



## Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal August 2013

### **Firefighter fatalities**

There were two firefighter fatalities in the first week of August. On August 1, 2013 Wildland Firefighter John Hammack died when a burning tree fell on him as he worked to cut it down after a fire started in the Mount Washington Wilderness near Sisters, Oregon. Hammack was 58 years old and born in Redmond, Oregon. On August 6, 19-year-old firefighter Jesse Trader was driving a water tender on the Big Windy Complex fire in Josephine County when it hit an embankment and rolled over, killing him. The OSFM joins with all members of the fire service in giving our condolences to the families and friends of both of these men.

### **Oregon Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony**

The 2013 Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial ceremony is scheduled Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 1 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Highway SE, Salem, Oregon. The Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial honors all Oregon firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of duty. Uniform protocol: Class A preferred. Memorial bands should be worn over badges. For more information, contact Julie Olsen-Fink at 503-378-2297 or [Julie.olsen-fink@state.or.us](mailto:Julie.olsen-fink@state.or.us).

### **Green IMT deploys to Douglas County Complex**

On Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Governor Kitzhaber declared the Douglas County Complex fire burning near the town of Glendale and Wolfe Creek a conflagration. The OSFM Green Incident Management team deployed and the OSFM activated a total of five structural task forces from Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, and Marion counties to assist with protection. The deployment lasted more than a week with the final task force being demobilized on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. At the height of the fire, more than 540 structures were threatened. Two out buildings and two railroad trestles were destroyed.

### **Fireworks injuries**

Preliminary fireworks statistics from Oregon hospital injury reports show the number one cause of injuries from legal fireworks are sparklers. With the age of those injured ranging from 17 months to 61 years. Mortars and Roman candles are the leading cause of injuries caused by illegal fireworks. In two instances, exploding mortar shells caused dismemberment of fingers and hands.