



OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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## OREGON STAFFING GRANT SEEING EARLY SUCCESS

Early indicators and stories from the Oregon fire service show the 2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant is having a real impact across Oregon.

In July, the OSFM announced that 180 local fire agencies received \$6 million in grant funding to add additional staff for summer.

The OSFM has heard from several agencies that made successful wildfire stops and were able to quickly respond to other calls.

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*PICTURED: Drone pictures show crews from several agencies working a dune grass fire at Camp Rilea on June 14, 2022.*

## BOOSTED CAPACITY THROUGH '22 WILDFIRE SEASON STAFFING GRANT PROVING SUCCESSFUL

It's around 1 p.m. on July 14 when the tones go off. Gearhart Fire and other coastal departments, the National Guard, and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) are headed to the dune grass fire at Camp Rilea. The flames were chewing through the grass under the hot sun and high temperatures that day.

Two staffed wildland apparatus from Gearhart Fire, 2976 and 2972, responded to the fire and assisted with initial fire suppression efforts. Under the direction of the Oregon National Guard - Oregon Military Department and assisted by the Oregon Department of Forestry, Lewis & Clark Volunteer Fire Dept., Seaside Fire & Rescue, and Warrenton Fire Department, the fire was quickly contained.

Grass and brush fires are a typical call for local fire agencies across Oregon in the summer. What made this, and other responses, different this summer was the additional grant-funded staff hired by 180 fire agencies across the state.

In June, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal launched the 2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant. Local fire agencies were able to apply for up to \$35,000 in one-time funding to hire additional paid staff through the summer months. This funding is having a real impact on response times and the goal of keeping fires small and away from communities.

The Oregon fire service is sharing their stories and the impact this funding is having at the local level.

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*PICTURED: Grant-staffed crew with Alfalfa Fire working a brush fire in Central Oregon.*



# (CONT) STAFFING GRANT SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE OREGON FIRE SERVICE

On July 25, Sweet Home Fire was called to a shed engulfed in flames, the fire spreading to nearby vehicles, vegetation, and a home. They worked with ODF to stop the fire and provide water to crews on scene.

"Thanks to our partners at the Office of Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and their grant for seasonal staffing, we were able to respond immediately with a staffed engine and water tender for rural water supply. We were fortunate to also have a fantastic response from our volunteer firefighters. With the high temperatures we are experiencing, we needed every member of this well-coordinated team today and they did not disappoint," the agency wrote in a Facebook post.



*PICTURED: Sweet Home firefighters, funded through grant program battle shed fire on July 25, 2022.*

On July 20, Paisley Volunteer Fire Department responded to a brush fire on the edge of town by the church.

"Thanks to a quick and overwhelming response, the fire was knocked down at less than 1/10 acre," the agency said. "The volume and speed of our response is largely thanks to the staffing grant PVFD received from OSFM earlier this month."



*PICTURED: Riddle firefighters, funded through grant program, load a patient into a Mercy Flight helicopter.*

The grant funding isn't just paying dividends when it comes to stopping brush fires, it is helping local fire agencies respond quicker to other emergencies.

Minutes after Hubbard Fire swore in two new paid staff, they were dispatched to help Aurora Fire with a car crash with entrapment on Ehlen Road. The new staff helped guide the Life Flight helicopter to a safe landing.

"Thanks to the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal's Wildfire Season Staffing Grant, we were able to send these two immediately to serve the surrounding communities."

On July 13, Riddle Fire Protection District was called to a logging accident. The crew, funded through the 2022 WFS Staffing Grant, was able to quickly get to the patient and transport them to a waiting Mercy Flight helicopter.

The OSFM is thrilled to share these stories from the Oregon fire service and highlight their great work. The office is looking at ways to sustain this grant program to allow fire agencies to do their work to best serve all of Oregon.



PICTURED: Oregon firefighters head to California to help protect communities from McKinney Fire

## FOUR TASK FORCES MOBILIZED TO CALIFORNIA MCKINNEY FIRE

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) mobilized three structural task forces at the request of California to the McKinney Fire. The fire is burning in near Klamath, California. The task forces are from Marion, Linn, and Clackamas counties. The teams left on Sunday, July 31, and are tasked with protecting communities near the fire.

