



OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

THE GATED WYE

JUNE 2025

this 4th of july

**KEEP IT
LEGAL.**

**KEEP IT
SAFE.**

FIREWORK SAFETY IN FOCUS FOR JUNE

"Keep it Legal, Keep it Safe" is the message from the Oregon State Fire Marshal this June and into July as fireworks sales legally begin in Oregon on June 23.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal is tasked with issuing permits for fireworks sales and public displays. The Oregon State Fire Marshal also provides messaging to help ensure all Oregonians are safe when using fireworks this time of year.

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KEEP IT LEGAL, KEEP IT SAFE

Whether it's the dazzle of different colors or the crackle of fireworks, the Oregon State Fire Marshal urges Oregonians and visitors to check local regulations and to be safe if they plan to use fireworks this July 4. In Oregon, the 2025 fireworks retail sales season runs from June 23 to July 6.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal reminds everyone to know which fireworks are legal to use, where to use them, and how to use fireworks safely. It is important to check local fireworks restrictions and follow them where you live or travel to celebrate the holiday. Consumer-legal fireworks can only be purchased from permitted fireworks retailers and stands. State regulations limit where those fireworks may be used. People who visit public lands and parks are asked to leave all fireworks at home. The possession and use of fireworks are prohibited in national parks and forests, on Bureau of Land Management lands, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife properties, on state beaches, in state parks, and in state campgrounds. Fireworks are also prohibited on many private lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

For those who purchase legal fireworks, fire officials encourage everyone to practice the four Bs of safe fireworks use: Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket. Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks. Never use fireworks near or on dry grass or vegetation.

Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Please wait 15 to 20 minutes, then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal. Be aware: only use legal fireworks and in legal places. To learn more about fireworks, visit a fire prevention website for your area.

Learn more about [fireworks in Oregon here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA KIT AVAILABLE TO SHARE **PREVENTION** MESSAGING

To better share the messages of firework safety, the Oregon State Fire Marshal created several elements for the Oregon fire service and partner agencies to use. A [social media kit](#) will be available in early June.

The agency also has a downloadable half-sheet infographic and coloring sheet for kids available in English and Spanish.

The messaging is in line with the "Four Bs of fireworks safety, Be Responsible, Be Prepared, Be Aware, & Be Safe."



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As the 2025 fireworks season approaches, the Oregon State Fire Marshal wants to update our partners on the responsibilities and roles our agency and local authorities have when it comes to fireworks.

ORS 480.111-480.165 governs fireworks and delegates authority to specific organizations for various activities. Under these statutes, the Oregon State Fire Marshal is tasked with issuing permits for agricultural (pest control), public fireworks displays, and the sale of both display and consumer fireworks in Oregon. The agency's Regulatory Services Division offers support by providing information on fireworks regulations, coordinating with the Oregon State Police when necessary, and advising local law enforcement agencies when seizing illegal fireworks.

According to ORS 480.140, supervision of fireworks displays is managed by local fire and police departments, or by county courts in areas without local coverage. ORS 480.160 (4) allows rural fire protection district governing bodies to regulate fireworks locally. OAR 837012-0860 (9-11) states that local authorities must postpone or stop fireworks displays if adverse conditions, poor crowd control, or significant weather issues arise that could impact safety. ORS 480.120(2) mandates that state, county, or municipal law enforcement enforce these fireworks statutes.

Download a helpful [roles and authorities graphic here](#).

Fire marshals and fire inspectors play a pivotal role in protecting communities, especially during peak fireworks season, which begins in late June and leads up to the Fourth of July holiday. Chapter 56 of the 2022 Oregon Fire Code (OFC), along with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 480.111–480.165 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 837-012-0600, outlines clear guidelines for inspecting and regulating the retail sale and storage of consumer fireworks.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The 2022 OFC Section 5601.2 says an operational permit is required for fireworks storage and handling. In Oregon, the Retail Fireworks Sales Permit serves as the cornerstone of the inspection conducted by an Oregon Deputy State Fire Marshal or the local fire jurisdiction. Fire marshals are authorized to enforce these provisions, ensuring retailers comply with safety standards, including proper storage, clear signage, and the availability of fire suppression equipment. [Link to fire inspection checklist.](#)

