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# OFDDA President's Message

By Dennis D. Rogers  
OFDDA President



Reflecting over this past year serving on the OFDDA Board, I have seen all of the fire service organizations working together, each from different directions, yet for the same common cause. The result has been a common thread of unity for the benefit of everyone, from building bridges to paving inroads to future programs that have been beneficial to the fire service. Of particular note:

- ◆ OFDDA has updated the LOSAP program, improving vesting options. Further review and work is being considered relating to potential in-service fund withdrawals for emergency needs.
- ◆ OFDDA has been represented at other organization's annual conferences, including the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association.
- ◆ Cooperative legislative meetings between OFDDA and SDAO.
- ◆ Strong director training opportunities around the state for all fire districts.
- ◆ Good participation of leadership from other organizations attending OFDDA Board meetings.
- ◆ Fire Safety meetings as a key element in promoting fire safety along with useful training materials available to local fire districts, especially from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

All involvement reflects the strong bond of support and commitment among the organizations. Together we have a strong, positive voice around the state, in the state legislature, and in our local communities. OFDDA staff has been on the road a lot this past quarter, meeting with local boards to support them in their times of need and to represent the benefits of membership.

The hot summer fire season is almost behind us for another year, but we must not let our guard down on promoting, educating, and stressing fire safety in our local communities. A well educated community is an asset to be proud of and makes working together much easier during an emergency.

I would encourage you to register early for this year's conference in Bend. Registration is available online at the [OFDDA website](#); discounted registration rates are available until October 7. The conference schedule has something for everyone and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

## Honoring Service

The Oregon Fire Service Conference provides educational opportunities for all members of the fire service. In addition to the education offered, OFDDA also uses the occasion to recognize creativity, innovation, and achievement through its District of the Year Award. Any OFDDA member district can be nominated for the award — a nomination form is included in this newsletter and can also be downloaded from the [OFDDA website](#).

OFDDA also recognizes service and commitment by fire district board members. Any board member of an OFDDA member district who has served on his or her local fire district board for 20 or more years is eligible to receive a commemorative lapel pin during the conference. A nomination form is included in this newsletter and can also be downloaded from the [OFDDA website](#).

As is traditional at the Fire Service Conference, OFDDA hosts a memorial service during the opening ceremonies. If you would like to remember any member of the Oregon Fire Service in the ceremony, please download and submit a memorial service application form. This form is available on the [OFDDA website](#).

# SDAO Advisory Services Celebrates a Milestone

July 1 marked a successful inaugural year for SDAO Advisory Services!

Last year, the SDAO Board of Directors approved the formation of SDAO Advisory Services, LLC (SDAOAS) to meet the needs of SDAO members that are or were considering the issuance of municipal securities, debt management planning, or other financial issues. The formation of SDAOAS came about in light of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (better known as the “Dodd-Frank Act”). Prior to the financial crisis of 2008, municipal entities that issued debt to fund operations or capital improvement projects were subject to continuing disclosure and such continuing disclosure requirements were enforced by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) pursuant to Section 15(c)2-12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Following the financial crisis of 2008, the Dodd-Frank Act amended the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), among other things, that had a significant impact on how municipal entities, including special districts, can issue debt or borrow money. With greater scrutiny by the federal regulators and other self-regulatory agencies, navigating through all the new rules and regulations, SDAO took it upon itself to provide municipal advisory services through SDAOAS. SDAOAS made it possible to bring back quality managerial and financial advisory services to the members of SDAO.

SDAOAS exclusively serves SDAO members and is a Registered Municipal Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. We offer advice regarding debt management, debt policy, and financial policy assistance as well as assistance with issuance of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, refinancing, tax anticipation notes, and any other debt financing allowed under Oregon law.

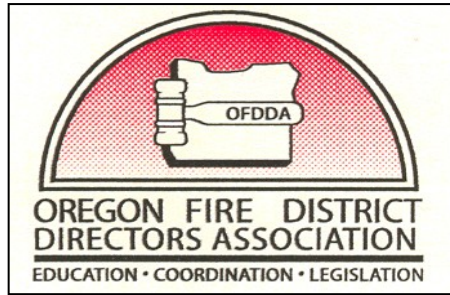
Below is a list of financing projects completed in the last year.\* To date, SDAOAS has helped 17 members with their funding needs; many in the form of general obligation bonds. So far, we have been able to secure over \$189 million in new funding or refinancings.

