



**Oregon Life Safety Team  
February 19, 2009  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Office of State Fire Marshal**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDEES, REPRESENTING**

Anne-Marie Penge, Marion Co.  
Bryan Emmons, Volunteer  
Candice Clark, OSFM – Community Education  
Cindy Kettering, Crook, Deschutes Co. (T/C)  
Colleen Olson, OSFM – Community Education  
Connie Brodehl, Washington Co. (T/C)  
Darrell King, OFDDA  
Dave Fields, OSFM – East Region Supervisor  
Debbie McDermott, OFMA  
Earl Diment, Pioneer Technology  
Jeff Cranford, Yamhill Co.  
Jennifer McCormick, American Red Cross  
Jennifer Warren, ODF  
Jim Kusz, Lincoln Co.

Joanne Hatch, Clackamas Co.  
Karla Bagley-Tias, Jefferson Co.  
Krista Fischer, OSFM – Planning & Training Assistance  
Laura Houston, OFSOA  
Ray Hubbard, Benton Co.  
Rod Nichols, ODF  
Sean Barrett, Lane Co.  
Scott Goetchius, Multnomah Co.  
Scott Rice, Klamath Co.  
Stephanie Stafford, OSFM – Community Education  
Steve Schneiderman, OVFA  
Storm Smith, Washington Co.  
Tim Birr, Oregon Fire Safety Coalition  
Tom Bohm, Umatilla Co. (T/C)

(T/C) = teleconference

**NOT PRESENT, REPRESENTING**

Bill Sharp, Curry Co.  
Bill Guindon, Harney Co.  
Curtis Ryun, OR Burn Center  
Dan Hammel, Wasco Co.  
Dennis Knudson, Lincoln Co.  
Don Hickman, Jackson Co.  
Gary Timm, Baker Co.  
Hyla Ridenour, Columbia Co.  
Jim Patton, Benton Co.

Joe Burchyski, CPSC  
Kathleen Hornstuen, Coos Co.  
Lenard Hansen, Clatsop Co.  
Mark Wilson, Linn Co.  
Nancy Wolske, Providence Lifeline  
William Cearns, Grant Co.  
Anita Phillips, OSFM – License & Permit Supervisor  
Tari Glocar, OSFM – Community Education

Stephanie Stafford called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m., February 19, 2009, in the Mt. Hood conference room.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The team approved minutes from the January 15, 2009, meeting and they are available online at [http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm\\_Ed/LST/LST\\_Minutes/OLST2009/01\\_15\\_09OLSTminutes.pdf](http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/LST/LST_Minutes/OLST2009/01_15_09OLSTminutes.pdf)

## **INTRODUCTIONS, ASSOCIATION & REGIONAL REPORTS**

### **Benton County** – Ray Hubbell (new member 02-19-09)

- New Benton County member.

### **Clackamas County** – Joanne Hatch

#### Clackamas County co-op

- Developing safety tips bucket. This is a five (5) gallon bucket with safety tips printed on the bucket. The bucket is useful for carrying water or kindling for your campsite or fireworks, etc.
- The co-op is working with the Fire Defense Board on the wildland season and burning message hotline.

#### Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R)

- TVF&R recently concluded six (6) safety house events.
- Joanne invited team members to attend the April 16, 2009, TVF&R Train-the-Trainer Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction Workshop. For more information visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml>
- Fire Rescue International 2009 accepted TVF&R to teach the Train-the-Trainer Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction Workshop in Dallas, TX. The event runs August 25-29, 2009.

### **Crook County** – Cindy Kettering

- No report

### **Deschutes County** – Cindy Kettering

- No report

### **Eastern Oregon** – Dave Fields

- Dave is the Eastern Oregon Regional Supervisor.
- He is concerned about the rise of carbon monoxide poisoning.

### **Jefferson County** – Karla Bagley Tias (new member 01-15-09)

- Karla is the Assistant Fire Chief at Warm Springs Fire and Safety.
- She is in charge of prevention, public education and training.

### **Klamath County** – Scott Rice

- Scott is a Deputy Fire Marshal at Klamath County Fire District #1
- Three Klamath County fire departments are conducting Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Campaigns.

### **Lane County** - Sean Barrett (new member 01-15-09)

- No report

### **Lincoln County** –Jim Kusz

- Dennis and Jim are planning to apply for smoke alarms campaigns in Depoe Bay, Lincoln City and Gleneden Beach late spring.
- Jim is working with Lakeview Assisted Living to introduce the fall and fire prevention program for older adults.

**Multnomah County** –Scott Goetchius

- No report

**Umatilla County** – Tom Bohm

- No report

**Washington County** – Storm Smith & Joanne Hatch

Storm Smith

- Storm is the Public Information Officer for Hillsboro Fire Department.

Joanne Hatch

- Washington County Safe Kids are planning the Zoo Event for May 2, 2009.

**Yamhill County** – Jeff Cranford

- Jeff is a Fire Prevention Specialist at McMinnville Fire Department.
- Jeff has planned a fall and fire prevention program for March and quarterly throughout the year.

**American Red Cross** – Jennifer McCormick (new member 11-20-08)

- Jennifer teaches safety prevention.

**Oregon Department of Forestry** – Rod Nichols

- Rod introduced Jennifer Warren as Oregon Department of Forestry National Fire Plan Coordinator and State Liaison for Firewise Communities USA.

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association** – Darrell King (new member 02-19-09)

- Darrell is the new board member representing OFDDA and the board president for Charleston RFPD.

