

# MINUTES

## Oregon Life Safety Team

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2011

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Office of State Fire Marshal, 4760 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97305, Mt. Hood conference room

### Members, Representing:

Alfredo Mendez, Marion Co.	Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.
Anita Phillips, OSFM	Jim Kusz, Lincoln Co.
Candice Clark, OSFM	Joe Burchyski, CPSC
Cindy Kettering, Crook & Deschutes Co. via T/C	Kristina Deschaine, OSFM
Claire McGrew, OSFM	Les Hallman, OFCA
Darrell King, OFDDA	Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co.
Dave Fields, OSFM	Sean Barrett, Lane Co.
David Wheeler, Deschutes Co.	Sean Condon, Polk Co.
Diane Laughter, Health In Sight LLC.	Stephanie Mills, CPSC
Earl Diment, Pioneer Technology Inc. & NFPA	Stephanie Stafford, OSFM
Ginger Slavens, Tillamook Co.	Storm Smith, Washington Co. via T/C
Helen Feroli, OSFM	Tim Birr, OFSC

### Guests, Agency:

Emily Ostrem, Marion County Health Department	Lena Mohajerin, OSFM
Jim Stewart, Salem Fire Department	Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM

Claire called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., January 20, 2011.

### Regional and County Fire Service Reports:

#### Crook County – Cindy Kettering

- No Report

#### Deschutes County – Cindy Kettering & Dave Wheeler

Cindy Kettering

- Preparing to deliver the team teaching program in Central Oregon.
- Deschutes County *FireFree Clean Up Event* is May 6-14, 2011.

Dave Wheeler

- Interacting with workgroup for station tours which will deliver a product at the Fire Prevention Conference in February.

#### Lane County – Sean Barrett

- No Report

#### Lincoln County – Jim Kusz

- Washed Away KATU with follow up questions. Jim would like to see this available statewide.
- Jim is working with Robert Smith on beach signage for the Parks and a new childrens program. Jim is also working on a comic book for kids.
- North Lincoln Fire & Rescue has a 1961 Willys Jeep and a boat to use for water safety.



- Jim reported this is the second year in a row they have had less drownings than in the past.
- Changing Beach Signage
- Upcoming training includes firefighters performing a burn to learn.
- There will be a *Firefighters Ham Dinner* with educational materials for families. This event supports North Lincoln Fire & Rescue Volunteer Association.

**Marion County** – Alfredo Mendez

- No Report.

**Multnomah County** – Scott Goetchius

- Portland Fire & Rescue delivered the Vision 20/20 smoke alarm grant program. In phase one (pilot stations) and phase two (media campaign) a total of 1,318 residences received 4,245 smoke alarms. In phase three (follow up surveys) 123 homes were surveyed. So far the Public Education Office contributed 1,251 hours to the project. Don Porth will provide Scott an update for the next OLST meeting.

**Polk County** – Sean Condon

- Polk County is collaborating with Oregon Department of Transportation on the Bridge Program, the program was established after a fire truck broke through an uninspected bridge.

**Tillamook County** – Ginger Slavens

- Tillamook County handled a lot of flooding concerns the previous week, they relocated residents that were in the flood zone due to flooding.
- Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District has been working through some challenges related to the rebuilding of their fire department due to some recent updates by the county.

**Washington County** – Storm Smith

- Storm reported that Dave Nemeyer of Forest Grove Fire & Rescue is delivering the “Remembering When” fire and fall prevention class for older adults
- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue visited 336 homes, interviewed 160 residences and installed 32 smoke alarms during their door to door smoke alarm campaign.
- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue awarded certificates to honor bystanders for saving a citizen.

**Yamhill County** – Jeff Cranford

- McMinnville Fire Department is taking applications for the Yamhill County Fire Investigation Team (YFIT) training. Attendees can register the day of training.
- Jeff is delivering the “Remembering When” fire and fall prevention class for older adults.

**Federal, State, County, City and Private Agency Reports:**

**Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)** – Anita Phillips, Candice Clark, Claire McGrew, Dave Fields, Helen Feroli, Kristina Deschaine, Lena Mohajerin, Marian Ruiz-Temple & Stephanie Stafford.

- Mid-Columbia Fire Prevention Cooperative’s “Good House/Bad House” demonstration will be display at the Grant County Health Fair.

Helen Feroli

- Judy Okulitch and Helen are providing ongoing curriculum training to elementary and middle school teachers.
- They provided Start Safe: A Fire and Burn Safety Program for Preschoolers and Their Families training (courtesy of Home Safety Council) to preschool teachers and administrators, and Fire Educators.

- Judy and Helen are working on the station tour guide which will be available for distribution at the Fire Prevention conference in Salishan in February.

Kristina Deschaine

- Lane County will have a home show in May and is delivering the Fire Busters program.

