



## Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Thursday, April 11, 2019  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal  
CP Pray Conference Room

**Call to Order:** Chair Hallman called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

### Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Les Hallman, President        | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Carriger, OFVA                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Kreutzer, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Patterson II, OFMA  | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Siebert, OSFFC                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constantine Severe, Gov's Office         | <input type="checkbox"/> Eriks Gabliks, Ex-Officio           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, LOC                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Walker, Exec. Director    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dana Selover, Ex-Officio            | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Public Member                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terri Davie, Ex-Officio                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris McLaran, Insurance |                                                               |

Staff: Valerie Abrahamson

Others in Attendance: Claire McGrew, OSFM; Genoa Ingram, OFDDA & OFVA; Mark Johnston, OSFM; Sophia Gardner, Intern for Nicole Palmateer (by phone); Rudy Owens, OSFM

### *Introductions—Chief Hallman*

- Chief Hallman reported that Heidi Moawad has taken a new role as a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge. Constantine Severe has been appointed as the new Public Safety Advisor to the Governor. Chief Walker provided some information on Constantine's professional background for the group.
- Rudy Owens introduced himself as the new Public Affairs Specialist with the Office of State Fire Marshal.
- Chris McLaran, representing the Property & casualty Insurance industry, introduced himself. Chris, who works for Oregon Mutual Insurance, will be assuming Steven Patterson's seat on the council.

### *Meeting Minutes*

- Motion for approval was made by Chief Patterson to approve the November 1, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Chief Ruiz-Temple. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Legislative Update—Chief Hallman*

- Chair Hallman noted this is a busy session with a lot still going on.
- Members will provide legislative information as part of their reports.

#### *Membership Update—Chair Hallman*

- Staff continues to engage League of Oregon Cities. There has been no interest expressed from the LOC to bring forth a representative.
- The Public Member position is still vacant at this time. Chair Hallman asked members to keep this in mind and inform the council if they have someone interested in applying for the position.

## **Odd-Year Elections**

- Each odd-year, the council holds an election for the chair and vice-chair position. Because there was no meeting in January, elections will be held at this meeting.
- Chair Hallman opened the floor to nominations. Chief Ruiz-Temple moved to nominate Chief Hallman and Mark Kreutzer for the chair and vice-chair positions. Chief Patterson seconded the nomination. Chair Hallman called for a vote, and members voted unanimously for the election of Chief Hallman as Chair and Mark Kreutzer as Vice-Chair.

## **REPORTS**

### ***OSFM – State Fire Marshal Jim Walker***

- Chief Walker provided report on the Office of State Fire Marshal budget and legislative session. The budget is currently in Ways & Means. The budget includes a request for monies to cover the remaining cost for the 2018 fire season.
- Chief Walker spoke on the work with the Governor’s Wildfire Council. First meeting occurred in March, and a report to the Governor’s Office is due in September.

### ***Task Force on issues concerning marijuana—Chief Walker***

- Chief Walker spoke on the need for a task force to address access and water supply code challenges for agricultural exempt structures.
- The focus of the task force will be to collectively agree that access and water supply code should be applied to agricultural exempt or is it outside of our scope. Will research requiring access and water supply to existing buildings that have been previously defined agriculturally exempt.
- Chief Paterson added his group has been looking into these issues and stated it has been hard to reach consensus.
- Chief Patterson will chair the task force. Chair Hallman asked Chief Walker and Chief Patterson to work offline on a charter before the July meeting. Chief Patterson will determine who will sit on the task force.
- Chief Ruiz-Temple recommended reaching out to Building Codes Division to sit on task force. Group agreed.

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### ***OFDDA Report – Genoa Ingram***

- OFDDA is in the process of rolling out a Director’s Institute similar to what the OFCA does. Looking at partnering with SDAO and OFCA so a person taking a class would get credit for certification that could be taken back to OFDDA board.

### ***OFMA—John Patterson***

- Worked with BCD on Appendix W, which is now Appendix W327. The group is happy with the final approved Appendix W327 which locals can adopt for enforcement at the local level to help increase wildfire resilience in residences in wildland hazard zones.
- Annual Business Meeting is May 14-16 in Newport. The theme will be code updates with a second track for community risk reduction.
- The OFMA is recruiting three new board members. Will swear in new members in May.
- Will hold a strategic planning meeting this June in Bend.

### ***OVFA Report- Genoa Ingram***

- The OVFA is ready for its upcoming conference minus an instructor for Wildland Operations class after scheduled instructor backed out. A new instructor is being sought.

***OFCA Report - Chief Les Hallman***

- OFDDA and the OFCA alternate years for hosting the Fire Service Day at the Capitol. This year it will occur on May 23rd hosted by OFCA. Chief Hallman noted it is a day for the public to play with rigs, Honor Guard Pipes and Drums will play, and it will be a day to interact with legislators to talk about the fire service.
- The OFCA Conference will be held April 30-May 3rd at Eagle Crest.
- The OFCA remains working through a challenging legislative session.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

***OSFM – Chief Ruiz-Temple***

- Chief Ruiz-Temple reported on the Wildfire Response Council, noting there are three working groups: suppression, mitigation, and communication. Chief Ruiz-Temple sits on the suppression working group. She noted there is a push to get the fire service on each of the working groups at some level.
- Working with OSFM Codes Deputy to set up a formal codes committee beginning next year.
- The OSFM has been conducting listening and understanding tours in areas that have had significant fire in their areas. Looking at where we need to have investments. An executive summary will be complete the end of June.

***Property & Casualty Insurance—Chris McLaran***

- Looking forward to information from this group that the insurance industry can use to help educate communities on risks and how to mitigate their risks.
- Working through legislative session.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

***OSP Report—Deputy Davie***

No Report. Not in attendance.

***SDAO Report – Jason Jantzi***

No Report. Not in attendance.

***DPSST Report—Director Eriks Gabliks***

No report. Not in attendance.

**OHA Report—Dr. Dana Selover**

Report provided in meeting materials. Not in attendance.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.