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Directors Old and New...

By *Connie L. Barton*

Elections are over, new Directors have been sworn in and are settling in and becoming familiar with their new duties and responsibilities as Fire District Board Members. But wait!! Are you forgetting something? Have you forwarded your Board's updated Roster to OFDDA? Keeping your Roster current lets OFDDA



OFDDA President Connie L. Barton

more. OFDDA recognizes them during the Joint Conference with a "Twenty Year Pin". If one or more of your Directors

To our newly elected Directors, welcome aboard!
And to those who have served twenty years or more,
thank you for your unwavering commitment to
the fire service and your community.

know who your new Directors are and allows them to be placed on our mailing list to receive *The Communiqué* and other useful information. The form for updating your Board Roster is included (pg. 15) in this issue, for your convenience.

And let's not forget those Directors who have served the Board for twenty years or

qualify, please fill out the "20 Year Service Award" form (pg. 12) included in this issue and return to OFDDA by October 30.

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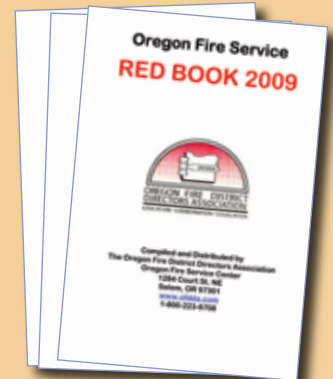


OFDDA Membership will be asked to vote on the 2010 budget during the Joint Conference.

In preparation for that vote, the budget has been posted on the OFDDA web site under the About Us page for your review.

2009 REDBOOK is Here!

It may not be "Twilight", but it's still one of our best sellers!



The **2009 Redbook**, OFDDA's compilation of district demographics, tax base, and other information, is now available on the OFDDA website at <http://ofdda.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/red-book-7-09.pdf>.

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2009 Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial

The sun broke out just before 1 o'clock at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem on Thursday September 17, 2009 just minutes before the start of the annual Oregon Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ceremony that honors the sacrifices of brave men and women who protect our communities, our airports, and our natural resources.

More than 400 hundred firefighters, chiefs, and elected officials from fire districts, members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly, and survivor's family members attended this annual event.

During his opening remarks, Eriks Gabliks, the Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), extended a special welcome to the families and co-workers of those who are honored on the memorial. Eriks stated "We know that there are no words that we can say that fill the void which you feel — but we hope that this ceremony and our daily commitment to firefighter safety give you some comfort that we will never forget your loved one's sacrifices."

The names on the memorial span more than a century of service. These are not just names of firefighters. They are the names of co-workers, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and friends.

The memorial recognizes what is believed to be the first line of duty death in Oregon which occurred on August 16, 1891 when Firefighter James Reed of the Protection Engine Company #4 collapsed and died of a heart attack while pulling a hand-drawn fire engine to a blaze in



Photos by Allison Sebern, DPSST

The annual Oregon Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ceremony that honors the sacrifices of brave men and women who protect our communities, our airports, and our natural resources.

Portland, Oregon. The memorial's design evokes solace and inspiration to those who continue to serve and also to the public it protects. The design incorporates a granite wall with a bronze Maltese cross that lists the names of those fallen and a black granite stripe in the plaza with the inscription, "In the Line of Duty".

Those attending the ceremony immediately saw the meaning of this special day as they drove toward the Academy on Aumsville Highway and were greeted by a large United States flag suspended across the road by Ladder 80 of the Stayton Fire District and Ladder 21 of the Woodburn Fire District. Upon entry to the Academy grounds, 162 United States flags lined the walkway. 161 of the flags honored structural and wildland firefighters who are on the Oregon memorial and the additional flag recognized firefighters who have died in the line of duty across the nation over the past year.

The program began with the colors ceremony that included the Salem Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums, the combined fire service honor guard, and the singing of our national anthem by the Portland Fire & Rescue Choir. Chaplain Dennis Simons of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association gave the invocation.

State Forester Marvin Brown of the Oregon Department of Forestry and Battalion Chief Mark Prince, President of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and Vice-Chair of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, gave keynote speeches regarding the significance of the annual memorial. During his speech President Prince said the ceremony was to honor people who "perished in pursuit of providing safer opportunities for all those in Oregon." He urged firefighters in the audience to always remember that their job can turn deadly and to do what they can to prevent that. "Train as if your life depends

on it, because it does,” Prince said.

Chief Don Baker of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue memorialized R.E. “Bob” Olivier.

