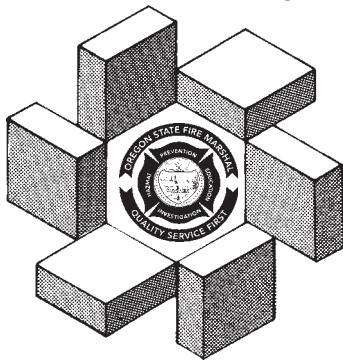


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a monthly
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featuring
juvenile
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intervention
network
activities
from around
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Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program
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January 15 deadline to register for Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I training

There is still time to register for the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist 1 training January 22-23, 2007 at Redmond Fire and Rescue.

The 2-day 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 training is sponsored by the Central Oregon Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Network and the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal.

Registration forms are available at http://www.oregon.gov/OOHS/SFM/docs/Comm_Ed/JFSI/JFSI_Jan_07.pdf or by contacting Tera Gneckow at 503-373-1540, ext. 266 or email tera.gneckow@state.or.us.

Form 10Js due January 31, 2007

A reminder to Oregon fire departments, Form 10J reports regarding juveniles with fire in 2006 are due at the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) by January 31, 2007. Electronic 10Js may be attached to an email and sent to Charissa Divine at charissa.divine@state.or.us. Paper 10Js or electronic reports on CD may be mailed to the attention of: Charissa Divine, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, 4760 Portland Road NE, Salem, OR 97305.

Why it's important to submit data

Data collected from Form 10J gives an excellent picture of a firesetter's age, gender, family composition and details about their use of fire. The OSFM Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program uses the data to plan effective prevention and intervention programs. As an example, past data showed that Oregon middle school youths were most at-risk for misusing fire. As a result, a middle school curriculum was developed for use in middle schools throughout the state.

State statute (476.210) requires the chiefs of every city or rural fire protection district provide the state fire marshal with a full report of every fire occurring within their jurisdiction on a form provided or approved by OSFM. This form (Form 10) covers only fires requiring a fire department response.

In 1996, Form 10J (Juvenile with Fire Reporting System) was initiated to collect information from fire departments about intervention services they provide to juveniles referred to them for using fire. These referrals come from parents/caregivers, schools, mental health professionals or the juvenile department. Data collected since 1996 show Oregon fire departments have provided an impressive number of interventions to juveniles and their families. There are more than 5,000 incidents in the Oregon 10J database.

OSFM uses streaming video technology to warn of holiday novelty lighters

Oregon State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr advises parents and caregivers of the potential hazards of holiday novelty lighters in a video available on the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) website. New holiday novelty lighters are now being sold in Oregon.

The video shows compelling visual and audio evidence of the attraction these lighters may hold for children. Two lighters are highlighted, a snowman that lights up and plays holiday music and a Santa Christmas tree with lights that flash when activated. The video may be viewed at http://www.oregon.gov/OOHS/SFM/OSFM_Video_Announcements.shtml.



This Christmas tree and snowman lighter are highlighted in the OSFM video.

Novelty lighter call to action continues

OSFM continues to promote its call to action regarding novelty lighters and has asked the Consumer Product Safety Commission to initiate a formal study of how many child-with-lighter incidents involve novelty lighters.

If you are aware of a fire or burn injury involving a child or youth using a novelty lighter, you can help. Fire departments and burn centers in Oregon and nationwide are requested to collect data and email it to Carol Baumann at carol.baumann@state.or.us.

Data points should include the age and gender of the child or youth, details about the fire incident and/or burn injury, amount of damage caused and a description of the lighter. Photographs of lighters are also encouraged.

Washington County JFIN sets 2007 meeting dates

Listed are the Washington County Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Network's 2007 monthly meeting dates. Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, except for the one Wednesday meeting in December 2007.

January 11, 2007
February 8, 2007
March 8, 2007
April 12, 2007
May 10, 2007
June 14, 2007
July 12, 2007
August 9, 2007
September 13, 2007
October 11, 2007
November 8, 2007
December 13, 2007

For more information, contact Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Deputy Fire Marshal Rolanda Ayers at 503-356-4722.

Submit your Network meeting dates and information

All JFI networks are encouraged to submit meeting dates, special events, training or other information for publication by contacting Rich Hoover at 503-373-1540, ext. 217 or email richard.hoover@state.or.us.

