

# MINUTES

## Oregon Life Safety Team

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 17, 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:

Candice Clark, OSFM	Jim Kusz, Lincoln Co.
Cindy Kettering, Crook & Deschutes Co. via T/C	Krista Fischer, OSFM
Claire McGrew, OSFM	Laura Houston, OFSOA
Darrell King, OFDDA	Les Hallman, OFCA
Debbie McDermott, OFMA	Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co.
Earl Diment, Pioneer Technology Inc. & NFPA	Stephanie Stafford, OSFM
Ginger Slavens, Tillamook Co.	Storm Smith, Washington Co. via T/C
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.	

Claire called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., March 17, 2011.

### Regional and County Fire Service Reports:

#### Crook County – Cindy Kettering

- No Report

#### Deschutes County – Cindy Kettering

- Bend Fire Department delivering the team teaching program to elementary school 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
- Deschutes County preparing for *FireFree Clean Up Events* starting in March extending through May.
- Firewise workshop will be held on April 14, 2011 at the Bend Fire Department Training Center. Speakers include Stu Otto and Kristen Babbs, Oregon Department of Forestry and Crosby Gindle, National Fire Protection Association. Anyone who would like to establish a Firewise Community is welcome to attend.
- Bend Fire Department will be presenting home and structural fire messages at the Central Oregon Home & Garden Show will be held May 6-8, 2011 at the Deschutes County Fire Grounds. Their structural fire messaging will emphasize the new CO law.

#### Lincoln County – Jim Kusz

- Lincoln County School District's Sue Graves reported that the Washed Away series with a curriculum that North Lincoln County Fire & Rescue District #1 presented to the Lincoln County schools was well received.
  - Jim will send Darrell King a copy of the curriculum.
- Lincoln County experienced tsunami event where a series of surges occurred. One surge picked up a large boat and put it down on the pier, breaking it in half and damaging two other boats. The Coast Guard coordinated evacuations with tsunami warnings.
- Jim attended a county wide Tsunami debriefing with more than 100 participants were present including Red Cross and CERT members.
  - Overall things that went well - people took the warnings seriously, the sirens were synchronized, and the messaging was clear county wide.
  - A lesson learned is the terminology was used differently – Jim explained that what the coast experienced was tsunami surges (where the water level rapidly raises four feet) not tsunami waves.
- Lincoln County experienced around 30 – 40 significant surge events.

- One person was caught on film almost being swept away when he stepped out on some rocks. There probably would have been more people hurt if they didn't urge people to stay of the beach.
- Lincoln County is starting a Home Office and Travel (HOT) Fire Prevention program to teach public to be safe regardless of where they are.
- Jim shared photos of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue's finished 1961 Willys Jeep (see attachments for photo).

#### **Multnomah County** – Scott Goetchius

- Paul Corah, Portland Fire & Rescue's new Public Information Officer helped get Jim Kusz's beach safety information out to the public. Jim thanked Scott for forwarding the information to Paul.
- Portland Fire & Rescue is discussing hiring at least one additional public education staff member.
- Portland Fire & Rescue's Erin Janssens, Fire Marshal has requested their Public Education department conduct a fire safety poster project for October. This packet will include video and instructional materials.
- Claire shared a printout of Portland Fire & Rescues fire blog on Oregon's Fire Service Appreciation Day Home Fire Sprinkler Demonstration held at the capitol building.

#### **Tillamook County** – Ginger Slavens

- Ginger thanked OSFM for allowing her to attend the Start Safe: A Fire and Burn Safety Education Program for preschoolers and their Families training at Salishan.
  - Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District presented the Start Safe training to their local Head Start and is planning to present the parent portion to the parents.
- Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District coordinated a Tsunami evacuation drill.

#### **Washington County** – Storm Smith

- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue has been taking a traveling road show to teach exit drills in the home to Hillsboro school district 3rd graders. They currently have taught 250 kids and their goal is to reach 3,000 kids.
- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue is continuing to provide fire extinguisher training to commercial businesses.
- Forest Grove Fire & Rescue, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, and Hillsboro Fire & Rescue are continuing to provide continued education training to adult foster home care operators and managers.
- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue is using the Home Fire Safety Council preschool education materials.
- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue sent three to four personnel and 16 Hillsboro school district officials to Emergency Management Institute for the E361 Managing Major Emergencies at Public School Systems.

#### **Yamhill County** – Jeff Cranford

- McMinnville Water Park opening June 6, 2011.

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

**Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)** – Candice Clark, Claire McGrew, Krista Fischer & Stephanie Stafford.  
Claire McGrew

- Claire passed around a copy of the 2011-2013 OSFM Strategic Plan. This is also available online at [www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Administration/OSFM\\_StratPlan2011-2013\\_web.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Administration/OSFM_StratPlan2011-2013_web.pdf).