Firefighters from Taft-Nelscott-DeLake (T-N-D), now known as North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 (Lincoln County), were summoned to a structure fire at the Nelscott Sea Food Market on the evening of March 22, 1954. R.E. “Bob” Olivier, age 38, collapsed on the scene while fighting a commercial kitchen fire. Firefighters on the scene immediately began resuscitation efforts. They were aided by a passing physician from Oregon City. Firefighter Olivier was transported to North Lincoln Hospital in Wecoma but efforts at revival were unsuccessful.

Chief Darren Bucich of McKenzie Fire & Rescue memorialized Ben K. Coburn.

Ben K. Coburn a volunteer firefighter with the Thurston-Waltermville Rural Fire Protection (now known as McKenzie Fire & Rescue — Lane County) died on March 3, 1970 at a structure fire on Upper Camp Creek Road. While fighting the

fire and manning a 2 1/2 inch hose line he suddenly collapsed at the scene. He failed to respond to resuscitation efforts on-scene and was pronounced deceased at McKenzie-Willamette Hospital.

After the addition of these two names, Chief John Klum of Portland Fire & Rescue, Assistant Chief Rod Smith of Lane County Fire District #1, and Bill Lafferty of the Oregon Department of Forestry conducted the roll call of the fallen. After the names of 161 firefighters were read, the closing salute was performed by the combined fire service honor guard and the pipes and drums. During this ceremony two wreaths were placed at the memorial. One wreath signifying the loss felt by the fire service — the other the loss felt by the families. The ceremony concluded with tolling of the fire bell, Amazing Grace performed by the Pipes & Drums, and a lone bugler on a distant hillside playing “Taps.”

Governor Kulongoski could not attend this year’s ceremony in person but he did issue a proclamation honoring those who have fallen and those who they left behind by formally recognizing this day as Oregon’s Fallen Firefighter Day of Remembrance.

More than three dozen family members, including relatives of Olivier and Coburn, attended the ceremony. After the ceremony a reception was held on the patio of Academy. Family members and friends were encouraged to pay their respects to their loved ones honored on the memorial. Red carnations were available for placement at the memorial and tracing paper was also on-hand for the etching of names.

Eriks Gabliks closed the hour-long ceremony with a simple quote that captured the reason for this event ... “Etched forever upon this wall is the name of sacrifice”

For more information about the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial and the men and women it honors please go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/FC/FallenFireFighterMemorial.shtml> ♦



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Feel the Heat!

By: Dave Campbell

WHA Insurance – retired



The fire service sometimes forgets that new board and council members are not always versed in the tools and equipment needed in today's fire responses. That commences with the cost of new fire trucks, ambulances, tenders and support vehicles.

New board members (and sometimes veteran board members) are also concerned about the costs of firefighter garments. Some time back I actually heard a board member ask why do they need all of this stuff?

Well ladies and gentlemen; there are a number of reasons from NFPA, NIOSH. Federal and State Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and common sense. Some of those reasons come with financial penalties for failing to provide as safe a work environment as possible.

Every effort should be made to protect those we put in harms way whether they are career or volunteer from burns as best we can.

Understandably there are questions about the cost of protective gear. Briefly here

are some cost examples to outfit one firefighter with structure and natural cover gear”

Structure Firefighting

Helmet	\$ 193
Nomex Hood	\$41
Coat	\$1,308
Pants	\$888
Boots	\$130
Gloves	\$49
Sub Total	\$2,609

Natural Cover (Wildland) Firefighting

Hat & Hood	\$81
Shirt & Pants	\$25
Gloves	\$22
Boots	\$252
Carry Bag	\$90
Fire Shelter	\$387
Sub Total	\$1,085

SCBA

SCBA	\$3,550
Mask Amp	\$13
Face Piece	\$437
Air Bottle	\$1,000
Sub Total	\$5,300

Note - these values do not reflect quantity discounts and are for good quality garments. Today's market it would probably require adding about \$1,000 per air pack for increased cost of SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.)

Total for one person \$8,994

A firefighter's life saved or injury averted – Invaluable!



Dennis Weis of Tangent Fire Department has graciously allowed the use the photos he took at recent alarms in the Willamette valley. Please note top photo of the crew entering a burning manufactured

home with full “turnouts” on. Temperatures inside a structure like this could be 1,200 or more degrees. The barn fires photos show why interior attacks are seldom used as fire temperatures may be 1,600 degrees or more.