INSPECTION PROTOCOLS

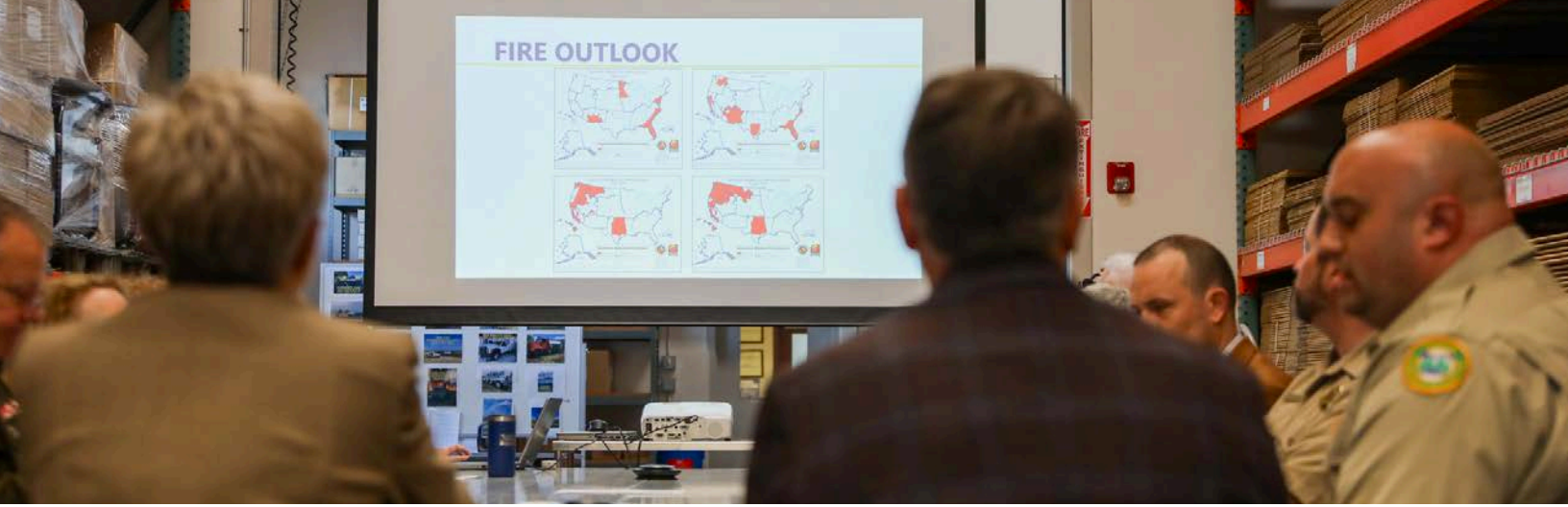
Fire marshals are empowered to conduct inspections of permitted activities to verify compliance with fire safety regulations. As per code, all permitted activities are subject to inspection, and it is the duty of the permit holder to ensure accessibility for inspection purposes. This highlights the importance of proactive engagement by fire marshals in monitoring fireworks sales operations.

NATIONAL TRENDS AND LOCAL IMPACTS

Nationally, there is a growing concern over the risks associated with consumer fireworks, leading to increased regulations and public awareness campaigns. In Oregon, the dangers are starkly illustrated by incidents such as the 2017 Eagle Creek Fire. This devastating wildfire, ignited by illegal fireworks, scorched about 50,000 acres in the Columbia River Gorge and led to significant ecological and economic damage.

Between 2020 and 2024, Oregon reported **562 fireworks-related fires**, resulting in an estimated dollar **loss of \$2.5 million** over the same time period. These statistics highlight the critical need for stringent enforcement of fireworks regulations.

The role of fire marshals is integral to fireworks regulations enforcement outlined in the 2022 Oregon Fire Code, ORS, and OAR. Through diligent inspections and community education, fire marshals help lessen the risks associated with consumer fireworks, protecting lives and property.



