recruitment

The recruitment process for a new Training Division Director will begin the first week of January 2011. DPSST Human Resources Division will conduct an open and competitive process that will include outreach through national public safety associations. DPSST will involve staff and constituents in the selection process. We hope to have a new Training Division Director in place by March 1, 2011. We encourage all interested parties to apply for this position.

Board Changes – State Fire Marshal Retires

State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson, a member of the BPSST, will be retiring from his position on December 31, 2010. Randy has been a member of Oregon's public safety family for 33 years and has served as the Fire Chief of Ontario before joining the Office of State Fire Marshal a number of years ago as Chief Deputy. We wish Randy success in the future and thank him for his many years of service and friendship.

NIMS IMT Training Update

Oregon Office of Emergency Management has entered into a \$250,000 interagency agreement with DPSST for the delivery of two complete series of FEMA all-hazard/all-risk incident management team (IMT) classes. DPSST is offering these classes in partnership with qualified instructors from the Hillsboro Fire Department. One series is to be offered in the Portland metro area and the other will be offered at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. These are position-specific classes such as Incident Command, Logistics, Safety, Public Information Officer, and others that enable local public safety and allied government entities to develop local/regional incident management teams. Earlier this month, the first two classes were offered; one at DPSST and the other in Hillsboro. The attendance has been very good and FEMA has approved travel assistance for out of state attendees interested in receiving this training.

In case you are wondering, an IMT is a multi-agency/multi-jurisdiction team for extended incidents, formed and managed at the State, regional, or metropolitan level. It is a designated team of trained personnel from different departments, organizations, agencies, and jurisdictions within a state or DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) region. These teams are activated to support incident management at incidents that extend beyond one operational period. IMTs are deployed as a team of 10-20 trained personnel to manage major and/or complex incidents requiring a significant number of local, regional, and state resources, and incidents that extend into multiple operational periods and require a written Incident Action Plan (IAP), such as a tornado touchdown, earthquake, flood, multi-day hostage/standoff situation, or at planned mass-gathering events.

DPSST to offer Leadership and Ethics Institute Course

DPSST is pleased to offer again the 160-hour International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Course at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. This training will consist of 20 days and will meet on Wednesday and Thursday of every other week beginning February 9, 2011, and ending June 16, 2011. For additional information, please contact Steve Winegar at DPSST at (503) 378-2432.

DPSST Welcomes New Rules & Compliance Coordinator

DPSST is pleased to announce that our new Rules and Compliance Coordinator, Linsay Bassler, is ready to assist you in the following program areas: Sheriff's candidate eligibility evaluation, Federal Officer Arrest Powers, Public Safety Memorial Fund coordination, Medical waivers, College credit program for Basic training, Administrative Rule coordination, and Forms: F-25 and F-26 (sheriff's candidate eligibility forms) and M-1, M-3, M-4 (Memorial Fund forms). You can reach Linsay at 503-378-2431 or Linsay.a.bassler@state.or.us.

Criminal Justice Programs

Academy Enrollment Update

DPSST enrollment numbers continue to remain flat. Only two agencies have reported significant hiring efforts; Portland and Eugene. The Portland Police Bureau is the only agency that is currently conducting a major recruitment of at least 20 new officers to fill vacancies that are anticipated due to retirements in 2011. The Eugene Police Department is in the process of hiring up to eight officers for their downtown business district. Public safety agencies have reported to DPSST that they have vacancies, but many of them are not being filled now due to budget uncertainties. Basic Police 323 started at the end of November with less than 20 students. We allowed this class to occur in order to avoid creating a backlog.

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u># Enrolled (as of December 23, 2010)</u>
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BP324	01/31/11	37
BP325	03/28/11	2
BP326	05/23/11	1

3 employees hired and will be registered for BP324 when pending paperwork has been completed.

BT75	01/10/1	10
BT76	04/04/11	2
EMD36	01/24/11	5

0 employees hired and will be registered when pending paperwork has been completed.

BCL005 1/31/11 24

BCL006 5/23/11 3

3 employees hired and will be registered when pending paperwork has been completed.

BPP63 03/21/11 10

PPFA16 04/18/11 6

0 employees hired and will be registered when pending paperwork has been completed.

DPSST Releases Ethics Bulletin Volume 85

The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) has the legislative mandate to establish and enforce minimum standards for all law enforcement officers, fire service professionals, telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers in the state. This requirement also defines the procedure for the Department and Board to use when denying or revoking certification of an individual who has fallen below the minimum standards. The Ethics Bulletin is published to provide insight into the types of misconduct that could result in revocation or denial of certification. The November edition of the Ethics Bulletin can be found on-line at <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/docs/EthicsVol85.pdf>. DPSST and BPSST continue to ensure that certified public safety officers, and those seeking certification, who abuse the public's trust are held accountable for their actions.

