

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES  
**Oregon Fire Chiefs Association**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**  
Red Lion, Janzen Beach – NWLS

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Mark Prince called the meeting to order at 9:28 am.

**ROLL CALL:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Prince, President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tay Robertson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doug Branch, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ted Kunze, Past President
<input 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

*Ex-Officios:* Dennis Simons, Chaplain; Randy Simpson, OSFM; Eriks Gabliks, Director DPSST; Will Bauscher, OFMAA; Dave Phillips, OSOA; Phil Burk, OFSHG

Others in attendance: BC Mark Stevens, TVF&R; Fire Chief Gary McQueen, Sandy Fire; Mark Kreutzer, OFDDA/NAEFO; Doug Friant, OFMA; Crosby Grindle, NFPA; Todd Pynch, Crisis Chaplaincy Services

Dennis Simons delivered the invocation.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

No significant issues to report.

#### **EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

Office of State Fire Marshal: Randy Simpson reported on the 2010 special session. He advised that the Card Lock Fee program has passed. He reported on working with the governor's office concerning an automatic emergency response program. He stated the goals of the juvenile setters and adult arsonist tracking system. Randy reported that the Fire Bridge reporting system is up and running and work is progressing on the EMS Bridge. He advised the goals for the 2011 session will be cleaning up the 479 OARS, the fireworks statue and a fee adjustment in the community "Right to Know" program. Randy provided an update on the All Hazard Mobilization plan. Randy stated the Fire Defense Board Chiefs and the Chaplain group will meet at spring conference.

DPSST: Director Eriks Gabliks's report is attached.

DHS/Trauma: No report.

OFMAA: Mark Stevens reported on the hearings concerning proposed rule changes to OAR 33-265. He updated the Board on the EMS vaccination subcommittee recommendations. He reported that "EMS for Children" has been given a grant for a one day management track. Next OFMAA meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon. Will Bauscher reported on the Oregon Emergency Healthcare Task Force progress. Task Force minutes will be posted on the OFMAA website.

OSOA: Dave Phillips reported that the membership is meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>. He reported on the formation of committees.

Honor Guard: Phil Burks reported on Honor Guard activities and fundraising plans. **Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Ted Kunze to email the membership the Honor Guard donation letter and strap information sheet. Motion passed.**

Western Fire Chiefs Association: Paul LeSage reported on the preparation for the Presidents Forum. He advised on the status of the Western's 2011 legislative agenda. He updated that ISO is working with various sized fire departments to run samples of the new proposed system.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council: No report.

OFDDA: Mark Kreutzer reported on the progress of LOSAP. He advised that OFDDA's strategic planning meeting will be in September. Mark updated on Joint conference progress.

NAEFO: Mark Kreutzer reported on the membership drive and the September conference.

OFMA: Doug Friant reported on the May 10-14<sup>th</sup> conference. He reported that OFMA is paying attention to the issue of the possibility of licensing fire alarm monitors. **Moved by Tay Robertson, seconded by Dale Kamrath to email the membership OFMA conference information. Motion passed.**

APCO/NENA: Minutes from the last several meetings were in the binder. The Board concurred to follow the progress of the committee with Randy Groves as the OFCA representative. Mark, Ted and Tay will meet with Randy.

OVFA: Jeff Griffin reported that staff sent out a survey to the OFCA membership to help OVFA with their strategic planning process.

OFSOA: Rhonda Grant provided an OFSOA meeting schedule in the binder.

OFIA: Dale Kamrath volunteered to liaison to OFIA.

NFPA: Crosby Grindle reviewed the NFPA resources. **Moved by Paul LeSage, seconded by Ted Kunze for OFCA to support the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Coalition. Motion passed.** Mike Hansen will be point of contact.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Tay Robertson to accept the February 5, 2010 consent agenda as presented. Motion passed.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Policy review: Policy 404 will be emailed the Board for input.

**Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Paul LeSage to approve amendments to policy #514. Motion passed.**

**Moved by Tay Robertson, seconded by Doug Branch to approve amendments to policy #201. Motion passed.**

B. 1-year Director Vacancy: Mark Prince reported that Chief Don Bemrose has verbally resigned from the Board. Dale Kamrath declined to move into the 1-Year Director position. John Nohr declined to move into the 1-Year Director position. Mike Hansen declined to move into the 1-Year Director position. Gary McQueen, as the next highest vote recipient from Spring Conference, accepted the 1-Year director position. Gary McQueen was sworn in as 1-Year Director. Dale Kamrath will assist the conference committee as vendor coordinator. Ted Kunze announced that he will not be seeking the Oregon Vice President to the Western Fire Chiefs Association position.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Chaplaincy Report: Todd Pynch reviewed a proposal for the formation of the Oregon Chaplains Association. **Moved by Dale Kamrath, seconded by Ted Kunze to support the Oregon Chaplains Association. Motion passed.**

B. PNWCG Representative: John Ingrao has resigned as the PNWCG OFCA representative. **Moved by Tay Robertson, seconded by Dale Kamrath to appoint Jim Whelan as the PNWCG OFCA representative and to have him seek an alternate. Motion passed.**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Jeff Griffin reported on the financials. **Moved by Paul LeSage, seconded by Ted Kunze to accept the financials as presented. Motion passed.** Jeff updated the Board on the progress of the air quality testing program. Jeff advised the Board on membership numbers. The Board reviewed and edited the 2010-2011 meeting schedule.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Tay will attend a legislative meeting this month. He requested input from the Board on direction for the 2010 year. His items for 2010 agenda include:
  - OEM coordination
  - Continued outreach to the Fire Defense Boards
  - Chief employment contracts
  - OWIN advocacy
  - Selection procedure for Board members
  - 1039

- Washington Fire Chiefs agenda items
  - Mike Hansen reported that he is serving as interim Chief at Sutherlin.
  - Ted Kunze reminded the Board to submit their activity letters for Spring Conference by April 1.
  - Mark Prince reported that he will be attending the WFCOA President's Forum and requested any expectations that the OFCA Board may have towards the WFCOA strategic plan.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:27pm**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 10:00am at the OFCA Spring Conference, Redmond, OR.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Petrizzi, Administrative Staff

**Department of Public Safety Standards and Training**  
**Update for Oregon Fire Chiefs Association**  
Prepared by Director Eriks Gabliks  
March 2, 2010

**Budget & Legislative Update**

The special legislative session has completed its work. DPSST did receive funding for two additional Basic Police classes which will help alleviate the backlog of city, county and state police officers waiting to attend the academy. DPSST's Fire Programs were not reduced and the FIPT remained intact. While DPSST did have funds swept from its CFAA funds in the final days of the session no additional layoffs are needed and no additional program reductions were taken.

**Fire Task Force Update**

The Fire Policy Committee (FPC) of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) met on February 19, 2010.

The Driver-Apparatus Operator Task Force has completed its work and the Board adopted the FPC recommendation that the new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualifications Standard 1002 be adopted by Oregon. These comments will be open for public comments very soon. The notice will be issued on our Fire Bulletin list serve and comments can be submitted on-line through our electronic portal.

The Fire Officer Task Force completed its work and the Fire Policy Committee moved forward to adopt the proposed changes and adopt the new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualifications Standard 1021 for Oregon. It is anticipated that these standards will go out for public comment after the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Board.

The Fire Policy Committee also accepted the recommended changes to the proposed standards for Wildland Interface Firefighter. As you will recall this standard was 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. It is anticipated that these standards will go out for public comment after the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Board.

The Fire Policy Committee also approved minor changes to the criminal convictions language currently used by DPSST to evaluate crimes that can affect fire service certification. It is anticipated that these proposed changes will go out for public comment after the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Board.

### **DPSST Hosts Winter Fire School**

On February 27-28, 2010 DPSST hosted its signature event, the Winter Fire School. This is DPSST's largest singular fire training event which this year brought together over 375 career and volunteer fire service professionals who attended 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. A special thanks to Chief John Stein (Retired), Chief Mary Nelson (Retired), and Deputy Chief Joe Parrott who delivered the OFCA Toolbox.

