



2015 OVFA Conference

Hosted by



June 17-20, 2015
Pendleton, Oregon



To Our Valued Volunteer Firefighters,

It's that time of year, time to start considering what classes you need to take at the annual Oregon Volunteer Firefighter Association Training Conference.

We hope to welcome many of you to the 57th annual Training Conference sponsored by the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association and co-hosted by Pendleton Fire & Ambulance Department. We want to personally invite your department to send as many representatives as you can to this conference and to take advantage of the quality training opportunities offered in Pendleton this year. OVFA offers scholarship opportunities and tries to make it possible for anyone to attend conference if at all possible. OVFA Training Conferences are not just about the volunteer firefighters; bring your family to enjoy attractions in the area; attend the welcome BBQ on Wednesday night, the vendor night on Thursday and the awards banquet on Friday night. Come early or plan to stay an extra day to enjoy all the area has to offer.

The OVFA Conference Committee and our host department has been working hard to put together a high quality conference of exciting classes that could make this one of the best ever. Classes this year have been set up in designated tracks for easy registration but also the option of building your own track to meet your training needs. Training includes EMS classes, Swift Water Rescue, Explosive Device Recognition, Vehicle Car Extraction, High Angle Rope Rescue, DPSST Mayday & Self Rescue, as well as courses in HazMat Awareness, Instructor II, and Railroad Incidents.

As always we offer several options for classes including one, two, and three-day classes. If you can't make it for the full conference, consider joining us for a one or two-day class.

All registrations include breakfast and lunch for each day. A full conference registration will include a conference t-shirt, challenge coin and a ticket to the OVFA banquet on Friday night at the Red Lion Hotel Pendleton. Additional banquet tickets can be purchased in advance for guests.

Wednesday our host departments are planning a welcome BBQ dinner and social. Meet other volunteers from all over Oregon; bring your family along for a fun night.

Our Vendor Night will be Thursday evening; come by and meet with a wide selection of fire service vendors while you browse for bargains at the Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit the OVFA Relief Fund.

Join us Friday evening for our annual awards banquet to announce the Firefighter of the Year and Lifetime Achievement winners and install your newly elected board. OVFA is seeking new board members; please contact our staff at 503-378-0896 or jessica@ovfa.org for more information. Not quite ready to become a board member? Consider getting to know the association and learning how you can help as an OVFA Ambassador.

Sincerely,

Rex Parks

REX PARKS SR, President OVFA

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 17

- 0900-1700 High Angle Rope Recue (only class offering on Wednesday)
- 1700—1900 BBQ, Hosted by Pendleton Fire & Ambulance Department at Roy Raley Park

Thursday, June 18

- 0700—0930 Registration & Breakfast at Blue Mountain Community College
- 0800—0930 Opening Ceremonies & 1st OVFA Business Meeting
- 1000—1700 Classes begin (see attendee packets for locations)
- 1800—2100 Vendor and Apparatus Show (Silent Auction) at Blue Mountain Community College

Friday, June 19

- 0700— 0930 Registration & Breakfast at Blue Mountain Community College
- 0800—0930 2nd OVFA Business Meeting & Guest Reports
- 1000—1700 Classes continue
- 1800—2000 Banquet, 3rd OVFA Business Meeting, & Induction of Officers (Live Auction) at Red Lion Hotel

Saturday, June 20

- 0700—0830 Breakfast at Blue Mountain Community College
- 0800—1030 OVFA Board of Directors Meeting
- 0900—1700 Classes continue

Conference Concludes ~

See you all next year in Lebanon, June 15-18!

Join us Thursday night for our Annual Vendor Show and silent auction. Fire Service vendors will be on hand to demonstrate and show off their latest equipment. All proceeds from the auction will go to the OVFA Volunteer Relief Fund to help injured volunteers and their families.



And don't forget about the live auction held after the Banquet Friday evening. All proceeds go to the Oregon Burn Center. If you would like to contribute items to either, auction please bring them to the registration desk when you check in.

Conference Tracks/Classes

Track #1: High Angle Rope Rescue

Jim Bolton

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.

