

**Fire and Life Safety
Competency Recognition Advisory Committee (CRAM)
Minutes**

10:00 AM ♦ Tuesday, December 6, 2011
SimplexGrinnell LP Conference Room, Lake Oswego

Members Present

Stacy Warner, Assistant Chief Deputy
Al Gerard, Fire Marshal, Eugene & Springfield
Hugh Holden, Jackson County Fire District #3
Will Ewing, Toledo Fire Chief
Tom Bohm, Hermiston Fire & EMS
Hank Rolfs, NW Automatic Fire Alarm Assoc

Representation

Office of State Fire Marshal
Exempt Jurisdictions
Exempt Jurisdictions
Non-exempt Jurisdictions
Non-exempt Jurisdictions
Industry

Others

Anita Horsley, Training & Development Specialist II
Art Spond, Staff Support

Office of State Fire Marshal
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Members Absent

Mark Ayers, Assistant Training Division Director
Debbie McDermott, Deputy Fire Marshal, McMinnville FD
Greg Keller, Fire Chief, Retired

Representation

DPSST
Oregon Fire Marshals Assoc
Oregon Fire Chiefs Assoc / GFSPC

Welcome

Stacy Warner called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Introductions were made; this was the first meeting for Will Ewing, Toledo Fire Chief. Will has replaced Don Baker, with North Lincoln F&R, on the committee. Welcome Will.

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2011

Hugh Holden moved to accept the minutes as written. Al Gerard seconded. All approved.

State of the Program

Stacy Warner gave a brief history of the Competency Recognition program, for the benefit of Will Ewing. OSFM is presently reviewing the new 2012 codes and updating the curriculum to match the proper code revisions. Hugh asked if there is an update on the home fire sprinklers code. Stacy said that nothing has been implemented yet because of various group oppositions. Stacy said the strategy is to first win the groups over thru education and demonstrations before trying to pass thru code amendments.

New Business

Anita & Stacy discussed that the current Basic Building Code and Basic Mechanical Code online courses maybe taking longer than the 3.5 hrs. projected. Anita will research statistics to see if there is an average length of time. No decision made at this time.

The question was brought to the committee about the need for a Fire Plans Review class. Anita will send an email to Eric McMullen about a class in 2012.

Chief Ewing brought up that communication about the CRP is not getting out to the smaller fire departments; Anita will draft a letter, to send to the fire chiefs from the State Fire Marshal, reviewing the program.

OSFM has started an outline for the proposed Fire Inspector I class. It will be a hybrid 40 hr course, encompassing online, classroom and practical field applications. The target completion date for the new course is the fall of 2012. One thought is that "Train the Trainer" approach with a qualified regional instructor may work best for the class. Agenda input from state fire districts is welcome for the curriculum.

Good of the Order

None discussed.

Adjourn and next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for **Thursday, March 22nd, 2012 at 10:00 am at OSFM office**. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

A box lunch was provided by the SimplexGrinnell staff.
Thank you, Hank, for your gracious hospitality.

Facility Tour and Demonstration

After lunch, Hank took us on a quick tour of the facility. He said they design fire sprinkler applications for about 1/3 of the US (Western area) and that no job is too small. They design systems for both standard and specialized applications. In the warehouse, there is a wet lab, with the capability of demonstrating five different type systems; they demonstrated two of the systems. SimplexGrinnell has offered the committee their in-house classroom and hands-on training for future fire sprinkler classes. The demonstration ended at 1:05 pm.