



# GATED WYE

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## Governor's Fire Service Policy Council 2007 report

Created by the 2001 Legislature, the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council (GFSPC) provides advice and guidance to the Governor and the Oregon State Police Superintendent on issues of common interest, policies and affairs affecting the fire protection and life safety of Oregon citizens.

During 2007, council challenges and accomplishments included:

### **Incident Management Team (IMT) qualifications standards**

This project identified training and qualification standards for all-hazard type 1, 2 and 3 Incident Management Teams for adoption by DPSST.

The work group included representatives from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Fire District Directors Association, Oregon Emergency Management and the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group. Results of their final report included:

1. Recommended standards for Type 2 and Type 3 Incident Management Teams.
2. Recommended DPSST identify and design instruction methods and certification for Type 3 requirements.
3. Recommended DPSST develop a crosswalk between existing Incident Command System (ICS) classes and the FEMA all-hazard ICS classes taught by DPSST.
4. Identified a second group of statewide stakeholders, with jurisdictional response for all-hazard events, to create a method for these responders to work and train under the recommended qualifications for incident response personnel.

### **Fire sprinklers in manufactured housing**

This project proposed to sprinkle manufactured housing via the assembly line. Research identified two options: 1) amend state statute allowing sprinklers to be installed by unlicensed plumbing installers, or 2) request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) adopt an optional standard for

customers wanting sprinklers. The GFSPC declined to recommend a statute change. The process for an optional national standard through the HUD code adoption process is very long. The GFSPC suspended the project.

### **Code 3 / At Fault Best Practices**

A council project for more than a year, the 2006 task force report recommended the need for standard guidelines and training for all Code 3 crashes including:

- consistent crash investigation and reporting policies,
- regular collection and review of crash statistics,
- initial and ongoing training for emergency vehicle operators, and
- appropriate guidance and related educational initiatives for citizen drivers.

Based on the Code 3 recommendations, the council, in 2007, chartered two task forces: 1) the Code 3 Emergency Responders Task Force to define the parameters

## From the desk of the State Fire Marshal



**“Fire departments and districts are a primary and crucial component in the development and success of LEPCs.”**

### Columbia County is Oregon’s first LEPC

Last month, the Columbia Emergency Planning Association submitted Oregon’s first local emergency planning committee (LEPC) application. For many years this association has played a significant part in Columbia county agencies’ emergency preparedness. The association includes more than 40 public agencies, businesses, and safety organizations.

Last May we revamped Oregon’s LEPC structure to provide local officials an increased opportunity to coordinate emergency planning and preparedness.

Prior to this change, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) had established only one statewide ‘local’ emergency planning committee. When the 2005 Legislature moved SERC responsibilities to OSFM, our priority was to establish emergency planning committees at the local level.

LEPCs can play a key role in local emergency response planning and readiness. They provide a forum for emergency management agencies, responders, industry and the public to work together to evaluate chemical and other hazards in the community and develop appropriate emergency plans.

Fire departments and districts are a primary and crucial component in the development and success of LEPCs. Please work proactively with your community leaders and other public safety agencies to develop LEPCs across the state.

To help communities get started, we have a tool box of materials to help communities establish an LEPC. It includes sample documents and reference materials covering LEPC responsibilities and ideas for committee governance, soliciting membership and funding. We’re also providing grants and staff to establish and maintain active LEPCs.

For more information, contact Assistant Chief Deputy Sue Otjen at 503-373-1540 ext. 227 or email [sue.otjen@state.or.us](mailto:sue.otjen@state.or.us).



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# GFSPC report

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for a report from Department of Motor Vehicles and insurers and to develop best practices for emergency drivers, and 2) the Code 3 Citizen Drivers Education Task Force to initiate training and public education for citizen drivers. Work on these issues will continue through 2008.

## Legislative report

The council also monitors legislative issues. Significant accomplishments during the 2007 session included:

- the passage of HB 2163, the fire-safer cigarette bill, <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hb2100.dir/hb2163.en.pdf>
- HJR 25 established Fire Service Appreciation Day on January 27 of every year, <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hjr1.dir/hjr0025.en.pdf>
- HB 2595 enables the fire service to receive tokens of appreciation from the public, <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hb2500.dir/hb2595.en.pdf> and SB 10, <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0001.dir/sb0010.en.pdf>
- and SB 605, licensing of chimney sweeps as construction contractors <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0600.dir/sb0605.en.pdf>

## Appendix P Amendment to the 2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code

The council supports an avenue for local municipalities to require installation of residential sprinklers in new homes. The Oregon Residential Specialty Code regulates local building jurisdictions, and, as proposed by the Residential Code Review Committee, it would not allow a municipality or county to be more restrictive than the State of Oregon. Appendix P, if adopted by the state, would allow local municipalities the choice to adopt a residential sprinkler requirement for new homes.

