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## FIRE PREVENTION MONTH: TAKE CHARGE OF FIRE SAFETY

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the Oregon State Fire Marshal and Oregon Fire Marshals Association invite all Oregonians to "Take Charge of Fire Safety!" With more homes than ever relying on rechargeable batteries, learning how to charge, store, and recycle them properly can make all the difference in preventing fires.

From choosing certified products to safe recycling practices, a few small steps can protect your family and community.

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# CHARGE SMART, STAY SAFE: TIPS FOR FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is Fire Prevention Month, and we invite you to join us in making fire safety a priority. This year, we're shining a spotlight on rechargeable battery safety with our campaign: "Take Charge of Fire Safety!"

The campaign builds on the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." With more and more devices powered by rechargeable batteries, knowing how to use and store them safely is key to preventing fires.

Here are a few simple steps you can take to protect your home and loved ones:

- **Buy certified products.** Look for safety marks like UL, ETL, or CSA before buying anything with a rechargeable battery. These labels mean the product meets important safety standards.
- **Charge with care.** Always use the cords and chargers that came with the product, or replacements approved by the manufacturer. Charge devices on a hard surface and never leave them plugged in after they're fully charged.
- **Recycle safely.** Never toss rechargeable batteries in the trash or curbside recycling bin; they can spark fires. Instead, take them to a safe recycling location. Visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) to find a drop-off site near you.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn throughout October for more safety tips and reminders about rechargeable battery safety.

Fire Prevention Month is the perfect time to plan, prepare, and prevent fires in your home. Together, we can help make Oregon communities safer.

**OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**

## TAKE CHARGE OF FIRE SAFETY

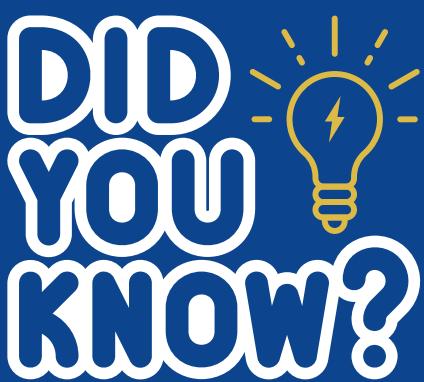
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Charge devices safely.  
Recycle batteries responsibly.

**ONLY BUY LISTED PRODUCTS.**

When buying rechargeable devices, look for safety certification marks like UL, ETL, or CSA to ensure they meet safety standards.

**RECYCLE BATTERIES RESPONSIBLY.**

Never toss rechargeable batteries or devices in the trash. Recycle them safely. Find a location at [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org).



- Lithium-ion batteries can keep working for 300-500 charge cycles before their performance starts to fade.
- Extreme temperatures (too hot or too cold) can shorten a battery's life and increase fire risk.
- Even when not in use, rechargeable batteries slowly lose power, this is called self-discharge.
- Many airports and shipping carriers have strict rules about traveling with lithium-ion batteries because of fire safety concerns.

# OREGON FIRE SERVICE TRAINS FOR BATTERY-RELATED EMERGENCIES

More than 100 firefighters from 31 fire agencies across Oregon wrapped up specialized training to better prepare emergency responders to handle calls involving lithium-ion and other battery types.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal hosted several training sessions. Each class brought together up to 30 participants for an intensive, 8-hour program blending classroom instruction with hands-on exercises.

The training focused on risk-based responses to battery-related emergencies in a wide range of scenarios, including passenger vehicles, cargo shipments by air, land, and sea, and residential, commercial, and industrial settings. Firefighters practiced techniques for safely containing and mitigating hazards tied to battery malfunctions, fires, and transportation accidents.

"This training gives our fire service members the tools they need to respond safely and effectively to battery emergencies, which are becoming more common as these technologies power everything from cars to household electronics," State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said.

The free courses were offered to participants through the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant, which also covered travel, lodging, and per diem expenses.

While the sessions are complete, the agency encouraged firefighters and other emergency responders to watch for future training opportunities.



