

# MINUTES

## Oregon Life Safety Team

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 15, 2012

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Oregon Public Safety Academy - A234, 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR 97317



### Members, Representing:

Bill Brauer, OSFM	Jim Patton, Benton Co
Bob Wright, OSFM	Joanne Hatch, Clackamas Co via T/C
Bryan Emmons, Public at Large	Joe Burchyski, CPSC
Candice Clark, OSFM	Krista Fischer, OSFM
Cindy Kettering, Crook Co & Deschutes Co via T/C	Les Hallman, OFCA
Claire McGrew, OSFM	Mark Wallace, OSFM
Colleen Olson, OSFM	Rod Nichols, ODF via T/C
Curtis Ryun, OBC	Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co
Ginger Slavens, Tillamook Co	Steven Candela, OSFM
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co	Tim Birr, OFSC

### Guest, Agency:

Ron Rouse, Portland Fire & Rescue

Claire called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., March 15, 2012.

Claire thanked members for attending the meeting and insured members attending via teleconference received handouts. Candice and Claire are working on making the meetings webinar capable by June 26, 2012 meeting.

### Regional and County Fire Service Reports:

#### Benton County – Jim Patton

- Jim discussed the Seton Hall University fire that occurred in New Jersey about 12 years ago, killing three students and injuring almost 60 of which four were critically injured.
- A book titled *After the Fire* was written two years ago following the recovery of two of the most critically injured students, Shawn and Alvero, who were roommates at the time. The story followed how the fire affected them, and how their friendship helped get them through this event. Alvero had third degree burns over 60% of his body, Sean's were not as severe.
  - Jim encouraged members to read the book.
- The *After the Fire* documentary film was made about a year ago directed by Guido Verweyen. He presented the 40 minute film on February 22, 2012 at The LaSells Stewart Center on the Oregon State University (OSU) Campus to community members, fire agency personnel and about 600 Students. The film was followed up with an hour long Q&A session by Shawn, Alvero, and Guido.
- Jim thanked OSU Residence Hall Association, Emergency Management, Finance and administration, and Sorority and Fraternity groups, Oregon Fire Marshals Association, Corvallis Fire Department, and Local Firefighters Union, etc. who provided funding to make this event possible.
- Jim plans to show the *After the Fire* video at the April 26, 2012 OLST meeting.
- Bryan Emmons, Claire McGrew, Debbie McDermott and Jeff Cranford attended.

#### Clackamas & Washington County – Joanne Hatch

- Clackamas County Cooperative meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 19, 2012.

- Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) in collaboration with Portland, Clackamas, Sandy, and Boring fire agencies and other safety partners are preparing to hold a spring and summer safety fair in May. This is modeled after the holiday safety fair. They organize this through the Metro Injury Prevention Professional. The event will include poison center, fire, etc. preparing for summer safety issues.
- Washington County Safe Kids Zoo Day is scheduled for May 5, 2012. It is a collaborative effort with safety partners through Safe Kids. TVF&R brings their Safety House to the Zoo and teach fire escape planning.
- TVF&R is preparing for the window falls coalition is scheduled for April 1 – 7, 2012 that is Window Fall Prevention Week. The City of Beaverton is signing a proclamation on window fall prevention.
  - For more information visit: [www.stopat4.com](http://www.stopat4.com).
- Joanne provided an update on the Hands Only CPR campaign using the Mini-Anne Manikins. The last 80 students that taught over 600 family and friends have now taught over 1,000 people in the community.
- Clackamas County recently had an RV fire in Wilsonville. Joanne thanked OSFM for the *Recreational Vehicle Home Fire Safety* brochure that they were able to provide to the RV park manager for her clients.
- TVF&R has their *Stop Kids from Intoxicated Driving (S.K.I.D.)* program scheduled for May 18, 2012 at West Linn High School.
- TVF&R has their Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction Program Training for landlords, managers, etc. scheduled for April 17, 2012 at their Sherwood Training Facility.
- TVF&R used their fire safety house which includes an earthquake simulator while conducting their emergency preparedness fair on March 14, 2012 in West Linn, Oregon that had over 250 attend. Their trailer also includes a hurricane and tornado simulator.

