As part of the State's coordinated and comprehensive wildfire suppression efforts, and thanks to funds allocated by the federal government, more than 400 citizen-soldiers and citizen-airmen from the Oregon National Guard (Guard) have been trained as wildland firefighters in advance of the 2020 Oregon wildfire season.

More than 175 members of the Guard completed the RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Annual Training Refresher course on July 11 and 12, 2020. Immediately following, more than 250 Guard members who had not been previously trained for wildland firefighting attended a Wildland Fire Fighter Type 2 (FFT2) academy from July 13 to 17. These men and women from diverse backgrounds have since returned to their local communities, careers and families and are on standby ready to assist as needed.

The training was offered at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem and was provided by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Because of the size of the group, DPSST supplemented its training cadre and utilized additional instructors from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Military Department Wildland Firefighting Section, United States Forest Service, and the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Federal funds were allocated at the request of state officials to help prepare members of the Guard in case their assistance will be needed to support wildland firefighting efforts around the state. This proactive...
OVER 400 OREGON NATIONAL GUARD TRAINED AND READY FOR WILDFIRES - CONTINUED

work will enable the Guard to assist on the fire lines much faster.

The Oregon National Guard has a proven track record of supporting wildfire suppression efforts, from the air and on the ground, around the state in recent years. In 2015, members of the Guard assisted with wildfire suppression efforts in John Day and Enterprise. In 2017, more than 400 citizen-soldiers and citizen-airmen supported Oregon’s firefighting efforts (air and ground) at High Cascades Complex (near Crater Lake), Chetco Bar, Blanket Creek, Horse Prairie, and Milli fires.

The Guard has a long-standing agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry known as Operation Plan Smokey, which stipulates the details of how Guard members will be utilized to assist in annual firefighting efforts if needed. This agreement is reviewed on an annual basis by both agencies and the Governor’s Office.

What is different this year is that funds were requested by state officials, and approved by the federal government, to provide training to members of the National Guard ahead of the need. This will allow these wildland firefighter trained citizen-soldiers and citizen-airmen to be activated and deployed much faster should the need arise for their assistance.

DPSST Director Eriks Gabliks said “DPSST is honored to help support this important mission and has a proven record of success in training over 1,000 members of the Guard for wildland firefighting duties over the past five years. We value and appreciate the partnership we enjoy with the Oregon National Guard.”
FIRE PROGRAM STAFFING UPDATE

It is bittersweet to announce the departure of Barbara Slinger who has been such an integral part of the Fire Program.

Barbara Slinger has decided to further pursue her Bachelor’s Degree and join the family plumbing business as their Manager and Human Resources Director! Those who know Barbara will be confident that she will have no trouble taking on these new professional steps in partnership with pursing her degree in Business Management and Business Administration.

We have had the privilege of working with Barbara for over 5 years. She originally joined the Fire Program as a limited duration employee and stayed the course with us until she took a promotion to Oregon Youth Authority. Later Barbara decided it was time to come back home to Fire and rejoined the team as the Fire Program’s Support Specialist. Barbara’s talents, hard work, drive, and skills will be sorely missed within DPSST, the Fire Program, and the Oregon Fire Service. We are very pleased and proud of her new path and wish her the greatest success!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR’S VIRTUAL OREGON FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL

Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial
Watch this Virtual Honoring of the Fallen Live Via DPSST’s Facebook Page

Save the Date
September 17th, 2020 at 1:00PM
Central Oregon Region: Hayden Jones

Over the past several months, Central Oregon Regional Fire Training Coordinator Hayden Jones has been working in Wilsonville for the Emergency Command Center helping with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distribution in conjunction with the Oregon National Guard and Department of Administrative Services. Hayden’s help with the emergency management during the COVID-19 pandemic was a wonderful reflection of his selflessness and good will.

Now that he is back working out of Redmond, Hayden is making an effort to personally visit each department within the Central Oregon Region to assess training plans moving forward. Due to postponing several months of training, we will be sticking to training that was planned prior to the COVID outbreak by integrating postponed classes back into the schedule for the upcoming months. Although COVID safety protocols are still in place, we will be doing our best to meet everyone’s needs in a timely manner.

If you have not yet been contacted, please feel free to reach out via email or phone using the contact information below to schedule a meeting.

Below you will find the training within the Central Oregon region for July and August. Please keep checking the Monthly Program Newsletter, DPSST’s Eventbrite page, and utilizing the GovDelivery email system for announcements on future training. If you haven’t signed up for email updates via GovDelivery, please visit https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDPSST/subscriber/new.