## GRANT REPORTING REMINDER

Attention **Wildfire Season Staffing Grant** and **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant** recipients, several reporting deadlines are fast approaching.

The final reporting for the 2025 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant is due on **Friday, November 14**.

Year two reports for the 2023 Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grants are due on **Friday, November 14**, and the mid-report for the 2024 Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grants is due **Monday, December 15**.

For questions about reporting: [osfm.grants@osfm.oregon.gov](mailto:osfm.grants@osfm.oregon.gov)

Don't  
Forget!

# CODES CORNER

## *Charging Safely with the Oregon Fire Code*

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme "Charge into Fire Safety!" highlights the importance of safe practices with rechargeable batteries, especially lithium-ion technology. These batteries power nearly everything in our daily lives: smartphones, watches, tools, scooters, and even vehicles. But with convenience comes risk; if misused, rechargeable batteries can overheat, catch fire, or even explode.

The NFPA's recommendations listed on [page two](#) are echoed in the Oregon Fire Code (OFC):

- **Energy Storage Systems:** Section 1207 of the 2022 OFC requires lithium-ion energy storage systems to meet UL 9540 and NFPA 855 installation standards. This requirement continues in the upcoming 2025 edition.
- **New Provisions:** The 2025 OFC introduces Section 320, outlining storage requirements for lithium-ion batteries at recycling and retail facilities. Additionally, Section 322 will establish listing requirements for powered micromobility devices such as e-bikes and scooters.
- **Decommissioning:** Energy storage systems must be taken out of service following an approved decommissioning plan, ensuring safe removal and disposal.

As rechargeable batteries become more common, inspectors and fire professionals must stay ahead of emerging risks. By following NFPA's guidance, and staying up to date with OFC requirements, we can reduce hazards in both our personal lives and professional responsibilities.

This Fire Prevention Month, remember: safe purchasing, safe charging, and safe disposal aren't just best practices, they're code.



*Examples of devices with lithium-ion batteries*



*Lithium-ion battery energy storage system in a solar field*

**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

# RISK REDUCTION TRAINING KITS

The OSFM is happy to announce the addition of risk reduction kit training this fall! The risk reduction kits, focused on cooking, heating, and electrical safety, have been embraced throughout Oregon. To meet popular demand, three new offerings are available:

- **Grants Pass Fire & Rescue**, Oct. 15, 1 - 4 p.m.
- **Central Cascades Fire & EMS**, Oct. 22, 12 - 3 p.m.

## EACH KIT INCLUDES:

Visuals, props, and a presenter's guide for hands-on fire safety education fire safety topics. The kit has all the props and presentation tools to share fire prevention education for cooking, heating, electrical distribution (including rechargeable battery safety).

These kits have tailored lessons for all ages, including adults, young adults, youth, and seniors.

## 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. Agencies will receive their kit, learn how to use the tools for presentations, and know how to evaluate outreach within the community.

## TRAINING LOCATIONS & SIGN-UP

Preregistration for training is required.

More than one agency representative is invited to attend, though one kit per FDID or DCIN. Each attendee should enroll separately, to ensure compliance with training room capacity.

Scan the QR code or [click this link](#) 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](mailto:Laura.Chaffey@osfm.oregon.gov)

# WILDFIRE ACTIVITY WINDS DOWN IN SEPTEMBER



Oregon's 2025 wildfire season brought early flames, large-scale mobilizations, and significant challenges for communities across the state. The Oregon State Fire Marshal was there every step of the way to protect and serve Oregonians.

Over the course of the summer, Gov. Tina Kotek invoked eight conflagrations, allowing the fire marshal to deploy resources to protect homes and infrastructure threatened by fast-moving wildfires. In total, the agency mobilized 64 structural task forces, 29 Engine Program apparatus, and responded to seven fires through Immediate Response or pre-positioning efforts.

The season began with a rapid escalation in June, when the Rowena Fire in Wasco County destroyed dozens of homes and prompted the first conflagration of the year. In the weeks that followed, the Alder Springs Fire in Jefferson County and the Upper Applegate Fire in Jackson County added to the workload of Oregon's fire service.

