



## Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Thursday, July 25, 2019  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal  
CP Pray Conference Room

**Call to Order:** Chair Hallman called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

### Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Les Hallman, President        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Carriger, OFVA                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Kreutzer, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Patterson, OFMA                | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Siebert, OSFFC         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constantine Severe, Gov's Office         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eriks Gabliks, Ex-Officio, by phone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Clark, LOC    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Walker, Exec. Director    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dana Selover, Ex-Officio            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Jantzi, SDAO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terri Davie, Ex-Officio                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris McLaran, Insurance                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Public Member         |

Others in Attendance: Representative Courtney Neron; Dave McLaughlin, Oregon OSHA; Rudy Owens, OSFM; Steven Patterson, Oregon Mutual Insurance  
Staff: Valerie Abrahamson

### *Introductions—Chief Hallman*

- Chair Hallman introduced new council member, Chief John Clark of Baker City Fire District who is representing the League of Oregon Cities. Chief Clark provided some personal and professional background and shared he was pleased with the opportunity to sit on the council.
- Chair Hallman shared Mark Kreutzer has been reappointed to the council, and the council still is in search for a public member.

### *Villebois Fire and High-density Residential—Rep. Neron*

- Chair Hallman shared video providing a glimpse into the Villebois Fire Incident.
- Representative Neron shared she lives in this Wilsonville community and was home the night of the Villebois incident. She noted that although very devastating, there was no loss of life and no major injuries.
- Chief Walker shared he met with Rep. Neron and TVF&R. Looking at the role of the GFSPC, he shared that establishing a task force could assist with looking for proactive solutions to incidents like this one with an emphasis on urban density building.
- Chair Hallman recommended to the council that a task force be formed. Council members agreed.
- Chief John Clark will chair the task force and present a draft charter at the next GFSPC meeting.

### *Plaque Presentation—Chair Hallman*

- Chair Hallman and Chief Walker presented Steven Patterson, Property and Casualty Insurance Representative, with a plaque to thank him for his service to the council. Patterson was a council member from 2016-2019.

### *Marijuana/ AG Exempt Task Force—Chief Walker & Chief Patterson*

- Chief Walker shared that he and Chief Patterson have been working together on the Marijuana Task Force. The fire service has been tasked with determining if buildings are within code, but many have claimed ag exempt. If there is no code applied, the fire service cannot do the maintenance inspections. There are also issues with certifying equipment and much is not being inspected.
- Chief Patterson shared the hope is to clarify and standardize different definitions. One item is to determine what ag exempt means and what to do with previous construction if there was no access and water supply required at the time of the build. In different areas, ag exempt takes on different meanings.
- Draft charter was shared with the group. Membership thoughts and choices were discussed.
- Chief Hallman suggested adding OSHA and insurance to the team. Steven Patterson with OR Mutual agreed to participate and will work with OSHA to get a representative.
- Chief Hallman made a motion to adopt the charted with minor modifications. Steven Patterson moved the motion and Chief Carriger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***GFSPC Bylaws Review***

- Dr. Selover recommended adding ORS 476.680, the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council statute.
- Mark Kruetzer recommended adding language regarding term lengths and adding verbiage from statute.
- Group discussed adding language surrounding volunteers. Chief Hallman recommended adding language stating that volunteers may be brought on as needed to the council.
- Valerie will make the proposed amendments and return the revised bylaws at the next council meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### ***OSFM – State Fire Marshal Jim Walker***

- Chief Walker introduced the 2018 OSFM Annual Report and provided a brief overview.
- Chief Walker introduced the Bigfoot campaign. He discussed part of the messaging for the campaign was Ready, Set, Go which educates Oregonians on how and when to leave their homes safely in the event of a wildfire.
- Chief Walker provided a legislative session overview. He shared that the OSFM budget had been passed which included a petroleum load fee increase and approval for an additional supervising deputy position.
- Chief Walker provided a brief overview of the Governor's Wildfire Response Council. He shared that the council was broke up in three sections: suppression, mitigation, and recovery. Chief Walker and Chief Hallman both participate on the main council.
- Chief Walker shared the OSFM has completed a listening and understanding tour after visiting nine areas across Oregon. A report on findings from the tour is complete and will be available soon in print and on the OSFM website.

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### ***OFDDA Report – Mark Kreutzer***

- Mark spoke on the OFDDA elections. Alan Forester will take the position as director and vacancies will be filled at the November conference.
- Mark shared the OFDDA is working on a director's toolbox, similar to the Oregon Fire Chief's toolbox.