As a reminder, floors in some manufactured homes are made of particle board and disintegrate due to heat and water. Extreme caution should be used when making entry as it is easy to fall through the floor. Additionally, roofs of some manufactured homes are supported by 2X2 construction instead of 2X4 or 2X6. It is not recommended to put firefighters on the roof to ventilate etc. in such conditions. Remember – Everyone Goes Home!

PHOTO RIGHT: Time to move! Discretion is the better part of valor – enough said



Legislative Summary Part One - Public Safety

By Genoa Ingram

OFDDA Executive Director

The 75th Oregon Legislative Assembly convened on January 12, 2009, and adjourned sine die on June 29, 2009. A total of 2,778 were introduced. Of those, 1,118 were passed by the House and 1,030 were passed by the Senate. The Governor signed 905. Ethics legislation was covered in an earlier issue of the Communiqué. Following is a summary of public safety legislation. Urban renewal will be addressed in the November/December issue.



Oregon State Capitol.

Photo by Gary Halvorson, Oregon State archives

SB 77 – DISTRESSED COUNTIES

Chapter 789, 2009 Laws; Effective date, July 23, 2009

SB 77 establishes a process whereby a county government or the Governor can declare a state of fiscal distress that compromises the ability of the county government to provide a minimally adequate level of public safety services. Under the new bill, the Governor or a county government may request a review and analysis of public services in the county by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. The Commission must establish, by rule, minimal standards for public safety services.

SB 212 – VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

Chapter 176, 2009 Laws; Effective date, May 26, 2009

SB 212 rewrites the criteria for programs distributing victim assistance funds to city and county offices for victim services. The measure adds a requirement that notice be given to victims of their rights as soon as practicable.

SB 325 – GATHERINGS IN EFU ZONES

In committee upon adjournment

SB 325 was a proposal that caused much concern among fire districts. The bill, introduced at the request of Senator Rick Metsger (D-Mt Hood) for a constituent, would have permitted properties within exclusive farm use zones to be used for weddings and other commercial gatherings. District representatives expressed concern that there would be no inspection oversight by the fire marshal. The bill did not advance.

SB 556 – DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Chapter 450, 2009 Laws; Effective date, January 1, 2010

SB 556 requires certain public places (facilities of 50,000 square feet or more and at least 25 individuals congregated on a normal business day) to have automated external defibrillators. The bill provides an exemption for facilities owned by a

school district, education service district, private school or public charter school. It also limits liability of the owner for “use, attempted use or nonuse of defibrillator.”

SB 583 – HELMET LAWS

Chapter 452, 2009 Laws; Effective date, January 1, 2010

SB 583 requires persons under the age of 18 to wear motorcycle helmets while operating or riding as a passenger on a Class II all-terrain vehicle.

Three other bills relating to helmets did not pass:

- HB 2409 would have allowed for certificates of exemptions from wearing motorcycle helmets to persons who present a signed statement from their physician;
- HB 2499 would have required motorcycle helmets for those under 21 years of age only;
- HB 3438 would have permitted a person to operate a motorcycle without a helmet if the person had increased his or

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her motor vehicle liability coverage for personal injury.

SB 590 – TRIBAL REPRESENTATION ON INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL Chapter 453, 2009 Laws; Effective date, September 28, 2009

SB 590 allows the Governor to appoint a member of one of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes to the Oregon State Interoperability Executive Council from a pool of designees put forward by the Indian tribes.

SB 935 A – FIRST RESPONDER MAPPING

In committee upon adjournment

SB 935 would have directed the Office of Emergency Management to develop and operate statewide first responder building mapping information system. The OEM would have been required to consult with State Fire Marshal, Department of State Police, and emergency service agencies in developing guidelines for and creating the system.

SB 971 – TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT

Chapter 902, 2009 Laws; Effective date, January 1, 2010

SB 971 requires reimbursement of training costs between governmental agencies for police officers trained by one agency who then leave within three years to work for another agency. The bill also makes provision for the first agency to waive the reimbursement.

HB 2040 – SAFE DISTANCE

Chapter 198, 2009 Laws; Effective date January 1, 2010

Concerns over failure of drivers to yield to emergency vehicles inspired two pieces of legislation aimed a driver safety. HB 2040 expands the requirement that drivers maintain a safe distance from emergency vehicles to include roadside assistance vehicles and tow vehicles. The bill specifies that compliance requires either moving to an adjacent lane or slowing to at least

five miles per hour below the posted speed limit. A similar bill, SB 619, increasing penalties for failure to yield to emergency vehicles, failed to pass.

