



Oregon State Fire Marshal Jim Walker leads the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal which is responsible for protecting citizens, their property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials. The office carries out these duties through prevention education, inspections, code enforcement, and preparedness and response activities.

As the State Fire Chief, he advises the Governor of the need to implement the Conflagration Act for jurisdiction(s) where the emergency exists; serves as the administrative commander of the State Fire Service to carry out the intended functions of the Mobilization Plan and assumes primary responsibility for the effective and efficient management of state-provided resources. He manages agency resources to minimize fire and life safety hazards of structures, equipment and materials exposed to fire risks to a reasonable and acceptable level for the general public; and administers the Oregon Community Right-to- Know Protection Act and related federal programs and mandates.

Chief Walker has extensive experience in dealing with state to state compacts and working with Multi-Agency Coordination Groups, both as an IC, and as an Agency Administrator. He spent four years as a member of the Interagency Training Working Team coordinating and developing training opportunities within Region 6, two years Pacific Northwest Coordinating Group Operations Working Team and is currently a member of the PNWCG Steering Committee.

Chief Walker has six years' experience as the Governors GAR for FMAG declarations working closely with FEMA Region 10.

Chief Walker is a member of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, Pacific Northwest Coordinating Group Steering Committee, Western Fire Chiefs Association, National Fire Protection Association, Oregon Fire Marshals Association, Governor's Fire Service Policy Council, International Fire Chiefs Association, and International Code Council.