



**Oregon Life Safety Team  
October 23, 2007  
3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Office of State Fire Marshal**

**Minutes**

**Attendees**

Connie King, Washington County  
Chris Riffle, Salem Fire  
Cindy Kettering, Bend FD  
Heather Hill, OFEA/Lane Co.  
Jason Cane, Polk County  
Dave Neymeyer, Forest Grove FD  
Laura Houston, OFSOA  
Bob Garrison, OFCA  
Steve Schneiderman, OVFA

Joe Burchyski, CPSC  
Stephanie Mills, CPSC  
Genoa Ingram, OFDDA  
Ardith Conway, Oregon Burn Ctr.  
Tim Birr, TVF&R retired  
Krista Fischer, Public at Large  
Judy Okulitch, OSFM  
Colleen Olson, OSFM  
Dee Anna Morgan, OSFM

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m., October 23, 2007 in the Cache Mtn. conference room, just after OSFM's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house.

**Old Business**

Colleen Olson reported on the recent smoke alarm door-to-door, train-the-trainer workshop held on September 27, 2007. Fifteen fire departments participated in this training, with two departments already scheduling door-to-door events and making arrangements to pickup 50 free smoke alarms from OSFM.

Jason Cane, Chief of Polk County FD #1 was able to briefly join the meeting. This district is currently preparing for a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign. Colleen will be sharing the *Invasion of the Smoke Alarms* toolkit with him and assisting this department to qualify for smoke alarms. The 50 alarms provided by OSFM for this next campaign will be enough to carry their community efforts for 12 to 18 months. In return, Jason is eager to share smoke alarm data collected by his department in the past 6 years of campaigns.

Approximately 240,000 newspaper inserts were distributed directly by OVFA to 90% of newspapers in Oregon for Fire Prevention Week. OSFM distributed an additional 63,500 flyers to fire departments and agencies who requested them.

The South-Coast Shopper, with circulation from Florence to Crescent City, published an annual fire prevention issue. With commitment and encouragement from Kathleen Hornstuen, this year the publication ran two full-pages of the home escape flyer, front and back for no charge.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting were approved.

### **Upcoming Training**

Joanne Hatch and Kate Stoller from TVF&R, will be at OSFM on October 25, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., presenting the Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction, train-the-trainer workshop. The large conference room is reserved which opens up 10 more available seats. Attendees can expect to learn how to create a successful landlord training program for their community. TVF&R will provide instructions, handouts and a PowerPoint presentation available to be personalized with department logos. For information contact Dee Anna Morgan at [dee.anna.morgan@state.or.us](mailto:dee.anna.morgan@state.or.us), or 503-373-1540 ext. 416.

The Office of State Fire Marshal is hosting a second door-to-door smoke alarm campaign, train-the-trainer workshop, January 17, 2008, conducted by training specialist Colleen Olson. Attendees will be presented with fundamental details for planning a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign in their community, provided collateral materials and an opportunity to network with other departments experienced with this type of campaign. Departments taking this training may apply to receive 50 free smoke alarms from the OSFM once their door-to-door event is scheduled, as well as grant funds to offset campaign costs. For additional information contact Colleen Olson at [colleen.olson@state.or.us](mailto:colleen.olson@state.or.us), or 503-373-1540 ext. 228.

A *play safe! be safe!* workshop is scheduled for February 29, 2008, at the Hillsboro Civic Center. OSFM has partnered with Fireproof Children to bring Dr. Robert Cole and this educational training to Oregon's early childhood educators. OSFM and Hillsboro FD are jointly sponsoring this event which will be free of charge and provide educators with training and free *play safe! be safe!* kits.

### **Association & Representative Reports**

OVFA and Steve Schneiderman continue to work with Rotary International, Oregon districts to draft an application for a Homeland Security grant. The grant will be for the production and purchase of media coverage for fire safety messages. Two videos will be produced, one selecting smoke alarms and proper installation, the other implementing a home escape plan. Funds are budgeted for additional mobile billboards, fire extinguishers and training, and media equipment. The grant request exceeds \$500,000.

The on-line realtor training for Pro-Schools is still under production and Krista Fischer hopes to have it completed soon. Pro-Schools are a real estate agent training program, which are willing to add smoke alarm training for realtors to the current curriculum base.

### **New Business**

OLST member, Connie King has been asked to sit on the interview panel for the OSFM, Community Education, Project Analyst 3 (PA3) interviews in November. The new PA3 will work directly with the Oregon Life Safety Team and Judy will turn her attention to the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention program.

