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John Doe



is assigned DPSST Fire Service # 99999

It must be used on all correspondence with DPSST and as your identification number on training rosters.

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FIRE CERTIFICATION STOPS PRINTING WALLET CARDS

It's the end of an era for the Fire Program as we discontinue the printing of Wallet Cards. Most of you are familiar with the paper card that boasts the name and DPSST fire number of a new career or volunteer firefighter. Because a DPSST fire number stays with a firefighter for life, these cards served as a great reminder for firefighters to use their DPSST number each time they attended a training if an official DPSST roster was provided. Making sure to write a DPSST number on a DPSST roster helps ensure training credit for a firefighter's attended courses.

With the implementation of a public records system called Information Records Inquiry System (IRIS), obtaining a DPSST number is now at anyone's fingertips. IRIS can be accessed anytime and from anywhere with internet access. If you forget your number, simply access this system for a reminder. You can also view your certifications, affiliations, and training records.

You can access IRIS [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Bell-Urbe at 503-378-2254 or brooke.bell-uribe@state.or.us.



2021 WINTER FIRE SCHOOL CANCELLED...

...but look for upcoming Spring Fire School Information

The Fire Program regretfully announces that the 2021 Winter Fire School has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. While the Fire Program had a plan to ensure social distancing and enforce the use of face coverings for the safety of staff, students, and instructors, due to the increase in cases in Marion County as well as throughout Oregon it is safest to cancel. The registrants have been notified via the emails they used to register.

Though Winter Fire School is cancelled, it is the Fire Program's hope that DPSST will be able to host a 2021 Spring School. More to come on this exciting potential in future newsletters and [GovDelivery](#) updates.

TASK FORCES SCHEDULED

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has updated their standards in both the Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters and Fire Officer fields. The announcement was made to fill these Task Forces with content experts from the Oregon fire service several months ago. Due to the events of 2020 (COVID-19 and fire season) these Task Forces have both been postponed twice. The original participants were given first option in filling the newly scheduled Task Forces and we have a variety of experts from throughout Oregon to represent the members.

The Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters Task Force will be held January 6th and the Fire Officer Task Force will be January 7th. While only Task Force members may participate, these are public meetings and anyone may teleconference in to listen. For more information, please see the [Fire Program's "Happening Now" section of the website](#).

NEW TO THE FIRE PROGRAM

Please help us welcome the newest member of the Fire Program Team: Jonathan Chayse. Jonathan is filling the vacant Fire Training Support Specialist position and has already proven a great addition to the office.

Jonathan comes to DPSST from the outdoor and rock climbing industry, where he has spent the last several years managing The Rock Box - a local climbing gym in Salem. He is a graduate from Western Oregon University with a degree in Public Policy & Administration and has a strong interest in how our public institutions function, and how they serve the community. As such, he's very excited to be joining the DPSST Fire Program team.

Outside the office, Jonathan can be found spending time with his wife and daughter, in their backyard full of chickens. Jonathan can be reached at jonathan.chayse@state.or.us or 503-378-2408.



FIRE PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) would like to wish the Oregon fire service a Happy New Year!

We recognize establishing training in 2020 while safely managing COVID-19 has presented significant and difficult challenges nationally, and more closely within our organizations to reach our training goals. DPSST has worked to find alternative paths and options to allow for training opportunities to help support the fire service.

Despite the challenges, DPSST and the Fire Program were able to achieve some significant accomplishments in support of our state.



Over 50 DPSST staff supported Oregon Emergency Management for initial COVID-19 response. This was an excellent partnership of multiple disciplines within our organization to help support this critical mission of work for our state.

DPSST Fire Program staff trained over 800 Oregon National Guard for wildland deployment in an unprecedented fire storm Oregon experienced this summer. Fire program staff worked tirelessly in partnership with out of state partners from Arizona Department of Forestry and Illinois Fire Service Institute to achieve this massive training mission to provide aid to our state.