ANNUAL WILDFIRE BRIEFING HELD AT ODF FIRE CACHE

With hotter, drier conditions expected for Oregon's wildfire season, the state fire marshal is urging Oregonians to take action to protect their homes and communities. Oregon leaders held a wildfire season briefing in early May at the Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Cache, where Oregon Governor Tina Kotek also proclaimed May as Wildfire Awareness Month.

As part of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Response Ready Oregon initiative, the agency has delivered 70 new fire engines to local departments and provided funding to support an additional 1,500 firefighters through seasonal staffing grants.

In 2024, the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System, overseen by the Oregon State Fire Marshal, mobilized to a record 17 conflagrations. The agency also supported community preparedness with nearly 4,500 defensible space assessments conducted statewide. These assessments help homeowners and renters understand how to create buffer zones that reduce the chance of their home igniting during a wildfire.

As the state faces the increasing threat of fast-moving wildfires, the state fire marshal is prioritizing local partnerships, wildfire education, and grant-funded risk reduction projects.

Homeowners are encouraged to take steps now, including spacing and pruning trees, removing flammable materials from around buildings, cleaning roofs and gutters, and knowing evacuation routes. Staying informed through local emergency alerts and air quality monitoring can also help families prepare and respond.

For more information on wildfire preparedness and resources visit preventwildfires.oregon.gov.





REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK

Communities across Central Oregon received a boost in wildfire preparedness this April, thanks to a coordinated effort by local and state agencies. The Central Oregon Fire Prevention Cooperative, in its second year of organizing such outreach, hosted events in Prineville, Sisters, Culver, La Pine, Sunriver, Warm Springs, and Bend.

Each event was tailored to fit the needs of the host community, taking place in a variety of locations including fire stations, community centers, parks and a community college. Some events featured informational booths, while others offered presentations and free food to engage attendees.



Participants received preparedness information from numerous agencies, including the Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Division of Financial Regulation, county public health departments, emergency management teams, the PET Evacuation Team, OSU Extension, local Oregon Conservation Corps programs, the U.S. Forest Service and local fire departments. Other organizations, such as local soil and water conservation districts, county departments of natural resources and wildfire-related nonprofits, participated as available.

Roughly 700 people attended the events. Many pledged to take a specific action this spring to better prepare for wildfire season.



STATE FIRE MARSHAL, IBHS FORMALIZE PARTNERSHIP

In early May, the Oregon State Fire Marshal signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), launching a new partnership to help Oregon communities strengthen wildfire resilience.

The agreement, announced by Governor Tina Kotek, supports the state fire marshal's ongoing efforts to reduce wildfire risk through science-based mitigation strategies, education, and collaboration. The partnership will focus on turning research into action at the neighborhood level, helping communities progress from voluntary wildfire programs like Firewise USA to advanced risk-reduction designations such as Wildfire Prepared.

Under the agreement, the Oregon State Fire Marshal and IBHS will work together on post-fire analysis, provide technical guidance on mitigation at the parcel and community scales, and support grant programs and local resilience efforts.

The partnership is part of the state's broader push to prepare for and respond to increasingly destructive wildfire seasons by emphasizing readiness, coordination, and risk reduction.



GET COMFORTABLE WITH **DEFENSIBLE SPACE.**



FIVE SIMPLE PROJECTS TO CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

- 1** **Remove** leaves, pine needles, and other debris from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck.
- 2** **Trim** tall plants and bushes growing directly under your eaves.
- 3** **Trim** trees and bushes to make sure they have adequate space from your home and other vegetation.
- 4** **Remove** dead and combustible plants and mulch, especially within the first several feet from the home. Replace with decorative rock or gravel.
- 5** **Cover** exterior attic vents, soffit vents, and areas below decks and patios with 1/8" metal wire mesh.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR
[**A FREE DEFENSIBLE ASSESSMENT.**](#)



TASK FORCE LEADER SYMPOSIUM

To get prepared for wildfire season, 150 people attended the task force leader symposium in Douglas County in mid-May. Those in attendance are the ones called on from the Oregon fire service when we respond to wildfire or other incidents in our state.

Each year the group gets together to learn how to better protect homes and other buildings, work with air resources, build a solid team, and so much more.