Collaborative efforts of the Oregon Fire Safety Coalition, including the GFSPC, have united the fire service to educate and persuade the Building Codes Division to adopt Appendix P.

## Proposal to mitigate structural fire protection risks on or near forest lands

Structural fire representatives have been active on the Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) forestland classification review. Logged forestlands have become urban, yet remain classified as forestland. ODF combines forestland assessments and the state's general funds to administer forest functions and timber fire suppression. The council supported three goals including:

1. Reduce structural fire risk in interface areas.
2. Give structural fire jurisdictions with forestlands a voice in interface fire protection policy and budget.
3. Provide a funding source for the costs associated with a Governor-declared Conflagration.

For more information, visit the GFSPC website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/GFSPC.shtml>.

## OSFM recruiting for Incident Management Team positions

**T**he Office of State Fire Marshal is recruiting for pool positions on the Incident Management Teams (IMT).

Positions available include:

- Logistics Section Chief
- Planning Section Chief
- Resource Unit Leader
- Finance Chief
- Safety Officer

During the past nine years OSFM IMT teams have deployed to all Governor-declared conflagrations. Most recently, a team assisted recovery efforts after flooding in Vernonia.

For applications or more information, contact IMT Coordinator Tina Toney at 503-373-1540 ext. 212 or email [tina.toney@state.or.us](mailto:tina.toney@state.or.us).

## Fire-safer cigarette law summary for fire departments and districts

Following are the main elements of Oregon's fire-safer cigarette law effective January 1, 2008.

Key dates in the fire-safer cigarette law:

- April 17, 2007 - Governor signs bill into law. OSFM accepts fire standard compliant cigarettes certified by New York state. Manufacturers desiring to sell cigarettes not certified in New York must apply for certifications from OSFM.
- July 1, 2007 - Manufacturers must sell only fire standard compliant cigarettes to wholesalers/dealers in Oregon. Wholesalers, dealers and retailers had until December 31, 2007, to sell or dispose of non-compliant cigarettes.
- January 1, 2008 - Retailers must sell only fire standard compliant cigarettes and must remove all non-compliant cigarettes from shelves.

Fire departments and districts may inspect retail outlets in their jurisdictions for compliance. Departments discovering packages or cartons of non-compliant cigarettes are encouraged to first contact OSFM for assistance.

Departments and districts may seize non-compliant cigarettes (requires completion of an evidence sheet and transferring the product to the OSFM) or require the retailer to immediately remove the product from shelves. All non-compliant product must be stored in an area inaccessible to the public. The retailer then has the following options:

- Contact their distributor to arrange for pick up of the non-compliant product.
- Destroy the product or dispose of them in a way that they are unavailable or unusable.

Departments may elect no action against the retailer except to report them to OSFM by contacting Anita Phillips or Sharon Kraw at 503-373-1540 or email [anita.phillips@state.or.us](mailto:anita.phillips@state.or.us) or [sharon.kraw@state.or.us](mailto:sharon.kraw@state.or.us).

The OSFM is working with compliance specialists from the Department of Justice and the Department of Revenue on retail inspections and enforcement of the law.

Manufacturers have the right to inspect non-compliant product before legal action and have a right to contest any action by fire departments or OSFM. In contested cases, determinations are made by a hearings officer (administrative law judge). The OSFM has the right to issue a final order which may or may not concur with the hearing officer's decision.

More information is available at [http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Safer\\_Cigarette\\_Program.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Safer_Cigarette_Program.shtml).

## Workshops available on Hazardous Substance Information Survey

The Office of State Fire Marshal Community Right-To-Know unit (CR2K) is conducting free workshops on the Hazardous Substance Information Survey (HSIS).

Instruction includes reporting requirements, how to complete the HSIS and information on the additional resources available from the CR2K.

All facilities that receive the HSIS are invited to attend. Space is limited. To register, contact the person listed below the workshop you want to attend.

### HSIS workshop #1

**When:** February 21, 2008 8:30-11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Center for Occupational Health  
2621 Crosby Ave.  
Klamath Falls, OR

**Contact:** Mark Johnston at 503-373-1540 x246

### HSIS workshop #2

**When:** February 21, 2008 8:30-11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Pendleton Fire & Ambulance  
911 SW Court St.  
Pendleton, OR

**Contact:** Gordon Simeral at 503-373-1540 x246



## Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I training

This 16-hour course includes an overview of Oregon's juvenile firesetter intervention program, including: policies, procedures and laws, child development and communication, practice using the *Juvenile with Fire* screening tool, intervention options including educational strategies and referral procedures, as well as networking steps and data collection.