The OSFM received the request for resources from California through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). These three taskforces are made up of 41 firefighters, 12 engines, and three water tenders.

The three task forces arrived on Sunday evening, were briefed, and sent out immediately to their assignments. Monday morning when they returned back to fire camp, the task forces were in good spirits and happy to help their neighbors.

OSFM's priority is Oregon and its communities. Oregon uses the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS) to respond to local, regional, and statewide fires. With weather and fire activity, OSFM feels comfortable that the OFMAS has the capacity, should resources be needed.

"Our office has a long-standing mutual aid relationship with Cal OES, and we are more than willing to lend a helping hand," Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said. "Last summer, California sent resources to help on the Bootleg Fire in our time of need. The partnership between our two states has the same end goal, protecting communities and saving lives."



# OSFM PRE-POSITIONS TASK FORCE IN KLAMATH CO. AHEAD OF HEIGHTENED WILDFIRE THREAT

The combination of hot weather and lightning in the forecast in southern Oregon prompted the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to pre-position a structural taskforce of firefighters and equipment in Klamath County in late July.

The taskforce from Lane County, made up of 14 firefighters, four engines, and a water tender, arrived in Klamath County on Friday, July 29.

“Pre-positioning resources provides additional capacity through the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS) to areas of Oregon where fire activity could challenge local resources,” Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said. “Rising to the challenge of wildfires is a statewide effort through our response system, truly Oregonians helping Oregonians when they need it.”



*PICTURED: July 30, Lane County task force pre-positioned to Klamath County trains with USFS*



On Saturday, the task force from Lane County did some cross-training with the U.S. Forest Service, practicing hose lays and home assessments in Klamath Falls. Training for real-world scenarios is key for these teams who may need to respond and work with each other and other agencies.

On Sunday, the task force was moved to Deschutes County because of the increased threat of wildfire.

Pre-positioning resources is just one of the tools the OSFM has as part of its Response Ready Oregon initiative. Pre-positioning resources is a proactive way to strategically place firefighting resources to keep fires small and away from communities. These resources will bolster any initial fire attack or respond quickly to other emerging incidents in the state.



# OSFM, JACKSON CO. FIRE DIST. 3 USE AIR RESOURCES TO STOP FAST-MOVING FIRE

A fast-moving fire near White City in southern Oregon was stopped, thanks in part to bucket drops from an ODF helicopter.

Jackson Co. Fire Dist. 3 was called to a structure fire near the intersection of Foothill and Corey Rd. Temperatures hovering around 110 and winds pushed the fire to surrounding grass and brush, threatening 15 structures. Firefighters from Jackson Co. 3 and Medford Fire responded.

OSFM's Regional Mobilization Coordinator Sara Rubrecht also responded. She was able to act as a conduit between Jackson Co. First Dist. 3 and the Oregon Department of Forestry to order two helicopters to respond. The aerial resources were able to help knock down the fast-moving flames.

Through Senate Bill 762, the OSFM has the ability to order air assets through mutual aid agreements.

The use of this helicopter made a big difference in slowing this fire.

The OSFM would like to thank the dedicated men and women for their quick response. Rising to a challenge like this takes partnerships and being able to work well together.



*PICTURED: ODF helicopter does water drops working to slow Jackson County fire on July 29, 2022.*



*PICTURED: Jackson County Fire Dist. 3 firefighters work to stop a fast-moving fire on July 29, 2022*

## RENAULT JOINS OSFM AS REGIONAL MOBILIZATION COORDINATOR

Please welcome Mike Renault to the OSFM family. Mike joins the team as a regional mobilization coordinator and will cover the North Central Region.

Mike comes the OSFM with more than 40 years of firefighting experience. He most recently served as fire chief at Mosier Fire for the last five years.

Mike's district will be working with local fire agencies and partners within his district which includes Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla counties.







# APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN FOR OSFM ENGINE PROGRAM

The Office of State Fire Marshal is excited to announce it is moving to the next step in engine program. The OSFM opened the application window for agencies interested in hosting program fire apparatus.

The OSFM is purchasing type 3, type 6, and tactical tenders intended to assist local host agencies with keeping fires small and away from communities. The intention of the engine program is to increase response capacity at the local, regional, and statewide levels by boosting available apparatus. Host agencies will not be required to respond to statewide mobilizations, but are encouraged to, providing OSFM apparatus are used at the local and/or regional levels.