#### **Crook County & Deschutes County – Cindy Kettering**

- Preparing to deliver the team teaching program in March – May to Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties.
- Central Oregon is preparing for the *FireFree Clean Up Event* scheduled for May. The two week event offers wildfire awareness education and free yard debris disposal at the local transfer station

#### **Multnomah County - Scott Goetchius & Ron Rouse**

##### Scott Goetchius

- Portland Fire & Rescue have finalized their organizational changes and are discussing outreach options. They plan to showcase the Belmont Fire House more actively and advertised it in local parent magazines.
  - Over 500 attended the monthly Safety Saturday event on March 10, 2012, and they have extended their open house hours to be open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- Scott is using a new computerized tracking system called Track-It to track public education outreach contacts for any type of interaction between their fire department and their community for example fire station visit, when a station visits an event, Belmont Fire House visit, or a speaker visits a group, etc.
- Scott is obtaining contact information for reaching out to his neighboring towns like Gresham in Multnomah County to obtain their agency reports or inviting them to the OLST meetings.
  - OSFM will provide Scott with Multnomah County contacts from the PubEd listserv group.
- Scott is retiring on July 31, 2012.

##### Ron Rouse

- Ron is a District Fire Inspector and backup Public Information Officer for Portland Fire & Rescue. He also conducts the airport inspections.

#### **Tillamook County – Ginger Slavens**

- Tillamook County has been busy conducting tsunami events and dealing with issues caused by serious weather, downed power lines, heavy snow, and high winds.
- Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District's new Administration Office is under construction and they hope to move in this summer.

#### **Wasco County – Dan Hammel (report by phone)**

- Dan is busy delivering the team teaching program in Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties.

## Yamhill County – Jeff Cranford

- Jeff is preparing for the March 24, 2012, Evergreen Safety & Information Fair being held at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon. Jeff asked if members would take the flyer and post in their agencies. They have 39 confirmed vendors providing information from Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Burn Center, Life Flight, Reach Air, and the Coast Guard, Red Cross, Public Health, and McMinnville Hospital, North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 will conduct a presentation on sneaker waves and tsunamis, Clowns from Shriners Hospital will make balloons, and their will also be an air show.
- [Evergreen Safety & Information Fair flyer](#)

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

### Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) - Bill Brauer, Claire McGrew, and Krista Fischer

#### Bill Brauer

- Bill has conducted two *Take the Right Steps (A fire & fall prevention and safety program for older adults)* Train-the-Trainer classes.
- Bill offered members the new [Home Heating Safety](#) and [Recreational Vehicle Home Fire Safety](#) brochures and order form to request additional brochures for their agencies.
- Bill is working to get some of our curriculums into Captivate to get them online.

#### Claire McGrew

- Claire attended the Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Conference February 13-17, 2012 held at Salishan Lodge in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. They had good workshops and instructors. If members have any feedback regarding the conference, please provide to Claire at 503-934-8236 or [claire.mcgreg@state.or.us](mailto:claire.mcgreg@state.or.us).
- Oregon Fire Casualty Review Committee (OFCRC) met March 1, 2012, and they worked on setting a committee charter. The purpose of the OFCRC is to review the data, identify issues, and make recommendations and OLST gets to work on the issues that need fixed.
  - Claire will send out OFCRC committee charter information to OLST members when it is finished.
- OSFM is working on budgetary opportunities and Fire & Life Safety Education has submitted their budget for the 2013-2015 biennium.
- F-273 Marketing Fire Prevention in Your Community is scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2012 at DPSST. The minimum attendee requirement has been met, spaces are still available, and the closing date is April 15, 2012. For more information visit:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM\\_Training\\_Opportunities](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities).
- Wildfire Awareness Week is May 6-12, 2012, OSFM is collaborating with Keep Oregon Green and Oregon Department of Forestry. The theme: *Have you Done Enough to Protect your Home from Wildfire?* Klamath, Bend, Philomath and the coastal range will receive billboards, PSAs throughout the state and they are developing a video clip.
  - Claire will send more information out to OLST members when she receives it.
- Claire is attending an International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute (IPSLEI) Leadership Development Course. It runs February 8-June 14, 2012 on Wednesdays and Thursdays biweekly at DPSST. She says it's been a great class so far and encourages others to attend. If you have any question contact Claire