### **Upcoming Training at DPSST**

On Saturday March 6, 2010 DPSST will begin its first Firefighter I Academy. This class is being offered free of charge to fire agencies and will use a weekend and weeknight format.

IAFC National Near Miss Reporting System Workshop and Train-the-Trainer Course: 4-hour Near-Miss Workshops (2 offerings): May 3, 2010 from 0800-1200 hrs and May 3, 2010 from 1300-1700 hrs. The Train the Trainer class will be offered on May 4, 2010 from 0800-1700 hrs

Fire 2020 Diversity in the Fire Service Recruitment Class - May 4, 2010 from 0800-1700 hours.

DPSST has rescheduled the six-day National Fire Academy Command and Control of Incident Operations Class (Course Code: N 831) to September 13-18, 2010. This class is free of charge and was postponed from February 2010 because of low enrollment.

All of the above classes are being offered free of charge at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, Oregon 97317. If you would like additional information on any of these opportunities please contact Thelma Denney at DPSST Fire Service Training at (503) 378-2408 or e-mail at [Thelma.denney@state.or.us](mailto:Thelma.denney@state.or.us)

### **Name Approved for Fallen Firefighter Memorial**

The FPC approved the addition of a Coquille fire fighter to the state memorial located at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. The nomination was received through the historic recognition process which allows fire departments to submit the names of fallen fire fighters who died in-the-line-of-duty before 2006 to be considered for addition to the state memorial. The 2010 Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Ceremony which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on September 16, 2010, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Highway, in Salem.

Captain Leland Roger Marshall was participating in an evening training exercise on August 7, 1969 with the Coquille Volunteer Fire Department. During the exercise Marshall started suffering chest pains and was being transported to the hospital when he passed away. Captain Marshall was nominated for the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial by five of his co-workers at the Coquille Fire Department who were present at the training exercise and tried to save his life in route to the hospital that was located 25 miles away in North Bend, Oregon.

### **Fire Alarm Monitors**

The Alarm Monitor Sub-Committee of the Private Security/Private Investigator Committee of the BPSST is looking at possibly licensing fire alarm monitors. The concept is that training and licensing program would be designed in partnership with the fire service that meets NFPA 72 which fire alarm monitors would be required to have. The Sub-Committee will be meeting with the Oregon Fire Marshals Association, the Office of State Fire Marshal and alarm monitoring companies to evaluate the need for this concept.

### **License Plate Proposed to Honor the Fallen**



A lot of you will recall that a bill (HB 2512) was introduced last session that would have established a special license plate to honor and recognize fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters. To be totally honest everyone thought the issue was closed when the bill did not move in the final days of the session. The bill's sponsor Mary Nunnenkamp did not give up and found another way. Mary's husband Randy was a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy who lost his life in an off-duty incident a few years ago. He was a very good detective and worked on the child abuse investigation team. Mary has been active in a number of causes which recognize our fallen heroes. In the last hours of the session, Mary with the assistance of legislators was able to insert the fallen officer license plate program into another transportation bill that was moving (HB 2569).

The bill passed and now Mary is in the process of raising about 23K to get the license plate program going. Mary will be working with the Police Memorial Trust Fund (Memorial Wall 501C3) Committee to assist in the effort. The funds which are raised through the sale of these plates will go into the Police Memorial Trust Fund which will use them to assist the families of fallen police officers and firefighters who are attending either national police memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C. or the national fire memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland when their loved one's name is added to the memorial.

We wanted to make sure you were in the loop in case you hear any rumors about this. If you have any questions please let us know. Commander Cameron Campbell is our agency point of contact.

#### **DPSST to Host MFRI Fire Officer I & II Train-the-Trainer**

DPSST will be hosting NFPA Fire Officer I and Fire Officer 2 Train-the-Trainer classes from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute later this year. These classes will be hosted by DPSST at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem and will be made available to instructors from agencies statewide free of charge. Upon completion of these classes, students will have the ability to coordinate local and regional delivery of these classes. As soon as the dates are locked down, announcements will be issued via the DPSST Fire Bulletin listserv.