All OSFM apparatus will come equipped per the 2022 Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan for a response in the wildland-urban interface. This equipment will become the property of the host agency. Apparatus must maintain appropriate equipment per mobilization plan based on type. The apparatus may be retrofitted or modified upon request to meet agency needs.

Apparatus specifications were created by a committee of members of the fire service representing all regions in the state, and are available upon request. The specifications were developed to meet the needs of the Oregon fire service as a whole.

Oregon fire service agencies that wish to learn more about the engine program and apply to become a host agency can learn more on the [Response Ready Oregon](#) section of the OSFM website.



# OSFM A&I UNIT ROLLS OUT FIRE SERVICE iPad PROGRAM

In July, staff from the OSFM Analytics & Intelligence Unit traversed the state to deliver more than 250 new iPads to 61 non-transporting rural fire agencies.

The effort was part of a larger grant program in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Transportation to improve patient data reporting in rural areas.

Fire house staff and engine operators were given an in-house operational overview of the devices. The ImageTrend Elite application was downloaded onto each iPad for easy data entry in the field. In addition to initial on-scene patient reporting, agencies will be able to integrate the iPads into fire incident response, training, and communication processes.



*Colton Fire Chief Todd Gary & OSFM's Twais Broadus hold iPads granted to Colton Fire.*



## SHAUN PARKMAN TO LEAD OSFM'S GRANT PROGRAMS

The OSFM is excited to announce that Shaun Parkman is joining the office permanently as our grant manager.

Parkman joined the Office of State Fire Marshal on May 2 for a job rotation as the grants manager. Since then, Parkman helped launch the 2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant and is helping design the next round of grants to help protect Oregon communities.

Previously, Shaun worked on the COVID-19 emergency response in the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Unit since March 2020. In that

role, he helped develop and improve a system for Oregon medical facilities to request emergency medical and non-medical staff across the state.

In addition, he designed a training system for contact tracers early in the pandemic. He also served as a strategic partnership and policy lead in OHA's unit that works to prevent chronic diseases such as cancer and diabetes.



# OSFM TO HOST 2022 DEFENSIBLE SPACE CODE DEVELOPMENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is set to host a series of town hall meetings to talk about the 2022 Oregon defensible space code, its development, timelines, and upcoming opportunities for community input.

The OSFM has been working through an open and transparent process with the Oregon defensible space code development committee, a diverse group of stakeholders, to develop the new code based on the framework established through SB 762. To continue that open and transparent process, the OSFM will host a series of 17 community townhalls across Oregon beginning the week of August 1.

A full schedule of the town hall meetings can be found on the [OSFM's defensible space code webpage](#).

The OSFM created a [special section](#) on its website dedicated to the defensible space code development process. Those wishing to learn more about defensible space code requirements can do so [here](#).



## LESLIE NEU JOINS OSFM AS DEFENSIBLE SPACE COORDINATOR

Leslie Neu joins the OSFM as the defensible space coordinator. Leslie graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in May 2022 where she focused on wildfire management and community resilience laws and policies. She investigated methods for using municipal laws to increase community wildfire preparedness and drafted revised flammable vegetation nuisance codes for the City of Oakridge.

Her interest in the wildland fire law and policy stems from her 6-year career as a federal wildland firefighter, serving primarily on an Interagency Helitack Crew in Lakeview. In 2015, she earned her bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Montana and was a forester and firefighter before becoming a lawyer.

Leslie lives in Eugene with her partner, James, while he pursues his Ph.D. at UO. The two enjoy mountain bike rides, trail runs, river floats, and ski trips between work and school obligations.



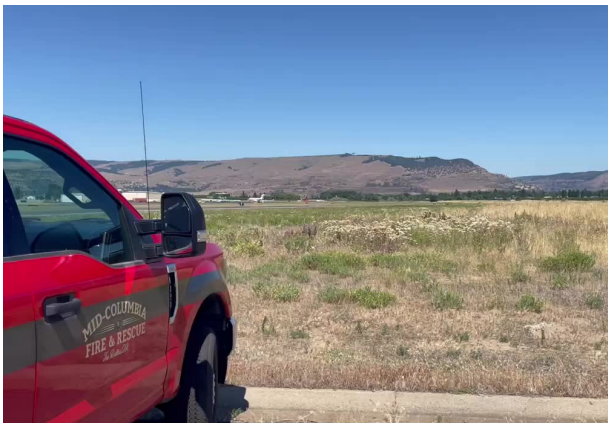
# MARIAH RAWLINS APPOINTED ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY

The OSFM would like to congratulate Mariah Rawlins who was appointed as the assistant chief deputy of the Emergency Response Service Division (ERSD).