**Oregon Fire Marshal Association** – Debbie McDermott

- No report

**Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators** – Laura Houston

- No report

**Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association** – Steve Scheiderman

- No report

**Volunteer** – Bryan Emmons

- No report

**UPDATES**

**Toylike Lighter Legislation** – Tim Birr

- HB 2265 went before the House Interim Committee on Consumer Protection where 14 witnesses presented 90 minutes of testimony. No testimony in opposition. The committees sent the bill to the House floor with a unanimous due pass recommendation.
- House floor and the House Interim Committee on Consumer Protection voted unanimously to send the bill to the Senate floor.
- Bill has made it through the house without opposition.
- Bill would become effective 91 days after the Governor signs.

### **Realtor Smoke Alarm Brochure – Colleen Olson**

- Colleen is updating the Realtor smoke alarm brochure and asked members for their input, please send to Colleen Olson at fax 503-373-1825 or [colleen.olson@state.or.us](mailto:colleen.olson@state.or.us).
- She would like to present a draft to the OLSM Smoke Alarm Subcommittee on March 19, 2009.

### **Pioneering Technology, Safe-T-element – Earl Diment**

- Earl is the Chief Safety Officer for Pioneering Technology.
- He is on the Executive Board of NFPA's Education Section.
- Explained Safe-T-elements' technology and how it works. Food stops cooking and starts burning at 662 °F. It bursts into flames at 728°F. An electric stove on high can reach 1400-1600°F.
- Each Safe-T-element solid cover plate clamps on top of existing electric coil stovetop burners.
- Each plate has a sensor control unit installed inside the stove that controls the temperature of the plate limiting the high-end temperature to 662°F and will shut down the burner before food can burst into flames. The cast-iron plate holds the heat. When the plate cools a few degrees, the burner will turn on until it heats to 662°F and then shuts down again. This cuts the energy use of the stove in half. Each unit of four (4) burners cost \$169.73. Payback period is two (2)–five (5) years depending on personal usage.
- For more information visit: <http://www.pioneeringtech.com/safe-t-element.html>.
- Earl trains people to become certified installers.

### **Beach Safety – Jim Kusz**

- Jim explained J.A.W.S. stands for Just Add Water Safety and handed out J.A.W.S. brochures to members.
- In the last two years, north and south of Lincoln City, about eight people have perished. Most near misses and drowning victims are not from the coastal area.
- The team watched the video Jim Created “Escape the Rip” (featuring Casey Kusz, Jim's son.)
- Jim explained rip tides are the number one killer on the Oregon coast and discussed the characteristics of a rip current.
- The Beach Safety Group came together for a brief meeting a few weeks ago because of the concerns of one local citizen John Iwamura, surfer and former resident of Hawaii. Mr. Iwamura was amazed at the type of deaths occurring on the Oregon coast since moving to the northwest. The group that met with Mr. Iwamura, consisted of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue members, Depoe Bay Fire, a U.S. Coast Guard representative and local surfers.

### **Campus/College Fire Safety – Stephanie Stafford for Jim Patton**

Here are some topics Jim wants cover for the Campus/College Fire Safety Sub-Committee:

- How to obtain campus administration support for fire safety?
- How to reach all college-aged students with the appropriate fire safety message?
- To share ideas, resources and programs from campuses around the state.
- Discussion on creating legislation aimed at enhancing fire safety on and around college campuses.
- Create a resource package for distribution to colleges around the state. Other topics the subcommittee would like to address.
- Each year Jim involves his local sororities or fraternities in a program where the students go on and off campus testing and installing smoke alarms. Because of the high demand, the sororities and fraternities have to sign up to participate.
- In Oregon and Washington, Jim may have the biggest awareness program.
- Jim teaches the FireWise Campus Program.

**Other:**

Stephanie talked about subcommittees and asked members to sign up for subcommittees.

- Beach Safety
- Campus/College Fire Safety
- Home Fire Safety
- Seniors (Older Adults)
- Smoke Alarms

Steve Schneiderman applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for fire prevention & safety programs. All Oregon Rotary Clubs in partnership with the Oregon Life Safety Team sponsor the grant. This is a generic yearlong fire prevention & safety program. This will include mass media, TV, pre-printed newspaper flyer insert and handout, mobile billboards, and internet campaign. Deadline for grant is March 4, 2009, and the results should be available in April/May 2009.

Stephanie announced OSFM is hosting two, 2-day National Fire Academy courses June 1-4, 2009 at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem, Oregon.

**Courses:**

Community Risk Issues and Prevention Interventions June 1-2, 2009.

Fire Prevention for High-Risk Populations: Age and Disability Factors June 3-4, 2009.

- OSFM is awarding 30 tuition scholarships to fire prevention and safety educators. Travel and meals are the students' responsibility. Low cost meals are available at the DPSST cafeteria.
- Applications are due by 5 p.m., April 15, 2009. Students may apply to attend one or both courses. Space is limited, only 30 scholarships for each class are available. The OSFM will notify candidates of their status by April 30, 2009.
- For more information and to register visit:  
[www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm\\_Ed/Training/National\\_Fire\\_Academy\\_Classes\\_in\\_Oregon.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/Training/National_Fire_Academy_Classes_in_Oregon.shtml)

A committee will start next month to review fire fatalities in Oregon. If you would like to join, please contact Tari Glocar at 503-934-8273 or [Tari.Glocar@state.or.us](mailto:Tari.Glocar@state.or.us).

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 19, 2009, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at OSFM in the Mt. Hood conference room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 3:34 p.m.