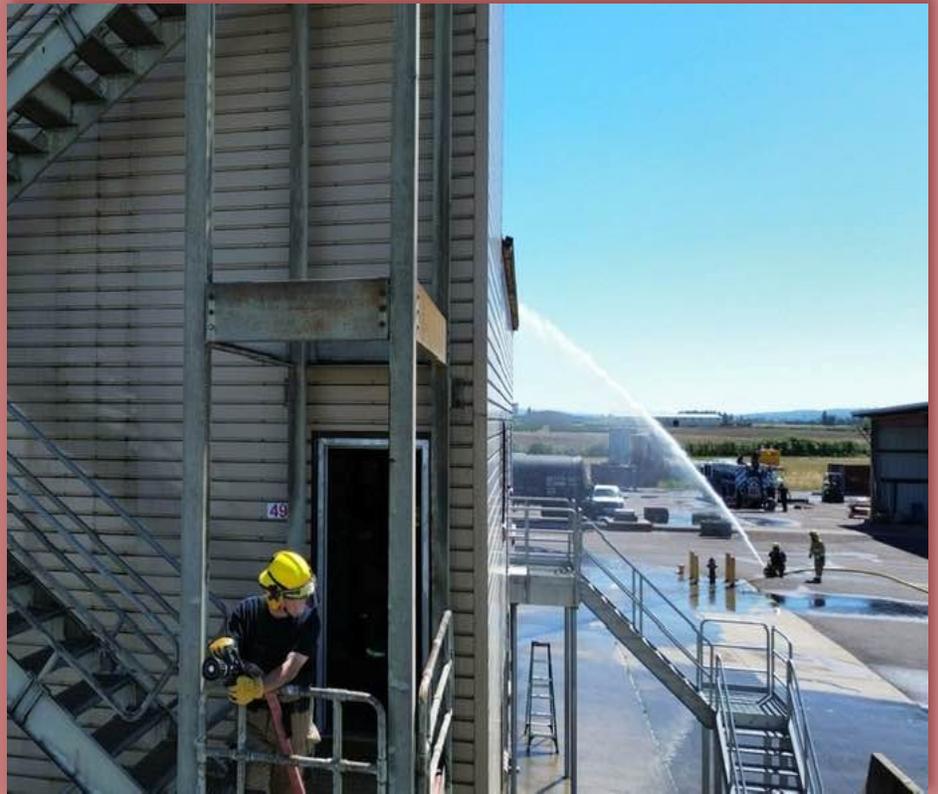


2025 OVFA Conference

**June 19-22
Brooks, Oregon**

Brooks Regional
Training Center



Hosted by the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

Co-hosted by Marion Co. Fire District No. 1 and Keizer Fire District

Featuring Banquet Keynote Speaker

Captain Mike Gagliano, Seattle FD (Retired)

Silent Auction

Vendor and Sponsor Reception

Banquet & Live Auction

**Location: Pacific Northwest Truck
Museum**

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OREGON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 19–22

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 19

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Coffee, Juice, & Pastries (*breakfast maybe available at event hotels*)

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration at Brooks Training Center

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Classes Begin - *Lunch provided*

Dinner on your own

Friday, June 20

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Coffee, Juice, & Pastries (*breakfast maybe available at event hotels*)

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration at Brooks Training Center

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

OVFA Business Meeting

8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Classes Continue - *Lunch provided*

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Vendor/ Sponsor Reception-*Family Friendly event with games & prizes*

Refreshments Hosted By Marion County & Keizer Fire Districts

Saturday, June 21

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Coffee, Juice, & Pastries (*breakfast maybe available at event hotels*)

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration at Brooks Training Center

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Classes Continue - *Lunch provided*

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Social Hour

6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Featured Event: OVFA Reception, Business Meeting, and Banquet
(hosted at Pacific Northwest Truck Museum)

Keynote: Captain Mike Gagliano, Seattle FD (Retired)

Live Auction to follow

Sunday, June 22

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Coffee, Juice, & Pastries (*breakfast maybe available at event hotels*)

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Registration at Brooks Training Center

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Classes Continue - *Lunch provided*

5:00 p.m.

