



Oregon Life Safety Team
March 19, 2009
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Office of State Fire Marshal

Minutes

ATTENDEES, REPRESENTING

Bill Guindon, Harney Co. (T/C)
Bryan Emmons, Volunteer
Candice Clark, OSFM – Community Education
Colleen Olson, OSFM – Community Education
Darrell King, OFDDA (T/C)
Debbie McDermott, OFMA
Drew Desilet, Oregon State University
Earl Diment, Pioneer Technology
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.
Jim Kusz, Lincoln Co.
Jim Patton, Benton Co.
Joanne Hatch, Clackamas Co.

Krista Fischer, OSFM – Planning & Training Assistance
Laura Houston, OFSOA
Nancy Wolske, Providence Lifeline
Patricia Mieszala, NFPA
Sandra Johnston, Lane Co.
Stephanie Mills, CPSC
Stephanie Stafford, OSFM – Community Education
Steve Schneiderman, OVFA
Storm Smith, Washington Co.
Tari Glocar, OSFM – Community Education
Tim Birr, Oregon Fire Safety Coalition

(T/C) = teleconference

NOT PRESENT, REPRESENTING

Anne-Marie Penge, Marion Co.
Bill Sharp, Curry Co.
Cindy Kettering, Crook, Deschutes Co.
Curtis Ryun, OR Burn Center
Dan Hammel, Wasco Co.
Dennis Knudson, Lincoln Co.
Don Hickman, Jackson Co.
Gary Timm, Baker Co.
Hyla Ridenour, Columbia Co.
Jeff Donahue, Polk Co.
Jennifer McCormick, American Red Cross
Joe Burchyski, CPSC

Karla Bagley-Tias, Jefferson Co.
Kathleen Hornstuen, Coos Co.
Lenard Hansen, Clatsop Co.
Mark Wilson, Linn Co.
Rod Nichols, ODF
Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co.
Scott Rice, Klamath Co.
Sean Barrett, Lane Co.
Tom Bohm, Umatilla Co.
William Cearns, Grant Co.
Anita Phillips, OSFM – License & Permit Supervisor

Stephanie Stafford called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m., March 19, 2009, in the Mt. Hood conference room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The team approved minutes from the February 19, 2009, meeting and they are available online at http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/LST/LST_Minutes/OLST2009/02_19_09OLSTminutes.pdf

ASSOCIATION & REGIONAL REPORTS

Clackamas County – Joanne Hatch

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R)

- TVF&R Train-the-Trainer Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction/Landlord Training for Managers, Landlords, etc. April 21, 2009, at the TVF&R Sherwood Training Center.
- New partnership with Hillsboro Fire.
- TVF&R just completed a grand opening of a new station, Station 50, in Tigard. Over 1500 people attended. Over 600 children and families went through the safety house, to practice fire escape planning/exiting.

Douglas – Renea Addington (e-mailed)

- I have finally been released by FEMA from DR-1791-TX (Hurricane Ike). I demobed on 03/11/09, but still am not back in Oregon, yet. I am currently in West Virginia and will be for 1-2 more weeks and then I will be coming home. I have been gone from home in response to nationally acknowledged catastrophic disasters. I have been "property of DHS-FEMA" for a little bit over a year now and have literally been sent coast to coast, as one of FEMA's First Response people. I am going to need a little bit of time to decompress when I get home and do not want folks to think that I am being rude, or not interested in what is going on back home. We do not receive CISD, when we are demobed and I have been face to face with citizens who have lost absolutely everything, working at Ground-Zeroes of catastrophic floods. If you are interested, please let me know and I will be more than happy to e-mail you photos that I took, while out on deployment. Please take care and I am sending a hug to all of you back home.

Douglas – Western – Kathleen Hornstuen

- Kathleen says, "No reports at this time other than we on the Southern Coast would like to congratulate all the hard workers on passing the novelty lighter ban!"

Harney County – Report prepared by Fire Chief Bill Guindon

- A fire occurred in a Bed and Breakfast Inn in the Crane Community the 1st weekend of March. The area is unprotected. The smoke damage was considerable. It is uncertain whether smoke alarms were working but an effort has been made to ensure new working units are installed.
- The Burns Fire Department has begun to see increase in chimney fires this winter due in part to the high cost of oil and a poor job market.
- Hines Fire Department has been installing smoke alarms when requests are made by residents.
- The Burns Fire Department has been very successful with the Door to Door Smoke Alarm Campaign. Over 100 smoke alarms have been installed since last November.
- There appears to be a high number of smoke alarms 15 years and older in the City of Burns.
- The Burns Fire Department in cooperation with the Harney County Home Health Department has been delivering the Remembering When Fire and Fall Prevention Program in the community.
- The Smoke Alarm Door to Door Campaign has provided many opportunities to educate residents on the Remembering When Fire and Fall Prevention Strategies.