The class also provides students with the training to complete the task book required by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for National Fire Protection Association 1035 certification as Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I in Oregon.

Sponsored by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, scheduled instructors include: Redmond Fire & Rescue Fire Marshal Traci Cooper, Lake Oswego Fire Department Fire Marshal Chuck Chaffin and OSFM Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program Manager Judy Okulitch.

### Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I

**When:** Feb 19 - 12:00-5:00  
Feb 20 - 8:00-5:00  
Feb 21 - 8:00-12:00

**Where:** Redmond Fire and Rescue  
341 NW Dogwood Ave.  
Redmond, Oregon

**Cost:** \$25, due first day of class

**Meals:** on your own

For registration forms and more information, visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Training.shtml> or contact Carol Baumann at 503-373-1540 ext. 240 or email [carol.baumann@state.or.us](mailto:carol.baumann@state.or.us).

## Oregon Fire Code Amendment class scheduled for March 11

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is providing training on 2007 Oregon Fire Code amendments March 11, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the OSFM headquarters in Salem, Oregon.

This training is required for fire inspection personnel seeking OSFM Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition as a Fire and Life Safety Specialist I, Fire and Life Safety Specialist II, and Fire Marshal. The training is at no cost and participants will receive .4 Continuing Education Units.

Scheduled instructors are Deputy State Fire Marshal John Caul and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Deputy Fire Marshal Eric McMullen.

To register or for more information, contact Mary Olson at 503-373-1540 ext. 251 or email [mary.olson@state.or.us](mailto:mary.olson@state.or.us).

## President signs Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act

On December 20, President Bush signed the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) into law. The law prohibits the federal government from taxing benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service personnel by state and local units of government.

Additionally, the law states the first \$360 per year of any other type of benefit that a volunteer receives is exempt from taxation. The provisions were included in House Resolution 3648-The Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007.

For more information on VRIPA, visit the National Volunteer Firefighter Council website at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

## Assistance to Firefighter Grant workshops scheduled for Oregon

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, Scappoose Fire Protection District and Hood River Fire Department, in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are sponsoring grant writing workshops for departments interested in applying for 2008 Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG).

The free AFG workshops provide fire departments and EMS agencies with information on 2008 updates, available funding for all grants and funding priorities for the upcoming grant application. Participants will learn the application process and receive insight on the 2008 program guidance.

Below are the dates and locations for the AFG writing workshops:

Date: March 3, 2008  
Time: 7 – 10 p.m.  
Location: Scappoose Fire Protection District  
52751 Columbia River Hwy.  
Scappoose, Oregon  
Contact: Asst. Chief John Shull, 503-543-5026 or email [jshull@srfd.us](mailto:jshull@srfd.us)

Date: March 4, 2008  
Time: 1 – 4 p.m.  
Location: Chemeketa/Brooks Training Center  
4910 Brooklake Road  
Salem, Oregon  
Contact: Colleen Olson, 503-373-1540 ext. 228 or email [colleen.olson@state.or.us](mailto:colleen.olson@state.or.us)

Date: March 5, 2008  
Time: 1 – 4 p.m.  
Location: Hood River Fire Department  
1785 Meyer Parkway  
Hood River, Oregon  
Contact: Assistant Chief Devon Wells, 541-386-3939 ext. 63 or email [devon@ci.hood-river.or.us](mailto:devon@ci.hood-river.or.us)

## Additional Training and Events

### Professional Development Seminar March 17-21, 2008

TVF&R Training Center  
12400 SW Tonquin Road  
Sherwood, Oregon

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is sponsoring a Professional Development Seminar March 17-21. The seminar provides continuing education credits for fire professionals and CEUs for building inspectors and plans examiners.

Topics include:

- ICC 2006 International Building Code (IBC) Fire Risk of Interior Finishes
- ICC 2006 IBC - Solving Means of Egress Problems
- ICC 2006 International Fire Code Fire Protection Systems
- BATFE Investigation Module
- Professional development presentations by TVF&R Fire Chief Jeff Johnson and accredited instructors from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Daily continental breakfast and lunch provided. Students may register for one day or all five. Registration deadline is February 25, 2008. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.tvfr.com/dept/fm/PDS/index.html> or call 503-356-4700.

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### OFMA Annual Meeting April 14-17, 2008

Salishan Resort  
7760 Hwy. 101 North  
Gleneden Beach, Oregon

Scheduled guest speaker: Vince Lombardi Jr. For more information, contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Michelle Stevens at 541-776-6114 ext. 272 or email [michelle.stevens@state.or.us](mailto:michelle.stevens@state.or.us).



