



OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2017

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Oregon State Police – Office of State Fire Marshal
3565 Trelstad Ave. S.E., Salem, OR 97317
Charles P. Pray conference room

Attendees/Representing

Babbs, Kris – Keep Oregon Green
Cane, Jason – OSFM
Clark, Candice - OSFM
Cranford, Jeff – McMinnville Fire Department (Yamhill)
Gulledge, Dave – OSFM
Hatch, Joanne – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (Clackamas/Washington)
Hoover, Rich - OSFM
Houston, Laura – Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators
Hyland, David – Insurance Services Office Inc. (guest speaker)
Kettering, Cindy – Bend Fire Department (Deschutes)*
Kusz, Jim – North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 (Lincoln)
Law, Nancy – McMinnville Fire Department (guest)
Linder, Amy – Eugene Springfield Fire (Lane)
McGrew, Claire – OSFM
Peetz, Curtis – American Red Cross
Ratcliff, Lora – Albany Fire Department (Linn)
Roach, Amy – OSFM
Rouse, Ron – Portland Fire & Rescue (Multnomah)
Ruscansky, Stephanie – Insurance Services Office Inc. (guest speaker)
Saalsaa, Rich – Philomath Fire & Rescue (Benton)*
Slavens, Ginger – Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (Tillamook)
Stafford, Stephanie – OSFM
Trabue, Mike - OSFM
Wells, Devon – Hood River Fire Department (Hood River)*
Whitehouse, Jamie – OSFM

**indicates attendance via teleconference*

Welcome/Introductions/Updates

Stephanie welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Review of Minutes

Stephanie asked everyone to review the minutes and submit changes to Amy by close of business Friday, March 17, 2017

Community Risk Reduction – David Hyland & Stephanie Ruscansky, Insurance Services Office Inc.

Stephanie and David introduced themselves and shared their specific roles with the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) The ISO's public protection classification program measures the effectiveness of public fire protection for structures in 46,000 fire districts across 45 states.

The ISO evaluates a community's fire suppression; it is not just a fire department evaluation. The evaluation works on a point system and puts each community into a class system. The PPC Classes rank from 1-10 with 5.5 points available as extra credit for community risk reduction.

David Hyland explained how the process of rating works and what it entails in the state of Oregon. The grading is on a four-year grading schedule. Most are triggered by a request or inquiry. There is a pre-survey meeting that lasts one to two hours where requirements are discussed, as well as prior grading and changes in the community or department, and the community has a chance to ask questions. The survey itself lasts two to three hours and during that time, the ISO evaluates the community as they discussed during the pre-survey. When the survey is completed, the grading process can take one to three months and includes mapping and geocoding stations and hydrants. When the survey is done, the report will be sent to the highest municipal person. If an agency requests a follow-up survey, that can take up to 45 days. Some agencies use a survey as a baseline and then make improvements based on that.

An agency must meet the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) minimum requirements. The requirements are that the agency must be organized under all state and local laws, and have bylaws and boundaries. The agency must have at least four responders and those responders must receive 12 hours of training per member per year. The agency must have an apparatus that conforms to NFPA 1901 and be properly protected from the weather and be in a heated station where needed. If a station does not have an engine, it is an unrecognized station.

The FSRS 105.5 scale for class ratings is divided into four sections; emergency communications is worth 10 points, fire department worth 50 points, water supply worth 40 points, and the community risk reduction (extra credit) is worth 5.5 points. The community risk reduction piece is broken into three sections; fire prevention code adoption and enforcement which is worth 2.2 points, public fire safety education worth 2.2 points and fire investigations which worth 1.1 points.

As of March 1, 2017, there were 159 graded areas in Oregon. The average CRR score for Oregon is 4.36 out of 5.5 compared to the nationwide average of 2.80 out of 5.5. It is safe to say that Oregon's prevention efforts have helped with the CRR score based on the higher state average.

Communities can choose to adopt the National Fire Protection Association fire code or International Code Council fire code. If the agency has chosen their adopted addition within five years of their survey they will get full credit for their community risk reductions and if they have chosen within 6-10 years they will get a reduced credit. ISO and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training have adopted NFPA standards for ICC inspectors so that all parties are looking for the same things.

The question was asked if the American Red Cross Fire Prevention & Safety Checklist, which is used in their smoke alarm installation program counts as a part of the public fire safety education program. David answered that the ISO thinks it is an excellent way to get education listed in your community.

Stephanie mentioned the OSFM's Smoke Alarm Installation program and the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Law training that the OSFM provides and suggested that the OSFM should be printing certificates of completion for these. David said it is helpful if the training is recorded.

ISO does not give credit for anything medical, including; CPR, water rescue, or beach safety. Agencies who respond to in-home calls for things like falls and first aid can get CRR credit for doing safety checks while in the patient's home. Other things that do count towards CRR credit are:

- School exit fire drills
- Juvenile firesetter safety education
- Firewise is an active way to get education points

Stephanie said that the timeline for the new schedule was probably going to be 2020, and at that time the CRR could become a part of the regular points.

The fire suppression rating schedule does not apply to sprinklered properties. Jim asked the question if you develop a plan to install sprinklers in every home in a new subdivision does that count? Those homes would not apply under the fire suppression rating and would be considered a class 1 which is the lowest rating possible.

Jason Cane talked briefly of the plan of cooperation between non-exempt fire jurisdictions and the OSFM which gives the non-exempt jurisdictions three options

- The jurisdiction needs considerable help
- The jurisdiction needs some help
- The jurisdiction can do it alone.

Jason asked if the plan of cooperation will help communities with the ISO rating. David said that it would.