<b>Par Amount (000's)</b>	<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Date</b>
10,000	Curry Health District	GO Bonds	August 2015
8,090	St. Paul School District	GO and Refunding Bonds	August 2015
12,390	Boardman Parks & Recreation District	GO Bonds	September 2015
3,451	Seal Rock Water District	GO Bond Anticipation Notes	October 2015
20,961	Curry Health District	Revenue Bond Ant. Notes	February 2016
3,770	Keizer Fire District	GO Bonds	April 2016
14,580	Port of Morrow	Full Faith & Credit & Ref. Obs.	April 2016
3,660	North Lincoln Fire & Rescue	GO Refunding Bonds	April 2016
14,135	Lane Community College District	GO Refunding Bonds	June 2016
2,605	South Lane County Fire & Rescue	GO Bonds	June 2016
2,000	Umatilla RFPD	GO Bonds	June 2016
7,610	Port of Newport	GO Refunding Bonds	June 2016
1,315	Oregon Special Districts Coop Financing Program	Certificates of Participation Series 2016A	June 2016
12,804	Vernonia School District No. 47J	GO Refunding Bonds	July 2016
65,930 (1)	Hood River County Schools	GO and Refunding Bonds	August 2016
2,500 (1)	Sisters Camp Sherman RFPD	GO Refunding Bonds	September 2016
2,700 (1)	Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue	GO Refunding Bonds	September 2016
2,000 (1)	Philomath Fire & Rescue	GO Bonds	September 2016

\*Includes pending active fundings anticipated to close in September 2016.

If you would like to learn more about SDAOAS, please contact David Ulbricht, Director of Advisory Services, at 503-701-7774 or Tonya Grass at 800-285-5461 ext. 103.





## District of the Year Nomination Form

The purpose of the OFDDA District of the Year award is:

- To provide a means of sharing information, innovative ideas and the variety of activities taking place throughout the state of Oregon.
- To give recognition to those in the fire service who have demonstrated progressive achievement.
- To benefit all fire districts, regardless of size, location, budget, or number of personnel.

Districts can be nominated by anyone (even themselves) for this recognition. Examples of activities or accomplishments qualifying for special recognition include but are not limited to innovative programs (community outreach or public education campaigns), successfully handling difficult situations (budget crises or personnel losses), successful recruitment/retention/recognition campaigns, etc.

Nominated District's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

District Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*In order to be eligible to receive this award, the nominated district must be a member of OFDDA. Please contact the OFDDA office at 800-223-9708 if you are uncertain about the nominee's membership status.*

**To complete this nomination, please attach a brief description (no more than 200 words) of the program, activity, or other actions which you believe qualify the district for special recognition.**

**Submitter's Contact Information** *(for contact purposes only—will not be published or announced)*

\_\_\_\_\_

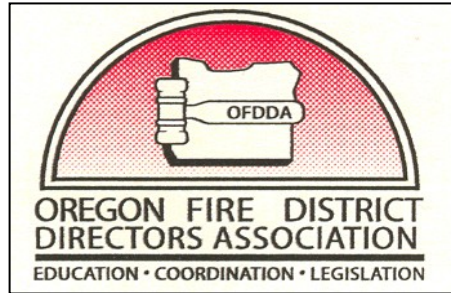
Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address or Phone Number

***Please return the completed nomination form and supporting documentation  
to the OFDDA office (1284 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301,  
fax 503-364-9919, or [jessica@ofdda.com](mailto:jessica@ofdda.com)) by October 14, 2016.***

*If you have any questions about this form or the award,  
please contact the OFDDA office at 800-223-9708.*



## Fire Director 20-30-40-50

## 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 Oregon Fire Service Conference, eligible directors will be recognized and receive a special commemorative lapel pin.

The signature below certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ (*name*)

Has served \_\_\_\_\_ (*district name*)

as a fire director for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (*a period of not less than 20 years*).

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Title*

Please provide us with a mailing address for the nominee in the space provided below (lapel pins will be mailed to those unable to attend conference):

To ensure recognition of service at this year's conference, please return the completed form no later than October 14, 2016, to the OFDDA office at 1284 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301, Fax: 503-364-9919.

*If you have any questions about this application or the service award,  
please contact the OFDDA office at 800-223-9708.*

## October is Fire Prevention Month

The Office of State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) focus for Fire Prevention Month follows the National Fire Protection Association's theme of "Don't Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every Ten Years".

The OSFM has developed a number of resources for Fire Prevention Month, with a goal of providing all fire agencies in Oregon with a "Smoke Alarm Toolkit" by mid-August. Additional fire prevention and safety education materials are available at no cost from the [OSFM website](#) or by calling the OSFM office at 503-934-8266.

## The OFDDA Board of Directors Needs You!

The OFDDA Board of Directors is seeking interested members to fill two director positions for the statewide association. To be eligible, candidates must be a current board member of an OFDDA member district.



Eligible candidates are invited to complete the one-page application available on the [OFDDA website](#). The application form will also be available at the Oregon Fire Service Conference registration desk. Per OFDDA bylaws, nominations for office can be made from the floor at the first OFDDA Business Meeting on Thursday, October 27.

If you are unsure of your district's membership status or would like more information about the duties associated with OFDDA Board membership, please contact the OFDDA office staff at 800-223-9708.

The current board members listed on page 2 of this newsletter are also excellent resources for specific questions about their experiences as an association board member—please feel free to contact any of them.

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