By July, activity intensified. Four conflagrations were invoked that month alone, including the 95,000-acre Cram Fire in Jefferson and Wasco counties, the largest mobilization of the season. Crews also fought the Elk Fire in Klamath County, the Cold Springs Fire in Umatilla County, and the Highland Fire in Crook County.

In August, the Flat Fire burned nearly 22,000 acres in Jefferson and Deschutes counties, drawing more than a dozen task forces and an incident management team. The fire was one of several significant events that kept state, local, and federal crews working around the clock during hot, dry, and windy conditions.

In late September, the Moon Complex near Agness in Southwest Oregon. The Emergency Conflagration Act was invoked and the Green Incident Management Team and six task forces were mobilized.

Looking ahead, the Oregon State Fire Marshal is looking at ways to continue investing in community wildfire risk reduction and bolstering Oregon's response capacity. Strategic funding for the mobilization system and scaling up local programs remain important priorities.

# 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



*Defensible Space Program*



*Smoke Alarm Installation Program*

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

## GET STARTED TODAY!

## 2025 OREGON FIRE CODE



# NEW OREGON FIRE CODE RELEASED

Following months of work by the Oregon Fire Code subcommittee, the new 2025 code was adopted on October 1. This process is completed every three years.

This year, the code has many important updates:

- **Lithium-ion and Lithium Metal Battery Storage:** this is a new section in the IFC/OFC and helps better define storage requirements for these types of batteries.
- **Firework information:** moved from appendices into the body of the code. This provides fire officials a specific code section to cite.
- **Fire Flow for Buildings in Unprotected Areas:** this has been a reserved section of the code for several cycles and now it has direction and guidance for fire officials.
- **Intermodal Shipping Containers:** provides a pointer back to the OSSC for a more focused enforcement aspect.
- **Solar Farm:** provides fire code officials more authority to enforce maintenance requirements that are outlined in the National Electrical Code.

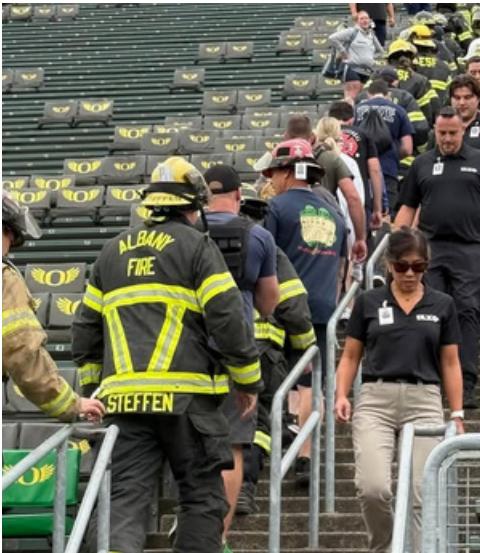
The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Technical Services Unit will be providing OFC Code Amendment classes in many areas after the first of the year. Stay tuned for those announcements.

The code is available for purchase through the International Code Council (ICC) website [2025 Oregon Fire Code Based on the 2024 International Fire Code®](#) and a link to the read-only version will be made available soon by the ICC and available to [view on our website](#).



## OREGON FIRE SERVICE HONORS 9/11 WITH TRIBUTES STATEWIDE

Across Oregon, fire agencies large and small paused this September 11 to honor the lives lost in the terrorist attacks 24 years ago. From stair climbs and remembrance walks to community ceremonies; firefighters and their neighbors came together under a shared promise: Never Forget.



At Autzen Stadium in Eugene, firefighters from across Oregon, including Coburg Fire District, Albany Fire Department, and Jackson County Fire District 3, took part in the annual memorial stair climb. Each participant symbolically retraced the 110 stories of the World Trade Center, honoring the 343 firefighters who gave their lives that day.

