

OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2014
Mt. Hood Room, Office of State Fire Marshal
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Attendees/Representing

Babbs, Kris – KOG
Barrett, Sean – Siuslaw Valley F&R (Lane)
Burns, David – US CPSC
Cranford, Jeff – McMinnville FD (Yamhill)
Emmert, Bethany - OSFM
Fenison, Shawna - OSFM
Fischer, Krista – OSFM
Hallman, Les - OFCA
Hatch, Joanne TVFR (Clackamas-Washington)
Hoover, Rich – OSFM
Kettering, Cindy – Bend FD (Deschutes)
Kusz, Jim – North Lincoln Fire & Rescue #1 (Lincoln)
Linder, Amy – Eugene Springfield Fire & EMS (Lane)
McGrew, Claire – OSFM
Mendez, Alfredo – Marion County Fire District #1 (Marion)
Ohmdahl, Wanda – Albany F&R (Linn)
Roach, Amy – OSFM
Sauermann, Lora – Albany F&R (Linn)
Slavens, Ginger – Nestucca RFPD (Tillamook)
Stafford, Stephanie – OSFM
Stein, Joel – Woodburn FD (Marion)
Zinck, Jaime – OSFM

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Stephanie Stafford. Introductions were made. Joanne Hatch participated via teleconference.

Fire and Life Safety for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Cindy Kettering

Cindy delivered a presentation on fire and life safety for the deaf and hard of hearing. She presented several different smoke alarms that are on the market today. She reviewed the history of smoke alarms, the progression of smoke alarm technology, the challenges with statistics in tracking the actual numbers of people with hearing loss or deafness, and provided additional research of different technologies. Cindy talked about the success rates in the different types of alarms offered to deaf and hard of hearing individuals based on studies done at Gallaudet University, and demonstrated several of the alarms she brought. She talked about the advantages and the disadvantages of each alarm. Cindy said that the need for education and getting the awareness message out is great, due to the fact that statistics show a rising number of our population has hearing loss. Cindy ended her presentation by giving general tips for communicating with someone who has a hearing impairment or is deaf.

***** 5 minute break *****

Smoke Alarm Overview/Legislation – Stephanie Stafford/Claire McGrew

Claire briefed the OLST about OFMA's plans to review the smoke alarm statute. In OFMA's first meeting they reviewed the statutes, rules, and history. Follow-up meetings will continue at OFMA's request to define what changes are needed to the laws as they are today. Stephanie discussed Chapter 479 of the ORS related to fee title transfer and the connection to "ionization" alarms with a 10 year battery and hush feature. She noted the statute doesn't address photo electric alarms. Most alarms now are both ionization and photoelectric or photoelectric only.

Evacuation Proposal Update (Ready, Set, Go) – Chief Les Hallman

Chief Hallman provided information on consistent evacuation messaging throughout Oregon. They are following the national model for "Ready, Set, Go", and the final approved evacuation levels document can be found at

<http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/Documents/Ready%2c%20Set%2c%20Go%21%20Evacuation%20Levels.pdf>

This program was adopted by Oregon's Office of Emergency Management, the Sheriff's Association, and it has been placed in the state's emergency operation plan. Chief Hallman told the group that the initial focus is evacuation, but they are currently working on a "part two" for re-entry as well, to educate people on what to do once you get home.

Fire Prevention Week/Month Update – Jaime Zinck

The 2014 theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal will be undertaking its most comprehensive Fire Prevention Week/Month (FPM) education and awareness campaign ever. From feedback provided by the fire service, we've decided to celebrate during the entire month of October.

OSFM is using zombies as a part of this year's educational messaging. This messaging will be used in a series of social media campaigns focused on the 19-49 year age group.

OSFM will also design a new brochure, and a new mobile billboard that will be used throughout the year. Other messaging discussed included educational television and radio advertising, a newly redesigned smoke alarm brochure, contests using our social media outlets on Facebook and Twitter for "Test it Tuesday" and "Trivia Thursday".

Other items of business - open

Jim Kusz – Jim talked about the large amount of "luminaries" also called sky lanterns. They are made of a fire resistant material and burn for 10-15 minutes up in the air. They can pose a fire hazard and Jim wanted people to be aware of them. Claire passed around an NFPA quick facts page on sky lanterns, which is available at

<http://www.nfpa.org/~media/files/safety%20information/safety%20tip%20sheets/skylatarns.pdf>

Jim also mentioned the extremely high number of drownings this year and that his office is doing messaging in their area to make people more aware of water safety.

David Burns – David shared that on July 14th, CPSC announced a nation-wide poster contest for middle schoolers. The grand prize is \$1,000. There will be three winners from each grade. Each of the winners will receive \$500. Entries are to be submitted electronically and are due by February 27, 2015. More information available at <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/CO-Contest-2014/>

David has also been partnering with OSFM to put together an educational program about carbon monoxide poisoning safety and education.

David mentioned new posters from his agency regarding ATV/UTV safety. If anyone is interested, please contact him at dburns@cpsc.gov, or you can download them through the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website. ATV safety information is available at <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/ATV-Safety-Information-Center/>

Meeting Adjourned

3:35 p.m. Next meeting August 21, 2014