

# 2013 Mob Plan Review Committee

Office of State Fire Marshal  
4760 Portland Road NE  
Salem, OR 97305  
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1300 - 1430

## Minutes

### Present:

Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire  
Doug Koellermeier, Bend Fire  
Les Hallman, Newberg Fire  
Jack Carriger, Stayton Fire  
Lang Johnson, Grants Pass Fire  
Mariah Spradlin-Crater, OSFM  
Tina Toney, OSFM  
Alan McMahan, OSFM  
Dustin Morrow, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue  
Jim Walker, OSFM  
Jerry Hampton, Haines Fire

### Not Present:

Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM  
Greg Davis, OSFM

Introductions were made.

Minutes from September were approved with the addition of Jerry Hampton.

### **Conflagration Request Packet:**

The group agreed to include the Conflagration Request Packet as an appendix. The form will be included in duplicate, capable of being torn out.

### **Support Services Data:**

There is no update on this project. There are 2 questions related to support services on the survey Dustin created. 37 respondents did not include any overhead costs in their billing.

### **Volunteer Compensation Survey:**

Dustin updated the group on the survey results. The majority of respondents compensate their volunteers using a W2 or a points system. Those who use a W2 pay \$11-15/hour. Those who use points assign them one point per hour, with each point being worth \$5-10. Almost none of the respondents provide overtime compensation. The average length of a volunteer's career is 6-10 years. The data doesn't show that those who have been volunteering longer are compensated at a higher rate.

The group agreed that they had expected to find \$15/hour to be low, but that doesn't appear to be the case.

There is currently language in the Mobilization Plan requiring departments to pay the individuals listed in their billing packet. It is in Appendix C, Section 2, subpart D. The group agreed the fire service needs to be educated on this point.

15 agencies have responded to the survey saying they don't pay volunteers at all. However, Jack pointed out that he didn't realize that question was referring to conflagrations.

**Mutual Aid Language:**

The issue at hand is the point at which mutual aid becomes a part of a conflagration and therefore reimbursable. There have been various interpretations of the current language in recent history; from the time of the declaration to the time of the IC's arrival at the scene. After much discussion, the group agreed that the "conflagration reimbursement time" would be decided during the Incident Activation Call. All on-scene mutual aid would be reimbursed from the conflagration reimbursement time. The group agreed that language to the effect of, "during the Incident Activation Call, official conflagration reimbursement time will be determined," should be added to the Conflagration Request Packet.

**Communication:**

The group agreed to utilize the following means of communication:

- A new webpage on the state domain
- Quarterly updates to all Fire Chiefs
- OSFM's Twitter and Facebook accounts
- Les and/or Dustin will update OFCA in person
- Gated Wye

**OFCA Board Updates:**

Next month Mariana will update the Board. Because Les and Dustin are both on the Board, they've agreed to do the updates at future OFCA meetings.

**Other Business:**

The group agreed that an agenda for the Incident Activation Call should be added to the Conflagration Request Packet.

**Before the Next Meeting:**

OSFM will update the Conflagration Request Packet; that packet will be added to the Mob Plan as an appendix.

OSFM will work on finding information related to the Support Services rate in Oregon and neighboring states.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours. Location TBD.