



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal January 2012

Sparky award nominations

The OSFM is calling for nominations for the 2012 Sparky awards. The Golden Sparky recognizes a fire service member for outstanding achievement in fire prevention or public fire safety education. The Silver Sparky recognizes a civilian for outstanding achievement in either of these same categories. The nomination deadline is March 30, 2012. The nomination form is available on the OSFM website. State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace will present the awards at the 2012 Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards Banquet. For more information, contact Sally Cravinho at 503-934-8205 or sally.cravinho@state.or.us.

Resource Unit Leader training

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is hosting a three-day Resource Unit Leader training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, February 6-8, 2012. The no-cost training is sponsored by Marion County Emergency Management. NIMS ICS position specific training should be completed by personnel regularly assigned to functional, support, or unit leader positions on USFA or other Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Teams, or by persons desiring credentials/certifications in those positions. Pre-registration is required, contact Krista Rowland at krowland@co.marion.or.us or 503-588-5108.

Emergency Response Summit

Representatives from all three OSFM Emergency Response programs recently concluded a two-day summit aimed at prioritizing important issues that need to be addressed in a business plan under development by OSFM Emergency Response Unit staff. Members of Oregon's incident management teams, hazardous materials response teams, and urban search & rescue task force participated in intensive discussion and evaluation of each program's challenges and opportunities. Results of the report will guide the efforts of working groups and other committees in establishing a business plan aimed at keeping those three emergency response programs viable. For more information, contact Mariana Ruiz-Temple at 503-934-8238 or mariana.ruiz-temple@state.or.us.