Conference Concludes

Join us Friday Evening

for the Vendor/Sponsor Reception and Silent Auction. All proceeds will benefit the OVFA Volunteer Relief Fund to help injured volunteers and their families.

Don't forget the Live Auction following the Saturday Banquet

Proceeds from this auction will benefit the Oregon Burn Center.

If you have items you would like to contribute to either auction, please contact **OVFA** at **503-378-0896**.

2025 OVFA Conference Class Schedule

Class Start Times and Instructors

Thursday, June 19, 8:00 am—5:00 pm

8:00 a.m.	Rope Rescue	Travis Reid
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8:00 a.m.	Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy	Joel Peterson
8:00 a.m.	S-215 Fire Ops in WUI	Marc Crain
3:00 p.m.	Live Fire Instructor (Hybrid*)	Jeff Deetz

Friday, June 20, 8:30 am—5:30 pm

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8:30 a.m.	OSFM Health and Safety Collaborative	OSFM Staff

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8:00 a.m.	Vehicle Rescue Technician	Shaun Wagner
8:00 a.m. - 12 noon	The Art of Go/No Go!	Mike Gagliano
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Fireground FUBAR	Mike Gagliano

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Banquet Keynote Speaker

Mike Gagliano

Mike Gagliano began his career in 1986 with the U.S. Air Force and joined the Seattle Fire Department in 1990, where he recently retired as Captain of Ladder 5.

He was a member of the department's Strategic Planning Leadership Group and has written extensively for the fire service, co-authoring *Air Management for the Fire Service* and the SCBA chapter of the *Handbook for Firefighter 1 & 2*.

Mike serves on the Fire Engineering/FDIC Advisory Board, is a director for the Firesmoke Coalition, and was an FDIC Keynote Speaker. He teaches nationwide on topics like air management, fireground tactics, leadership, and company officer development.

Mike also co-hosts the *Mikey G and Mikey D Show* and, alongside his wife Anne, offers insights on strengthening marriage and family through Firelife.com.



Saturday Classes with Mike Gagliano

The Art of Go/No Go! (4 hrs)

The toughest and most critical decisions you make in your career typically revolve around committing to an interior attack or choosing another route. Seasoned officers know the difference between "We can get it" and "It's lost." You should too.

Utilizing a simple framework that allows you to build on your experiences, and those of others, you can develop an intuitive approach that grows with you throughout your career. This is not a magic class, and no one becomes a great decision maker by attending a few classes and watching a few videos. The goal is to create a framework of three varying profiles: Rescue, Building, and Fire. These profiles allow you to keep focused on your decisions and give you the ability to draw on what you've learned and react to changes in the dynamic fire environment.

This is intended to be both a useful strategic and tactical tool on the fireground, as well as a dynamic instructional tool that will greatly enhance fireground aptitude during drills. The Go/No-Go decision is among the most critical you will ever make. This training seeks to help you make the best decisions possible.

Fireground FUBAR (4 hrs)

We all have those experiences where things don't go quite the way we expected. Despite our best planning, commitment to training and all-out effort on scene, the result is less than satisfying. What can we do to close the gap on fire operations that are well-executed, despite all the variables and uncertainties we face, and those that go sideways?

This class will take an honest look at some of my blind spots, mistakes and planning errors that resulted in bad things happening. They are common areas of oversight that have an outsized impact on successful and unsuccessful operations. We'll explore things you can do in advance of the alarm sounding, as well as the obvious problems when you're in the middle of the battle and evaluating the results when it's done.

We can't control everything and recognizing that is essential. But analyzing some of the aspects of training and planning that we can enhance, allows us to avoid "unforced errors" and mental mistakes. This experience-based training will provide solid answers to common mistakes that continue to "mess us up."

THE 2026 OVFA Training Conference
will be returning to the Brooks Training Center!