# Propane (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)

## Description:

- Synonyms: Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG); Dimethylmethane
- Colorless, flammable liquefied gas under pressure
- Ethyl mercaptan is added to provide an unpleasant odor to detect leaks
- Flash Point: -156° F
- LEL: 2.15%; UEL: 9.6%
- Hazard Class: (2.1) Flammable Gases; (6.3) Acute Health Hazard
- CAS: 74-98-6
- UN/NA: 1978

## NFPA Information:

- Health: 1
- Flammability: 4
- Reactivity: 0
- Special: None

## Uses and Occurrences:

- May be mixed with natural gas and petroleum deposits in rocks (fossil fuel)
- Fuel for cooking, heating
- Used as fuel in some vehicles
- An ingredient in some refrigerants

## Reactivity and Fire Risk:

- Heavier than air and can collect in low areas
- If the gas flow cannot be stopped do not extinguish the fire, allow it to burn out
- Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flash back
- Container may rupture suddenly if pressure relief device should fail
- Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of container

## Health Hazards:

- OSHA PEL: 100 ppm (TWA)
- Asphyxiant
- Contact with liquid may cause frostbite

## Personal Protective Equipment:

- Local and/or general exhaust ventilation is recommended to keep employee exposures below the exposure limit and prevent accumulation of explosive mixtures

- When contact with liquid propane is possible, use protective clothing, gloves and face shield

## Inspection and Storage Tips:

- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location, away from any acute fire hazard areas
- Outside or detached storage is preferred
- Containers should never be allowed to reach temperatures exceeding 125° F
- Store separately from oxygen or other oxidizers

## IFC Information:

- Flammable Gas Class: Gaseous Liquefied
- Maximum Allowable Quantities (MAQ) per S occupancy control area:
  - Unprotected by sprinklers or approved storage cabinets: 30 gallons
  - In sprinklered building, not within approved storage cabinets: 60 gallons
  - In unsprinklered building, within approved storage cabinets: 60 gallons
  - In sprinklered building, within approved storage cabinets: 120 gallons
- For storage of quantities exceeding the MAQ for S occupancy, the storage facility must conform to H-2 or H-3 occupancy requirements

## Incident Reporting and Information:

- There are approximately 5,668 facilities in Oregon currently reporting propane and 65 facilities reporting liquefied petroleum gas on the Hazardous Substance Information Survey.
- There have been 250 hazardous materials incidents reported in Oregon since 1986 involving propane and 44 involving LPG.

Have a chemical of the month request?  
Contact Alec Carte



Alec Carte is a HazMat Information Specialist in the OSFM Community Right to Know unit. She can be reached at 503-373-1540 ext. 262, or email [aleta.carte@state.or.us](mailto:aleta.carte@state.or.us)

## In memoriam

**Ray L. 'Banjo' Burnett**  
1930 - 2008

Swisshome-Deadwood RFPD  
Chief Ron Prindel sadly  
announces the passing of Captain  
and former Assistant Chief Ray  
Burnett.



Burnett joined the Swisshome-  
Deadwood RFPD in 1968 as a volunteer. In 1975  
he was promoted to Captain and in 1985 he was  
named Assistant Chief, a position he held until  
2005. As his health failed, Burnett relinquished his  
Assistant Chief position and was reinstated as a  
Captain by Chief Prindel.

Born in North Bend, Oregon, Burnett served in the  
U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and spent  
another 13 years in the National Guard. He also  
worked for 45 years as a log truck driver.

"He will be a great loss to his family, the  
department and our community," said Chief Ron  
Prindel.



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## Unclassifieds

### Announcement

Members of the Walker Range Forest Protective  
Association (Gilcrest, Ore.) are seeking donations  
for employee Joe Cray who is scheduled to  
undergo a liver transplant. Funds will go towards  
expenses not reimbursed by insurance. Donations  
may be sent to any branch of South Valley Bank  
& Trust. For more information, call 541-433-2451.

### For sale

1989 Chevy one-ton with dual rear wheels.  
13,960 miles. 454 engine. TH400 automatic  
transmission. Power steering and power brakes.  
10 ft. aluminum storage box with two roll-up  
doors on each side. Asking \$5,500. Contact Mt.  
Angel Fire District at 503-845-2438.

### Position opening

Firefighter/Paramedic – City of Ashland, Oregon.  
Recruitment will be used to establish a list of  
qualified candidates. Deadline is 4:00 p.m.,  
February 15, 2008. For more information visit  
[www.ashland.or.us](http://www.ashland.or.us).