



**Oregon Life Safety Team
January 15, 2009
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Office of State Fire Marshal**

Minutes

ATTENDEES, REPRESENTING

Bonne Bandolas, Hearing Loss Association of Oregon
Bryan Emmons, Public at Large
Dennis Knudson, Lincoln Co.
Gary Timm, Baker Co. via teleconference
Jim Kusz, Lincoln Co.
Karen Swezey, Hearing Loss Association of Oregon
Laura Houston, OFSOA
Nancy Wolske, Providence Lifeline
Rod Nichols, ODF
Rosalie, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Program
Sandra Johnston, Lane Co.

Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co.
Sean Barrett, Lane Co.
Storm Smith, Washington Co.
Tim Birr, Oregon Fire Safety Coalition
Tom Bohm, Umatilla Co.
Tyler Fitzpatrick, Guest, Stayton FD
Tari Glocar, OSFM – Community Education
Stephanie Stafford, OSFM – Community Education
Krista Fischer, OSFM – Planning & Training Assistance
Candice Clark, OSFM – Community Education

NOT PRESENT, REPRESENTING

Anne-Marie Penge, Marion Co.
Bill Sharp, Curry Co.
Bill Guindon, Harney Co.
Cindy Kettering, Crook, Deschutes Co.
Curtis Ryun, OR Burn Center
Dan Hammel, Wasco Co.
Debbie McDermott, OFMA
Don Hickman, Jackson Co.
Heather Hill, Lane Co.
Hyla Ridenour, Columbia Co.
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.
Jim Patton, Benton Co.
Joanne Hatch, Clackamas Co.
Joe Burchyski, CPSC

Jon Davis, Linn Co.
Karla Bagley-Tias, Jefferson Co.
Kathleen Hornstuen, Coos Co.
Lenard Hansen, Clatsop Co.
Mark Wilson, Linn Co.
Renea Addington, Douglas Co.
Scott Rice, Klamath Co.
Stephanie Mills, CPSC
Steve Schneiderman, OVFA
William Cearns, Grant Co.
Anita Phillips, OSFM – License & Permit Services
Colleen Olson, OSFM – Community Education

Stephanie Stafford called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m., January 15, 2009, in the Mt. Hood conference room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The team approved minutes from the November 20, 2008, meeting and they are available online at http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/LST/LST_Minutes/OLST2008/11_20_08OLSTminutes.pdf

INTRODUCTIONS, ASSOCIATION & REGIONAL REPORTS

Baker County - Gary Timm

- Baker County is continuing their public education campaigns, focusing on fire and life safety, fire department access issues throughout the county and creating their schedule with the schools and community events.
- Wildland Urban Interface events are planned this spring on pre-fire planning in high-risk areas.

Clackamas County – Troy Buzalsky

- **Canby Fire** – Doing their smoke alarm campaign January 15 and 17 in a local large-scale manufactured home complex. Troy told the team that the smoke alarm campaign offered by the Office of State Fire Marshal is a wonderful program.

Harney County – Stephanie Stafford reported for Bill Guindon (New Member 01-15-09)

- The City of Burns Fire Department conducted a Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Campaign in November with 48 smoke alarms installed in five hours. They received approval for 100 more smoke alarms to be installed in March and April.
- The City of Hines Fire Department has been installing smoke alarms on a regular basis in their community.
- 18 classes of over 300 elementary school children in Burns were taught fire safety with an emphasis on not playing with matches on January 12 and 13, 2009.
- Burns Fire Chief Bill Guindon and Harney County Health Administrator Cheryl Keniston participated in the NFPA Remember When Conference in Boston, MA in December. The training included 38 teams of two from all over the US and Canada. Training and educational sessions will begin soon in the community as part of the program.

Lane County - Sean Barrett & Sandy Johnston

Sean Barrett

- Sean is the new president for the Lane County Fire Prevention Co-op effective January 1, 2009.
- Siuslaw Valley conducted a Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Campaign and plan on doing another one this spring.
- At the end of January, they will participate in a home show at the fairgrounds. Wildland Urban Interface groups will also be participating.

