

# OREGON Fire Safety Coalition

The time is now!

**Oregon Fire Safety Coalition**  
**Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**4760 Portland Rd NE**  
**Salem, OR 97305**

**January 11, 2008-2:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attending:

Genoa Ingram  
Scott Weninger  
Donna Disch  
Ray Bizal

Tim Birr  
John Caul  
Eric McMullen  
Tari Glocar

Pat Carroll

Eric confirmed that the meeting on January 28 will be at the Building Codes Division (BCD) at 9:30am. He clarified with the Coalition that this is a public meeting, not a hearing, but it will have the feel of an administrative rule hearing. Eric expects the plumbers local 290 union to have representation. The Coalition needs to be prepared to discuss the scoping language in Appendix P with persuasion to convince the homebuilders that their scoping language is incorrect.

Eric will be meeting with Andrea Simmons from BCD on January 15.

John asked Chuck Chaffin to go Lake Oswego city planners with the scoping language and pose the question of what this language would do to their jurisdiction. Chuck also plans to ask their city planner to testify at BCD on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ray Bizal, from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), asked if the Coalition would support the arc fault circuit interrupter issue that is going before BCD's Electrical and Elevator Board. The 2005 National Electrical Code (NEC) would require branch circuits serving bedrooms to be provided with arc fault circuit interrupters. In the 2008 NEC, this expands to all branch circuits in the entire house. The Consumer Products Safety Commission believes this would reduce the number of fires in the U.S. by 50%. The main objection is coming from the electrical contractors because of nuisance trippings. The main cost is not from the installation, but from the contractor having to return to repair the incorrect installation, or fix the problematic tripping. Donna will check with Nancy Orr to find out if OSFM would back the Coalition supporting the NFPA arc fault installation.

Pat Carroll will prepare a list of assignments and follow-up on them prior to the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.