

# Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Special Districts Office/OFCA Conference Room

## Minutes

### Welcome/Introductions

Chair George Warren called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All members introduced themselves. Present were:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Representation</b>
George Warren, Clackamas County FD	Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Eric McMullen, Fire Marshal	Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Scott Mullen, Stayton Fire Department	Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
Ed Wilson, Chief, Lake Oswego FD	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Tad Pedersen, Deputy State Fire Marshal	Employees of the Office of State Fire Marshal

### Ex Officio

### Executive Director, Staff

Nancy Orr, State Fire Marshal	Office of State Fire Marshal
Laura Drager, Staff	Office of State Fire Marshal

### Visitors

Joe O'Leary, Sr. Policy Advisor	Governor's Office
Randy Simpson, Chief Deputy SFM	Office of State Fire Marshal
Major Mark Ayers, Asst. Training Director	Dept. of Public Safety Standards & Training
Allen Forster, President	Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Genoa Ingram, Executive Director	Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Bob Livingston	Oregon State Firefighters Council
John Caul, Deputy State Fire Marshal	Office of State Fire Marshal
Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Manager	Office of State Fire Marshal
Donna Disch, Sr. Policy Analyst	Office of State Fire Marshal

Absent: Tammy Fitch, Kelly Bach, John Stein, Bob Borra, and John Minnis.

Joe O'Leary said the Governor's Office is embroiled in budget preparations. The last forecast is \$550 million in the red. It will be a tough budget cycle. The good news is government is still working. He thanked the council for making Oregon government better. "You make Oregon safer." He reassured all the council is valued and the governor promises to "carry the water" for the fire service during the legislative session.

SFM Orr commended O'Leary for paying attention to what the OSFM and the fire service's issues are. He's been the best governor's representative in this council's tenure.

### Changes to the agenda:

No changes.

### Minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Add Tad Pedersen to last meeting's attendance. McTeague was representing Clackamas County Fire District 1, not OFDDA. **Ed Wilson made a**

**motion to accept the minutes as amended, Eric McMullen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Communications:**

Chair Warren mentioned the letter from OFDDA which will be considered later in the agenda.

**Guest/Visitor Input**

Allen Forster encouraged all to consider the recommendations in the letter and announced the upcoming OFDDA/OFCA joint conference. Bob Livingston is attending for Kelly Bach. Mark Ayers is attending for Eriks Gabliks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Appendix P Amendment Update/Sprinkler Final Report**

John Caul presented the Residential Sprinkler Final report. The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division's (BCD) Residential Code Review Committee voted 5-4 not to accept the fire service's proposed amendment, in favor of the homebuilders amendment. Meetings were held with the homebuilders and some trade-offs were agreed upon but a consensus was not reached on the complete appendix. Because of this BCD took the residential sprinkler proposals out of this code adoption cycle and made it a separate process. The four areas of contention between the fire service and the homebuilders were scope, trade-offs, secondary costs and local amendment process.

BCD made the following decisions in the above areas:

- 1) Scope.** BCD feels the fire sprinkler requirements should apply to all residential structures including manufactured homes, effective July 1, 2009.
- 2) Trade-offs.** BCD is not making the agreed upon trade-offs mandatory; they feel it is not an appropriate trade-off to exempt areas in wildfire hazard zones from the requirements for more than one means of access. Wilson appealed to O'Leary to ask the governor to appoint new BCD board members that are open to sprinklers. O'Leary responded they ask for names and are working toward this. At the national level there were trade-offs.
- 3) Secondary costs.** System development charges vary from water district to water district. BCD feels the added charges could be unfair.
- 4) Local Amendment Process.** A hearing regarding BCD's rules on how to apply for a local amendment to the state building code is set for Nov. 18 at BCD, in Conference Room A. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2009 with any local sprinkler ordinances effective July 1, 2009. Per McMullen, the following process will help us, if we're good stewards of what we've been given, we'll get more down the road.

SFM Orr commented, part of the push is, we moved from proposing sprinkler only for life safety and firefighter safety, to cost reductions for fire departments. Caul explained the distribution of information will be handled by a task force of experts the OSFM will recruit who will go out and work with local politicians and councils. As of Jan. 1, the work will start. Information will be available on the OSFM web site. OFMA will be partnering with OSFM. Once a guide is written, the building Officials will be enforcing it.

For future questions, John Caul can be reached at 503-934-8269 at the Office of State Fire Marshal.

### **Hazmat in the hot/cold zones, Charter for structural fire air monitoring**

Randy Simpson reported he and Sue Otjen met with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) who is already working with a company to develop a prototype for air and water monitoring at fires. Per the charter, the task force will set air monitoring and water run-off standards for structure fires to determine when it is most safe for emergency responders. Parameters will need to be set for where air samples are taken. The charter also identifies goals and objectives and criteria will be established for air monitoring during and after fires.

TVF&R will pilot the program, then other fire agencies may choose to participate in the program. There are funds to pay for the monitors when developed. We're not pursuing grants at this time. The charter sunset date is in one year, November, 2009.

