



**Oregon Life Safety Team  
February 21, 2008  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Office of State Fire Marshal**

**Minutes**

**Attendees**

Connie King, Washington County  
Joanne Hatch, TVF&R  
Chris Riffle, Salem Fire  
Cindy Kettering, Bend FD  
Heather Hill, Lane Co.  
Dave Neymeyer, Forest Grove FD  
Michael Jackson, Astoria FD, R15  
Mark Wilson, OFMA (Lebanon FD)  
Laura Houston, OFSOA  
Steve Schneiderman, OVFA  
Joe Burchyski, CPSC

Stephanie Mills, CPSC  
Tim Birr, Fire Safety Coalition  
Krista Fischer, OSFM  
Dave Jones, OSFM  
Judy Okulitch, OSFM  
Tari Glocar, OSFM  
Stephanie Stafford, OSFM  
Carol Baumann, OSFM  
Colleen Olson, OSFM  
Dee Anna Morgan, OSFM

Judy Okulitch called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m., February 21, 2008, in the Mt. Hood conference room.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The team approved minutes from the October 23, 2007, meeting and they are available online at: [http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm\\_Ed/LST/LST\\_Minutes/OLST2007/10\\_23\\_07OLSTminutes.pdf](http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/LST/LST_Minutes/OLST2007/10_23_07OLSTminutes.pdf)

**Introductions**

Judy introduced Stephanie Stafford, Community Education Program Coordinator, Office of State Fire Marshal. Stephanie will transition to the OLST as lead facilitator later in the year.

**Association & Representative Reports**

Colleen Olson announced that 13 fire departments have submitted action plans to conduct door-to-door smoke alarm campaigns. She encouraged anyone who is considering conducting such a campaign to contact her at 503-373-1540 ext. 228, to obtain information on OSFM's offer to provide training, support, smoke alarms and financial support.

### **Clackamas County**

Clackamas County Co-op is working on a presentation for Clackamas County Fire Defense Board. The presentation is a recap of co-op activities in 2007. Projected activities for 2008 include: building 5 or 6 burn barrels for demonstrations on using burn barrels safely, offering training for debris removal, working with area landscape nurseries to do a landscaping outreach assisting residents with developing survivable spaces, rural addressing and distributing PSA's on debris removal and campfire safety.

TVF&R received a gift from Epic Imaging and a Fireman's Fund grant to paint their fire safety house. This allows them to place the safety messages on the exterior of the house depicting the lessons that are learned within. They have also just completed a demographic study and forecasting to 2025 for the Tualatin Valley area with the assistance from the research center housed at PSU.

TVF&R recently held a train-the-trainer workshop for the Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction program at the OFMA conference, at Mt. Hood Village. The quarterly workshop for managers went well in January. The next workshop is scheduled for April. Joanne invited all team members who are interested to attend.

### **Clatsop County**

Astoria FD continues to dig out from under the winter storms. A partnership with area high schools enabled the department to conduct a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign and distribute smoke alarms given by Fred Meyer. Astoria FD offers training in March 2008, providing instruction on home fire sprinkler installation.

### **Deschutes County**

Deschutes County is preparing for their annual *Code Ready* smoke alarm campaign. The goal is to contact over 500 homes. In April, they will be conducting the *Firewise* fire reduction campaign and offering grants to residents to bring yard debris to the local land fill for no charge. Bend FD will go to area schools in May to teach fire safety to students.

### **Lane County**

Lane County is gearing up for their *Firebusters* program they offer annually in the spring. East Lane County is actively teaching fire mitigation.

### **Marion County**

Salem FD is hosting a *Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation* course on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are 50 attendees registered. This is a free training on installation of 13-D sprinkler systems. For additional information, contact Salem FD Deputy Chief of Fire & Life Safety, Joe Parrott at 503-588-6245.

