



# OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM

A multi-agency team that emphasizes community risk reduction, shares best practices, coordinates, develops and implements consistent statewide fire prevention and life safety education.

## OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

1300-1500

Department of Public Safety Standards & Training

4190 Aumsville Highway

Salem, Oregon 97317

Room: C127

### Attendees/Representing

*\*indicates attendance via teleconference*

* Ashenden, Bill- American Red Cross Cascades Region	Mendez, Alfredo- Albany Fire Department (Linn)
* Crafton, Troy- Polk County Fire District #1 (Polk)	* Pich, Piseth- Hillsboro Fire & Rescue (Washington)
Cross, Amber- OSFM	Ryun, Curtis RN- Oregon Burn Center
* Goff, Scott- Umatilla County Fire District #1 (Umatilla)	Sexton, Shawna- OSFM
* Harrison, Merrill- Eugene Springfield Fire (Lane)	Shelly, Paula- OSFM
* Heidt, Cody- North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 (Lincoln)	* Shanklin, Kari- Clackamas Fire District #1 (Clackamas)
* Kosmas, Kim- Portland Fire & Rescue (Multnomah)	* Slavens, Ginger- Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (Tillamook)
Jasmin, Sara- OSFM	* Storms, Anne-Marie- Keizer Fire Department (Marion)
* Lacey, Stacy- Central Oregon Fire Management Service	* Sykes, Megan- Oregon Fire Service Museum
* Lilley, Brian- Oregon State University	* Traudt, Susi- Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill)

### Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was brought to order at 1302. Sara welcomed everyone & had attendees introduce themselves.

**OSFM Updates-** Amber Cross, Assistant Chief Deputy/Manager, OSFM Fire Prevention & Education Unit, & Sara Jasmin, FLSE Fire Prevention Programs Coordinator

Amber provided updates from OSFM. OSFM will become a stand-alone state agency starting in July 2023. GHQ will be in Salem. The exact location is still being finalized. OSFM is currently working to strengthen & enhance our partnerships with Tribes.

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OSFM will be offering some grant opportunities, including for community risk reduction projects & wildfire prevention efforts. Kim Kosmas asked if a CWPP required to apply. Amber said not to her knowledge.

Sara introduced Paula Shelly, who was recently hired as an Office Specialist II in the Education Unit. She will be working on modernizing the inventory tracking system & procedures, shipping materials requests, & maintaining the stock of materials.

**Community Risk Reduction Week-** *Sara Jasmin, FLSE Fire Prevention Programs Coordinator*

CRR Week will be 01.16-01.22.23. OSFM will be focusing on CRR as a whole. A request for a proclamation has been submitted to the Governor's Office. We are working on digital resources for fire service & other partner agencies to use. If an agency is participating in any CRR projects/events, please [send them to Sara](#).

Kim Kosmas asked for clarification on what the information on CRR projects will be used for. Sara explained that it is to help us champion the successes of partner agencies.

Kim & Susi Traudt both provided that their agencies are participating in Sound the Alarm with American Red Cross in early March. This has been a very effective partnership both for fire agencies & Red Cross & address the data that shows that in structural fires, only 43% had smoke alarms & of that percentage, only 52% of the alarms were functional. Bill Ashenden thanked them for the recognition & their participation & American Red Cross would welcome other agencies to participate.

**Washington Fire Prevention Institute Information-** *Sara Jasmin, FLSE Fire Prevention Programs Coordinator*

Sara had the opportunity to present at the Washington Fire Prevention Institute, a conference hosted by the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals, the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office, the Washington Public Fire Educators, & the IAAI- Washington Chapter. She presented on OSFM's Bigfoot campaign & received some great feedback on providing creative messaging & campaigns.

She was also able to attend some sessions at the conference. One that stood out was a presentation regarding communication with autistic population about fire safety. Firefighters in the community had been trained to be a resource for educating this population in schools, showing the value of creative partnerships. If anyone is interested in more information, [contact Sara & she can provide resources](#).

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Another presentation was from former educator regarding effective messaging. The main suggestions were to keep the information simple & focus on one or two messages.

