

# Oregon OSHA Firefighter Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2015, 1 p.m.  
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)  
Salem, Oregon

Dave Phillips called the meeting to order.

Committee members agreed to hold ongoing meetings on the second Friday of each quarter.

The group introduced themselves.

### Members:

Dave Phillips, chair  
Ray Dirling, Grants Pass Fire  
Erik Gabliks, DPSST  
Scott Neufeld, SDAO  
Jason Jantzi, SDAO  
Dave Jones, OFDDA  
Julie Olsen-Fink, DPSST  
Tom Bozicevic, OR-OSHA

### Other attendees:

Stephanie Ficek, OR-OSHA  
Ron Haverkost, OR-OSHA  
Peggy Munsell, OR-OSHA  
Marilyn Schuster, OR-OSHA  
Michael Wood, OR-OSHA

Tom Bozicevic introduced the agenda for the meeting.

### 437-002-0182 draft changes:

- **Helmet definition** – The group agreed to the change made to the definition.
- **Requirements for protective ensembles** – removed the following language: ~~Newly acquired protective ensemble elements that are ordered, purchased, or used on or after (effective date of new rule),~~ whether supplied by the employer or employee, must meet the requirements contained in 437-002-0182.- Instead, similar language for purchased protective ensemble elements was added to each element requirement.

The group discussed the financial impact for fire departments to purchase new protective ensemble elements versus the ineffectiveness of older turnout gear. Some felt it wasn't right to put out a rule that allows departments to use gear that is over 10 years old. One member suggested adding a 15 year service life rule. Another member recommended adding a definition for "interior structural firefighting."

The committee agreed to change the proposed NFPA 1971 (2000) requirement for *purchased* protective ensemble elements to the 2013 edition, while requiring all other elements to meet the applicable NFPA standard required for new elements in the current 437-002-0182 rule.

- **Fire Apparatus Design and Construction** – The group agreed to the changes that Tom outlined.

- **Fire Apparatus Operation** – The group agreed to the changes that Tom outlined. Comment to add harness to seat belt requirement.
- **Mandatory Appendix A, Minimum Requirements for Live Fire Training (Training Officer)** – The group agreed to the change that Tom outlined.
- **Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) – the current rule reads: 437-002-0182(20) Personal Alert Safety System (PASS).** *Each member involved in rescue, fire suppression, or other hazardous duties, must be provided with and must use a PASS device in the hazardous area when self-contained breathing apparatus is in use. PASS devices must meet the requirements of NFPA 1982, Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems for Fire Fighters. Each PASS device must be tested at least monthly and must be maintained according to the manufacturer’s instructions.*

The group agreed to the following changes:

**(18) Personal Alert Safety System (PASS).**

- Each employee involved in rescue, fire suppression, or other hazardous duties, must be provided with and must use a PASS device in the hazardous area when self-contained breathing apparatus is in use.
- PASS devices must meet the requirements of NFPA 1982: 1983 Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS). PASS devices purchased on or after *(the proposed rule effective date)* must meet the requirements of NFPA 1982 (2013).
- Each PASS device must be tested at least monthly and must be maintained according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

**437-002-0182 fiscal impact statement:**

Tom asked for feedback and the group responded with positive reactions. The group provided an estimated cost for helmets: \$200 – 400 each. The group agreed that there would be no fiscal impact for fire departments to prohibit riding tailboards. The group mentioned that DPPST purchases and delivers curriculum kits to all *departments* and training associations. Tom will make that correction to the fiscal impact statement. Tom will also change “professional firefighters” to “firefighters” in the opening paragraph of the fiscal statement.

**Public hearings locations:**

Tom announced the following locations for public hearings.

- Brooks, OR
- Redmond, OR
- Roseburg, OR

The group suggested also holding hearings in Baker City and a location on the coast.

**Meeting adjourned: 2:45 p.m.**

**Next meeting: TBD**

