DPSST HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL 17TH ANNUAL WINTER FIRE SCHOOL

More than 200 career and volunteer firefighters from more than 75 fire agencies (city and tribal fire departments, fire districts, and wildland) throughout the state were at the Oregon Public Safety Academy on February 15th and 16th for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s (DPSST) annual Winter Fire School.

This two-day event began with the Opening Ceremonies that included posting of the colors by the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard along with a total donation of $500 from attendees to help support the state’s Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. The Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial is located on the grounds of the Academy and honors the 169 men and women from diverse backgrounds who died in the line of duty.

This was the 17th annual Winter Fire School hosted by DPSST and offered nine different two-day classes. Classes included such leadership topics as Incident Safety Officer, Instructor Development, Fire Service Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters?, Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success, and Wildland Urban Interface: Fire Adapted Communities-Introduction. Hands-on training classes included Vehicle Extrication, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and Live-Fire Training.

We look forward to next year’s Winter Fire School on February 20th and 21st.
DPSST ANNOUNCES SPRING SCHOOL COURSES, TO OPEN REGISTRATION SOON

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is thrilled to announce the first annual Spring Fire School on Saturday May 16th and Sunday May 17th (with the exception of the Crew Boss course which will start Friday May 15th and continue through the weekend). Spring School will feature wildland, structural live fire, auto extrication, and leadership training. The following hand-picked list of courses is designed to meet the training needs of the Oregon fire service by fulfilling the relevant, necessary classes to remain progressive and prepared:

- Auto Extrication presented by Dallas Fire Department
- RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Annual Refresher Training (two separate classes with one on Saturday and another on Sunday)
- NFPA Fire & EMS Instructor II
- S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- Live Fire Instructor (Fixed Systems) presented by the Illinois Fire Service Institute

Registration will open in early March. Please check DPSST’s Eventbrite page and be on the lookout for a GovDelivery mass email registration announcement. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both Saturday and Sunday. Lodging will be available for those traveling over 75 miles.
NWCG’S AFTER ACTION REVIEWS: A HELPFUL TOOL FOR ALL ASPECTS OF FIRE SERVICE

“The mission of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network is to help fire/EMS members and their families cope with cancer and to provide occupational-cancer awareness and prevention training nationwide.”

- fireightercancersupport.org

“The First Responder Center is committed to promoting quality educational awareness and research to reduce physical, emotional, and psychological health and wellness issues for first responders.”

-firstrespondercenter.org

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) has put together a webpage and supporting documentation outlining the process and benefits of performing an After Action Review (AAR). An AAR is a structured debrief process that allows event leaders and participants to review the details of a recent event and determine notable items to improve upon and successes to repeat. Not only is NWCG’s webpage an excellent tool for Wildland firefighters to determine how they can learn from mistakes and repeat their successes, but it can also be utilized by any profession for various projects, events, and incidents.

DPSST Fire Program Staff recently utilized NWCG’s model for our recent annual Winter Fire School with great success.

NWCG has made their AAR website and information easy to view, read, and adapt to your agency and practices. For more information, tools, and tips, please see their website here for more information: https://www.nwcg.gov/wfldp/toolbox/aars#collapse1.

DPSST TO HOST CANCER PREVENTION SEMINAR

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is pleased to bring an important Cancer Prevention Seminar to our campus on September 21st, 2020. This one-day event will be held from 0800 to 1630.

The Regional Cancer Seminar in Oregon will be offered by the First Responder Center of Excellence (FRCE) in partnership with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN).

Based upon the 2017 Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance (FSOCA) Cancer Symposium, this one-day event will provide stakeholders with an update on the current state of fire service occupational cancer and research, prevention training, best practices, information related to benefits and cancer presumptive legislation, and awareness of resources available to both departments and individual firefighters.

Registration is limited to 100 participants so register soon at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cancer-prevention-seminar-tickets-90169229593

For questions, contact Barbara Slinger at barbara.slinger@state.or.us or (503) 378-2408.

Until then, for resources, support, and prevention tips please visit the many wonderful websites and foundations working hard to help save lives and comfort those who have lost loved ones and coworkers to cancer. Examples include the Fire Fighter Cancer Support Network at firefightercancersupport.org, the First Responder Center of Excellence at firstrespondercenter.org, and the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation at firehero.org. If you know of additional resources, please email them to kayla.ballrot@state.or.us and we will feature them in a future newsletter.
Each year, the Oregon State Fire Marshall (OSFM) offers two June National Fire Academy (NFA) classes located at the Oregon Public Safety Academy (OSPA) in Salem, Oregon. The 2020 classes have been chosen and registration is now open. For questions, please contact Barbara Slinger at barbara.slinger@state.or.us or (503) 378-2408. For both courses, lunch is provided and attendees living more than 75 miles from OPSA qualify for free lodging.

**Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change**
*June 1-2, 2020*

The purpose of this two-day course is to provide skills that individuals in positions of authority can use to exercise leadership when confronted with adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for participants to develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems, those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both.

Registration available at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exercising-leadership-to-facilitate-adaptive-change-tickets-96499509631

**Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction**
*June 3-4, 2020*

This two-day course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

This course includes three units of instruction:
- Unit 1: Components of Community Risk Reduction
- Unit 2: Community Risk Reduction as a Service Priority
- Unit 3: Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction

At the end of this course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70.

Registration available at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-organizational-support-for-community-risk-reduction-tickets-96508179563
SOUTHERN OREGON REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN, ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s Fire Program has a job opening. The Southern Oregon Regional Fire Training Coordinator position is open and accepting applicants. Please refer to the Oregon Job Opportunities website for the job description, minimum qualifications, and to apply: https://oregon.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/SOR_External_Career_Site/job/White-City---DPSST/Fire-Program-Training-Coordinator---Public-Safety-Training-Specialist-2_-_REQ-32509.

When applying, keep in mind that the system times out after 20 minutes of inactivity and there is no option to save and return to your application. It is best to complete the entire application in one sitting.

For questions related to this job opportunity, please contact Fire Program Manager Julie Olsen at 503-378-2297 or julie.olsen-fink@state.or.us.

SKID TRUCK TRAINING AT OPSA
March 7, 21, 22
April 5, 19

More information about Skid Truck Training at OPSA and registration can be found here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skid-truck-training-tickets-70148218209
Any questions? Contact Mike Bozeman at mike.bozeman@state.or.us or 541-303-3303 or Hayden Jones at hayden.jones@state.or.us or 503-779-5744.
2020 NFPA FIRE OFFICER TASK FORCE

Task Forces play a vital role in determining the importance, relevance, and affect an updated National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standard has on the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s (DPSST) training and certification standards for the Oregon fire service. They are also the initial step in the process of updating Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) to reflect the latest NFPA updates. NFPA has published the 2020 Edition of 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, prompting the need for one of these important Task Forces.

Fire Certification Staff will host an NFPA Fire Officer Task Force located at DPSST. The date for this upcoming Task Force will either be May 5th, 6th, 20th, or 21st from 0900 to 1600 depending on which date works best for the majority of the group.

To be considered, please email Kayla Ballrot at kayla.ballrot@state.or.us no later than March 20th at 1700 if you are interested in participating. In your email please include the following:

- Name
- Contact information (please including phone, email, and mailing address)
- Fire Department Name
- NFPA 1020 certifications/qualifications you hold
- Which dates are best for you between May 5th, 6th, 20th, or 21st (we will choose one date but please let us know all dates you are available)

On behalf of DPSST, we thank you for your time and assistance on this important Task Force. If you have any questions, contact Kayla Ballrot at kayla.ballrot@state.or.us or 503-378-2596.

FEBRUARY FIRE POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: NFPA MARINE FIRE FIGHTING FOR LAND-BASED FIRE FIGHTERS

On February 26, 2020, the FPC met with several items on their agenda to include the NFPA 1005 Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters standard for certification. The focus of their discussion centered around DPSST Fire Certification Program’s inability to successfully convene a Task Force in order to update this standard. Typically when an NFPA standard updates, Fire Certification staff gathers a group of content experts from throughout the Oregon fire service to discuss that update and potentially adopt the newest version of that particular NFPA standard. In the case of NFPA Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters, NFPA had made updates to this standard in both 2014 and 2019. Both times, Fire Certification staff attempted to convene a Task Force with no response from the Oregon fire service. As a result, DPSST’s currently adopted version of this standard in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) is now 12 years old. Additionally, the number of fire service professionals applying for this level of certification has drastically decreased in the last 10 years.

After a thoughtful discussion and the FPC’s desire to maintain this certification with the most recent version of the standard, the FPC determined there are several steps to be taken before sunsetting this level of certification completely. Efforts by both FPC members and Fire Certification staff will be made to educate the Oregon fire service that this is an available level of certification with the hopes of gaining applicants, additional participating fire departments, and Task Force members willing to work on updating this standard. Periodic updates on this goal will be featured in the Fire Program Monthly Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kayla Ballrot at kayla.ballrot@state.or.us or 503-378-2596.
FIRE TRAINING REGIONAL UPDATES

Northwest Oregon Region: John West

For the month of February, John West conducted the following classes:

February Classes Taught
February 7th & 8th  FLAG (HOT)  McMinnville Fire Department
February 7th & 8th  Vehicle Fire  McMinnville Fire Department
February 15th & 16th  Winter Fire School  DPSST/Salem Campus

John’s upcoming training includes the following:
March Classes:
March 1st  Live-Fire Instructor (Task Book)  Tillamook County
March 13, 14 & 15  Fire Officer II  Astoria Fire Department
March 24th & 25th  FLAG (HOT)  Clackamas Fire District #1
March 24th & 25th  Vehicle Fire Safety  Clackamas Fire District #1

