# 2023-25 Biennium Budget Presentation

Department of the State Fire Marshal

Mariana Ruiz-Temple State Fire Marshal







### Our Mission

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

### Our Values

Integrity: We believe in being honest, fair, and doing the right thing in everything we do.

**Dedication**: We are committed to performing our work the best we can in support of our mission, our customers, our stakeholders, the public, and each other.

Leadership: We are committed to be a leader in the Oregon fire service, to lead our organization, and lead ourselves as individuals in our day to day work.

**Partnerships**: We believe our success and the success of others depends on collaboration with our stakeholders.

Service to Others: We believe that serving others is a cornerstone of our mission, our day to day work and is all inclusive.



# Agency Programs



Emergency Response Services **Regulatory Services** Fire & Life Safety Education Fire & Life Safety Services Administration, Finance, & Budget



### **OSFM Five-Year Strategic Themes**

Protect Oregon's Most Vulnerable
 Invest in Education Programs
 Modernize Systems & Programs
 Increase Workforce Capacity
 Stabilize Mobilization Funding



# History

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**



# **Building the Future**

- House Bill 2927 passed
- Task force report affirmed the OSFM as independent agency
- Transition model developed

- Special Purpose Appropriation funding received
- Began facility search
- Secured additional space for staff and storage facility
- Hired key leadership positions

## 2021





### 2023

# **OSFM Wildfire Initiatives**

Senate Bill 762 authorized the OSFM to:

- Increase field staff for community risk reduction and modernize wildfire response
- Develop defensible space standards for Oregon
- Design and implement incentive programs to boost capacity and reduce risk
- Modernize response tools, such as pre-positioning and immediate response, outside of formal conflagration declarations



### FIRE ADAPTED OREGON PREVENTING FIRES AND PROTECTING PEOPLE



**PROTECTING OREGON** 

# OSFM Wildfire Programs Grants & Investments

### **Cross Cutting Investments**

- Tribal Nations Investments
  - ✓ Final meetings in spring
- Oregon Fire Service Capacity
   Program
  - ✓ Closed \$12 million, awards in spring 2023

### **Response Ready**

- Wildfire Season Staffing Grant
   ✓ Closed \$6 million
   ✓ Closed \$6 million
- Engine Program
   ✓ Closed \$25 million, awarded
- 2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant
  - ✓ Spring 2023

### **Community Risk Reduction**

- ✓ Closed \$271, 000 awarded
- Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant
  - Closed \$18 million, awards in spring
- Defensible Space Public Assistance Incentive
  - ✓ Spring 2023

# Emergency Response & Regulatory Service Divisions



Travis Medema Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal





- **Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System** Mobilization Coordinators Incident Management Teams Hazardous Material Programs

- • Fire Service Investments

### **Emergency Response Division**

### 92% of Oregonians live in a fire district

# **Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System**



### **1. LOCAL RESPONSE**

Initial attack by AHJ or nearby agencies.

### 2. LOCAL MUTUAL AID

Local agency agreements used to bring in partners from neighboring jurisdictions.

### **3. EXPANDED MUTUAL AID**

Local agency agreements which may be county wide or inter-county used to bolser capability.

### **4. STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID**

Conflagration or other state-level response by resources mobilized by the State Fire Marshal.

### **5. INTERSTATE MUTUAL AID**

State-level agreements allowing resources from other states to respond.

# **Emergency Response Unit**



# **20-Year Fire Season Trends & Conflagration Data**







# Incident Management Teams

- Focused on protecting communities
- Three highly-specialized and trained teams
- Staffed by the Oregon fire service
- All-risk and all-hazard teams
- Mobilized through the Governor, agreements, and Emergency Mutual Aid Compact

### First Key Performance Measure

### Average Percentage of Structures Save After Declared Conflagration

Percent of Structures Saved



100 98.1 96.6 Target: 100% of structures saved 2019\* 2020 2021 \*No mobilizations in 2019





### Response Ready Oregon Grants

### Hazardous Materials Programs & Planning



13 regional hazmat teams

**State Emergency Response Commission** 

**Local Emergency Planning Committees** 

Hazmat by Rail

### **Oregon Safety Assessment Program**



- Post-disaster building safety evaluations Developed rules in 2022 Created a registry and established a
- ightarrow
- database
- Conducting trainings and outreach ightarrow



# **Regulatory Services**

### **Protecting Communities and Oregonians**

- Community Right to Know (CR2K)
- Fireworks
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas
- Cardlock •

# Fire & Life Safety Divisions



Claire McGrew Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal

# Fire & Life Safety Education & Services





# Fire Incident Data





### **Oregon Social Vulnerability**

### Social Vulnerability Index

Census Block Group Level, 2020





SVI Data sourced from Oregon State University



# Fire Prevention Education Unit

- Prevention and risk reduction for:
  - ✓ Outdoor fires
  - $\checkmark$  Top causes of residential fires
- Smoke Alarm Installation Program
  - ✓ Training and free smoke alarms
- Socially-vulnerable populations
- Oregon Life Safety Team

# BELIEVE N FIRE SAFETY.

### OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

# **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Unit**



### Fire Adapted Oregon: Strategic Investments





# Fire Code Inspections



- 3,026 total inspections
- 36 plan reviews
- 192 fire agencies supported
- 23% increase from 2021