SB 528 – FIELD BURNING

Chapter 692, 2009 Laws; Effective date, July 14, 2009

Two bills aimed at curtailing field burning were introduced during the 2009 session. SB 528, which passed following heavy debate on both the House and Senate Floors, applies to open field burning, propane flaming, and stack pile burning of grass seed or cereal grain crop residues in nine counties of the Willamette Valley. It caps maximum acreage for burning at 20,000 acres and decreases it to 0 acres starting in 2010. A similar bill, HB 2183, introduced by Governor Kulongoski for the Department of Environmental Quality, received no hearings and was In committee upon adjournment

HB 2365 – NOVELTY LIGHTERS

Chapter 101, 2009 Laws; Effective date May 21, 2009

The priority bill for the public safety community this session was HB 2365, which prohibits the sale, distribution, import, or manufacture for sale of novelty lighters effective June 2, 2009. The bill allows the State Fire Marshal or a designated representative to conduct inspections to ensure compliance and seize and destroy listed products. The bill is expected to reduce the number of fires and deaths

Prohibiting their sale will protect children from a dangerous instrument that encourages curiosity and invites unintentional misuse. These novelty lighters could place children and their families at risk for burn injury, death and property loss. Beginning June 2, 2009, wholesalers may no longer import novelty lighters for sale in Oregon.

Beginning June 2, 2009, distributors may no longer sell novelty lighters to retailers in Oregon.

HB 2375 – FIREWORKS EXEMPTION

In committee upon adjournment

HB 2375 would have discontinued an exception created in 2003 for a fireworks

business in Clackamas County operating on property zoned for exclusive farm use. The exception was created by SB 667 (2003 legislative session) for the business, which has operated in the same since December 31, 1986. The bill passed the House but died in the Senate Business and Transportation Committee when no one appeared to testify.

HB 2377 – CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

Effective date January 1, 2010

HB 2377 prohibits the use of mobile communication devices (i.e. cell phones) while operating a motor vehicle unless the driver is using a hands-free device. There are a number of exemptions for public safety personnel, as well as an exemption for "a person operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the person's employment if operation of the motor vehicle is necessary for the person's job". Violation of the new requirement is a Class D traffic violation, punishable maximum fine of \$90.

HB 2401 – ASSAULT ON PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

In committee upon adjournment

HB 2401 would have expanded the definition of assault in the third degree to include an assault with a dangerous substance on a public safety officer. The bill deletes saliva from the list of dangerous substances and clarifies that there is no requirement to sentence the offender.

HB 2512, HB 2901 – PUBLIC SAFETY LICENSE PLATES

In committee upon adjournment

HB 2515 would have allowed Directs the Department of Transportation to issue Fallen Public Safety Officer registration plates. Funds from sale of the plates would have been dedicated to the Police Memorial Trust, to be used for travel expenses of family members and honor guard escort to attend national memorial services.

A second bill, HB 2901, would have allowed the Department of Transportation to issue group registration plate for group that promotes prevention of wildfires.

HB 2457 – RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER INSTALLERS

In committee upon adjournment

As originally introduced, HB 2457 would have allowed the State Plumbing Board to authorize journeyman plumber who obtains training and certification from a board-recognized provider to design fire sprinkler systems in one- and two-family dwellings. However, the bill met opposition in the Senate due to amendments that would have allowed journeyman plumbers to design plumbing portion of a fire sprinkler system for installation in a residential structure that is subject the currently exemptions to the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code. Opponents felt that the proposed revisions would have significantly expanded the current exemptions for design of one and two family dwellings. The bill died in Committee; however, interested parties (including SDAO) have agreed to work throughout the interim on a consensus bill for 2010.

HB 2460, HB 2281, SB 619 – VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS

In committee upon adjournment

HB 2460 would have extended the sunset for the \$250 Volunteer Emergency

Medical Technician (EMT) Tax Credit enacted in 2005 from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2016 and expanded the program by modifying population provision to ensure more geographic areas are covered.

A second bill, HB 3381 would have created an income tax credit or property tax exemption for emergency medical technicians who provide volunteer services. Requires one-time election of credit or exemption by emergency medical technicians.

On the Senate side, SB 619 would have allowed an income tax credits for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians who provide volunteer services and for employers who permit employees who are volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians to respond to emergency calls during work hours. That bill did not receive a hearing.

Due to the economic climate, all tax credit programs, whether current or proposed, came under heavy scrutiny during the 2009 session.

