



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal November 2011

NFPA releases state-level fire assessments

The National Fire Protection Association released a fire service needs assessment for each state based on findings from a study that looked at the current needs of America's fire departments as compared to those needs identified in assessments done in 2001 and 2005.

The goal of the assessment was to identify major gaps in the needs of the U.S. fire service and to determine if the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant programs are continuing to reduce the needs of fire departments. The report looked at personnel and their capabilities, including staffing, training, certification, wellness/fitness, facilities and apparatus, personal protective equipment, fire prevention and code enforcement, the ability to handle unusually challenging incidents, and communications and new technologies.

Key findings for Oregon concluded:

- There were 37% of Oregon departments where not all firefighters on a shift were equipped with SCBA.
- There were 36% of departments where not all firefighters on a shift were equipped with radios.
- There were 51% of departments performing EMS where not all involved personnel are formally trained. To see the full report, visit [NFPA needs assessment online](#).

Chaplain response team training

Twenty-seven emergency response chaplains from throughout Oregon recently completed Oregon Chaplain Response Team training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. The training is the first step in fulfilling the requirements for chaplains to join the Oregon Chaplain Response Team (OCRT). The OCRT is a self-regulated fellowship of chaplains, regionally located throughout Oregon, with the mission to provide communities and agencies at all levels (including state incident management teams), additional resources when they need the services of trained chaplains. Look for a full-length article and more information in the December issue of the OSFM Gated Wye newsletter.