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State Fire Marshal honors outstanding achievements in fire prevention

State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace bestowed the Office of State Fire Marshal's highest awards for outstanding achievement in fire prevention and fire safety education during the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association conference in Bend today.

The Golden Sparky award was presented to Forest Grove Fire & Rescue Division Chief David Nemeyer and the Silver Sparky was presented to Troy DeYoung and Scott Neufield from the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). These awards represent the highest honor given by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, a division of Oregon State Police.

"For more than 10 years working for Forest Grove Fire and Rescue, Division Chief Dave Nemeyer has tirelessly promoted the value of fire prevention and safety in the Forest Grove community, and throughout Oregon," said State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace. "He has personally provided fire and life safety education to more than 4,000 adults and 1,000 children in the Forest Grove community and its schools. Nemeyer also participates as a member of the Washington County Safe Kids coalition to spread the fire safety message to thousands of families in the region. He also coordinates and provides juvenile firesetter intervention counseling for Forest Grove and the neighboring fire departments in Banks and Cornelius. David's outreach and partnerships with other public safety agencies and private businesses has promoted fire safety messages to Spanish-speaking residents, and developed an annual spring safety fair to spread the fire safety message to hundreds more residents. He is certainly deserving of the Golden Sparky award."

"Troy DeYoung and Scott Neufield have been instrumental in partnering with the OSFM on two important fire prevention oriented campaigns focused on Oregon schools," said State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace. "DeYoung and Neufield have given their time and expertise during the development

of *Do the Drill, A School Guide for Emergency Planning* and a *School Fire Reporting* kit. Their commitment to arson and fire prevention spans years of partnership with the OSFM and the Oregon fire service. Through their efforts the SDAO now offers an arson prevention program to help fire districts teach local school administrators the Oregon rules relating to fires set on school property, along with a reward program for information relating to school arson fires. Through their work, DeYoung and Neufield have fostered a strong relationship between local fire agencies, community schools, and the insurance industry. For their efforts, I am honored to award them the OSFM Silver Sparky.”

The Golden Sparky is awarded to fire personnel for outstanding achievements in fire prevention and safety and the Silver Sparky is awarded to a civilian, company, or non-profit organization for outstanding achievements in fire prevention and safety.

For more information on home fire safety, visit the OSFM website at:

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