



OREGON

STATE FIRE MARSHAL



MISSION

To protect people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

THE AGENCY

The **Oregon State Fire Marshal** is organized into four divisions delivering service to Oregonians through prevention, preparedness, regulation, and response program activities.

The agency works closely with the Oregon fire service to provide guidance, policy resources, and lead the response and prevention functions at a statewide level. Ninety-seven percent of Oregonians live within the state's 306 structural fire protection jurisdictions; the department serves 4.2 million Oregonians through these local organizations and direct services. Because of the OSFM's statewide responsibility for prevention, wildfire, regulation, and all-hazard response functions, all Oregonians receive services and benefits from the OSFM.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION

This division is responsible for fire prevention and safety and community wildfire risk reduction. The programs focus on overall fire reduction and fire-related deaths, injuries, and property loss through data and education to influence behavior change and encourage fire-safe practices and regulations.

- FIRE SAFETY
- EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
- FIRE RISK REDUCTION
- SMOKE ALARM TRAINING
- COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES DIVISION

This division plans emergency response and coordinates resources to protect Oregonians, communities, and the environment from fire, hazardous materials spills and releases, train derailments involving hazardous materials and natural hazards.

- EMERGENCY MOBILIZATIONS
- INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS
- HAZMAT REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS
- HAZMAT BY RAIL
- STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES
- FIRE SERVICE TRAINING & SAFETY

REGULATORY SERVICES DIVISION

This division administers seven regulatory programs by administering exams, issuing permits and licenses, and conducting inspections and audits to ensure fire and life safety protection for fireworks, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), non-retail fuel dispensing (cardlock), fire standard-compliant cigarettes and novelty/toy-like lighters, and administers the Oregon Community Right to Know and Protection Act for reporting hazardous materials inventories.

- **ISSUES PERMITS TO SELL AND USE FIREWORKS**
- **ISSUES PYRO TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATES**
- **INSPECTS CARDLOCK FACILITIES TO HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC**
- **AUDITS CARDLOCK OPERATORS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS**
- **ADMINISTERS LPG EXAMS FOR LICENSES**
- **INSPECTS LPG TANK INSTALLATIONS**
- **ADMINISTERS COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW PROGRAM**

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY DIVISION

This division directs and coordinates fire investigations, fire and life safety inspections, establishes institutional occupancy fire prevention programs, conducts plans review, and conducts surveys to ensure compliance with fire and life safety standards for federal funding of health care facilities. Coordinates Oregon Fire Code development, adoption, and maintenance. Provides technical support and guidance to assist with local fire prevention activities and enhance overall fire and life safety for members of the public in all occupancy types.

- **CONDUCTS FIRE INSPECTIONS ON ALL BUILDING OCCUPANCIES TO ENSURE LIFE SAFETY STANDARDS**
- **CONDUCTS FIRE INVESTIGATION FOR ORIGIN AND CAUSE**
- **TRAINS AND CERTIFIES THOSE WHO CONDUCT FIRE INSPECTIONS IN OREGON THROUGH COMPETENCY RECOGNITION TO PROVIDE UNIFORM FIRE CODE APPLICATION**
- **ADOPTS OREGON FIRE CODE**
- **ADMINISTERS OREGON FIRE CODE ADVISORY BOARD**
- **TECHNICAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE**
- **HEALTHCARE FACILITY SURVEY PROGRAM**
- **DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM**



STRENGTHENING SERVICE, PROTECTING COMMUNITIES

How the Oregon State Fire Marshal is carrying out its mission

A NEW AGENCY: On July 1, 2023, the Oregon State Fire Marshal began a new chapter in its storied history, becoming a state agency. The move empowers the department to chart a more agile and focused path in protecting Oregonians.



DEFENSIBLE SPACE: Launched in June 2023, the OSFM's Defensible Space Program is helping and educating Oregonians around the state, making their properties more wildfire adapted. This program provides free defensible space assessments to home and property owners and renters, delivering

individualized solutions. The agency also launched a one-time incentive program for people who live in high-risk areas. After an assessment, eligible participants received a \$250 one-time payment to help offset defensible space improvement costs. This successful pilot program distributed **\$250,000** to Oregonians. By empowering Oregonians to create and maintain defensible space, the OSFM will reduce the devastating impact of wildfires.