Firefighters in other corners of the state honored the fallen through physical challenges. Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue crews ran 3.43 miles, one hundredth of a mile for each firefighter lost. In Clatsop County, Gearhart Volunteer Fire Department members carried a training dummy in full gear around the local golf course loop before sunrise, honoring both the fallen and the survivors who still battle 9/11-related illnesses.

In Astoria, firefighters walked from their headquarters to the historic Astoria Column at dawn, climbing the spiral staircase to the top in remembrance.



Several fire agencies marked the day by joining with schools, city leaders, and their communities. Grants Pass Fire & Rescue participated in a drive-through tribute at South Middle School, followed by a remembrance walk at Reinhart Volunteer Park alongside Josephine County partners.

In eastern Oregon, Ontario Fire & Rescue gathered community members for a remembrance ceremony featuring reflections from Police Chief Michael Cooper, Fire Chief Terry Benson, and Mayor Riley Hill Folden. Their message emphasized unity, gratitude, and service.

Medford Fire Department joined with neighboring agencies for a regional ceremony, where Deputy Chief Howard delivered remarks on courage and legacy: "To truly never forget means we must carry forward their legacy in action, through service to our community, compassion for our neighbors, and commitment to one another."

From Keizer Fire District's words on resilience to Astoria Fire Department's early-morning climb, every tribute echoed the same refrain: the lives lost on September 11, 2001, will never be forgotten.

Through physical challenge, public ceremony, or quiet moments of reflection, Oregon's fire service honored not only the 343 fallen firefighters, but also the thousands of others who died that day, and the spirit of unity that carried a grieving nation forward.





# HAZMATH HIGHLIGHT

This month, Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District had the honor of hosting HazMat Team 13, one of Oregon's 12 Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams coordinated through the Oregon State Fire Marshal. Based out of Salem Fire Department, HazMat 13 is specially trained and equipped to respond to some of the most complex and high-risk emergencies in our state, including toxic gas releases, explosives, radioactive materials, and biological hazards.

Their advanced response vehicle carries state-of-the-art technology that allows the team to assess threats quickly and make critical, real-time decisions when lives and safety are on the line.

The evening brought together more than 30 career and volunteer firefighters, along with partners from South County CERT, Netarts-Oceanside Fire District, and Tillamook Adventist Health Ambulance. Training side-by-side reinforced what we know to be true: when hazardous materials incidents occur, whether on the highway, at a business, or in a neighborhood, collaboration and preparedness saves lives.

Hands-on training like this is a cornerstone of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response program, ensuring that local responders are ready to act swiftly and effectively with the support of highly specialized teams like HazMat 13.

A sincere thank you to HazMat 13 for sharing their expertise and to all the firefighters, CERT members, chiefs, and healthcare partners who joined us. Preparedness is truly a team effort, and our communities are safer and stronger because of it.





## NORTH BEND RENEWS DESIGNATION

The City of North Bend has renewed its TsunamiReady designation, reaffirming its commitment to coastal safety and emergency preparedness through January 2031. The National Weather Service recognition highlights the city's efforts to plan for, educate about, and respond to tsunami hazards. To achieve and maintain the designation, communities must meet strict national preparedness standards. These include having reliable ways to issue alerts, promoting public education on tsunami hazards and evacuation routes, conducting drills and outreach, and maintaining strong coordination among local, state and federal partners.

North Bend Fire Department Chief Jim Brown has worked tirelessly as both the chief and co-emergency manager to help the city renew its designation.

North Bend joins more than 20 coastal Oregon cities and several counties that hold the TsunamiReady designation, including Coos Bay, Newport, Lincoln City and Seaside.

The TsunamiReady program requires communities to map hazard zones, maintain evacuation routes, install warning signs, develop emergency operations plans, and conduct regular community-wide drills. Local schools must also practice evacuation exercises to ensure students know how to respond in an emergency.

These designations are part of a larger mission to prepare for all hazards, from tsunamis and wildfires to floods and storms. Local fire agencies play a central role in community preparedness by leading outreach, training and emergency planning.

