



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal August 2012

U.S. Fire Administration acknowledges the new fire service ethics statement

To provide guidance to address complex ethical questions, the National Society of Executive Fire Officers and Congressional Fire Services Institute jointly have released a firefighter code of ethics that can be adopted by local fire and emergency medical service organizations. In acknowledgement of the importance of this first of its kind fire service ethics statement, the U.S. Fire Administration has posted the statement throughout the National Fire Academy's (NFA) facilities and will now include the statement in all course materials distributed to NFA students. [You may download the new Firefighter Code of Ethics on the USFA website.](#)

Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) at forefront of natural hazard mitigation

The OSFM is an active contributor to the State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT) that maintains and implements the state's FEMA approved natural hazards mitigation plan, which includes a chapter on wildfire. Other chapters address public safety threats such as tsunamis, floods and earthquakes. [The plan is available on the web.](#)

As the plan evolves, this team has increasingly recognized the need to have local planning, including land use, play a key role in prevention and mitigation of natural hazards. Oregon DLCD recently announced efforts to fund a full-time position to address this need. This is consistent with [Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals](#), in particular Goal 7 on Areas Subject to Natural Hazards, which states, "Local governments shall adopt comprehensive plans (inventories, policies and implementing measures) to reduce risk to people and property from Natural Hazards." The IHMT applauds DLCD's initiative focused on mitigating potential hazards and taking steps to work statewide to prevent development and infrastructure from contributing to loss of lives and property. Fire service comments on the plan may be made to Donna Disch-Curtis at 503-934-8275 or Donna.Disch@state.or.us.