



OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Oregon State Police

Charles P. Pray Conference Room

Attendees/Representing

Babbs, Kris – Keep Oregon Green
Birr, Tim – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Retired
Burns, David – Consumer Product Safety Commission
DeYoung, Troy – Special Districts Association of Oregon (Guest Speaker)
Diment, Earl – Pioneer Technology
Dunn, John – Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Fields, Dave – OSFM
Frederick, Gus – OSFM
Hatch, Joanne – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (Clackamas/Washington)
Hoover, Rich – OSFM
Houston, Laura – Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators
Kusz, Jim – North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 (Lincoln)
Landers, Wendy – OSP (Guest)
Linder, Amy and Casey – Eugene-Springfield Fire (Lane)
Nelson, Barbara – Stayton Fire District (Marion)
Perino, Chuck – OSP (Guest Speaker)
Ratcliff, Lora – Albany Fire Department (Linn)
Roach, Amy – OSFM
Rouse, Ron – Portland Fire & Rescue (Multnomah)
Sherwood, Jodi – OSP (Guest Speaker)
Slavens, Ginger – Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (Tillamook)
Smith, Storm – Hillsboro Fire & Rescue (Washington)
Stafford, Stephanie – OSFM
Storms, Anne-Marie – Keizer Fire District (Marion)

Welcome/Introductions/Updates

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of August and September Minutes

Stephanie asked that members please provide any changes to the August and September minutes to Amy by Friday, November 18, 2016.

Property and Casualty Coverage for Education – Troy DeYoung, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) formed in 1979 to give special districts a stronger and united voice at the Oregon Legislature. They provide advocacy with state administrative agencies and other units of government, training, information resources, and other support programs. Current membership has grown to over 900 local government members.

The SDAO created a Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS) in 1985. The SDIS is a self-insured trust and was created to escape the volatile traditional insurance market. This trust created an opportunity for members to control insurance costs by jointly pooling resources to self-insure for property, liability, and workers' compensation coverage. The objective of the SDIS is to provide reasonable stable rates and broad coverage to Oregon public entities.

SDAO, in cooperation with the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA), formed the Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (PACE) in 2006 to serve the unique needs of Oregon's public school districts, community colleges, and education service districts. By merging their school district insurance programs, SDAO and OSBA formed the largest property and liability risk pool of school entities in Oregon. For more information, visit the PACE website at <http://pace.osba.org>. PACE currently insures more than 300 education organizations.

SDAO promotes the "I Love U Guys" foundation®. The focus of the foundation is school safety. Through research and collaborations with experts in education, law enforcement, emergency management, and psychologists the foundation assembled real world solutions that could be brought to the classroom. The "I Love U Guys" foundation® teaches the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) – Lockout, lockdown, evacuate, and shelter. The SRP is not based on individual scenarios, but on the response to any given situation. The SDAO is also looking at standard reunification methods through iloveguys.org. The Standard Reunification Method provides schools a planned reunification for students and parents following a crisis.

Troy also talked about the Report School Fires Program started with the OSFM in 2004. Resources were updated in 2010. The program is designed to help fire districts work with their local school districts to ensure the reporting of all school fires. The program includes information on reporting fires, risk reduction, youth-set fires, and evacuation. The SDAO offers a participation grant to 10 districts. Those funds are provided to assist the districts in being able to build/foster partnerships, provide resources, surveillance, and provide posters offering cash rewards for school fire reporting.

One of the struggles the SDAO has seen in this program is a lack of relationship on many levels. Many times a school gets law enforcement involved and the fire agency is left out. Lack of reporting by the school and schools not recognizing a hazard are other issues.

Troy talked about standing rewards where schools can offer rewards for reporting school fires. Risks that SDAO sees in schools are proper supervision, storage of combustible materials, keeping port-a-potties next to buildings, and keeping storage receptacles under breezeways, covers, and against walls. Another issue is schools not reporting fires, even though they are mandated to report all fires. There is evidence that there is room for improvement. Currently, there are many arson fires being set by young children, which shows we have work to do in education and prevention efforts.

Jim Kusz asked about the availability of resource officers in the school. Troy said there are fewer resource officers every year due to funding.

The group talked about ways their districts communicate fire issues in their local area. Ron Rouse said that one issue is consistency in reporting. Different people report every time, which makes it harder for fire agencies to follow up.

Oregon School Safety Tip Line – Jody Sherwood and Chuck Perino, Oregon State Police

The School Safety Tip Line came as a recommendation to the Oregon State Legislature based on House Bill 4087. As part of that report, it was recommended that Oregon also have a threat assessment system, floor plan database, and standardized terminology.

Oregon is not the first to have a safety tip line. Colorado, Michigan, Kentucky, and Ohio all have their own versions of safety tip lines. One of Oregon's solutions to House Bill 4087 is to have a School Safety Tip line that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The tips will be received by trained technicians, who will triage and assess non-criminal or criminal tips to be able to route them to the appropriate party. Schools will follow-up on non-criminal tips and all tips will be shared with partners who have a right-to-know or need-to-know.

The project timeline was discussed. Through August and September, training and program expectations were developed, the vendor contract was finalized, and locations were chosen for pilot launch. In October and November the group planned marketing and call center services, developing an early adopter process, and reaching out to that group. A pilot was launched which includes evaluation, testing, and developing administrative rules. A big part of the success of this project is communication with all involved parties and stakeholders.