Sandy Johnston

- Sandy is working on the Cody program. Cody is Eugene's Official fire safety Dalmatian. His program is "Fire safety fever, catch it with Cody". Cody has been visiting first grade classrooms to teach fire safety. For more information visit: www.CodyFever.com.

Lincoln County – Dennis Knudson & Jim Kusz

Dennis Knudson

- Working on a winter heating safety blog for their website.
- Winter storm safety issues include high winds, lots of rain that cause flooding and the need for flood rescue.

Jim Kusz

- Together Jim and Dennis have targeted two (2) areas for their proposed Smoke Alarm Campaign.
- Coastal storm caused flooding and ice on highway 18.

- A surfer from Hawaii contacted Jim about the JAWS brochure that was published. They had a meeting along with the U.S. Coast Guard. The next meeting they will invite state parks and other partners.
- In 2010, Jim would like OLST to expand life safety to include beach and water safety. Most drowning are not people from the coast but other areas around Oregon. Trying to kick-off a Be Beach Smart Campaign locally and hopefully will have the help of the valley media. If it goes well, Jim would like to bring it to the OLST to start getting a summer time message out in the spring and a wintertime message out in fall.

Multnomah County –Scott Goetchius

- Portland Fire and Rescue is continuing with their youth education. Michael O’Keeffe is working with schools.
- Portland Fire and Rescue partnered with Red Cross to create warming shelters for the homeless during the snowstorm. Some staff worked up to 80 hours.

Umatilla County – Tom Bohm

- Tom is working on restarting their fire prevention co-op.

Wasco County - Dan Hammel

- Getting a volunteer association ready to apply for a Door-to-Door smoke alarm campaign.

Washington County – Storm Smith

- Hillsboro Fire installed smoke alarms in two (2) trailer parks. Later this month staff and volunteers plan to spend five (5) days working another smoke alarm campaign at a 110-unit trailer park that is primarily senior citizens and will be distributing both smoke alarms and fall prevention materials.
- Has integrated their fire safety presentations into the Hillsboro parks and recreation afterschool program. This allows them to bring the hazard house and an engine company to every school that has an after school program. They will be reaching first through eighth grade children.
- In February, will be holding a child safety seat technician training class.

Oregon Department of Forestry – Rod Nichols

- ODF is reviewing their budget and hope to save their fire programs.

Oregon Fire Marshals Association – Troy Buzalsky

- No report

Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators – Laura Houston & Tyler Fitzpatrick

Laura Houston

- No report

Tyler Fitzpatrick

- Tyler is with Stayton Fire and is Laura’s guest.

Providence Lifeline – Nancy Wolske

- Nancy is working closely with Chris VanWagner (Providence Milwaukie Hospital) on fall prevention and will be meeting again January 23, 2009.

Public at Large – Bryan Emmons

- Involved in a variety of prevention activities. Attends meeting like OLST to stay current on community prevention activities.

OTHER

Fire Service Appreciation Day – Tim Birr & Tari Glocar

- Tim reminded everyone that January 27 is Fire Service Appreciation Day at the Capitol.
- Tari explained the day is about appreciating the fire service.
- Tari invited fire service associations to attend and participate at Fire Service Appreciation Day.
- Tari gave a brief highlight of the current program: The Governor's Public Safety Policy Advisor Joe O'Leary will read the Fire Service Day Proclamation, Oregon State Police Superintendent Tim McLain, and Office of State Fire Marshal Acting State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson will speak. The Salem Fire Department Honor Guard, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Pipes and Drums, and Oregon Fire Choir will participate at this event. Oregon Department of Forestry will speak, display a wildland fire engine and booth at the event.
- If you would like to attend or participate at Fire Service Appreciation Day January 27, 2009. Set up 8:00a.m. & event 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

