



## **OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 18, 2019

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Chemeketa Brooks Regional Training Center

4910 Brooklake Rd. NE

Salem, OR 97305

Building 2, Room 102B

### **Attendees/Representing**

Babbs, Kris – Keep Oregon Green

Birr, Tim – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Retired

Burns, David – US Consumer Safety Product Commission

Candela, Steve – McMinnville Fire Department (Yamhill)

Crafton, Troy – Polk County Fire District 1 (Polk)

Fields, Dave – Ochoco Natl. Forrest/Crooked River Natl. Grasslands (Grant/Harney)\*

Goff, Scott – Umatilla Fire District 1 (Umatilla)

Heidt, Cody – Keizer Fire District (Marion)

Houston, Laura – Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators

Jasmin, Sara – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Keller, Kassondra – Hillsboro Fire & Rescue (Washington)

Kettering, Cindy – Bend Fire Department (Deschutes)

Kosmas, Kim – Portland Fire & Rescue (Multnomah)

Kump, Casey – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal\*

Kusz, Jim – North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 (Lincoln)

Miller, Tony – Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue (Lane)

Nelson, Barbara – Stayton Fire District (Marion)

Owen, Tammy – Clackamas County Fire District #1 (Clackamas)

Owens, Rudy – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Ratcliff, Lora – Albany Fire Department (Linn)

Roach, Amy – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Simons, Jacleen – American Red Cross

Slavens, Ginger – Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (Tillamook)

Stafford, Stephanie – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Suzanne Beaupre – AmeriCorps through Red Cross (Guest)

Trabue, Michael – Hillsboro Fire & Rescue – (Washington)

Van dyke, Kevin – Oregon Fire District Directors Association

Zinck, Jaime – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

*\*indicates attendance via teleconference*

## **Welcome/Introductions/Updates**

Introductions were made around the room and on the phone. Kassondra Keller and Rudy Owens introduced themselves and their new positions. Kassondra is the new Community Risk Reduction Specialist with Hillsboro Fire & Rescue. Rudy is the new public affairs specialist with the Office of State Fire Marshal.

## **OLST Goals, Purpose, Roles & Responsibilities – Stephanie Stafford, OSFM**

Stephanie talked about the history of the OLST. The OLST formed in October 2002 after a group came together and wrote a comprehensive report, which is published as Life Safety 2000. The OLST started with the purpose of coordinating, and implementing consistent statewide fire prevention education. Our mission is to protect people, their property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials. Stephanie has been actively chairing the team for nine of her eleven years with the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Our hope is to have representation from each of Oregon's 36 counties.

Stephanie is looking for a solution to keeping the OLST information in a shared medium such as a webpage or shared drive as a way to promote knowledge of the OLST. Our goals are to:

- Maintain, support and expand smoke and carbon monoxide alarm programs.
- Increase home fire escape planning efforts
- Target high-risk populations with fire prevention education
- Increase education on preventing top fire causes
- Increase residential fire sprinkler awareness
- Support water safety efforts

Stephanie is developing a survey for OLST members to look at days, times, ideas and goals, among other things to see what direction the members want to see the OLST go in. Members were made aware that OLST patches and challenge coins were available to newer members that had not received one yet.

## **New Smoke Alarms – Stephanie Stafford, OSFM**

Stephanie gave a history of smoke alarms and why that history relates to the new smoke alarms which are coming out and will become required in May 2020. Today's homes burn in 3 minutes or less vs. ten to fifteen minutes back in 1960's. Older smoke alarms were designed to detect combustibles like wood, paper and cloth but today the combustibles found in homes are plastics, foams and artificial products. The newer products burn hotter, quicker and with more intensity and create toxic fumes. The sensing capabilities haven't changed over the years to keep up with the changes in building materials. Most fire related deaths are caused by smoke alarms not working properly, and a large percentage of those are due to people removing the batteries, often times due to nuisance alarms from cooking.

Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) developed new SA standards and testing requirements. The new technology reduces nuisance alarms and detects different smoke characteristics, they can tell the difference between smoke from cooking or burning food and other non-lethal sources from actual life-threatening smoke.

