

# Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Special Districts Office/OFCA Conference Room

## Minutes

### Welcome/Introductions

Chair Gary Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. All members introduced themselves. Present were:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Gary Marshall, City of Bend Fire Dept.	Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Scott Mullen, Stayton Fire Department	Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
Pat West, Past President	Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Bob Borra, American Family Insurance Co.	Property & Casualty Insurance Providers
Ed Wilson, Lake Oswego Fire & Rescue	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
George Warren, Clackamas County FD	Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Sarah Colvin, Deputy State Fire Marshal	Employees of the Office of State Fire Marshal
<b>Ex Officio</b>	
Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director	Dept. of Public Safety Standards & Training
<b>Executive Director, Staff</b>	
Nancy Orr, State Fire Marshal	Office of State Fire Marshal
Laura Drager, Staff	Office of State Fire Marshal
<b>Visitors</b>	
Eric McMullen, Deputy Fire Marshal	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
John Stein, retired fire chief	Dallas Fire Dept.
Rich Hoover, Community Affairs	Office of State Fire Marshal
Randy Simpson, Chief Deputy SFM	Office of State Fire Marshal
Donna Disch, Sr. Policy Analyst	Office of State Fire Marshal

Absent: Tammy Fitch, Ron Murray, Supt. Tim McLain, Joe O'Leary and John Minnis.

Unconfirmed new members Eric McMullen (OFMA) and John Stein (General Public) introduced themselves and gave their backgrounds.

### Minutes:

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Pat West **made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Bob Borra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

### Communications:

Award Presentations: Chair Marshall recognized outgoing members: Ron Murray for his contributions to the council and Pat West with a nice tribute and his award. He also recognized staff with kind words and a gift. SFM Orr presented Marshall with award and words of commendation. Members joined in with appreciation for his excellent contributions as a member representing the Oregon Fire Marshals Association and chair of the council.

### Guest/Visitor Input

Donna Disch announced Scott Winkels, League of Oregon Cities, is taking the lead to change language in the statute for FIPT use and provide a specific funding source for Conflagration Act reimbursements. Currently they're looking for a legislator to carry it forward to the 2008

legislative session. For those interested in assisting, contact Scott Winkels, Staff Associate, League of Oregon Cities, 503-588-6550, 503-364-2661 (fax).

Eriks Gabliks reported back about the progress of fire department stratification. OFCA gave a final report with a matrix at the joint conference. Paul LeSage for OFCA did the majority of the development. The report has met its goal. Discussion is out there for cities and district boards to decide what level of service they want from their fire departments. The problem is the public still wants us to do everything, but some communities can't afford the training and equipment. The matrix may help with a training plan. Suggestion was made to post it on the OSFM web site. DPSST will hotlink to it, specific to training requirements.

Sarah Colvin disclosed while working on her project to identify eligible fire departments, she discovered less than 50 fire departments are not accredited with DPSST. SFM Orr explained Sarah's project work helped distill who/what are fire departments. The OSFM asked for and received an opinion from the Attorney General on several related questions. We'll be sending letters soon to 1) ineligible fire departments, 2) for-profit fire departments, and 3) groups that formed a 501c3. The last will be given a year to meet the requirements to become eligible. The problem is some that are non bona fide departments have applied for and received grant money. We'll be vacating the ineligible departments FDID at the end of the year. Also discovered were some who haven't reported to the Secretary of State Business Registry for up to 5 years. We will recognize those who only do exterior firefighting.

Consensus of group was to adopt the report and post the matrix on the web site.

Chief Deputy Randy Simpson reported on an upcoming meeting with the Idaho, Washington and Alaska State Fire Marshals this Thursday. He's working on a mutual aid agreement with Washington and possibly more states. Other projects currently in progress at the OSFM are the toy-like lighter campaign, smoke alarm campaign hand-offs, middle school curriculum, and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC). Staff are going to communities to encourage them to work locally with LEPCs. A work group is revising and reformatting Mobilization Plan – appendices will be taken out of the plan and put on the web, and the task force guidebook, hazmat teams guidebook, and US&R guidebook will be added.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Appendix P Amendment Update**

SFM Orr said it is exciting to break through with the homebuilders to adopt this code provision. She commended Eric McMullen for all the work he has done. McMullen gave credit to all who have worked on it. He met with the Building Codes Division last week and has worked closely with the homebuilders to come up with one version. The homebuilders have taken some bullets from within regarding Appendix P. The scope is huge and not all agree with everything, there's perhaps 95 % agreement on most. A board meeting is set for Dec. 11 at which they can render a decision on the proposal. BCD's Mark Long hopes something will be available by July 1. There's a lot of renewed energy from the homebuilders because they didn't think this would happen. This is just the tip of the iceberg; there are still a lot more places that will have to agree to do it. There's no remodeling language in it.

On a national level, there are two efforts going on. Our proposal mirrors the national, and the alternate for 13D. The ramifications are it will affect Oregon on the next go around (2009). The Governor's Office has said this would be good public policy.

Chair Marshall commended McMullen for his hard work.

### **Code 3 Emergency Responders Task Force Update**

Chair Marshall reported on discussions with George Dunkel who has become very busy with his job and has not responded back. We'll need to table this until the new chair can take this on.

Marshall offered to contact Dunkel.

### **Dress uniform standards**

Ed Wilson reported on the progress made by OFCA on the dress uniform standards. The chiefs have gutted 80% of it and want it just to standardize the dress uniform. Service pins will be part of the standard. They will be distributing it, and it will be on their website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Marshall explained the ORS requires this group to elect officers on the odd-numbered year. He opened the floor for nominations for vice chair. Wilson nominated Scott Mullen and West seconded. **Wilson and West moved and seconded the motion to elect him. The motion carried unanimously.**

Wilson nominated George Warren for chair, Mullen seconded. **West and Wilson moved and seconded the motion to elect Warren. The motion carried unanimously.** Chair Marshall passed the gavel to Warren.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob Borra described a program called Teen Safe. A camera is installed in the teen's (or any) car on the rearview mirror facing two ways: the road in front and the driver. When activated, it shows 10 seconds before an accident to 10 seconds after. A video of the accident is emailed to parents and the insurance company. Accidents are down 75%, rates are going down. It is available for purchase at Best Buy and other retail stores.

SFM Orr congratulated Chief Wilson on his election as president of Western Fire Chiefs Association. Per Wilson, Oregon has a lot of influence on the western board. Paul LeSage is the Oregon chair and Jeff Johnson is past president and second vice president of the IAFC.

### **Adjourn**

**Pat West moved to adjourn. Borra seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.**

**Next meeting date: January 22, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**