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### **Simpson takes oath as State Fire Marshal**

Randy Simpson was sworn in today as Oregon State Fire Marshal in a public ceremony attended by more than 175 people, at the Chemeteka Community College auditorium.

Governor Kulongoski administered the oath of office making Simpson the 8<sup>th</sup> person appointed as Oregon's top fire official.

"I am honored to be your state fire marshal and will work hard to continue the great path we have set to keep Oregonians safe from fire and hazardous materials," said Simpson. "Although our agency, like all other state agencies, is challenged by current economic times, it will not deter us from providing the best service possible. I eagerly look forward to serving Oregon citizens and members of the Oregon fire service."

Simpson was selected from a pool of qualified candidates to replace retired State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr.

Simpson began his fire service in 1977 as a volunteer firefighter in Ontario, Oregon. In 1978 he became an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He became a full-time firefighter/EMT in 1980 and worked through the ranks to become Ontario Fire Department's Fire Inspector in 1987 and Deputy Fire Chief / Hazardous Materials Response Team Coordinator in 1992. Randy served as Ontario's Fire Chief from 1997 to 2005 before taking the position of Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal employs a staff of 78, working in areas of community education, emergency planning and response, fire & life safety, inspection, investigation, fire code

administration, juvenile firesetter intervention, licensing, permitting, and data gathering and analysis in furthering its mission to protect citizens, their property and the environment from fires and hazardous materials.

A news release announcing Simpson's appointment as the new State Fire Marshal is available on the Oregon State Police website at

[http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/01\\_29\\_2009\\_simpson\\_sfm\\_appoint.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/01_29_2009_simpson_sfm_appoint.shtml).

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