Cindy asked about T3 connection, which is the time and intensity level that alarms are required to have as per NFPA 72. As of July 1996 and per NFPA 72, residential smoke detectors must generate a distinct audible alarm for a minimum amount of time at a defined intensity level and that specific alarm may not be used for any purpose other than alerting individuals of a fire and the subsequent need to evacuate. This specific audible signal is what is known as the Audible Emergency Evacuation Signal as outlined by ANSI S3.41-1990 more commonly referred to as the Temporal Three or T3 pattern. Some deaf/hard of hearing alarms activate from the T3 signal and Cindy wanted to know if that would be changing. Stephanie did not have the answer for her at this time.

- As of May 2020, UL will no longer issue a UL listing for current smoke alarms, which do not meet the new UL217.
- Jan. 1, 2022 NFPA72 (2019) will require all new installed household SA's to meet listing specifications to distinguish between smoke generated by routine cooking and smoke generated by potentially more serious sources, such as furniture.
- Oregon Law 479.297 states that Ionization smoke alarms sold in this state that are solely battery operated shall be packaged with a 10-year battery. Oregon law may need to be revised due to the changes brought by UL217.

This group will be key for new training and education as these things change. Since the information is new, Stephanie will keep the group updated as she receives new information.

For more information, please visit [smokealarms.ul.com](http://smokealarms.ul.com)

### **Wildfire Season Messaging – Stephanie Stafford, OSFM**

Stephanie has been looking at brochures, messaging, and information and found some great sources where educators and the public can go for information on wildfire messaging.

- The OSFM website is weak in content since the change to the new server, and there is not much good information. Currently there are pages on yard debris information, evacuation Levels and information. There is a page that I has links to other sites to for more information. The OSFM website is a good place to order educational materials at no cost. <https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/pages/default.aspx>
- The Keep Oregon Green (KOG) website is a great place for information on wildfire prevention. The site addresses top causes and has lots of great information. There is a Toolkit for professionals found in upper section of the home page to help you find what you need. <https://keeporegongreen.org/>
- Oregon Department of Forestry has some information on Fire Prevention, <https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/pages/FirePrevention.aspx> as well as information on Oregon's campgrounds and state parks. <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/index.aspx>
- NFPA Firewise USA is weak in content. It has some information but not a lot. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>  
Stephanie also looked at the NFPA Educational Messaging guide. The guide has

some information but not much. Stephanie suggests that this will probably change, as NFPA has merged their education and their wildland sections

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Educational-messaging>

- The Quickseries books were developed in 2017 by KOG, OSFM, ODF and a few other partners. The guides cost about three dollars each, so they are not available on the OSFM order form. The guide is currently on version 3. The primary objective of the Quickseries guides is to use these as a tool when going out to large-scale fires as a way to start conversations with the public.

Stephanie developed a chart, which was modified from KOG showing educational messaging topics and the best times of year to talk about them. The chart was passed out to the group. Topics include defensible space, auto/ATV safety and power equipment use, campfires, backyard burning safety, no backyard burning, smoking, target shooting, and fire danger levels/evacuation levels.

Smokey Bear's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday is August 9. There is a toolkit available on the Smokey website. <https://www.smokeybear.com/en>

Discussion was had about the two mascots. The key message was to use the fire education mascot that you prefer. Smokey is not going away; Bigfoot is not taking Smokey's place. Bigfoot is available on the OSFM website and Smokey is available on KOG's website and the Smokey Bear website.

### **Agency business:**

David Burns – David had recalls to share. Recalls included Winco Fireworks black cat “cat mobiles”, The Company Store girls pajamas, Just Love Fashion girls pajamas, Apple 15 inch MacBook Pro, Honeywell Gamewell-FCI and Notifier Photoelectric Smoke Sensors, H.E. Industrial electric garage heaters, and Grandmas' Fireworks. The number one recall David wanted to bring to the groups attention was Universal security instruments recalls smoke alarms due to risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire. For more information on these and other recalls, visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

Jim Kusz – June 15 North Lincoln had an open house. They had Bigfoot there and it was a huge hit. The Station will be involved in National night out which takes place on August 6. Jim is also working on redoing the Take the Right Steps guides on older adult falls and fire prevention.

Laura Houston – Attended the strategic planning meeting for the OFSOA last month.