## **Fire Prevention Month After Action/Agency Updates-** Sara Jasmin, *FLSE Fire Prevention Programs Coordinator*

Fire Prevention Month was in October. Sara asked the group for feedback on the resources OSFM provided, as well as what events agencies participated in.

Regarding the resources, the group expressed appreciation for all the materials provided. The items that were best received by the public were the stickers & the lollipops. The kitchen timers were a great way for kids to start conversations about fire safety & emergency planning with their parents. The coasters were not as well received & seemed possibly better suited to be distributed & used at bars & taverns, which may not be the most appropriate place for a state agency to display their messages.

When sharing what events members' agencies had participated in for Fire Prevention Month, the conversation turned to become a general discussion of events they had participated in over the last two to three months. Many agencies had hosted open houses & visited schools.

Some other agency highlights included:

- Polk County Fire District #1: Troy shared that his agency had spent time at the local library in addition to schools educating kids on fire safety. They were able to speak on fire safety at a Halloween event in Independence Park. They were also able to be part of School Lunch Week Lunch at schools in the area as well as connect with 20-240 middle schoolers & present a video on fire safety to them.
- Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: Susi said that they were able to include the Junior Firefighter Challenge during one of the open houses, which provided a great opportunity for outreach to youth.
- Umatilla: Scott said his agency had a Halloween hot dog cooking event.
- Hillsboro: Piseth said his agency has been reaching out to faith groups, including providing some presentations for gardening clubs, Hillsboro library pulled out some titles relating to fire prevention to help with educating the public. There has also been continuing work on multifamily building landlord training.
- Oregon Fire Service Museum: Megan said that the Oregon Fire Service Museum has been focusing on reopening.
- Portland Fire & Rescue: Kim shared that the agency has been partnering with Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, assisting them in obtaining badges for various safety topics. They have been providing home inspections to get communities in the area Firewise certified. Currently there are five communities fully certified with

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more to come. They have also been doing outreach to the houseless community & inspections of houseless shelters. They have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to provide fire safety education to homeowners who received assistance through their program.

- Eugene Springfield Fire: Merrill said his agency went virtual for Fire Prevention Month. They provided interactive lesson plans to teachers with videos & workbooks, as well as links to OSFM materials. Through this, they were able to reach approximately 2500 students, who were then able to share the information with their families. They are working on hiring more staff & hoping to reopen stations soon.
- Lincoln County Fire: Cody shared that his agency had reached over 370 students through school visits. They have also been doing outreach to the elder community as well as homeowners. They are hoping to be able to restart open houses next year.
- American Red Cross Cascades Region: Bill mentioned his agency's Pillowcase Project & Prepare with Pedro programs.
- Keizer Fire: Anne-Marie said her agency is gearing up for holidays & winter/colder weather fire safety topics. She also shared that West Salem High School has a program to help students prepare for careers in fire service.
- Albany: Alfredo said his agency has been doing outreach for schools, including a chance for youth to visit the stations & various educational trainings.
- Oregon Burn Center: Curtis said for the upcoming season, they are focusing on prevention of burns & frostbite. The new burn center still in process & when complete will increase their capacity to 20 beds. They provided a new & updated safety pamphlet to Keizer Fire. They have also been assisting with safety classes relating to the industrial electric industry. They would also like to be able to provide education at schools & requested that if anyone can assist in these efforts [to contact them](#). They are looking to train someone to take over Curtis's position when he retires within the next year.

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- Sara mentioned that in the past, some OLST meetings had been used in part to visit partnering agencies such as the Oregon Burn Center & get a better idea of the service they offer. She suggested that this may be something to look at starting again in the future.
- Sara said that Bill Ashenden would be guest presenting on one of OSFM's webinar. Guest presenters with knowledge on a specific topic tend to be a draw for attendance at webinars. She asked that if anyone is available & interested in presenting [to contact her](#).

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**Meeting adjourned @ 1420**

**Next Meeting-** *January 19, 2022 1300-1500 @ OSP-OSFM GHQ- Trelstad Campus*