Rawlins is stepping in to serve as the assistant chief deputy permanently after serving in an interim role since December 2021. Rawlins' responsibilities include the oversight of the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan, OSFM's three all-hazard Incident Management Teams (IMTs), 13 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams, High-Hazard Rail Program, Local Emergency Planning Committees, Emergency Response Planning & Preparedness, the agency's safety, and training programs, and the Oregon Safety Assessment Program in development.

Rawlins has been with the Office of State Fire Marshal since January 2011. She has served in various roles within the ERSD, Resource Unit leader, plans asst., IMT program coordinator, and the Emergency Response Unit manager.

Rawlins' appointment was effective August 1, 2022.



Video courtesy: Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue's Facebook page

## FROM THE INTERNET: MID-COLUMBIA TRAINS WITH ODF FIRE BOSS CREW

Highlighting some of the great work from the Oregon fire service, Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue did some training with the Oregon Department of Forestry's fire bosses.

The training was held on July 15. Mid-Columbia shared a clip on their Facebook page saying:

"These air tankers are very effective tools in our environment, slowing the spread and holding lines while ground crews gain access and get into position to suppress the fire. Today, MCFR and ODF trained on coordination, positioning, and communications for effective operations. We are truly fortunate to have quality relationships with our state, federal, and private partners here in the gorge."

[See Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue's post here.](#)





# OSFM LAUNCHES NEW INCIDENT INFORMATION BLOG

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal public affairs team is excited to announce a new tool to keep communities and the Oregon fire service informed about wildfire and other incidents through our new blog.

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal Incident Information blog, [www.OSFMInfo.org](http://www.OSFMInfo.org), is now live! The OSFM will post information about incidents the OSFM has mobilized resources to on the blog.

The blog is maintained by the OSFM public affairs team and the OSFM incident management team public information officers (PIOs). The blog also features the NWCC large fire map, Oregon DEQ air quality index map, other useful links, and information from the OSFM.

Be sure to bookmark the blog today!

## WELCOME TO LARRY MEDINA

Larry Medina joins the OSFM as a deputy state fire marshal - east side codes. Larry comes to us from Bend Fire & Rescue. He began his prevention career in Bend as a fire inspector in 2005.

Over the last 17 years, Larry held the positions of fire inspector, deputy fire marshal, and division chief fire marshal. He moved from Las Vegas to Bend with his wife and two sons in 1999 and started a fire equipment sales and service company named FirePro. Larry worked as a firefighter in Nevada from 1988-1997.

His fire service career started with the U.S. Air Force from 1983-1988. He is the board chair of the central and eastern Oregon chapter of the American Red Cross and on the ICC Fire Service Policy Council. In his leisure time, Larry enjoys kayaking on the Deschutes River, golfing, and traveling with his wife.







## GIRL POWER: PORTLAND FIRE, TVF&R HOST PORTLAND METRO FIRE CAMP

Chainsaws in hand, turnouts on, and a wave from the top of one of Portland Fire's ladder trucks was the scene at one of two Portland Metro Fire Camps (PMFC) held in July.

PMFC was started in 2009 by a handful of women Portland firefighters as a tool to engage with and outreach to young women in the age range of 16 - 20.

PMFC has expanded to include two three-day camps each summer (one hosted by Portland Fire & Rescue and the second hosted by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue). This year between the two camps, 71 young women were introduced to the field of firefighting. The camps were supported by a staff of approximately 30 professional women firefighters each day coming from as far south as Los Angeles and as far north as Seattle.



Each day, campers participated in firefighting activities including extrication, hose handling, learning to start and cut with chainsaws, bailing out of windows with rescue belts, search and rescue, and much more, all while being supported and encouraged by other women who were once in their shoes.