FIRE SERVICE DAY AT THE CAPITOL



Fire engines, hazmat gear, and wildland tools filled the park outside the state capitol in Salem as firefighters from across the state gathered for Fire Service Day at the Capitol.

Held annually, Fire Service Day at the Capitol gives the public and lawmakers a chance to meet with fire personnel, explore firefighting equipment, and recognize the work of the Oregon fire service.



On display were all types of fire apparatus, from type 3 wildland engines to hazardous materials response equipment.

Inside the capitol, state representatives paused legislative business to formally commend the visiting firefighters, fire chiefs, and emergency medical personnel.



Fire Service Day at the Capitol is organized by the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association to raise awareness about the work fire agencies do across the state and to thank those who serve, no matter the call or time of day.



NEW **HAZMAT** TEAM MEMBERS COMPLETE CERTIFICATIONS



The Oregon State Fire Marshal wrapped up its spring Hazardous Materials Technician Academy in early May, celebrating a new class of highly trained emergency responders.

Held at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the academy provides 160 hours of intensive instruction, hands-on experience, and scenario-based training for new members joining Oregon's Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams.



Throughout the course, participants tackled realistic scenarios—from responding to suspicious white powder incidents to managing complex rail car leaks—mirroring the diverse situations they may encounter in the field.

Graduation took place on the morning of May 2, where participants received certificates and challenge coins to mark their achievement. The academy is hosted twice a year and supports the readiness of Oregon's 12 regional hazmat teams, ensuring a quick and effective response to hazardous materials incidents statewide.



State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple recognized the dedication of the graduates and their commitment to protecting communities across Oregon.

SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK HAPPENING JUNE 15-21

Fire and emergency medical service departments across the country are preparing to take part in Safety Stand Down 2025, a weeklong initiative dedicated to improving health and safety in the fire service. This year's event takes place June 15–21 with the theme Break the Stigma: Behavioral Health RESET.



Organized by a coalition of national fire and emergency service organizations, Safety Stand Down encourages departments to suspend all non-emergency activities for the week and focus on behavioral health education, training, and support.

Each weekday of Safety Stand Down highlights behavioral health awareness and action:

- Monday: Recognize — Acknowledge the behavioral health challenges responders may face and understand that each experience is unique.
- Tuesday: Educate — Learn to identify the signs and symptoms of behavioral health issues and reinforce that seeking help is a strength.
- Wednesday: Strategies — Review department policies and establish actionable strategies to support behavioral health.
- Thursday: Empower — Encourage a culture where responders feel safe reaching out for help and supporting one another.
- Friday: Training — Integrate behavioral health training into ongoing department education and planning.



The initiative is supported by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Volunteer Fire Council, National Fire Protection Association, Fire Department Safety Officers Association, and International Association of Fire Fighters, along with other partner organizations.

The goal of Safety Stand Down is to reduce preventable injuries and fatalities by fostering a culture where responder well-being is a top priority, both on and off the scene.

To learn more and access planning tools and resources, visit: [Stand down for Safety Week](#)

**SIGN UP
TODAY**



OPERATIONAL PEER SUPPORT SYMPOSIUM

The Operational Peer Support (OPS) Symposium is for fire service, EMS, law enforcement, corrections, probations/parole, and 911 peer support members who are looking to expand their knowledge, collaborate, and network with other peer supporters across the state. This training is open to all public safety members. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

Join us at Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) for a full day of enhanced, operationally relevant training and collaboration in support of your peer support teams and mission.

The symposium agenda will include:

- The physical considerations of stress response and how stellate ganglion block methods positively impact our nervous system.
- Legal considerations of peer support and the landscape of new legislation.
- Peak performance. How taking a sport psychology approach to the first responder community will improve performance.

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June 18, 2025

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

***Oregon Department of Public Safety
Standards and Training (DPSST)***

4190 Aumsville Highway
Salem, Oregon 97317



SCAN the QR Code
to **REGISTER.**

FIRE SERVICE OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

VISIT STATE FIRE MARSHAL FOR SPRING WORKSHOP

In mid-May, the Oregon State Fire Marshal hosted the Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators Spring Workshop at its new headquarters for the first time, welcoming administrators from across the state for a day of learning, connection, and hands-on experience.