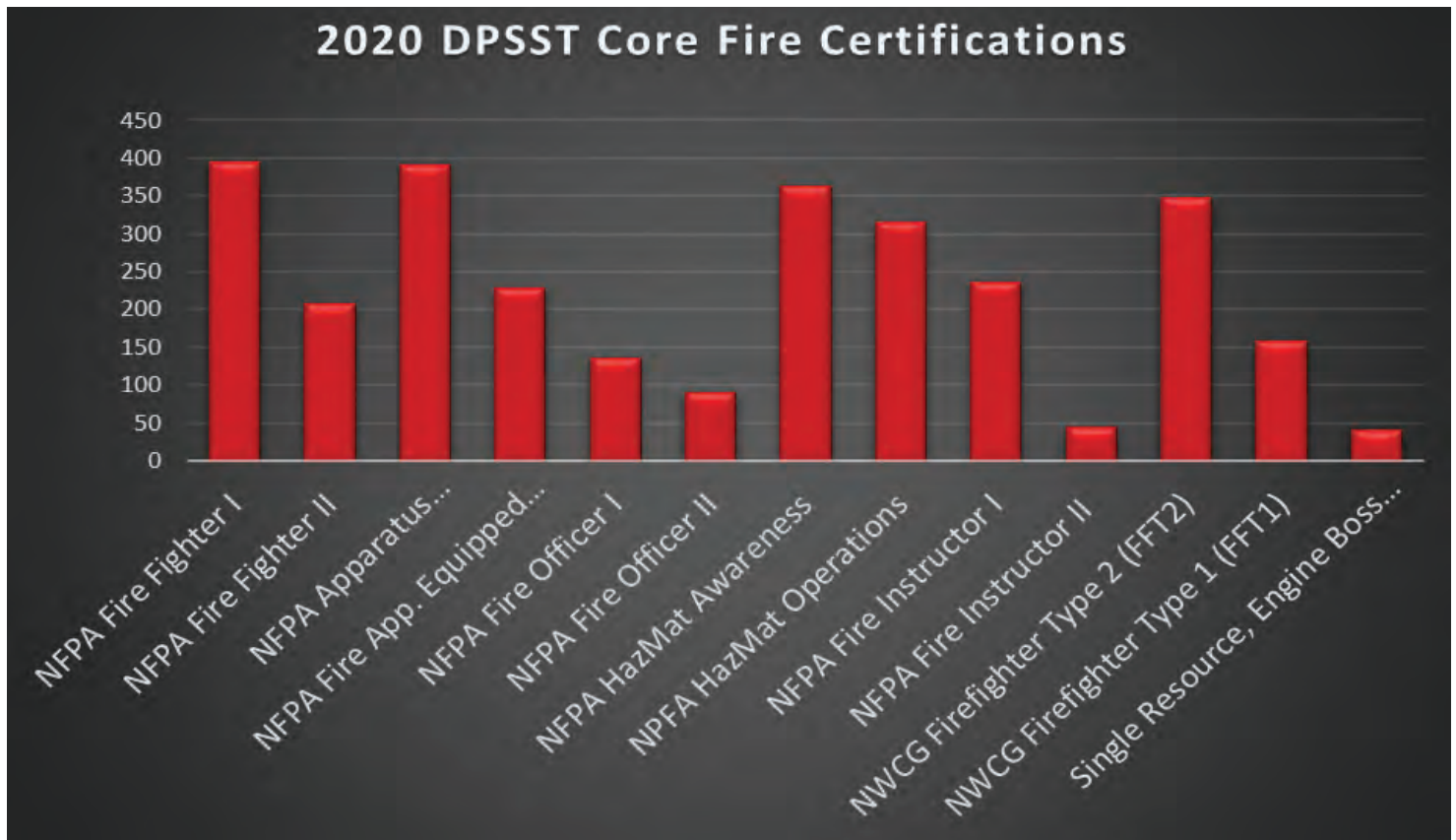


In September, DPSST's campus acted as a contingency Incident Command Post (ICP) for the Canyon Fire when their initial ICP was lost to wildland fire.

FIRE PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

Fire Certification Statistics Highlight

Below is a snapshot of the DPSST Fire Certification Program's year end statistics. In the chart, you will see a handful of the 68 total certifications offered by the Fire Program. These are the certifications most frequently applied for and attained by the Oregon fire service. Also included below are few statistics on additional forms submitted and processed by DPSST Fire Program staff.



