



OREGON FIRE CODE ADVISORY BOARD

Our mission is to make recommendations on Oregon Fire Code issues to the state fire marshal, and to provide advice and guidance on issues of code enforcement, regional disputes, policies, and emerging topics that affect the fire protection and life safety of Oregonians.



Representing OFMA

Jason Bolen began as a volunteer with Lebanon Fire in 1994 and was hired in 1996. He is the division chief of fire & life safety and Lebanon's fire marshal. Chief Bolen attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and Chemeketa CC. Chief Bolen serves with civic organizations in and around Lebanon and on state committees including the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council, the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board, and the Oregon Fire Marshal's Association. He is the Lebanon City Council president and former president of Lebanon Professional Firefighter's Union Local 2163. Chief Bolen and his wife have two daughters and enjoy traveling, camping, and exploring the state.



Representing Public/OFMA

Lora Ratcliff began as a residential plans examiner for Marion County Building in 2007. In 2010, she volunteered with Corvallis Fire and worked as a permit technician with the City of Corvallis. In 2012, she was hired at Albany Fire as deputy fire marshal before being promoted to division chief in 2019. Chief Ratcliff obtained her AAS in building inspection technologies in 2007, her AAS in fire prevention in 2012, and is enrolled in Eastern Oregon University to obtain a master's degree in executive fire administration.



Design Professional

Joe Ripp has more than 20 years of experience designing fire alarm systems. His time in the contracting industry provided him a well-rounded perspective on fire alarm design, including the plans review process. He has extensive knowledge and understanding of standards and the development of codes through his involvement with the National Fire Protection Association and the Oregon Fire Code Committee.



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Representing DCBS BCD

Richard Rogers has a diverse background in residential and commercial construction. In 2000, he transitioned to the regulatory side, employed by Oregon Building Codes Division as fire, life safety, and ADA code specialist. In 2002, as structural program chief, his responsibilities included dispute resolution and oversight of Oregon's structural, residential, mechanical, and energy codes. Richard's current role as chief building official has an emphasis on oversight and direction in carrying out goals of uniformity, consistency, and predictability in the statewide building code's administration and enforcement.



Representing OFCA

Deric Weiss serves as fire chief of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue since 2019. He leads Oregon's largest fire district, serving more than 530,000. Chief Weiss volunteered as an intern before being hired as firefighter in 1994 and held multiple ranks throughout the years at TVFR. Chief Weiss has a bachelor's degree in fire service administration, certifications in emergency operations, and is an Oregon-certified EMT. Chief Weiss is on the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association board of directors. Chief Weiss enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters. He is an avid runner and golfer.



Representing OBOA

Amy Williams has been with the City of Hillsboro Building Department 10 years, currently as the building director. She is involved with the Oregon Building Officials Association board of directors as secretary/treasurer, chair of the Education Committee, and on the legislative and outreach committee. Amy is a member of the International Code Council and was appointed to the first technology committee that introduced the rollout of an electronic voting tool cdpACCESS. She is a lifelong learner and loves to be challenged. Her biggest joy is being mom to three children and her German Shepherd puppy.