Class Information

APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH A FIRE PUMP Hybrid* (32 hrs, including 8 hours pre-course work as outlined below and 24 hours on-site, Thu - Sat), DPSST# 23F061 **Instructors: Vincent DeFabis (Marion County Fire District 1)**

Required Text: IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, Third Edition.

Students will complete reading chapters 1 through 15 in the text and successfully passed the online tests in the ResourceOne website prior to attending the 3-day in-person class. There are a few written assignments due the first day of class that are specifically related to some chapter reading assignments and apparatus located at your station. Students attending the class should wear or bring attire (PPE) suitable for wet environments during drill ground exercises, including eye protection and gloves.

Prerequisites/Requirements: NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (Recommended)

What to Expect: *Notice of Course Completion (NOCC) for Apparatus Equipped with a Fire Pump (Pumper Operator) and a partially completed task book to include requisite knowledge elements and tasks associated with activities successfully performed on the drill grounds. All driving related elements will need to be completed at your home agency.*

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMR)

EMT RECERT HOURS (32 hrs, Thu - Sun)

Instructor: Suzy Ryan (Marion County Fire District)

This course complies with 2021 national EMS standards and has been approved by the Oregon EMS office. Upon successful completion students will be presented with an official course completion certificate that they can apply for licensure through the OHA-EMS online licensing system for EMR.

Prerequisites/Requirements: None

What to Expect: *This class will be full days including lecture, hands on skills, and culminating with state testing.*

Students will have access to the materials prior to the beginning of the in-person portion of the course and are encouraged to utilize their time prior to class to prepare for the onslaught of information being taught in the short time we are together.

This course can also be used fulfill EMS recertification hours. If you want to take any portion of the class to satisfy any EMS hours needed for recertification please reach out and we can work with you to make sure you are in class the correct times.

ESSENTIALS OF FIRE CHAPLAINCY (16 hrs, Thu - Fri)

Instructor: Joel Peterson

Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy is a two-day course designed to serve as a "Survey of Fire Chaplaincy." It is appropriate for new Chaplains, experienced Chaplains, and those who just want to learn what Fire Chaplaincy is all about.

The course includes classes in Ministry to Firefighters, ministry to People in Crisis, Managing Stress, Fire Department Funerals, Fire Chaplain Operations, and many others.

Prerequisites/Requirements: None

What to Expect: *Notice of Course Completion; this course fulfills the requirements to become a member of the Oregon Chapter of the Federation of Fire Chaplains*

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I Hybrid* (16 hrs, Thu - Fri)

DPSST# 20F021

Instructor: Adam Wiley (Crooked River Ranch Fire)

Fire Instructor I is designed to teach firefighters the knowledge and ability to deliver instruction effectively from a prepared lesson plan, including instructional aids and evaluation instruments; adapt lesson plans to the unique requirements of the students and authority having jurisdiction; organize the learning environment so that learning is maximized, and meet the record-keeping requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.

Prerequisites/Requirements: N/A

What to Expect: *Notice of Course Completion*

FIRE INSTRUCTOR II Hybrid* (16 hrs, Sat - Sun)

DPSST# 20F022

Instructor: Ben Simons (Roseburg Fire Department)

NFPA Fire & Emergency Instructor II is the second level of fire instructor certification and competency. Students completing Fire Instructor II will have the skills and knowledge to manage a training program and develop lesson plans and instructional material for specific topics.

Prerequisites/Requirements: *Complete assigned modules on ResourceOne, bring paper, writing materials, and a device capable of using IFSTA ResourceOne if you are not able to complete all of the modules prior to the class start time.*

What to Expect: *Notice of Course Completion*

FIRE OFFICER 1 (32 hrs, Thu - Sun)

DPSST #24F015

Instructor: Joel King (North Douglas Fire)

This course introduces basic concepts of management and supervision by concentrating on such topics as Organizational Structure, Communication Skills, Human Resource Management, Public Relations, Planning, Emergency Service Delivery, and Safety.

