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Oregon Life Safety Team

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Office of State Fire Marshal, 4760 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97305, Mt. Hood conference room



Members, Representing:

Alfredo Mendez, Marion Co.
Bryan Emmons, Public at Large
Candice Clark, OSFM
Claire McGrew, OSFM
Curtis Ryn, OBC
Dave Fields, OSFM
Dave Nemeyer, Washington Co.
Dave Wheeler, Deschutes Co.
Ginger Slavens, Tillamook Co.
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.

Joe Burchyski, CPSC
Krista Fischer, OSFM
Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM
Rod Nichols, ODF via T/C
Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co.
Sean Condon, Polk Co.
Stephanie Stafford, OSFM
Storm Smith, Washington Co
Tim Birr OFSC

Guest, Agency:

Charissa Divine-Schlely, OSFM

Dave Gulledge, OSFM

Claire called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., June 23, 2011.

Regional and County Fire Service Reports:

Deschutes County – Dave Wheeler

- Deschutes County is preparing for wildfire season. There was recently a 50 acre wildfire in their area.
- They finished delivering the team teaching program to the Tri-County area.

Marion County – Alfredo Mendez

- No Report

Multnomah County – Scott Goetchius

- Scott provided an update on Portland Fire & Rescue's fire safety poster campaign for October. They will target third graders in Portland and had decided on three safety messages: candle safety, tools not toys, and escape plans with a focus on safe meeting places. They received feedback wanting illegal firework safety added. Scott asked if members have ideas on how to approach and what to tell third graders about illegal fireworks, please email Scott at scott.goetchius@portlandoregon.gov if you have any feedback.
- Don Porth is retiring next month, and Michael Silva will be taking over.
- Portland F&R is hiring two fire inspectors to fill one shared 40 hour position
- Belmont Firehouse had about 47,000 visitors since they opened in 2003. Scott invited all senior centers and retirement homes in Portland and outlying areas. Seniors really get involved with the fire house and fire service and Scott provides them with fire safety and education. The fire house has a gift shop that includes safety items they are promoting including the Window Stops by KidCo Incorporated and the STOP at 4" stickers for the STOP at 4" (Stop Window Falls) campaign.
- Scott attended SOS Fires Youth Firesetting Intervention training in Auburn, Washington.

- Portland F&R is collaborating with KOIN Studio 6 to host a firefighter barbeque and silent auction to benefit OBC on July 9, 2011 at the Belmont Firehouse. Admission is \$10.00 per person, kids under 10 free. If you would like to attend contact Scott Goetchius at scott.goetchius@portlandoregon.gov.
- The Annual Motorcycle Poker Run is on July 16, 2011, admission is \$20.00 the event benefits OBC.

Polk County – Sean Condon

- Dallas Police and Fire Departments will conduct their annual *Junior Fire and Police Academy* from August 1-5, 2011. This event is offered to students in second through sixth grades.

Tillamook County – Ginger Slavens

- The coast is hosting the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association Conference on June 23, 2011. Jim Kusz is presenting a beach safety program.
- Tillamook County conducted a burn to learn at the Bay City School.
- Tsunami awareness training continues to be conducted along the Oregon Coast. The *Map Your Neighborhoods* program continues to grow, the citizens learn what each other is capable of, who is going to help, and what is going to happen during an event.
- Nestucca RFPD had the chance to teach firework and barbeque safety to first graders when asked by the first grade teachers to come back into the schools before summer vacation.

Washington County – Dave Nemeyer & Storm Smith

Dave Nemeyer

- Forest Grove Fire & Rescue have been sharing their fire chief with Cornellius Fire Department for about six months and are now sharing public education and fire prevention responsibilities. They collaborated on a safety fair and are preparing for fireworks safety for the Fourth of July and National Night Out in collaboration with local police departments.

