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State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr awards Silver Sparky

Oregon State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr presented Retired Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Deputy Division Chief Tim Birr with the 2008 Silver Sparky award at the Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards banquet, May 16th at the Portland Expo Center.

Birr was recognized for the thousands of hours he has voluntarily committed to fire protection and prevention efforts on behalf of Oregonians.

He is a leading member of the Oregon Fire Safety Coalition and worked to help pass Oregon's Fire-Safer Cigarette law. He helped draft the text of the legislation and spent hundreds of hours meeting with legislators, lobbyists, and members of the tobacco industry.

Birr has also committed his time and effort to develop and present testimony, attend meetings and work to gain support for a residential sprinkler initiative in Oregon.



Retired Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Deputy
Division Chief Tim Birr with State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr

In retirement, Birr has continued to teach fire officers and other government employees on effective media relations and crisis communication.

“Tim has an amazing commitment to fire safety issues and a passion for the safety of all Oregonians,” said State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr. He continues to be an incredible resource for the Oregon fire service.”

The Silver Sparky is the highest award given by the Office of State Fire Marshal to a civilian for outstanding achievement in fire prevention and fire safety.

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