

# NET works

*'a bi-monthly bulletin  
featuring juvenile with  
fire intervention network  
activities from across the state'*

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Dear Colleagues:

It is time for me to retire from state service and start enjoying the next chapter of my life. I have submitted my letter of resignation effective June 30, 2012.

I have truly enjoyed my career at the Office of State Fire Marshal coordinating the youth fire prevention and intervention program.

In 1990, the OSFM was charged by the Legislature to reduce the incidence of youth-set fires by developing a continuum of care for youth misusing fire and their families using community resources.

I can proudly say , **WE DID IT and MORE!** Representatives from the fire service, law enforcement, juvenile justice, mental health, schools, child welfare and the insurance industry worked together to establish networks and intervention programs all over the state.

I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to work with you. I have grown professionally and personally from knowing and working with you. I know that you will continue to carry on the good work of providing fire and life safety education and intervention to Oregon children and families. I will miss all of you.

Best wishes.

Judy

*American Burn Association (ABA)  
Chairman B. Daniel Dillard presents  
OSFM Youth Prevention and  
Intervention Program Coordinator  
Judy Okulitch with the annual  
Burn Prevention Award.*



## **Okulitch receives American Burn Association Award**

Judy Okulitch was presented with the 2012 American Burn Association's (ABA) "Burn Prevention Award" April, 2012, at their annual conference in Seattle. On hand for the presentation were 3,000 of her fellow ABA members.

Her prevention career started in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, conducting research on preventive mental health strategies with elementary school teachers. Judy's first experience working with youth with firesetting behavior was in a residential treatment center in 1972.

*"I didn't realize at that time, I would dedicate over twenty years of my professional life to developing and administering a community based fire, burn and arson prevention program for youth. I focused the program on research, and the development of resources for the intervention of youth engaged in firesetting behavior and their families," said Okulitch.*

*"Youth firesetting is a fascinating field of study because it intersects with so many disciplines. Networking with partner agencies on the state and national level has been an exciting life journey. The relationships and friendships I made with people who have a passion for working with kids who misuse fire has been my greatest joy, both personally and professionally,"*

*In addition to her scores of other accomplishments, Okulitch developed and coordinated numerous resources for schools, facilitated the development of a new screening tool, developed intervention resources, spearheaded legislation to ban toylike lighters and coordinated JFIN networks across Oregon.*

## Did you know?

Since November 2011, four NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I trainings have been held in partnership with local agencies in Oregon involving:

- 35 Fire agencies/departments in Oregon & Idaho
- 11 Law enforcement, mental health, legal, and juvenile justice agencies
- 2 Federal agencies
- 104 Personnel throughout Oregon & Idaho attended these trainings.

## Have an item of interest?

We invite you to share information about your local network successes, upcoming meetings, community events and trainings with your statewide network.

Please send your information, articles, or other items you would like to share to:

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## Congratulations to the newest graduates of the NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist-I Training



Class of 2012 Oregon Coast - Warrenton, Oregon

## Local Network Meetings

<b>Clackamas County JFIN Meeting:</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sandy Fire Department, 17460 Bruns Avenue, Sandy, OR</b>
<b>Washington County JFIN Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, 20665 SW Blanton, Aloha, OR</b>
<b>Marion County JFIN Meeting:</b>	<b>To be determined - Next Meeting is in September, 2012</b> <b>MCJD, 3030 Center Street NE, Salem, OR</b>
<b>Clatsop County JFIN Meeting:</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 11, 2012. at 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Warrenton Fire Department, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton, OR</b>
<b>Coos County JFIN Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Coos Bay Fire Department, 450 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay OR</b>
<b>Linn-Benton JFIN Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.</b> <b>Albany Fire Department, Station 11, 110 SE 6th, Albany, OR</b>
<b>Polk County JFIN Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Polk County Fire District #1, 1800 Monmouth Street</b> <b>Independence, OR</b>