



## OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2016  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal  
Mt. Hood conference room

### **Attendees/Representing**

Babbs, Kris – Keep Oregon Green  
Barrett, Sean – Siuslaw Valley Fire\*  
Birr, Tim – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, retired  
Burns, David – Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Cranford, Jeff – McMinnville Fire Department (Yamhill)  
Dunn, John – Oregon Fire District Directors Association  
Fields, Dave – OSFM\*  
Fischer, Krista – OSFM  
Frederick, Gus – OSFM  
Guinan, Justin – Tangent Fire District (Linn)  
Hatch, Joanne – Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (Clackamas/Washington)  
Hoover, Rich – OSFM  
Houston, Laura – Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators  
Kusz, Jim – North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1  
Liepfert, Rich – Oregon Fire Chiefs Association  
McDermott, Debbie – McMinnville Fire Department (Yamhill)  
Nelson, Barbara – Stayton Fire District (Marion)  
Patton, Jim – Corvallis Fire Department (Benton)  
Roach, Amy – OSFM  
Rouse, Ron – Portland Fire & Rescue (Multnomah)  
Rynerson, Charles – Portland State University (Guest speaker)  
Sauer mann, Lora – Albany Fire Department (Linn)  
Shanklin, Kari – Clackamas Fire District #1 (Clackamas)  
Slavens, Ginger – Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (Tillamook)  
Stafford, Stephanie – OSFM  
Trabue, Mike – OSFM  
Zinck, Jaime – OSFM

*\*indicates attendance via teleconference*

### **Welcome/Introductions/Updates**

Stephanie welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. Stephanie introduced Charles Rynerson from Portland State University (PSU) Population Research Center. Stephanie then talked about the fatality data provided on the back of the agenda. Stephanie asked that the group please review and make any changes to the April OLST meeting minutes and submit those to Amy by May 20, 2016.

## **Data from the U.S. Census Bureau. How can I find it, what does it tell us, and should I trust it? – Charles Rynerson, Portland State University**

Charles introduced himself and talked about the data that Portland State University College of Urban & Public Affairs: Population Research Center collects. Oregon has shown steady growth from 1960-2015. Charles stated that the Oregon population reached four million in 2015 and that almost 1.2 million people have moved into the state since 1990.

Charles explained how they calculate population change which equals births minus deaths added to “in migration” minus “out migration”. Charles talked about how the data collected could help educators by targeting the growing populations in the state.

Charles talked about the change in household and family dynamics. Some of the more notable things Charles pointed out were:

- Oregon’s population has grown almost 1.2 million in the last 25 years
- Between 2000-2010 the most populous age group was 50-59 with 73% of net growth.
- Oregon Office of Economic Analysis forecasts a significant increase in the 65+ age group between 2010 and 2020.
- While the number of married-couple families with children under 18 has changed very little since 1960, the largest growth has been among families without children, and people living alone.
- The diversity of Oregon changed between the years 2000-2010. Only 36% of the state’s net growth was white, non-Latino population.

The Office of U.S. Management and Budget decides what communities are categorized as metropolitan areas. A metropolitan statistical area requires core urban area of 50,000 or more, whereas micropolitan areas are defined by having 10,000 or less in their urban area. Oregon’s metropolitan areas are Bend, Corvallis, Eugene-Springfield, Medford, Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (Oregon part), and Salem.

The Portland State University Population Research Center can be found at [www.pdx.edu/prc](http://www.pdx.edu/prc) or you can email Charles for population statistics in Oregon’s fire districts. Charles can overlay different areas to show general statistics for any given district. Charles can be reached at [rynerson@pdx.edu](mailto:rynerson@pdx.edu) or 503-725-5157.

## **Analytics & Intelligence Fire Reporting Video - Gus Frederick**

Gus talked about the video produced for the Analytics & Intelligence unit. The video is a reenactment of fire agency personnel that don’t understand why it is important to report incidents into Oregon FireBridge™. The video went on to show how accurate reporting can benefit fire agencies. Jim K. suggested it may be a bit condescending. Tim B. liked the general message and thought it was good. Stephanie thought that in the future projects like this should be vetted through a group such as the OLST before release. Joanne wondered how that would resonate within fire agencies that don’t currently use the Oregon FireBridge™. system. Dave Fields said that it is beneficial to him in inspections and licensing when he can see their Oregon FireBridge™. reports before he gets to the site.

## **Requirements for Smoke and CO alarms in real estate transactions - Stephanie Stafford**

Stephanie provided a packet to the group that contained information on the requirements for smoke and CO training for real estate transactions. The packet included a copy of the PowerPoint, a Continuing Education Certificate of Attendance, the Instructor Qualifications form, and the *Your Guide to Real Estate Continuing Education* brochure. The OSFM was approved in December to provide Continuing Education Units to real estate agents. People interested in becoming an instructor can fill out the Continuing Education Instructor Qualifications form that was included in the packets and we will host a train the trainer course July 12<sup>th</sup> which will cover our materials and requirements. The process through the state for granting Continued Education Units requires that we keep records for three years. The OSFM program has a PowerPoint and lesson plan. We are in the process of creating a new brochure. The class is free to real estate agencies.

## **Other Business**

Incentives for OLST – Stephanie is taking suggestions from members for ideas for this year's incentives.

Life Safety 2000 books are available to members in the back of the room. The book talks about the plan for the state of Oregon to reduce the risks to Oregon citizens from fire and related emergencies, why the OLST was formed, and the goals of the OLST.

David Burns talked about recent recalls. For more information on national recalls, please visit <http://www.cpsc.gov>. David also asked that in the event that anyone finds a defective combination smoke/CO alarm, that they please notify the CPSC.

Jaime Zinck talked about Fire Prevention Month. The NFPA has announced the theme for 2016, which is Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms every 10 Years. If anyone would like to sit on the planning committee, please contact Jaime at [Jaime.Zinck@state.or.us](mailto:Jaime.Zinck@state.or.us).

The OSFM's Smoke Alarm Installation Program is about to exceed our budget for the 2015-2017 biennium, so distribution has been reduced.

Krista shared that the Newsweek special edition called *Vape Nation* has a great article on smoking, vaping, and e-cigs. The article talks about the history of smoking, and marketing the newer forms of safety.

Jim K. passed out invitations for the renaming of the fire station formerly known as the Taft Station. The building will be rededicated as the St. Claire Station in honor of former Fire Chief Elmo "Saint" St. Clair. All are welcome to the rededication.

**Meeting adjourned: 3:32**