More information about the TsunamiReady program check out the National Weather Services website: [weather.gov/tsunamiready](http://weather.gov/tsunamiready).

# LET'S TALK CYBER SECURITY

## ***Cyberattacks Put Fire Agencies and Local Governments at Risk***

Cyberattacks against government and public safety agencies are climbing sharply, with fire departments among the most vulnerable.

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center received more than 859,000 reports of suspected internet crimes in 2024, with losses topping \$16 billion. Ransomware remains a major threat, 59% of organizations reported attacks last year. More than 100 government entities also disclosed ransomware incidents in 2024, with local governments and public safety services hit especially hard.

For local fire agencies, the risks are real. Cyberattacks can cripple dispatch systems, block access to records and disrupt emergency communications. Agencies without dedicated IT staff are especially at risk.

Experts recommend that departments prepare now by creating a cyber incident response plan, keeping inventories of critical systems, maintaining off-site backups and training staff on basics such as strong passwords, phishing awareness and multi-factor authentication.

If an attack occurs, fire chiefs or designated leaders should immediately follow their response plan and contact the Oregon Cyber Security Services Security Operations Center at 503-378-5930 or [eso.soc@oregon.gov](mailto:eso.soc@oregon.gov). Officials urge agencies to isolate affected systems, preserve evidence, and call for help early.

Recovery includes restoring systems from clean backups, patching vulnerabilities and holding "lessons learned" sessions to improve defenses. Clear communication with staff, partner agencies and the public is also critical.

While the threat is growing, experts say preparation, quick response and regular training can help fire agencies keep their communities safe.



## **RESOURCES**

### **Oregon EIS CSS Security Operations Center**

*Incident response, forensic analysis, vulnerability scanning, threat monitoring, and ready-to-use response templates.*

**Hotline:** 503 378 5930

**Email:** [eso.soc@oregon.gov](mailto:eso.soc@oregon.gov)

### **Cyber Disruption Plan**

*Downloadable plan, templates, partner info, and proactive/reactive services matrix.*

### **Cybersecurity Center of Excellence**

*Risk assessments, monitoring, and incident response through university SOCs, plus training and research resources.*

### **State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program**

*Grants for local and Tribal governments to reduce cyber risk.*

### **CISA / FBI Reporting Tools & Guidance**

*Reporting to IC3 and using CISA toolkits for prevention and recovery.*

### **IAFC Protecting Against Cyberattacks Guide**

*Free IAFC resource on cybersecurity issues for public safety leaders.*

### **CISA Emergency Services Cybersecurity Best Practices**

*Cybersecurity standards for all emergency response organizations.*

# OUTREACH & EDUCATION

The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Education Unit kept busy in September with community-focused outreach. On September 9, the team joined the Columbia County Senior Health and Resource Fair in St. Helens, where more than 400 community members explored health and wellness resources from over 70 vendors. The unit presented the Steps to Safety program, a 30-minute session on fall prevention and home escape planning, to a small but engaged group of attendees.

The following day, September 10, the unit visited Sunnyside Mobile Community, which includes 139 homes. Twenty residents attended the presentation, joined by three partners: Salem Fire Marshal Janet Campbell, who shared smoke alarm resources; Red Cross volunteer Sarah Erhardt, who supported with smoke alarm installation; and Bryce Lisser from Stone Guardian, who led a movement and Tai Chi session. Presenters Paula Shelly and Justine Schade engaged participants in discussions about fire safety and fall prevention.

Together, these events highlight the unit's commitment to building safer, healthier communities across Oregon.



## NERIS+ UPDATE



Work continues on building Oregon's customized incident run form within ImageTrend as part of the NERIS+ pilot project. In collaboration with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), we are actively mapping additional data elements to ensure the form meets Oregon's unique reporting needs. This effort is a critical step in preparing for the onboarding of fire agencies across the state.

To support this transition, we ask that agencies continue updating their agency profiles in ImageTrend and notify [Michelle Vold](#) via email once their updates are complete. These updates are essential for ensuring a smooth onboarding experience.