HB 2539 – FIREWORKS BAN

In committee upon adjournment

HB 2539 sought to prohibit the use of fireworks within the city limits of Portland except between June 30 and July 5 of each

year. The bill passed the House by a slim margin, but died in the Senate Business and Transportation Committee.

HB 2950 - OSFM INSPECTION LIMIT

Chapter 567, 2009 Laws; Effective date July 1, 2009

As originally introduced, HB 2950 would have limited inspections by the State Fire Marshal or local approved authority to one inspection of any alteration or construction of building or structure for compliance with Fire and Life Safety Code or local fire and safety code. The fire service strongly opposed the bill, which was ultimately amended to establish an 11-member Residential and Manufactured Structures Board to replace the Manufactured Structures and Parks Advisory Board and the Residential Structures Board and transfer their duties to the new agency.

HB 2975 – 1039 LIMITATION

In committee upon adjournment

Would have exempted PERS retirees employed as fire chief, assistant fire chief or deputy fire chief from the 1,039-hour limit on re-employment of retired PERS members.

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HB 3254 – RADIO DISTRICTS

**Chapter 584, 2009 Laws; Effective date
September 28, 2009**

HB 3254 allows radio and data communications districts to be formed as special districts. The bill addresses the Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD) communications system established, but no longer needed by the federal government. Federal funding currently pays 100 percent of costs of the communication system; however, once UMCD ceases to operate, the system will no longer be funded. HB 3254 allows Umatilla and Morrow counties to assume operation of the system and seek to levy taxes to fund the system.

HB 3414 – TAX CHECK-OFF FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

In committee upon adjournment
HB 3414 as amended would have added the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association to the list of entities eligible for individual income tax return check-off contribution, enabling the Association to

bypass the requirement to show that it has banked \$1,000,000. Under the charitable contribution guidelines, funds received by the eligible entity may only be used for charitable purposes. In OVFA's case, contributions would have funded hardship grants, death benefits, and scholarships.

HB 3450 – CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

**Chapter 591, 2009 Laws; Effective date
June 25, 2009**

HB 3450 prohibits renting, transferring title of or issuing certificate of occupancy for single-family dwelling or multifamily housing that has a carbon monoxide source unless the dwelling or housing unit is equipped with carbon monoxide detector. The fire districts were successful in amending the bill to bring it into closer alignment with the current smoke alarm statute and requiring minimal enforcement.

DPSST

SB 92 – DPSST RESEARCH

**Chapter 165, 2009 Laws; Effective
date, January 1, 2010**

SB 92 allows the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to conduct research to improve police, fire,

corrections, parole, probation, emergency medical dispatch and telecommunications professional services. The purpose of the measure is to establish rules for minimum training levels of professional development and improve competence of public safety personnel.

HB 2315 – DPSST DISCLOSURE

**Chapter 135, 2009 Laws; Effective date
May 26, 2009**

HB 2315 exempts from disclosure the records of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training relating to an ongoing investigation of the fitness of a public safety officer or private security officer to hold his position. The measure requires the department to issue a report when an investigation is completed regarding a private security officer or a public safety officer.

HB 2713 – PUBIC SAFETY OFFICER INVESTIGATIONS

**Chapter 716, 2009 Laws; Effective date
January 1, 2010**

HB 2713 creates a state-wide standard for dealing with investigations involving public safety officers. This measure requires employers to adopt written procedures for investigating public safety officers. HB 2713 modifies and creates procedures for investigations involving public safety officers and provides for a six-month time-limit for investigations into officer misconduct. This measure adds parole officers and corrections officers to police officers in the definition of public safety officers. No revenue impact.

HB 2790 – DPSST MEMBERSHIP

**Chapter 629, 2009 Laws; Effective date
January 1, 2010**

HB 2790 increases membership of Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to 25 members, three of which are nonvoting members. It also changes the membership of board policy committees and directs policy committees to establish fitness for duty standards and procedures for reviewing denial, suspension or revocation of certification. It further establishes procedures for investigating and hearing cases involving denial, suspension

Fire Chiefs Tackle Unemployment Insurance

OFDDA's fire service partner, the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, is in the process of drafting a document to address concerns of the fire service with the Oregon Unemployment Division relating to unemployment benefits being applied to volunteers.

The OFCA is looking for past and current cases involving unemployment disputes with the Oregon Unemployment Division.