### **Washington County**

Connie King is retiring and relocating to Australia. She is inviting all who would like to join in celebrating her retirement to join the official party March 1, 2008, at Cornelius Pass Road House in Hillsboro. For additional information, she can be reached at Hillsboro Fire Department, 503-681-6208.

Hillsboro FD recognized 28 bi-lingual volunteers, who put in over 1000 hours bringing smoke alarm messages door-to door in two major campaigns this past year.

## **CPSC**

CPSC's budget is receiving an increase of \$17 million dollars. Funds will update the CPSC lab, start a new Imports Division and put an increased CPSC presence at the ports of entry. Find additional information on recalls at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) .

## **IAAI**

IAAI in partnership with CPSC has developed an Oregon website that lists recalls that may be of interest to the fire service. Recent recalls on lithium batteries and ATV's catching fire is some of the many recalls you can find at [www.firearson.com](http://www.firearson.com) .

## **OFDDA**

Dave Jones, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal, Office of State Fire Marshal, has been appointed as the OFDDA representative on the OLST.

## **OFMA**

Mark Wilson, Lebanon FD represents OFMA and passed out brochures for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual OFMA Business Meeting and Education Conference, being held at Salishan Lodge in Gleneden Beach, OR, on April 14th-17<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is available at [www.ofma.net](http://www.ofma.net) .

## **OFSOA**

OFSOA Spring Workshop 2008 is being held all day Thursday, April 17th and half of Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Salem FD training office classrooms, 2740 25th Street SE, in Salem. Additional information is available at: [www.ofsoa.com](http://www.ofsoa.com)

## **Oregon Fire Safety Coalition**

Tim Birr has agreed to be the OLST representative on the Fire Safety Coalition.

## **OVFA**

Steve Schneiderman announced that OVFA is under new management. Genoa Ingram of Court Street Consulting is the new Executive Director. OVFA is preparing for their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Firefighters Conference to be held in June in Keizer at the training center.

Steve would like to remind everyone that the mobile billboards display several fire and life safety messages and are available to borrow. Banners with personalized messages can be made to fit the trailers and trailers can be borrowed without billboards.

## **News from Other States**

The State of Alabama is making great strides in their efforts to ban the sale of toy-like lighters. Much of the activity in the state is due to the dedication of a 10 year old boy who has championed this cause, getting media coverage, speaking with legislators and bringing details of the hazards to the public.

## **Old Business**

Carol Baumann and Colleen Olson met with the Pro Schools representative to finalize the on-line smoke alarm course for realtors that OLST is supporting. OSFM Community Education Services Unit is providing the content and Pro Schools is formatting for the e-learning environment. This promises to be an efficient method for getting the word to realtors with regard to smoke alarms. Once a draft of the program is available, it will be presented at the OLST meeting for review and input.

## **New Business**

Office of State Fire Marshal, Community Education Services Unit is considering bringing a 5-6 day U.S. Fire Administration course to Oregon. Tari provided a course outline for *Presenting Effective Public Education Programs* and solicited input from the team.

Several team members have been to the academy in Emmitsburg, MD and thought this training could be accomplished in 5 days. The possibility of academy training regionally met with eager anticipation and members easily identified individual department staff who might be interested in attending.

Carolyn Ross, Field Service Manager, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division planned to attend the meeting today to discuss the *Remembering When* (a fire and fall prevention program for older adults), but got pulled away to the legislation. Judy shared the PowerPoint presentation of the program, passed out sample brochures (*how to prevent fires and how to prevent falls*) with the 16 fire and fall prevention messages and solicited team input.

Some fire departments have used the program, but declined to reorder brochures due to cost. OLST would like to see a senior's safety program be considered as development for part of the *Home Fire Safety is Up to You!* campaign, with different topics for each month listed on the back of rack cards.