4,982

Homes & properties assessed

462

Trained assessors

95

Partner agencies involved

1000

One-time incentive payments

\$250,000

Incentive payments total

DATA INITIATIVES: The Analytics & Intelligence Unit provides accurate, actionable data to the Oregon State Fire Marshal's programs, partners, and the public to improve safety through the prevention of fire-related fatalities, injuries, and economic loss. In May, the unit introduced OrCRAFT, the Oregon Community Risk Assessment Fire Tool. This tool, free to the Oregon fire service, brings together comprehensive fire risk data in one place and makes it easier for agencies to assess local hazards, prioritize needs, and build stronger, more resilient communities

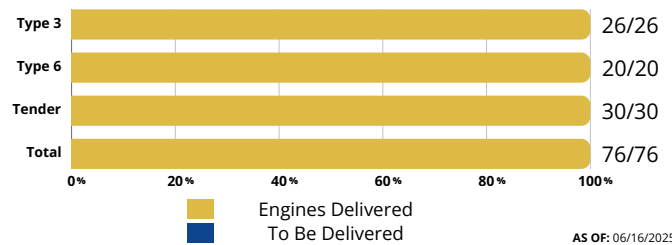


WILDFIRE GRANTS: The OSFM distributed more than **\$8.9 million** in grants in 2024 alone for prevention, mitigation, and suppression grant funding. People and communities were able to complete defensible space and community protection projects and fire agencies around the state were boosted in both firefighting capacity and equipment. In total, the OSFM has delivered more than **\$80 million** in grant funding.

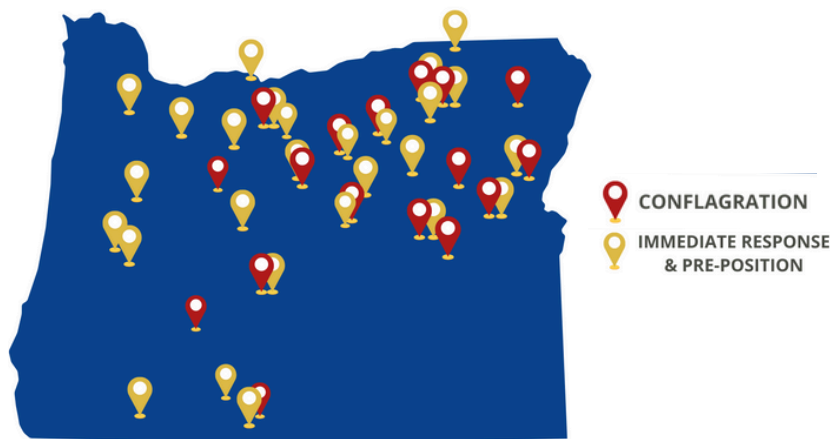


ENGINE PROGRAM: The Engine Program is a major accomplishment in strengthening the agency's leadership in wildfire preparedness and response. Developed in partnership with Oregon fire service and guided by a comprehensive 2021 gap analysis, this program equips the state with cutting-edge firefighting engines to address growing wildfire challenges. Funded through Senate Bill 762, this program highlights the agency's commitment to innovation, collaboration, and protecting Oregon communities. By providing **76 engines and water tenders**, the program enhances local and regional response capabilities, protecting lives and giving local fire agencies the tools they need to better serve their communities. As of June 16, 2025, all engines and water tenders are at their host agencies.

OSFM ENGINE PROGRAM DELIVERIES



2024 WILDFIRE SEASON: Last year was a record wildfire season that burned more than **1.9 million acres** in Oregon. The OSFM responded to **17 conflagrations** and **27 immediate response and pre-position** assignments.



As of June 16, the agency mobilized to two conflagrations in Wasco and Jefferson counties. Because of high than average temperatures and lower than average humidity, the 2025 wildfire season is predicted to be above average.