

Fire Policy Committee Minutes

August 24, 2016

The Fire Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on, August 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at the Oregon Public Safety Academy located at 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, Oregon. For more information please contact Tina Diehl at 503-378-2254.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Greg Marlar, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Chair
Dave Jones, Oregon Fire District Directors Association, Vice-Chair
Patricia Connolly, Non-Management Fire Fighter
Jeff Hamilton, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Bill Klein, Community College Fire Programs
James Oeder, Oregon Vol. Fire Fighters Association
Jamie Paul, Forest Protection Agencies (teleconference)
John Rinier, Oregon Fire Marshals Association (teleconference)
Jim Walker, Oregon State Fire Marshal
Jim Whelan, Oregon Fire Instructors Association

Absent Members:

Portland Fire & Rescue - Vacant

DPSST Guests and Staff:

Preston Scott, Portland Airport Fire and Rescue
Alan Lashbrook, Portland Airport Fire and Rescue
Ron Graham, Oregon Department of Forestry (teleconference)
Shane Wooton, Albany Fire Department
Eriks Gabliks, Director
Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director
Julie Olsen-Fink, Fire Certification Supervisor
Kristen Hibberds, Compliance Specialist
Jennifer Howald, Rules Coordinator
Kayla Ballrot, Compliance Specialist
Tina Diehl, Fire Certification Specialist



INTRODUCTIONS - FIRE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Eriks Gabliks welcomed the new members of the Fire Policy Committee; Tricia Connolly (Oregon State Firefighters Council) and James Oeder (Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association). Eriks shared that the new Portland Fire & Rescue Chief, Mike Myers, was completing the documents needed by the Governor's Office and anticipates Chief Myers will be joining the Committee in the fall. Eriks also shared that

Jamie Paul is completing her second two-year term on the Fire Policy Committee and cannot by Oregon Revised Statute serve a third. The Oregon Department of Forestry has selected Ron Graham from their agency to serve as Jamie's replacement in the fall. Eriks thanked Jamie for her many years of dedicated service on the Committee. Eriks also shared that Jeff Hamilton (Oregon State Firefighters Council) is approaching the end of his first, two-year term, and the Council has asked Jeff to remain for a second, two-year term.

VOTE:

Dave Jones moved that Greg Marlar be the new Fire Policy Committee Chair. James Oeder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Hamilton moved that Dave Jones be the new Fire Policy Committee Vice-Chair. Tricia Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. *Minutes

Approve May 25, 2016 meeting minutes

Jim Walker moved that the committee approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016 Fire Policy Committee meeting. Jeff Hamilton seconded the motion with a correction on #8: Change 6 ayes and 1 nay to 5 ayes and 1 nay. The motion carried unanimously.

*To see a complete record of the Fire Policy Committee minutes, please go to:
<http://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/BD/pages/firepolicycommitteemeetingminutes.aspx>*

2. *OAR 259-009-0062 - Proposed Rule: NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator

Presented by Julie Olsen-Fink

The NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Task Force began and concluded their work on May 5, 2016. The Task Force evaluated the currently adopted 2009 Edition and compared it to the 2014 Edition. As a result of their work, the Task Force established the importance of the Oregon fire service maintaining the most current standards available from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The Task Force conducted an in-depth comparison of the two standard editions and determined there would not be a significant impact to the Oregon fire service by adopting the new standard. All of the technical requirements remain the same and there are no changes to the task books or application other than standard update information.

The Task Force made the recommendation to DPSST staff, the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) and the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board) to vote to approve and adopt the 2014 Edition for NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator.

James Oeder moved to recommend filing the proposed language for OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule. Bill Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Jones moved to recommend filing the proposed language for OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as a permanent rule if no comments are received. James Oeder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

It was determined that there is no significant fiscal impact on small business.

3. ***OAR 259-009-0062 – Proposed Rule: NFPA 1003 Airport Fire Fighter**

Presented by Julie Olsen-Fink

The NFPA 1003 Airport Fire Fighter Task Force began and concluded their work on June 16, 2016. The Task Force evaluated the currently adopted 2010 Edition and compared it to the 2015 Edition. As a result of their work, the Task Force established the importance of the Oregon fire service maintaining the most current standards available from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The Task Force conducted an in-depth comparison of the two standard editions and determined there would be minimal impact to the Oregon fire service by adopting the new standard. While the technical requirements remain the same, NFPA has altered the numbering system from the previous year. This will not cause an impact for those in the process of completing course work or applying for certification. The application and task book have been updated to reflect the proposed standard update.

