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A photograph of firefighters at a night scene. Two firefighters in full gear, including helmets and air tanks, are in the foreground. In the background, a fire truck with its ladder extended is visible, along with a building that has "eddm" and "ZIGLON" signs on it. The scene is illuminated by the fire truck's lights and the building's lights.

**RELIEF FUND FOR  
FALLEN FIREFIGHTER**

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nestucca Fire & Rescue Fire Chief  
McKenzie Fire and Rescue Fire Chief**

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## Fire Service Memorial

In memory of deceased fire service members, the State of Oregon, OFDDA and OFCA conduct a memorial service at the commencement of their annual joint conference.

- Any deceased Oregon Fire personnel may be memorialized.
- The application must include the deceased's name, rank, years of service, and department.
- The name of the person being remembered will be inscribed on a brass plate and will be added to the memorial plaque in the Fire Service Center.
- Applications must come from a fire service organization in Oregon and must include the details of why the person is to be memorialized.

General information about the memorial, criteria and the nomination form are available on the OFDDA Web site at [www.ofdda.com](http://www.ofdda.com). A nomination form may also be requested by calling the OFDDA office at 503-378-0896 or 1-800-223-9708.



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**In keeping with member District requests, the proposed OFDDA budget for 2009 will be posted on the website the last week of September. Please visit [www.ofdda.com](http://www.ofdda.com) to review.**



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*By Dave Campbell*

**The agreement is currently being re-written to comply with national Emergency Mutual Aid Compact requirements.**

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[www.ofdda.com](http://www.ofdda.com)**

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*By Sue Davis Lebanon Fire*

## RELIEF FUND FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTER

A relief fund has been established for the family of fallen Scappoose firefighter Robert Hales, who died August 17 in a single-car accident on Scappoose-Vernonia Road while returning from a call. Memorial donations may be made to the "Hales Family Memorial Fund" at St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union or they may be mailed to the Fund at PO Box 625, Scappoose OR 97056



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*By Christy Monson, Attorney, Speer Hoyt's Local Government Law Group*

Put succinctly, **fire districts are being forced to make an untenable choice: support revitalization of a blighted area and but have no money to respond to emergencies there — or become a community spoiler.**

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*By Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director*

**Oregon was one of the first states in the nation to establish a state fire training and certification system in partnership with its stakeholders.**





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**The  
Oregon  
Fire Service  
Honor Guard  
&  
The Department of  
Public Safety  
Standards & Training**

**Cordially invites you to attend the  
Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters  
Memorial Ceremony  
September 18, 2008 at 1:00PM**

**The Memorial will be held at the  
Oregon Public Safety Academy  
4190 Aumsville Highway SE  
Salem, Oregon 97317**

**"Heroism comes from the calling to help  
somebody, not the need to be somebody."**



**Protocol:  
Uniform (ceremonial preferred).  
Memorial bands should be worn over badges.**

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