UPDATES

Toylike Lighter Legislation – Tim Birr

- Office of State Fire Marshal went through the legislative concept process and it was approved all the way up to the Governor's office, as a result of which Senate Bill 90 was introduced.
- State Representative Paul Holvey has introduced House Bill 2365, which has the same exact wording.
- House Bill 2365 will move through the legislative process.
- Hearing is scheduled for Friday January 23 at 3:00 p.m. and will occur before the House Consumer Protection Committee.
- They are pretty confident that they have all the testimony they need and the right mix of people to speak. They were trying for a broad mix of fire service, burn center, and Juvenile psychologist to show a broad base of support for this.
- They have documented two (2) states that have already passed this legislation; they are the states of Maine and Tennessee. States that are considering this are Washington, Texas, New Jersey, Vermont, and Michigan.
- Within the state of Oregon, both the City of Rogue River and the City of Sandy have passed local bans against the sales within their city limits.
- On the federal level Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, Chris Dodd of Connecticut and Susan Collins of Main introduced federal legislation in the last session of congress. They are going to introduce the bill again when the new congress starts.

Local Emergency Planning Committee – Krista Fischer

- Krista Fischer is a Community Planning Coordinator with Planning & Training Assistance (PATA), Office of State Fire Marshal. PATA assists communities in establishing Local Emergency Planning Committees.
- Background provided: The 1986 U.S. Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). The purpose of the law is to give emergency responders, planners, and citizens the right to know what hazardous material is manufactured, stored, or transported through their communities. This law mandated local communities (known as planning districts) establish local emergency planning committees to plan and train for the possibility of a local hazardous material incident.
- In 2005, the Oregon Legislature moved Oregon's State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and the statewide LEPC from the Office of Emergency Management to the Office of State Fire Marshal. After review and discussion with stakeholders, the Office of State Fire Marshal discontinued the single

statewide LEPC. The focus today is the development of individual LEPC planning districts on the local level (usually by county) in order to reflect the difference in needs, resources and exposures to hazardous materials.

- Today, Oregon's State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) provides oversight for the state's LEPC's.
- Local Emergency Planning Committees are active in Columbia, Klamath, Linn and Morrow counties.
- Counties in the developmental stages of establishing a Local Emergency Planning Committee include, Benton, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson and Umatilla.
- Clackamas, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Lane, Malheur, Multnomah, Polk, and Union counties have expressed interest in started a LEPC.
- LEPC handouts were provided to OLST members. A request was made that members are to share the information with the individual most likely to be involved with a LEPC. The Planning & Training Assistance Unit staff is willing, able, and dedicated to helping communities in building a safer community by helping communities to establish a LEPC in their area.
- OLST members representing Baker and Lincoln County expressed an interest in starting a LEPC.
- For more information, please contact Krista Fischer at 503-934-8261 or Krista.Fischer@state.or.us.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee information is also available on the Office of State Fire Marshal website at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.shtml.

Hearing Loss Association of Oregon – Karen Swezey & Bonne Bandolas

Karen Swezey

- Karen has an inherited hearing loss and wears cochlear implants otherwise she unable to hear.
- She has a large family that also have an inherited hearing loss, but she is the only member of her family that has visual smoke alarms in her house.
- Karen has three (3) hardwired visual smoke alarms interconnected in her house. She had a fire start in her living room. The visual smoke alarm alerted her in another room she was in and she was able to respond quick enough to prevent a large incident.
- She has friends that are hard of hearing who depend on another person to alert him or her if there is a fire because they don't have visual smoke alarms.
- Karen thinks that working with the Oregon School for the Deaf is a great place to start the deaf and hard of hearing program, but there are people like her family who need smoke alarms too. She is excited to know that smoke alarm campaigns are happening.
- Karen gave the OLST resources that could help with our program, because these resources are in contact with individuals who are hearing impaired and need visual smoke alarms.
 - Local Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
 - Senior and Disabled Services Caseworkers
- Hearing Loss Association of Oregon publishes a statewide newsletter that reaches about 3000 people and about 1000 of those are professionals that work with hard of hearing and or deaf people.
- Karen would be happy to carry articles about our program in their newsletter and provide a contact to apply for smoke alarms. She believes this would be a great way to do outreach that wouldn't cost us anything. They love connecting hard of hearing people with resources.
- She thinks hard of hearing people don't know that visual smoke alarms even exist. The ones offered at local hardware stores are not bright enough to alert well enough and thinks educating people is a very important thing.
- Cost is another issue for people having a smoke alarm system installed is very expensive.
- Karen gave a list of websites for more information:
 - Hearing Loss Association of Oregon is <http://hearinglossor.org/>
 - Hearing Loss Association of America <http://hearingloss.org/>
- Karen let OLST know that if you give her your e-mail address she can send you the newsletter.