Prerequisites/Requirements: *Firefighter 2 Certification*

What to Expect: *Notice of Course Completion*

FIRE OFFICER 2 (32 hrs, Thu - Sun)

DPSST #23F068

Instructor: Kyle McMann & Marion Co. Fire District staff

This will be a full in-class instruction of Fire Officer 2. This class is packed full of chances to discuss ideas with peers in the Oregon Fire Service as well as perform in activities to solidify knowledge. Com to class prepared to talk about your experiences and be willing to share with peers in the class. Students will walk away from this class with knowledge and skills to be an outstanding leader in their organization and renewed passion for the fire service.

Prerequisites/Requirements: *Fire Officer 1*

What to Expect: *Notice of Course Completion*

Class Information

ICS-300: INTERMEDIATE ICS FOR EXPANDING INCIDENTS (O0465) (24 hrs, Fri - Sun) **Instructor: Brent Peterson (ODF)**

This 3-day course is designed for those emergency response personnel who would function in a Command or General Staff position during a large, complex incident or event, or personnel who are or would likely be part of a local or regional Incident Management Team during a major incident, whether single agency, multiagency or Unified Command.

Each student will need to have a FEMA Student ID (SID)

Prerequisites/Requirements: ICS-100 and ICS-200

What to Expect: FEMA certificate of completion

LIVE FIRE INSTRUCTOR Hybrid*(18 hrs, Thu - Sat) **LIVE FIRE (16 hrs, Fri - Sat)** **Instructor: Jeff Deetz (Chemeketa Community College)**

On Thursday, those that wish to participate in Live Fire Instructor need to complete online course pre-work, and attend class on Thursday June 19. They must also be certified Fire Instructor I and NFPA Firefighter 2.

On Friday, this class is intended to introduce or refine basic skills to efficiently and effectively perform an initial fire attack in a residential setting. Friday will allow participants to practice the basic skills of stretching and operating hose lines, nozzle management, communication, coordinated ventilation, and basic primary search techniques before live fire.

On Saturday, participants will utilize these skills under live fire conditions. All participants will have the opportunity to be in the nozzle, heel, and door positions for both fire attack and backup lines.

Prerequisites/Requirements: Live fire participants shall be certified as NFPA FF I*. All participants shall have full NFPA-compliant PPE, SCBA with a spare bottle, two passport name tags, and a Radio with State training channel.

What to Expect: Live Fire Instructor students will receive a Notice of Course Completion and Partially signed Task Book.

OSFM FIRE SERVICE HEALTH AND SAFETY COLLABORATIVE (8 hrs, Friday) **Instructor: OSFM Staff**

Health and safety are critical to the Oregon fire service's readiness and performance. Firefighters face physically and psychologically demanding, dangerous situations, making their well-being essential. The Oregon Fire Service Health and Safety Collaborative works to support firefighters and fire agencies in prioritizing health and safety, improving lives and strengthening emergency response. Enhancing firefighter health is an investment in community safety and stability.

Prerequisites/Requirements: None

ROPE RESCUE (32 hrs, Thu - Sun) **DPSST #24F020/24F021** **Instructor: Travis Reid (Oregon Rescue)**

This course will train firefighters and emergency responders in the use of rope, rescue equipment, and mechanical advantage systems for high-angle rescue environments. This course is applicable for rescuers seeking to initially acquire these skills or to refresh and expand upon existing skills.

Prerequisites/Requirements: Good boots: for varied terrain including hill sides and rock; helmet: climbing type or swift water; harness: waist or full body; gloves: comfortable gloves you can still tie knots and hitches with; personal carabiners: 3-4 aluminum; locking carabineers; cordage: to make your own parcels: 35 ft of 6mm for an edge tender line, and 35 ft of 8 mm (not as important as the 6 mm).

What to Expect: Notice of Course Completion, Partially signed Task Book

S-215 FIRE OPERATIONS IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (16 hrs, Thu - Fri) **DPSST# 24F030**

Instructor: Marc Crain (Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue)

This is an instructor-led course intended to be presented at the local level. Instructional units include firefighter safety in the interface, managing human factors in the interface, pre-incident planning, sizeup and initial strategy, structure triage, structure protection overview, tactics in the interface, tactical operations and resource use in the interface, action assessment, plan update, and after action review.