If you are willing to share your experience, please contact:

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and revocation of certification. Key pointes are as follows:

- Adds a non-management parole and probation officer to the Board
- Eliminates Department of Forestry position
- The Superintendent of State Police and the State Fire Marshal remain
- Restructures several policy committees.

HB 5041 – DPSST Budget Chapter 685, 2009 Laws; Effective date July 7, 2009

The primary revenue source for criminal justice training and certification is the Criminal Fine and Assessment Account (CFAA). This source also funds the Public Safety Memorial Fund as well as a large portion of administrative and support services. Fire service training is supported by the Fire Insurance Premium Tax, administered by the State Fire Marshal. General Fund dollars are used solely for debt service associated with borrowings for construction of the new academy in Salem. The Criminal Justice Training and Certification Program provides training and certification for police, sheriff deputies, correctional officers, parole and probation officers, 9-1-1 telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers.

The Legislature approved a budget of \$49,073,437 million total funds and 143.87 full-time equivalent positions. This is a 9.3 percent decrease from the agency's essential budget level. The breakdown is as follows:

- \$11,360,288 for debt service.
- \$ 37,067,745 for operations
- \$ 589,239 for the Public Safety Memorial fund
- \$56,165 maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds collected and received by DPSST

Arguably, one of the most controversial policy changes in the budget was a shift in training of corrections officers from DPSST to the Department of Corrections. However, DPSST will retain the responsibility for certifying the curriculum at DOC.

OSFM PRIORITIES

SB 88 A - Cardlock Fees

In committee upon adjournment SB 88 would have updated statutes to increase cardlock fees to continue program funding and avoid a shortfall in the 09-11 bienniums. The fees had not been updated in thirty years. The bill would have also removed duplicative and outdated language.

SB 89 – Explosives Permits Chapter 164, 2009 Laws. Effective date, January 1, 2010

Eliminates overlapping regulation of the explosives industry between state and federal government. Under the new law, persons possessing a permit or license issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to possess, store or manufacture explosives does not have to register with the State Fire Marshal.

SB 91 – LPG Fees Chapter 790, 2009 Laws. Effective date, January 1, 2010

SB 91 increases fees charged by the State Fire Marshal's liquefied petroleum gas license and inspection program. The measure establishes a second increase, effective July 1, 2011. SB 91 also authorizes the transfer of gas fitter licenses and gas truck equipment licenses.

HB 5038 – OSP Budget Chapter 682, 2009 Laws; Effective date July 7, 2009

The Office of State Fire Marshal falls is located within the Office of State Police and receives minimal General Fund dollars. Therefore, fees for programs overseen by OSFM must be sufficient to fund those programs. The OSP budget ratifies fees relating to the fireworks program increased by the State Fire Marshal in November 2008. The Wholesale Fireworks Permit is increased from \$2500 to \$3,000 generating an estimated \$14,000 in additional revenue. The Public Displays Fireworks Permit is increased from \$50 to \$100 generating an estimated \$82,500 in additional revenue. The Retail Fireworks permit is increased from \$50 to \$100 generating an estimated \$15,750 in additional revenue. ♦



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Scholarship Application

Please complete all of the information as requested below and return your completed application to the OFDDA office (1284 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301, fax 503-564-9919) by October 15. Scholarship awards will be made by October 22; you will be notified via phone or email of your application's status.

Up to five scholarships may be awarded. The scholarship covers the registration fee for both the pre conference and the conference events. A complimentary lunch is provided each day.

Applicant Name _____
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Applicant's Position Within District/Department (e.g. board mbr, chief officer, etc.) _____
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If you have any questions about this application or about the conference, please contact the OFDDA Office at 1-800-222-9708.

VISIT THE FIRE SERVICE CENTER

When in Salem, do stop by and visit us at the Oregon Fire Service Center, home to Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA), the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association (OVFA) and the administrative offices of the Oregon Fire Service Museum, Memorial and Learning Center. We are located at 1284 Court Street, just a block and a half east of the State Capitol.



Volunteer Firefighter Loses Home and Belongings to House Fire

By Ed Grambusch, Captain-PIO, Silverton Fire District

PRESS RELEASE

On August 24, 2009 at 8:21 pm, the Silverton Fire District responded to a report of a house fire at 319 High St. in Silverton, OR. Initial units arrived to find heavy fire conditions emanating from the rear of the home. An aggressive interior attack was completed after firefighters encountered extreme heat, smoke and fire conditions.

The residence (structure) and all of its belonging were completely destroyed due to the high heat, smoke, and water damage.