The Task Force made the recommendation to DPSST staff, the FPC and the Board to vote to approve and adopt the 2015 Edition for NFPA 1003 Airport Fire Fighter.

James Oeder moved to recommend filing the proposed language for OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule. Dave Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Jones moved to recommend filing the proposed language for OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as a permanent rule if no comments are received. James Oeder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

It was determined that there is no significant fiscal impact on small business.

4. ***Robert Norris #F25799 – Applications for NFPA Fire Fighter I, Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), and NFPA Apparatus Driver/Operator Certifications, Eligibility Determination**

Presented by Kristen Hibberds

On May 25, 2016 the FPC met to review Norris's written request for an eligibility determination and made a recommendation to the Board whether or not Norris's eligibility to apply for certification should be restored. After discussion, the FPC determined the following:

- J The FPC found as aggravating circumstances his conduct surrounding the conviction and his unpaid court fees amounting to \$1,127.76.
- J The FPC found as mitigating circumstances the letter of support from the chief, no other criminal conduct since 2004, and continuing to be a good member of the community.
- J Based on the aggravating circumstance of unpaid court fees, the FPC voted 5-1 that Norris's eligibility to apply for fire certifications not be restored for a 12 month period with the stipulation that he pays his court fees.

Upon staff review of the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), it has been determined that the FPC's initial decision to give Norris 12 months to make restitution payments is not possible. OAR states that the FPC must either recommend to the Board that his certifications be restored immediately or that he serves the remainder of the maximum period of ineligibility before applying for certification again.

DPSST requests that the FPC revisit Norris's written request for an eligibility determination and recommend to the Board whether or not Norris's eligibility to apply for certification should be restored. Should the FPC determine Norris's eligibility to apply should not be restored, he will not be eligible to reapply for certification until 2020.

Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopts the staff report as the record upon which their recommendations are based. Dave Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Robert Norris's behavior did involve **Aggravating Circumstances**; including his conduct surrounding the conviction and his court fees are still unpaid with no attempt to pay them.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Robert Norris's behavior did involve **Mitigating Circumstances**; including the letter of support from the chief, no other criminal conduct since 2004, and continuing to be a good member of the community.

James Oeder made a motion that Norris's eligibility to apply for fire certifications **not be restored until 2020** and recommends such to the Board. Jim Whelan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Department Updates

Julie Olsen-Fink Reported:

This is a Maintenance Re-certification year. Tina has been very busy processing the forms which are coming in steadily right now.

Fire Certification is preparing for the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial which is on September 15, 2016 at 1:00 pm here at DPSST. One individual is being added to the memorial wall – Mark Burns from Medford Fire & Rescue. His family will be in attendance on that day. Chief Les Hallman, President of the Oregon Fire Chief's Association, is the keynote speaker.

The next round of Standard updates is about ready to begin. Thank you to all who participate on the task forces.

The Fire Program Newsletter format has changed. It has been distributed around the state and on our website. There has been good feedback. It's an inclusion of information from the Director, Fire Certification and Fire Training.

The first residential Fire Academy is in session right now. Fire Certification has been overseeing the testing process. The students are doing very well.

Lindsay Hale Reported:

Jennifer Howald was introduced as the agency's new Rules Coordinator. Welcome Jenn.

There has been a recent change on some of the forms with respect to social security numbers. There is a stringent regulation on the collection and use of social security numbers and DPSST was not in compliance with the Federal and State regulations surrounding those numbers. By law, we are only allowed to collect those numbers for child support purposes and only at the time of certification. Those numbers are now more protected and DPSST is in compliance.

The 2017 Legislation is upon us. We did file three legislative concepts on behalf of DPSST and the Board. One regards Armed Private Security, one with our fingerprint authority, and the final one is the addition of a voting citizen member to all of our policy committees.

The customer service survey was open for about a month and has recently closed. There were approximately 660 responses, which is good. As a state agency we are required to collect that information to report to the Legislature, and it gives us an opportunity to evaluate how we are doing in the eyes of our constituents.

Changes have been made to Denial/Revocation and have been in effect since January 1, 2016. There is an ongoing process of cleaning up old cases in old standards.