Lane County – Heather Hill

- Eastern Lane Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) & United States Fire Service (USFS) completed team teaching in the East Lane area. They reached 1,300 students in 11 days.
- Eastern Lane ODF will use grant money to print wildland fire safety messages on grocery bags at selected stores in their area.
- Firebusters program is in the works and will air May 4 - 8 on KMTR (NBC affiliate). Topics will be: smoke alarms, crawl low & go, campfire safety, water safety, & fireworks. Last year 25,000 worksheets were distributed to students in Lane County and southern Linn and Benton Counties.
- Western Lane ODF will be coordinating with local structural departments to conduct team teaching in April.

Washington County – Joanne Hatch

- Washington County is working on personal floatation devices (PFD), a.k.a. life jackets, to use free/loaner at Hoage Lake. Eagle Scouts will help build the stand. English and Spanish safety flyers will be at the fee booth entrance.
- Finishing the fire safety booth plans for the May 2, 2009 Washington County Safe Kids Zoo Event. Hope to bring the safety house.

Consumer Product & Safety Commission (CPSC) –Stephanie Mills

- Fire extinguisher recall - Kidde recalls fire extinguishers due to failure to operate. For more information visit: <http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/prhtml09/09151.html>
- Poison Control/Prevention Week – CPSC warns that nine (9) out of 10 unintentional child poisonings occur in the home. For more information visit: <http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/prhtml09/09159.html>
- March issue of “The Safety Review.” CPSC’s e-newsletter. For more information visit: <http://cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/tsr0309.pdf>
March Topics Include:
 - Older Americans
 - When Work Becomes Personal - Engineer Psychologist (what one does)
 - Recall Spotlight - Maytag Refrigerator recall

Office of State Fire Marshal

Wildfire Awareness Week

- May 3-9, 2009
- Theme: Escape Debris Burning
- Keep Oregon Green's (KOG) Wildfire Awareness Week Steering Committee members include KOG, Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon Department of Forestry and the insurance industry.
- The committee is providing wildfire awareness information statewide during the 2009 Wildfire Awareness Week.
- One poster will be distributed to each department who requests one.
For more information visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/CommEd_WAW_2009.shtml

ILearnOregon

- Stephanie is checking into ILearnOregon and a collaboration space where public educators could upload and share documents, create blogs, distribution lists and more. Non-state employees can join ILearn.

Smoke Alarms Door-to-Door Campaigns – Stephanie Stafford

- Stephanie reviewed “The Invasion of the Smoke Alarm Door-to-Door Campaigns” map handout.
- 62 campaigns conducted in 28 of the 36 Oregon counties.
- Counties who have not participated in OSFM’s *Invasion of the Smoke Alarms* campaigns. These counties may have their own programs.
 - Crook
 - Douglas
 - Multnomah
 - Polk
 - Tillamook
 - Union
 - Wallowa
 - Washington

Oregon Fire Safety Coalition – Tim Birr

Toylike Lighter Legislation

- Photo/sound file: <http://www.flashnews.net/images/news/novelty%20lighters%20tractors.jpg>
- Sale of novelty lighters prohibited on June 2
- Governor Ted Kulongoski has signed House Bill 2365 prohibiting the selling or distribution of novelty (toylike) lighters in Oregon.
- The bill, sponsored by Representative Paul Holvey, is designed to prevent lighters that look like toys from getting into the hands of children.
- "I am pleased the way the House and Senate worked to pass this legislation, with the full support of the Governor," said Oregon State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson. "We have been working on this issue along with our fire service partners for a number of years and now we can begin the process of eliminating these dangerous devices disguised as toys."
- Toylike lighters have features that are attractive to children, including visual effects, flashing lights, musical sounds, cartoon or toylike designs or other elements that would reasonably be expected to make it attractive to a child less than 10 years old.
- "This was truly a bi-partisan effort," said Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program Manager Judy Okulitch. "The speed at which this bill was passed shows its importance in protecting children and families from inscrutable manufacturers who are making money with disregard to public safety."
- The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for implementing the new law and has started notifying retailers statewide of the new regulations. Retailers have until June 2, 2009 to eliminate their stock of toylike lighters.
- "I congratulate Oregon's Fire Marshal and fire safety leaders for putting Oregon, once again, at the forefront in dealing with a new challenge - the dangers of novelty lighters," said Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.). "I am re-introducing my federal bill to ban novelty lighters because they have caused too many tragic deaths and injuries and I'm going to work to make sure that these safety hazards masquerading as toys are kept out of the hands of children nationwide. The Oregon Fire Marshal's office has been a national leader in bringing this issue to the attention of members of Congress. I am pleased to work with them to raise awareness of the danger these lighters pose to children in Oregon and across the country."
- Oregon was the third state, behind Maine and Tennessee to pass a law banning toylike lighters. Oregon's passage was followed by similar bills in Arkansas and Virginia now waiting for signing by their respective governors.
- For more information on toylike lighters, visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Novelty_Toylike_Lighters.shtml.