The cause of the fire has been narrowed but the final cause and determination will be announced at a later time

The compounding factor with this house fire is the fact that the resident of the home is a Volunteer Firefighter with the Silverton Fire District. Firefighter Daniel Dunn and his wife had moved into the residence shortly before this fire occurred and did not have renters/property insurance of any kind. All of their belongings were stored at the location and



were subsequently destroyed. Firefighter Dunn was not home at the time, but heard the call go out over his pager.

A donation fund has been established with the Silverton Firefighters Association. Persons willing to donate may do so by sending donations to:

Daniel Dunn Fire Fund

C/O Silverton Fire Fighters Assoc.
819 Rail Way NE
Silverton, OR 97381

Questions and comments are encouraged. Please feel free to contact me.

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OREGON FIRE DISTRICT DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Fire Director 20 Year Service Award



The Oregon Fire District Directors Association honors fire district directors with 20 or more years of service (as a director) to their fire districts (district must be a current member of OFDDA). During this year's conference in November, eligible directors will be recognized and receive a special commemorative lapel pin (awards will be mailed to those not in attendance at conference).

The signature below

certifies that _____

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OVFA's Changing of the Guard

By Scott Mullen, OVFA President

Hello. The first thing I would like to do is introduce myself as there has been a changing of guard in the OVFA. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Scott Mullen and I am the new OVFA President. I was elected this past June as the now Past President Tina Greiner finished serving her term. I would also like to introduce the OVFA Executive Board: 1st Vice President Dave Butler, 2nd Vice President Kourosh Modjtabia, Secretary Lori Albert, 1 year Director Rex Parks and 2 year director Dave Sellars.

Along with a new board of directors comes a new era of philosophy for the OVFA, we are now focusing on how to better represent ALL of the volunteer firefighters in the state of Oregon. Our motto is "Representing those who Volunteer" and we felt that we were not capturing that by representing just dues

paying member departments. So when we go to the legislature or apply for federal grants, for example, we will have the entire state on the agenda and not just our members. One of our priorities will be getting more departments to join our association as this is how we generate revenue for our association and this is how we pay for these kinds of activities. Volunteer firefighters are one of the largest groups in the state. The more people we have on our team the stronger we can be to obtain the things we need to help us as we serve our communities.

So I am asking that if you are a department that is not a member please ask your volunteer association to consider becoming one. I encourage you to go to our web site (www.ovfa.org) and look at what the OVFA can offer you. Or, call any one of the Board members if you have any questions. We are



Scott Mullen, OVFA President

here to represent you, your concerns and your needs and the only way we can do that is to hear from you.

As "one" we are much stronger than if we are divided, I cannot help but think that we share the same common interests and together we can accomplish so much more. One last note of business: when you go to our web site you will notice a "donate" button on every page. If you feel compelled, please give whatever you can to help support the volunteers firefighters of our state.

Joint Conference Nov. 5-7, 2009

*By Dave Campbell, Consultant
WHA Insurance Retired*

You may recall we recommended in our March 2009 article that you should budget funds to take the entire board and your Chief officers to the Joint Conference November 5th through November 7, 2009. Well, the time is here to place your conference and lodging reservations. If you have not received a conference program outline and registration application in the mail from OFDDA, please contact their office at 800-223-9708 or email: mary@ofdda.com or OFCA at 888-846-5741 email: jenn@ofca.org.

Excellent programs are scheduled for the Thursday pre-conference as well as the main conference on Friday and Saturday. In the pre-conference we know you will especially want to hear the messages from Attorneys Ken Jones and Russell Poppe. Also there is a valuable session of all board members and officers regarding the Legislative Updates.

During the main conference be sure to

hear keynote speaker Mark Speckman, Head Football Coach at Willamette University discuss "Motivation – A Moving Target."

"Urban Renewal" by Alex Jensen and Kyle Gorman will share some good and not so good processes of Urban Renewal.

Christy Monson, Esq. of Speer Hoyt, PC will bring you up to date on Ethics changes in the last legislative session.

"Surfing and Surviving the Economic Wave" is presented by Mark W. Light, MPA, CAE the national Executive Director of International Association of Fire Chiefs and will be an important discussion of public entity funding.

Directors and Chiefs toolbox presentations on "Relationship Building" by George Dunkel and "Financing" by Joe Parrot will give you valuable tips for management.

Please have as many of your directors and officers attend as possible!