The implementation of the fingerprints standard two years ago was less than seamless. Two updates will hopefully be received as good news: Effective 10/1/16 the FBI will be lowering their fingerprint fee \$2.75. That savings will be passed onto the individuals who are submitting the fingerprints. Secondly we are internally working on the establishment of the Grant to financially assist volunteer fire fighters with the fingerprint fee of \$40.

Eriks Gabliks Reported:

Residential Firefighter Academy

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is pleased to offer the first-ever Oregon Residential Fire Fighter Academy at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. There are 24 students in the class from agencies around the state. The primary attendees are career employees in small combination departments and those who have been selected to serve as resident volunteers in the fall. This six-week academy began on August 1st and will conclude on September 9th. Students are housed in our dorm rooms Monday through Friday, and will be infused into Oregon Public Safety Academy's (OPSA) academy life. Students are allowed to leave on the weekend and must be back on campus by 11 PM on weeknights. The learning environment is a mixture of classroom, hands on drills, live fire training using various props, utilizing the tactical training tower, and other OPSA venues to include physical fitness training. When students graduate from the program they will be candidates, per the approval of their fire service agency, for NFPA Fire Fighter I & II levels of certification. The training including lodging is free; however students or their Departments will be responsible to cover the cost of meals and books.

Jordan Cove LNG Facility

DPSST has been contacted by the Firefighter Training Program at Texas A & M University/TEEX regarding work they have been contracted to do for the proposed LNG facility in Coos County. TEEX is working to design a regional fire training facility for use by fire agencies in Coos County and employees who work at the venue. TEEX is also developing training programs for the public safety providers who will respond to incidents at this facility. DPSST is serving as a communications conduit between TEEX and the various fire-rescue agencies in Coos County. No DPSST funds or staff will be needed for this project. TEEX has been hired by the firm overseeing the project and is paying for TEEX's assistance. DPSST has a very good working relationship with TEEX and is glad to be of assistance.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network Training

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) has developed a one-day train-the-trainer class for fire service personnel on the proper decon of PPE to help prevent cancer. DPSST is working with FCSN and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association's Safety and Health Section to coordinate delivery of at least five train-the-trainer classes over the next six months. DPSST is providing a grant for the delivery of these classes by FCSN and OFCA. S&S is helping to coordinate locations. DPSST is

pleased to help make this training possible and has pledged additional funds if additional locations need to be added.

DPSST to Offer Micro-Grants to Regional Fire Training Associations

DPSST has received a \$20,000 grant from the FEMA to help support the regional delivery of National Fire Academy (NFA) classes around the state. DPSST has sent out an electronic notification to the regional fire instructors associations of the Oregon Fire Instructors Association making them aware of this opportunity. Grants will not be available until October 1 and training provided under these grant funds must be completed by June 1, 2017. DPSST is pleased to be able to receive this FEMA grant and values the regional partnerships through micro-grants which enable fire service personnel to receive NFA training at the local level.

DPSST Assistance to Firefighters Grant Update

Last week DPSST unveiled the new skid truck for the Skid Avoidance for Fire Apparatus Driver (SAFAD) Program. The new unit is on a Freightliner chassis and will replace the older Ford F350 which has faithfully served firefighters around the state for many years. The older unit will be located and used at the Academy in Salem and the new unit will be deployed on a regional basis around the state. The skid frames were purchased through a 2014 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). DPSST has recently been awarded a 2015 AFG grant that will be used to replace two aging Flammable Liquids and Gases (FLAG) trailers, acquire two additional car fire props for regional deployment, and develop a cache trailer that will contain all of the resources needed to train 40 firefighters in wildland interface firefighting (S130/S190). DPSST expects that the 2016 AFG grants will open in a few weeks and DPSST will ask for funds to replace the Live Fire Training semi-truck that has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles around the state providing regional training at local fire stations and is starting to show its age.

