



Oregon Fire Marshals Association

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Strategic Planning

The executive board will be meeting from May 31 thru June 2 for their annual strategic planning session. Led by President elect Troy Buzalsky the board will review the budget, by-laws, goals, policies, and committees of the association. In addition we will also work on the training / conference offerings for the year.

As in the past, this should prove to be a solid 3 days of work by the board that will outline the direction of the association for the next year. Please forward any ideas you have with regards to OFMA to either President elect Troy Buzalsky or President Wilson.

Western Regional Fire Code Development Committee

On March 29, Jim Everitt, TVF&R, officially resigned from his position as the OFMA representative on the NFPA's Western Regional Fire Code Development Committee. Please join me in thanking Jim for his years of work on behalf of the Oregon fire service.

The executive board has begun the work on finding his replacement and has already identified some potential candidates. At our upcoming strategic planning session we will identify the parameters OFMA will expect of our appointee to this important committee. I believe a new policy addressing this position will be established at that time.

The members of this committee are from the fire service in the 10 western states. They are responsible for developing proposals for changes to NFPA codes and standards, reviewing NFPA's Report on Proposals (ROP), developing comments on proposed changes, and acting as liaisons to their regional fire service on issues pertaining to NFPA codes and standards.

Medical Issues and Scheduling Conflicts

I firmly believe that family comes before work and have had to keep that in focus more intently as of late due to medical and personal scheduling reasons.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have covered for me the past couple of months as I have dealt with a myriad of things that have impacted my ability to effectively serve as OFMA President. I want to especially acknowledge President elect, Troy Buzalsky, for leading the association and keeping it moving forward.

Even though there are only a couple months left in my Presidency, it is my intent to finish my term as committed and engaged as possible. Thanks to everyone for your support and understanding.

Mark Wilson, President