DPSST PROVIDES FIREFIGHTER INSTRUCTOR KITS FOR ALL OREGON FIRE AGENCIES


The change within the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for Oregon to adopt this updated NFPA standard for training and certification in our state, for both career and volunteer firefighters, is currently in progress and should be completed soon.

To ensure all Oregon fire departments and fire protection districts have access to the most current resources necessary to provide this important training in-house, DPSST worked with the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) to provide all Oregon fire service agencies with Firefighter I and II training kits.

Near the end of June, a Seventh Edition of the IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting Instructor Resource Kit was sent out to every fire department and fire protection district in Oregon so that your instructors have everything they need to offer this training to members of your organization.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact a member of the DPSST Fire Training and Certification Program.

DPSST FIRE TRAINING QUICK CONTACTS

DPSST’s Fire Training Program offers a multitude of training to meet your agency’s needs. The following are just two of the several opportunities DPSST Fire Training Coordinators can provide and who to contact for questions and requests:

DPSST is working toward opening the Oregon Public Safety Academy’s (OPSA) campus for evening trainings. For questions about on-campus training opportunities at the OPSA in Salem contact Robert Farino at robert.farino@state.or.us or 503-871-4944.

The Skid Truck is currently travelling around Oregon. Contact Fire Trainer Hayden Jones at hayden.jones@state.or.us or 503-779-5744 or Mike Bozeman at michael.bozeman@state.or.us or 541-303-3303.
DPSST FIRE PROGRAM OFFERS TWO UPCOMING SEASONAL SCHOOLS

2019 Fall Fire School

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) strives to provide the resources, information, and training public safety providers and agencies need to maintain the highest skills. In our efforts to provide professional development opportunities for the Oregon fire service, DPSST is hosting a Fall Fire School featuring the Inaugural Oregon Fire & EMS Coast to Coast Training Symposium at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon on November 2nd and 3rd, 2019 from 0800 to 1700 on Saturday and 0800 to 1200 on Sunday. For this symposium entitled “Training Today for Tomorrow’s Challenges”, some of the nation’s leading instructors are coming together to offer their diverse knowledge and skills and will share their expertise on the following important topics:

*The Dangers Lurking Below taught by Robert Moran and John J. Lewis*

*The Dirty Secret of the Fire Service: Firefighter Arsonists taught by Tom Aurnhammer*

*High Rise Buildings: Understanding the Vertical Challenges taught by Jack Murphy and Gerald Tracy*

*The 7 C’s of Fire Officer taught by John Alston*

*Safety Leadership: From the Firehouse to the Fire Ground taught by Ronald Kanterman*

Participants may attend three of the five offered courses which are each four hours in length. To view more detailed course descriptions, instructor biographies, and to choose your course preferences, please see DPSST’s registration page here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inaugural-oregon-fire-ems-coast-to-coast-training-symposium-tickets-60145740529. This course is free and lodging will be available to those travelling further than 75 miles. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided on Saturday and breakfast and snacks will be provided on Sunday. Additionally, there will be an optional meet-and-greet on the evening of Friday, November 1 from 1800 to 2100 at a to-be-determined location in Salem, Oregon. For questions, please contact Barbara Slinger at barbara.slinger@state.or.us or 503-378-2408.
DPSST FIRE PROGRAM OFFERS TWO UPCOMING SEASONAL SCHOOLS CONTINUED

2020 Winter Fire School

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is pleased to announce that registration for the annual Winter Fire School at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon has officially begun as of July 1st. Several National Fire Academy courses as well as hands-on opportunities will be offered during this great training weekend! The following are 2020’s course offerings—sign up early to secure your first choice:

- F0349 – Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters?
- F0609 – Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents
- F0637 – Wildland Urban Interface: Fire-Adapted Communities – Introduction and Leadership, Course I
- F0646 – Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth
- F0647 – Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking
- F0648 – Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success
- F0729 – Incident Safety Officer
- Vehicle Extrication
- Mobile Fire Training Unit (MFTU) & Skid Truck Training

