



## Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal July 2009

### **OSFM email outage beginning July 9**

The Office of State Fire Marshal and Oregon State Police email outage originally scheduled for June 25, is rescheduled to begin July 9, 2009. From 6 p.m. Thursday, July 9, and continuing until 6 a.m., Monday, July 13, the OSFM and OSP will not have email access due to a computer network consolidation and upgrade. Business with the OSFM and OSP should be minimally affected as this period involves just one regular business day (Friday, July 10). State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson encourages those with urgent business during this time to contact the OSFM by phone at 503-378-3473. The OSP telephone number is 503-378-3720. Email communication capability for the OSFM and OSP will return by 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 13.

### **Annual report update**

The OSFM plans to release its 2008 Annual Report by the end of July. This late publication date is due to extensive re-work of our fire reporting data. Months of internal auditing revealed discrepancies in past data and the methods in which the data was compiled. Staff initiated a comprehensive effort to recalculate past data to provide a more accurate picture of Oregon's fire problem. This work required the OSFM to delay printing of the annual report. Now, with most data work complete, staff is assembling report elements before sending it to the state printer. When complete, fire departments and districts will be able to request the report in electronic format (CD) or access it on the OSFM website.

### **Fallen Firefighters Memorial**

The 2009 Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2009 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. The academy is located at 4190 Aumsville Highway SE, Salem, Oregon. Ceremonial uniforms are preferred. Memorial bands should be worn over badges. To date, 161 line-of-duty deaths have been approved for the memorial wall from as far back as 1881. Construction of the memorial was completed and dedicated September 9, 2006. For more information, contact Julie Olsen-Fink at 503-378-2297.