

## Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition Advisory Committee Minutes

10:00 AM ♦ Tuesday, February 2, 2010  
Office of State Fire Marshal/Mt Hood Room

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### Members Present

Stacy Warner, Assistant Chief Deputy	Office of State Fire Marshal
Al Gerard, Fire Marshal, Springfield Fire & Life Safety	Exempt Jurisdictions
Traci Cooper, Fire Marshal, Redmond Fire & Rescue (by phone)	Non-exempt Jurisdictions
Gene Durnin, Salem Fire Alarm, NW Automatic Fire Alarm Assoc	Industry

### Representation

### Others

Anita Horsley, Training & Development Specialist II	Office of State Fire Marshal
John Caul, Deputy SFM	Office of State Fire Marshal
Connie Dalke, staff support to the committee	Office of State Fire Marshal

### Members Absent

Greg Keller, Fire Chief, Salem Fire Dept	Oregon Fire Chiefs Assoc / GFSPC
Debbie McDermott, Deputy Fire Marshal, McMinnville FD	Oregon Fire Marshals Assoc

### Welcome

Stacy Warner called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM. As there's no quorum today, we'll seek input and a decision on some of the items by email or phone.

### Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2009

Stacy explained the purpose of the June 2009 meeting was to review the competency recognition program to date and get input from the fire service. The minutes need to be amended to move Al Gerard from "Others Present" to "Members Present."

### Membership

There are currently three vacancies on the committee. Nominations to fill the two non-exempt jurisdiction positions include Don Baker (FC North Lincoln F&R), Tony DiMare (FM Roseburg FD), and Tom Bohm (FM Hermiston F&E). Hugh Holden (FM Jackson Co FD#3) has offered to represent exempt jurisdictions.

Gene Durnin's term will expire in October. He will start looking for an industry representative to take the position - probably someone from the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Each term runs for two years from the date of appointment.

No discussion on the nominees today. Stacy will get input from the committee members by phone or email.

## **State of the Program**

### Requirement for Oregon Fire Code Amendment class

Classroom code amendment training is one of the core curriculum requirements for getting an initial competency recognition certificate at the Fire & Life Safety Specialist I and II, and Fire Marshal levels. However, re-training is not required to maintain (renew) a recognition certificate.

Recognition certificates renew every three years. Currently, renewal is based solely on maintaining ICC and DPSST certification. If those certificates are maintained, then the OSFM recognition certificate is maintained in an active status.

Yet, the code can change every three years. It makes sense to stay current and to require training on amendments and significant changes to the Oregon Fire Code and International Fire Code. John Caul and Eric McMullen offer two classroom trainings now - a full day session on the code and a half day session just on amendments.

John is working with Anita Horsley to develop an on-line course and test as well, just for the amendments and significant changes.

The CEUs from code amendments training can be used to renew ICC and DPSST certifications. ICC doesn't require training on the Oregon Fire Code, but if training is taken, then those CEUs can be applied towards an ICC renewal. That is, code amendments training applies to multiple certificate renewals.

What does the committee think about requiring code amendments and significant changes training in order to maintain (renew) an OSFM recognition certificate?

Everyone present favored the idea. Stacy will talk to the other committee members to get their thoughts.

### Fire & Life Safety Awareness I on-line

Anita Horsley was pleased to announce that the Fire & Life Safety Awareness I training and test is now available on-line through <https://ilearn.oregon.gov>. So far 14 people have taken it.

This course is required by rule for all Oregon fire chiefs and assistants to the State Fire Marshal. It covers powers and duties of the State Fire Marshal and assistants to the SFM, and some fire and life safety concerns associated with assembly occupancies.

### Basic Mechanical Code training

Basic Mechanical Code training is available from OSFM on CD. The test is available on-line thru iLearn.

### Basic Building Code training

Anita has been working with a review group to develop this training. The group includes building officials, fire marshals, and John Caul and Anita. About 80% of the course content is now in a Word document. We expect to have the curriculum published by late summer.

The Basic Building Code training is being written to the new code. Some time soon, we'll go back and update existing curriculums as well.

Until the Basic BC curriculum and test are available, an ICC Fire Plans Examiner (FPE) certification will be accepted as an equivalency to the Basic BC requirement. The OSFM sponsored FPE class at DPSST on March 9-12 is full.

### By-laws

Time to review the committee by-laws - just housekeeping. We probably don't need to include the member names on the document.

### **Adjourn and Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be some time in May at OSFM in Salem. We hope to have a quorum and be able to vote on:

- Correcting the minutes from the June 10, 2009 meeting to move AI to the "Members Present" roster.
- Selecting new members representing non-exempt jurisdictions (2 positions) and exempt jurisdictions (1 position).
- Making fire code amendment and significant changes training a requirement for renewing a recognition certificate.

Stacy adjourned the meeting at 11:07