

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 8, 2010
OFCA Office – Salem, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Tay Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

ROLL CALL:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Prince, President - Via conference call
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tay Robertson, 1 st Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doug Branch, 2 nd Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ted Kunze, Past President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Bemrose, 1-Year Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dale Kamrath, 2-Year Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Nohr, 3-Year Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Hansen, 4-Year Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul LeSage, WFCOA Representative

Staff: Jeff Griffin, Executive Director; Jennifer Petrizzi, Staff; Leslie Tegen, Staff

Ex-Officios: Dennis Simons, Chaplain; Jim Walker, Deputy Chief OSFM; Eriks Gabliks, Acting Director DPSST, Bob Leopold, EMS and Trauma Systems Director; Will Bausher, OFMAA; Mark Stevens, OFMAA,

Others in attendance: Ken Armstrong, OFCA Lobbyist; Jeff Johnson, IAFC President; Asst. Chief Mike Duyck, TVF&R; Greg Keller, GFSPC; Fire Chief Gary McQueen, Sandy Fire

Dennis Simons delivered the invocation.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ken Armstrong reported that next week legislative committees will be convening. He sees nothing that directly affects the fire service. He will keep the Board posted on any issues. Mark Prince reported that Kelly Bach is not opposed to OFCA pursuing the Volunteer Presumptive issue. Tay Robertson stated that OVFA may not have the resources to help to support the legislation. Jack Carriger will look for support from the national level. Jeff Griffin reported on his finding concerning other state legislation on volunteer's workman's compensation. He advised that supportive data is very difficult to find.

Ken Armstrong expressed concern over rumors that SDAO is preemptively opposing changes to the PERS1039 limitations, which is an OFCA priority. Ted will schedule a meeting with Greg Baker. The OFCA Board advised that the February Board meeting is at the SDAO conference and the Fire Caucus will be meeting there.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Office of State Fire Marshal: Jim Walker reported on budget issues and FIPT projections. He reported on the progress of the Fire Bridge courses. He stated the OSFM is proceeding with a review of the internal organizational structure. Jim advised that January 27th is Fire Appreciation Day.

DPSST: Acting Director Eriks Gabliks report is attached..

DHS/Trauma: Robert Leopold reviewed the working draft of fees increases for certification and recertification. Mark Stevens reviewed the OFMAA position handout. Further information can be found on the OFMAA website. Paul LeSage suggested a briefing be developed for the OFCA spring conference. Mark Stevens reviewed the OFMMA input on the proposed DHS language to OAR 333-Division 265. **Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Mike Hansen to accept the OFMAA's recommendations of supporting the modified changes to the proposed drafts of provision 265. Motion passed. Motion by Paul LeSage, seconded by Dale Kamrath that the OFMAA carry forward OFCA's recommendation of a 4 year minimum experience level rather than the current proposal of 3 year experience level Motion passed.**

OFMAA: Will Bausher reported on the Emergency Health Task Force meeting. He distributed the minutes for review. Paul Lesage recommended that a direction to take back from OFCA is to create a single panel to represent all interests for EMS and emergency services. The task force representative charter was tabled. Will reported on the progress of the reimbursement issues.

OFIA: Dale Kamrath and Tay Robertson are working with OFIA on their strategic plan.

Western Fire Chiefs Association: Jeff Griffin reported on Crosby Grindle's resigning from the Western's CEO position. This position will remain vacant for the time being.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council: No Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT/CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mike Hansen, seconded by Paul LeSage to accept the financials and the December 4, 2009 consent agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Moved by Doug Branch, seconded by Don Bemrose to open an account at Pioneer Trust for the purpose of securing a \$30,000.00 18-month CD at 1.26%. The signers on the account shall be the OFCA Executive Director, Jeffrey Griffin, OFCA CFO, Kay Johnson, and OFCA Executive Board member, Taylor Robertson. Two signatures shall be required to do business. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy review: Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Doug Branch to approve amendments to policy # 106. Motion passed.

Moved by Ted Kunze, seconded by Dale Kamrath to approve amendments to policy #203 Motion passed.

Moved by Paul LeSage, seconded by Ted Kunze to approve amendments to policy #407. Motion passed.

Moved by Paul LeSage, seconded by Dale Kamrath to approve amendments to policy #408. Motion passed.

Moved by Ted Kunze, seconded by Mike Hansen to approve amendments to policy #504. Motion passed.

John Nohr requested input on Board expense policy.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Jeff Johnson: Chief Johnson reported on the IAFC's progress on the IRS issue. He advised that it still is IAFC's top priority. Jeff encouraged the Board to look at the Petroleum load fee issue and to prepare for possible legislative activity. **Moved by Ted, seconded by Dale Kamrath to direct the legislative committee to work with Ken and the OSFM on drafting a policy statement on the petroleum load fee issue within 10 days.** Jeff reviewed the grant money outlook. He advised the Board on the progress of OWIN. He asked the Board to be prepared for the 25 million data money debate. The Board concurred to have Ken represent OFCA on the OWIN data money issue. The Board concurred to remain consistent on FIPT support during the February session.

Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Ted Kunze, to confirm Jeff Johnson's appointment to represent Oregon's Emergency Services on the Broadband Council. Motion passed.

B. Board Makeup: Jeff Griffin discussed the evaluation of the board make up. The Board requested the membership be polled concerning representation. Staff will email the membership a survey.

