

## Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, July 23, 2013 Office of State Fire Marshal  
Mt Hood Conference Room

### Minutes

#### Members

- Greg Keller, OFCA (Chair)
- Bob Reeves, OFDDA (V Chair)
- Kelly Bach, SFFC
- Eric McMullen, OFMA
- Tad Pedersen, OSFM
- John Stein, General Public
- David Sellers OVFA

#### Ex Officio

- Heidi Moawad, Gov's Office
- Steven Powers, Gov's Office
- Joel Lujan, OSP
- Eriks Gabliks, DPSST

#### Visitors

- John Caul, OSFM
- Dave Fields
- Claire McGrew
- Mariana Ruiz-Temple
- Michael Harryman
- Shawna Fenison
- Genoa Ingram
- Mark Kreutzer
- John Nohr

#### Executive Director/Staff

- Mark Wallace State Fire Marshal
- Jim Walker, Chief Deputy SFM
- Sally Cravinho, Staff

#### **Welcome/Introductions**

Vice Chair Reeves welcomed the council and thanked everyone for participating in this important meeting and acknowledged that everyone's time is valuable and appreciates all being here today. Heidi Moawad, is the new representative for the Governor's Office, introductions were made around the table. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda or the minutes.

#### **Changes to the agenda:**

None

#### **Minutes:**

Motion was moved by Tad Pedersen and seconded by Dave Sellers to adopt the minutes as presented. All approved.

#### **Communications:**

None

#### **Guest/Visitor Input:**

Michael Harryman reviewed the handout EMS Program Update. Total licenses issued as of July 3, 2013 are 8,213 and there are 1,900 providers who have not made application for license renewal. Dr. David Lehrfeld will begin as the new EMS and Trauma Medical Director on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Executive Director Report**

##### Legislative Update

Chief Wallace provided an update from the 2013 Legislative Session. All of the OSFM Bills were passed.

Two Legislative Concepts were approved:

- SB 29 Fireworks Definitions
- HB2084 FIPT Tax

#### Budget related

- HB5039 Temporary Increase Petroleum Load Fee from \$4 to \$5
- HB 5038 OSP Budget (Policy Option Package included in the budget is increase for Petroleum Load Fee \$6 effective July 1, 2013 and \$7 effective July 1, 2014 and \$8 year after).
- CR2K Hazardous Substance Possession Fee is adopted by rule needs legislative ratification (happened in OSFM budget). The rules change the threshold and fewer people will need to report. Those who need to report pay a registration fee of \$101 (cost to process) and 6% Hazardous Substance Possession Fee with a statutory maximum of \$2000.

The result of the bills this session should put revenues solid until 2019 (depending on the economy). Chief Wallace thanked Jim, Claire, Mariana, Stacy and their staff for all of their work for the legislative session. There was also huge support from the fire service industry, it was greatly appreciated and made a difference. Preparations have begun for the next legislative session.

#### Conflagrations and Fires Update

- Warm Springs Fire – OSFM is in communications with Warm Springs and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). There was threat to both structures and infrastructure. They are comfortable with the resources that they are having and don't need OSFM support at this time. Mariana worked to get an agreement in place (utilizing the previous agreement) for this summer which allows OSFM to respond to fires with BIA paying the costs.
- Stagecoach Fire – outside of La Pine. Great initial attack by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and local fire department using mutual aid agreements to provided additional resources. The fire is moving away from infrastructure onto Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property.
- Pacifica Fire – Just outside of Williams in the Grants Pass area. It is unknown how the fire was started, but it grew quickly. Conflagration was requested; 4 task forces were mobilized, 2 operational periods. Approximately 150 structures were threatened; one home, six outbuildings, and one vehicle were destroyed prior to OSFM arrival; no additional structures were damaged. ODF was able to get a FEMA declaration which pays for 75% of the costs; Mariana's unit is working on getting the reimbursements.
- Isolated thunderstorms are projected for Tuesday 7/23 and Wednesday 7/24 in southwest Oregon and potential for lightening Wednesday 7/24 and Thursday 7/25 southeast Oregon particularly along the California border Northwest Interagency Coordination Center (NWCC) indicates there is potential for large fires on Thursday, 7/25.

With fire season hitting early this year, Vice Chair Reeves asked about public safety announcements going out early. Claire is chair of Pacific Northwest Coordinating Groups; Communication Prevention and Investigation group who is developing a common message. Claire will follow up with the group to see if there can be an increase in the messages.