Today PMFC caters to young women ages 16 -22 and focuses on building confidence, encouraging teamwork, collaboration, and ensuring that firefighting and other male-dominated careers are seen as wonderful career options for young women. PMFC has always been and continues to be free to all attendees and is based on volunteerism from the professional women who make this camp possible and organizations who donate monetarily to make it a reality.

To learn more about the camp and their mission, visit [portlandmetrofirecamp.com](http://portlandmetrofirecamp.com).





# OSFM ANNOUNCES 2022 GOLDEN & SILVER SPARKY RECIPIENTS

Congratulations are in order for this year's Golden and Silver Sparky Award winners. Each year, the OSFM honors those providing excellence in fire prevention and public safety education. The Golden Sparky award recognizes a fire service member while the Silver Sparky is awarded to a member of the public.



This year's Golden Sparky was awarded to Deputy Fire Marshal Lani Hill with Portland Airport Fire & Rescue.

DFM Hill was nominated for her leadership and contributions to the fire service and public safety. Hill serves as chair for the Northwest Fire Diversity Council, NWFDC, working to increase the number of women, people of color, and other underrepresented groups working in the fire service. Lani leads the Portland Airport Fire & Rescue lifesaver program, delivering many hands-on training opportunities. She also oversaw the fire prevention aspect of the largest renovation the Portland airport has ever undertaken.

The 2022 Silver Sparky was awarded to Irene Jerome.

Jerome has played a crucial role in Grant County and eastern Oregon in helping communities be better prepared for wildfire. Irene was instrumental in creating seven Firewise communities in Grant County. She cares and is passionate about helping her fellow Oregonians. She is considered by many as a trailblazer in the Firewise community in eastern Oregon. Irene is someone you can talk to, collaborate with, share ideas with, and is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to wildfire prevention.





# OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## WILDFIRE READINESS & RESPONSE GRANTS

\*DATES ARE TENTATIVE\*

### FIRE ADAPTED OREGON

#### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE INCENTIVE GRANT**

##### **CLOSED**

- Incentive to create defensible space around schools and hospitals.
- The Defensible Space Incentive Grant is available to any Oregon public or private school, university, or hospital.

#### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

##### **WINTER '22/'23**

- Financial assistance to local governments for the administration of local preparedness efforts, administration, and enforcement of defensible space with the priority of certain vulnerable populations.
- Grants will be available to counties (emergency managers), cities, and local fire agencies.

#### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

##### **2023**

- Planning is underway and will focus on incentive programs for members of the public.

### RESPONSE READY OREGON

#### **OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM 2022 WILDFIRE SEASON STAFFING AWARD**

##### **JUNE '22**

- Awards fire service agencies the ability to boost staffing during the 2022 wildfire season.
- Increase on-duty capacity throughout the fire season at the local level for quick mobilizations at local, regional, and state (conflagration) scale.
- More firefighters will help keep fires small before impacting communities.

#### **OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM 2022 WILDFIRE TRAINING AWARD**

##### **FALL '22**

- Funds transferred to the Department of Public Safety Standards & Training (DPSST) to address local training needs of the fire service.
- Funds could be used for training opportunities.

#### **OREGON FIRE SERVICE STAFFING**

##### **WINTER '22**

- Increase capacity across the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System by creating a grant similar to the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

#### **WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE READINESS**

##### **WINTER '22**

- Funding for projects to support fire service agency readiness.

#### **OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM ENGINE PROGRAM**

##### **ON GOING**

- Build response capacity by strategically deploying type III, type VI, and water tenders to areas where capacity exists to mobilize regional mutual aid and conflagration resources.





# OSFM PROGRAM FOCUSES

HOW THE OSFM CAN SUPPORT YOUR AGENCY

DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHALS	REGIONAL MOBILIZATION COORDINATORS	FIRE RISK REDUCTION SPECIALISTS
FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT & INSPECTIONS	MOBILIZATION SUPPORT & REQUESTS	WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS
FIRE INVESTIGATIONS	MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE & GUIDANCE	COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION PLANNING & FUNDING ASSISTANCE
CODE INTERPRETATION GUIDANCE	INCIDENT RESPONSE NEEDS	HOME IGNITION ZONE TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES	MOBILIZATION PLAN ASSISTANCE	EDUCATION & OUTREACH
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS & WATER SUPPLY PLANS		COMMUNITY EVENTS

## HOW THE OSFM FIELD STAFF CAN HELP YOU

Over the last year, the Office of State Fire Marshal has worked diligently to bring on new staff to meet the growing threat of wildfire and serve the needs of Oregon. Since Senate Bill 762 (wildfire omnibus bill) was passed last summer, the OSFM hired more field staff, fire risk reduction specialists, regional mobilization coordinators, and more deputy state fire marshals. Each of these three field staff have a critical role to play within the OSFM to help carry out our mission.