Stephanie Stafford

- Lena and Stephanie are working on a Census Bureau Training.
- Stephanie reported that the Oregon Garden Fire Safety House is being retrofitted with sprinklers. The materials and design are being fully paid for by the Western States Fire Protection Company, labor and installation is being provided by the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669, and the Merideth Corporation will be filming an online virtual house.

#### **Health In Sight LLC – Diane Laughter**

- Diane is working with Emily Ostrem on the Oregon Smokefree Housing Project, encouraging landlords to in adopting no smoking policies. Diane stated that smoking inside is dangerous however disposing of smoking materials outside also poses a fire risk.

#### **Marion County Health Department – Emily Ostrem**

- Emily is working with Diane Laughter on the Oregon Smokefree Housing Project.

#### **Pioneer Technology Inc. & National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) – Earl Diment**

- NFPA is awarding scholarships to the NFPA Conference and Expo. The conference will be held in Boston, MA June 12-14, 2011. The Conference will have 14 public education classes.
- Vision 20/20 and NFPA are working on engineering solutions for kitchen safety technology.

#### **Consumer Product & Safety Commission (CPSC) – Joe Burchyski & Stephanie Mills**

Joe Burchyski

- CPSC is working on a carbon monoxide survey and crib safety to ban drop side cribs.
- Joe has not received the results of the carbon monoxide poster contest CPSC sponsored.
- CPSC is investigating mattress fires, Joe asked fire service personnel to let him know of any mattress fires in their districts.

Stephanie Mills

- Reported that her investigation position closed and was filled internally.

#### **Fire Service Association Reports:**

##### **Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) – Chief Les Hallman**

- OFCA is working with legislation on Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

##### **Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA) – Darrell King**

- Darrell indicated this will be a busy legislative year.
- Darrell indicated that there had been a recent judgment made that found two board members willfully violated Oregon's public meetings law when they discussed how they would vote with other board members via email. It is a violation of the public meetings law to communicate about board business in any manner, unless you are in a public board meeting.
- Charleston Rural Fire Department received 7300 visitors during their Christmas Train display, December 1-31, 2010.

##### **Oregon Fire Safety Coalition – Tim Birr**

- No report

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Oregon Cigarette Fires** – Lena Mohajerin, Claire McGrew and Stephanie Stafford

Lena provided a summary of the draft Oregon Cigarette Fires in Single- & Multi-Family Housing report prepared for the Regional fire Prevention/Smokefree Housing Collaboration meeting. See attached for the report.

In Summary:

- One out of ten fires in single and multi-family homes were caused by cigarettes. One out of two fire fatalities were caused by cigarettes, and one out of six fire injuries were caused by cigarettes.
- It is too early to see a trend since the fire-standard compliant cigarette law took effect on January 1, 2008. Portland Fire & Rescue's cigarette fires have gone down 34% since 2006.
- Oregon's structure fire agencies respond to more than 11,000 fires a year.
- Single and multi-family house fires account for 29% of cigarette caused fires. Three out of four fires start outside by cigarettes.
- The leading cause of cigarette fires are improperly discarded cigarettes, smoking while using oxygen, and children playing with cigarettes.

Discussion:

Tim Birr questioned whether now that we have created a fire standard compliant cigarette, do we still need to add the fire retardant chemicals to furniture and mattresses.

Darrell King would like to see how many cigarette fires are alcohol related.

Tim Birr and Earl Diment shared that other countries report alcohol use in fire reports, however, here it is rarely recorded.

Lena would like to run data on the socio-economic effects on cigarette fires.

Jim Kusz asked if someone would be working on safe disposal exterior containers.

Emily Ostrem, Tobacco prevention Coordinator for Marion County Health is looking for partnership with fire service. If you would like to participate, please let her know.

Alfredo Mendez would like to see the 10 foot rule included in multi-family entrance ways.

Stephanie and Lena will be attending the Regional Fire Prevention/Smokefree Housing Collaborating meeting on February 2, 2011 and will relay the information at the next OLST meeting.

### **Public Education Survey** – Claire McGrew

See attached Survey reference.

Claire gave a brief summary of the survey results. 120 participants started the survey and 84 finished.

Earl thought it was great that we also asked the public educators instead of just Fire Chiefs to answer the survey.

Claire explained that the handout included only the raw data and additional analysis was being further reviewed and would be presented at the next OLST meeting in February.

Claire asked members have any questions or suggestions regarding the survey to send them to Anita, Stephanie or herself.

Earl informed members that he a Safe-t-element stove top demo available to use for free.

### **Other Business:**

- Earl informed members that he a Safe-t-element stove top demo available to use for free.
- Claire reported Fire Service Appreciation Day will be held at the Oregon State Capitol. The Oregon Fire Sprinkler Coalitions and Eric McMullen are providing a live burn sprinkler demonstration.
- Claire reminded members about the upcoming OFMA & PNWCG Winter Fire Prevention Workshop being held February 14-18, 2011 at the Salishan Lodge, Judy and Helen are instructing *Using Station Tours as a Prevention Tool*.

**Adjournment:** 3:25 p.m.