As with all previous years, these courses are free and lodging will be available to those travelling further than 75 miles. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided both course days. For questions, please contact Barbara Slinger at barbara.slinger@state.or.us or 503-378-2408. We look forward to seeing you all at Winter Fire School!
FIRE TRAINING REGIONAL UPDATES

Central Oregon Region

June was a busy month for both Fire Training Coordinator Don Willis and Fire Trainer Hayden Jones. Don, with the help of Alfalfa Fire District Chief Chad Lavallee, traveled to Christmas Valley RFPD then Grants Pass Fire & Rescue to instruct a Flammable Liquids and Gas (FLAG) classroom and hands-on training. For an excellent perspective on live fire training such as FLAG, please see Salem Region’s update on the following page.

In the meantime, central Oregon has just finished their Central Oregon Joint Recruitment and many departments now have additional resident volunteers. Crook County Fire & Rescue has already started their summer academy for these recruits and Don and Hayden assisted by instructing courses like Mayday, Search and Rescue, Vehicle Fire, Ventilation, and Forcible Entry.

For more information on this or other training in your Central Oregon Region fire service agency, contact Don Willis at don.willis@state.or.us (503) 931-9672 or Hayden Jones at hayden.jones@state.or.us (503) 779-5744.

Eastern Oregon Region

Fire Trainers Mike Bozeman and Hayden Jones are making their way around Oregon with the Skid Truck. Currently, the Skid Truck is in the eastern Oregon area where Mike and Hayden began the month in Ontario with five days of teaching Skid Avoidance Hands-On Training for the Snake River Valley Training Association. Soon, they will travel to Pendleton where they will team up with DPSST’s Law Enforcement Coordinator Steve Westerberg and Mike Johnston to offer both Fire’s Skid Truck and Law Enforcement’s Skid Car System to the area. This joint training highlights and reinforces the important partnerships between all first responders.

Additionally, Jim Whelan continues to provide staffing support as we work to fill the open Fire Training Coordinator position in this region. Jim attends training association meetings and assesses the training needs for the local regions in eastern Oregon.

For more information on this or other training in your Eastern Oregon Region fire service organization, contact Mike Bozeman at michael.bozeman@state.or.us or 541-303-3303.
Salem Region Coordinator asks “What’s the Objective?”

During a training exercise at Corvallis Fire Department near the end of May, Salem Region’s Fire Training Coordinator Robert Farino had some poignant thoughts that are important to share with the Oregon fire service.

Several training classes provided by The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s (DPSST) Fire Training Program utilize live-fire props of some sort, including Vehicle Fire and the Flammable Liquids and Gas classes which were both presented to Corvallis Fire Department in May. Just like fighting actual fires, it’s easy to get overly focused on the fire and lose sight of the big picture with these props. Putting water on the fire, however, is not usually our biggest challenge. It’s the deployment, communication, and coordination that challenges us on the fireground and that’s what we try to address on the drill ground. Focusing on the objective is helpful in avoiding the “moth to the flame” syndrome and promoting a broader perspective. As trainers, we are constantly asking ourselves, “What's the Objective?” We incorporate the objectives into drills, allowing students to practice “sets and reps” and build routines based on teamwork, safety and efficiency. These routines become second nature and shave time off the overall goal of getting water on the fire. So the next time we train with you on Flammable Liquids and Gas or Vehicle Fire responses with our props, ask yourself, “What’s the Objective?”

For more information on this or other training in your Salem Region fire service agency, contact Robert Farino at robert.farino@state.or.us or 503-871-4944.

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FIRE TRAINING CALENDAR REMINDER

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s Fire Program has a calendar designed to not only show the various trainings, task forces, and committee meetings happening at DPSST, but to also feature training association meetings as well as training and courses available and open to fire service professionals throughout Oregon. Visit the calendar by clicking the following link then going to “Google Calendar”: https://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/FT/pages/index.aspx.

