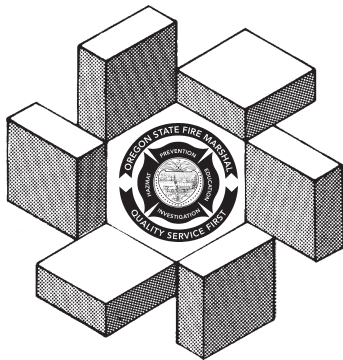


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featuring  
juvenile  
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Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal  
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program  
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## Novelty lighter poster available

The Office of State Fire Marshal has posters available warning of the danger novelty lighters pose. The poster serves as a great tool to illustrate the difficulty in determining differences between toys and novelty lighters. To request copies of the full-color 11 x 17 inch poster, contact Tera Gneckow at 503-373-1540, ext. 266 or email [tera.gneckow@state.or.us](mailto:tera.gneckow@state.or.us). The poster



For more information on novelty lighters and the national call to action visit [http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Novelty\\_Lighters\\_Action.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Novelty_Lighters_Action.shtml).

## An investigator's questions:

A recent case in Marion County raised the following questions regarding residence and jurisdiction.

**Q)** If a youth commits a fire offense in a county not of their residence, where will s/he be held accountable?

**A)** Primary juvenile court jurisdiction follows the residence of the youth.

**Q)** If the youth commits a Ballot Measure (BM) 11\* offense, will s/he be charged in their county of residence or in the county where the crime occurred?

**A)** BM11 offenses, by definition, involve a person charged as an adult. So, like an adult offense, it would be charged in the county where the crime occurred.

Most Arson I's are not BM11. Only the narrow category when the fire becomes fully involved and is literally seconds to mere minutes away from seriously injuring another person, especially a firefighter, meets the legal burden.

Thank you to Marion County Deputy District Attorney Courtland Geyer. Mr. Geyer has presented numerous juvenile arson cases and Chairs the Marion County Child Abuse Review Team (CART). The Marion County Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Network is a subcommittee of the CART.

*\*Oregon's Ballot Measure 11, passed in 1994, established mandatory minimum sentencing for a number of specific crimes. The sentencing judge cannot give a lesser sentence, nor can a prisoner's sentence be reduced below the minimum for parole or good behavior. The measure applies to all defendants over the age of 15, requiring juveniles over 15 charged with these crimes to be tried as adults.*

## Upcoming training

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I

April 14-15, 2007, Pendleton, Oregon

Contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Scott Goff at 541-276-4076 or email [scott.goff@state.or.us](mailto:scott.goff@state.or.us).

**Save this date!**

Cultivating Partnerships 2

September 17 & 18, 2007, Portland, Oregon

Venue to be announced.

Hosted by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal and the Fire Safe Children and Families Program

## Flameless candles available for loan from OSFM

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Community Education Services unit has available battery operated, flameless candles for loan to any Oregon fire department or district. The flameless candles are ideal for departments to display safe alternatives to real flame candles at media events, banquets or other functions. The battery operated candles use new technology enabling them to glow and flicker similar to actual flame candles. The flameless candles are made of wax and have a light vanilla scent.

The Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) is promoting the candles to organizations to consider including as part of their prevention and fund-raising efforts.



*An example of one of the 6x6 inch flameless candles available from OSFM.*

For more information on OSFM's flameless candle loan program, contact Dee Anna Morgan at 503-373-1540, ext. 416 or email [dee.anna.morgan@state.or.us](mailto:dee.anna.morgan@state.or.us).

For more information from the CFSI visit <http://www.cfsi.org/candles/fundraise.asp>.

## Web page created to bolster novelty lighter call to action

A web page containing messages and support material for the Office of State Fire Marshal's call to action to ban the sale of novelty lighters is scheduled to be online by March 25, 2007.

The web page, designed in collaboration with Richard Lambert, president of The Idea Bank, contains a video message from State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr. Visitors to the site may also download incident report forms, sample letters to the Consumer Products Safety Commission and Congress and other items. After March 25, 2007, visit <http://www.theideabank.com/redirect.php?1d=8>.