The event featured presentations from agency staff, including sessions on fire life safety education and mental health in the fire service. Administrators learned how to recognize signs of stress among personnel and explored key causes of home fires, with resource kits available for their departments.

The day also included a time management workshop presented by HR Answers and a presentation on entering Public Employees Retirement System reports. Chief Deputy Travis Medema provided a warm welcome and led attendees on a tour of the building, including a behind-the-scenes look at the warehouse and new fire engines.



NICHOLAS TENORIO JOINS OSFM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nicholas Tenorio joins OSFM after 15 years in federal public service, most recently as public affairs officer for Naval Support Activity Souda Bay in Crete, Greece. A U.S. Navy veteran and former mass communication specialist, Nicholas supported the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Expeditionary Combat Camera, earning his dive qualification and specializing in underwater photography.

His experience includes public information roles in major incident responses, including COVID-19 and Ebola with the CDC, and Hurricane Sandy in NYC. Nicholas and his wife, Tess, have three young sons and are excited to explore the Pacific Northwest—along with their truffle-hunting-in-training Lagotto Romagnolo.

OSFM HOSTS SERC/LEPC CONFERENCE IN LINCOLN CITY



Emergency planners, first responders, and industry leaders from across Oregon gathered on the coast May 19–22 for the 2025 SERC/LEPC Conference, hosted by the Oregon State Fire Marshal. The four-day event in Lincoln City focused on strengthening community resilience and enhancing emergency planning strategies.

The conference featured keynote presentations, interactive workshops, and hands-on exercise that focused on addressing challenges in hazardous materials response and environmental safety.

Attendees explored topics ranging from legal responsibilities of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to risk communication and emerging hazards such as lithium-ion batteries and hazardous materials transported by rail.



Notable presentations included:

- “Bhopal – 40 Years Later” by Tim Gablehouse and Mark Johnston, revisiting lessons learned from the 1984 industrial disaster in India.
- “Hazmat by Rail” presented by Dan Giles, addressing the growing need for rail safety in hazardous materials transportation.
- “Are We Really Reaching Everyone?” by Jeff Gilbert, focused on inclusive communication strategies during disasters.
- “How Do We Pay for All of This?” by Michelle Slay and Shaun Parkman, which examined funding strategies for emergency preparedness.



Workshops included a HAZMAT tabletop exercise and sessions on building preparedness through training and evaluations using the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Conference materials, including speaker presentations and the exercise situation manual, are [available to attendees online](#). The SERC/LEPC Conference serves as an important training and networking opportunity for Oregon’s emergency planning community.

OFCA ANNOUNCES 2025 MERITORIOUS AWARDS

Firefighters from across Oregon were recognized for exceptional bravery, leadership, and lifesaving service at the 2025 Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) Meritorious Awards, an annual event that honors outstanding actions in the line of duty.

The awards highlight the courage and dedication of fire service members who went above and beyond during high-risk incidents in 2024, including daring water rescues, complex structure fires, and extraordinary medical response.

Lake Oswego Fire Department

- Medal of Valor: Lieutenant Jon Isbell
- Unit Citation: Driver/Engineer Wayne Brown and Firefighter Brandon Gastelum-Plata

Lebanon Fire District

- Unit Citation: Lieutenant Michael Maynard, Engineer Kyle Kemper, Firefighters Connor Fitzgerald and Londyn Randall

Klamath County Fire District

- Unit Citation: James Dial Dail and Daniel Oved

Charleston Fire and Rescue

- Medal of Valor: Firefighter/Engineer James McNeill

Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services

- Distinguished Conduct: Firefighter/Paramedic Peter Downs

Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue

- Unit Citation: Firefighter/EMT-I Brad Shinpaugh, Firefighter/EMT Cedar Braasch, Captain Brad Marugg, and Firefighter Reuben Monge

Eugene Springfield Fire

- Award of Excellence: EMS Battalion Chief JoAnna Kamppi

Oregon State Fire Marshal

- Excellence in Safety Award: Matt Laas, Program Coordinator for Oregon Fire Service Health and Safety Collaborative.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal applauds these individuals and agencies for their exemplary service and contributions to community safety. Their actions reflect the highest standards of the fire service.





