



## Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal February 2010

### **Sparky award nominations**

The OSFM is seeking nominations for the 2010 Golden and Silver Sparky awards. The Golden Sparky is presented for outstanding achievement in fire prevention or public fire safety education for fire service personnel; the Silver Sparky is presented for outstanding achievement or contributions to the fire service in prevention or education for civilians. The nomination form is available at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Administration/Sparkyform.pdf> or by contacting Laura Drager at 503-934-8211 or email [laura.drager@state.or.us](mailto:laura.drager@state.or.us). The nomination deadline is April 19, 2010. Awards will be presented Saturday, May 22, 2010 during the Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards banquet at the Salem Conference Center in Salem, Oregon.

### **Classroom safety posters**

The OSFM in partnership with the Oregon Fire Marshals Association distributed more than 16,000 *Guide to Classroom Safety* posters to schools throughout the state. The posters address the most common hazards found at schools during fire safety inspections and include information on reporting school fires and evacuation planning. If your departments or districts would like posters to distribute to the schools in their areas, contact Helen Feroli at 503-934-8240 or [Helen.feroli@state.or.us](mailto:Helen.feroli@state.or.us).

### **Fire awareness and disaster preparedness curricula**

The OSFM has partnered with the Healthy Kids Learn Better cadre and local fire departments to provide training on Oregon's new fire awareness and disaster preparedness curricula for elementary and middle school students. The curricula replaces the *Fire Safety Skills Curriculum* and provide structured fire education on the reality of fire, fire prevention and safety, fire use through history, personal responsibility, fire-related media, and the impact of media on students' perceptions of fire. If your department is interested in supporting the curriculum training for the 2010-2011 school year, contact Judy Okulitch at 503-934-8230 or Helen Feroli at 503-934-8240.