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### Office of State Fire Marshal to Host Media Field Days with Regional HazMat Teams

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, in coordination with its Oregon fire service partners, is hosting a Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team (RHMERT) Media Field Day and Open House at four locations statewide:

Tuesday, April 9	Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team HM10 Hermiston	Umatilla Fire District No. 1 320 S 1 <sup>st</sup> St Hermiston, OR 97838	9:00 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 23	Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team HM11 Astoria	Astoria Fire Department 555 30th Street Astoria, Oregon 97103	1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28	Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team HM02 Eugene	Eugene/Springfield Fire 1705 W 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Eugene, OR 97402	9:00 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 4	Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team HM08 Southern Oregon	Medford Fire-Rescue Station #4 2208 Table Rock Road Medford, Oregon 97501	9:00 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.

Local media are invited to attend the events. Each open house will begin at the set time above with a short presentation to provide media outlets, agency public information officers, and elected officials an overview of Oregon's statewide RHMERT program, an understanding of HazMat response terminology, and information about the local HazMat Team response services.

Tours and photo opportunities will be available of the HazMat response vehicle and equipment following each presentation.

Regional teams respond to hazardous materials emergency incidents that exceed the resources of local jurisdictions. There are 13 teams across Oregon. They are a technical resource for local incident commanders.

Team members receive 160 hours of specialized training the technician level and are equipped to provide different levels of response. Teams are prepared for response to petrochemical highway incidents, as well as supporting response partners at biological, radiological, and explosive incidents. The teams provide outreach training to local responders and industry to ensure

communities are prepared to respond to a hazardous materials incident and create safer communities.

For more information on the RHMERT program, go to:

<https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/Regional-Response-Teams.aspx>.

Please join us as the RHMERT program celebrates 30 years of service to Oregon, protecting life and the environment by responding to chemical emergencies and minimizing the dangers associated with them. Register here to RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/media-field-day-and-open-house-tickets-59741241662>.

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