These staff are here to help the Oregon fire service and the communities they serve. Below are the different ways they can lend a hand.

**Fire Risk Reduction Specialists:** The FRRs are tasked with helping communities be prepared for wildfire through outreach, education, and community action. This team recently has been working on wildfire preparedness through webinars, community talks, and home ignition zone training.

**Regional Mobilization Coordinators:** The RMCs are tasked with serving as a conduit between the Oregon fire service and OSFM. They are support to help with mobilizations and planning assistance among other things.

**Deputy State Fire Marshals:** The DSFMs are tasked with fire code enforcement and inspections, fire investigations, and can provide code guidance if needed. They are also the people to contact with questions about fire department access and water supply planning.

## HOURS OF WILDFIRE TRAINING LOGGED BY OREGON FIREFIGHTERS

The spring and early summer months were busy for the Oregon fire service, logging 129 wildland instructional hours across the state.

Between April 23 and July 15, 2022, OSFM staff supported and facilitated wildland training for the Oregon fire service, representing 80 fire agencies and 633 firefighters from 16 counties. The goal was to work on completing tasks for certifications.

As part of Senate Bill 762, the OSFM added capacity to be able to support these pieces of training. At these events, training was conducted to support completing tasks for: Wildland Firefighter Type 2 & 1, Engine Boss, Task Force Leader and Division/Group Supervisor, and several overhead Incident Management Team personnel.

The tasks covered include, but were not limited to, line construction, hose deployment, pump operations, rural water supply, firing, holding, direct and indirect fire attack, air operations, responding to an incident within an incident, radio communications, shelter deployment drills, basic chainsaw operations, engine operations, structure triage and defense, sprinkler kit installation, agency mobilization documentation, mop-up, and cold trailing.

The OSFM would like to thank all who helped plan and organize the training events, including our wildland partners, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Military Department, and the U.S. Forest Service. These events wouldn't have been possible without their help and expertise.



## TONY MILLER TO SERVICE AS DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Tony, born in Oregon, has an extensive construction background. When he joined his local fire department as a volunteer in 2014, he realized he had a passion to pursue a career in the fire service. He became a career firefighter in 2016, a fire prevention captain in 2018, and a fire marshal in 2020.

Tony was mentored by several fire service personnel and looks forward to mentoring others. He and his wife of 30 years raised four children and have three granddaughters that are the joy of his life! Outside of family time, Tony enjoys outdoor activities.







## DATA DIVE: FIRES REPORTED WITH FIREWORKS AS THE HEAT SOURCE: 2012 – 2022 YTD

Year	Fires	Civilian Casualties	Loss
2012	152	1	\$217,073
2013	180	6	\$694,233
2014	169	1	\$182,815
2015	225	3	\$423,911
2016	190	2	\$519,042
2017	235	4	\$637,990
2018	207	2	\$1,345,231
2019	133	6	\$1,841,415
2020	211	2	\$853,145
2021	146	0	\$140,137
2022 YTD	35	0	\$58,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$6,913,032</b>

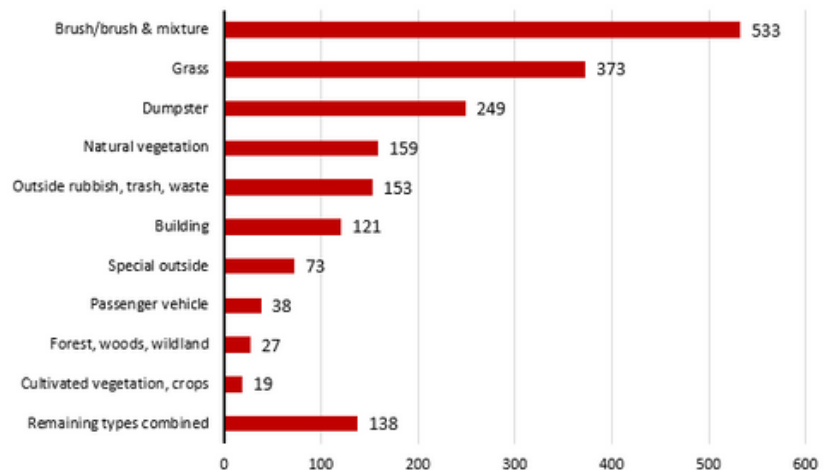
The number of fires with fireworks as the heat source has trended unchanged over the 10 years.