Storm Smith

- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue completed their smoke alarm campaign. There was a 47% non-working rate and replaced batteries or smoke alarms.
- They participated in the Safety Town Fair for children conducted by the police department.
- Hillsboro F&R is collaborating with their police department to enforce Keep it Legal Keep it Safe.
- They will have booths at the *Celebrate Hillsboro* and *Tuesday Market* events in July 2011.
- Hillsboro F&R is conducting outreach in collaboration with Hillsboro Parks & Recreation where their firefighters serve lunch to kids enrolled in the summer lunch program for the week of June 27, 2011.
- They have seven firesetters going through the juvenile firesetter intervention program for two incidents.

Yamhill County – Jeff Cranford

- Yamhill County is conducting emergency preparedness.

Federal, State, County, City and Private Agency Reports:

Consumer Product & Safety Commission (CPSC) – Joe Burchyski

Joe Burchyski

- U.S. CPSC released swimming pool safety information in May 2011. It has been an ongoing problem, they haven't seen a reduction in pool drowning with small children and a lot has to do with barriers and access to the pools.
- The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act went into effect December 2009. CPSC is completing inspections on public access pools to ensure they have anti-entrapment drain covers that meet specifications and if needed an automatic pump shutoff system in case the drain becomes blocked by an object or person.
- U.S. CPSC conducted the National Fireworks Safety Press Conference in Washington DC on June 22, 2011.

Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – Candice Clark, Charissa Divine-Schley, Claire McGrew, Dave Fields, Dave Gullede, Krista Fischer, Marian Ruiz-Temple & Stephanie Stafford
Candice Clark

- Candice passed around the book *The Firehouse Light* by Janet Nolan it is a true story of a firehouse with a lightbulb that has stayed lit for more than one hundred years. NFPA featured the book for Fire Prevention Week 2010.

Charissa Divine-Schley – Data Services

- Charissa is a Program Assistant for Data Services and is joining us as a guest today.

Claire McGrew – Fire and Life Safety Education Section

- Claire announced that the new Oregon State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace will start July 1, 2011 and the new Administrative Assistant for Fire and Life Safety Education Section Renee Stryker will start July 6, 2011.
- Claire is busy working on the business plan and budget.
- Multi-Hazard House Trailer is ready for lending. Claire thanked Mariana's unit for helping transport it to Les Schwab to have new tires installed.

Dave Fields – Fire and Life Safety Section

- Dave and three other deputies completed inspections of Eastern Oregon State College. They are looking at updating alarm and sprinkler systems throughout the college.
- June 10, 2011 Dave collaborated with the Grant County Fire Prevention Cooperative to conduct a health fair that Malheur National Forest sponsored. Every year they do health screenings, they displayed the Dalles urban interface house (good house/bad house).

Dave Gullede – Data Services

- Dave is the Data Services Manager and is joining us as a guest today.

Krista Fischer – Planning and Training Assistance Section (PATA)

- Krista attended the NFPA Public Education Network Conference.
- PATA is busy with their Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings. They discovered at their last two meetings that there were hazardous material spills at the facilities two days prior to the meetings.

Mariana Ruiz-Temple – Emergency Response Section

- Emergency Response Section includes Incident Management Teams Urban Search & Rescue Taskforce, Hazardous Material Teams, and Agency Operations Center (AOC).

Stephanie Stafford – Fire and Life Safety Education Section

- Stephanie attended the NFPA Public Education Network Conference.
- The new cigarette postcard will be available for distribution the beginning of July. This is a collaborative effort of the Portland Metro and the Valley Cigarette groups. The final draft was approved June 23, 2011.

Oregon Burn Center (OBC) – Curtis Ryun

- They have been busy conducting classes for Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington, and California.
- OBC is hosting the *American Burn Association Western Region Burn Conference* on October 12-14, 2011 in Portland, Oregon.
- California is hosting a *Cultivating Partnership III - Juveniles With Fire and the impact of Media* training in November.
- OBC will be conducting outreach in Louisiana and Northern California.
- OBC currently has 18 patients and they are preparing for an additional patient.
- Stephanie asked what the most common reason for admittance into the burn center.
 - Curtis replied barbecues, gas on trash and backyard burning is the most common reason patients are admitted.
- Tim Birr asked how many beds OBC has.
 - Curtis replied they have 16 beds and their admit room has two additional beds they can use for patients.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) – Rod Nichols

Rod Nichols

- ODF has been busy assisting other states with fires, they deployed 131 specially trained employees to five or six different states, they currently have 54 still deployed, and will return as Oregon's activity picks up.