This class will meet DPSST Rope Rescue technician Level 1 standards.

Days: 4 days—Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Class Size: 16 students

Requirements: Class III Harness/Helmet/Gloves/Safety Glasses

Registration cost \$434.00 for OVFA Member ~ \$499.00 for non-member by June 1 ~ add \$50.00 after June 1

Track #2: *River Rescue Technician - Level I Class

Ed Cogar

The skills taught in this class satisfy NFPA's basic requirements and will classify you as a basic rescue technician. Our swift water search and rescue (SAR) course will teach you river rescue skills that preserve your life first, your team members lives secondly and promote the rescue of a victim's life lastly. We train and develop your skills through putting you in the water to show you how to swim to reduce your chance of getting hurt, how to make the river work for you. We put you on the river bank assessing the scene and giving you tools to choose from when the time comes, some requiring ropes, teaching solid hands on river rescuer skills that successful river rescuers have been using for years to save lives.

Days: 3 days—Thurs, Fri & Sat

Class Size: 24 students

Requirements: The classroom segment (first day) is casual dress - come prepared to take notes.

The River segment *will require you to spend time in ice water*. Do not come without a full *wetsuit or drysuit*. If you do not have one, then rent one at a dive shop, personal watercraft supplier, sailboard or whitewater sports supply shop. Don't neglect booties or tennis shoes/ neoprene socks and gloves. You will need a helmet that drains well. If sunny - sun hats, sunscreen, sunglasses. Bring extra dry clothes. You must have a Coast Guard certified *life jacket*. If you have a throw bag, fins, or other related rescue equipment please bring it, show it off, and let us try it.

You will need health insurance to be in this class and a signed release form. Optional - camera.

We look forward to seeing you in class. If you have any question please contact Instructor Ed Cogar directly at 503-913-2692.

[*See attachment on website for additional class information.](#)

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Track #3: NFPA 1035 JFS1 (Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention) & Choice of Saturday Class Offering

Office of State Fire Marshal ~ Staff

Thurs & Fri—Youth Firesetting Prevention

This two-day course provides an overview of Oregon's Juvenile with Fire Intervention Program, and includes policies, procedures and laws, child development and communication techniques, practice using the Oregon *Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool*, intervention options including educational strategies and referral processes, networking steps and data collection. Fire Service can get JFSI certification from DPSST for it (upon completion of their task book)

Saturday Class Options—see page 6-9 for full class descriptions.

- NVFC Saving Those that Save Others ~ TransCanada National Gas Safety ~ Banner Bank Personal Finance (3 mini courses)
- Car Extrication—Chris Mills
- EMS 4-5-6—Pendleton Fire
- Explosive Device Recognition for First Responders *— *add \$100.00 to registration cost for this class.*

[*See attachment on website for more class information * requirements.](#)

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**Track #4: Advanced Fire Behavior & Reputation Management &
Choice of Saturday Class Offering**

Richard Anderson, Estacada Fire

Thursday & Friday AM—Advance Fire Behavior for Company Officers

Preparation for the fire officer is key, and in an environment of decreasing fires and subsequently decreasing experience in fire behavior, the fire officer has to commit themselves to an on-going preparation for the safety of the men and women they lead into harm's way. This class involves the use props and dollhouses to demonstrate fire dynamic and fire behavior concepts.

Class Size: 20 students

Requirements: Full PPE, SCBA with Mask

Jason Jantzi, SDAO

Friday PM—Building Blocks for Managing Your Reputation; Personal and Organizational

Where do you hide your skeletons? Answer: On the third page of Google's, search results. How many of us consider what our organization's reputation is worth? Does your personal reputation as a member effect your organization's ability to get positive results in your community? In a trust-based economy, your reputation is the currency used to buy, sell and make investments. Reputation is a resource and one that you cannot afford to mismanage.

This class will discuss how damaging your reputation reaches beyond good standing and can result in tangible costs. Using case studies, you will increase your awareness of the importance of managing your reputation. You will learn the three primary sources of risk that can damage reputations. We will discuss ways to effectively manage the sources of risk. Be prepared to participate in discussions and to share ideas, while reviewing policies and procedures designed to keep you and your organization's reputation in good standing.

