



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal September 2010

New HazMat response areas

Effective September 1, 2010, the boundaries for HazMat Team 10 – Hermiston Fire District, and HazMat Team 14 - City of Ontario have expanded to encompass the portion of Eastern Oregon previously served by the La Grande regional HazMat team. The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and members from both departments worked together to revise the primary response areas. The OSFM appreciates the willingness of the Hermiston Fire District and City of Ontario to expand their response boundaries, insuring the continued protection of citizens in Eastern Oregon. The OSFM thanks the city of La Grande for their dedication to the [Hazardous Materials Response Teams program](#) for the past 21 years. Team members from this department will be greatly missed, especially the leadership of Chief Weimer and Corky Gillies. [View the new boundary map here.](#)

Competency Recognition Program

A new online course and scheduled classroom course is available from the Office of State Fire Marshal to meet core curriculum training requirements for the [Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition Program](#).

- The online course is a four-hour training of Basic Building Codes introducing the student to regulatory conditions referenced in the fire code, but typically enumerated in building codes, with emphasis on the Oregon Structural Specialty Code. Students can enroll on [iLearnOregon](#).
- The Fire & Life Safety Awareness II is in two modules and covers fire department access, and water supply and fire flow. This class is scheduled 1-5 p.m., October 12th at Coburg Rural Fire Protection District. Students can enroll on [iLearnOregon](#).

For assistance with either training, contact Sandi McClaghry at 503-934-8256 or email [Sandi McClaghry](#).

Free education materials available

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has free materials to help Oregon fire departments and districts enhance their prevention messages in support of [Fire Prevention Week 2010](#). Materials include brochures about smoke alarms, kitchen safety, gasoline safety, fire safety for older adults, and more. The OSFM also has a new home escape plan/map and a ruler/bookmark to assist with drawing on the home escape map. You can [preview and order these materials](#) online, or by calling 503-934-8266, or emailing the [Community Education Section](#). The OSFM also has a new web-based, interactive, fire safety house called [Live FireSmart](#). Online visitors can click items located throughout the virtual home to view fire prevention and safety messages. Fire agencies are also encouraged to take advantage of the OSFM's free smoke alarms and funding for [door-to-door smoke alarm campaigns](#).

Reminder: September is [National Preparedness Month](#) and [Campus Fire Safety Month](#).