DPSST Core Certification Name	# Issued
NFPA Fire Fighter I	394
NFPA Fire Fighter II	205
NFPA Apparatus Driver/Operator	390
NFPA Fire App. Equipped w/Fire Pump	226
NFPA Fire Officer I	134
NFPA Fire Officer II	89
NFPA HazMat Awareness	360
NFPA HazMat Operations	314
NFPA Fire Instructor I	234
NFPA Fire Instructor II	42
NWCG Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)	345
NWCG Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)	156
Single Resource, Engine Boss (ENGB)	69
Total Core Certificates	2958

2020 Fire Certification Quick Stats

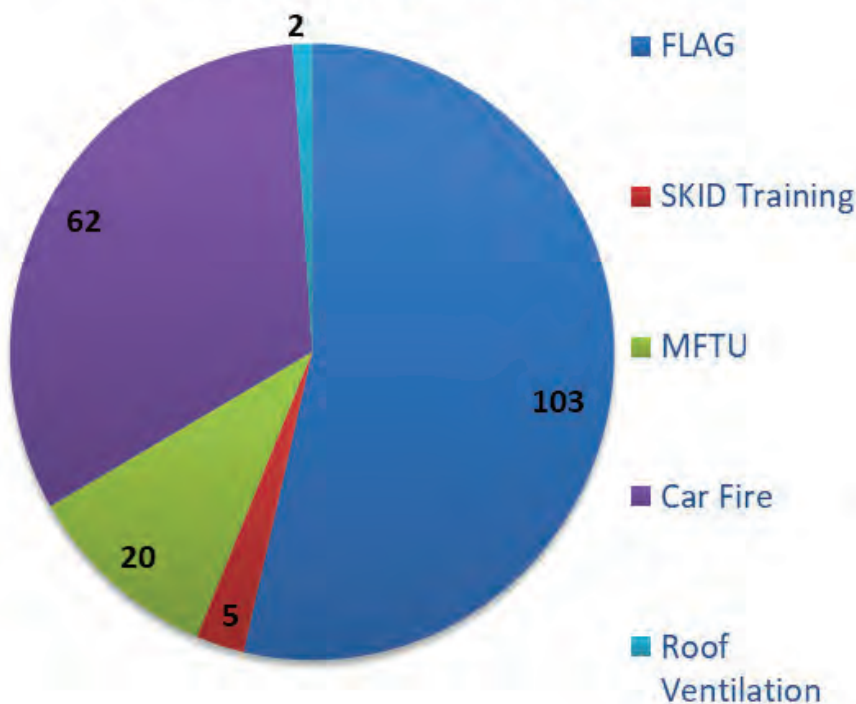
- 3,974 total certificates issued.
- On average, the Fire Program received 250 applications, issued 330 certificates, and rejected 30 applications per month.
- 668 fire service professionals completed their DPSST certification fingerprint requirement.
- As of the end of November, the Fire Program received and processed 3,555 Personnel Agency Forms, 192 F-9F Forms, and 927 course rosters.

FIRE PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

Fire Training Statistics Highlight

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the DPSST Fire Training Program faced several challenges throughout 2020. Though faced with these hurdles, the DPSST Fire Training Coordinators used innovative training techniques to include online courses when possible as well as a staggered, in-person training method to train fewer people at a time to reduce interaction and allow social distancing. While some training had to be postponed or cancelled due to safety protocols in place at any given time, the Fire Training Coordinators overcame these obstacles to fulfill the Oregon fire service's need for training and prop utilization as much as possible.

Prop Training by DPSST Fire Training Coordinators



Props	# of Classes
FLAG	103
SKID Training	5
MFTU	20
Car Fire	62
Roof Ventilation*	2
Total Prop Classes	192

*The Roof Ventilation prop number appears lower because it is designed to be dropped off at departments. After a tutorial from a DPSST Fire Training Coordinator, the prop can be utilized at that department for a predetermined number of days and does not need DPSST staff to instruct the class. The remainder of the props are for DPSST Fire Training Coordinators to use their unique expertise to train the Oregon fire service. Unfortunately, due to a lack of ability to maintain social distancing while inside the apparatus, the SKID truck was underutilized this year.

2020 DPSST Fire Training Coordinator Quick Stats

4340	Total Number of Students Trained by DPSST Fire Training Coordinators
1402	Total Number of Training Hours Completed by DPSST Fire Training Coordinators
245	Total Number of Classes Taught by Fire Training Coordinators

FIRE PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

Looking to the Future

Prior to COVID-19, DPSST was on the cusp of opening several training positions, unfortunately this was prevented due to the pandemic. Recognizing the needs of the fire service, we are working to open some of these positions again. In 2021 it is the hope and plan to fill the two vacant SKID truck training positions which are duty stationed in Salem, as well as the the Regional Coordinator position which supports Southern Oregon. This will entail posting the positions, an assessment center, and a lengthy background process. In the interim of time, the DPSST Fire Program will work to meet your training needs to the best of our abilities. If there are specific training needs you require – please contact your Regional Coordinator or Julie Olsen to assist you. Recognizing there may some limitations and parameters associated with the safety requirements because of COVID-19 and staff availability, we will work to partner with you as best as we can.

