

Oregon firefighters to converge on state capitol

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Fire chiefs and firefighters from around Oregon will converge on the state capitol in Salem next Tuesday, May 22, for Fire Service Day. The event is designed to highlight the state's fire agencies in front of the Legislature, provide fire safety information and give fire officials an opportunity to visit with their representatives.

The Office of State Fire Marshal will highlight a new safety trailer designed to teach fire safety and demonstrate the effectiveness of home fire sprinklers. Live fire sprinkler demonstrations are scheduled at the safety trailer in front of the capitol at 12:15 p.m. and 12:45 p.m.

"Installing home fire sprinklers dramatically increases the chances of surviving a home fire," says Oregon State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr. "Using sprinklers and smoke alarms together, families can cut their risk of dying in a home fire by up to 82%."

In addition, a number of state fire associations and training organizations will have displays inside the Capitol Galleria including the Oregon Fire Marshals Association, Oregon Fire District Directors Association, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, Oregon Fire Service Museum and Oregon Fire Medical Administrators Association.

Throughout the day, safety equipment and apparatus from the Office of State Fire Marshal, Portland Fire & Rescue and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training will be on display in front of the capitol.

At mid-morning, the day's opening of the Oregon Senate session will be performed by the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard and the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Pipes and Drums.

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