Oregon Safety Officer Association Section of OFCA

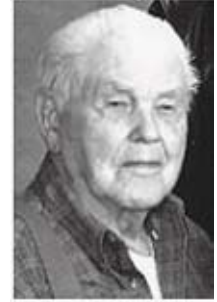
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association has formed a new focus group of Oregon Fire Service Safety Officers to make available networking and sharing of information for training and response scene safety and health concerns. The organization will work with OR-OSHA, National Fire Protection Association and other safety and wellness resources to enhance the protection of our career and volunteer personnel.

If the shared information of this group saves one Oregon firefighter or EMS responder's life or avoids their injury, it will more than pay for the nominal membership dues.

You may enroll your Active Safety Officer(s) as Charter members with annual dues of \$25. each. Associate Memberships are also available to persons sharing the safety and wellness goals of the association at the \$25 annual rate. An enrollment form is available on line at www.ofca.org or contact OFCA at 888-846-5741 or email: jenn@ofca.org. ♦



Remembering Tom McCaskey



Tom McCaskey

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Tom McCaskey, lifelong member of the Rainier Rural Fire District. Tom was actively involved in the fire service from 1927 through 2002 as a Volunteer Firefighter and Board Member. His only break in service to the Rainier Community was to serve his Country in World War II. In his seventy-five years of service Tom saw many changes and was instrumental in forming the original Rainier Rural Fire Protection District, which contracted with the City of Rainier, the expansion of the Rainier Rural Fire District to include the

Joseph Thomas McCaskey was born Feb. 15, 1911, to Franklin Orr and Virginia (Pritchard) McCaskey at the homestead on Apiary Road in Rainier.

Tom was raised in Rainier and started working at the cannery in Rainier at the age of 15. He graduated from Rainier Union High School in 1928. He enlisted in the Army Sept. 14, 1942, as a mechanic and proudly served his country in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe during World War II. He was a member of the Rainier Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1909.

expansion of the Rainier Rural Fire District where the District began providing the Fire service to City and added coverage to Goble and the City of Prescott. When the Rainier Fire District obtained voter approval to merge with the St. Helens Fire District (Columbia River Fire & Rescue) in 2002

Tom was offered a position on the new Board and Tom chose to retire at that time. Tom's 75 years of service were appreciated. In 1992, he was awarded the Oregon Fire District Directors Association Distinguished Service Award, and in 1995, the Special District Association of Oregon Volunteer of the Year to name a few of his honors.

Tom married Dorothy Merle Berg May 16, 1943, in Reno. She followed him in death on August 11, 2009. Surviving are a son, Steve (Julie) McCaskey and a daughter, Kathy Mattison and her fiancé, Mike Beebe, all of Kelso; his grandchildren, Tom (Whitney) Mattison of Woodland, Eric (Holly) Mattison of Longview and Emily Dahl of Kelso; his great-grandchildren, Dalton and Wyatt Mattison of Longview, and Noah, Isabella and Isaiah Mattison all of Woodland; a brother, Ben McCaskey of Eureka, Calif.; two sisters, Arletha Barnett of Rainier and Twana Alford of Redondo Beach, Calif.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Rainier Assembly of God Church. A graveside service with military honors followed at Hudson Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Community Home Health & Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632 or the Tom McCaskey Memorial Fund, care of Columbia River Fire & Rescue, 270 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051. ♦

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City of Rainier, City of Prescott, and the Goble, Fernhill, and Apiary areas. Tom was also instrumental in the merger with the St. Helens Rural Fire District to form the current Columbia River Fire & Rescue, at which point he elected to "retire" from the Fire Service. He was 91 years old at the time. Tom was active in both the Oregon Fire District Directors Association and Special Districts Association of Oregon and received both of these Association's highest honors during his tenure. Tom's funeral was Tuesday August 11, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the Rainier Assembly of God Church.

Joseph Tom McCaskey

Lifelong Rainier resident Tom McCaskey, 98, died peacefully at home Aug. 6, 2009.

When Tom returned home from the war in 1945, he worked as a plumber for Charles Bross Company and then took over the business and changed the name to Tom McCaskey Plumbing and Heating. He retired for a short period, then returned to work and was active up until a few months ago.

Tom was an active member of the Rainier Fire Department as either a Volunteer firefighter or a Board member from 1927 to 2002 (Seventy-Five Years). He was lifetime and charter member of the Rainier Fire Department. He was involved in the formation of the original Rainier Fire District which covered West Rainier and North Apiary and Fernhill areas. This District contracted with the City of Rainier for service. Tom was later involved in the

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