Prerequisites/Requirements: Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)

What to Expect: Notice of Course Completion / NWCG Certificate

S-230 CREW BOSS SINGLE RESOURCE (16 hrs, Sat - Sun) **DPSST# 24F028**

Instructor: Levi Eckhardt (Jefferson Fire)

Equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to lead a wildland fire crew, from initial dispatch to demobilization, focusing on operational leadership, risk management, safety, and tactics. \

Each student will need to have a FEMA Student ID (SID)

Prerequisites/Requirements: S130 / S190 / S131

What to Expect: Notice of Course Completion / NWCG Certificate

Class Information

SWIFT WATER RESCUE (24 hrs, Fri - Sun)

DPSST# 20F028, NFPA 1006 & 2500

Instructor: Bryan Lewis (Salem Fire)

This training provides rescuers with the fundamentals of survival in moving water and is recommended for anyone who may be called upon to effect in-water rescues. Students gain knowledge in hydrology and river classifications, size-up, site control and scene management. Practical skills include self-rescue, swift water swimming and the fundamentals of short, boat, and in-water rescues. Additionally, students are introduced to the basics of boat handling and the fundamentals of rope rescue including mechanical advantage and anchor systems.

Prerequisites/Requirements: Water helmet (must cover the head especially the back and have holes for drainage); PFD (Personal Flotation Device– Lifejacket) USCG Type III or V; Water shoes or booties (tennis shoes will work); and full wetsuit or dry suit.

What to Expect: Notice of Course Completion, Partially signed Task Book

THEODICY AND TRAUMA (16 hrs, Sat - Sun)

Instructor: Dr. Ed Hatcher

In responding to crises and disasters, people often ask the question of why God would allow this terrible thing to happen. It is Job's, "Why?", is an attempt to make sense of the terrible things that happen to us and others. We often ask ourselves the same question as we bear witness to the injuries and suffering of others. Some people like chaplains, are expected to know the answer to such questions, even as they wrestle with then their selves.

Theodicy is how we attempt to reconcile our faith and beliefs with our personal experiences of pain, suffering, and evil. It is our response to the moral injuries of others. This course conceptualizes theodicy as a process rather than in doctrinal terms. It uses a seven-factor model to describe how people commonly attempt to reconcile the incongruities between their faith and core values with their traumatic experiences. It will enable caregivers to listen for keywords and phrases that indicate where individuals are in this process and better walk beside them. It will also enable one to assess the risk for post-traumatic injury and the potential for post-traumatic growth, in the aftermath of a traumatic experience.

By the end of the class, participants can expect to be able to identify the seven factors that contribute to the theodicy process and identify helpful ways to respond to them. They will also, be given opportunities to reflect and develop their own personal theodicies, to assist them in using their own resources in response to their constant exposure to suffering and questioning of others.

Prerequisites/Requirements: None

What to Expect: Notice of Course Completion

VEHICLE RESCUE TECHNICIAN (16 hrs, Sat - Sun)

DPSST# 22F023/22F024

Instructor: Shaun Wagner (Dallas Fire)

This course is geared toward both beginners and more experienced rescue workers, as it includes reviews of new vehicle technology including anatomy, airbags, pre-tensioners, and hybrid vehicles. Students will participate in both classroom lecture/discussion and in hands-on training, putting the lessons learned inside to work. They will learn techniques designed to take advantage of and conquer today's vehicles. Hands-on training will include scenarios with vehicles on their tires, side, and on their top. Patient care and removal will also be addressed during this class.

Prerequisites/Requirements: Bunker coat, pants, helmet, eye protection, gloves, and boots.

