

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Special Districts Office/OFCA Conference Room

Minutes

Welcome/Introductions

Chair George Warren called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All members introduced themselves. Present were:

Members	Representation
George Warren, Clackamas County FD	Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Kelly Bach, President	Oregon State Firefighters Council
Tammy Fitch, Wilson-Heirgood Associates	League of Oregon Cities
John Stein, Nat'l Hose Testing Specialties, Inc.	General Public
Bob Borra, American Family Insurance Co.	Property & Casualty Insurance Providers
Eric McMullen, Deputy Fire Marshal, TVF&R	Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Tad Pedersen, Deputy State Fire Marshal	Employees of the Office of State Fire Marshal
Ex Officio	
Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director	Dept. of Public Safety Standards & Training
Executive Director, Staff	
Nancy Orr, State Fire Marshal	Office of State Fire Marshal
Laura Drager, Staff	Office of State Fire Marshal
Visitors	
Dave McTeague	Clackamas County Fire District #1
Ken Armstrong, Lobbyist	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Steve Vitolo, Transportation Safety Division	Oregon Department of Transportation
Randy Simpson, Chief Deputy SFM	Office of State Fire Marshal
Stacy Warner, Assistant Chief Deputy	Office of State Fire Marshal
Sue Otjen, Assistant Chief Deputy	Office of State Fire Marshal

Absent: Scott Mullens, Ed Wilson, Joe O'Leary and John Minnis.

Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. **Eric McMullen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Bob Borra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Communications:

None.

Guest/Visitor Input

None.

OLD BUSINESS

IMT Report Status

Eriks Gabliks reported this as an update. The IMT work group reported back and the task was sent to DPSST where it's in the cue for staff action. The State Fire Marshal incident management teams are all hazard, but DPSST has not yet defined training and certification for the people doing these jobs. DPSST received a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant

from the OSFM and plans to offer all hazard team training this coming year. SFM Orr clarified the Type 2 teams have always been all risk and the OSFM has trained them for all risk.

With any team there's attrition, therefore we need to have a clear approach to training requirements so we remain ready and replenished.

Chair Warren shared some complimentary comments he heard about the SFM IMTs.

Appendix P Amendment Update

Eric McMullen reported on the latest developments on the Appendix P amendment. The amendment is now considered a model sprinkler ordinance. The Building Codes Division (BCD) has decided the requirements will not become part of the residential code. BCD's process will be complete by July 1. The contentious part is section AP104.2 that deals with system development charges. The water districts end up being pitted against each other. One more public meeting is scheduled for May.

On a related note, TVF&R hired a consultant to see if people are actually using more water because they have bigger meters. The parameters given to the survey company are all inclusive and the information received could assist local jurisdictions in adopting their sprinkler ordinances.

Code 3 Emergency Responders Task Force Update

Eriks Gabliks brought information from conversations with Ed Wilson regarding firefighter awareness while driving emergency apparatus. OFCA has actively addressed this over the last three years at the conferences. A *Buckle-Up While in the Apparatus* campaign has reduced 20% of accidents. DPSST has added a code 3 driving training that will be in effect July 1 when a trainer is hired.

Data collection as well as enforcement is taking place. An ODOT/DMV crash form is filled out giving information that shows whether an E plate is involved. A check box could be added for code 3 response.

Steve Vitolo from ODOT described the *Move Over* law media campaign. Every major entrance to Oregon will have signs to educate non-Oregonians. Approximately 50-100 state highway signs are going up – each cost \$8,000. Billboard postings, posters, bus transit signs (sides of buses), brochures, and radio ads are also being used. Brochures/info can be procured from ODOT by following the link.

http://oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/Traffic_Enforcement.shtml#Move_Over_or_Slow_Down_Law

The *Move Over* law went into effect Jan 1, 2004. Vitolo was the author, but due to subject matter it was decided OSP should file the bill during the 2003 legislative session. The delay in getting the word out about the law was because OSP had no budget or staff to develop and distribute a media campaign.

Concern was expressed about confusion caused by the *Pull to the Right* campaign by TVF&R but enough time has passed to alleviate that. Borra suggested this information get into the high schools. Other suggestions were to have the brochures go into utility bills, put information on the radio program *Ask the Expert*, and add links to the OSFM and DPSST web pages. Vitolo said brochures will be going out in DMV registrations.

Action: Vitolo will get requested data regarding code 3 vehicle involvement to Gabliks to send to the council. OSFM and DPSST will place links to the campaign materials on their websites.

Stratification Worksheet and Matrix Status

Randy Simpson spoke on behalf of Paul LeSage. At the fall joint conference, the committee brought stratification forward and a few slight modifications were made. The worksheet is attached to the matrix. The purpose of stratification is to ensure that authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ) have an accurate representation of the fire and emergency medical risks within their community, and the AHJ has an understanding of the minimum standards that are required to fight structural fires in Oregon. It is a best practice and is designed to assist locals in writing policy. It will not be mandated.