Barbara Nelson – July 27 is the Santiam Summer Fest event. Stayton Fire District has a booth at the event.

Rudy Owens – Governor's office briefing update for Oregon Health Authority smoke action plan. Please visit their website, which has information <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx>. There

is also a smoke-tracking map on DEQ website to help with locating smoky areas, and giving you good indicators to stay indoors and stay protected.

<https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map>

Jacleen Simons – Asked the group if they knew of any messaging about public safety power shutdowns because American Red Cross wants to support messaging if anyone knows about that. Rudy said ODF has information on their website. PGE and Pacific Power recently had a meeting in southern Oregon to discuss that.

Cindy Kettering – Deschutes County just finished a national program called Sound Off. Two fire agencies in Oregon were chosen to launch the program in Oregon; Bend Fire and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire. There are only 10 states in the beginning trial of this program. The program involves going through schools talking with children about fire safety. A letter also goes home with each student to tell parents that they can get a free home consultation and free smoke alarms as well as carbon monoxide alarms. The program has been very well received and looking to expand through the next school years.

Fair season coming up in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. Cindy will be taking the mobile billboard with the new Bigfoot banners to those fairs, as well as other summer events.

Kassie Keller – celebrate Hillsboro July 20 where Hillsboro fire will have a booth and cooking safety will be the agencies focus of conversations.

Ginger Slavens – Dory Days this July 20-21 in Pacific City. On the 20, Nestucca RFPD will have a pancake breakfast, and on the 21, the firefighter dune climb will be going. The dune climb is where firefighters in full turnouts race up the dunes and back down, and all funds raised will benefit leukemia society

Kim Kosmas – events happening for Portland Fire & Rescue are the Sunday Parkways is a weekly event through September that sees thousands of people.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929>

Portland Fire & Rescue plans to do video shoot with mother of Reed College student that died in 2017 in a fire in her off campus apartment. The agency will use the videos to emphasize campus fire safety. Stephanie asked if Kim would bring the finished video to an OLST meeting and share.

Kris Babbs – Smokey 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be on August 9

Smokey Bear license plates will be available Aug 1 at the DMV.

There is a new Smokey Bear commercial on the KOG Facebook page

Traveling Smokey Bear display, going around Oregon. It is currently at the Tillamook Forestry Center.

KOG will be partnering with the Portland Timbers team. The game day is August 10, which is the day after Smokey's birthday

ODF has a restrictions map online that shows areas that are currently restricted for campfires and other at-risk activities. <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>

Oregon Explorer – OSU created and it shows your fire risk in any WUI areas. Shows wildfire risk. <https://oregonexplorer.info/>

Kris has sent a script to Sam Elliot to ask him if he would be willing to voice a Public Service Announcement. She is hoping to hear back soon.

Sara Jasmin– The Sound Off program packets were also given to deputies and OSFM still has packets available for 2-3 grade. Contact Sara.

Currently working on a plan for transitioning the youth program. Putting together a master plan, which will include updating trainings, and figuring out ways of using the OSFM website as a useful tool.

Jaime Zinck – Fire Prevention Month update. Jaime will be developing the plan for Fire prevention month and will be utilizing the OLST for feedback.

Stephanie Stafford – Fire Prevention Workshop is coming February 2020 in Sunriver. The workshop will be one and a half days and should be affordable again this year.

Samantha Metheny - Medford Fire hosted their annual open house early this year in June (We have traditionally hosted it during fire prevention week)  
Our goal was to get out ahead of fire season and educate on firework safety, wildfire prevention, smoke alarms and sprinklers.

We partnered with ODF and had Smoky Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog present. Among other things, we did a side-by-side burn demonstration with a sprinklered compartment. This event was our largest and most successful event to date. We estimated over 600 people attended this event.

In addition, Medford Fire-Rescue and childcare agencies and advocates around Jackson County are collaborating to promote a Safe Sleep program with Direct On Scene Education (DOSE). We will be offering a unified message regarding safe sleep practices for infants in an effort to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and other sleep related causes of infant death. We expect to “go live” with this program this fall.

### **Action Items:**

Stephanie to develop a survey for OLST members

**Meeting adjourned: 3:38 p.m.**