What to Expect: Notice of Course Completion, Partially signed Task Book



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Meet Our Instructors

Marc Crain

Marc has 45 years of experience in the fire service in Oregon and California, retiring as Deputy Chief from Clackamas Fire District #1. With over 30 years as a fire ground commander in both rural and metro settings, Marc has led interagency incident command during various all-hazards incidents. Marc holds current IQCS qualifications as an Operations Branch Supervisor and Structure Protection Specialist. Marc has served as Deputy Incident Commander for the Oregon State Fire Marshal Incident Management Green Team and teaches fire courses in Oregon and Washington. Marc also volunteers as a fire instructor with Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and Klickitat Rural Fire District #7 in Washington and serves as a lead instructor with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

Jeff Deetz

No bio provided.

Vincent DeFabis

Vincent began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter for Paulden Volunteer Fire Department in Arizona in 2003, serving as Communications Officer until 2006. After 15 years in IT, he returned to the fire service with Marion County Fire District 1, becoming Volunteer Lieutenant in 2022. He has also served as a Firefighter/AO at Stayton Fire District and Lieutenant at Aumsville Fire District. In late 2023, Vincent became Volunteer Coordinator at MCFD1, focusing on recruitment, retention, and development of volunteer personnel. He also assists with training delivery, leads recruit academies, and develops volunteer programs.

Levi Eckhardt

Levi began his fire service career in 1989 as a volunteer and became a career firefighter in 1996. In 2001, Levi was promoted to Training Officer, and in 2018, he became Fire Chief. Levi has taught for Portland Community College and holds an Associate's degree in Fire Science and a Bachelor's degree in Fire Administration.

Mike Gagliano

Mike has over 33 years of fire/crash/rescue experience with the Seattle Fire Department and the United States Air Force. Mike teaches across the country on Fireground Tactics/Decision-Making, Air Management, Leadership and Company Officer Development. He is currently the president of the Firefighter Air Coalition (aircoalition.org).

Dr. Ed Hatcher

Dr. Hatcher is a retired Air Force chaplain with more than 35 years of pastoral experience. He is an approved instructor for more than 15 different International Critical Incident Stress Foundation courses and holds all ICISF Certificates of Specialized Training. A lifetime member of the National Organization for Victim Assistance, he teaches courses in Psychological First Aid, Theodicy and Trauma, and Clergy Sexual Assault Response. Chaplain Ed Hatcher is the Associate Director of the Midwest Region of the Federation of Fire Chaplains and Secretary/ Treasurer of the Missouri Fire Chaplain Corps.

Joel King

Joel's firefighting career began in 1976 as a volunteer with Douglas County Fire District #2. Joel became Fire Chief for the City of Sutherlin. After a very brief retirement from the fire service, he found his new home as a volunteer with North Douglas Fire where he currently serves as a Captain/Paramedic. He is a DPSST certified Fire Officer 4, Fire Instructor 2, and Firefighter 2.

Bryan Lewis

Bryan has been in the fire service for 20+ years. He started as a volunteer in 2002 in Newton, Iowa. He moved out to Oregon in 2008 and was hired with Salem Fire Department in 2009. He joined the SFD water rescue team in 2013. He became a deckhand, swift water technician, technical rope rescue technician, rescue boat operator in 2013-2014. In 2016 became an in house instructor for his agency. In 2022 he became an independent instructor with Rescue 3 International.

Josh Marvin

No bio provided.

Kyle McMann

Kyle joined Marion County Fire District in 2001 as an Engineer/Paramedic after completing the Chemeketa Fire Program and Umpqua Paramedic Program. He has served in several capacities over his MCFD1 career, including Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Emergency Medical Services-Operations Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, and currently as Fire Chief. He also serves as a Task Force Leader for the Marion County Fire Defense Board for Wildland Conflagrations.

Meet Our Instructors

Brent Peterson

Brent began his firefighting career in 1988, starting with EMT-1 classes at Chemeketa Community College and volunteering at Tangent Fire. Afterward, he joined Albany Fire and, in 1993, worked with a contract handcrew, eventually becoming Crew Boss. His crew played a key role in securing federal recognition for Type 2 IA crews. In 2001, Brent joined the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in Sweet Home, advancing to Forest Officer. Promoted to Wildland Fire Supervisor in 2015, he moved to Eastern Lane (Springfield).

