

## **OR-OSHA Fire Fighters Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2004**

### **Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. It was held in the conference room of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, 727 Center Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon. As the attendance roster was circulated, the minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Paul Esselstyn commented that based on any compensation that they might receive, 16 year old or younger cadets (discussed under new business) might be considered employees rather than volunteers, and be covered by workers comp. The minutes were then approved as written. Amy Eschete, from PacifiCorp, was introduced as a guest. Ten committee members were in attendance. Earl Cordes and Larry Goff had notified the committee that they would not be able to attend.

### **Attendees**

Tim Dahl  
Ty Walthers  
Don Stauffer  
Rocky Hanes  
Jason Jantzi  
Paul Esselstyn  
Don Jenson  
Marilyn Schuster  
Amy Eschete (guest)  
Mike Mitchell  
Bob Garrison

### **Representing**

Oregon Fire Chiefs Association  
Large Fire Departments  
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Oregon State Fire Fighters Council  
Oregon OSHA  
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Oregon Fire Chiefs Association  
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PacifiCorp  
Oregon OSHA  
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association

### **Presentation:**

**High voltage training for fire departments:** Amy Eschete, Public Safety Manager for PacifiCorp, introduced a video (also available in DVD), which is a training tool for emergency responders, titled “Electricity: Recognizing and Avoiding the Hazards”. While Amy shared portions of the video, she explained that PacifiCorp’s goal is to partner with fire departments and provide face-to-face training about the hazards of electricity. The training is specifically aimed at fire fighters and first responders. PacifiCorp has assembled and trained a team of retired electrical workers to provide the training. The goal is to reach everyone in the state. Requests for training, or additional information, may be made to Amy Eschete, at (503) 813-5484. It

was suggested that the training could be broadcasted over intra-department training channels, or provided through the various academies (including BPSST). It should also be shared with the Oregon Fire Instructors Association.

### **Old Business:**

**Committee charter:** A rough draft of the proposed Charter for the Committee was presented for review. The suggestion was made that instead of using the terms “small”, “medium”, and “large” fire departments in Article IV, it would be better to use “volunteer”, “career”, or “combination” to describe departments. A statement will be added to Article IV that there is no intent to exclude anyone from the committee. The intent of limiting the number of committee members is for efficiency and meeting space. Emergency medical services will not be included in the membership since EMS include private ambulance services which are not covered by the scope of Oregon Rules for Fire Fighters. Fire department EMT’s are already represented on the committee by others from the Fire Service. A statement will be added to Article IV that decisions will be made by consensus. In Article VII a statement will be added that the charter may be amended by consensus of those present at the meeting. The draft of the charter will be revised and sent out to the members.

**Water supply calculations:** Rocky Hanes reported on his study of water supply calculations for live fire training. NFPA 1142 requires a large supply of water. There was discussion about how to provide an adequate supply of water. There may be some instances when assistance from another department, such as the use of an additional tender, is needed. If a hydrant is not in use, but has been identified and gated, then it will be considered a source of water and included in the calculations.

**Live-fire training rules:** The draft of the proposed minimum requirements for live fire training, in appendix form, was presented to the committee for review. Comments and suggestions were made. Revisions will be made and copies of the revised draft will be sent out.

### **New Business:**

**2in/2out Rule:** Jason Jantzi presented a question to the Committee that was asked at a recent Metro Safety Officers meeting. Is an apparatus or pumper operator allowed (under the 2in/2out rule) to be counted as part of the stand-by (outside mode) response team? A letter from Technical Section to Virgil

Hall, dated November 18, 2002, which stated that an apparatus operator cannot also be part of the stand-by team was read. Discussion followed. The consensus of the committee was that once a pumper is operating and water is flowing, then it is safe to allow the operator to help perform a rescue. It was pointed out that operators routinely move away (and out of sight) from the controls to perform other tasks. Revisions will be made to the letter on the OR-OSHA website.

**Next Meeting:**

Members decided to start following Article VI of the charter, meeting every six months. It would be best not to plan meetings during fire season. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. The location will be the conference room of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, 727 Center Street NE, Salem, Oregon.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**Addendum:**

These minutes were approved at the 4/25/05 meeting.