Stephanie Stafford

- Stephanie gave an update on the Oregon Garden Fire Safety House, outside filming of landscaping was done earlier in March, on April 8, 2011 they will start filming the (12) 30 second and (24) 15 second commercials on inside safety tips.
- Stephanie met with Western States Fire Protection Company which is providing all of the materials to have the 6,000 square foot house retrofitted with smoke alarms and a sprinkler system for free.
- Stephanie had a conference call for Wildfire Awareness Week which will be held May 1-7, 2011. OSFM will put information out in the April edition of the Gated Wye. General statewide television and radio commercials will be released for the event.

- Stephanie will see if those who would like to air in their Community can obtain a copy.

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

- Earl recently attended a Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Committee meeting. They are developing standards for the fire service regarding degrees. It begins with training high school students for a career in fire service, then with additional training in college programs.
- National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) in collaboration with NFPA, Hughes & Associates, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and State Farm conducted a study of unattended cooking fires and prevention methodology. The report will be released in July.

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

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

- OFCA Spring Conference will be held on April 13-15, 2011 at the Eagle Crest Resort.
- Chief Hallman was appointed to the Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA) by OFCA board of directors to work on communication between emergency management and the fire service.
- Chief Hallman asked if other members if they felt they were receiving consistent messages from their emergency management. Example: regarding the radiological scare we are currently facing.
  - Jim Kusz feels Lincoln County receives consistent messages from their emergency management.
  - Scott Goetchius doesn't feel they receive consistent feed back.
  - Chief Hallman reported when he was Fire Chief of a coastal community and there was a potential for a tropical storm, hurricane, etc. they were involved with all the states conference calls, received hourly updates with very specific information.
  - Earl Diment feels communication was better when emergency management was within the fire service.
  - Claire McGrew informed members that OSFM added a link to the Oregon Health Authority – Current Hazards web site to our home page under popular information.
  - Krista Fischer believes Emergency Management feels disconnected from the fire service as well as internally. March 7-10, 2011, Krista attended the Oregon Governor's Occupation Safety & Health (GOSH) Conference in Portland. She hopes communications become more consistent.
  - Chief Hallman asked members to send him feedback so he can take it to the OEMA meeting.

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

##### **Charleston Fire Department**

- Charleston Fire Department experienced significant Tsunami events in South Slough where they experienced four foot surges every ten minutes starting at 7:40 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m., several docks were damaged and they evacuated about 20 people from the low lying areas of Charleston. Police kept people off the beaches until dawn the following morning.
  - County wide debriefing is being scheduled.
- Two days later Charleston experienced 88 mile an hour winds.

##### **OFDDA**

- OFDDA is watching a SB106 – this bill would require EMS units from fire departments to decide if a patient would or would not be transported by ambulance or if the patient should locate other transportation to the hospital.
- OFDDA is watching HB2075 – this bill would require prepaid cell phone users to pay the same tax as other phone users to support the 9-1-1 emergency system, Genoa is listening to testimony 3/17/2011.
- Darrell is concerned about the federal florescent light bulb law and thanked Claire for looking into this.

#### **Oregon Fire Marshals Association (OFMA) – Debbie McDermott**

- OFMA helped present the 2011 Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Training Workshop held on February 14-18, 2011 at the Salishan Lodge. Around 150 attended. Public education, investigation, and technical classes were offered to attendees.
- OFMA will have a booth at the Fire Exposition. They are creating a display for fire service/firefighters on smoke alarm types, placement, recommendations and best practices. After the expo they will make the display available for fire service to use at open houses, etc.

**Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators (OFSOA) – Laura Houston**

- OFSOA Spring Conference will be held on April 14-15, 2011 at the City of Roseburg Public Safety Center.

**Agenda Items:**

**Oregon Cigarette Fires Update – Stephanie Stafford**

Stephanie provided an update on the Oregon Cigarette Fires in Single & Multi-Family Housing report, it was requested that a breakdown by county be added to the report and it now contains occurrence by county, city and district of incident. To view this report visit: [www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Data\\_Services/Reports/2005-2009\\_Oregon\\_Cigarette\\_Fires\\_in\\_Single-And\\_Multi-Family\\_Housing.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Data_Services/Reports/2005-2009_Oregon_Cigarette_Fires_in_Single-And_Multi-Family_Housing.pdf).

Stephanie listed the top 10 ranked counties (ranked by number of cigarette fire per 10,000 population):

1	Multnomah	6	Marion
2	Wasco	7	Deschutes
3	Sherman	8	Washington
4	Linn	9	Malheur
5	Benton	10	Polk

Stephanie and Lena attended the Regional Fire Prevention/Smokefree Housing Collaborating meeting on February 2, 2011.

