



OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2017
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Oregon Public Safety Academy (DPSST)
4190 Aumsville Hwy S.E.
Salem, OR 97317
Room A145 (Boardroom)

Attendees/Representing

Beard, Aubrey – American Red Cross (Guest)
Donahue, Jeff – National Fire Protection Association*
Dunn, John – Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Hatch, Joanne – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (Washington/ Clackamas)
Hoover, Rich – OSFM
Jasmin, Sara – OSFM
Kettering, Cindy – Bend Fire Department (Deschutes)
Kusz, Jim – North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1
McGrew, Claire – OSFM
Mendez, Alfredo – Albany Fire Department (Linn)
Peetz, Curtis – American Red Cross
Ratcliff, Lora – Albany Fire Department (Linn)
Rector, Andrei – OSFM
Roach, Amy – OSFM
Rouse, Ron – Portland Fire & Rescue (Multnomah)
Stafford, Stephanie – OSFM
Storms, Anne-Marie – Keizer Fire District (Marion)
**indicates attendance via teleconference*

Welcome/Introductions/Updates

Stephanie welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

The Pillowcase Project – Curtis Peetz & Aubrey Beard, American Red Cross

The Pillowcase Project was started in 2014 after hurricane Katrina and is designed for children grades 3-5 to help them learn about emergency preparedness. American Red Cross (ARC) partnered with Disney, who provides pillowcases. The presentation is about an hour long and has reached over 11,000 youth in Oregon since the project started.

The Pillowcase project has gained in popularity and is used towards educational standards, so schools are increasingly contacting ARC to do presentations. ARC also does the training at local community preparedness events, and offers partnership opportunities to co-present.

Children are taught three strategies; learn, practice, and share. The children learn what ARC does, and then are taught how to be safe in emergencies. They are taught about fire safety and one other emergency situation based on their geographical location.

During the practice portion, pillowcases or backpacks are given to each child to decorate, and then they talk about what to do in emergency situation. For example, in an earthquake drill the children learn where in the home are the safest places to be, how to build their emergency supply kit and coping skills in an emergency. The children practice a breathing exercise to help them calm down during a crisis as part of the coping skills.

The third piece of the training is to share the information learned. The children are encouraged to take the knowledge they have learned home and share with family and friends.

For more information on the Pillowcase Project, please visit <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/gold-country/Pillowcase-Project>.

Fire Prevention Month – Claire McGrew, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Claire started with a review of last year's Fire Prevention Month. We sent out flash drives to every fire agency in Oregon. We sent out surveys afterwards and received 48 responses from the 347 surveys sent. One of the lessons learned from that is that we need to better target people in the agencies that would use the drives more effectively. Claire thanked Ron, Joanne, and Jim for their help on last year's planning committee and asked anyone interested in next year's planning to please let her know.

This year's National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14 and the theme is "Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out". Claire talked about the materials available from the NFPA and as a group we took the fire prevention quiz available on that site. Those items are available at <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week>.

The group discussed items that could compliment this year's NFPA theme. Curtis identified a need for creating a "find a safe meeting place" message. Cindy and Joanne said they really liked the OSFM drink coasters, and thought that it would be really good to develop a series of coasters that had various fire safety trivia on them. Some of the other suggestions were a two-minute timer, items that would reach other adults, and things that show that family dynamics have changed and not all families are two parents with children.

Other Business

Jim Kusz – Lincoln County District Attorney would like us to develop an electric heater public service announcement to be released by fall when people are using their heaters.

John Dunn – Oregon State income tax check-off was passed by the legislature this year after 10 years. 10,000 signatures must be gathered to move this forward. This would enable the Oregon

Volunteer Firefighters Association to be listed in the Oregon personal income tax booklet as a charity eligible to receive donations from Oregon taxpayers.

Ron Rouse – Saturday in Gresham is the “Fire Truck Pull for TIPS” where 15 teams will be pulling trucks for distance. All proceeds will go to Trauma Intervention Program (TIP). For more information on TIP please visit <http://www.tipnw.org/what-we-do/>.

Curtis Peetz – American Red Cross is looking for locations that can be used as shelters in the event of an emergency during the Solar Eclipse.

Claire McGrew – The OSFM is celebrating their 100 year anniversary this year and will be having a celebration Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in the Hall of Heroes. Please join us to help celebrate our event.

Stephanie Stafford – Stephanie let the group know that the OSFM has ordered solar eclipse glasses and those will be passed out to fire agencies that are in the path of totality. The quantity available is limited.

The 2018 Fire Prevention Workshop will be held the second week in February 2018, at the Ashland Hills Hotel.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34