OFMA SWEARS IN NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Oregon Fire Marshals Association welcomed its new leadership team during a swearing-in ceremony held this week, highlighting a renewed commitment to advancing fire prevention and safety across the state.

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Claire McGrew presided over the ceremony, formally installing the newly elected officers and board members for the 2025 term. The ceremony emphasized the importance of leadership, dedication, and shared vision in guiding the organization forward.

Lora Ratcliff was sworn in as president of the association, alongside Travis Worthington as first vice president and Steve Parks as second vice president. The board also welcomed directors Ty Darby and Clara Butler to two-year terms, while Ryan Roy and Scott Goff will continue serving the remaining year of their current terms. Past President Anne-Marie Storms was also recognized for her service.

"This ceremony recognizes the confidence our members have placed in their new officers, and the commitment each of these leaders has made to serve," McGrew said.

The Oregon Fire Marshals Association supports fire prevention professionals through education, leadership development, and advocacy to enhance public safety and protect communities statewide.

WEBINAR

WORKFORCE **WEBINAR**: FIRE SERVICE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

The Oregon State Fire Marshal is excited to launch its workforce webinar series, a series of webinars focused on the non-legislative solutions highlighted in the [2024 Convening of the Fire Service report](#). The webinar will be held **Tuesday, June 10 at 10 a.m.**

This first webinar features a panel discussion on the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association's diversity, equity, and inclusion toolkit and resource guide, [found here](#). Panelists will also share best practices and lessons learned in recruitment and retention, drawing from the IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS).

Speakers:

- Troy Davis, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager, Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Trish Connolly, Deputy Chief of Administration, Bend Fire & Rescue
- Amy Hanifan, Operations Chief, McMinnville Fire Department
- Rich Cowger, Fire Chief, Columbus Rural Fire District # 3

The event will include time for audience questions. We hope you'll join us! [Register here](#).

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON **RECRUITING** FOR FIRE SAFETY OFFICER POSITION



The University of Oregon Fire Marshal is hiring a fire safety officer to join its Fire and Life Safety team. This role supports campus safety through fire system inspections, event emergency planning, building inspections, AED maintenance, and hazard mitigation.

The position is part of Environmental Health and Safety within Safety and Risk Services. The team provides code interpretation and safety guidance across all university campuses, including Portland and the coast.

This is an opportunity to work in a collaborative, solutions-focused unit at a Tier 1 research university. Apply online at careers.uoregon.edu.

OREGON **NERIS+** UPDATE

A lot of work continues behind the scenes to bring NERIS+ to life! As a reminder, in the May Gated Wye, we shared the general timeline for onboarding agencies and training for the new system.

June - July 2025: Build the draft NERIS+ core incident report form in the state repository.

July - August 2025: Agencies update their profiles in the state repository to align with NERIS standards (Entity Module).

August - September 2025: The OSFM will transmit Oregon agencies' NERIS profiles (Entity Module) to the National NERIS system.

November 2025: Training sign-ups and scheduling are released for the NERIS+ core incident report form.

December 2025: Agencies receive training to navigate the new NERIS+ state reporting system.