- Photo: Under Oregon's new law, novelty lighters like the one on the left are banned in Oregon beginning June 2, 2009. A toy tractor is shown on the right.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) – Patricia Mieszala

- Pat shared information she received at the February 2009 NFPA Advisory Committee meeting held in Raleigh, North Carolina.
 - Currently a major topic for NFPA is their Home Fire Sprinkler Initiative. For more information visit: www.nfpa.org. Pat says the website has a lot of information and objectives regarding the initiative, a PowerPoint to use in local presentations, fact sheet, and model language. They are setting up a blog so people can give feedback.
 - The regional managers are planning an evaluation for a sprinkler kit.
 - They are planning to send out 5,000 postcards relative to the sprinkler kit.
 - The kit will be for fire departments who service communities of 10,000 or more people.
- NFPA president James Shannon spoke at the Residential Sprinkler Summit in Addison, Illinois. Members of National Fire Sprinkler Association and International Association of Fire Chiefs attended.
- Illinois passed through legislation for home fire sprinklers in a week and are now preparing for the education piece.
- Pat passed around a flyer “NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler System Display Wall Exhibits and Simulator.” Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) built the display walls for demonstration. NIFSAB is building a table top version, that will be easier to transport to workshops
- 2009 NFPA Public Education Network meeting in Chicago, Illinois June 6-7, 2009.
 - Stephanie Stafford belongs to the NFPA Public Educator Network and is attending on behalf of Oregon.
- 2009 NFPA Annual Conference & Expo in Chicago, Illinois June 8-11, 2009.
 - Sprinkle initiative will be their major focus.
- Community toolkits that NFPA issues to fire departments free of charge and also downloadable from the website relative to the four safety issues (heating, cooking, electrical and smoking material) issued last year. The next community toolkit will be on home fire sprinklers.
- NFPA's Remembering When (a fire and fall prevention program for older adults) is undergoing a slight revision and won't be out until 2010.
 - Canadian representative, Art Pullan NFPA Public Education Advisor and Sharon Gamache NFPA Public Education Division High-Risk Outreach Programs Director developed a deck of cards with the Remembering When fire and fall prevention behaviors printed on the back.
 - The deck of cards is another way to promote safety behaviors.
 - They first production of the cards sold over 33,000 decks of cards to senior groups and senior organizations.
 - Seniors would like the cards to be smaller like the size of regular playing cards so they can hold more in their hand.
 - NFPA is planning to distribute the decks of cards out at their annual conference for the state contact people.
 - Pat showed the new DVD NFPA produced “At Our Age with Tom Bosley” Seniors Preventing Fire and Falls.
 - This DVD replaces the “Senior Firesafety with Jonathan Winters” VHS tape that has been used in conjunction with Remembering When program.
 - OSFM has two copies of the new DVD for lending to fire departments to use with Remembering When program or programs for older adults.
- Pat encouraged members to sign up for the free NFPA electronic newsletter “NFPA Safety Source.”
 - To sign up visit: <http://ebm.cheetahmail.com/r/regf2?a=0&aid=272412627&n=200>.

- NFPA has redesigned most of their pamphlets to include photographs of people and children in situations to promote the messages, instead of animation and graphics.

SENIOR PROJECT: DOOR-TO-DOOR SMOKE ALARM CAMPAIGN – Stephanie Stafford for Zach Melton

- For Zach’s senior project, he did a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign. He installed smoke alarms in poverty areas of his community (Scappoose).
- Zach is a volunteer at Scappoose Rural Fire District and high school senior.
- Stephanie hopes Zach will be able to share his experience, what did he learn and what he was exposed to while installing smoke alarms in his community first hand, at a future OLST meeting.