# Fire Investigations

### Determine fire cause and origin

- Provide technical expertise to Oregon fire agencies
- 268 total fire investigations
- 115 local fire agencies supported
- 8% increase from 2021

# **Codes and Technical Services**



- - Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board
  - $\bullet$ three years
  - Interpretation and technical research

### **Oregon Fire Code**

Development and adoption every

**Competency Recognition Program** 

Healthcare Program

# **Defensible Space Code & Consultative Services**







### Second Key Performance Measure

### **OREGON RESIDENTIAL FIRE DEATH RATE PER MILLION POPULATION**



# Business Services, Fiscal Services, & Partnerships



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### **Business & Fiscal Services**







### Six-Year Budget Review

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Fire Season Cost:
  \$30.1 million

- HB 5530, the OSFM's GF budget moved into Patrol Services
- Fire Season Cost:
  \$26.5 million

### 17-19 Biennium

19-21 Biennium

#### Idget • 2021 Legislative Session:

- OrSAP funding
- HB 2927
  - \$1.8 million
- SB 762\$100.5 million
- Fire Season Cost: \$32.3 million

### 21-23 Biennium

# Unresolved Issues from 2021-23 Budget

- Reconciliation of conflagration expenses
- Agency transition

- Future transition needs
- Increasing wildfire size and severity
- Continued implementation of new programs
- Assessment of pilot programs
- Impact to socially vulnerable populations
- FEMA grant funding

# Factors Affecting 2023-25 Budget

## Agency Bills

### HB 3484:

Establishes Mobilization Fund & appropriation level

- Provides that department may expend moneys from fund for eligible mobilization costs and reimbursements to emergency response organizations.
- Sets annual legislative appropriation at the average of the previous five years.
- Provides that balance of fund reverts to General Fund on biennial basis.

Provides Oregon State Fire Marshal with certain additional powers and authorities necessary for acting as an independent agency.

#### HB 3485: Technical Fixes



## **Agency Policy Option Packages**

#### **POP100**

#### **Community Risk Reduction and Response** Request to continue the initial investments made in SB 762 for Response Ready Oregon and add to the

**Community Risk Reduction Fund** 

\$40 million General Fund 4 positions, 3.52 FTE

#### **POP103 Agency Transition**

Request other funds limitation to use Fire Insurance Premium Tax funds to pay for cost of separating from OSP, including new building remodeling and leasing, IT infrastructure, furniture, and moving expenses

\$4.6 million Other Funds

Request establishment of a fund to pay for the state's portion of governor-declared conflagrations and expenses until reimbursements are received from FEMA through Fire Management Assistance Grants

Request additional capacity to support Business Services and the Regulatory Services

> \$1.6 million General Funds \$1.5 million Other Funds 14 positions, 12.68 FTE

#### POP 102 **OSFM Mobilization Fund**

\$2 million General Fund

#### POP 104 Agency Capacity

Other Funds, \$36,243,306 29.6%

## Summary of Governor's Recommended Budget

#### 2023-2025 Governor's Recommended Budget: Total Funds by Division



#### 2023-2025 Governor's Recommended Budget

Federal Funds, \$599,795 0.5%



General Fund, \$85,548,169 69.9%

Emergency Services Division	62%	\$75,817,595
Support Services Division	12%	\$14,522,104
Fire and Life Safety Services Division	11%	\$13,785,574
Fire and Life Safety Education Division	8%	\$10,206,220
Regulatory Services Division	4%	\$4,186,886
Office of State Fire Marshal	3%	3,875,891

#### 2023-2025 Governor's Recommended Budget: General Fund by Program

Total General Fund      \$85,548,169	Emergency Services Division	76%	\$65.2 Million
	Support Services Division	10%	\$8.7 Million
	Fire and Life Safety Education Division	6%	\$5.1 Million
	Fire and Life Safety Services Division	6%	\$4.8 Million
	Office of State Fire Marshal	2%	\$1.8 Million

#### 2023-2025 Governor's Recommended Budget: General Fund by Category



General Fund Summary

### **Reduction Options & Long-Term Vacancies**

#### 15% Reductions Summary

- Three positions:
  - ✓ Operations & Policy Analyst 2
  - Deputy State Fire Marshal
  - Communications System Analyst 2
- Increase to vacancy savings factor
- Eliminate standard inflation
- Reduce services and supplies, capital outlay, and special payments

- Four positions:
  - ✓ Program Analyst 2
  - Deputy State Fire Marshal
  - Communications System Analyst 2
  - ✓ Information Systems Specialist 7

Long-Term Vacancy



### Agency Actions for Cost Savings

- Response Ready Oregon, Immediate Response, and Pre-Positioning
- Continued partnership with the Department of Forestry for aviation assets
- Energy-saving building renovations for general headquarters
- Consolidation of storage agreements and lease costs
- Review of statewide building agreements to improve effectiveness and savings through hubs across the state
- Philanthropic relationships and future partnership

### **Budget Drivers & Risks**

- Office transition to Department of the State Fire Marshal
- Increased population and public expectations
- Conflagration wildfire response costs
- Dedicated funding fluctuations
- Workforce capacity



## Path Forward

Continue focus on responding to Oregonians' needs Financial Sustainability **Diverse Workforce and Capacity** System Modernization and Enhancements



## Thank you.