Kelly Bach expressed concern regarding the use of SCBAs outside a fire hot zone. Their state hazmat team took air readings at a recent structure fire. The concern is that SCBAs are not being used when they should be, and the safety of workers is at risk. The hot zone is not defined, per Simpson. Kelly would like to see the hot zone defined, as well as the warm zone, with air quality data. SFM Orr suggested we get data from other hazmat teams.

Eric McMullen made a motion to accept the stratification document as presented, Tad Pedersen seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Action: The document will be placed on the SFM website, or linked to OFCA. SFM Orr will pursue getting more data.

Fire Service Consistency Efforts Follow-up

McMullen and Stacy Warner worked together on the progress report. Warner gave the chronological order of actions. Water supply issues were addressed, a training and recognition program was created, industry concerns regarding appeal time frames were addressed, and a dispute resolution procedure was developed. There are very few amendments to the code. Warner contacted the members and representatives who sat on the task force for their comments and all were positive.

McMullen commended Warner for doing most of the work on the report and for several years of work to put this in place.

Action: The follow-up report will be placed on the OSFM website.

Skinny Streets Study

At the request of the chair, McMullen and Warner drafted a charter to provide an enforcement mechanism for fire lane violations on private streets. While doing background on this issue they talked to some jurisdictions. Bottom line, it is an issue and does need to be studied by a task force. Chair Warren asked members to write down suggestions for members for the task force. Ken Armstrong described the discussion at a meeting he attended on this subject some time back. McMullen explained the difference between then and now. The previous work was done for access on public roads. The problem now is access on private roads.

Eric McMullen made a motion to charter a work group. Hearing no second to the motion, it was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructional Structural Burning

Gablirks said, when asked to do or help with a live fire training, DPSST agreed to comply with NFPA 1403. The issue is whether to certify to NFPA 1403. The concern is would we push smaller organizations away from live fire training with certification? Agreement is that certification will be long term. The plan is for DPSST to go out regionally and do a live fire class focusing on awareness, not certification. DPSST is working in partnership with the Oregon Fire Instructors Association to deliver the class. Instructors can get people locally who will help, fostering a network of local leaders to use after we've finished. In addition, the plan is to have more focused discussion at conferences on live fire training safety.

REPORTS

Novelty Lighters

SFM Orr reported on the awareness meetings she and Judy Okulitch scheduled with Oregon's delegation in Washington, DC. Representative Darlene Hooley has drafted a bill to be introduced in Congress to ban novelty lighters. The OSFM has drafted a legislative concept to Oregon's 2009 Legislative Assembly to ban lighters in Oregon. The states of Maine and Tennessee have already banned novelty lighters. The European Union has banned them. The congressional coalition, National Association of State Fire Marshals and others are working on this issue. There's a long list of supporters in Oregon.

Local Emergency Planning Committees

Sue Otjen reported on local emergency planning committees. Twenty years ago, the state decided to have a single statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The single LEPC didn't work well and focused mostly in the Willamette Valley. In 2005, HB 2101 abolished the Interagency Hazard Communication Council and established the State Fire Marshal as the State Emergency Response Commission. We looked at what other states did and identified a new direction, supporting multiple LEPCs at the local level. We're going into communities and talking about issues with the Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) groups. We let them develop their boundaries so they can maintain their own planning activities. The first, established in January 2008 is in Columbia county. Several other counties are ready to move ahead and get started. A SERC advisory board is being formed including police, fire, DEQ, and other appropriate government agencies. Federal grant funding for the program has been increased. In the near future, we'll have an LEPC website ready with a toolkit and other resources.

2009 Legislative Concepts

SFM Orr reported, with a hand-out, the legislative concepts planned for the coming legislative session. Policy option packages are also listed. The OSFM will be competing for general fund dollars for urban search and rescue funding. OSP is forwarding these concepts and policy option packages intact to the governor.

Insurance monetary losses due to sprinkler water damage

Borra is still working with other agencies to get information about sprinkler water damage. OSFM offered to help with staff.

Oregon Supreme Court position paper on tort liability

SFM Orr stated the report from Tammy Fitch will be distributed electronically.

Replacement OSFM representative – Tad Pedersen, effective April 1

Tad Pedersen replaces Sarah Colvin and gave a brief background. He has worked for 3 years with the OSFM as a deputy state fire marshal. Previous to that he worked for Astoria Fire and is a former EMT. Chair Warren welcomed him to the council.

Acceptance of second term – Tammy Fitch, League of Oregon Cities

In Fitch's absence, we postponed action to next meeting.

Adjourn

Kelly Bach moved to adjourn, Eric McMullen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next meeting date: July 15, 2008, 1:00 p.m.