Joel Peterson

Joel has served as Fire Chaplain for Cornelius Fire Department for 19 years and for Gaston Fire District for 13 years. He has served as the OVFA Board Chaplain since 2017. He is the coordinator for the Washington County Emergency Service Chaplains and is the Northwest Regional Director for the Federation of Fire Chaplains.

Travis Reid

Travis is an International Rescue Training Professional with 30+ years of guiding, guide training, and agency experience. He also has In-depth knowledge of water and remote rescue operations at all levels. As General As owner and lead instructor for Oregon Rescue LLC, he has trained extensively in the disciplines of Water Rescue, Technical Rope Rescue, and Rescue Boat Operations,

Suzy Ryan

Suzy is an experienced paramedic, educator, and manager with more than 20 years of experience. Over the course of her career she has worked in many roles in both fire and EMS. As an educator Suzy is passionate about creating impactful, real world EMS training and empowering the next generation of EMS professionals.

Ben Simons

Ben started in the fire service in 2017 as a volunteer firefighter at North Douglas County Fire & EMS in Drain. While attending college, he spent three years as a contract wildland firefighter, eventually returning back to the fire department. Ben currently works as the Deputy Fire Marshal at the City of Roseburg Fire Department and volunteers as an Engineer and EMT for North Douglas.

Shaun Wagner

Shaun is a Captain with Dallas Fire Department. enjoys passing on knowledge and skill to firefighters across the state. Dallas Fire has been involved in teaching extrication and competing since 1999.

Adam Wiley

Adam is a Captain/Paramedic with Crooked River Fire & Rescue. He is an experienced Firefighter with a demonstrated history of working in the government administration industry. He is skilled in Emergency Services, Critical Care, First Aid, Emergency Management, and Hospitals. He is a strong healthcare services professional with a Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) focused in Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) from National College Of Emergency Services.

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Course Program At A Glance

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Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy (16 hrs)				
Wildland S-215 (16 hrs)				
OFSM Health and Safety Collaborative (8 hrs)				
Live Fire Instructor* (18 hrs)	3—5 pm			
Live Fire (16 hrs)				
Swift Water Rescue (24 hrs)				
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REGISTRATION FORM



Online registration, course descriptions, and lodging information available at: ovfa.org.

Attendee Name _____
 Attendee Email _____ Attendee Phone _____
 District/Agency _____ Chief/Training Officer Email _____
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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two-day Conference:	\$250		<input type="checkbox"/>	Two-day Conference:	\$325
	<input type="checkbox"/>	One-day Conference:	\$150		<input type="checkbox"/>	One-day Conference:	\$225
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Banquet Meal	\$ 45		<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Banquet Meal	\$ 45

Meals provided:
 Light breakfast & lunch for all attendees; **banquet included for 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day attendees only.** Banquet tickets available for purchase for guests and other attendees.

Using the previous page, specify here the class(es) you would like to attend:

Schedule subject to change.

Registrations received **May 21, 2025, or later**, will be charged an additional **\$25** processing fee. Please acknowledge the fee increase by initialing here: _____

Will you be attending the OVFA Banquet Saturday 6/21 starting at 5:30 p.m.?
 ___ Yes ___ No

REQUIRED TO PROCESS REGISTRATION

Oregon Volunteer Firefighter Conference Liability Statement of Understanding and Assumption of Risk: I understand and acknowledge that hosting fire districts are acting as an agent of the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association in coordinating the OVFA Annual Conference from June 19 to June 22, 2025. Recreational activities are the sole responsibility of the Participant. I understand that as a Participant my exclusive remedy for injury or illness, which may arise out of participation in this conference, rests solely with my agency or affiliation and/or with me. Recreational activities are not mandatory. Risks associated with participation in any activities, including transportation to and from the event, are the responsibility of the Participant. By signing you are agreeing that as a Participant you agree and that you have informed your district/department/agency of your involvement in the OVFA Conference.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

I acknowledge that any conference cancellation received after **May 27, 2025**, will be reviewed by the OVFA Conference Committee and will result in a minimum \$50 cancellation fee. Substitutions are welcome through **June 18, 2025**. Participant's Initials: _____

PAYMENT METHODS (select one):

Bill My Department/Agency at the billing address above
 Check Made Payable to OVFA Enclosed with this registration
 Email link to pay by credit card to _____

Please submit your completed registration to:
Mail: OVFA Conference, 1284 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 **Email:** laureal@ovfa.org **Fax:** 503-364-9919



OREGON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

OVFA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP FORM

“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

Scholarships will be only for tuition and attendance at all functions at the OVFA Conference.