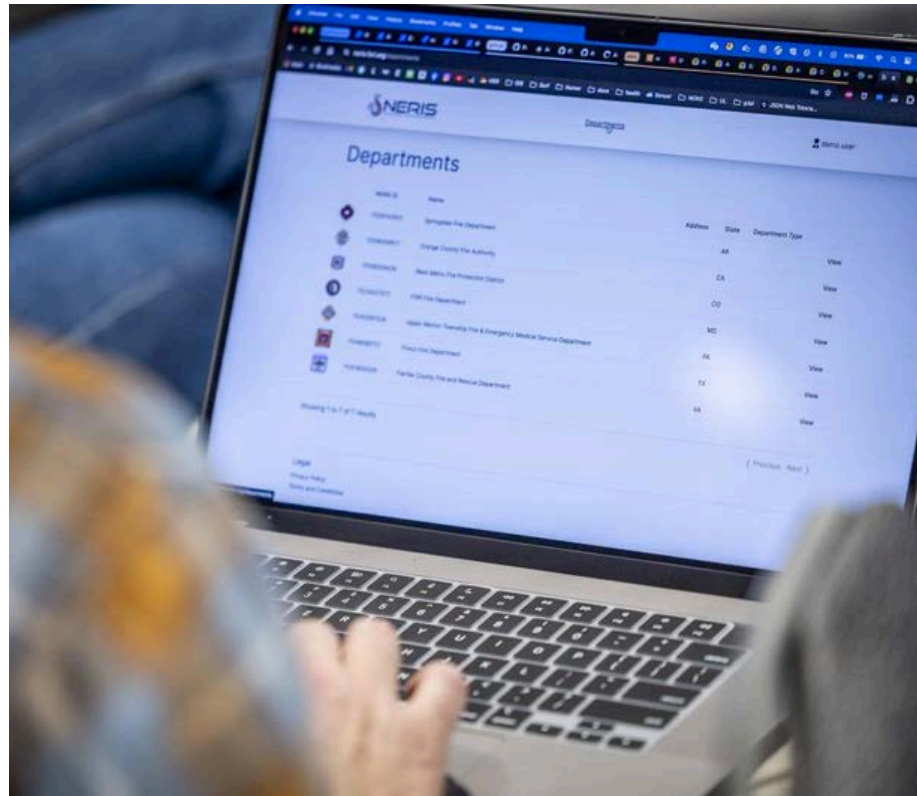
What's Happening Now?

Beyond the scheduled milestones, important foundational work is underway.

- We're actively preparing instructions and guides to help agencies update their profiles in the State Repository to align with NERIS standards (per the Entity Module).
- In late June, we will begin developing the draft run-form for NERIS+ incident reporting.

Also, we excited to announce that we will be rolling out a new dedicated NERIS+ webpage! This page will include updates, timelines, FAQs, next steps, training session signups, and much more. If you have ideas about what information should be featured on the NERIS+ webpage, we'd love to hear them! Please send your suggestions to OSFM.Data@osfm.oregon.gov.

As we approach each milestone, we will send updates with instructions. In the meantime, please continue to report your incidents using NFIRS.



SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROGRAM LEADS TO NEW FIRE PREVENTION SERIES

The Oregon State Fire Marshal is rolling out an education program to provide fire safety professionals with the tools they need to deliver fire safety education to local Oregon communities. This train-the-trainer model is designed to reduce the leading causes of home structure fires – including cooking, home heating, and electrical fires – by relying on local fire agencies to perform community outreach across the state.

“We set out to design a fun, interactive, and accurate training model that could be use in all Oregon communities,” said Laura Chaffey, program coordinator for Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Fire Prevention Education Unit. “We analyzed Oregon fire data and vulnerabilities, and established priorities based on the leading risk factors.”

The roll-out of this program comes as the Oregon State Fire Marshal wraps up a pilot version of the training program. From March 2024 to March 2025, Oregon State Fire Marshal trained representatives from 24 local fire agencies. By completing the community risk reduction training, the local fire agencies receive free risk reduction kits that include hands-on tools and guidance to educate their communities about fire safety.

Diana Holmes, the public education coordinator for the Lane Fire Authority in Veneta, used the risk reduction kits to teach fire safety to local youth.

“I presented electrical fire safety to a group of high school seniors, framing the topic as essential knowledge as they step into independent adulthood,” said Holmes. “This approach helped create a sense of empowerment and relevance for the students, who showed strong engagement throughout the session.”

Each risk reduction kit contains visuals, props, and a presenter’s guide, designed for various audiences, including adults, young adults, older youth, younger youth, and seniors. Props include mini cooking pans, casserole dishes, extension cords, chimney sweep tools, dish towels, oven mitts, throw rugs, and power strips. **(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)**





Justin Guinan, deputy fire marshal for the City of Salem Fire Department, used the risk reduction kits to reach more than 75 community members so far.

"I did the cooking safety lesson for a community of older adults, and they loved the props," said Guinan. "They thought that it was creative and worth their time. They learned new information and even invited me back for another presentation!"

