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**Randy Simpson**  
State Fire Marshal

## Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

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**A**s Oregon's state fire marshal, Randy Simpson directs the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and serves as the state fire chief.

OSFM services include:

- the Oregon Community Right to Know and Protection Act,
- state hazardous materials spill response teams,
- fire code adoption and enforcement,
- fire investigation,
- fire data collection and analysis,
- fire safety education,
- juvenile firesetter intervention,
- regulation of the fireworks, explosives, propane, and non-retail gasoline dispensing industries,
- regulation of fire-standard compliant cigarette sales
- regulation of novelty (toylike) lighters
- mobilizing fire service resources for conflagration, structural collapse and other emergencies.



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A division of Oregon State Police, the agency has 78 employees and a biennial budget of \$20.5 million.

Randy Simpson has been with the OSFM since 2005. As chief deputy from 2005-2009, he directed the agency fire programs, improved the agency operations center, and redesigned the company inspector program. He was appointed Oregon State Fire Marshal, February 1, 2009.

Simpson started in the fire service in Ontario, Oregon in 1977 as a volunteer firefighter. In 1978 he became an emergency medical technician (EMT) and began working relief shifts. He was hired as a full-time firefighter/EMT in 1980 and worked through the ranks becoming the department's fire inspector in 1987 and deputy fire chief/hazardous materials response team coordinator in 1992. Simpson served as Ontario's Fire Chief from 1997 to 2005 before taking the position as OSFM Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.



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His education is through Treasure Valley Community College. Coursework included fire protection, suppression, hazardous materials, management and supervision, and program development and delivery. In 2007, he graduated from the Leadership Executive program at Portland State University.

Simpson is a member of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Fire Policy Council, Western Fire Chiefs Association, National Fire Protection Association, International Fire Chiefs Association, and the International Code Council.