For agencies using CAD integration with ImageTrend, no action is needed at this time. ImageTrend will initiate setup in the coming weeks, and support tickets have already been created on your behalf. If your agency uses a third-party vendor for CAD integration, please reach out to your vendor directly to understand their process for connecting your CAD data to their platform.

We also encourage all agencies to review the updated timeline posted on the NERIS+ webpage. Minor adjustments have been made as the development process evolves. Please note that Oregon's timeline differs from the national rollout schedule due to our pilot status. We remain in close coordination with USFA and FSRI to ensure a seamless shift to the new reporting system.

# COOKING UP FIRE SAFETY THIS FALL IN THE KITCHEN

CELEBRATE  
**SOUP  
SEASON**  
RESPONSIBLY.

KEEP YOUR  
STOVETOP **CLEAN**  
AND **CLEAR** OF  
ANYTHING THAT  
CAN CATCH FIRE.



**FALL IN LOVE**  
*With*  
**FIRE SAFETY**



It is that time of year again when local fire agencies begin to see an increase in cooking related fires. To better protect Oregonians from a fire in the kitchen, the Oregon State Fire Marshal offers these tips.

## SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER WHEN COOKING:

- Keep an eye on what you're cooking; don't leave cooking unattended.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (potholders, food packaging, towels, etc.) and wipe up surface spills.
- Create a three-foot kid- and pet-free zone around the stove. Older children should only cook with permission and under the supervision of an adult.
- Have a lid or cookie sheet within reach while cooking to smother flames in case of a fire.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR IF A COOKING FIRE DOES START:

- Put a lid on it! Slide a lid over the pan from the side, then turn off the burner.
- Don't move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and cooled, and don't try to transfer the pan to the sink.

## IF YOU CANNOT EXTINGUISH THE FIRE:

- Get yourself and your family safely out of the house.
- If you can, close doors as you escape to help contain the fire.
- Call 911 from a safe place outside



MATERIAL REQUEST



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Oregon State Fire Marshal has lots of resources for local fire agencies. You can find order educational materials [here](#) and you can find social media resources [here](#).



# UN-SCARE THE SCARY

WITH FIRE SAFETY

Halloween is fast approaching and it's time to start planning those costumes and Halloween events, keeping fire safety in mind.

Below is a quick guide to make sure you and your ghosts and goblins are safe this holiday.

- Choose a costume that doesn't have long trailing fabric. Is your kid wearing a mask?
- Make sure the eye holes are big enough so they can see out.
- The dark can be scary; make sure kids are equipped with a flashlight or include glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dead plants make for a spooky scene. Make sure decorations like dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are kept far away from heat sources and open flames.
- Light that jack-o-lantern with a battery-operated candle or glow stick.
- If you have a real flame in a jack-o-lantern, keep it away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.

Headed to a spooky party or haunted house? Remember your home fire escape tips.

- Be sure to know two ways out.
- Don't block escape routes. Keep exits clear of decorations.
- Test and check those smoke alarms.

## RESOURCES

[NFPA Halloween Fire Safety](#)

[Halloween Fire Safety for Kids](#)

[Holiday Décor and Fire Safety Guidelines](#)

[OSFM Halloween Safety Webpage](#)



# CONGRATS, JASON CANE!

Last month, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Jason Cane received the International Association of Arson Investigators Life Member Award. Throughout his career, Jason has made many contributions, including investigating thousands of fires, delivering training, and mentoring of numerous fire investigators throughout his career.

From Jason's nomination:



*Jason has been in the fire service for almost 40 years. He has been a firefighter, a fire marshal, a fire chief, and now his favorite job, being a supervising deputy state fire marshal.*

*Have you ever wondered who is it that did the research around fire investigation? Read through the administrative rules, Oregon Revised Statutes, all of the NFPA standards that apply, and the attorney general opinions that apply? Jason.*

*He has been involved with the state fire marshal investigation class since it was literally in slide trays. There are three or four totes full of them. He has mentored numerous young investigators, fostering the next generation of fire investigators.*

*He is a great partner when he comes to fires. He can and will do any task that is assigned. He turns in a thoroughly written report on time.*

*I cannot tell you how many fires he has investigated or how many criminal trials he has been through in his career. I can tell you that because of his diligent research and sharing the information with the rest of us, we are all doing better fire investigations.*

Congratulations, Jason!