NO REPORT

- Baker County** – Gary Timm
- Benton County** – Jim Patton
- Clatsop** – Lenard Hanson
- Columbia** – Hyla Ridenour
- Coos County** – Kathleen Hornstuen
- Crook County** – Cindy Kettering
- Curry County** – William Sharp
- Deschutes County** – Cindy Kettering
- Gilliam County** – Dan Hammel
- Grant County** – William Cearns
- Hood River** – Dan Hammel
- Jackson County** – Don Hickman
- Jefferson County** – Karla Bagley-Tias
- Josephine County** – Vacant
- Klamath County** – Scott Rice
- Lake County** – Vacant
- Lincoln County** – Jim Kusz
- Linn County** – Mark Wilson
- Malheur County** – Vacant
- Marion County** – Anne-Marie Penge
- Morrow County** – Vacant
- Multnomah County** – Scott Goetchius
- Polk County** – Jeff Donahue
- Sherman County** – Dan Hammel
- Tillamook County** – Dennis Knudson
- Umatilla County** – Tom Bohm
- Union County** – Tom Bohm
- Wallowa County** – Tom Bohm
- Wasco County** – Dan Hammel
- Wheeler County** – Vacant
- Yamhill County** – Jeff Cranford
- American Red Cross** – Jennifer McCormick
- Oregon Burn Center** – Curtis Ryun
- Oregon Department of Forestry** – Rod Nichols
- Oregon Fire Chiefs Association** – Vacant
- Oregon Fire District Directors Association** – Darrell King
- Oregon Fire Instructors Association** – Vacant

Oregon Fire Marshal Association – Debbie McDermott
Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators – Laura Houston
Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association – Steve Scheiderman
Pioneering Technology – Earl Diment
Providence Lifeline – Nancy Wolske

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Subcommittee members broke out into groups. Subcommittee chair were asked to complete five questions during the meeting.

After subcommittees meetings, OLSST members met and subcommittee chairs provided a summary regarding project and campaign development.

Beach Safety – Jim Kusz

1) What is the subcommittee objective?

- Educate the public in regards to water and beach safety and to target special at risk groups.

2) Who are the targeted individuals?

- Visitors to the Oregon coast.

3) What are the approaches?

- Have enough facilitators to do pilot programs in several towns, middle and high schools at the same time.
- Develop media: Jim is working with a person that is helping with grants.
- Focus on one subject matter a year, this year will be rip currents since it is the number one cause of drowning.
- Will focus on the month of March since this is when the most drownings occur on the Oregon Coast.

4) What are the expected results?

- Decrease drowning from rip currents over the next two years.

5) How program or project contributes to preventing fires and related deaths, injuries and property loss through fire prevention and safety programs?

- Reduce drownings and injuries.

Campus/College Fire Safety – Jim Patton

1) What is the subcommittee objective?

- The primary objective of our committee will be to identify the top 3-5 fire/life safety concerns that impact college students and staff/faculty on and associated with colleges and universities in Oregon.
- Provide readily available resources and specific training to local fire authorities and campus staff to assist them in implementing targeting fire safety messages and practices.

2) Who are the targeted individuals?

- We broke down our target individuals as:
 - On-Campus residents
 - Greek Residents (fraternities & sororities)
 - Off-Campus Residents
 - On-Campus Staff & Faculty
- Our desire would be to provide resources and training to address each group.

3) What are the approaches?

- Approaches we came up with include:
 - A resource-clearinghouse where folks can go to obtain free educational resources specific to a campus environment. This might include: brochures, CD's, DVD's, web links, posters, programs, examples, contacts, etc.

- Maybe add a new brochure as part of the OLSST's last campaign specific to campus fire safety.
 - Provide a Firewise Campus training session specific to Oregon personnel (possibly in conjunction with the Oregon Fire Marshal's Round Table, etc.)
 - This would be a one-day version of the Center for Campus Fire Safety/UL's curriculum that has been taught around the country for the last couple of years. Jim is an instructor and can get another instructor. The course would be virtually free.
 - Create a listserv or e-mail list of all interested fire departments and campus individuals, so campus related fire safety information can be shared and networking can start to formulate.
 - Maybe create a campus fire safety web-link as part of the OSFM main page or even a Facebook site for students to access.
 - Sponsor a workshop for fraternity & sorority Housing Corp/Alumni leaders geared toward motivating them to install fire sprinklers in their houses and providing resources for funding. I have been in touch with Buddy Dewar from the National Fire Sprinkler Association and he is available to be present to share information. He can also bring Bonnie Woodruff whose son died in a fraternity fire at the Phi Gamma Delta fire in Chapel Hill North Carolina about 10 years ago.
- 4) What are the expected results?**
- Equip fire departments and campuses with resources and training to reduce the number of fires on and around their campuses.
 - This would be done with a minimal financial impact on most departments, this is particularly important for smaller departments with limited staff and financial resources.
 - Create a large network of individuals that serve college campuses in an effort to share information and develop important fire department/campus relationships that are vital in fostering positive safety efforts on and around our state college campuses.
- 5) How program or project contributes to preventing fires and related deaths, injuries and property loss through fire prevention and safety programs?**
- As most fires that involve students and faculty/staff appear to be a result of inappropriate choices. The hope would be that through education we would reduce the number of preventable fires.
 - As we will not be able to prevent all fires, it will be important to work toward providing "built-in" passive fire protection features in high-risk facilities, such as high-rise and laboratory academic facilities, on-campus resident halls, fraternities and sororities, and other large multi-family residential student housing facilities.