*how to prevent fires* messages and OLST comments:

1. If you smoke, smoke outside.
  - Having deep ashtrays
  - Information about standards
  - Disposing of cigarettes properly
  - Smoking and oxygen
  - Fire Safer Cigarettes (Purchasing in other states)
  - No smoking in bed/while medicated or drinking
2. Give space heaters space.
  - Appliances left on
3. Be kitchen wise.
  - Need checklist
  - Microwave cooking
  - Overheated/burn
  - Never leave unattended
4. Stop, drop, and roll.
  - How to smother fires in different ways
5. Install smoke alarms.
  - Not installing – pict.
  - What to do if you can't hear smoke alarms
  - Replacing smoke alarms
6. Plan and practice your escape from fire.
  - Combine #6 & #8
  - What to do when smoke alarm sounds and escape plans
  - Emphasize clear pathway
  - If unable to get out, get to windows
7. Know your local emergency number.
8. Plan your escape around your abilities.

*how to prevent falls* messages:

1. Exercise regularly.
2. Take your time.
3. Clear the way.
4. Look out for yourself.
5. Slippery when wet.
6. Throw rugs can throw you.
7. Tread carefully.
8. Best foot forward.

OLST shared some hazards often identified with the 65 and older population:

- Extension cords: in disrepair, overloading power supply, electrical wiring of older homes and as a tripping hazard
- Appliances: age of outdated appliances, home repairs, improper use, space heaters
- Medical devices: smoking with oxygenators and liquid oxygen, scooter fires
- Wood stoves: combustibles too close, chimney fires, chimney disrepair
- Increased frequency of fires and falls in wet and cold conditions

Technology available to assist with hazards associated with seniors:

- Firestop®
- Over the hood fire extinguisher
- Oven sticks
- Resource list
- Life Line®/Life Alert®
- Medication cards and magnets for refrigerator
- Frequent printed medication updates from pharmacies

### **Upcoming Training**

A *play safe! be safe!* workshop is scheduled for February 29, 2008, at the Hillsboro Civic Center. OSFM has partnered with Fireproof Children to bring Dr. Robert Cole and this educational training to Oregon's early childhood educators. OSFM and Hillsboro FD are jointly sponsoring this event which will be free of charge and provide educators with training and free *play safe! be safe!* kits.

Smoke Alarm Door-to-door campaign, Train-the-trainer workshop, May 15, 2008, OSFM.

### **Good of the order**

Best wishes to Connie King in her retirement! Thank you Krista for the cupcakes and treats.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 20 (**cancelled**) April 17, 2008, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM in the Mt. Hood conference room.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**NOTE:** Members who cannot attend meetings in person are encouraged to contact Candice Clark, 503-373-1540, ext. 266 to arrange participation in the meeting via tele-conference.

## OLST ACTIVITY CALENDAR

<b>April 2008</b>		
April 17	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
April 17	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
April 17-18	OFSOA Spring Workshop 2008	Salem FD Training Office Classrooms, 2740 25th Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 All day Thursday and half day Friday For additional information contact: Vickey Dosier, <a href="mailto:region2@ofsoa.com">region2@ofsoa.com</a> , or 503-588-6245
<b>May 2008</b>		
May 15	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
May 15	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
<b>June 2008</b>		
June 19	Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Apt. Landlord Training	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
June 19	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
<b>July 2008</b>		
July 17	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
July 17	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
<b>August 2008</b>		
August 21	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
August 21	OLST meeting	No meeting this month – fire season
<b>September 2008</b>		
September 18	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
September 18	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
<b>October 2008</b>		
October 16	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
October 16	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
October 15-17	OFSOA 2008 Annual Conference	Bend, OR For additional information contact: Bonita Johnson, at <a href="mailto:region5@ofsoa.org">region5@ofsoa.org</a>

<b>November 2008</b>		
November 20	Door-to-door Smoke Alarm Campaign, Train-the-trainer	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
November 20	OLST meeting	1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room
<b>December 2008</b>		
December 18	Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Apt. Landlord Training	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at OSFM, Mt. Hood conference room <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities">http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml#OSFM_Training_Opportunities</a>
December 18	OLST meeting	No meeting this month – Happy Holidays