OFCA Chiefs Tool Box

DPSST has been asked to participate in a work group that will update the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association's Chief Toolbox Program which is used as a professional development for company officers and chief officers around the state. This program has trained hundreds since it was created and DPSST is pleased to participate in the update. This OFCA training program does not meet any of the NFPA 1021 Pro-Qual Standards for Fire Officer.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park Honors all of Oregon's Fallen

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) recently dedicated a section of the Walk of Honor® at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to honor career and volunteer firefighters who died before the Memorial was established in 1981. Thanks to the assistance of the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund, 90 Oregon firefighters who died before 1981 now have an individual brick that includes their name, agency, and year of death. As a result, all of Oregon's firefighters are now honored at both the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial which is located on the campus of the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

The 90 bricks from Oregon are honored together and located side by side in a unique section of bricks. This section is headed by three logo bricks, one for the State Fallen Firefighter Memorial, one for the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard, and the third for the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund. The funds for this purchase were made possible thanks to the generosity of the Oregon

Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund, with proceeds of the Oregon Fallen Public Safety Officer license plate, which honors our state's fallen public safety officers (police, corrections, fire, parole and probation) and helps to ensure that their sacrifices and the families and co-workers they left behind are never forgotten.

The NFFF Walk of Honor® is comprised of bricks that have been purchased in honor of fallen firefighters, and in appreciation for firefighters who are active in the fire service and in recognition of individuals or organizations who support the fire service. The Walk of Honor® connects the majestic stone monument, which is encircled by plaques that list the names of the fallen since 1981, with the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and other areas of the Memorial Park.

The Oregon Fallen Public Safety Officer License plate was developed during the 2009 legislative session to honor Oregon fallen firefighters and law enforcement officers that are killed in the line of duty. Money earned from the Fallen Public Safety Officer License plate is placed in a fund managed by the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund which is a special committee comprised of law enforcement, fire departments, and citizen members. Proceeds from the Oregon Fallen Public Safety Officer License plate support the law enforcement and fire memorials located at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, financial support for families and honor guard members traveling to Emmitsburg, MD for the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial or Washington, D.C. for the National Law Enforcement Memorial in the year the fallen officer is honored, Oregon Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation, Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard, NW Peer Support Team, and the placement of Oregon Fallen Officer Memorial Highway signs.

Eriks thanked the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund for making the addition of 90 of our state's fallen firefighters a reality.

Active Shooter Training

DPSST continues to address this important issue with two efforts underway. The first is a work group that DPSST is facilitating made-up of responders to Oregon's active shooter incidents. This work group is developing a management training course (table top) and quick action guides that can be used to help manage an incident for the initial 72 hours. DPSST also continues to work with the OFCA EMS Section to fund the work their Training Committee has been doing on active shooter response. The OFCA EMS High Threat Tactics, Techniques and Treatment" (HT4) Course has been well received and is in demand around the state. Agencies interested in having this class delivered free of charge in their region should contact Chris Heppel, EMS Officer, Lane County Fire Authority by phone at [541-688-1770](tel:541-688-1770) or email at cheppel@lrfr.org

Mental Health Crisis Intervention Response

DPSST continues to facilitate a work group made up of law enforcement, fire, EMS, 9-1-1, and mental health professionals looking to develop a statewide framework for response to people in crisis. This work group has created two sub-groups, one to look at training needs of public safety personnel, the other to develop the framework. DPSST, thanks to funding from the Oregon Health Authority, is developing and delivering classes on this important issue around the state. The classes range from the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) class all the way to one-day topic specific classes for 9-1-1 personnel and first responders. More than three dozen classes are scheduled around the state with more to follow.

Incident Management Team Training

DPSST continues its work with the Office of State Fire Marshal and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management on the training needed by members of incident management teams. DPSST is looking to host the various position specific classes at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in the winter and spring.

Urban Search & Rescue

Eriks shared that the standards in place for the training and certification for Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) are obsolete. DPSST has conducted outreach with all of the agencies who have personnel certified under this standard but since the state USAR team program was abolished there is little interest in updating the standard. Eriks shared that DPSST does not want to have obsolete and out of date standards within the state fire certification system and asked if the Fire Policy Committee would support abolishing the standard? If the USAR standard is abolished, those who currently hold certifications under this standard would do so until the next maintenance cycle. The NFPA 1006 Pro-Qual Standard for Rescue Technician is being used successfully by most fire-rescue agencies in Oregon that have personnel trained and certified to conduct specialized rescue functions such as trench, confined space, surface water, vehicle and machinery, rope, etc.

ACTION ITEM: Add as an agenda item to the next FPC meeting in November.

Discuss whether to move forward and remove the USAR standard.

Committee asked that staff draft a proposed rule that would abolish the USAR standard ready to review at its next meeting.

6. Next scheduled FPC meeting – November 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

** All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@state.or.us.*