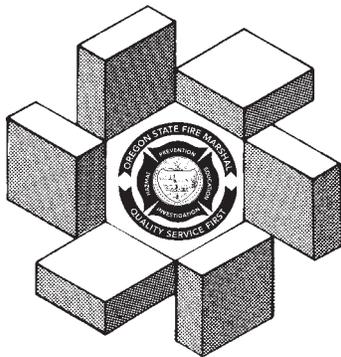


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## SFM Orr records novelty lighter appeal

State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr recently recorded a video public service announcement (PSA) urging fire departments and districts throughout the country to submit data from incidents of juvenile set fires where a novelty lighter was used as the ignition device.

The PSA is underwritten by Richard Lambert, president of The Idea Bank. When complete, the PSA will be available via a link on the Office of State Fire Marshal website. The link address will be provided in the March issue of NET.Works.



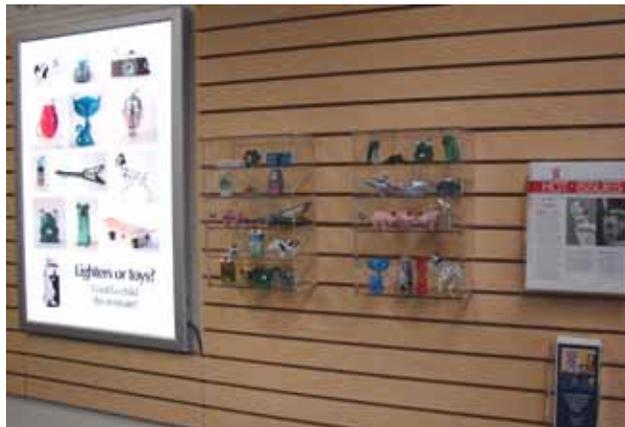
*Richard Lambert (center) from The Idea Bank, interviews State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr.*

A novelty lighter incident report form has been included as page three of this issue of the newsletter. Forms will also be available from the OSFM website.

## OSFM lobby display features novelty lighters

A new display in the lobby of the Oregon State Fire Marshal building in Salem highlights the dangers of novelty lighters and encourages visitors to participate in the national call to action. Part of the display includes several acrylic boxes containing novelty lighters and serves as a dramatic illustration of the similarities between novelty lighters and toys or other items attractive to children.

Also included in the display is the letter from State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr to the chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, copies of the novelty lighter incident reporting form, brochures on children's safety with matches and lighters and copies of the Summer 2006 edition of the *Hot Issues* newsletter focusing on the problem of novelty lighters.



*Part of the novelty lighter display located in the lobby of the OSFM building in Salem.*

## Virginia will try again for bill on novelty lighters

Ed. note: Lt. Wanda Willis, Harrisonburg Fire Department, Harrisonburg, Virginia, sent an update on the fate of their novelty lighter bill. While its passage was unsuccessful this time, they intend to try again.

### Commonwealth of Virginia regarding an update on the Virginia Novelty Lighter Proposed Bill:

Members of the Militia, Police and Public Safety subcommittee failed to pass House Bill Number 1728, The Novelty Lighter Bill.

The subcommittee members were sympathetic to the issue, but unfortunately they had concerns with the wording of the bill. As I understand them, they believe it will be difficult for retail merchants to determine what constitutes a "novelty lighter." Everyone at the meeting seemed to have concerns with the lighters so we will definitely work with our delegate to present a bill at next year's Virginia General Assembly.

Please keep me informed on any issues you have with lighters as we are already planning how to approach this for next year. This was a learning process for us at the Harrisonburg Fire Department and we hope to go back next year armed with more information and a stronger bill. The remarks from the Subcommittee Members as well as a Convenience Store Representative suggested that wording of the bill should include placement of lighters in the stores.

We appreciate the work that Delegate Matt Lohr and his aide, Audrey Berkshire, have given to the fire department by bringing the issue of Novelty Lighters to the forefront of the Virginia General Assembly.

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For more information, read the Winter 2007 edition of *Hot Issues* due out at the end of February 2007.

## Article gives insight on lighter manufacturing in China

According to an article in the *Shanghai Star*, lighter manufacturers in the Wenzhou region of China are responsible for producing 70% of the worlds reuseable lighters. The article (link below) addresses concerns from manufacturers about pending European Union rules requiring lighter firms to incorporate child-proof locks or switches on all lighters. There is also interesting information about competition among lighter companies to develop new novelty lighter designs.



The full article appears in an online edition of the *Shanghai Star*, Shanghai's first English-Language newspaper and may be accessed at <http://app1.chinadaily.com.cn/star/2002/0307/fe19-1.html>.

## JFI Networks encouraged to submit information

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Networks from throughout the state are encouraged to submit their meeting dates, events or other information for publication in the monthly NET.Works newsletter. If you have any other ideas or suggestions for this publication, please contact Rich Hoover at 503-373-1540, ext. 217 or email [Richard.hoover@state.or.us](mailto:Richard.hoover@state.or.us).

# Novelty Lighter Incident

Mail the completed form to:  
Judy Okulitch, State Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Coordinator  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal  
4760 Portland Road NE  
Salem, OR 97305-1760

My Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the fire and/or burn incident

Date of incident \_\_\_\_\_ Location (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Age and gender of child (or children) involved in the incident \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the lighter (Please provide a photo if available) \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you very much.