



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal March 2011

Annual meeting of fire defense board chiefs

The annual meeting of Oregon Fire Defense Board Chiefs is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. The agenda includes discussion of proposed changes to the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan. If you would like to provide comments on the plan and/or you are unable to attend the April 12th meeting, you can submit your comments by [visiting this link](#). For questions, contact Mariana Ruiz-Temple at 503-934-8238 or mariana.ruiztemple@state.or.us.

Smoke alarms and daylight-saving time

March 13th is another opportunity to remind Oregonians to test their smoke alarms before automatically changing their batteries. Oregon law requires ionization-only smoke alarms that are solely battery powered, to come equipped with a hush feature and a 10-year battery. This means the national slogan, “Change your clock, Change your battery,” may not apply to many Oregon residents who have these ionization smoke alarms. The OSFM encourages local fire agencies to stress to citizens: a) Test smoke alarms first before automatically changing the batteries. b) Follow manufacturer’s instructions when testing and maintaining alarms. c) Replace all smoke alarms 10-years-old or older.

Sparky award nominations

The OSFM is calling for nominations for the 2011 Sparky awards. The Golden Sparky recognizes a fire service member for outstanding achievement in fire prevention or public fire safety education. The Silver Sparky recognizes a civilian for outstanding achievement in either of these same categories. The nomination deadline is April 1, 2011. [Download the nomination form here](#). Interim State Fire Marshal Jim Walker will present the awards at the Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards Banquet Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Salem Convention Center. For more information, contact Sally Cravinho at 503-934-8205 or sally.cravinho@state.or.us.