

# MINUTES

## Oregon Life Safety Team

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2011

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Office of State Fire Marshal, 4760 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97305, Mt. Hood conference room

### Members, Representing:

Alfredo Mendez, Marion Co.  
Bob Wright, OSFM  
Bryan Emmons, Public at Large  
Claire McGrew, OSFM  
Colleen Olson, OSFM  
Daniel Hammel, Wasco Co.  
Darrell King, OFDDA  
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.  
Joanne Hatch, Clackamas Co.

Judy Okulitch, OSFM  
Kris Babbs, ODF  
Krista Fischer, OSFM  
Rod Nichols, ODF  
Sean Condon, Polk Co.  
Stephanie Mills, CPSC  
Stephanie Stafford, OSFM  
Steve Schneiderman, OVFA  
Storm Smith, Washington Co



Claire called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., May 19, 2011. The May meeting is for sub-committees to meet and review their current topics. The three sub-committees that met were 1) Educational Messages 2) Home Fire Safety and 3) Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

### Regional and County Fire Service Reports:

#### Lincoln County – Jim Kusz (report by email)

- Jim is attending the Tsunami Educators meeting in Astoria on May 19, 2011 with Ginger Slavens of Nestucca RFPD.
- Jim made the front page of the Metro section in the Oregonian newspaper May 18, 2011 and KOIN-TV May 17, 2011 about tsunami drills on the Oregon coast.

#### Washington County – Dave Nemeyer (report by email)

- Forest Grove Fire & Rescue in collaboration with Hillsboro F&R and TVFR (and others) participated at the Safe Kids Day at the Zoo.

### Federal, State, County, City and Private Agency Reports:

#### Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA) – Darrell King (report by email)

- Darrell provided legislative updates – Public Safety as of Wednesday, May 18, 2011:
  - SB 106 – EMS Statute Update – The bill was supported by the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association but opposed by the Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Fire District Directors Association. The bill died in Committee but following a stakeholders meeting that included OVFA, OFDDA, SDAO and the League of Oregon Cities, certain non-controversial provisions (such as portability provisions and conformance of language to federal laws) were placed in a brand new bill, HB 3667, which was introduced mid-May by the House Rules Committee.
  - SB 234 – EMS Provisions – Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to designate trauma and emergency health care regions and create a trauma and emergency health care committee for each region. Currently in Ways and Means where it received a hearing on May 12.
  - SB 5541 – DPSST Budget – Was scheduled to be up Tuesday but it will be up Tuesday, May 17 but was held over until Wednesday, May 18. Currently, DPSST will remain whole, including the Dept of Corrections Audit Program, by trading off two unfilled positions.
  - HB 2075 – Prepaid 911 Tax – Due to opposition from the cell phone carriers, the bill will not pass this session but legislators are committed to passing the bill in 2012. The sticking point is the mechanism by

which the funds will be collected (since Oregon does not have a sales tax and carriers would like to avoid the appearance of a sales tax). APCO/NENA provided several alternative collection options to the carriers.

- HB 2076 – 911 Compliance – Clarifies obligation of telecom providers to comply with requirements for 911 emergency communications. The bill is scheduled for a hearing at 8:30 a.m. on May 18 before the Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.
- HB 2078 – Fire Escapes – Introduced at the request of the Office of State Fire Marshal, the bill streamlines ORS chapter 479 by deleting a number of statutes that are either outdated, redundant, or are in conflict with the state’s current adopted fire and building codes.
- HB 2726 – Indoor Clean Air Act – Modifies definition of “smoke shop” for purposes of the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act. Has passed the House and is currently in Senate Judiciary.
- HB 3038 – Sprinkler Upcharge – Places a cap on the upcharges that can be assessed for installation of sprinkler systems. It is opposed by the League of Oregon Cities and the Firefighters Council. The bill is in House Rules with no hearings scheduled.
- HB 3466 – Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN) – The bill finds and declares that Dept of Forestry’s (DOF) communications infrastructure meets policies and standards mandated by the FCC. Establishes that the immediate conversion of the DOF communications infrastructure for compatibility with Oregon Wireless Inoperability Network is not necessary. The bill passed the House and is scheduled for a hearing on May 19 in the Senate Business, Transportation and Economic Development Committee.

**Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators (OFSOA) – Laura Houston (report by email)**

**OFSOA**

- No Report

**Stayton Fire**

- Stayton Fire District - They have been hosting station tours and presentations for our Kindergarten children this month.
- They will be participating in Ag Safety Day on May 24th where we will teach about 250 3rd graders about basic first aid and outdoor fire safety.
- Their website and Facebook continues to be a very popular way to get information out to our citizens.

**Agenda Items:**

**Educational Messages Subcommittee – Stephanie Stafford**

Darrell King, Krista Fischer, Kris Babbs, Daniel Hammel, Joanne Hatch, Judy Okulitch, Bob Wright, Sean Condon, Alfredo Mendez, Stephanie Stafford, and Claire McGrew attended.

- The purpose of the Educational Messages subcommittee is to create and provide consistent language for fire and life safety educators in Oregon. The committee will use *NFPA Educational Messages 2010 Edition* (<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files//PDF/Public%20Education/EMACMessages.pdf>) and additional resources to develop standard messaging.
- The committee briefly reviewed the top causes of Oregon fire fatalities (cigarette, cigar, or pipe, candle, electrical, and combustibles too close to heat source) and injuries (cooking-related, cigarette, electrical, home heating equipment, candle, and match or lighter).
- The committee will consider Social Media messaging (as suggested by Laura Houston prior to the meeting).
- The committee will ask for input from the *Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms* committee on smoke alarms & carbon monoxide alarms messaging.
- The committee would like to add Fireworks, Dryer, Housing Materials/Defensible (Survivable) Space and Flammable/Combustible Liquids (Gasoline, propane, paint, stain, and solvents) as topics.
- The committee would like to omit the Lightning and Hotels/Motels topics from Oregon's standard messaging.

- The committee worked on editing Home Fire Sprinklers, Smoking, Matches and Lighters, Medical Oxygen, and Portable Fire Extinguishers topics.
- Kristin Babbs provided information on Outdoor Burning.
- Stephanie will create a document for the committee to review with one column for NFPA's Educational Messages and one with committee recommendations for Oregon.

#### **Home Fire Safety Subcommittee – Steve Schneiderman**

Rod Nichols, Jeff Cranford, Steve Schneiderman, and Claire McGrew attended.

- The committee created a draft *Keeping Your Home Warm Safely (Combustibles to Close)* brochure.

#### **Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms Subcommittee – Colleen Olson**

Storm Smith, Stephanie Mills, Bryan Emmons, Colleen Olson, and Claire McGrew attended.

- The committee reviewed the new smoke alarm PowerPoint and included documents, smoke alarm brochure, and verbiage for a shorten version of the FAQ for carbon monoxide alarms. A shortened version will be made of the FAQ smoke alarm document as brokers and realtors want both to pass out to their clients.
- Colleen will send the documents to everyone on the committee for review.
- They have created a document which is a list of other items to include in the kit are the new home escape plan and book mark, updated smoke alarm brochure etc.

**Adjournment:** 3:30 p.m.