- Forcible Entry Drill at Crescent RFPD
- Hose Handling at Crooked River Ranch RFPD
- Vehicle Fire Prop at Crooked River Ranch RFPD, Chiloquin-Agency Lake RFPD, Crescent RFPD, and Sunriver Service District FD
- FLAG at Cloverdale RFPD and Chiloquin-Agency Lake RFPD
- MAYDAY at Cloverdale RFPD and Crescent RFPD

For more information on these or other trainings 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

Salem Area Region: Robert Farino

Salem Region Fire Training Coordinator Robert Farino’s recent training include the following:

- Vent Prop at Toledo Fire Department on June 17-23
- Vehicle Fire Safety at McKenzie Fire & Rescue on June 24
- FLAG for Mid-Willamette Fire Instructors Association (MWFIA) on June 25
- FLAG for Marion County Fire District #1 on June 28, 29, 30 and July 1
- Truck Ops Drill with Corvallis Fire Department and Philomath Fire & Rescue on July 7
- Vehicle Fire Safety with Dallas Fire Department on July 8
- NFPA Fire Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device in Cottage Grove on July 25 and 26
- Vehicle Fire Safety for Salem Fire Department on July 28, 29, 30
- FLAG with Dallas Fire Department on July 29
- Vent Prop for Aurora RFPD on July 31

Trucks are for LOUVERS

With some recent and upcoming Truck Ops classes and drills in the area, I thought this would be a good time to talk about truck work and aerial apparatus. If your department does not have a truck, not to worry, many of these functions can be addressed by an engine company as well. Unless you are faced with the “low-frequency, high-risk / high-reward” situation of victim trapped on the 3rd floor or above, or need to pluck a victim from the roof of their submerged car in a swollen river, engine-based truck work can address most of your issues.

In addition to the “report on conditions” by the first-due, on our truck company we did our own “truck size-up”. We would identify if immediate actions were needed before we committed to our spot: 1) are we in rescue-mode for victims trapped? and 2) is forcible entry needed by the fire attack team? If these immediate actions were not needed, we proceeded with picking our “spot” with an eye towards roof ops and ventilation. Coming into the incident with a deliberate approach helped us to get the “spot” right the first time for what is, or may be, the objective. Repositioning the truck was one thing we tried.
very hard to avoid.

As the truck company, we took pride in being well-versed and highly skilled in LOUVERS:

**Ladders** – ladders save FF’s lives. They don’t do any good back on the rig so put more than one up. Practice this basic skill to achieve a high level of proficiency in more challenging situations.

**Opening Up** – “softening the structure”; forcible entry; create egress points for FF’s or victims; practice basic skills of the Irons to be able to get through more difficult doors; spend some time with your circular saw so you can make horizontal cuts.

**Utilities** – carry a tool with you and don’t pass the electric or gas meters by on your hot-lap; notify command that they have been secured.

**Ventilation** – Vertical or horizontal; VEIS; vent for fire or vent for life; practice with your “chainsaw appreciation tool” (axe); get your cut sequence down; use inspection cuts and indicator holes; establish hand signals for the vent team – louver cut or pull-back?

**Extrication** – From structures or vehicles, you’re the experts; practice the “tricks of the trade”.

**Rescue** – How do you get those victims out and down the ladder? Practice maximizing the opening with tip placement; practice your negotiation skills for that panicked victim who’s too afraid to get out on the ladder.

**Salvage** – Usually last on our list (REVAS or RECEO-SV) but first on the mind of our homeowner who’s watching their house burn - don’t forget Mrs. Smith – and what you would want done if it was your house on fire.

If you’re fortunate enough to have one of these tools, it makes sense to be ready for those low-frequency, high-risk events. Train for the difficult rescues, and polish those basic LOUVERS skills to be a solid truck (or engine) company!
Northeast Region: Mike Bozeman

On July 2nd through July 8th, Eastern Oregon Regional Fire Training Coordinator Mike Bozeman used the Ventilation Prop with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance to conduct ventilation practices with their personnel. This training prop allows firefighters to safely perform hands-on training on roofs ranging from flat roof to a 12/12 pitch roof.

Upcoming training for the Eastern Region includes an NFPA Fire Officer I blended course for East Umatilla Fire & Rescue and Milton-Freewater Rural FD as well as assistance with a NFPA Fire Fighter II academy for Dufur Volunteer Fire Department.

10 Standard Fire Orders and Fire Shelters

This month’s training topic is on the 10 Standard Fire Orders and Fire Shelters. With the state now entering into moderate and extreme fire danger and the RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher behind us, now is a good time to break out our Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) and go through the fire orders with our engine companies, crews, and volunteers at drill.

The original 10 Standard Firefighting Orders were developed in 1957 by a task force commissioned by the United States Forest Service Chief Richard E. McArdle. According to an NWCG article from 6 Minutes for Safety entitled “Origin of 10 and 18’s”, the task force reviewed the records of 16 fires resulting in tragic situations that occurred from 1937 to 1956. The Standard Firefighting Orders were based in part on the successful “General Orders” used by the United States Armed Forces. The Standard Firefighting Orders are organized in a deliberate and sequential way to be implemented systematically and applied to all fire situations. For more information on the history of the Standard Firefighting Orders, please click here.