C. Best Practices/Cell Phone: Dale Kamrath asked should a Best Practices document should be created for cell phone use. Dale will take the lead and choose example policies that will be posted on the website for members use.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Jeff Griffin reported on the following:

- Economic Summit Report
- Joint Conference
- Greg Keller advised the board of the sponsorship opportunities being investigated by NWLS.
- Meritorious Award Banquet
- Board Up Contract

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

• Ted reported that he will work with staff to write letters for Board elections. He advised the Board that he and Chief McQueen are working with the city of Colton.

• **Moved by Don Bemrose, seconded by Dale Kamrath to grant Greg Keller OFCA Life membership for outstanding service to the Association. Motion passed.**

• Dale Kamrath reported on meeting with the Lincoln County Defense Board meeting and their mutual aid billing concept.

• Doug Branch reported on the joint conference meeting.

• Mark Prince reported that Joe Parrott currently has 8 stations that are being recommended by the seismic rehab. grant committee. Mark advised the Board of a meeting with Paul Evans aide.

• Tay Robertson reported on spring conference.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

John Nohr advised the Board of the Ken Owen memorial.

Doug Branch advised the Board of the Bruce Caldwell memorial. **Moved by Doug Branch, seconded by Mike Hansen to donate \$100.00 to the requested charity. Motion passed.**

Paul LeSage advised on a "save the date" for a retirement party.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm

The next meeting will be Friday, February 5, 2010 at 9:30am at the Seaside Public Library, SDAO Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Petrizzi, Administrative Staff

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Update for Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Prepared by Acting Director Eriks Gabliks
January 8, 2010

Update on DPSST Director

As many people read in the newspaper articles earlier this week, the Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI) has filed a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination by former DPSST Director John Minnis and the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. DPSST is working with its legal counsel at the Oregon Department of Justice on this matter and plans to cooperate fully with BOLI as it reviews this matter. The work of the agency continues at DPSST and staff are preparing for the upcoming special session.

Budget Update

All state agencies that receive general fund dollars, as well as those who have dedicated funding sources that lead to the general fund, were by state budget leaders to submit 10% reduction proposals. DPSST programs funded by the Criminal Fines and Assessments Account (CFAA) fall into this category. This will impact DPSST's criminal justice training and certification programs. DPSST's target is approximately 3 million dollars. At this time this is still an exercise as no final decision has been made by state leaders but we have informed all of our staff and customers as to the work which is being done and the impacts if additional reductions are taken. At this time no reductions are being requested or proposed in DPSST fire training and fire certification programs that are funded by the Fire Insurance premium Tax (FIPT). We promise to keep you posted as we gather and release additional information.

Fire Task Force Update

The Fire Certification Section has been working with a number of task forces established by the Fire Policy Committee (FPC). The Driver-Apparatus Operator Task Force completed its work and has recommended that the FPC and Board adopt the new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualifications Standard 1002. The Fire Officer Task Force has completed its work and final documents are being prepared for submission to the Fire Policy Committee for review.

The proposed standards for Wildland Interface Firefighter were recently sent out for public comment. Based on comments received, the Interface Task Force met with members of the Fire Policy Committee and some of the individuals who submitted comments. The meeting was to align some loose ends that were identified during the public comment process. As a result of this meeting, an updated report will be submitted to the Fire Policy Committee for review and consideration. Each

time this standard is open for review and comment a lot of discussion takes place on the task force because of the various impacts this standard creates on agencies that provide interface firefighting services as part of their daily operations and those who maintain this training for statewide mobilization. The revised report should be on the agenda for the FPC's next meeting on February 19, 2010 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

Fire E-Forms Update

DPSST's Fire Certification Section and IS Divisions have beta-test of the new Fire E-Forms project. E-Forms will allow local fire training officers to submit fire certification forms to DPSST via the internet. A hands-on test session was attended by more than 20 selected fire training officers who represented agencies throughout Oregon (metro, large, medium, small, and geographic areas as well). This group has provided lots of valuable feedback which has been incorporated into program and software changes which will allow the E-Forms system to run in a more efficient manner. DPSST staff is working with the vendor to finish the changes over the next few weeks before the new program is made available to fire agencies across the state.

Fire Prop Maintenance

DPSST's Fire Training Section will be taking the various props used to delivery hands-on fire training on a regional basis off the road for the next few weeks for maintenance work. The winter months are ideal for this work because outdoor training classes are usually very limited during this time period. Maintenance work will be done on the mobile fire training unit, the skid truck, and the flammable liquids and gases fire training props. All of the units will be ready for regional deployment by the spring of 2010.

Upcoming Events at OPSA/DPSST

DPSST is pleased to host a number of statewide training events at the Oregon Public Safety Academy over the next two months.

On January 15-17, 2010 DPSST will offer the academy for the annual Oregon Fire Instructors Association (OFIA) Firefighter Safety & Survival Symposium which normally attracts over 200 fire service professionals from the northwest. For more information on this annual event please go to <http://www.ofia.net/default.asp?pageid=371>

A few weeks later, on February 27-28, 2010 DPSST will host its signature event the Winter Fire School. This is DPSST's largest singular fire training event which will bring together over 300 career and volunteer fire service professionals who will attend classes offered by the National Fire Academy (NFA), Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA), International Association of Fire Chiefs – Volunteer & Combination Officers Section (IAFC-VCOS), and DPSST staff. For more information on this event please visit <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/FT/index.shtml>