On behalf of the Fire Program we wish you good health, happiness and safe training in 2021! We look forward to working and training with you in this new year with the hopes of being able to reengage with you all as soon as safely possible. We thank you for our continued partnerships with you.

FEMA ANNOUNCES AFG APPLICATION PERIOD



The FY 2020 AFG application period will open on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. ET and will close on Friday, February 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. ET.

Start planning your FY 2020 AFG grant application now by reviewing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and application guidance materials. These materials were produced specifically to help potential applicants begin to plan their 2020 grant applications ahead of the application period. These documents can be viewed on the AFG Program website at: [FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Application Guidance Materials](#) and/or downloaded to your computer.

- FY2020 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Narrative Get Ready Guide
- Self-Evaluation Sheet – Vehicle Acquisition
- Self-Evaluation Sheet – Operations & Safety
- AFG Application Checklist

Coming Soon:

- Cost Share Calculator
- Frequently Asked Questions

For more information on the AFG opportunity, such as helpdesk information and live webinar assistance, please see [FEMA's AFG website here](#).

JOHN WEST PROVIDES IDEAS FOR ONLINE TRAINING

Maintenance Re-Certification packets were due back to DPSST by 12-31-2020, however a number of you took advantage of the extension opportunity this cycle due to COVID-19. Fire Training Coordinator John West has several online suggestions for those that may be close to fulfilling their hour requirement. These can be completed from the safety of your own home while social distancing. For those that have completed your Maintenance Re-Certification requirement, these trainings can count toward the next cycle ending in 2022.

[Online Traffic Incident Management Training from Responder Safety Learning Network](#)

Complete the following courses to receive a National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Certificate like the John's to the right.

- Advance Warning
- Blocking Procedures at Roadway Incidents
- High Visibility Innovations
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Move It or Work It
- See and Be Seen: Emergency Lighting Awareness
- Special Circumstances: Safe Operations for Vehicle Fires
- Special Hazards
- Termination
- Traffic Incident Management: Incident Command & Management



[Free Online HazMat Training from TRANSCAER \(Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response\)](#)

TRANSCAER offers several free online trainings surrounding hazardous materials subjects.

[Online Courses from the UL FSRI Fire Safety Academy](#) (up to 13.25 Hours of Maintenance hours)

- Water Mapping in Residential Structures (45 Minutes)
- Air Entrainment by Fire Service Hose Streams (45 Minutes)
- Suppression Tactics in Single-Family Homes (1.25 Hours)
- Intro. to Heat Transfer and Fire Measurements (1.25 Hours)
- Research for the Development of More Effective Tactics (Governor's Island Experiments) (2 Hours)
- Evidence-Based Approaches to Reduce Risks (1 Hour)
- Cardiovascular and Chemical Exposure Risks During Training (1.5 Hours)
- Residential Attic and Exterior Fires (1.5 Hours)
- Positive Pressure Attack (1 Hour)
- Understanding Basement Fire (1.5 hours)
- Newest on-line Class: Firefighter Safety & Photovoltaic Systems (45 Minutes)

[Webinar from Gordan Graham with Dr David Black on Risk Management](#)

This webinar from Cordico, a Lexipol company, features Cordico CEO Dr. David Black and Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham in a wide-ranging discussion on the alignment between reducing risk in public safety and strengthening the quality of life of first responders. During this 1.25 hour webinar, you'll learn the concepts of the "black swan" and "grey rhino" and how they apply to public safety, the relationship between risk and wellness for people serving in extremely high-stress roles, and the importance of building trust in fire and law enforcement agencies, and the role trust plays in managing risk.

FIRE TRAINING REGIONAL UPDATES

During December, the increase in COVID 19 cases across the state caused DPSST's Fire Training Coordinators to postpone or cancel several classes. Additionally, the Training Coordinators found that several fire departments were also postponing and cancelling training. Postponed and/or canceled classes are to ensure the safety of the Oregon fire service as well as our Fire Training Coordinators. Thank you for your patience as this environment is ever evolving. Please work with your region's Fire Training Coordinator to reschedule postponed classes when it is safe to do so.

