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State fire marshal deploys incident management team to assist Scappoose Fire District

The Oregon Office of State Marshal's Green Incident Management Team has deployed to assist the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District as the district prepares for the memorial procession and ceremony for fallen firefighter Robert Hales.

Governor Kulongoski issued an executive order invoking the Emergency Conflagration Act allowing the state fire marshal to mobilize firefighters and equipment to assist with coverage for the Scappoose Fire District while their personnel and equipment prepare for memorial activities.

Scappoose Volunteer Firefighter Robert Hales died August 17, 2008 from a cardiac event after a 12-hour shift responding to several lightening caused fires over the previous weekend.

"This is an extremely sad event in which to deploy an incident management team, says Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson. "But this is when the fire service shows it's best demonstrating their respect, compassion, and sense of duty in volunteering to provide resources to a department in need and honoring a fellow firefighter."

The Green Incident Management Team includes representatives from Albany Fire Department, Canby Rural Fire Protection District, Clackamas County Fire District #1, Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Hillsboro Fire Department, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon State Police, Portland Fire & Rescue, Salem Fire Department and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. The team will manage equipment and resources from other Oregon departments and districts who have volunteered to provide fire protection for the Scappoose district through the conclusion of memorial ceremonies, Monday, August 25.

For more information on the memorial ceremony visit the Scappoose Fire District website at <http://www.srfd.us/>.

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