#### Krista Fischer

- Krista offered members copies of [Hot Issue](#), [NET.works](#), and [The Rover Report](#) (Start Safe program) publications and [A guide to Station Tours](#) with the [Age Appropriate Learning DVD](#) enclosed, [A Guide for Home Escape Planning Toolkit](#) (designed for use with the Start Safe program), and [Reporting School Fire brochure](#) with the [Report Every Fire DVD](#) enclosed to take back to agencies.
- She reminded members about the upcoming JFSI trainings being held in Ontario on April 12-13, 2012 at Treasure Valley Community College and in Warrenton on May 30-13, 2012 at Warrenton Fire Department.
  - To register visit: [http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM\\_Training\\_Opportunities](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities).
- Oregon Juvenile with Fire Advisory Council board meeting is being held on March 16, 2012. They will be discussing 2012 Arson Awareness Week, May 5-12, 2012 and the theme Preventing Youth Firesetting.

### **Oregon Burn Center (OBC) – Curtis Ryun**

- Curtis reported that the burn center holds 16 patients has been full for a few months.
- He is preparing to deliver their prevention message in Idaho Falls.
- ABA meetings are being held May in Seattle, Washington, April in Oregon, and this fall in Florida.
- Curtis in collaboration with Consumer Products Safety Commission is working to get screens on glass fireplace windows because small children are getting burned.
- There was an electrical burn injury on the coast, which resulted in the victims company contacting Curtis and asked him to give a presentation to their linemen.

### **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) – Rod Nichols**

- ODF is seeking changes to Oregon's wildfire funding system and hopes this becomes a legislative concept for the 2013 Legislative Session to address two issues of the rising cost of wildfire protection and the ability to pay among landowners who live in Oregon's high fire areas, primarily central and south western Oregon.
  - They had about a three month deliberation by a citizens committee that ran November through February to develop recommendations and in March the Board of Forestry approved the legislative concept that the department is carrying forward.

### **US Consumer Products & Safety Commission (CPSC) – Joe Burchyski**

- This is the first anniversary of CPSC public information database where the public can report unsafe products or search for safety information on a specific product. To view visit: [www.SaferProducts.gov](http://www.SaferProducts.gov).
- CPSC's new investigator will start in April. Joe hopes to have her attend the May OLST meeting. He says she is a highly experienced investigator that has worked with CPSC in the Midwest and has worked closely with fire agencies in southern Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska.
- Joe reported the major recall of Worthington Industries Company's one pound gas cylinders used with handheld torches that contain Propylene and MAPP type gas due to defective seals that leak.
  - For more recall information visit: [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerel.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerel.html).

### **Fire Service Association Reports:**

#### **Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) – Les Hallman**

- OFCA 2012 Spring Conference is scheduled fro May 9-11, 2012 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. For more information visit: [www.ofca.org/](http://www.ofca.org/).

#### **Oregon Fire Safety Coalition (OFSC) – Tim Birr**

- Tim informed members that Tom Whelan passed away on March 9, 2012. Tom was a retired Salem Fire Captain, served a term in state legislation, long time lobbyist Oregon State Firefighters Council, and one of the principle advocates of getting the *fire safe cigarette* law passed in Oregon.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **Smoke Alarm Program Updates – Bill Brauer & Colleen Olson**

- Due to time constraints we postponed this item until the April 26, 2012 OLST meeting.

#### **Strategic Planning – Claire McGrew**

Members revisited the OLST Strategic Planning (2007-2009) document for direction on what the team has accomplished and where we need to move forward as a group in the future.