If your training association or fire service agency would like an upcoming training featured on this calendar, please email Barbara at barbara.slinger@state.or.us with the details. Before sending a request to have your training posted, please make sure the training is open to the Oregon fire service and it is sponsored by a not-for-profit entity.
DPSST OBTAINS NEW WATER TENDER THROUGH GRANTS

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is pleased to share with the Oregon fire service that we were a recipient of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) which allowed us to purchase a new Water Tender for training purposes. This new Water Tender is a Freightliner Chassis built by Pierce and will replace our current tender which is a 1987 General Motors Diesel Tender.

Water Tenders are designed for transporting water from a stream, lake, or fire hydrant which makes them especially valuable in wildland training and response.

DPSST will be including this Water Tender in our training menu on campus and by request to meet your fire service agency’s training needs. Please contact your local regional coordinator to set up a training date.

Additionally, our ability to obtain this important training tool through a grant is a great testament to the many grant opportunities available to the fire service. DPSST encourages all agencies, whether you’re a small all-volunteer department, a small combination department, or a large career department, to seek out and apply for these grants. Your next equipment purchase and/or staffing opportunity could be funded nearly in full by taking advantage of these available resources.
LONGEST SERVING DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICER RETIRES

Chief Paul Olheiser of Knappa-Svensen-Burnside Fire Department has retired from the Oregon fire service effective June 30, 2019. With that, he has unfortunately decided to hang up his District Liaison Officer (DLO) hat as well. Chief Olheiser has served as the DLO representing Region 1, comprised of Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, since September of 1993. He has seen several changes in standards, training, and staff and throughout it all has shown unwavering loyalty to the Oregon fire service. DPSST is grateful for Chief Olheiser’s service, insight, and expertise throughout these years and he will be greatly missed.

For a wonderful article on Chief Olheiser’s retirement by Brenna Visor of The Daily Astorian, please visit their website here: https://www.dailyastorian.com/news/local/knappa-fire-chief-to-retire-after-years/article_24fae6ee-623b-11e9-820d-8329d198f3de.html

While Paul’s retirement leaves a hole in the Oregon fire service, DPSST is pleased to welcome the new Region 1 DLO and Paul’s replacement as the Knappa-Svensen-Burnside Fire Department Fire Chief: Kurt Donaldson. Kurt has been in the fire service for 26 years, with the last 20 of them involved in fire training. Kurt believes in robust, thorough training and documentation and will bring a unique set of experiences to the position with his involvement at fire service agencies as well as Clatsop Community College’s Fire Science Program. Please join us in welcoming DLO Kurt!

On behalf of DPSST and the Oregon fire service, we wish Paul well in retirement and are extremely grateful to his commitment to the Oregon fire service and all those he trained during his tenure.

DPSST HOSTS THE OREGON CHAPLAINS ACADEMY

On June 3-7, law enforcement and fire department chaplain students attended the second annual Oregon Chaplains Basics Academy held at DPSST. The training included peer support, public safety chaplaincy, supporting emergency responders and their families, support of citizens impacted by emergency incidents, and much more. By taking this class, students received qualifications for the Federation of Fire Chaplains and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Chaplains in Police Departments and Fire Service Agencies throughout Oregon provide services integral to the support and wellness of these agencies. For an excellent article on the Oregon Chaplains Academy that highlights their importance for first responders, please see the following article by Jessica Pollard in the Eastern Oregonian here: https://www.eastoregonian.com/news/local/oregon-chaplains-academy-holds-second-annual-training/article_a4b78958-8bcd-11e9-a364-f340981bed3d.html

For more information on the Oregon Chaplains Academy and to track upcoming trainings, please see the Oregon Chaplains Academy website here: https://oregonchaplainsacademy.com/.
FIRE CERTIFICATION STANDARD UPDATES

Currently, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s (DPSST) Fire Certification Program has several standard updates in various stages of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) update process. The following are standard updates to track as these changes get closer to potentially becoming adopted as permanent within OAR.

**NFPA Fire Fighter Task Force**

On the morning of March 19, 2019 the NFPA Fire Fighter Task Force convened at DPSST at the direction of the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) to review and discuss the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2019 Edition. At present, the OAR for fire related to Fire Fighter refers to the 2013 Edition. It was the intent of the Task Force to evaluate the currently adopted standard and compare it against the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1001. Their discussion included how the potential adoption of the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1001 would affect the Oregon fire service. 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 NFPA and made the recommendation to adopt the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1001 into OAR.