If a county wants a lesson or some training in the rating schedule please contact David Hyland at dhyland@iso.com.

Other Business

Claire McGrew

The OSFM is happy to announce our new hire, Sara Jasmin, Program Coordinator with the Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention program, will be starting March 27. We will distribute her contact information when it becomes available. Sara will replace Krista, who retired from the youth fire prevention and intervention program.

The OSFM is hiring a training and development 1 position to replace Shawna who promoted to a new position. The interviews will be held April 5, 2017.

The OFMA conference will be held next week in Bend.

Amy Linder

Eugene Springfield is starting their smoke alarm installation project in April. With the help of American Red Cross, they spent an evening stuffing education packets to hand out to homeowners as they do their installations.

Eugene Springfield is also hiring an administrative specialist and a deputy fire marshal they are hoping to find a deputy fire marshal that has an education-based history.

Amy has been promoted to assistant fire marshal, but will continue to be a member of the OLST.

Ginger Slavens

The Nestucca fire chief is leaving and the agency will be hiring a new one soon. They have 12 applicants interested in the position.

Laura Houston

The April Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators workshop, which is being hosted by the OSFM, will be held April 20-21. The OFSOA is also revamping their website but has no date of completion at this time.

Stayton Fire District has been conducting a fire extinguisher training class at the local high school.

Jamie Whitehouse

The OSFM will be hosting Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire training April 19-20 at Oregon Public Safety Academy.

Joanne Hatch

In celebration of Heart Month Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue hosted a Survivor's Breakfast that matched cardiac survivors with the Emergency Medical Services staff that saved them. In addition to the survivor's breakfast, TVF&R recently taught Hands-Only CPR to over 600 people at Washington Square.

Philips Healthcare is loaning 300 AED's to first responders all over the community to use as part of PulsePoint Foundation's Verified Responder Pilot Program. The program will activate off-duty professional firefighters to respond to cardiac arrest calls in public and private settings.

TVF&R will be presenting a Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction Train-the-Trainer Workshop on April 4, 2017 that will be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. The agency will also be hosting the same training for apartment managers, landlords, and property management on April 18, 2017.

TVF&R will host an event in honor of Scouts Day on April 8. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from all over the Portland area will visit one of the stations in TVF&R's district. More than 100 scouts will attend this two and a half hour event. There will be four educational stations consisting of 1.

- An EMS station where the scouts will be building a safety kit
- A station tour
- A fire safety house
- Hands-Only CPR

Ron Rouse

The Portland Fire & Rescue Firefighter's Auction raised \$14,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Dave Gullede

The OSFM Analytics & Intelligence unit will be putting out information on agency profiles soon. Dave said this is one of the important pieces of information that we gather. The survey will be web based this year. For more information, please visit <http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/pages/FireAgencyProfile.aspx>. The OSFM is trying to make agency updates as simple as possible. Please pass the word to other agencies that it is so important that this survey is done. A paper version will be sent out March 17, 2017.

Jim Kusz

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue's fire chief is retiring, and they are also hiring a new fire marshal. On the May ballot, the agency is trying to get approval to hire twelve new full-time firefighter positions, and one new EMS coordinator which would give the agency paid firefighters in addition to the 44 volunteer firefighters the agency currently has.

The revised Just Add Water Safety (J.A.W.S.) brochure will be printed and distributed soon. The brochure teaches beach and ocean safety for people visiting the Oregon Coast.

Eclipse Across America (<http://www.eclipseacrossamerica.org/>) called Jim to talk with him about response plans for his community during the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse.

Richard Saalsaa

Philomath Fire & Rescue has implemented a smoke alarm education program in the area the agency has 100 alarms, thanks to several insurance companies who donated for the program.

Cindy Kettering

Bend Fire Department will be doing some smoke alarm campaigns with the American Red Cross. The agency will start on March 30, and will be doing a canvas and will follow up with installations on April 8, 2017.

Bend's deaf and hard of hearing alarm program is going well. A local insurance company has been donating two alarms per month, and this month the Lions Club donated money for three more of the alarms.

Curtis Peetz

Curtis relayed a story of a home where they installed an alarm in 2015. At that time, they also provided education to the family about fire safety. In June of 2016, the family had a home fire and credits the family's safety with the education and alarm installation that ARC provided. This family had four lives saved. To date, the American Red Cross has verified that 197 people have been saved nationwide by their efforts.

ARC is starting a new national signature event. Sound the Alarm, Save a Life. The goal of the event is to install 1000 alarms in a three week period. The targets for this event will be Prineville, who will receive 300 alarms; Columbia County who will receive 200 alarms; Roseburg who will receive 200 alarms; and Portland, who will receive 500 alarms. There will be national media attention around that event.

Stephanie Stafford

The OSFM will start the Smoke Alarm Installation Program in May and the application process will open June 1, 2017. The applications will be processed and alarms will start to be ordered July 1, 2017.

The April OLST Solar Eclipse Subcommittee will meet April 20, 2017. The meeting will be held at Bonaventure of Salem, located at 3411 Boone Rd. SE, Salem, OR 97317.

In place of the May OLST, the group will be visiting the Legacy Health Oregon Burn Center. The OSFM will coordinate transportation for those who want to meet at our office and travel together.

Stephanie showed the group the new Oregon Wildfire Preparedness Guide that was developed by KOG, the ODOF, and the OSFM. There is a lot of information about preparation, planning, and evacuation in an easy to read pocket guide.

Jeff Cranford

Jeff announced that he is now cancer free. Jeff thanked the group for all of the support, cards, and phone calls and expressed appreciation for everyone in the group.

Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m.