Hermiston school district, which encompasses eight schools and intermountain education service district that includes 18 school districts and over 32 schools were selected for the pilot launch. Law enforcement, school principals, school district staff, school boards, education service district, bus companies and janitorial staff were all involved and trained in using the dashboard, reporting, and a preview of the program.

Each school will have three main points of contact so that no tip submission goes unanswered. The point of contact will look at the incident, investigate, add information, log into the data system, and acknowledge that things have been addressed. Each school will be given a School Tool Kit, a Training Toolkit, and a Marketing Toolkit (posters, stickers, and business cards with tip line information) which will have everything they should need to get started. The School Safety Tip Line goes live January 31, 2017.

Jim Kusz asked if there will be multiple languages available. Jodi stated yes there are over 100 languages that can be used if needed. David Burns asked about fire service being involved and Chuck stated they will be involved at a local level. Barbara Nelson asked about promoting the program to families and outreach. Jodi answered that social media, partnerships, and the schools will be involved to reach entire families. Earl Diment asked about continuity of services such as mental health and fire service. Jodi said that mental health has a huge seat at the table and has been involved with the program from the beginning.

Other Business

Stephanie talked about Sparky Awards and asked the group if we were interested in nominating an individual as a collective team (the OLST could nominate one person or a few). Stephanie wanted to bring more attention to the topic so that people would be aware and be thinking of good candidates. Stephanie encouraged everyone to be more active in that process. Stephanie will send out an email with a list of recipients from previous years.

Kris shared that Keep Oregon Green's auction took place November 5, 2016, which celebrated 75 years of KOG. Kris said that the auction was a success.

KOG is currently working on a Wildfire Quick Series Pocket Guide that will be released spring 2017. Topics will range from prevention, Wildfire protection, and defensive landscaping to "after the fire" checklists, information on filing insurance claims and Oregon resources for the homeowner. The guide was developed specifically for Oregon in partnership with American Red Cross and other state and federal agencies.

Kris is working on a Smokey Bear license plate that will add some additional funding to KOG.

Kris is the interim Firewise representative for Oregon. KOG is currently doing some wildfire awareness planning to prepare for the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse. Oregon is one of the areas that will have the best view of the eclipse, so people from all over the world will be coming to view it. Emergency planning is already taking place because campgrounds, hotels, fields, and other areas are already booked solid and towns will be filled beyond capacity.

Anne-Marie shared that Keizer's Christmas light parade will be on December 10, and the Keizer Fire District's Christmas pancake breakfast will be held December 11 at 7:00 a.m. Anne-Marie said that Keizer Fire District is also gearing up for the eclipse.

Dave Fields told the group that Wheeler county emergency management has been talking about the eclipse for two years and feels pretty well prepared.

David Burns shared that with Christmas coming, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is at the ports testing products that are coming into the county. So far CPSC has stopped eight million units of toys since last year from coming from other countries.

David shared that Kidde has recalled about 3.6 million NightHawk combination smoke/CO alarms. If the batteries are replaced in that unit, the alarm can fail to continue to chirp when it reaches its end-of-life, leading consumers to believe it is still working. Please forward reports of faulty units to David Burns. The recall number is 17-031. For further information or a list of all recalls please visit www.cpsc.gov/Recalls.

Earl gave an update on the SmartBurner™ that Pioneering Technology produces. Pioneering Technology has now contracted with 31 states. The SmartBurner™ is now carried by retail distributors such as Staples who outfits all extended stay hotels, HD supplies, and Home Depot. The SmartBurner™ takes the place of traditional coil burners which are the cause of 62% of stovetop fires according to the NFPA. Due to being tremendously busy with Pioneering Technology, Earl will not be able to attend OLST any longer.

Jim is getting ready to teach his Disaster Preparedness for the Northwest course at Oregon Coast Community College and is developing a one-day program for preparedness training as well.

Jim reported that there will be a two-day coastal water rescue summit at the end of March.

Jim has also been working with the new Lincoln City city council members because of many issues with the occupancy and fire safety of vacation rentals. People are packing into the homes and not practicing good fire safety. The city council has been working with the Oregon Fire sprinkler coalition to make vacation homes safer.

Stephanie said that we have the youth Beavers and Ducks trading cards and window clings available, and to please see Amy after the meeting to get some.

John has been working with Neighborhood Watch to reach everyone in his county to share fire safety and prevention messages.

Storm shared that Hillsboro Fire & Rescue continues to promote the PulsePoint program and they will continue to make it a focus for the coming year. Along with the PulsePoint, the agency will be teaching CPR.

Storm reported that Hillsboro Fire & Rescue has hired a new outreach person, an Inspector 2, and a new intern. All the new staff are bilingual.

Storm also shared that Fire Chief Greg Nelson who is the current Hillsboro Fire chief is retiring and Scott Magers will be the interim chief until a new candidate is hired.

Storm will be retiring May 31, 2017, and moving to Florida.

Ron shared with the group that the children in the Portland area love the youth fire safety tip cards.

Ron reported that Portland Fire & Rescue has installed 200 smoke alarms for people who are Deaf & hard of hearing alarms in five months. The alarms were installed in the greater Portland area, where they also do home safety checks during installation. They just ordered five hundred more hard of hearing alarms.

Laura shared that the Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators conference was held last month and she shared that the educational materials from OSFM and memory sticks were discussed at the conference.

Barbara shared that the Stayton Fire District's Halloween event was very successful this year. They had approximately 800 attendees this year, which was down about 200 from last year.

Stephanie shared that at the next meeting on January 19, 2017, Dave will discuss data and we will discuss new projects for the upcoming year.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.