- Explained how her system works with lights and how the lights flash differently for the phone, doorbell, or smoke alarm.
- Karen recommends the use of 177 candelas.

Bonne Bandolas

- She explained how her system works for visual for each room.
- Bonne’s says having your smoke alarm system hardwired makes the candelas brighter.
- Bonne doesn’t want to see the wheel reinvented, and is pleased with what the team is doing.
- Regular smoke alarms usually use a very high frequency and most often is lost first during hearing loss.
- She has a buddy system and her neighbor’s have a key to her house in case they need to warn her of an emergency situation.

Tari Glocar – Asked Karen if she would like to submit an article for the Gated Wye.

Jim Kusz – Recommend talking with contractors about installation during the building process. It would be less costly than installing later.

Sean Barrett – Clients prefer the strobe smoke alarms.

Krista Fischer - Says she is hard of hearing and shared a personal story. A neighbor’s house caught fire in the middle of the night and the fire department notified homeowners on either side of her to prepare for evacuation. The fire department tried and was unsuccessful in awaking her to inform of the incident. Her local fire department is going to tag her house, informing of hearing loss. She has a strobe smoke alarm in her house.

Storm Smith – Let OLST know that they can go to their local dispatch center and inform of a deaf or hard of hearing person’s residential address and the fire department can flag the house in the computer system. If an incident occurs at the address, a note will be brought up on the screen informing of a deaf or hard of hearing person is in residence.

Tim Birr – In the City of Santa Maria, California the community now has, a system where it not only does a telephone call it sends an email message when something happens in the neighborhood.

OLST survey results & future projects – Stephanie Stafford

- Stephanie went over survey results and the power point.
- Current history and where OLST is going
- About current trainings and campaigns, briefly explaining each workshop
 - Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Campaigns – Increase number of communities conducting door-to-door smoke alarm installation and maintenance campaigns.
 - Landlord Training Program - Provides train-the-trainer workshops for fire department to implement Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue’s (TVF&R) model landlord training program.
 - Realtor Smoke Alarm Training – Develop and deliver an online training program on Oregon’s smoke alarm statute for real estate agents.
 - Senior Program – Remembering When (a fire and fall prevention program for older adults).
 - Fire Prevention Week
 - Smoke Alarms for Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Partner with deaf and hard of hearing associations to provide smoke alarms.
- OLST Survey Results – What are the top five (5) fire prevention and safety issues in your community? What programs are you interested in? 33 responses to survey.
 - 16 Older Adults (Seniors)
 - 13 Funding for fire prevention/safety programs

- 12 Economically Disadvantaged/Poverty
- 11 Children/Youth – Refer: Fire & Life Safety
- 11 Juvenile Firesetters – Refer: Fire & Life Safety
- 10 Cultural Barriers
- 10 Language Barriers
- 09 Smoke Alarms
- 08 Combustibles to close to heat source
- 08 Fire Prevention and Safety for People with Disabilities (i.e., deaf and hard of hearing, etc.)
- 08 Campus/College Fire Safety
- 07 Fireworks
- 07 Discarded material (ashes, cigarettes, etc.)
- 06 Adult participation in programs
- 06 Escape planning
- 05 Residential Fire Deaths/Funding
- 04 Fire Prevention Week
- 03 Arson
- 02 Exits Blocked
- 07 Other: includes candles, carbon monoxide alarms, residential sprinkler systems, wildland fires, urban interface, multi-family (apartment) housing, high-risk, high stakes environments.
- OLSST Meeting Schedule Survey Results
 - 22 1:30-3:30 p.m. – 2 hour meeting (current)
 - 04 1:00-4:00 p.m. – 3 hour meeting
 - 04 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – 4 hour meeting, with lunch
 - Other suggestions: subcommittees, conference calls, six meetings (omit June), have meeting at state chief’s meeting.
- Discussed forming subcommittees.
 - Seniors (Older adults)
 - Smoke Alarms
 - Home Fire Safety

Tim Birr - OLSST helps get the safety information out and that the sub-committees would be helpful.

