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Governor issues proclamation designating January 27 as Fire Service Appreciation Day

Governor Ted Kulongoski has issued a proclamation designating January 27, 2009 as Fire Service Appreciation Day. The proclamation recognizes all members of the Oregon fire service who keep our communities safe from the ravages of fire by stopping fires before they start through prevention, suppressing fires after they start, and by investigating fires to determine how they start.

Governor Kulongoski encourages all Oregonians to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of members of their local fire service for providing a fire safer Oregon for all members of the public including young, elderly or disabled in rural and urban communities.

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal is hosting Fire Service Appreciation Day at the Capitol from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., January 27th with formal presentations on the capitol steps beginning at 11 a.m.

“Many people don’t realize the variety of ways the fire service contributes to public safety,” says Acting Oregon State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson. “Although seeing line firefighters doing their job is pretty common, what isn’t as visible is the work involved in administering the fire code, investigating fires, and increasing fire safety education. All of these efforts are aimed at keeping Oregonians safe where they work, live, recreate, and go to school.”

The Governor encourages communities throughout the state to show their appreciation and join this observance recognizing members of their local fire departments and districts for their dedication, commitment and sacrifice.

January 27th is significant marking the nation’s first organized fire department in Boston in 1678.

Proclamation text is available at:

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Fire_Service_Appreciation_Day.shtml.

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