

Winter Fire School Just Around the Corner

The 2026 Winter Fire School, brought to you by the DPSST Fire Program, is THIS MONTH! Take a look at the variety of class offerings by visiting our [DPSST Fire Program Eventbrite webpage](#) and sign up today to ensure your spot! A waitlist is available for full classes by contacting Fire Program Specialist Madison Mancuso at madison.mancuso@dpsst.oregon.gov.

Winter Fire School will take place on February 21st and 22nd with several National Fire Academy (NFA) classes and two hands-on courses to choose from. The NFA courses range from leadership, to incident command, to fire prevention, while the hands-on classes are excellent for grassroots or refresher training.

Winter Fire School is located on the Oregon Public Safety Academy campus in Salem, Oregon. All classes will be the two full days of the school, so be prepared to stay until approximately 5pm at the end of day on the 22nd. Lodging for Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st is free for participants traveling over 75 miles and breakfast and lunch are provided for every attendee.

As a reminder, please remember to cancel your reservation if for any reason you are unable to attend. We often have a waitlist for several classes and a lack of cancellation could prevent another person from taking a class. Anyone who registers and is a no-show will be unable to attend DPSST fire trainings for a one-year period.

Contact Madison Mancuso at
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with questions.

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DPSST'S National Fire Academy Classes

LIS - Creating Environments for Professional Growth

February 11 - 12, 2026 | Eugene, Oregon

This 2-day course equips fire and EMS supervisors with essential leadership skills, focusing on transitioning into supervisory roles. Topics include adaptive leadership, change management, effective communication (including difficult conversations), ethics, decision-making, and developing a personal engagement plan.

LIS - Framework to Success

February 19 - 20, 2026 | Dundee, Oregon

This 2-day course equips first-line fire and EMS supervisors with essential leadership skills, focusing on professionalism, emotional intelligence, resilience, conflict management, delegation, mentoring, and team collaboration to support professional growth.

LIS - Perspectives in Thinking

March 25 - 26, 2026 | Eugene, Oregon

This 2-day course provides first-level fire and EMS supervisors with a foundation in leadership by exploring creative, analytical, political, and critical thinking. It focuses on decision-making, innovation, and persuasive communication, targeting Company Officers or Unit Supervisors in areas like fire prevention, EMS, and communications.

LIS - Framework to Success

April 8 - 9, 2026 | Eugene, Oregon

This 2-day course equips first-line fire and EMS supervisors with essential leadership skills, focusing on professionalism, emotional intelligence, resilience, conflict management, delegation, mentoring, and team collaboration to support professional growth.

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DPSST'S National Fire Academy Classes (cont.)

USFA O305: All Hazard IMT Type 3 course

**March 16 - 20, 2026
Wilsonville, Oregon**

This course prepares participants to effectively function as members of a U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT). It aligns with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Framework (NRF), emphasizing:

The goals and principles of NIMS and NRF.

The role and purpose of a USFA Type 3 AHIMT in supporting community and emergency services.

The importance of leadership and teamwork in successful incident management.

Skills for effective interpersonal communication and team collaboration.

Hands-on experience through simulations and refresher training in mock incident scenarios.

USFA O305: All Hazard IMT Type 3 course

**March 30 - April 3, 2026
Medford, Oregon**

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The importance of leadership and teamwork in successful incident management.

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Reminder: Fingerprint Payments Need to be Submitted with or after a Fingerprint Card or Completed Fieldprint Appointment

Recently the Fire Certification Section has seen an increase in Fingerprint fee payments submitted with no fingerprint card or Fieldprint record to attribute payment to. Without one of these, staff cannot process payment further.

Fingerprint payments may be submitted with the fingerprints or you may wait for an invoice. Payment options: Fingerprint fees can be paid by check, credit card form, or through the Fingerprint Fee Grant.

General Fingerprint Process Reminder: Submissions Need to Come with an Application or E-1 Form

The DPSST Fire Certification section is unable to accept a firefighter's fingerprint card unless it is submitted with either an Application for Certification or an E-1 Application for Personnel Affiliation and Certification Eligibility Form (E-1 Form).

Firefighters who have never been fingerprinted for Fire Certification purposes must complete this one-time fingerprint requirement to meet the minimum standards for holding fire certifications. This requirement should be completed when submitting an E-1 Form or an Application for Certification. We cannot process fingerprints without an Application for Certification or E-1 Form.

When submitting an Application for Certification or E-1 Form, please keep the following in mind:

1. Verify fingerprint status: Check Fire IRIS by looking up the firefighter and checking under the "Fingerprints" tab. If the firefighter's profile does not indicate "Fingerprints Completed," they will need to fulfill this requirement when submitting the E-1 Form or Application for Certification.

Employment	Certificates	Training	Fingerprints	Education	Transcript
Topic	Fingerprints	Effective Date	Expiration Date		
Fingerprints Completed	Fingerprints Completed	12/14/2015			

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Reminder: Fingerprint Payments Need to be Submitted with or after a Fingerprint Card or Completed Fieldprint Appointment (cont.)

2. Submit fingerprints: Along with the E-1 Form or Application for Certification, either send a fingerprint card to DPSST Fire Certification or have the firefighter complete Fieldprint. Alternatively, you may submit the form first and wait for DPSST Certification staff to notify you if fingerprints are needed.