2007-2009 objectives:

- Increase the number of communities conducting door-to-door smoke alarm installation and maintenance campaigns.
  - The smoke alarm subcommittee made drastic changes to the direction of the goals and objectives.
- Provide a train-the-trainer workshop for fire departments to implement TVF&R's model landlord training program.
  - Joanne continues to deliver the landlord workshops.
- Develop and deliver an online training program on Oregon's smoke alarm statute for real estate agents.

- Partner with deaf and hard of hearing associations to provide smoke alarms.
- Fire Prevention Week
  - To ensure we get consistent statewide messages out.

• Remembering When (a fire and fall prevention program for older adults).

Claire asked members if they like the format of the current strategic plan and purposed a new format. Candice projected the purposed OLST Strategic Plan (2012) the screen.

- Members approved of the new format where we would set a goal, with three or four action items/objectives, and list the members assigned to ensure completion of this goal.

Claire referred to the [\*Oregon Fire Fatality Review \(2004-2008\) Report\*](#) for reference for data driven target audience and demographics to ensuring we are focusing on current problems. Claire also included a copy of the [\*Fire Prevention and Life Safety Education in Oregon Fire Agencies Survey Report\*](#) that was completed in January of 2011 with recommendations from fire agencies of what they were looking and what they need in Oregon to make a difference.

- Claire asked if members had any suggested goals the OLST should focus on.
- State Fire Marshal Wallace explained strategic planning is about understanding the strategic issues/problems that need to be addressed and the actions/objectives are for guidance. We need to identify the key issues that the OLST needs to address these are the goals, the several objectives to obtain those goals, and action items are what you are working on right now.
- Claire recommended members review the key data findings on page five of the *Oregon fire Fatality Review (2004-2008) Report* for what Oregon's key issues are. Claire assured members these findings still continue to be current issues for Oregon.
  - Key Data Findings: top causes of fatal fires, where they occurred, demographics, human factors, smoke alarm presence which continues to be a large issue for us with 32 % alarms not present which Claire believes this number has increased.
- Bob recommended we focus on increasing sprinkler awareness.
- Fire Chief Hallman recommended we use the recommendations on page six of the *Oregon fire Fatality Review (2004-2008) Report* for our strategic plan goals which includes increasing sprinkler awareness.
- Recommendation 1: Expand Older Adult Fire Prevention Program.
  - Members recommended adding hording (housekeeping) issue as a subset.
  - Curtis recommended adding using oxygen while smoking issue as a subset.
- Recommendation 2: Improve Smoke Alarm Program.
- Recommendation 3: Increase Home Fire Escape Planning Effort.
  - Members recommended adding hording (housekeeping) issue as a subset.
- Recommendation 4: Promote Installation of Home Fire Sprinklers.
  - Members recommended increasing sprinkler awareness as an action item by educating builders, engineers, and legislators.
  - Tim recommended also educating water purveyors because the water purveyors want to charge for the oversized water main needed to support a sprinkler system that will only be used if the sprinklers discharge.
- Recommendation 5: Target Fire Prevention and Life Safety Education.
  - Steve has noticed an increase of people residing at their businesses. Members recommended adding this an issue as a subset.
- Recommendation 6: Increase Cigarette-Caused Fire Education.
  - Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette law passed in 2008 and we worked with SmokeFree Housing.
  - People smoking while using oxygen is an issue and cigarette caused fires are still an issue.
  - Members recommended changing public behaviors on proper disposal of cigarettes.
  - Joanne informed members that Diane Laughter of SmokeFree Housing just release action plan and are meeting in April.
    - Joanne will forward Claire the action plan from Diane and get Claire reconnected. Claire will forward action plan to Jeff.
- Recommendation 7: Monitor Legislative and Regulatory Processes.
- Recommendation 8: Improve Data Collection and Review.

- Tim Birr, Jeff Cranford, Bryan Emmons, and Cindy Kettering agreed to help Claire organize a draft Strategic plan that will be sent out to OLST members prior to the April 26, 2012 meeting.

**Other Business:**

- Members approved the January 26, 2012 minutes.
  - To view visit: [www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm\\_Ed/LST/Minutes/2012/01-26-12.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/LST/Minutes/2012/01-26-12.pdf).

**Adjournment:** 3:35 p.m.