



Minutes

Call to order

State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

Present were:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Randy Simpson	State Fire Marshal	Chris Brown	Oregon State Police
Paul Pedersen	OWIN	Travis Medema	ODF
Eriks Gabliks	DPSST	Jerry Hampton	Baker County
Doug Branch	Clackamas County	Ted Ames	Clatsop County
Michael Griesen	Columbia County	Bob Schnoor	Crook County
Art Hatch	Deschutes County	Bill Guindon	Harney County
Jay Olson	Jefferson County	Chad Minter	Lane County
Don Baker	Lincoln County	Mike Beaver	Linn County
Kevin Hendricks	Marion County	John Klum	Multnomah County
John Fowler	Umatilla/Morrow/Gilliam	Ray Hamann	Union County
Dan Hammel	Wasco County	Dustin Morrow	Washington County
Bruce Hubbard	Yamhill County	Doug Koellermeier	Bend FD
Richard Smith	OSFM	Mariana Ruiz-Temple	OSFM
Sue Garfoot	OSFM	Laura Drager	OSFM

Oregon State Police Public Safety Bureau Report – Major Chris Brown

Brown is enjoying learning about the fire service and has developed relationships throughout the last year.

Even though the budget is in shortfall, Brown reported the Oregon State Police will support conflagration costs to the fire service and will continue to be an advocate for the Fire Insurance Premium Tax (FIPT) dollars.

Draft changes to Mobilization Plan – State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson

Simpson reviewed handouts of the changes to the Mobilization Plan. Some of the changes are:

- **Verbiage** to Division III Administration
 - Page III-A-1 Reimbursement Requests and Reimbursement Timelines
 - Page III-A-3 Mobilization Payment Model
 - Page III-B-1 Form Distribution
- **Addition** to Division III Administration
 - Page III-B-2 Standardized Cost Schedule
 - Added “Mobile Command Center” to cost schedule at \$100/Hr.**

Question was raised regarding when the costs in the Standardized Cost Schedule were reviewed. Simpson reported they were reviewed two years ago and they were higher than the national reimbursement rates at that time.

After discussion, John Fowler moved to accept changes to Division III Administration of the Mobilization Plan, Bill Guindon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **Verbiage** to Appendix J
Pages 1 and 4 General Information
Page 5 Reimbursement Timelines

Question was raised about portal to portal pay. Why isn't it straight across the board? This question comes up because a volunteer is only paid from the staging point of the task force and IMTs are being paid portal to portal. Simpson reported this process follows national procedure.

Another topic of concern is gas rates. If gas rates rise again, will the reimbursement schedule be revisited?

After much discussion, a workgroup will convene after the fire season to review the above mentioned parts of the Mobilization Plan. Bill Guindon and Bob Schnoor volunteered for this group. So far, the topics on the table will be: portal to portal pay for the task forces, volunteer reimbursement, and gas prices.

ACTION: If you are interested in serving on this workgroup, please contact Randy Simpson at 503.934.8216 or email randy.simpson@state.or.us with your topics for review.

Consensus vote to change verbiage in Appendix J passed.

- **Update** Appendix O
Interface Position Qualification Requirement

The purpose of this update is to better align training requirements with the Wildland Interface Certification. Members from several Oregon fire agencies, DPSST, and the Department of Forestry worked to create a system that would make it easier for the fire service when reviewing training requirements and certifications. Eriks Gabliks reviewed the Proposed Hour Requirements for NWCG Standards with handouts to clarify where we are and where we want to go.

A motion by Chad Minter to change the verbiage of the position to read “meets training requirements of DPSSTs Wildland Interface FF.” John Klum seconded the motion and it passed.

- **Field Operations Guide (FOG)**
The FOG is basically a position description of each individual that responds to an incident. Mark Crane, retired from Clackamas, was hired to review each description to make sure it matches the Mobilization Plan. Simpson reported it is a requirement to have a FOG attached as an appendix to the Mobilization Plan for the state of Oregon to be recognized at a national level. The only additions will be how Oregon activates the HazMat, US&R, and the Communications Plan for FireNet. The California-specific information will be removed.