**ABOVE** is a breakdown of the fires, casualties, and losses by year.

To the right are the top 10 types of fires when fireworks are reported as the heat source.

With the 4th of July holiday over, the OSFM Analytics & Intelligence Team compiled preliminary data on fires reported with fireworks as the heat source.

From 2012 through year-to-date 2022 (7/22/22), there were 1,883 fires in Oregon where the “heat source” was reported as fireworks. For the same period, there were 27 civilian casualties and just over \$6.9 million in estimated total loss.



*1NFIRS defines casualties as persons injured or killed. There were no deaths reported.*

*Created by: Analytics & Intelligence Unit, OSFM*

## VINSON WARNICKE JOINS OSFM ACCOUNTING TEAM

Please welcome Vinson Warnicke to the OSFM accounting team. Vinson grew up in the small town of Lyons.

His family moved there to be close to the Santiam River because his dad was a professional kayaker. Vinson has worked for the State of Oregon at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in accounting for the last six years.

Vinson loves Oregon because he enjoys the outdoors. His favorite hobbies are skiing, kayaking, and wakeboarding, probably in that order. Vinson has endless stories to tell and can't wait to share and get to know everyone.



# TAKING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD, OSFM HEADED TO A COUNTY FAIR NEAR YOU!

The OSFM Fire Prevention Education Unit is taking the show on the road again this summer. OSFM staff are scheduled to have educational outreach booths at numerous fairs and festivals across the state throughout the summer months.

The fire prevention and education team may have special guests at the events, including local deputy state fire marshals, regional fire risk reduction specialists, and others.

The team is ready to talk about working smoke alarms, the sounds a smoke alarm makes, the importance of having a family escape plan and meeting place, and other fire safety and prevention topics.

Last summer, the team attended 20 Oregon county fairs, logging more than 5,277 miles. This year their schedule is even bigger.

Be sure to stop by, grab a Bigfoot sticker or two, and learn about fire prevention and the Office of State Fire Marshal!



## PLEASE WELCOME RON PARVIN TO THE OSFM

Ron Parvin joins the OSFM as a deputy state fire marshal. Ron comes to our office from the Salem Fire Department.

Ron started as a wildland firefighter for a contract company in Lyons in 1995. He attended college at Chemeketa for a fire science degree. He volunteered with Silverton Fire District in 2000 and was hired in 2002 as a fire prevention officer until 2018 when he joined the City of Salem as a deputy fire marshal.

He continues to volunteer with Silverton Fire Department. He and his fiancé have six kids between them, and all but one are adults. They enjoy traveling, camping, and hiking.







# OSFM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

## DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL - MULTIPLE OPENINGS

The Office of State Fire Marshal is hiring for multiple full-time, permanent deputy state fire marshal positions throughout the state with each position located in a different district. This recruitment may be extended or used to fill future vacancies and locations based on agency need and approval.

## WELCOME TO TIM GORTON

Tim Gorton joins the OSFM as a deputy state fire marshal. Tim grew up in central Oregon which started a lifelong passion for Oregon's wild places, especially for fishing. He entered the fire service in 2000 as a volunteer firefighter with Prineville Fire Department (now Crook County Fire & Rescue). Months later, he was offered a position to live in a fire station and attend Central Oregon Community College where he earned two degrees and a paramedic certificate.

He began dabbling in code and fire marshal projects before becoming a certified fire inspector at Redmond Fire & Rescue. Tim then went to Salem Fire Department as a deputy fire marshal.

Tim is excited to return to his central Oregon roots, attend family functions, and share his fire and life safety skills with local jurisdictions and throughout the state.





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