#### Biennial Report

One of the responsibilities of the council is a biennial report. Previous examples were provided in the handouts. ORS 476.685 states: *The Governor's Fire Service Policy Council (GFSPC or Council) shall provide a biennial report to the Governor and the Superintendent of State Police on the overall performance of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The report shall identify significant successes and improvement opportunities.*

After discussion about ways to accomplish the task, it was recommended to have Chair Keller draft a cover letter to attach to the OSFM Annual Report (copies of the Annual Report were provided to the Council); have Chief Keller provide the draft to the Council via email for review prior to the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Logo moved to October meeting.
- Claire provided an update on games/application available on various systems. One of the games of particular concern is Nintendo Little Inferno Game. The Oregon Life Safety Team and the Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Advisory Board is looking at this issue and are forming a subcommittee to identify how to reach out, reporting, what connections are being made, etc. Internally the OSFM did an article in the July Gated Wye: Youth Involvement with Fire Update. The article can be found at the following link: [July 2013 Gated Wye](#). Claire will provide the Council with a copy of the Part of the Supplemental Report is Youth Involved with Fire Incidents and Interventions (interventions done by the fire service; it is not inclusive because all department have not submitted their reports with the change in how data is collected) the report can be found at the following link: [OSFM 2012 Supplemental Report](#)
- Mariana provided an update on the Interstate Mutual Aid project which allows Oregon and Washington to mobilize resources across state lines. Dave Stuckey Director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is supportive of the project and they are moving forward. The effort will allow resources to be mobilized in lieu of a Presidential or Governor declared emergency. There are times when the incident doesn't reach the level that would receive a declaration. Resources across state line need to be utilized, and the mutual aid agreement will also allow for operations and payment of resources used across state lines.
- An Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request has been received via OEM to the fire service for Public Information Officer's (PIO) for the State of Alaska.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Senator Paul Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington D.C. During the event, the Senator Paul Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award was presented to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R), the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, and the Oregon Governor's Fire Service Policy Council for their study on chemicals found in the overhaul phase of structure fires. Mike Duyck, Chief TVF&R and Mark Wallace, State Fire Marshal accepted the award on behalf of the agencies and the Council. A video of the presentation was shared with the Council.

The project used advanced portable detection technology to identify and quantify the airborne hazards present after a fire was extinguished. Findings from the study resulted in a best practices guide for first responders to help mitigate effects of exposure to smoke and other toxins. Oregon has received the awards the last 2 years and is a leader in fire fighter safety.

The GFSPC's Award was passed around and discussion ensued about how to present to the Governor and display at the capital. All agreed for a small presentation to the Governor. Heidi will coordinate (probably in the fall) with representation of key players that were involved and participated in the project.

**Action: Heidi coordination of the presentation of the award to the Governor.**

### Ideas for New Topics for Future Meetings

- Heidi shared information received by Senator Boxer from California via email to state governors encouraging appropriate rules and inspections relating to ammonia nitrate (due to the explosion in Texas). OSFM Community Right 2 Know (CR2K) program regulates storage of hazardous materials. Mariana will put together information regarding what CR2K covers and locations of storage facilities in Oregon then provide to Heidi for the Governor. When the incident happened, Mariana provided facility information to OSFM deputies who made contact with the facilities, looked at quantities, matched up with what was reported, and then followed up with CR2K. CR2K auditors inspected the 18 identified manufactures no gross under-reporting issues were identified. Mariana will provide a follow-up report at the next meeting. There is discussion with EPA nationally to determine whether or not to add to the extremely hazardous substance list which will change how it's regulated.

#### **Action: Mariana follow-up report at the next meeting.**

- Incentives for volunteer firefighters. Request to develop statement or policy regarding incentives for volunteer firefighters to assist in recruiting and retaining them.
- If members have additional ideas for topics, please email them to OSFM.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Heidi shared appreciation to the fire service industry for honoring fallen firefighter John Percin from West Linn who died battling the Yarnell Hill Wildfire in Arizona. His parents were grateful.

Some fire departments in Oregon are having issues with Insurance Service Office (ISO) new rating schedule which affects the rates that tax payers pay for insurance. A task force within Oregon Fire Chief's Association (OFCA) has been developed and is working to challenge ISO's new rating schedule and how they rate departments. Earlier this month the task force has met with the Insurance Commissioner, Laura Cali. The Insurance Division will be working with the task force to ensure that the service and way that ratings are done are consistent across the state. The task force is looking at options and potential other organizations to provide the service. Additional discussion ensued about requiring ISO to pay for information requests. ISO's new schedule is not in effect at this time in Oregon.

Oregon Solutions is an organization that helps the Governor's Office and the state bring parties together to help resolve issues that needs facilitation. One of the issues they are working on is traffic incident management. John is chair of the Incident Management Implementation Task Force. The task force is working with the Federal Highway Administration to implement a nationally-developed traffic incident response training program for all who respond to roadway incidents. A grant has been received to implement a pilot program in the metro area and then implement statewide. There will be a Train the Trainers class this fall and the training will be multi-disciplinary.

## **REPORTS**

### **Council Member Reports**

Erik - DPSST thank you to all the partners who helped with the legislative session with the budget. Due to the increase in the FIPT tax, the recruitment is open for the Eastern Oregon trainer position that was held vacant. Outreach for distance learning for Fire Fighter 1 & 2 in two pilot counties (Columbia and Washington). Students will take the classroom portion on line and then do the hands on portion together.

Mark Kreutzer shared that the National Association of Elected Fire Officials (NAEFO) Conference will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas. Mark Stevens from TVF&R will be presenting on the impact of the Affordable Care Act to the fire service industry. More information on the conference can be found at [NAEFO](#).

### **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

### **Next meeting dates:**

October 22, 2013

January 28, 2014

April 22, 2014

### **Meeting location:**

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### **Meeting time:**

1:00 pm