

OVFA PREMIER PROGRAMS

Annual Conference

Three Days of Accredited, Hands-On and Classroom Training

- Largest volunteer fire service conference in Oregon
- Recognition of State Volunteer Firefighter of the Year
- Recognition of Lifetime Achievement
- Memorial Service
- Annual Membership business meeting
- Election of Officers
- Family Welcome Night, Vendor Trade Show and Awards Banquet

Legislative Representation

OVFA pursues a proactive legislative agenda. Through a professional Governmental Affairs Representative, legislative issues that effect Volunteer Emergency Services continue to be sponsored and monitored.

Surplus Equipment

This program provides a collection, storage and distribution system for surplus emergency response equipment. Please contact the OVFA office to advise of your needs or if you have equipment to donate.

OVFA Scholarship Program

Scholarship applications are available to cover the cost of registration for the annual conference. All OVFA members are eligible to apply.

Oregon Burn Center Sponsorship

The proceeds of the OVFA conference live auction are awarded to the Legacy Oregon Burn Center in Portland. The Burn Center is a recognized leader in burn care for adults and children. It is the only facility of its kind between Seattle and Sacramento. The funds donated by OVFA help support rehabilitation and after care of patients and programs and help sponsor such programs as Burn Camp.

Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund

OVFA maintains a relief fund to offer financial support to members and their families in the case of accidental death, dismemberment, disability, and financial hardship.



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"Representing Those Who Volunteer"

History

The Oregon Volunteer Firemans' Association was organized in 1958. The name was changed to Oregon Volunteer Firefighters' Association in 1976. The first independent OVFA conference was held in Hood River in 1979. The OVFA constitution was changed in 1998 to include "Emergency Service Providers" as "Firefighters."

The Board of Directors is elected at the annual conference each year and serves as the governing body of OVFA. It includes the President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Past President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Directors. The OVFA Ambassador Program represents geographic areas of Oregon by providing face-to-face contact between the OVFA membership and the Board.



Membership and Dues

Active OVFA membership is open to any agency whose membership contains Volunteer Fire or EMS Providers. Associate and sustaining memberships are also available for retired volunteers and organizations that represent manufacturing, vendors or fire service related organizations. Applications and information forms are available from the OVFA office. Membership dues are assessed for each calendar year in January.

Current annual membership dues are outlined below:

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| 1—10 volunteers | _____ | \$50.00 |
| 11—20 volunteers | _____ | \$135.00 |
| 21—30 volunteers | _____ | \$225.00 |
| 31—40 volunteers | _____ | \$295.00 |
| 41—50 volunteers | _____ | \$370.00 |
| 51—70 volunteers | _____ | \$450.00 |
| 71+ volunteers | _____ | \$520.00 |
| Associated Members | _____ | \$40.00 |
| Sustaining Members | _____ | \$70.00 |

Benefits of Membership

- OVFA-Sponsored Classes
- Reduced Registration Fees for Annual Statewide Training
- Legislative Representation
- Statewide Surplus Equipment Program
- Discounts on Auto and Home Insurance through California Casualty
- Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund



OVFA Affiliations

- Oregon Burn Center
- Oregon Fire District Directors Association
- National Volunteer Fire Council
- Office of State Fire Marshal
- Department of Public Safety Standards & Training—Fire Policy Committee
- Governor's Fire Policy Council
- Oregon Fire Chiefs Association