April Classes:
April 5th  Skid Truck  DPSST/Salem Campus
April 6th  FLAG Classroom (Tentative)  Dundee Fire Department
April 8th  FLAG Classroom  Netarts-Oceanside RFPD
April 13th  FLAG (HOT) (Tentative)  Dundee Fire Department
April 15th  Traffic Incident Management  Yamhill County
April 18th  FLAG (HOT) (Tentative)  Netarts-Oceanside RFPD
April 19th  Skid Truck  DPSST/Salem Campus
April 21st-23rd  Fire Officer II  Coos Bay Fire & Rescue
April 29th  FLAG (HOT)  Seaside Fire & Rescue
April or May  Pumper/Tender Operator  Clackamas Fire District #1

May Classes:
May 6th  FLAG (HOT)  Warrenton Fire Department
May 16th & 17th  Spring Fire School  DPSST/Salem Campus
May 27th  FLAG (HOT)  Knappa-Svenson-Burnside RFPD
May 29th  Vehicle Fire Safety  North Bend Fire Department
May 30th  Vehicle Fire Safety  Coos County

For more information on this or other training in your Northwest Region fire service organization, contact John West at 503-559-5756 or john.west@state.or.us.

Take advantage of the Mobile Fire Training Unit (above) coming to John’s region in June.
FIRE TRAINING REGIONAL UPDATES CONTINUED

Eastern Oregon Region: Mike Bozeman

During the month of February, the Eastern Oregon Region instructed Fire Fighter Self-Rescue to Umatilla County Fire District 1 career and volunteer staff.

Additionally, Jim Whelan has been teaching NFPA Fire Apparatus Equipped with a Pump to Ione Fire Department.

At South Gilliam County RFPD in Condon, Oregon, fire service personnel enjoyed the classroom portion of May Day. Condon personnel look forward to the hands-on portion of the class.

Winter Fire School was a success with Mike and Central Oregon Fire Trainer Hayden Jones delivering Skid Avoidance training with practical driving skills development exercises at the EVO skills pad. For more dates on Skid Truck training at DPSST, see page 5.

Mike’s additional upcoming classes include FLAG Hot at Dufur Volunteer Fire Department, May Day Hand’s-On at South Gilliam County RFPD, and FLAG Classroom for Boardman RFPD. The Mobile Fire Training Unit will also be available in the Eastern Oregon Region in March.

For more information on this or other training in your Eastern Oregon Region fire service organization, contact Mike Bozeman at 503-303-3303 or mike.bozeman@state.or.us.

Salem Area Region: Robert Farino

Regional Skid Truck training is being scheduled for Region Five Training Association (RSTA) with potential classroom delivery on April 4th, followed by hands-on training April 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th. Stay tuned for the announcement once dates are finalized.

NFPA Fire Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device class will be delivered at DPSST March 14-15. This class will be made available as a regional delivery as needed, with one additional class planned for RSTA in the next few months.

Additional regional deliveries continue including FLAG at Lebanon Fire District, McKenzie Fire & Rescue, Hubbard RFPD, and Eugene Springfield Fire, as well as Vehicle Fire classes for Marion County Fire District #1.

For more information on this or other training in your Salem Oregon Region fire service organization, contact Robert Farino at robert.farino@state.or.us or 503-931-9672.
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Everyone has five minutes to spare for safety. Watch one right now by visiting https://www.respondersafety.com/Resources/Roadway-Safety-Shorts.aspx. Then share it on social media with your colleagues.

ANOTHER ROADWAY SAFETY RESOURCE: TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

An additional fantastic resource for on-scene safety of first responders is Oregon’s Traffic Incident Management Program. Traffic Incident Management (TIM) consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. TIM Responder Training brings together personnel across the responder spectrum to build a stronger, more coordinated corps at the local and national level.

TIM Responder Training is free, federally developed and delivered across the nation, and customizable.

For more information and to register for one of their classes, see their website here: https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Maintenance/Pages/Traffic-incident-management.aspx. You can also contact your Regional Fire Training Coordinator to inquire about bringing this class to you.

The United States Fire Administration’s, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), most recent Coffee Break Bulletin in the Health and Safety category highlights the potentially hazardous chemicals found in firefighting foams, suggested best practices to prevent exposure, and where to go if you believe you were exposed.

Please take the time to get educated on preventing exposure, therefore reducing firefighter risk of cancer by visiting this Coffee Break Bulletin here: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/coffee_break/021120.html.

Additionally, the US Fire Administration’s Coffee Breaks cover an array of helpful topics. Explore their website with the link above to discover a variety of helpful resources and ideas as well as to subscribe to their email list to receive Coffee Break Bulletins delivered straight to your inbox.
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.