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- NVFC Saving Those that Save Others ~ TransCanada National Gas Safety ~
Banner Bank Personal Finance (3 mini courses)
- Car Extrication—Chris Mills
- EMS 4-5-6—Pendleton Fire
- Explosive Device Recognition for First Responders— *add \$100.00 to registration cost for this class.*

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Track #5: Choice of Thursday Class Offering & Instructor II

Days: 3 days total—2 class offerings

Thursday Class Options—see page 6-9 for full class descriptions.

- Landing Zone—Life Flight & Xbox to Alarm Box—Recruitment with Tiger Schmittendorf
- Railroad Incident—Jeff Duke, Union Pacific
- Mayday & Self Rescue—DPSST
- Car Extrication—Chris Mills
- Technology in the Fire Service ~ Styker, Active911, Perpetua (3 mini courses)

Friday & Saturday Instructor II—Jake Campbell

This course consolidates content into a two day format from the traditional four day course. Students will be required to complete pre-course work prior to the course and a post course project. The course is fast paced and designed to be interactive with facilitated discussions and numerous group activities. Pre-course work will be emailed to each student upon registration for the conference.

This is a DPSST accredited course.

Registration cost \$334.00 for OVFA Member ~ \$399.00 for non-member by June 1~ add \$50.00 after June 1

Track #6: Choice of Thursday, Friday and Saturday Class Offerings

Thursday Class Options—Check your selection for class this day—see page 6-9 for full class descriptions.

- Landing Zone—Life Flight & Recruitment: Xbox To The Box Alarm—Tiger Schmittendorf (2 courses)
- Railroad Incident—Jeff Duke, Union Pacific
- Mayday & Self Rescue—DPSST
- Car Extrication—Chris Mills
- Technology in the Fire Service ~ Styker, Active911, Perpetua (3 mini courses)

Friday Class Options —see page 6-9 for full class descriptions.

- Landing Zone—Life Flight & Recruitment: Xbox To The Box Alarm—Tiger Schmittendorf (2 courses)
- Mayday & Self Rescue—DPSST
- Car Extrication—Chris Mills
- EMS 1-2-3—Pendleton Fire
- Technology in the Fire Service ~ Styker, Active911, Perpetua (3 mini courses)

Saturday Class Options —see page 6-9 for full class descriptions.

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- Car Extrication—Chris Mills
- EMS 4-5-6—Pendleton Fire
- Explosive Device Recognition for First Responders— *add \$100.00 to registration cost for this class.*

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One-day registration \$150.00 for OVFA Member ~ \$210.00 for non-member by June 1 ~ add \$50.00 after June 1

Two-day registration \$285.00 for OVFA Member ~ \$345.00 for non-member by June 1 ~ add \$50.00 after June 1

Single Day Class Descriptions

Landing Zone—Life Flight AND Xbox to Alarm Box Recruitment with Tiger Schmittendorf

Landing Zone: This session will provide an overview of Life Flight Network's transport services and capabilities. We will review indications for air medical transport and how to activate Life Flight Network. We will also have an in-depth discussion of landing zone selection and preparation as well as on-scene safety and patient loading. Landing Zone will bring in our helicopter for a hands-on demonstration with the flight crew.

Xbox to Alarm Box

How do we motivate today's recruits away from the Xbox™ long enough to answer the box alarm?

In this game-changing facilitated conversation we'll transition from the perspective that today's Xbox generation of firefighters are all "unmotivated slackers" – to the reality that most of them are simply starved for strong, effective leadership.

It's now the challenge of the "more experienced" firefighters to step up and be the coaches, mentors and leaders that we've always wanted to be – and that they need us to be now, more than ever before.

This presentation will benefit emergency response personnel of all ranks and experience levels, specifically those currently responsible for recruiting, motivating and retaining responders and those who may be responsible in the future.

Be ready to respond to this "Xbox Live" conversation between generations!

Thursday or Friday Class

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Railroad Incident—Jeff Duke, Union Pacific

The class entails identifying rail hazards, shut-down procedures, and location/identification of shipping papers. The class will include a hands-on tour of the Hinkels Yard and apparatus.