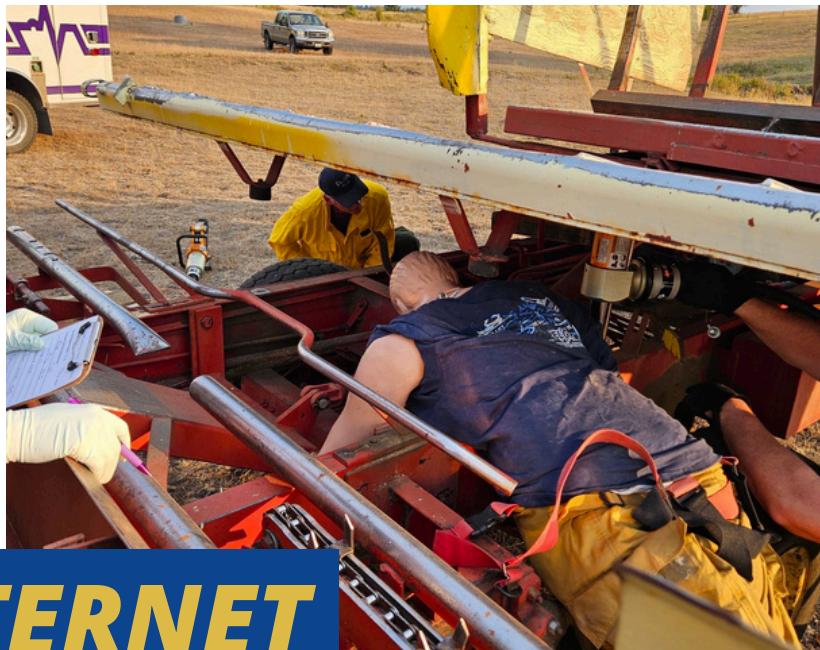
## SB 454 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In September, the Oregon State Fire Marshal gathered fire service leaders to discuss forming the Senate Bill 454 advisory committee.

The committee will review the services, funding options, and funding limits for rural fire protection districts and develop recommendations to ensure these districts have adequate and sustainable funding.

The committee's findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2026. More information will be sent to fire chiefs this month.

The agency is also working through creating internal focus groups to inform the investment strategy and programs that will result from House Bill 3940. The bill will provide funding from a few different sources for wildfire prevention and response.



## FROM THE INTERNET

Elgin Rural Fire Protection District recently teamed up with Elgin Ambulance for a specialized training on farm injuries. The session focused on unique hazards and emergency situations first responders may encounter in agricultural settings, helping crews sharpen their skills and strengthen coordination for the safety of the farming community.

[See their post here.](#)

## FOR THE DOGS

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Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue reminded us that not every rescue involves fire or ladders, sometimes it's about helping our four-legged neighbors. When a curious pup got itself stuck beneath a house, the department's dedicated staff and volunteers worked together to safely free the dog and reunite it with its family. They even repaired the skirting afterward to prevent future "underground adventures." From stuck to snuggles, it was a rescue with a happy ending.

[See more images here.](#)

# JOIN THE OSFM SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION PROGRAM

Is your agency interested in joining the OSFM's Smoke Alarm Installation Program? The program provides smoke alarms to Oregon fire agencies to install in homes that do not have them.

There are several opportunities to learn more about the program during free webinars. Participants will learn about program eligibility and requirements, smoke alarms and installation information, project planning and ideas, and safety materials available to order. The one-hour live webinar training is required for fire agencies to participate in the program.

*Click the dates below to register.*

[Oct. 6, 2025](#)

[Oct. 16, 2025](#)

[Nov. 3, 2025](#)



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Have a story idea or something you would like to know more about?

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