

# Eastern Regional Training

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## 1. DPSST

- Driving Program. Era Horton and Eugene Ditter are in the process of touring the state and introducing themselves and the new Driving program to the Oregon Fire Service. This program offers four hours of training:
  - Consisting of 4 one hour segments,
  - Training 9 fire fighters in each 4 hour session – 18 fire fighters per day
  - A pre-requisite to this course is the applicant will need to be certified as an Apparatus Operator (AO1)
  - Requires a un-obstructed pad 300ft X 600ft.

## 2. National Fire Academy

- The National Fire Academy has changed the application period/open enrollment period starting with the next application period. The new application/open enrollment dates are: **April 15 - June 15** (instead of May 1-June 30) for courses to be held October through March and **October 15 - December 15** (instead of November 1-December 31) for courses to be held April through September.
- Currently there are openings for classes at the NFA. Check on line or on the DPSST List Server, sent out by Thelma Denney, for information.
- **Application Period to Open: Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighter Grants**  
The Department of Homeland Security has posted the FY2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program Guidance on the AFG Website. The application period is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Applications for these grants must be received by Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

## 3. Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Wildland GAP courses for structural fire fighters have been released. They are:
  - G-130 Wildland Training (FFT2) 09F017
  - G-131 Wildland Training (FFT1) 09F018
  - G-231 Wildland Training (ENGB) 09F019
  - G-330 Wildland Training (STEN) 09F020
- These new courses accomplish one of the goals stated in the National Association of State Foresters' (NASF) 2003 report to Congress titled *The Changing Role and Needs of Local, Rural, and Volunteer Fire Departments in the Wildland Urban Interface*. Visit the Wildland Section of the USFA Web site for additional information on this Wildland training endeavor and the view the Crosswalk and Frequently Asked Questions section.

**The GAP course(s) curriculum is directed at the student who is certified at the NFPA Fire Fighter I, Fire Officer I or II certification level.** If you are not a certified NFPA Fire Fighter I or Fire Officer I or II then the recognized curriculum to be used would be the NWCG curriculum

<b>NFPA and NWCG Certification</b>	<b>Successful Course Completion</b>	<b>Completion of NWCG Task Book</b>	<b>Recommendation To AHJ for Certification in NWCG Position</b>
Meets NFPA 1001 for Firefighter 1; no NWCG certification Required	G-130 or equivalent Skills Crosswalk training and field exercise	None required	Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)*
Meets NFPA 1001 for Firefighter 2 <b>and</b> Certification as NWCG FFT2	G-131 or equivalent Skills Crosswalk training and field exercise	Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)	Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)*
Meets NFPA 1021 for Fire Officer 1 <b>and</b> Certified as NWCG FFT1	G-231 or equivalent Skills Crosswalk training	Engine Boss, Single Resource (ENGB)	Engine Boss, Single Resource (ENGB)
Meets NFPA 1021 for Fire Officer <b>and</b> Certified as NWCG ENGB	G-330 or equivalent Skills Crosswalk training	Strike Team Leader Engine (STEN)	Strike Team Leader Engine (STEN)

\*NWCG firefighter position designations 1 and 2 are opposite of NFPA designations. (Firefighter 1 = advanced)

- Live Fire Training. OFIA and DPSST are partnering to offer an advanced training class for conducting live fire training in acquired structures. The purpose of this class is two-fold: to serve as a train the trainer program for Oregon fire service instructor and to evaluate the course as a possible model for future live fire training programs in Oregon. The two day class will be taught by instructors from the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

The two day class will be offered twice in June:

- Washington County: Wed & Thurs June, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Central Oregon (Bend) Sat & Sun June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> , 2009

Contact Thelma Denney at DPSST for registration information

#### **4. Training & Certification:**

- Due to constituent feedback DPSST has updated the Fire Certification Forms website page. **Remember** to use the most current forms so go on line to <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/FC/FireCertFormFree.shtml>

#### **4. Training Information:**

- DPSST is in the process of distributing 300 IFSTA Essentials 5<sup>th</sup> Edition instructor packages through the regional's to local fire department..

## 6. Safety

# ***Think Safety – Talk Safety – Practice Safety***

## **37 LODD's to date** (30 April 2009)

The ***Fire Fighters Secret List*** continually brings us the latest statistics and announcements of fire fighter deaths. Motor Vehicle crashes and Heart Related deaths continue to be the leading causes of death in our profession. We need to improve our recognition of the factors leading to these death statistics and effect changes to these grim statistics.

- **Speed and a lack of seat belt use historically contribute to these deaths**
- **Heart Attacks and Cardiovascular Disease can be prevented with health screening and education. "This is our responsibility" now is the time for you to take this responsibility and act.**

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