

# NET works

*'a monthly bulletin featuring  
juvenile with fire intervention  
network activities from  
across the state'*

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## Salem-Keizer Developing Threat Assessment for Youth Who Misuse Fire

Dr. Wilson Whittaker, psychologist with Salem-Keizer School District (SKSD) met with the Multnomah Juvenile with Fire Intervention Network to collaborate on a school threat assessment for youth who engage in firesetting behavior.



*Marion meets Multnomah!  
Dr. Wilson Whittaker (left) of Salem-Keizer School District and Dr. Timothy Kopet (right) of Portland Public Schools greet one another at a recent meeting of the Multnomah County Juvenile with Fire Intervention network.*

Dr. Whitaker collaborated with Judy Okulitch, Office of State Fire Marshal and Mat LaCrosse, Detective with the Marion County Sheriff's Office to begin to develop a protocol for assessing and referring students who engage in unsafe fire behavior while on school grounds. This collaboration is an excellent example of the benefits of multidisciplinary partnerships.

The protocol is aligned with SKSD's sexual behavior assessment developed in 1990 and is designed to assist the site team to determine cause for concern and assist in the development of a management plan, including appropriate referral. The protocol does not predict, assess, or diagnose firesetting behavior or the individual student's risk.

We look forward to Dr. Whitaker's presentation of the final product at the Juvenile with Fire conference in Eugene this summer.

### *Special Announcement!*

*Judy welcomed her first grandchild, Isabel Petra Okulitch, into the world on March 3, 2010. We share Judy's excitement and joy as she takes on her new role as 'Nana'.*

*Congratulations Judy!*



## Important Dates

**Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference: "Take Home Tools & Effective Strategies"**

May 13-14, 2010  
Worcester Crown Plaza  
Worcester, Massachusetts

For more information visit:  
[www.brandonschool.org](http://www.brandonschool.org)

## Oregon JFIN Advisory Board

Thursday, May 20th, 2010  
9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
Office of State Fire Marshal  
4760 Portland Road NE, Salem

**Western Juvenile with Fire Conference: Cultivating Partnerships III**

August 17-18, 2010  
Eugene Hilton & Conference Center  
Eugene, Oregon

**Fire Awareness Curriculum Teacher Trainings**

Thursday, April 29th  
Woodburn Fire Department  
Woodburn, OR

Thursday, June 24th  
Public Safety Department  
Grants Pass, OR

For information, call:  
Judy Okulitch at 503-934-8230 or  
Helen Feroli at 503-934-8240

## UPDATE: Fire Awareness and Disaster Preparedness Curriculum and Teacher Training

The Office of State Fire Marshal in partnership with the Healthy Kids Learn Better Cadre of Trainers successfully trained 83 elementary and middle school teachers and administrators on Oregon's Fire Awareness curriculum for elementary and middle school students. Jodi Perry, School District Counselor with Crow/Loran School District, participant in the Veneta training on February 9th commented "[This curriculum is] the next generation of fire education." Another participant commented, "I have been to many classes over my 25 years of teaching. This was the best ever & I learned a lot and had a lot of fun!"



*Roseburg class hosted by Douglas County ESD.*

Participation from local fire departments has proved instrumental in demonstrating the value of partnerships between schools and the fire service. Teachers and fire educators become familiar with one another's roles and learn strategies to compliment one another in teaching fire safety and disaster preparedness to students. OSFM extends a special thanks to the following fire service professions for their participation at the trainings:

- Heather Miller, Fire Marshal, Lane County Fire District #1
- Sean Barrett, Fire Marshal, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
- Mark Zima, Firefighter, Lane Rural Fire and Rescue  
(Mark is also a 7th/8th grade teacher at Meadowview Middle School in Eugene)
- Liz Iabichello, Firefighter/EMT, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
- Dean Chappell, Code Enforcement/Fire Inspector, Lane Rural Fire and Rescue
- Tom Johnson, Firefighter, Lookingglass Fire District
- Gary Hermes, Firefighter, Lookingglass Fire District

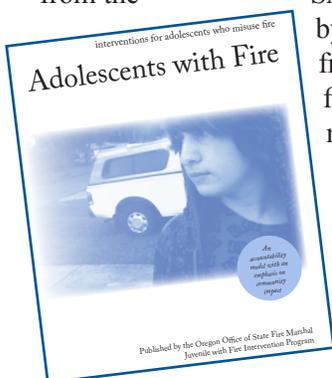


*Veneta class hosted by Heather Miller, Fire Marshal, Lane County Fire District #1.*

Additional trainings are scheduled at Woodburn Fire District, on Thursday, April 29th and at Grants Pass Public Safety Department on Thursday, June 24th. Fire educators interested in participating may contact Judy Okulitch at 503-934-8230 or Helen Feroli at 503-934-8240 for more information..

