



## Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal June 2011

### **New state fire marshal announced**

Oregon State Police Superintendent Chris Brown announced Wednesday the appointment of Mark Wallace as the next State Fire Marshal for the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal. Wallace, a 42-year fire service veteran from McKinney, Texas, was appointed effective July 1st to replace Randy Simpson who retired in December 2010. Wallace, age 61, retired June 1, 2011 from the McKinney Fire Department where he served as fire chief since February 2001. A native of Colorado, he has served in every functional position within the fire service and teaches throughout the world focusing on strategic planning and organizational effectiveness. [View the complete press release online.](#)

### **Fireworks media event**

The OSFM, in partnership with Clackamas Fire District #1, Portland Fire and Rescue, and the Oregon Parks Department is hosting a fireworks safety media event June 23, 2011, 9:30 a.m. at the Clackamas Fire District #1 Regional Training Center in Clackamas, Oregon. The event continues with the annual theme “Keep it Legal, Keep it Safe,” and includes a fireworks demonstration focusing on proper use of legal fireworks and potential damage from the use of illegal fireworks. The OSFM also has available a free, full-color flyer with the message “No fireworks on Beaches, Parks, or Campgrounds – It’s the Law!” designed to help Oregon fire agencies with their education and enforcement efforts. To order flyers, call 503-934-8274 or email [lori.vandanacker@state.or.us](mailto:lori.vandanacker@state.or.us). You can also visit the OSFM website and [view or download other fireworks education and enforcement materials.](#)

### **Fire marshal certification deadline July 1**

As required by [Oregon Administrative Rule](#), every fire inspector in Oregon who inspects for fire code compliance must have a competency recognition equivalent to their scope of practice. The rule identifies four levels of competency recognition and uses a phase-in date approach for compliance. The deadline for fire marshal certification is July 1, 2011. Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition standards identify the scope of practice, training, technical certification, and experience required to administer and enforce fire code in Oregon. Visit online to [view your competency recognition level and competency recognition requirements.](#)