- They met to work on priorities, education and what could be done differently. Fires are starting outside that could be the result of moving smoking outside.
- The group includes fire service representatives from Portland Fire & Rescue, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.
- A group is being convened that will include fire service representatives from Benton, Linn, Marion and Polk counties

Stephanie and Lena will attend the Regional Fire Prevention/Smokefree Housing Collaborating meeting again in April.

If you need further information contact Stephanie Stafford at 503-934-8245 or [stephanie.stafford@state.or.us](mailto:stephanie.stafford@state.or.us). Candice will send out the updated version of this report.

**Oregon Fire Casualty Review Committee (OFCRC) Update – Claire McGrew**

Oregon Fire Casualty Review Committee met on March 17, 2011 to review injury data gathered from National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) in Oregon. They reviewed the previously published *2004-2008 Fire Fatality Report* to determine if their recommendations for fatality reductions were sufficient to address injuries. They discovered cooking fires continue to be the number one cause of fire for injury data, the current age group affected appears to be in the 18-49 range. Additional population data will be analyzed to verify the findings. It also appears that injuries are occurring while trying to extinguish fires, indicating a need for increased education.

- Laura Houston reported they found this to be true when they ran data for Stayton Fire District. The OFCRC's goal is to put together a report similar to the *Oregon Fire Fatality Report* to provide a base document to drive fire injury prevention education programs. The next OFCRC meeting is on April 28, 2011 and Claire hopes to have a draft Oregon Fire Casualty Report to share with the OLST.

## **Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group, Communication, Prevention, Investigation Working Team (PNWCG - CPI) Update – Claire McGrew**

Claire is a member of the PNWCG CPI Working Team, a subcommittee specifically related to prevention, communication, and public information distribution primarily for wildland fire.

PNWCG mission is increased interagency wildland fire prevention effectiveness through a coordinated interagency effort.

PNWCG provided support for the 2011 Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Training Workshop held on February 14-18, 2011 at the Salishan Lodge. Claire thanked Storm Smith, Hillsboro Fire Department for instructing the NFPA 1035 class.

If you have questions regarding topics effecting PNWCG CPI work groups, please contact Claire and she will take your questions back to the working group.

Additional information regarding PNWCG is available at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/fire/pnwcg/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/fire/pnwcg/).

The board for the 2012 Northwest Fire Prevention Training Workshop will be held in June, 2011. If you have any feedback, please provide this to Claire prior to June 1 at 503-934-8236 or [claire.mcgrew@state.or.us](mailto:claire.mcgrew@state.or.us).

## **Logos – Stephanie Stafford**

Stephanie passed colored and black & white copies of the final logo and shared the reasoning for this choice (see attachments for colored and black & white logos).

Jim Kusz had large versions printed to put on the Jeep.

Candice will add the new logo to minutes and agendas.

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

Claire gave a brief update on the survey results and explained that the handout includes an executive summary of the report. If you have any action items that you would like to add to the report, please provide these to Claire prior to April 10, 2011.

Claire asked members that have any questions, or suggestions regarding the survey to let her know.

To view this report visit: [www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/CommEd\\_FPLS\\_Survey.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/CommEd_FPLS_Survey.shtml).

## **Other Business:**

- Claire reported that the smoke alarm legislation information that was to be added to clarify the current law was not added, we need to address some technology issues first.
- Claire attended Oregon Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition meeting and they are interested in meeting with the OLST to get educational materials out to teach about fire sprinklers.
  - Crosby Grindle is attending the April 28, 2011 OLST meeting to talk about sprinklers benefits, purpose and legislation.
  - Jim Kusz shared reported that Chief Don Baker of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 is involved with sprinklers and has Jim working with contractors.
- Claire asked members to take NFPA *Keeping Your Community Safe with Home Fire Sprinklers* DVD's back to their agencies and communities.
- Other materials available for members to take back to their agencies and communities included KATU *Washed Away "Be Beach Safe"* DVD's Jim Kusz provided, and *Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities and Other Vulnerable Populations*.
- Candice Clark welcomed twin grandchildren born on March 6, 2011 at 9:08 a.m. Benjamin Parker weighed 5lbs, 1oz and was 17.5 inches tall, and at 9:20 a.m. Nora Belle weighed 5lbs, 4oz and was 18 inches tall.
- Candice will send an updated membership list to members.

**Adjournment:** 3:30 p.m.



**NORTH LINCOLN  
FIRE & RESCUE  
DISTRICT #1**

**BOB EVEREST STATION**

PLEASE BE AWARE  
OF SNEAKER WAVES







