

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Office of State Fire Marshal
Mt Hood Conference Room

Minutes

Members

- Greg Keller, OFCA (Chair)
- Bob Reeves, OFDDA (V Chair)
- Joseph Seibert, SFFC

- Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM
- Tom Bohm, OFMA

- Dave Sellers, OVFA
- Kurt Chapman, LOC

Ex Officio

- Heidi Moawad, Gov's Office
- Joel Lujan, OSP
- Eriks Gabliks, DPSST

Executive Director/Staff

- Jim Walker, Chief Deputy SFM
- Sally Cravinho, OSFM Staff

Visitors

- Claire McGrew, OSFM
- Dr. Dana Selover, EMS
- Julie Olson-Fink,
DPSST
- Todd Anderson, DPSST
- John Nohr, PDX Fire &
Rescue
- Terry Ney, Lane Fire

Welcome/Introductions

Vice-Chair Bob Reeves welcomed everyone to today's meeting, as he was filling in for Chair Keller who was on vacation. He asked everyone to introduce themselves as there were new members in attendance today.

Changes to the agenda:

No changes to the agenda.

Minutes:

Dave Sellers made the motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Mariana Ruiz-Temple to adopt the minutes as presented. It was noted to change John Seibert to "Joseph" Seibert. All approved.

Communications:

None

Guest/Visitor Input:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Law Enforcement Task Force

Chief Ney gave an update on the task force. The committee has had one meeting with good turnout. A second meeting is scheduled. A Doodle poll was sent out to law enforcement, fire service and dispatch asking three questions; 1) on challenges they are facing 2) potential challenges and 3) what steps you've taken to mitigate these challenges. They received 70 responses and in the next meeting they will work on categorizing those. Interesting information and issues mentioned were:

- Impact situations

- A dispatch center was having recordings in the background to make it sound like there were police “on duty” so if anyone was listening to a scanner they’d hear officers in the background
- Citizens making deliberate false “medical calls” to get a fire department to arrive and get response from police
- OSP is spread so thin that they will only go on life & death emergencies or domestics in Josephine County
- Firefighters carrying firearms due to the lack of law enforcement on calls – issues are resulting in the liability issue
- Associations involved were discussed
- Talked about bringing someone in from SDAO from their risk loss department

Firefighter Injury Statistics

Chief Nohr handed out an adopted charter for the committee.

- A copy of the minutes from their meeting on September 17th were handed out
- Big challenge is what constitutes a firefighter injury?
- Identify what are the firefighter injuries we are trying to capture?
- Examples of injuries of individuals working for AMR and getting injured, is this a firefighter injury statistic?
- Met again on October 20th and Claire McGrew shared records and data from OSFM on injuries reported, as well as SAIF, SDAO and other organizations who might have records of these types of events
- Looking at other agencies who collect data on injuries
- Discussion on LODD reports for firefighters responding to the scene

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

GFSPC Mission Statement Review

This was tabled to be reviewed when Chair Keller and Eriks Gabliks were in attendance at the next meeting.

Action:

Council will review the *Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives* before the next meeting and be prepared to discuss. Attachments will be sent out with the minutes.

Ebola Update:

Dr. Selover reported Ebola is being dealt with similar to the H1N1 outbreak. She is working with Public Health Partners on this issue. The Governor had a press conference which can be seen on YouTube regarding the concerns on Ebola. Health representatives are directing citizens to the CDC for PPE, screening, response procedures etc. She stated currently, there are six healthcare systems having suspect cases, usually providers and they are self-monitoring them. Many hours are being spent on Ebola issues, PPE and ambulances. Information is on their website at www.healthoregon.org/Ebola.

Mariana spoke on Ebola response as it pertains to Hazmat. The state Hazmat teams do not have a responsibility in this issue, in terms of clean up, decontamination and waste removal. She stated

OSFM encourages the departments to work with the officials on clean up, but in terms of mass decontamination, it is not a state hazmat responsibility.

Discussion took place on how to respond to Ebola or other infectious diseases. It was stated the local public health would be the contact for direction. Mariana will forward this information to Collette Young.

REPORTS

OSFM

Mariana reported for Jim. There have been organizational changes within OSFM recently.

Administration

- Stacy Warner will be retiring in December
- Three deputy positions for Klamath, Roseburg and Coos Bay
- Two executive manager positions to fill
- Fire Prevention month – encouraged participation and support on OSFM Facebook page to help get our message out to the public on fire safety

Emergency Response Unit

- Working on the Crude Oil survey and will be compiling this information and sending it to the Governor's office in a report
- Determine what caches are out there for access along with DPPST reporting on their piece of this
- The Governor' office will work with the budget analysts to determine a new funding source for crude oil and based on what the needs are, a decision will be made on how much money will be needed for this new tax and how it will be distributed among the agencies
- Caches for access if an incident occurs

Fire & Life Safety Services

- Hired a new Coos Bay deputy
- Greg Davis was promoted to Supervising Deputy
- Focusing on filling positions and organizational evaluations

Chief Ney shared information he had received regarding a report of natural gas being stored until it can be delivered by rail and distributed by pipeline. There are 30 locations on the coast and 20 inland. Mariana will have a deputy contact Chief Ney for more information on this.

Oath of Office Swearing-In Ceremony will be held at DPSST in the Hall of Heroes for Jim and Mariana.

Todd Anderson, DPSST

Update on the rail safety – the Governor's office asked them to assess training needs for response.

DPSST has recently worked with the railroads to look at the tanker cars that are coming out now with the push to carry the crude oil. The fire trainers will be meeting December 10th with Jeff Dukes, Safety Officer with Union Pacific Railroad to update them on current cars traveling through Oregon. Jeff will train DPSST instructors on shut-offs and response.

Received a grant for props this year and will be completed by 2015.

Julie Olson-Fink, DPSST

- AFG Grants are coming out and will be posting the guideline information. The actual grants will be coming out November 2nd
- Fire season – Wildland Task Force met and they propose to adopt the operational section of PMS 310-1 the whole operations section, minus the helicopter - 10 levels of certifications per wildland – the mobilization plan doesn't have anything to do with the certification side – this has not gone out for public comment yet – but has been approved by the fire policy committee but not adopted into administrative rule yet – she will send out the documents out to those who want it
- Oregon Fire Service task force – put together a transition guide and a F.A.Q.
- Hot Topics – Fire Officer will go forward to go the Fire Policy Committee in February with a proposal all college courses will be the new fire officer standard and a nationally recognized curriculum–
- Rescue Technician standards
- Urban Search & Rescue Task Force – take a look at this after the first of the year
- NFPA & Land base firefighters
- Fallen Firefighter Memorial – added 5 names to the wall this year, thanked everyone for the support
- DPSST partners with National Fallen Firefighters Foundation – a free class is coming out on November 10th & 11th to help those agencies who have a line of duty death with what to do in those first hours of a LODD

Council Member Reports

Dr. Dana Selover:

They are looking at a national “Interstate Compact” where EMS can use their license across state borders, but cannot do it permanently. Colorado is currently the only one who has put it forward to their Governor to be considered.

Vice-Chair asked council members to please RSVP for these meetings. It's important to know if we will have enough members to hold a meeting.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting dates:

January 27, 2015

April 28, 2015

July 28, 2015

Meeting location:

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Meeting time: 1:00 pm