Thursday Only

Mayday & Self Rescue—DPSST

As Dr. Burton A. Clark of the National Fire Academy writes: “Firefighters do not like to admit that they might need to be rescued. The delay in calling a “Mayday “may be caused by many factors, but three need to be addressed immediately: (1) the stigma associated with admitting to yourself and letting others know you need help, (2) not having been given clear rules for calling a Mayday, and (3) the manner in which the fire service makes decisions. This course is designed to address each of these three points.

In the Mayday portion of the class the firefighter will demonstrate the ability to call Mayday under various emergency situations:

- Being trapped or lost in a room
- Having something collapse on him/her such as a ceiling
- Being stuck or caught on something such as wires, and
- Falling through a floor or roof

These conditions will be simulated using props with the firefighter in full PPE, SCBA, and portable radio in a blacked-out face mask. The firefighter must send the Mayday call.

In conjunction with the morning session on “Calling the Mayday”, the afternoon session will concentrate on skills a firefighter may need to attempt self-extrication after the Mayday has been called.

These skills include:

- Wall breaching without compromising structural integrity
- Solo exit of an elevated window opening (basement escape)
- Crew escape from an elevated window
- Controlled descent from an elevated window by ladder
- Escape from an elevated window with alternative controlled descent devices

Together, this is a full-day course with both classroom and practical exercises.

Requirements: Full PPE, SCBA with Mask

Thursday or Friday

Car Extrication—Chris Mills

This course is designed to meet the requirements of the NFPA 1670

Operations Level Course for Vehicle Extrication. It 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, putting the lessons learned inside to work. They will learn techniques designed to take advantage and conquer today’s vehicles. Hands on will include scenarios with vehicles on their tires, side, and on their top. PT care and removal will also be addressed during this class. These hours can be applied to EMS recertification hours.

Requirements: Full PPE/turnouts

Thursday, Friday or Saturday

Technology in the Fire Service ~ Styker, Active 911, Perpetua (3 mini courses)

Respond like a boss with Active911

See how Golden, CO shaved two minutes off their response time for \$12. This class is a intensive look at the Active911 system. Topics covered will include account setup and management, device applications, and incident and resource mapping. There will a brief behind the scenes look at how Active911 is taking dispatched information and quickly putting it into the hands of those who need it. Whether you have never seen Active911 before or want to know more about the features you

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aren't using yet, this class will cover it.

Thursday or Friday

EMS 1-2-3—Tina Greiner Bleeding & Shock (2 hrs), Pediatric Emergences (2 hrs) and Allergies and Anaphylaxis (2hrs)

Friday Only

EMS 4-5-6– Tina Greiner Obstetrics Emergencies (2 hrs), Behavioral Emergences (2 hrs) and Kinematics' of Trauma (2hrs)

Saturday Only

Saturday Full Day Class Includes: (3 mini courses)

- **Saving Those that Save Others—Jeff Dill, NVFC** This two-hour workshop involves a careful examination of firefighter suicide. The presentation consists of understanding emotional and physical stressors, signs and symptoms, suicide events, communication skills, resources (both internal and external), and group discussion. Emphasis is placed on the valuable resources available through the National Volunteer Fire Council's Share the Load support program and the educational role the Firefighter Behavior Health Alliance plays nationally through the use of data and statistics.
- **TransCanada National Gas Safety** This two– hour workshop will discuss where lines run in Oregon, pipeline regulations, some past pipeline emergencies, threats to pipelines, 811 – Call Before You Dig, pipeline markers, National Pipeline Mapping System, how to recognize a pipeline leak, the pipeline company's responsibilities during an emergency and expectations for emergency responders during an emergency.
- **Banner Bank Personal Finance**

Saturday Only

Explosive Device Recognition for First Responders— *add \$100.00 to registration cost for this class.*

One day training, 4 hours of class, 4 hours of field, ATF Information for Lawful Use. Introduction to explosives and IEDs Strategies for IEDS and Threats. U.S IED Case Study; including leadership and teambuilding. 8 hours of credit through Oregon DPSST.

