

Fire Policy Committee Minutes May 12, 2006

The Fire Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2006 at the Keizer Fire District. Chair Jim Whelan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendees

Committee Members:

James Whelan, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters' Association, Chair
Larry Goff, Oregon Fire District Directors' Association
Kevin Gray, Non-Management Firefighter
Nancy Orr, Oregon State Fire Marshal
Mark Prince, Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association
Dave Sprando, Portland Fire & Rescue
Joel Stein, Oregon Fire Marshal's Association
Kevin Wickman, Oregon Fire Instructors Association
Kelly Bach, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
William Lafferty, Oregon Department of Forestry

Committee Members Absent:

William Klein, Community College Fire Programs

DPSST Staff:

Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director
Terry Riley, Fire Program Supervisor
Julie Olsen-Fink, Fire Certification Section
Anita DeVilliers, Fire Certification Section
Renee Johnson, Fire Certification Section
Rosemary Neal, Director's Office
Tammera Hinshaw, Director's Office

Guests:

Dave Lapoff, Keizer Fire/OVFS
Pat Davies, Portland Fire & Rescue
Bob Snee, Salem Fire
Nicole Braman, Portland State University
Matthew Jones, Portland State University

1. Minutes (February 17, 2006)

Mark Prince moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2006 Fire Policy Committee meeting. Kevin Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

2. Fire Ground Leader

Julie Olsen-Fink of the DPSST Fire Certification Section gave an overview of the Fire Ground Leader (FGL) work group. The work group met and concluded their work in one meeting. The group decided to separate the NFPA Fire Officer Task Book from FGL. FGL will have its own stand alone Task Book. The issue of water supply was discussed and the group decided to create a class that specifically deals with this. The class will be called Managing Water Supply Operations so it's not confused with what's covered in Pumper Operator and in Firefighter 2. The language in the Fire Officer Task Book that pertained to the FGL didn't exactly match up. Julie and Chief Dahl will get together and develop and change some of the requests to make sure no infringement on copyright takes place.

Task Force Members:

John Arbuckle, Port of Portland Fire
Jack Condon, City of Dallas Fire
Mike Nokes, Halsey Shedd Fire Dept
Richard Carey, Boring Fire District #59
Rob Dahl, Boring Fire District #59
Rob Smith, Lane County Fire Dist #1
Jason McKinnon, Baker City Fire Dept
Devin Wells, Hood River Fire District
Norvin Collins, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
George Jamieson, DPSST Regional Training
John West, DPSST Regional Training
Julie Olsen-Fink, DPSST Sr. Fire Certification Coordinator

3. *Division 9 Administrative Rule Change – OAR 259-009-0062(2)(f)(A)(iii)

Julie Olsen-Fink reviewed the proposal to modify the Administrative Rules for the Committee. Staff discovered some outdated language regarding the bridging process for Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist. Staff requests that the bridging process language be removed and be modified.

ACTION ITEM 1.1: Determine whether to recommend approval to the Board to file the proposed rule language for 259-009-0062(2)(f)(A)(iii) with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule.

Kevin Gray moved to recommend to the Board to file the proposed rule language for OAR 259-009-0062 as a proposed rule with the Secretary of State. Kevin Wickman seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEM 1.2: Determine whether to recommend approval to the Board to file the proposed rule language 259-009-0062(2)(f)(A)(iii) with the Secretary of State as a permanent rule if no comments are received and no hearing is held.

Kelly Bach moved to recommend to the Board to file the proposed language for OAR 259-009-0062 as a permanent rule with the Secretary of State if no public comment is received and no hearing is held. Kevin Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEM 1.3: Pursuant to HB 3238, determine whether there is a significant fiscal impact on small businesses. (see form attached)

Kevin Gray moved that the Fire Policy Committee has not identified any significant fiscal impact on small businesses pertaining to HB 3238 at this time. Mark Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

DPSST updates

Eriks Gabliks provided an overview on events, projects and happenings taking place within fire programs at DPSST.

The administrative rule changes that were approved at the last meeting of the Fire Policy Committee were approved at the last meeting of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST). The rules will be sent out for public comment and posted on the DPSST web-site as soon as the comment period opens. Fire agencies will be advised via the Fire Bulletin list serve.

The nation's fire service associations and organizations have once again asked all fire departments and districts to participate in a National Safety Stand Down. The Stand Down will be held the week of June 22, 2006. DPSST is sharing this information with all Oregon fire agencies and is making training resources available for agencies to participate.

