

Oregon OSHA Firefighter Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Called to Order at 1:05 p.m. by Phillips.

The group introduced themselves.

Members:

Dave Phillips, chair	Jason Jantzi, SDAO	Dave Jones, OFDDA
Todd Anderson, DPPST	Julie Olsen-Fink, DPSST	Mark Taylor, Bend Fire (via phone)
Mark Prince, Hillsboro Fire	Erik Gabliks, DPSST	
Tom Bozicevic, OR-OSHA	Cory Stengael, OR-OSHA	
Scott Neufeld, SDAO	Craig Lawe, ESF	

Other attendees:

Peggy Munsell, OR-OSHA
Stephanie Ficek OR-OSHA

Dave Phillips introduced the agenda for the meeting.

Oregon Rules for Firefighters rulemaking activities:

- Tom reviewed the changes implemented based on feedback from the April 2, 2014 meeting.
 - Definitions removed for lack of use in the rule: certify, FMCSA, flame resistance, and responding.
 - Definitions added for new rulemaking: certified, designee, DPSST, fire ground, qualified, and responder.
 - Changes made to NFPA standard references – updating the year of the standard.
- Tom shared data regarding the number of “Fire Protection” employers in Oregon under NAICS 922160. Of the 174 total employers within the NAICS, 164 have less than 50 employees.
- *Firefighter Training and Education* – There was a discussion about the financial impact of training. The group indicated that the cost is time, not money, since volunteers are not paid. The group agreed that there is an average of 10 volunteers per employer.

- Tom reviewed the housekeeping rule writing changes to the following sections that did not add significant content:
 - *Eye and Face Protection.*
 - *Respiratory Protection.*
 - *Criteria for Approved Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.*
 - *Hazardous Material Response Plan.*
 - *Fire Apparatus Area.*

- *Design and Construction of Fire Apparatus.* The group discussed what “specialized fire apparatus” means. Tom recommended that the committee identify or develop a definition. A definition for “specialized fire apparatus” may need to specify use in a cultivated field, or we may not need to use the word “specialized.”
 - Mark expressed concern with this rule because it may limit “pump and roll” fire fighting from an apparatus external platform when suppressing cultivated field fires. The committee tabled this discussion and Tom will talk to Marilyn Shuster about the use of external platforms.
 - UPDATE: A letter sent to Mark Prince on September 9, 2014 explaining that Oregon OSHA does not have a specific rule prohibiting the use of a brush platform, and that the design and construction of a brush platform must provide the user adequate protection from the hazards associated with its use.
 - Change “to and from fires” to “to and from incidence.”
 - Change back to “designated secured position” for riders.

- Tom will take a look at Division 2/N to identify applicable vehicle rules.

- *Confined space rescue.* Cory expressed concerned with this rule when it states, “secure physical hazards.” The group recommended that we consider adding a definition for secure.

Next meeting: October 1, 2014

Meeting adjourned: 4 p.m.