

Forming a Sub-Governmental/Public Fire Department: a Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD)

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) encourages forming under one of four options, #1 through #4, if applicable:

- 1) Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) formed under ORS 478 and ORS 198
- 2) City Fire Department formed under city charter
- 3) Domestic Water Supply District under ORS 264.340 and ORS 198
- 4) County Service District under ORS 451.010 and ORS 199.420 (7)
- 5) Governmental Industry Fire Brigade

Useful links and resources:

- 1) **Oregon Special Districts Association (SDAO)**
SDAO can assist with formation of Rural Fire Protection Districts.
<http://www.sdao.com>
- 2) **League of Oregon Cities (LOC)**
LOC can assist with formation of a fire department for incorporated cities.
<http://www.orcities.org>
- 3) **Association of Oregon Counties (AOC)**
AOC can assist with formation of County Service Districts (the only example in the State of Oregon is Sun River Fire Department in Deschutes County (2007)).
<http://www.aocweb.org/aoc/default.aspx>
- 4) **Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA)**
OFDDA provides information on issues ranging from personnel, budget law, public contracting, and public meetings.
<http://www.ofdda.com>