



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal December 2013

Notice of proposed rulemaking

The OSFM is proposing to adopt [OAR 837 Division 095](#), designating emergency planning districts as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 (42 U.S.C. Chapter 116, Section 11001 et seq.); and establishing Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) within each emergency planning district. The hearing is scheduled 10:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at the Office of State Fire Marshal, 4760 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, Oregon. All comments are due by 12:00 p.m. December 17, 2013. For questions or comments, contact OSFM State Emergency Planning Commission Manager Sue Otjen at 503-934-8227 or sue.otjen@state.or.us.

Leadership development course in February 2014

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training will be hosting the seventh Oregon cohort of the International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute Leadership Development Program at the Oregon Public Safety Academy starting February 5, 2014. [Applications are available on the DPSST website](#). For more information, visit the [regional training page](#) on the DPSST website or contact Steve Winegar at 503-378-8469 or steve.winegar@state.or.us.

Oregon's worst charities list release

Just in time for the holiday season, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has issued the Department of Justice's "[20 Worst Charities](#)" list of those soliciting in Oregon. The list highlights nonprofits that spend less than 30% of the funds they raise on charitable services or programs they claim to support. Unfortunately, two of the top five worst charities are related to helping firefighters, their families, and others affected by fire. Ideally, charitable organizations should spend no more than 35% of their funds on fundraising and administration, with the remaining funds spent on charitable program activities. Each charity soliciting donations in Oregon is required to register with the Department of Justice and to file annual financial reports disclosing how much money the organization raised and how its funds were spent. Summary information about registered charities is [available on the department's website](#). The Department of Justice has also developed a [Wise Giving brochure](#) offering basic advice to help Oregonians make the right choices when donating to a charity.