Oregon State Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Education Unit will be delivering nine risk reduction training sessions during the summer of 2025. The full schedule of regional and Salem-based training locations is available on the Oregon State Fire Marshal website (QR code below).

"We do encourage all fire departments to take advantage of this new presentation tool," said Chaffey. "We are here to help reduce injury and loss due to fire, and this is a fun way to build community interaction and awareness."

SIGN UP FOR OSFM RISK REDUCTION KIT

Exciting news for Oregon fire agencies! The OSFM risk reduction kit is a brand-new resource designed to help you teach fire safety in your community.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

All Oregon fire agencies with an FDID or DCIN.

HOW TO GET YOURS

To receive a kit, agencies must attend a mandatory three-hour, in-person regional training. These trainings will ensure you know exactly how to use your kit effectively in your community.

TRAINING LOCATIONS & SIGN-UP

Spots are open for up to 30 agencies per regional training session (unlimited spots at OSFM HQ in Salem).

Sign up today! **Scan the QR code** to find a training near you and to register.



Let's work together to reduce fire risks and make Oregon safer!

Questions? Contact: Laura.Chaffey@osfm.oregon.gov

REQUEST
KITS TODAY!

SMOKING FIRE PREVENTION



The Oregon State Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority's SmokeFree Oregon initiative, is launching the 2025 Smoking Fire Prevention Campaign—and kits are now available to order. Designed for use during the high-risk summer months (June–August), the campaign equips fire service and public health partners with materials to educate the public and reduce smoking-related fire incidents.

WHY IT MATTERS:

From 2019 to 2023, Oregon saw 6,820 fires caused by smoking materials, nearly 4,000 happening during the summer months. Of those, 1,268 fires were in single- and multi-family dwellings, and more than 70% of summer smoking-related fires were classified as vegetation or outdoor fires. These fires led to \$7.5 million in estimated losses.

WHAT'S IN THE KIT:

- Data summaries (2019–2023) on smoking fire incidents and fatalities.
- Prevention brochures for smoking and home oxygen use.
- Campaign posters and rack cards (with QR links to safety surveys and quit resources).
- Coasters, stickers, and window clings to hand out.
- Social media kit.
- Suggested talking points.

SUGGESTED USES:

- Distribute coasters and posters to local restaurants.
- Share educational materials at public events.
- Collaborate with local tobacco prevention coordinators.
- Promote quit resources and community risk reduction.



Smoking Safety Survey



*Campaign Materials
Order Form*

PROTECT HOMES IN YOUR COMMUNITY INSIDE AND OUT

From home fires to wildfires, the Oregon State Fire Marshal offers essential programs to help you protect your community year-round.

Your agency can:

- Become a **defensible space assessor** to help homes withstand wildfire
- Participate in the **Smoke Alarm Installation Program** to protect the people inside



SCAN



Defensible Space Program

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Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Empower your agency to enhance fire safety—inside and out.

GET STARTED TODAY!



FROM THE **INTERNET**

Clackamas Fire had an egg-celent time helping students at Oak Grove Elementary as they put their engineering skills to the test. Firefighters helped with their annual egg drop challenges. You can see how high the drop was from the top of their ladder truck. The agency says there were quite a few eggs that survived the big drop, but of course, some weren't so lucky. [Check out their video here.](#)

PARK RENOVATION

Showing their dedication. Between calls in May, La Grande firefighters helped their community by working on the city's park project.

The city is putting in new equipment at Riverside Park and was expected to be completed by the end of May. Many volunteers helped with the project.

[Check out more here.](#)



2025 MOBILIZATION PLAN AVAILABLE



The 2025 Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan is now available, featuring minor updates that enhance clarity, coordination, and readiness across the fire service. This annual plan provides the framework for how resources are requested, deployed, and managed during major incidents, ensuring a consistent and effective statewide response.

Updates this year include clarified training requirements, refined procedures for managing personnel and equipment changes, updated contact information, and revised reimbursement rates. These adjustments support a more streamlined and responsive mobilization process while aligning with industry standards and best practices.

View the [2025 Fire Service Mobilization Plan](#) here.



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