For the month of November, the Professional Standards Section opened 38 cases, closed 32 cases, and had 228 cases pending. Of the 32 cases closed, 10 resulted in revocation of certification and 22 required no additional action by either DPSST or BPSST.

Certification Matrix Work Group

Approximately two years ago, as part of our strategic planning process, constituents identified a need to revisit the current matrix used to award certifications above the basic level for police, corrections, parole and probation, telecommunications, and emergency medical dispatch. These work groups met for many months, but the processes stalled with staff and committee member turnover. Last month, DPSST staff re-energized the work groups and brought the chairs of the respective sub-committees together to review what had been done to date and what tasks lie ahead. The outcome was that the groups will be meeting again and will work to bring proposed changes to the respective policy committees and eventually the Board. For additional information on this process, please contact Linsay Bassler at DPSST at 503-378-2431 or Linsay.a.bassler@state.or.us.

Reporting Criminal Justice Training to DPSST

As we approach the end of 2010, DPSST Standards & Certification Program staff has sent out reminders that we will only accept Course Attendance Rosters (DPSST Form F-6) to report training that occurred in the current calendar year and the two previous years. In addition, the notice has been very clear that rosters from 2008 will only be accepted by DPSST through December 31, 2010.

Beginning in January 2011, DPSST will accept F-6 rosters from criminal justice agencies for the 2009-2011 calendar years. Training attended prior to January 2009 will need to be submitted on an F-15 Continuing Log of Training. The training reported on the F-15 will be entered as a lump sum number of hours as "Approved In-State Training" for each year reported and not as individual

entries. Due to budget reductions causing staff shortages, F-15's will only be entered when all F-6 data entry is current. This could result in a significant delay in seeing the training on employee's records. If the training credit is needed for an upper level of certification, DPSST staff encourages applicants to attach the F-15 to their Application for Certification. Our staff priority is to focus on entering current training events to assist agencies and employees in meeting maintenance requirements.

DPSST Creates New Criminal Justice Waiver Checklist

When a criminal justice agency hires a public safety officer from another state, it can be tough to know what DPSST Standards & Certification staff needs to help them determine the officer's eligibility to waive the full Basic Course and attend the Career Officer Development Course. To assist our constituents in that process, our staff has developed a waiver checklist, which is now posted on the DPSST website <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/SC/docs/Waiverchecklist.pdf>. As always, those with specific questions or concerns about an officer's potential eligibility for a waiver may contact Julie Johnson in our Standards and Certification Section at 503-378-2353 or Julie.johnson@state.or.us.

DPSST Offers Advanced Training at Academy

The decrease of basic police courses has allowed DPSST staff to offer a number of specialized courses for public safety professionals over the next three months. Some of the classes being offered free of charge include Challenged Shooter Course, Defensive Tactics Instructor Update Course, Diagnosing the Agency Challenged Shooter Course, FTO Emergency Vehicle Operations Refresher, Advanced Patrol Tactics Refresher, P&P Vehicle Operations, Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO) Refresher, and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for Telecommunicators. Additional classes may be added as staff and venue schedules allow.

DPSST Offers First Certified Police to Basic Corrections Academy

The first two-week course for currently certified Police Officers to become dual certified in Corrections completed its training on November 5, 2010. The feedback from students and their supervisors was very positive. DPSST is evaluating the comments to see if any changes need to be made to the curriculum. This course was offered to serve the working needs in County or Municipal Jails and was based on curriculum developed for the Basic Corrections Local Course that we currently provide. We have received a number of requests asking when the next class will be offered. DPSST will be working with the Oregon State Sheriff's Jail Command Council to see if another class is warranted in the near future or in the Fall of 2011.

Fire Service Programs

Fire Task Force Update

The Fire Certification Section has no task forces currently active. The following task forces are scheduled for 2011: Airport Firefighter, Fireground Leader, Public Information Officer, and Juvenile Firesetter Interventionist. DPSST updates standards on an on-going basis so that Oregon standards for fire service training and certification are in alignment with the Professional Qualifications Standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Task forces report to the Fire Policy Committee and are coordinated by Julie Olsen-Fink in our Fire Certification Section. If you have questions about the process or know of a person interested in serving on a task force, please contact Julie at (503) 378-2297.

