



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal June 2009

New Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal

Jim Walker has been selected as the new Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal. Walker was most recently the Fire Operations Director for the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). He has experience managing ODF's statewide fire operations activities including directing the statewide aviation resources, the Salem Coordination Center and oversight of ODF's three incident management teams. Jim also has legislative experience and has been involved in the coordination and management of ODF's Special Purpose Appropriated Funding for the department's aviation resources. His duties at the OSFM include oversight of code development and enforcement, fire safety education and information, fire data collection and analysis, fire investigation, and juvenile firesetter intervention.



*Chief Deputy State Fire
Marshal Jim Walker*

OSFM email down beginning June 25

Beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 25 and continuing until 6:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, the Office of State Fire Marshal and Oregon State Police will not have email access due to a computer network consolidation and upgrade. State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson encourages anyone with urgent business during this period to contact the OSFM by phone at 503-378-3473. The OSP telephone number is 503-378-3720.

Novelty lighters now illegal in Oregon

As of June 2, 2009 it is illegal to sell novelty or toylike lighters in Oregon. The ban prohibits manufacturing, selling, offering for sale or distribution, or importing novelty lighters for sale or distribution in Oregon. Retailers were notified in March and had 90 days to remove any novelty or toylike lighters from their shelves. These lighters have features that are attractive to children, including visual or audio effects, cartoon or toylike designs, or other features that make the lighter appealing or attractive to a child less than 10 years old. More information about the lighter ban along with sample photos and videos is available at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/LP_NTLL_Program.shtml.