Lodging, travel, and meals outside of conference will be the responsibility of the registrant.

Requirements:

Must be a member in good standing of a member department of the OVFA.

Must include copy of conference registration with application.

All applications must be received at the OVFA office: 1284 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 prior to May 16, 2025.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Department: _____

Department Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Department Phone: _____

Your Rank/Title: _____ Years of Experience: _____

Have you personally attended a previous OVFA Annual Conference? Yes No

Has anyone from your department attended a previous OVFA Annual Conference? Yes No

Will your department pay your lodging expenses? Yes No

District/Department budget for current fiscal year _____

Number of calls answered by District/ Department in 2023 _____

How many square miles does your department service? _____

I certify that the information recorded on this application is correct. I further understand that OVFA is not authorized to provide medical, accident, or health insurance for applicants. If, for any reason, I am unable to attend this event, I will promptly notify the OVFA office. I understand that I am expected to participate in all aspects of the conference including business meetings, vendor night, and the banquet held in conjunction with my registered attendance.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Fire Chief/Training Officer _____ **Date** _____

Return completed application by May 16, 2025, to the OVFA office:
1284 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301
FAX: (503) 364-9919 **EMAIL:** laureal@ovfa.org



OREGON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATION FORM

“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

Nominee's Name	Years of Service	Highest Rank or Position
Name of Fire Department or District	Mailing Address	
Submitted by	Daytime Telephone #	Email Address

The individual named above is hereby submitted for consideration for the annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have provided a long-term and significant commitment to public fire and life safety service. Nominees must have contributed twenty (20) or more years of active service with an emergency service agency whose membership contains volunteers. This award may be given to no more than one individual annually. Award winner will receive a complimentary conference registration and two banquet tickets.

Deadline to submit a nomination is May 16, 2025.

**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM
AND ONE ADDITIONAL, SINGLE-SIDED PAGE.**

***Include specific information regarding positions held, projects completed, scope of work in fire prevention,
volunteer recruitment/retention and alarm response, etc.***

Describe why you feel this nominee is deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Describe how this nominee has made a difference in his/her department and/or community.

Send completed form to: **Lifetime Achievement Nomination Committee**

1284 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

FAX: (503) 364-9919

EMAIL: laureal@ovfa.org

OVFA's 2025 BANQUET

Saturday, June 21

TIME: 5:30 p.m.— 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Pacific Northwest Truck Museum

Located at 3995 Brooklake Rd. NE, just one mile west of the Training Center

LODGING INFORMATION

OVFA has decided not to reserve any room blocks this year. Instead, we are providing a list of recommended lodging options, along with the per diem rates for each. Please ensure you have your Fire Department ID or proof of eligibility available upon arrival for your reservation.

***Holiday Inn Keizer –6150 Keizer Station Blvd.**

Per diem rate **\$110** plus taxes, fees, and assessments. Please note weekend rates may vary.
Reservations: 971-718-5335

***Holiday Inn Salem –3301 Market ST NE**

Per diem rate **\$110** plus taxes, fees, and assessments. Please note weekend rates may vary.
Reservations: 503-370-7888

***Best Western Woodburn– 2980 Tom Tennant Dr.**

Per diem rate **\$110** plus taxes, fees, and assessments. Please note weekend rates may vary.
Reservations: 503-982-6515

***La Quinta Woodburn– 120 N. Arney Rd.**

Per diem rate **\$110** plus taxes, fees, and assessments. Please note weekend rates may vary.
Reservations: 503-982-1727

** Based on availability.*

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