***OFMA—John Patterson***

- The OFMA Annual Business Meeting was held May 14-16 in Newport. The meeting focused on updates to building and fire code, sprinkler standards, and community risk reduction. Chief Patterson thanked Chief Walker for his participation and attendance and also thanked the OSFM and DPSST for grants to assist with costs.
- The OFMA strategic plan meeting occurred in June in Bend. This year will focus on financial policy.
- TEC will occur in November at DPSST. Will include roundtable and code update classes.

***OVFA Report- Genoa Ingram***

- Chief Carriger shared the OVFA had a very successful training conference in Redmond this year. He reported the conference was very well attended and was happy with the quality. Work has begun on conference planning for next year.
- Chief Carriger shared that this time of year focuses on volunteers getting necessary training and being ready to go for fire season.

***OSFFC-Joe Siebert***

***No Report***

***OFCA Report - Chief Les Hallman***

- Chief Hallman reported on the spring conference, noting a new board has taken over with Chief Fred Charlton as the new board president.
- Chief Hallman provided a legislative update sharing that GEMT and the PERS reform were a couple of big focuses.

***League of Cities-Chief John Clark***

- Chief Clark shared he is still getting up and running with the LOC.
- Chief Hallman presented Chief Clark with a welcome letter from Executive Director Chief Walker.

***Property & Casualty Insurance—Steven Patterson***

- Steven thanked the GFSPC for the work the council does and expressed it was great to serve on the council.
- Steven shared he would like to see the drone industry provide videos to fire service. He shared it would help response times to get insurers information to start paying.
- Steven shared there is a gap between paying for a foam spray service to protect homes in the event of a wildfire and for the vendor to be able to get to the home if the roads are closed. Chief Hallman shared there are conversations on this issue currently and there are efforts occurring to create a best practices document.

***Ex-Officio Reports***

***OSP Report—Deputy Davie***

No Report. Not in attendance.

***SDAO- Jason Jantzi***

- Jason shared satisfaction with the Employee Assistance Program that has been recently been rolled out. Beginning January 1, the Board of Trustees provided at no cost to all career firefighters (approximately 3000).
- Jason shared numbers on how many people have accessed assistance and for what type.

### ***OHA Report—Dr. Dana Selover***

- Dr. Selover shared that EMS is talking about how to keep amateur drone users out of the way and from interfering with air ambulance landings.
- Dr. Selover shared there are discussions occurring looking into lights and sirens data. Looking at what data is available.
- Dr. Selover shared a listening tour is occurring to understand what each rural EMS does and share with other rural EMS.
- Dr. Selover shared there is a new board recruitment process which is available online.

### ***DPSST Report—Director Eriks Gabliks***

- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG), SAFER, and Fire Prevention & Safety grants are all scored and awaiting release in Washington, D.C. The delays stems from the federal government shutdown earlier in the year which has had a trickle down impact on a federal grants programs. This also includes research grants and two that the GFSPC has supported. One helping to acquire and install smoke detectors in homes for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. The second a cancer study on wildfire firefighters conducted by Oregon State University.
- DPSST has completed the delivery of more than two dozen strike team leader classes, and a dozen position-specific incident management team classes, ahead of wildfire season to help bolster the ranks of structural fire agencies around the state. All of these classes were offered free of charge.
- DPSST accepted delivery of a new 53 foot mobile fire training unit that will enable live fire training at fire stations around the state. The new unit is being tested with the City of Salem Fire Department this month.
- During the 2019 legislative session, Representative Findley introduced legislation regarding Frontier Firefighters who do not have the ability to fight structure fires from the interior as they lack personal protective equipment. Oregon OSHA is working on this matter as it is within their purview and has assembled a work group that includes a number of statewide fire service organizations including DPSST. As a result of Oregon OSHA's work, the legislative proposal was pulled from the agenda and the representative is helping the work group.
- DPSST was invited to become a member of the Northwest Fire Service Diversity Council which is made-up of metro area fire agencies looking to bolster outreach and recruiting efforts with underrepresented communities. DPSST has specifically been asked to help as the group is interested in offering a camp at the Oregon Public Safety Academy similar to what is done for youth interested in law enforcement careers.
- DPSST has been working collaboratively with various statewide organizations to help provide training in the area of peer support, health and wellness. DPSST is working to help support the 2020 Oregon public safety peer support conference and is also funding an IAFF Peer Support Train the Trainer Class (Hillsboro) and an IAFF Peer Fitness Train the Trainer class (Salem) which will be offered free of charge over the next year and open to firefighters from across the state.
- DPSST thanked the members of the various statewide fire service organizations for the support and assistance they provided during the 2019 legislative session.

### ***Meeting Minutes***

Motion for approval was made by Mark Kreutzer to approve the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes and seconded by Steven Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Adjourn:***

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.