ACTION: Once the FOG is complete it will be sent to everyone electronically.

A motion by John Fowler to accept the current edition of the FOG pending future changes. Bill Guindon seconded and it passed.

Emergency Response Unit (ERU) – Mariana Ruiz-Temple

The ERU unit is responsible for the IMTs, Regional HazMat Teams, US&R, and the Agency

Operation Center (AOC). Ruiz-Temple reported HM-7 ended their contract with the Office of State Fire Marshal so they will be expanding other HM teams to cover Central Oregon. The IMTs are transitioning to all hazard instead of specific to fire, and the training plan is being reviewed. The US&R task force is auditing themselves on activation needs.

OEM is hosting on the Cascadia Peril exercise on Monday, April 27th.

The ERU is fairly new and is in the rebuilding stages. If you have any suggestions on what the unit can provide for you, please contact Mariana Ruiz-Temple at mariana.ruiz-temple@state.or.us or 503.934.8238.

Legislative Report – Randy Simpson

The OSFM is tracking approximately 60 bills. We have found approximately 50 more bills that list the OSFM in one way or another. Simpson has copies if you are interested.

Department of Forestry (ODF) Update - Travis Medema

Medema reported the 2008 fire season was successful. Three IMTs were deployed and that went very well. The 2009 fire season predicts being dryer and hotter which brings somewhat of a concern to ODF. They will continue to monitor this prediction.

The ODF budget cuts could include the reduction of 70 type six initial attack engines, helicopters, and other aircraft. In his estimation though, the fire program will not take a significant hit with the rearranging of programs.

ODF entered into a new 5-year contract with BLM for the west side of the state. The State Forester renewed the 5-year master agreement through PNWCG and it was signed yesterday.

DPSST Report /Update – Eriks Gabliks

Gabliks reported fire training programs reached over 7000 students last year and more than 5000 certifications were issued by the Professional Standards section. He reiterated that beards are not allowed when DPSST conducts live fire training and that policy is not negotiable.

The criminal justice side of DPSST has laid off 31 employees due to budget cuts. The Fire Insurance Premium Tax training dollars remain strong at this time.

DPSST is hosting the University of Florida 40-hour live fire Train the Trainer and the University of Illinois 2-day live fire training.

If you have any questions or concerns, Gabliks can be contacted at 503.378.2332.

Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN) – Paul Pedersen

Pedersen provided handouts including a map that identifies the areas covered by the wireless radio system in Oregon. He reported that OWIN has taken cuts in their budget and has requested \$240 million dollars in capitol funds in Certificates of Participation for the 2009-2011 biennium. Continued partnerships are an important part of the funding for the OWIN project. Pedersen reported there is a project management office that oversees and monitors this project.

If you would like detailed OWIN updates, you may contact Bill Gallagher at bill.j.gallagher@state.or.us or go to their website www.oregon.gov/OSP/OWIN.

Good of the Order

Doug Branch reported each OFCA Board Member is assigned a few Fire Defense Board Chiefs and

will be contacting them regarding feedback on specific items.

Bill Guindon would like to thank Randy and his staff for their professionalism. Richard Smith has been very helpful through Harney County's recent challenges.

Eriks Gabliks reminded everyone there is grant money available for apparatus, medical equipment, and renovation in the AFG grants and encourages you to apply. For more information go to www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG.

Randy Simpson reported the Oregon Response Reporting System (ORRS) beta testing begins May 26th. Also, the Office of State Fire Marshal has a candidate for Chief Deputy pending background check and will be announced soon.

Adjourned 3:20 pm

For a copy of the recording of this meeting, please contact Sue Garfoot at 503.934.8205 or email sue.garfoot@state.or.us.