Public at Large – Bryan Emmons

- No Report

Fire Service Association Reports:

Oregon Fire Safety Coalition (OFSC) – Tim Birr

- No Report

Agenda Items:

PARADE – Claire McGrew

Claire attended the National Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange (PARADE) Conference on May 15-17, 2011 held at the US Fire Administration (USFA) campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

- The conference is held every two years, 170 attended from 47 states and members consist of State Fire Marshals and representatives from International Fire Marshals Association and Metropolitan fire departments.
- The four objectives of PARADE are to 1) Identify all aspects of fire prevention critical to protection of life and property, which includes research and prevention advocacy in professional development, public education, data, multi-hazard risk reduction, and investigations. 2) Identify best practices, including interoperability opportunities, and exchange programs and resources within Regions, and replicating for dissemination, whenever possible. 3) Provide the USFA with an annual assessment of needs within Regions, together with recommendations as to how the USFA and the PARADE network can better support Federal, State and local fire prevention efforts. 4) Identify partners and national trends that have an impact on fire prevention.
- There were presentations by:
 - Common Voices (an advocacy group). Claire will gather resources for Candice to email to members.
 - Advocacy...Influencing us to go it differently was presented by Shane Ray.
 - Jeff Johnston of TVF&R presented Not Now, Not Someday, Tomorrow, or Yesterday...Now!
 - Bridging the Gap: A Guide to Implementing Residential Fire Sprinkler Requirements. Some of you may have attended this training on February 15, 2011 during the 2011 Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Training Workshop held at Salishan Lodge.
 - Jim Crawford gave a brief up date on Vision 20/20. Their website has an Advocate for Fire Prevention video and a Fire Prevention Advocacy Tool Kit button that includes information on how to evaluate your programs, implement an advocacy, and get community involvement in fire prevention. To view visit: www.strategicfire.org.
 - FESHE gave updates including on how they are working to get educational standards consistent.
- Claire attended sessions on:
 - NFIRS: Reporting, Using and Interpreting the Data.
 - If You Can't Beat them, Join Them! This class was on getting better prevention education into credentials such as the firefighter I & II and fire officer classes.
 - Evaluation Tools to Demonstrate Your Fire Services Effectiveness. A five step training process on building your evaluation tools and how to demonstrate your effective programs. Helps us to maintain positions, encourage, and reduce fire fatalities and incidents.
- National Fire Academy has new courses available.

- New six day classes include Hazardous Materials Prevention and Mitigation and Hot Topics in Fire Prevention.
- New two day classes include Residential Sprinkler Plan Review, The First-time Fire Chief, EMS Functions in ICS, and Campus Fire Safety.
- For a class catalog visit: www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/ or contact Rob Neale, Deputy Superintendent for US National Fire Academy at 301-447-1209 or robert.neale@dhs.gov.
- National Fire Academy offers Coffee Break Training. The training sessions were designed for you to read and earn Continuing Education Units (CEU) by completing the tests during your breaks. Sessions include Fire Protection, Fire Prevention & Public Education, Fire Investigation, and a Management session that applies to leadership as a whole. To view the website visit: www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/coffee-break.
- Claire informed members that in April 30-May 4, 2012, Oregon Public Safety Academy (OPSA) is sponsoring two NFA classes on *Wildland Urban Interface Fire Operations for the Structural Firefighter* and *Marketing Fire Prevention in your Community*.

Fire Prevention Week (FPW) – Stephanie Stafford

Stephanie provided an NFPA presentation on FPW 2011 created by Amy LaBeau.

- FPW is October 9-15, 2011, and National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme is *Its Fire Prevention Week, Protect Your Family From Fire*. The components of the theme are escape planning, smoke alarms, and sprinklers. The top fire causes include candles, heating, electrical, cigarette for adults.
- Stephanie passed around an NFPA FPW catalog for those interested in ordering their materials.
- Stephanie gave a brief overview of what you will find on NFPA's FPW website. To view the website visit: <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>.

