



Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal January 2015

Sparky nominations

The OSFM has opened the nomination period for the Golden and Silver Sparky awards. The nomination period closes February 13, 2015. The Golden Sparky recognizes a fire service member or fire agency for outstanding achievement in fire prevention or public safety education. The Silver Sparky recognizes a civilian or civilian agency in either of the same categories. [Nomination forms are available on the OSFM website](#). Nominations must be submitted with an explanation and examples of the nominee's achievements. Additional award submission information is included on the nomination form. For more information, contact Sally Cravinho at 503-934-8205 or sally.cravinho@state.or.us.

Fire Service Appreciation Day, January 27, 2015

State Fire Marshal Jim Walker is encouraging communities across the state to show appreciation to everyone involved in the fire service for their dedication and commitment to helping others. Oregon follows the national trend with approximately 70% of firefighters in the state performing their duties as volunteers. Fire Service Appreciation Day is an opportunity for everyone to say thanks to volunteer and full-time firefighters alike for their time, talent, and sacrifice.

Ready, Set, Go! training

Representatives from the International Association of Fire Chiefs will present a Ready, Set, Go! train-the-trainer session February 4, 2015 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. The training is open to all fire service representatives, neighborhood coalitions, and homeowner associations. The training covers the important stages of wildfire readiness and strategies to implement them community wide. The Ready, Set, Go! program helps fire agencies teach residents who live in high-risk wildfire areas - and the wildland urban interface - how to best prepare themselves and their properties against fire threats. [Registration is available online](#). For questions, contact the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal Fire and Life Safety Education unit at 503-934-8228 or osfm.ce@state.or.us.