



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal April 2008

Mobilization Plan review

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) invites input on the proposed changes to the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan at the Oregon Fire Defense Board Chiefs meeting, April 9, 2008, 1-3 p.m. at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. The meeting occurs in conjunction with the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association Spring Conference. The OSFM has sent drafts of the revised plan to all fire defense board chiefs. Drafts will also be available for review at the board meeting. The meeting and input on the plan is open to all members of the Oregon fire service. For more information, contact Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson at 503-373-1540 ext. 216 or email randy.simpson@state.or.us.

VFA, RFA and Ready Reserve grants

Oregon fire departments and districts may apply for Volunteer Fire Assistance, Rural Fire Assistance and Ready Reserve grants through the Oregon Department of Forestry. New this year is the Ready Reserve (RR) program funded through agencies associated with the United States Department of Interior. The focus of the RR program is to increase rural fire department wildland fire operations safety, effectiveness, and capacity by sponsoring or facilitating local training. Application deadline for all grants is April 25, 2008. To access grant applications or for more information, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/grantopps.shtml>.

Door-to-door smoke alarm workshops

The OSFM is hosting workshops April 17 and May 15, 2008, for Oregon fire service members on conducting community door-to-door smoke alarm campaigns. Each two hour workshop will be at the OSFM office in Salem. The workshop covers implementation of all phases of the model community door-to-door smoke alarm campaign kit developed by OSFM in partnership with the Oregon Life Safety Team. The workshops are free. Each attending organization committing to conducting a campaign is eligible to receive 50 free smoke alarms from the OSFM. To register or for more information, contact Colleen Olson at 503-373-1540 ext. 228 or email colleen.olson@state.or.us.