Judy and Colleen are working with Carolyn Ross, Sr. Manager of Field Services for the Oregon Department of Senior Services and People with Disabilities, to bring the NFPA *Remembering When* senior fire safety and falls prevention program to Oregon seniors. Colleen Olson wrote a grant to NFPA for two attendees to go to Boston and received the *Remember When* senior program training and kits after OSFM strategic planning identified a need to provide increased safety training for the adult population above age 55 and people with disabilities.

Consumer Reports has a comprehensive, well written article regarding the hazards of toy-like lighters on their blog, quoting SFM Nancy Orr and John Dean of National Association of State Fire Marshals citing the need to ban novelty lighters.

Stephanie Mills announced several recalls. For a complete list of all recalls go online to: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). Recalls include: a candle that catches fire in addition to the wick, QVC is recalling a toaster and convection oven that present a fire danger and certain recently repaired treadmills are also catching fire. Warnings have been issued regarding the at home lead testing kits, that the kit may give a false positive and that CPSC does not view the kits as reliable. Again, refer to the CPSC website for additional recall information.

Twenty-two states have adopted safer cigarette legislation. Washington is the only state on the west coast that has yet to adopt this type of legislation. Tim Birr and Chuck Talman will be focusing efforts in Olympia during 2008 to bring Washington on board and the Washington Fire Chiefs Association has made safer cigarettes a focus and top priority for the next Washington legislative session.

Cities west of Forest Grove have partnered with Washington county police service agencies to spread the home escape plan message. Forest Grove is also giving out the escape plan flyers when asked for Halloween treat bag stuffers.

Heather Hill of Lane County reported that several community outreaches have been done, with meet and greets by Springfield and Eugene FD's at area malls. Lane County has conducted several open houses and passed out the escape plan flyers at the open houses and to schools. A mobile billboard on loan from OVFA is being shared between the departments to place at events.

Cindy Kettering reported on *Firebusters* activity in Deschutes County during Fire Prevention Week. ODF partnered with the county to provide information to all the schools. A fire safety questionnaire is being given to all the children, who can then turn in completed questionnaires to be eligible in drawings for bikes, pizza parties and other rewards. The table top multi-hazard is making appearances and being met with great enthusiasm. Cindy Kettering distributed prevention week campaign toolkits and hundreds of flyers to Cloverdale, Sisters, Redmond, La Pine, Sun River and Bend. The mobile billboard traveled from department to department in Bend and boosted awareness at open houses.

OFSOA held their annual meeting this month. Laura Houston wrote an OLST annual report which was presented to the members. Toolkits for Fire Prevention week were displayed, discussed and handed out. Members were introduced to the escape plan flyers and encouraged to call OSFM for a supply.

Stayton FD has handed out over 2000 flyers to area schools and will be wrapping up Fire Prevention Month with an open house on Halloween night where more flyers will be available.

Chris Riffle reported that Salem FD held an open house at Station #6 out at the airport during Fire Prevention Week which was well attended by several 100 attendees. Salem FD is also taking their fire safety trailer out to the elementary schools to reinforce fire safety messages. Firefighters are gearing up for the annual toy drive sponsored by the department, a two month long community based activity to benefit Salem's underprivileged children.

## **Good of the Order**

Jason Cane announced that Jeffrey Donahue, retired Deputy Fire Marshal for Las Vegas FD has been hired to fill the Fire Marshal vacancy at Polk Co. Fire District #1. Jason also is pleased to announce that Jeffrey will be the Polk County representative on the Life Safety Team.

Tina Griner of Jefferson-Scio is president-elect of the OVFA, replacing the vacancy left by Steve Schneiderman. Steve will continue to represent the OVFA on the OLST.

Brenda Messmer, Division Chief at Jackson County Fire District #3 is going to be representing the OFCA at future OLST meetings and activities.

**Next Meeting Date:** November 15, 2007, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at OSFM in the Mt. Hood conference room.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**NOTE:** Members who cannot attend meetings in person are encouraged to contact Dee Anna Morgan, 503-373-1540, ext. 416 to arrange participation in the meeting via tele-conference.

**OLST ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

<b>February 2008</b>		
February 21	OLST meeting	1:00-4:00 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
February 29	play safe! be safe! Ages 3-5 Fire Safety Education Workshop	Civic Center Complex 150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. FREE kits & training for Early Childhood Educators
<b>March 2008</b>		
<b>April 2008</b>		
<b>May 2008</b>		
May 15	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train- the-trainer	10:00-12:00 p.m. To register or for additional information, contact Colleen Olson, at: 503-373-1540 ext. 228 or, <a href="mailto:colleen.olson@state.or.us">colleen.olson@state.or.us</a>