



# Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal February 2008

## **Fire department identification numbers**

OSFM has clarified the requirements necessary for fire departments and districts to maintain or earn a state Fire Department Identification Number (FDID). A department or district's audit status and standing with the Secretary of State will determine if an FDID should remain valid or be vacated. Departments and districts must maintain current audit records and be listed as 'in good standing' by the Secretary of State or OSFM will vacate their FDID number. OSFM has also outlined steps that non-recognized firefighting organizations may take to earn an FDID. This and other information, including a matrix outlining the benefits of becoming a recognized department, is available at: [http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/FDID\\_Eligibility.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/FDID_Eligibility.shtml).

The OSFM will continue to provide public education, code enforcement, and investigation resources to communities without a recognized fire department or district.

For questions, contact Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson at 503-373-1540 ext. 216 or email [randy.simpson@state.or.us](mailto:randy.simpson@state.or.us).

## **Local Emergency Planning Committees**

The Columbia Emergency Planning Association submitted Oregon's first local emergency planning committee (LEPC) application. To help communities get started, OSFM has a tool box of materials to help establish an LEPC. It includes sample documents and reference materials covering LEPC responsibilities and ideas for committee governance, soliciting membership and funding. OSFM also provides grants and staff to establish and maintain active LEPCs.

For more information, contact Assistant Chief Deputy Sue Otjen at 503-373-1540 ext. 227 or email [sue.otjen@state.or.us](mailto:sue.otjen@state.or.us).

## **Elementary and middle school curriculums**

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and OSFM reached agreement to have ODE's training cadre deliver training to health teachers on the elementary and middle school fire awareness curriculum. The curriculum meets many of the health education standards in unintentional injury prevention adopted by the State Board of Education in 2005. It also fulfills the ORS 336.071 requiring "at least thirty minutes in each month shall be used to instruct students on fire, earthquakes and where appropriate, tsunami dangers and drills."

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