Nancy Wolske - Thinks having subcommittees is a great idea. Online correspondences (Google news group website) for the subcommittees and the news groups are private and by invite only. You can share documents to review together and it’s free.

Stephanie Stafford

- Will send out subcommittee information.
- Being on a subcommittee is not a requirement. This is for people with a passion for the subject.
- Teleconferencing will be available for subcommittees.
- Stephanie also gave an update about the video conference system that is in the works at OSFM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 19, 2009, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM in the Mt. Hood conference room.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:10 p.m.

NOTE: Members who cannot attend meetings in person are encouraged to contact Candice Clark to arrange participation in the meeting via teleconference at 503-934-8266 or candice.clark@state.or.us.

OLST ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February 2009		
February 17	Assistance to Firefighter Grant Training Workshops	1:30 p.m., Coos Bay City Hall 500 Central Avenue Coos Bay, Oregon For questions, please call Colleen Olson at 503-934-8228 or email colleen.olson@state.or.us .
February 18	Assistance to Firefighter Grant Training Workshops	1:30 p.m., Newport Fire Department 245 NW 10 th Street Newport, Oregon For questions, please call Colleen Olson at 503-934-8228 or email colleen.olson@state.or.us .
February 19	Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Workshop in Salem	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305 To register visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml
February 19	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
February 23-27	Fire Prevention Workshop 2009	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., at Salishan Lodge, Longhouses A, B and C 7760 Highway 101 North Gleneden Beach, OR 97388 To register visit: http://www.ofma.net/
February 24	Assistance to Firefighter Grant Training Workshops	1:30 p.m., Central cascades Fire & EMS 20400 Crescent Lake Highway Crescent Lake, Oregon For questions, please call Colleen Olson at 503-934-8228 or email colleen.olson@state.or.us .
March 2009		
March 17 - 18	Juvenile Firesetter Specialist 1 Training	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Chiloquin – Agency Lake RFPD 127 S. First Avenue Chiloquin, or 97624 To register visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml
March 19	Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Workshop in Salem	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305 To register visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml
March 19	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
April 2009		
April 16	Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction Program, Train-the-Trainer Workshop	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305 To register visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml
April 16	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
April 20-22	Fireworks Education & Safety Training	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Linn County Fair & Expo Center 3700 Knox Butte Road Albany, Oregon 97322 To register visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml
April 23-24	Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators Spring Workshop 2009	CCC Brooks Regional Training Center 4910 Brooklake Rd NE Brooks, Oregon 97305 To register visit: OFSOA Spring Workshop 2009

May 2009		
May 4-8	Oregon Fire Marshals Association Annual Business Meeting	Linn County Fair & Expo Center 3700 Knox Butte Road Albany, Oregon 97322 To register visit: http://www.ofma.net/
May 21	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
June 2009		
June 1-4	National Fire Academy Classes (Community Risk Issues and Prevention Interventions & Fire Prevention for High-Risk Populations: Age & Disability Factors)	Department of Public Safety Standards and Training 4190 Aumsville Highway Salem, Oregon 97317
June 18	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
June 24-27	Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association Conference 2009	Jackson County Fire District #3 White City, Oregon.97503 To register visit: http://www.ovfa.org/
July 2009		
July 16	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
August 2009		
September 2009		
September 17	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
October 2009		
October 14-16	Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators 2009 Annual Conference	Hallmark Resort 744 SW Elizabeth St Newport, OR 97365 To register visit: OFSOA 2009 Annual Conference
October 15	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305
November 2009		
November 19	OLST meeting	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room 4760 PORTLAND RD NE SALEM, OR 97305