

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, July 22, 2014
Office of State Fire Marshal
Mt Hood Conference Room

Minutes

Members

- Greg Keller, OFCA (Chair)
- Bob Reeves, OFDDA (V Chair)
- John 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

Visitors

- Claire McGrew, OSFM
- Dr. Dana Selover, EMS
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Executive Director/Staff

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

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Keller welcomed everyone to today's meeting and thanked them for their time and continued dedication and taking their time out of their busy schedules to attend this important meeting.

Chair Keller re-introduced our newest member, Tom Bohm who replaced Eric McMullen representing Oregon Fire Marshals Association (OFMA) and welcomed Mariana Ruiz-Temple, who replaced Tad Pedersen representing Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

He also mentioned the newest members, Joseph Seibert, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council (OSFFC) who replaces Kelly Bach and Kurt Chapman, League of Oregon Cities who replaced Tammy Fitch. They were unable to attend today due to prior commitments.

Changes to the agenda:

Add Dave Sellers text box back on the "Minutes" cover page.

Minutes:

Motion was moved by Dave Sellers to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mariana Ruiz-Temple to adopt the minutes as presented. All approved.

Communications:

The council received the letter of recommendation for Kurt Chapman from the Executive Director of League of Oregon Cities. This was passed around for the committee members to view along with a copy of his biography.

Guest/Visitor Input:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Charters

Firefighter Injury Statistics

This task force will be co-chaired by John Nohr, Portland Fire and David Blakely, Jackson County Fire District 3. They are working on scheduling a meeting within the next few weeks.

Law Enforcement

Chair Keller asked staff to contact Terry Ney from Lane Rural Fire District about being the Chair for this task force. Once he's been contacted and confirmed he'll chair, dates will be scheduled for the first meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PERS Compensation to Volunteer Firefighters

The issue is PERS contributions, as it relates to volunteer firefighters when activated for conflagrations. Chief Kevin Henson reported on this issue in his 360 Task Force. When volunteers are sent out on strike teams for conflagrations; they are on the payroll and the concern is whether or not the fire departments are required to make contributions to PERS as a result.

This continues to be a conversation within the fire service and OSFM & OFCA will evaluate this issue as it relates to deployments and volunteers.

Mariana discussed issues on conflagrations. She prepared an informational report for the Governor's office on PERS and the possible political impacts on career fire departments with volunteers reaching 600 hours.

Chair Keller asked Heidi for her guidance on this issue. Heidi met with PERS and DAS as well as staff in the Governor's office on this issue. After having discussions with both parties, she stated there is no fix for this season.

Action:

Heidi will speak with Mr. Roadman and see if there is a way to fix it. She will report back to Chair Keller with the information.

GFSPC Meeting Schedule

Chair Keller stated he would like to move the meetings closer together by holding them every other month and being an hour long and to keep the continuity and recall easier. There was limited discussion and no decision was made.

Jim stated meeting every other month would be more in-line with other organizations in the industry as well as being able to report on issues in a timelier manner.

OTHER BUSINESS

ORS Outlining GFSPC Mission Statement

The council is to review the Charter every two years and this has not been done recently.

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.

REPORTS

Executive Director Jim Walker, Interim State Fire Marshal:

Claire reported on the Data Collection components and working on getting measurable outcomes. Claire briefed the council on the Analytical and Intelligence Unit handouts “*Oregon Fire Facts-2013*” and “*Hot Facts About Oregon Fires in 2013*”. Claire’s unit will be taking on the Competency Recognition Program as soon as the new staff is hired.

Mariana reported on Emergency Response and fire season, tracking the fires and keeping communications open with the Chiefs and Incident Commanders for possible Conflagrations. She updated the council on Community Right to Know and the civil penalties matrix and working to create an on-line reporting system.

Action:

Mariana will work with the SERC to see if there is an opportunity to link rail information with the Public Health’s website.

Jim provided an update on the fire season and to date we’ve been called out on one, The Two Bulls Fire in Bend. We are very involved with what’s going on around the state and keeping the Governor’s office aware of the situations.

Chair Keller informed the council that the State Fire Marshal position interviews will take place on Thursday, July 31, 2014.

Jim spoke on behalf of Oregon State Police and reported on the planning for the new building. If this does go in to effect, the Office of State Fire Marshal will be moving in with Oregon State Police.

Director Eriks Gabliks:

DPSST partnered with other agencies to create a DVD on information which included three topics; Respiratory Protection, Skin Cancer, and Vice President of Firefighter Cancer Support Network. These are currently on YouTube and they will be mailing DVD’s out to all fire agencies in the state for their libraries.

Currently they are on *stand-by* for “Op Plan Smokey” with National Guard and Oregon Department of Forestry for the wildland fires. DPSST would assist with training National Guard members for wildland response.

DPSST was successful in the AFG Grant, which is a firefighter’s grant through FEMA in which they received \$130,000 to purchase two mobile roof ventilation prop trailers for training.

DPSST Fire Certification Section has three active task forces. They also have a workgroup looking at criminal convictions and evaluating whether or not the standards are too low.

Their board identified a loophole in their standards regarding background standards on reserve officers, which are not certified by DPSST. The fire industry would like to be involved in this discussion.

DPSST Board meeting is being held on Thursday, July 24th where there will be discussion on the Fire Line of Duty Deaths. There will be three names from wildland fires added to the wall this year with two of them being historical additions.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be held on September 18th at 1:00 pm @ DPSST

In the National news, there's been an issue with the Department of Defense EPA FPP program on the apparatus being surplused to local fire departments.

Dr. Dana Selover:

She and other doctors attended a NIMSENSO meeting on Interstate Compact for EMS providers regarding being able to use their licenses across borders. The status is in draft legislation. Implementation is regarding not being able to consult medically across stateliness, especially Washington and Oregon.

NIMSENSO is trying to get 10 states involved and trying to move it into legislature. A starter group is being organized in Oregon.

Council Member Reports

Dave Sellers is now the past President of the OVFA effective June 9th. Rex Parks is the new President and he is from Cloverdale.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting dates:

October 28, 2014

January 28, 2015

April 28, 2015

Meeting location:

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Meeting time: 1:00 pm