The Task Force’s decision was presented to the FPC on May 22, 2019. The FPC agreed with their recommendations and recommended to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board) the same. These changes were in Public Comment until June 21 and no comments were received. Should the Board approve these changes they will be adopted into OAR on approximately August 1st.

**NFPA Fire Instructor Task Force**

On the afternoon of March 19, 2019 the NFPA Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Task Force convened at DPSST at the direction of the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) to review and discuss the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1041 Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2019 Edition. At present, the OAR for fire related to Fire Instructor refer to the 2012 Edition. It was the intent of the Task Force to evaluate the currently adopted standard and compare it against the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1041. Their discussion included how the potential adoption of the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1041 would affect the Oregon fire service. 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 NFPA and made the recommendation to adopt the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1041 into OAR.

The Task Force’s decision was presented to the FPC on May 22, 2019. The FPC agreed with their recommendations and recommended to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board) the same. These changes were in Public Comment until June 21 and one positive comment in support of the update was received. Should the Board approve these changes they will be adopted into OAR on approximately August 1st.

**NFPA Airport Fire Fighter**

On May 15, 2019 the NFPA Airport Fire Fighter Task Force gathered at DPSST to discuss the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1005: Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications. The Task Force determined it would be in the best interest of the Oregon fire service to maintain the most current standards and is recommending to the FPC that the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1005 be adopted into OAR. The Task Force’s decision will be presented to the FPC on August 28, 2019 for their consideration.
Fire Ground Leader

On June 20, 2018, the Fire Ground Leader Task Force convened at DPSST at the direction of the FPC to review and discuss the importance and relevance of the Fire Ground Leader certification to the Oregon fire service. Their decisions moved to the FPC on September 24, 2018 who, after a thoughtful discussion, recommended their updates to the Board. Before being presented to the Board, the OAR updates to Fire Ground Leader went through a Public Comment period from October 1 through 21. During this time, three public comments were received in disagreement with the updates.

The Public Comments returned to the Fire Ground Leader Task Force on February 27, 2019 for further discussion and consideration. After careful consideration, the Fire Ground Leader Task Force determined it is in the best interest of the Oregon fire service to keep with their decision to sunset this level of certification. Their reasoning included outdated curriculum for some of the courses required for certification, many Fire Ground Leader courses are infrequently offered causing delays in obtaining certification, steadily declining statistics of Fire Ground Leader applications and certifications, and that this level of certification had served its purpose for the Oregon fire service.

The Task Force’s decision moved back to the FPC for discussion on May 22, 2019. Many members of the FPC did express concern over the sunsetting of this level of certification, but ultimately the decision was made to recommend to the Board to continue with the original decision but with the sunset period extended to the year 2022. This decision will now move to the Board on July 25, 2019.

Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial

September 19th, 2019 at 1:00PM • Oregon Public Safety Academy • 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE • Salem OR 97317

Protocol: Uniform (Class A or B Preferred) • Memorial Bands Should be Worn Over Badges
For Additional Information Please Contact Julie Olsen at 503-378-2297
Our mission is to promote excellence in public safety by delivering quality training and developing and upholding professional standards for police, fire, corrections, parole and probation, and telecommunications personnel, in addition to licensing private security providers and private investigators in Oregon.

DPSST also regulates and licenses polygraph examiners, determines sheriff candidates’ eligibility to run for office and provides staffing for the Public Safety Memorial Fund. We strive to provide resources and certification programs that public safety officers and local public safety organizations need to maintain the highest professional skill standards, stewardship and service to Oregon’s communities and citizens. These services are based at our new, 236-acre academy and extend across the state through a network of regional training coordinators.

Agency functions are guided by several Oregon Revised Statutes and our authority is defined specifically in Chapter No. 259 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. We are governed by a 24-member Board and six discipline-specific policy committees; we serve more than 35,000 public safety constituents across the state.

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