3. Payment for Fingerprints: Fingerprint fees can be paid by check, credit card form, or through the Fingerprint Fee Grant. Payment may be submitted with the fingerprints or after receiving an invoice from DPSST staff.

For questions on the fingerprint process, please contact Michelle Hilt at michelle.hilt@dpsst.oregon.gov or 503-931-8806.

DPSST Welcomes Gresham Fire Department for Truck Academy Training



DPSST was proud to welcome the Gresham Fire Department to our campus for their Truck Academy Training, held January 26–29.



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Gresham Fire Department (cont.)

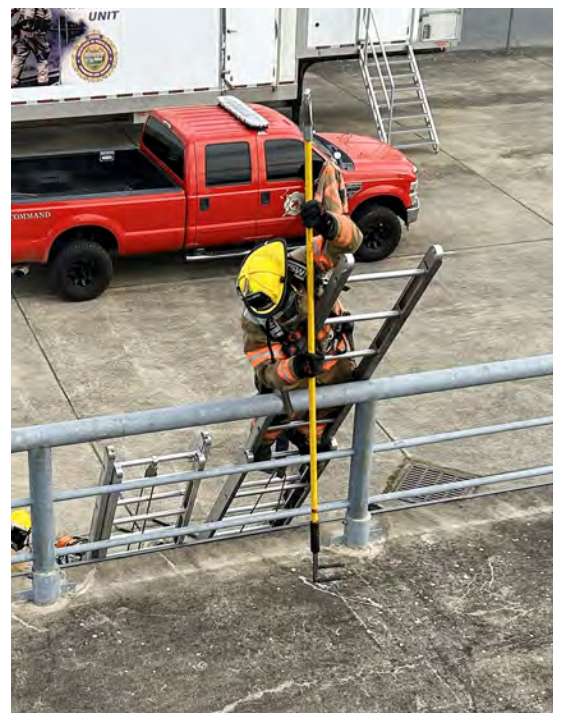


This training marked a first-of-its-kind event at DPSST, as crews operated their aerial tiller truck in multiple locations across campus, including areas outside the scenario village.

This innovative approach provided valuable hands-on experience in real-world scenarios.



Interested in using DPSST's training venues or have a unique training idea? Connect with your [Regional Fire Training Coordinator](#) to explore possibilities and bring your training concepts to life.



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Save the date: Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial



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Skid Truck Planned for Eastern and Southern Oregon



The DPSST Skid Truck Training is hitting the road and making its first stops in Oregon's Eastern Region! We'll be in Pendleton, Baker City, and Ontario, with a planned visit to Klamath Falls in May. For Eastern Oregon stops, [contact Mike Bozeman](#) and for the Klamath area [contact Hayden Jones](#).

This is an excellent opportunity to participate in Skid Truck Training whether it's your first time or a refresher. The training is efficient and impactful, consisting of:

- Pre-training videos to complete before training day (unless otherwise conducted in person with a Fire Training staffer)
- Virtual instruction on training day
- Hands-on experience with the Skid Truck on training day

You'll be in and out of this training quickly while gaining critical skills for safe driving in hazardous conditions.

What is the Skid Truck you might ask? The Skid Truck is a specially modified semi-truck equipped with a hydraulic system and casters that simulate reduced traction like driving on wet pavement, snow, or ice. This innovative system allows DPSST instructors to teach drivers how to remain calm and maintain control when navigating slippery or unpredictable road conditions.

Don't miss this chance to enhance your driving skills and safety awareness!

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From the Fire Training Trail: January

Your monthly look at DPSST Regional Fire Training happening across Oregon.

Both Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue and Hoodland RFPD visited DPSST on January 10th for a busy Saturday on campus! Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue utilized the car fire prop while Hoodland Fire conducted training using the water mapping prop, fire tower, and scenario village houses for search and rescue. Gorge Fire Coordinator Nikki Heidtschmidt, Mid-Willamette Coordinator Ryan Frizzell, and Fire Trainer Joshua Bowerman did a great job leading this training effort for both departments. If your department would like to discuss conducting training at DPSST, contact your Fire Training Coordinator.

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DPSST hosted the National Fire Academy's (NFA) Command and Control of Incident Operations class from January 26th through February 1st. Returning NFA instructor Bob Swarthout, and first time visitor to DPSST Dennis "Rube" Rubin, taught sixteen students proper command techniques for control and extinguishment of fires ranging from small, residential structures to multioccupancy, commercial complexes.

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About DPSST



Our mission is to pursue excellence in training and accountability for public safety professionals. DPSST trains and certifies/licenses police officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, regulatory specialists (OLCC), telecommunicators (9-1-1), emergency medical dispatchers, criminal justice instructors, private security providers, private investigators, fire services professionals, and polygraph examiners in the State of Oregon.

We strive to provide resources and certification programs that public safety officers and local public safety organizations need to maintain the highest professional skill standards, stewardship and service to Oregon's communities and citizens. These services are based at our 236-acre academy and extend across the state through a network of regional training coordinators.

Agency functions are guided by several Oregon Revised Statutes and our authority is defined specifically in Chapter No. 259 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. We are governed by a 26-member Board and six discipline-specific policy committees; we serve more than 43,000 public safety constituents across the state.

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