DPSST is working with the Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) and the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council (GFSPC) to address the training requirements and needs for Incident Management Teams (IMTs). IMT standards exist for the wild land fire community but these standards are limited and do not address "all hazard" incident management. The GFSPC has approved the formation of a task force to look into this issue and make recommendations. DPSST will be actively involved in this project and keep the Fire Policy Committee informed on the discussions.

The State Fallen Firefighters Memorial has been completed at the new location of the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. The memorial will be officially dedicated during a ceremony to be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 1300 hours. All members of the fire service are invited to attend.

The Oregon Fire Educators Association (OFEA) donated the 9-11 Memorial to DPSST for display and inclusion in the new academy. The 9-11 Memorial includes artifacts from the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The 9-11 Memorial is a tribute to all of the people impacted by the events that day. DPSST has set aside a special display area in the lobby of the new academy. Hoffman Construction, Yost-Grube-Hall Architects, and DPSST staff has worked on a design for the 9-11 display. A company from Central Oregon is donating video work and the Panasonic Corporation is donating three plasma screens to display the 9-11 video tribute. It is anticipated that this work will be completed for the September 9, 2006 fallen firefighter's memorial ceremony.

DPSST/BPSST is moving forward with three legislative concepts. One concept will reduce the reporting requirements of polygraph examiners. Another will change rules relating to private security officers and private investigators. The third will add certified DPSST employees (law enforcement and fire) to the list of individuals qualified for the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board death and permanent disability benefit. DPSST staff, by statute maintain their professional certifications and should be eligible for this benefit should they die or become permanently disabled while taking enforcement action or other actions related to public safety response.

Budget Development – DPSST is working with the Office of State Fire Marshal on the development of the 07-09 budget for state fire programs. The discussions have been very positive and DPSST is looking to enhance the training and certification services provided to career and volunteer firefighters on a statewide basis. More information will follow as it becomes available.

A number of staff changes are taking place within fire programs at DPSST. Rene Johnson of the Fire certification Section has accepted a promotion to the Payroll and Accounting Office at DPSST. After 30 dedicated years in the fire service, Era Horton has announced his retirement as the Central Oregon Fire Training Coordinator effective July 1, 2006. Two new employees have joined the DPSST fire team. Cody Goodnough is the new Fire Training Coordinator assigned to the Southern Oregon Region based in Central Point. Cody has a strong structural and wild land background having served with the Applegate Fire District and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Jason McKinnon is the new Fire Training Coordinator for the new Southeast Region based in Baker City. Jason joins us from the Baker City Fire Department where he was Assistant Fire Chief. Prior to his work in Baker City, Jason was a member of the Boring Fire District. Eriks welcomed the new staff and congratulated and thanked those leaving the program.

4. Strategic Planning Session

The committee received a briefing on the status of the strategic plan process and produced sub-bullets of items of interest to the Fire Service. These will be developed in more detail and presented to the Board.

1. Streamline Accreditation Process

- Electronic Processing
- Better criteria to address what classes meet certification requirements and which ones meet all certification levels
- More accountability of process
- More education of/for users

2. Enhance capability of regional training opportunities

- Increase numbers and use of mobile training props
- Regional training facilities
- More training opportunities

3. Mandatory certification based on standard of cover

- Fire prevention / Code enforcement / Code administration based on scope of practice
- Ensure consistency
- All firefighters must be Firefighter I and maintain same
- For those departments that choose to be an IDLH (immediate danger to life and health). Fire department must meet certification for Firefighter I.

4. State Fire Academy

- Firefighter I / II academy (DPSST)
- Provide specialized and advanced classes at DPSST
- Allow equivalent academies
- State funding to assist local academies
- DLOS as state employees – allow for more consistency statewide

5. Wild Land Integration

- Statewide fire training and certification system for ALL wild land firefighters in Oregon managed by DPSST
- Private wild land firefighter certification and maintenance managed by DPSST
- Training equivalencies (structural / wild land) managed by DPSST
- “All Risk” / Fire instructors certification managed by DPSST
 - Incident management teams (IMT)
 - Involve wild land training working team
- Private wild land fire instructors certified and managed by DPSST

6. Succession programs for Leadership & Ethics

- Company officers
- Chief officers
- Administrative officers
- Bring “Core” classes to Oregon like Executive Fire Officer (EFO) to academy and regional

- Ethics curriculum for fire
 - Firefighter
 - Company officers
 - Chief officers
 - incorporate Oregon Government Standards & Practices Commission
 - Create similar to MLTO series for modular delivery
 - Provide on an on going basis

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.