Stephanie provided Oregon's data on fire fatalities. From 2004-2008 there were 167 fatalities and 970 injuries.

- Most of the fatalities were age 50 or older, most injuries were in the 18-49 year age group, and children under 18 account for 9% of fatalities and 7% of injuries.
- 49% of fatality and 38% of injury victims had no smoke alarm or had an alarm that did not operate. Egress problems were reported in 15% of fatal fires.
- 96% of fatalities and 94% of injuries had no home fire sprinkler protection.
- The top five fire causes for fatalities and injuries were cooking related, cigarette, electrical, home heating equipment, and candles.

Discussion:

- Fire & Life Safety Education discussed conducting a large state level media event, creating materials, and posters for target location e.g. lobbies of county health departments, hospitals, Department of Human Services, offices, Seniors with Disabilities. We will be updating our website, obtaining a state proclamation, and we have been promised the front page of the Gated Wye for July and an article every month until FPW.
- Stephanie asked members for ideas or topics they would like to see for FPW. We discussed updating our outdated smoke alarm brochure and our Home Fire Safety checklist rackcard to combine smoke alarms, sprinklers and home escape planning.
- Sean likes to incorporate the rackcards, brochures, etc. into goody bags he hands out.
- Tim likes the Home Fire Safety check list because you can incorporate several messages in one with hazards and safety tips.
- Claire asked members if they have any media campaign do or don'ts, what would work well in their communities, if radio, television, or newspaper advertisements are better or templates to take back to their communities. She asked how members get messages out to their communities.
- Alfredo distributes his FPW open house flyer to schools and displays at stores, churches, etc.
- Tim says the two most common ways to get messages out is FPW open houses and school visits.
- Stephanie asked how they reach the older adults in their communities. Since the data shows older are our target population maybe we could advertise the open house at senior centers.

- Dave Nemeyer visits their senior centers and assisted living homes.
- Tim says advertising the open houses would probably be the best way to reach older adults.
- Krista suggested asking kids to invite grandparents to open house or have family night at the fire station.
- Mariana suggested targeting retirement communities.
- Claire says we do a great job educating children so how do we include the older adult population.
- Tim suggested sending out a fire safety story in every local paper in their district.
- Alfredo suggested advertising in the monthly bus passes.
- Claire suggested advertising in waiting rooms.
- Dave Fields suggested advertising at restaurants that have advertisements at each table you can read while waiting for your meal and utilizing community newspapers.
- Tim suggested advertising at pharmacies.
- Krista suggested advertising at groups and clubs such as Grange, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, Elks, and Moose Lodge.
- Krista suggested having businesses like PGE stuff fire prevention and safety information in envelopes and she remembers stuffing information into all the state employee payroll check envelopes.

Other Business:

Claire offered members firework safety information to take back to their agencies.

Mariana offered members 2011 State Fire Marshal Mobilizations Plans to take back to their agencies.

OLST Subcommittee Meeting Updates – Claire McGrew & Stephanie Stafford

The three subcommittees that meet on May 19, 2011 were 1) Home Fire Safety, 2) Educational Messages, and 3) Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

- Claire reported that the Home Fire Safety subcommittee is choosing to focus their outreach on electrical fires specifically related to home heating, because of the number of fatalities due to combustibles too close. The committee created a draft *Keeping Your Home Warm Safely* (combustibles too close) brochure.
- Stephanie reported that the Educational Messages subcommittee is reviewing National Fire Protection Association's educational messaging to see what they can use and condense to create a standard message for Oregon. This would be a tool for fire agencies to use when creating brochures and to help keep messaging consistent statewide. The subcommittee will send a draft out to OLST members for review when created.
- Claire reported that Colleen Olson chairs the Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms subcommittee and will give an update at the OLST meeting on July 21, 2011.

Fire Prevention Week T-shirt drawing – Candice Clark & Claire McGrew

- Candice drew and Claire announced the two winners Jeff Cranford from McMinnville FD and Scott Goetchius from Portland F&R won the t-shirt raffle.

Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.