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(Hillsboro Fire Inspector Achieves State Certification)

A second Hillsboro Fire Inspector has been certified by the State of Oregon as Fire and Life Safety Specialist II. The award was presented Tuesday morning to Inspector Lisa Humphreys by State Fire Marshal Supervising Deputy David Jones at Hillsboro Fire Station 3. The Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal certifies fire inspectors following voluntary completion of a training regimen, achieving technical expertise, and gaining the necessary experience on the job. In addition, the candidates must complete Task Books attesting they have successfully completed the specified activities. Humphreys' certification carried a Certified Plans Examiner endorsement.

“Our fire codes are well defined,” said State Supervising Fire Marshal David Jones. “But, these certifications ensure a fair interpretation of the codes across the state.”

“We are proud of our inspectors' accomplishments,” said Hillsboro Fire Marshal John Rinier. “They achieve these certifications while maintaining their normal workload of inspecting businesses.” Humphreys joins Hillsboro Inspector Roger Fast who achieved his certification last fall.

The four levels of certifications are as follows:

- **Level 1 – Company Inspector** - Performs basic fire and life safety inspections in one- and two-story Business Group B and Mercantile Group M occupancies with no high-piled stock or rack storage.
- **Level 2 – Fire and Life Safety Specialist I** - Performs basic fire and life safety inspections on all types of occupancies.
- **Level 3 – Fire and Life Safety Specialist II** - Performs fire and life safety inspections with moderate technical challenges.
- **Level 4 – Fire Marshal** - Performs fire and life safety inspections with advanced technical challenges.

Fire inspectors inspect businesses and public assembly buildings, such as schools, for fire and life safety code violations. Inspectors routinely work with the business owner in an effort to make the facility safe for the public to do business and for employees to work. For more fire and life safety information, visit: www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire or call 503-681-6166. For more information on the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Inspector certification program, visit:

www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/Fire_Life_Safety/Competency_Recog/Recognition_Process_1_2008.pdf