Home Fire Safety – Steve Schneiderman

- 1) What is the subcommittee objective?**
 - Enhance and update current safety materials.
- 2) Who are the targeted individuals?**
 - Individuals of all ages
- 3) What are the approaches?**
 - Create a kit with safety messages made into multi-media, electronic versions.
 - DVDs/CDs with 3-4 minute videos and PSAs of each rack card message.
 - Videos could be played at fairs.
 - PSAs can be played on radio stations and at fire departments when callers are placed on hold.
 - Change the rack cards into tri-fold brochures.
 - Update the photos, make it more visual with pictorials and less wordy.
 - Create two versions: (adult related version and youth related version (age appropriate)).
 - Make materials more flexible (more demographic) so fire departments can modify materials to fit their targeted audience.
- 4) What are the expected results?**

- By making the safety messages multi-media and the materials more flexible (able to be tweaked for age & race) you will be able to get the safety message out to more communities.
- 5) **How program or project contributes to preventing fires and related deaths, injuries and property loss through fire prevention and safety programs?**
- Enhancing and updating the current safety materials will make the messages easier to understand for all audiences.

Seniors (Older Adults) – Jeff Cranford

- 1) **What is the subcommittee objective?**
- Create a senior fire and fall safety program for Oregon seniors.
- 2) **Who are the targeted individuals?**
- Seniors/older adults (50 years +)
- 3) **What are the approaches?**
- Video, brochures, handouts (i.e., flyers in ambulance billings), newsletter outreach (AARP) with top fire causes for Oregon's seniors.
- 4) **What are the expected results?**
- Program for assisted living, group presentations, what is appealing to seniors and what do they want to learn.
 - Educate seniors about fire and fall safety.
- 5) **How program or project contributes to preventing fires and related deaths, injuries and property loss through fire prevention and safety programs?**
- Educate seniors on fire and fall safety to reduce their risks. This will reduce fires and falls.

Smoke Alarms – Colleen Olson

- 1) **What is the subcommittee objective?**
- **Objective 1:** Edit current realtor smoke alarm brochure to reduce confusion and redundancy, increase clarity and make sure the information aligns with Oregon's smoke alarm law.
 - **Objective 2:** Create a fire prevention and safety awareness program for the deaf and hard of hearing
 - **Objective 3:** Redesign the current Invasion of the Smoke Alarm program kit and make a few modifications to the program.
- 2) **Who are the targeted individuals?**
- **Objective 1:** Real estate professionals and homeowners selling their home.
 - **Objective 2:** Deaf and hard of hearing individuals and fire service personnel.
 - **Objective 3:** Fire department personnel and communities where smoke alarms will be installed.
- 3) **What are the approaches?**
- **Objective 1:** Develop new brochure (in process).
 - **Objective 2:** Use focus groups and partner with deaf and hard of hearing agencies to create a program to take to health fairs, conferences, etc.
 - **Objective 3:** Update current smoke alarm kit.
- 4) **What are the expected results?**
- **Objective 1:** Useful tool to educate individuals selling residential homes.
 - **Objective 2:** Educate deaf and hard of hearing about fire prevention and safety and what smoke alarm resources are available.
 - **Objective 3:** New kit to motivate fire personnel to conduct a community based smoke alarm campaign in their local communities.
- 5) **How program or project contributes to preventing fires and related deaths, injuries and property loss through fire prevention and safety programs?**
- **Objective 1:** Simplify law for realtors and home sellers, increase smoke alarm and decrease deaths and injuries.

- **Objective 2:** Increase fire prevention and safety awareness for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- **Objective 3:** Increase number of residents with working smoke alarms.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 16, 2009, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM in the Mt. Hood conference room.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:04 p.m.