Saturday Only

Full conference registration includes a conference T-shirt, challenge coin, breakfast and lunch each day of your class and a ticket to the OVFA banquet on Friday night at the Red Lion Hotel Pendleton. Guest tickets available for purchase in *advance* for \$35.00.



OREGON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

2015 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name _____ Years of Service _____ Highest Rank or Position _____ Sweatshirt Size _____
FULL NAME OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT _____ Mailing Address _____
Submitted By _____ () _____ e-mail address _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE # _____

Has been selected as Firefighter of the Year from the _____
FULL NAME OF FIRE DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT

The above name is hereby submitted for consideration of the annual Firefighter of the Year.
Deadline to submit a nomination is **May 8, 2015**.

The top 3 award finalists will receive a complimentary conference registration and two banquet tickets.

This nominee must have been selected Firefighter of the Year in your agency for the year 2014 to be considered for the award.

Years in the fire service: _____ Volunteer: Yes No Paid: Yes No
Rank or Position held: _____ Association Office held: _____
Number of department drills held in 2014: _____ Attended by nominee: _____ Excused: _____
Number of department activities held in 2014: _____ Attended by nominee: _____
Number of committee activities held in 2014: _____ Attended by nominee: _____
How active is the nominee in your department? _____

How does the nominee work to promote and improve your fire department? _____

Describe any activities the nominee participates in outside of the department, which promotes the fire service or extends the fire service into the community: _____

Why do you feel this nominee should be selected as this year's Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for Oregon? _____

If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page. Please do not write on the back of this paper.

Send completed form to: Firefighter of the Year Committee

1284 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301
FAX (503) 364-9919

(800) FIRELINE (347-3546) or (503) 378-0896
www.ovfa.org ovfa@ovfa.org



OREGON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Representing Those Who Volunteer"

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name	Years of Service	Highest Rank or Position	Jacket/shirt size
FULL NAME OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT		Mailing Address	
Submitted By	() DAYTIME TELEPHONE #	e-mail address	

The above name is hereby submitted for consideration of the annual Lifetime Achievement Award.
Deadline to submit a nomination is **May 8, 2015**.

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.

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 forms to: **Lifetime Achievement Nomination Committee**

1284 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301
FAX (503) 364-9919

www.ovfa.org

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PENDLETON LODGING INFORMATION

Bed & Breakfasts

NEIGH-bors Horse Motel and Bed & Breakfast

541-276-6737
www.neigh-bors.com

The Pendleton House

541-276-8581
www.pendletonhousebnb.com

The RiverWalk Bed & Breakfast

541-377-9470
www.riverwalkbnb.com

Hotels & Motels

America's Best Value Inn

541-276-1400
www.americasbestvalueinn.com

Best Western/Pendleton Inn

541-276-2135
www.bestwestern.com

Econo Lodge

541-276-8654
www.econolodge.com

*** Hampton Inn**

541-276-3500
www.hamptoninn.com

*** Holiday Inn Express**

541-966-6520
www.hiexpress.com

Knights Inn

877-722-8277
www.knightsinn.com

Hotels & Motels Cont.

Motel 6

541-276-3160
www.motel6.com

*** Oxford Suites Pendleton**

877-545-7848
www.oxfordsuitespendleton.com

*** Red Lion Hotel**

Friday Banquet Location

800-RedLion
www.redlion.com

Relax Inn

541-276-3293
www.relaxinnpendleton.com

Rodeway Inn

541-276-6231
www.rodewayinn.com

Rugged Country Lodge

541-966-6800
www.ruggedcountrylodge.com

Super 8 Motel

541-276-8881
www.super8.com

Travelodge

541-276-7531
www.travelodge.com

Pillars Motel

541-276-624

Some lodging facilities have set aside a special OVFA rate and have been indicated with a *

Be sure to ask if the hotel is offering an OVFA conference rate.



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Salem, OR 97301

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Blue Mountain
Community College
Pendleton, Oregon**

**Visit the website for brochure, class
attachments and registration forms.
www.ovfa.org**

Save the Dates

2016 OVFA Conference

**June 15-18, 2016
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