



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal August 2008

National toylike lighter bill introduced

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden introduced legislation to ban toylike (novelty) lighters. The bill, *'Protect children from dangerous lighters act'* is co-sponsored by Senators Christopher Dodd from Connecticut and Susan Collins from Maine. The ban would require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to treat novelty lighters as a banned hazardous substance that could not legally be manufactured, imported or sold anywhere in the country. State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr met with Oregon congressional delegates during the Congressional Fire Service Institute about this initiative and is delighted Senator Wyden has taken a leadership role at the national level. The federal ban is supported by the National Association of Fire Marshals, the Congressional Fire Institute, Safe Kids USA, the Consumer's Union, and the Consumer Federation of America. It is also supported by the cigarette lighter industry, represented by the Lighter Association. For more information, contact Judy Okulitch at 503-934-8230.

New phone numbers for OSFM

Members of the Oregon fire service can now call OSFM staff members directly without dialing an extension. Direct numbers will improve customer service by decreasing the time and steps to reach OSFM staff. However, you may still reach staff members using the old extension system. A complete staff directory with updated direct line numbers and email addresses is available at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/contact_us_directory.shtml.

Upcoming door-to-door smoke alarm workshops

The OSFM is sponsoring five workshops for Oregon fire service members and their community partners on conducting community door-to-door smoke alarm campaigns. The free 2-hour training covers all phases of the model community smoke alarm campaign kit developed by the OSFM in partnership with the Oregon Life Safety Team. The OSFM will provide up to 50 free smoke alarms and \$250 to each attending organization committing to conducting a community campaign.

August workshops include:

- August 12, 2008, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Prineville Fire Department
- August 13, 2008, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Burns Fire Department
- August 14, 2008, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Pendleton Fire & Rescue
- August 15, 2008, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Hood River Fire Department
- August 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Office of State Fire Marshal, Salem

Departments are encouraged to attend any training convenient to them. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml> or contact Colleen Olson at 503-934-8228 or email colleen.olson@state.or.us.