Technology: E-Forms Update

The DPSST Fire Certification Section continues to run the newly delivered E-Forms project with a handful of fire agencies that are beta testing the system. There have been a number of issues raised, but the program developed and DPSST's Information Systems Division has addressed each. Fire E-Forms will enable city fire departments and rural fire protection districts to submit their fire service certification documents to DPSST on-line. DPSST's Fire Certification Section is working on a phased approach to bring agencies onto this new system over the next six months. Fire agencies that cannot, or choose not to, participate in this new program will still have the ability to send their certifications requests on paper.

DPSST Delivers its First Fire Officer I Course

DPSST completed its first academy-based NFPA Fire Officer I course on November 12, 2010. This 80-hour course, delivered in partnership with Chemeketa Community College, was well received by the students that were fire officers or fire officer candidates from agencies throughout the state. DPSST is working to offer another class in the Fall of 2011.

DPSST 2011 Winter Fire School

DPSST is pleased to host its annual Winter Fire School on February 26-27, 2011. This is one of DPSST's signature events and brings in more than 300 career and volunteer fire and rescue personnel from across the state. A number of classes will be offered in conjunction with the National Fire Academy and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association including: Fire Instructor I, Vehicle Extrication, Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations, Leadership I, Leadership II, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Preparation for Initial Company Operations, Training Operations in Small Departments, and the Chief's Toolbox (Modules 4, 5 & 6).

Upcoming Training at DPSST

DPSST is pleased to host the Oregon Fire Instructors Association (OFIA) Fire Fighter Safety and Survival Symposium on January 14-15, 2011. This annual event has a specific focus on providing safety and health classes. This year's agenda includes topics such as Firefighter Rehabilitation and Medical Monitoring of Emergency Responder Exhaustion.

DPSST was scheduled to host the National Fire Academy class Advanced Safety Operations and Management from February 7-12, 2011. The class was cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

DPSST and the Office of State Fire Marshal are pleased to host two National Fire Academy courses during March 2011. The first class, Fire Prevention for First Responders & Small Departments will be held on March 7-8, 2011. The second class, Community Risk Issues & Prevention will be held on March 9-10, 2011. Both classes are offered free of charge and lodging is free to attendees living more than 60 miles from Salem.

DPSST will be hosting an NFPA Firefighter I Academy starting Saturday, March 4, 2011. This course will be held on Saturdays and Sundays at the Academy for a number of months to provide basic training to volunteer firefighters from rural communities.

All of the above classes are being offered free of charge at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. If you would like additional information on any of these opportunities, please contact Thelma Denney at DPSST Fire Service Training at (503) 378-2408 or Thelma.denney@state.or.us.

Technology: Private Security/Private Investigator Web Directory

DPSST's PS/PI Program is very close to placing the Private Security/Private Investigator Licensing Directory on-line. Crown Point, a Portland based software developer, was selected to conduct the work and has delivered its final product to DPSST. DPSST staff is running some final tests before it formally places the directory live on-line. DPSST will share information on system access to private security/private investigator constituents, law enforcement agencies, and media outlets in the very near future.

IASIR Western Region Chair

Private Security/Private Investigator Program Supervisor, Teresa Naugle was selected to serve as the Western Region Chair of the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (IASIR) at the association's recent conference in Wilmington, Delaware. IASIR is made up of state and provincial government regulators, industry, law enforcement, and any other interested individuals who meet to discuss licensing, reciprocity, training, and education.

Other

Campus Technology: New Fiber Connection at DPSST

When the new Academy was constructed, the cost of installing a fiber connection was cost prohibitive. With new companies building in the area, and changes made by various telecommunications companies, the cost has dropped from the original quote of approximately \$200k, to approximately \$30k. This cost reduction has allowed DPSST to install a fiber connection to our campus. This new connection will allow DPSST to decrease our monthly data/telecom connections fees (old cost - \$1,100/month, new cost - \$656/month). At the same time, we will be increasing our available bandwidth (old connection - 4.5mb new connection - 10mb). This will benefit DPSST as well as other agencies who rent office space at our campus.

The increased bandwidth will allow better response for users accessing remote applications, as well as improve phone services at the Academy, which is using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services for our phone system. The increased bandwidth will also allow DPSST to pursue Software as a Service (SaaS) opportunities. Some additional SaaS possibilities DPSST can now pursue include Email hosting, Computerized Maintenance Management System (used by the Facilities division for work orders, maintenance tracking, etc), Oracle database, email archive, Blackberry services, and any other application that is more cost effective to host elsewhere. This will reduce the number of computer servers maintained at DPSST. The reduction in servers will save equipment costs, administrative costs, power to run them, as well as power to cool the server room. This is one of many initiatives underway at DPSST to reduce our operating costs while improving our organizational abilities.

If you have any questions concerning this project, feel free to contact our IS Manager, Don Altermatt, at 503-378-2316.