**Eric McMullen made a motion to accept the charter as written, Scott Mullen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Warren thanked Simpson for his work on the charter. For further questions, Simpson can be reached at 503-934-8216 or [randy.simpson@state.or.us](mailto:randy.simpson@state.or.us).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **IMT Type 3 charter task force**

SFM Orr presented the charter. The mission is to establish a template for multi-agency standards and delegation of authority for regional and local all-hazard type three teams.

**Tad Pedersen made a motion to accept the charter, and Scott Mullen seconded the motion.**

Group discussion touched on the need to pull people together from around the state. With different kinds of structural organization, a model of governance and protocol is needed. The metro area is putting together a MAC organization, a council. The Astoria area is forming teams because the area was hit hard last winter with the Vernonia flood. Reality is expertise is needed in smaller communities. Simpson mentioned we are promoting Type 3 teams as part of the Local Emergency Planning Committees.

Per Orr, the benefit is three-fold, 1) keeps the incidents from becoming larger, 2) quicker transition, and 3) provides a training ground for people to participate on the Type 2 teams.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

For further questions, call Randy Simpson at 503-934-8216 or [randy.simpson@state.or.us](mailto:randy.simpson@state.or.us).

#### **Cancer presumption for non-volunteer firefighters**

Genoa Ingram, Executive Director for the Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA), stated OFDDA took a position to support firefighters by negotiating a proposal to the 2009 legislative session to establish a cancer presumption for non-volunteer firefighters. The letter to the council is an attempt to raise awareness.

Per Allen Forster, current president of OFDDA, it's an issue bigger than Oregon and should be nationwide. OFDDA doesn't have funding to reach out, but grants are suggested. The plan is to identify some best practices, and the most common carcinogens. The OFDDA board is going forward with a grant request.

Chair Warren thanked Forster for the letter. The formerly addressed charter on air monitoring will go a long way to improve standards around this.

Scott Mullen met with Kelly Bach and Genoa Ingram last year regarding this subject. OVFA checked with their members and now have taken a stand to support this legislation. Chair Warren talked to Ted Kunze, OFCA, and they are still considering the proposal.

## **REPORTS**

### **SFM Budget, Policy option packages, legislation**

SFM Orr announced the US&R policy option package (POP) is being considered in the governor's budget. We've appealed and added money for the US&R equipment replacement and repair. The results will be announced when the governor releases his approved budget. We've spent FIPT dollars funding last year's conflagration costs, and wiping out the deficit in the explosives program, among other expenses. Only \$600,000 is left. In the other program areas, we're proposing fee increases. Budget and service levels are looking good.

Mariana Ruiz-Temple met with the Urban Search & Rescue Team (US&R) today. The team is concentrating on a training site, and creating an action plan to look at the core essentials for US&R: succession planning, equipment and maintenance. For long term survivability of the program, we're conducting train-the-trainer courses, and training will continue to be provided at DPSST. The focus this spring is on developing strength in the southern region (Salem, Albany, Eugene and Springfield)

O'Leary commented, the governor is aware of the US&R resource and wants to have it available. There's legislative support for it. If funding doesn't come through, it won't be viable in a few years.

Donna Disch handed out the draft OSFM legislative concepts (LC). The General Fund is down now. Our legislative concepts have been scaled back. She described several LCs – 1) toylike lighters, 2) fire insurance premium tax funding, 3) liquefied propane gas and cardlock fee, 4) cigar bars, 5) explosives.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Council Member Reports**

**OFMA** – McMullen said they're working on the sprinkler issue, and also have formed a new national code committee.

**OVFA** – Mullen reported OVFA was notified they were awarded a four-year safety grant, the first two-year segment is for recruitment and retention, and they are confident they will earn the second two-year segment. They will have some viable programs developed that other organizations and states can use. The RFP went out today.

**OFCA** – Wilson thanked all for his time serving on the council, today is his last meeting. Salem Fire Chief Greg Keller has expressed interest in succeeding him on the council.

**Employees of the OSFM** – Pedersen had no report.

**OFDDA** – Warren attended the Regional Emergency Management Group (REMG) meeting in Vancouver where the early warning system came up. It is a voluntary activity they would like to see accepted. Currently FCC rules are followed but there's no requirement to alert. The only requirement is to test. Is there anything this group can do? Warren will contact them and get some information.

**Acceptance of second terms**

Tammy Fitch, League of Oregon Cities – not present, accepted second term at earlier meeting.

Scott Mullen, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, accepted.

Bob Borra, Insurance Providers, not present, accepted second term via phone call.

**Recognition of Service**

Ed Wilson, representing the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, is leaving the board. Chair Warren presented and gift from the council and a letter from the governor. Wilson thanked all.

Chair Warren also thanked and gave SFM Orr a card and plant from the group on her retirement. Randy Simpson will serve as interim SFM.

**Adjourn**

**Scott Mullen moved to adjourn, Eric McMullen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.**

**Next meeting date:** January 27, 2009, 1:00 p.m.