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## **STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL DEPUTY**

State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr will recognize Springfield Deputy Fire Marshal Gilbert Gordon at a brief ceremony at 7 P.M. before Springfield City Council. Gordon will receive the State Fire Marshal's Office Highest level of competency - Oregon Level 4: Fire Marshal with Fire Plans Examiner Endorsement.

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, along with the Oregon Fire Marshals Association, has established the Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition program to provide training and promote consistent fire code application. This recognition is the highest awarded by the State of Oregon and indicates a level of dedication to excellence and advanced training.

The Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition Program is a voluntary program that defines competencies, provides education and recognizes commitment and scope of practice among fire and life safety professionals in Oregon.

As well as achieving this competency recognition Gordon holds bachelor degrees in Education, Fire Service Administration and an associate degree in Fire Prevention. He is a former school teacher and former fire chief of the city of Joseph in Wallowa County.

Springfield Fire Marshal Al Gerard said "Community fire safety is the highest priority for the Fire Marshal's Office. Deputy Fire Marshals are faced with highly technical and multifaceted challenges that span the areas of fire engineering, public education, plan review, legal procedures, fire investigations and administrative functions."

The State Fire Marshal will meet with Springfield Fire Marshal staff to discuss local issues before the presentation. She will be available immediately after the presentation for media questions.

**What:** State Fire Marshal recognition for local deputy

**When:** Monday, 7 p.m., during tonight's City Council meeting

**Where:** Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street in the Council Chambers