It is also imperative to view and discuss the use of Fire Shelters. Fire Shelters are a tool that we train on during the first part of the wildfire season and then place them in our line gear. We then periodically check them throughout the season with little regard that we may have to use them. The program entitled Deploying the Shelter is a thought-provoking video of personnel who actually deployed their shelters on incidents. The decision to deploy and the difference between the practice shelter vs an actual shelter is discussed. Please click on the image to the right to view the video. I encourage discussion with your peers after viewing these videos.
FIRE TRAINING REGIONAL UPDATES CONTINUED

Northwest Region: John West

As in the last few months, Fire Training Regional Coordinator John West will continue to request when scheduling and re-scheduling classes, please provide a brief outline as to how you are going to meet the requirements based on the the current COVID-19 requirements and restrictions. It would be most beneficial if you can keep the hands-on portion of classroom instruction to a maximum of ten students per hour. Classroom sessions are going to be up to each individual department to determine the number of students in the classroom and how it may be presented based on social distancing. Training can also be done via webinar to remote stations, individuals at homes, or via recorded webcast. There are options on the utilization of classrooms that that we can discuss prior to any training.

July training completed by John:
July 8-10    NFPA Fire Officer II  Blended  North Bend Fire Department
July 6      Vehicle Fire Safety (HOT)  Cannon Beach RFPD
July 11 & 12  RT-130    ONG Op. Smokey  Salem/DPSST
July 13-17  S-130/190  ONG Op. Smokey  Salem/DPSST
July 20      Vehicle Fire Safety (HOT)  Nestucca RFPD
July 22     FLAG Class (HOT)/Vehicle Fire (HOT)  Netarts-Oceanside RFPD
July 23     Vehicle Fire Safety (HOT)  Yamhill Fire Protection District
July 25     FLAG, Vehicle & HM Skills  Gearhart Volunteer Fire Department
July 30     Wildland App. Operator (Classroom)  Canby Fire RFPD #62

August classes currently scheduled:
August 4-6  Vehicle Fire Safety  Canby Fire RFPD #62
August 12  NFPA Fire Instructor II  Sutherlin Fire Department
August 13  FLAG Class 3 sessions  Clackamas Co. Fire Dist. #1

MFTU will be scheduled in Southwest Oregon Starting in August. More information to follow.

FIRE PROGRAM TO PHASE OUT WALLET CARDS

Be aware of this upcoming change beginning at the first of the new year.

With the implementation of the Information Resource Inquiry System (IRIS) and the firefighter record access that this system provides, the Wallet Cards sent out to new firefighters have become unnecessary.

IRIS is a wonderful tool that not only provides a firefighter’s DPSST Fire Number, it also contains fire agency affiliation information, certification, and training records.

Chiefs, Training Officers, and new firefighters all have access to IRIS, making records easily available on your phone, computer, and/or tablets. When an individual needs a DPSST Fire Number, this system can be accessed anytime to retrieve the information you need.

IRIS can be found here: [http://dpsstnet.state.or.us/PublicInquiry_Fire/smsgoperson.aspx](http://dpsstnet.state.or.us/PublicInquiry_Fire/smsgoperson.aspx). It can also be accessed by visiting DPSST’s website if this link is not handy.
ANNOUNCEMENTS: POSTPONED COURSES AT OPSA

The Fire Program would like to thank you for your patience as we continue to adapt to COVID-19 and the evolving concerns and requirements surrounding the pandemic. Unfortunately, the classes below have been postponed but we hope to bring you these trainings as soon as we are able.

Cancer Prevention Seminar
The Cancer Prevention Seminar originally scheduled for Monday, September 21, has been postponed. DPSST was to host this important seminar offered by the First Responder Center for Excellence in partnership with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. DPSST will announce a new date once it is established. In the meantime, there are many great resources on cancer prevention at firefightercancersupport.org and firstrespondercenter.org

Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Yearly NFA Classes
Both the National Fire Academy classes brought to you by the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and hosted at the Oregon Public Safety Academy have been postponed. These courses were coming up in September and will be rescheduled to alternative dates to be announced.

FREE WEBINAR ON STRENGTHENING FIREFIGHTER WELLNESS

Dr. David Black, CEO of Cordico, and Gordon Graham, Lexipol Founder and Risk Manager/Lawyer, have teamed up to bring the fire service a webinar on strengthening firefighter wellness during times of crisis.

This webinar provides a review and discussion of resources, tools, and strategies for prioritizing firefighter wellness during this time of crisis, with a focus on mitigating the stress of working during the pandemic.

Click the picture below to access the webinar or visit www.cordico.com.

OREGON FIRE SERVICE MAINTENANCE RE-CERTIFICATION CONTINUES

Maintenance Re-Certification packets continue to trickle in as we approach the middle of summer. Just a reminder: Maintenance Re-Certification packets are due back to DPSST by December 31, 2020. Packets are processed in the order of the date received so if you do not see immediate updates in SnapShot on the Information Resource Inquiry System (IRIS), please know we are working through several department packets and will reach yours as soon as we can.

For an extension on your Maintenance Re-Certification packet due to extenuating circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, please send DPSST staff a written request.

Maintenance Re-Certification questions can be directed to Brooke at brooke.bell-uribe@state.or.us or 503-378-2254.
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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