### Revised Adolescent Intervention Curriculum

Oregon's adolescent intervention curriculum has been revised. The revised curriculum includes 'Pay Up!', a project that assist youth to identify the financial consequences of their decision to set a fire and a mind-mapping activity to educate youth about the consequences of his/her firesetting behavior on other people in the community. These projects were adapted from the



SAFETY curriculum developed by Jessica Sansone, M.S. and from It's Up To You!, Oregon's fire awareness curriculum for middle school students.

The curriculum is available on-line at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/> (click on 'JFSI' in the right hand column and then on 'Resources for Fire Departments').

### Classroom Guide to Fire Safety

The Office of State Fire Marshal distributed over 16,000 copies of the revised "Classroom Guide to Fire Safety" posters to Oregon schools. The 16"x20" poster provides tips for classroom fire safety, as well as information on evacuations, reporting fires, and contact information for Deputy State Fire Marshals.

The posters are available in PDF format on OSFM's website at: [http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Fire\\_Life\\_Safety/TeachersGuidePoster.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Fire_Life_Safety/TeachersGuidePoster.pdf).

Hard copies are also available. Contact Helen Feroli at 503-934-8240 or [helen.feroli@state.or.us](mailto:helen.feroli@state.or.us) for information.



## NFPA: 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist Training

Oregon State Fire Marshal, Randy Simpson and Deputy State Fire Marshal, Jim Walker were among the 18 graduates of the NFPA 1035: Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist Class conducted at the 2010 Northwest Fire Prevention Training Workshop presented by Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Cooperatives. Other graduates included Tom Jaca of Jefferson County Fire District #1, William Lupton of Jacksonville Police Department, Monte Bryan of Roseburg Fire Department, Dave Lapof of Seal Rock Fire, Brian Murdock of Jackson County Fire District #3, Sara Blair of Baker City Fire, Daniel Gugliotta of Jacksonville Fire District #1, Kelly Niles of Oregon Department of Forestry, Kevin Geary of Oregon Department of Forestry, Helen Feroli of the Office of State Fire Marshal, Austen Brushett of Eugene Fire, Jon Vait of Jackson County Fire District #3, Brian Dally of Oregon Department of Forestry, and Jonathan Struffeler of Hoodland Fire.

To obtain certification, graduates of NFPA 1035 are required to complete the DPSST task book and conduct 3 screenings under the supervision of a certified interventionist. We ask that currently certified interventionist reach out to graduates to mentor them through this process.

Other participants included Julie Stennes of United States Fire Service, Boulder, Colorado and Toby Cole, certified interventionist with Newport Fire.

A special thanks to our co-facilitators: Joe Troncoso, Portland Fire and Rescue and Sandra Johnston, Eugene Fire.



*Graduates of NFPA 1035: Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist 1 class held at the Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Workshop in Glendon Beach, February 2010.*

**NET.works is distributed on a monthly basis to all Oregon Juvenile with Fire Intervention Networks. We invite you to share information about your local networks successes, upcoming meetings, community events and trainings with partners across the state. Please send information to [firesetter@state.or.us](mailto:firesetter@state.or.us).**

### Local Network Meetings

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| <b>Washington County JFIN Meeting:</b>  | <b>Thursday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m.</b><br><b>St. Marys Home for Boys, 16535 SW TV Hwy., Beaverton</b>                     |
| <b>Coos County JFIN Meeting:</b>        | <b>Wednesday, April 21st at 3:00 p.m.</b><br><b>DHS, 2025 Sheridan Avenue, North Bend</b>                                  |
| <b>Central Oregon JFIN Meeting:</b>     | <b>Tuesday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Bend Fire Dept., Station #305, 63377 Jamison Street, Bend</b>               |
| <b>Marion County JFIN Meeting:</b>      | <b>Tuesday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m.</b><br><b>MCJD-Community Connection Room, 3030 Center Street NE, Salem</b>              |
| <b>Polk County JFIN Meeting:</b>        | <b>Wednesday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Polk County Fire District #1, 1800 Monmouth Street, Independence</b>         |
| <b>Linn-Benton County JFIN Meeting:</b> | <b>Wednesday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m.</b><br><b>Scio Fire Department, 38975 SW 6th Ave, Scio (Corner of 6th and Hwy 226)</b> |
| <b>Jackson County JFIN Meeting:</b>     | <b>Tuesday, May 25th at 12:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Location T.B.D.</b>   |