Central Oregon Region: Hayden Jones

Below you will find upcoming training as well as completed training within the Central Oregon region for December and January. Please keep checking the Monthly Program Newsletter, [DPSST's Eventbrite page](#), and utilize the [GovDelivery](#) email system for announcements on future training.

This month consisted of a large majority of MFTU as well as FLAG for the Central Oregon Region. Thank you to Crooked River Ranch RFPD and Jefferson County RFPD #1 for a month of great training!



Pictured above: FLAG Training. Photo taken by Assistant Chief Jaca at Jefferson County RFPD #1

December training scheduled:

December 1st	MFTU	Crooked River Ranch RFPD
December 4th	MFTU	Sunriver Fire (Postponed)
December 5th & 6th	HazMat IC	Central Oregon Agencies (Postponed)
December 14th	MFTU	Crooked River Ranch RFPD & Cloverdale RFPD
December 17th	MFTU	Crooked River Ranch RFPD
December 19th	MAYDAY	Christmas Valley RFPD (Postponed)
December 21st & 22nd	FLAG	Jefferson County RFPD #1

January training:

January 8th & 9th	FF1 Academy	John Day/Burns/Hines/Canyon City/ Prairie City/Long Creek
January 20th & 21st	NFPA Inst. I	Klamath Falls
January 29 & 30th	FF1 Academy	John Day/Burns/Hines/Canyon City/ Prairie City/Long Creek

The new MFTU is available for all Central Oregon Agencies, please contact Hayden for scheduling.

For more information on this or other training in your Central Oregon Region, please feel free to contact Hayden Jones at hayden.jones@state.or.us or (503) 779-5744.

FIRE TRAINING REGIONAL UPDATES CONTINUED

Northeast Region: Mike Bozeman

Northeast Oregon Regional Coordinator Mike Bozeman's recent training included the following:
December 15th Fire Prevention & Public Safety/Pre Incident Surveys Dufur Vol Fire Department

December and January Ongoing classes:

Firefighter II Dufur Vol Fire Department and Milton Freewater Rural FD
Firefighter II Blended Milton Freewater Rural FD

Mike's upcoming training includes

Fire Officer II Blended Baker City Fire Department and January Firefighter I skills weekend

For more information on this or other training in your Eastern Oregon Region, please feel free to contact Mike Bozeman at mike.bozeman@state.or.us or (503) 303-3303.

Northwest Region: John West

Northwest Oregon Regional Coordinator John West's recent training included the following:

December 2, 3 & 4	FLAG HOT	Canby RFPD #62
December 9	FLAG HOT Cancelled	Hoodland RFPD
December 18 & 19	NFPA Fire Officer II Cancelled	Amity Fire Department
December 22	NFPA Fire Instructor II Cancelled	North Bend Fire Department

John's upcoming training includes:

January 14 & 15 NFPA Fire Officer II Amity Fire Department

For more information on this or other training in your Northwest Oregon Region, please feel free to contact John West at john.west@state.or.us or (503) 559-5756.

Midwest Region: Robert Farino

Midwestern Oregon Regional Coordinator Robert Farino's recent training included the following:

December 2	Vehicle Fire Safety Postponed	McKenzie Fire & Rescue
December 16	Mayday	McKenzie Fire & Rescue
December 17	FLAG hands-on	Lowell RFPD
December 19	Vehicle Fire Safety	Idanha-Detroit RFPD

Robert's upcoming training includes:

January 2	NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training	Dallas Fire Department
January 4	Vent Prop	Marion County Fire District #1
January 11	Vent Prop	Silverton RFPD #2
January 15	Vent Prop	Mt. Angel Fire District
January 19	Vent Prop	Jefferson RFPD
January 20	Vehicle Fire Safety	Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue
January 16	NFPA Inst. 1	Lebanon Fire District
January 23	NFPA Inst. 1	LBFTC (3 spots still open)
January 28	Mayday	Monroe RFPD

For more information on this or other training in your Midwestern Oregon Region, please feel free to contact Robert Farino at robert.farino@state.or.us or (503) 871-4944.

ABOUT DPSST

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 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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