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**Upcoming 2009
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Meet the State Fire Marshal

This month we are introducing the first in a series of biographical profiles on State Fire Marshals. This month, we are pleased to feature Kentucky State Fire Marshal William Swope, Jr.



In April 2008, the Honorable Governor Steven Beashear appointed Lexington, Kentucky, native William Swope, Jr., to serve as the State Fire Marshal for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Upcoming Events to Mark Your Calendar

May 13
Pallet Working Group Meeting
Washington, DC

June 14-20
2009 Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week

June 17
NASFM Board Meeting
Redmond, WA

June 17-18
SAC Meeting
Redmond, WA

June 19-21
NASFM Annual Conference
Redmond, WA

Mr. Swope, who serves as director of the Division of Fire Prevention, feels extremely blessed to have the opportunity to continue working in his chosen profession of public safety. Prior to his appointment as Kentucky State Fire Marshal, Mr. Swope served for 23 years in the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services. Since 2002, he was the division's chief of administration, directing day-to-day administrative operations, including compensation, benefits and payroll. He also performed duties related to health, safety and personnel.

Future projects planned by the State Fire Marshal's Office include working with various state agencies to establish regional hazardous materials teams to mitigate incidents within the borders of the Commonwealth. The Division is also working to develop a Building Code Effectiveness Classification system for the state that will be recognized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and possibly lower insurance premiums paid by the citizens of Kentucky.

Mr. Swope holds bachelor's degrees in Communications and Organizational Management. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a former technical committee member of the National Fire Protection Association 1971 Standard on Personal Protective Clothing, and a deacon at Imani Baptist Church. He is married to Phyllis D. Swope, and they are the parents of four children.

You may contact State Fire Marshal Swope at william.swope@ky.gov. To learn more about Kentucky's Fire Prevention Division, please access the web at: <http://dhbc.ky.gov/fp/>.

NASFM Award Nominations Sought

Every year during our Annual Conference, NASFM likes to recognize those individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty. Two awards will be presented during the conference this year in Redmond, WA. NASFM is currently taking nominations for both the Fifth Annual Norman Y. Mineta Excellence in Transportation Safety Award and the Second Annual Olin Greene Outstanding Fire Prevention Service Award. Each nomination must be accompanied by a biography of the individual's credentials and safety-related accomplishments along with a description of why you believe the individual merits special recognition.

Norman Y. Mineta Excellence in Transportation Safety Award

This award is given to an individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the safety of people, products and materials in transit. We are especially interested in recognizing the achievements of individuals and teams that have encouraged transportation safety standards above what is required and have worked to ensure the safety of emergency responders.

Olin Greene Outstanding Fire Prevention Service Award

This award is a lifetime achievement award that is given to someone who has retired but dedicated his or her career to fire prevention and public safety, and who has achieved substantial accomplishments in fire prevention and public safety.

Please submit your nominations for either or both awards to Erin Friel, efriel@firemarshals.org, by Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

Train-the-Trainer Audit Final Report

The Pipeline Emergencies Train-the-Trainer (PE TTT) audit was completed and a final report, detailing the results of the survey and offering recommendations for updating and expanding the program, was submitted to the US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in March 2009.

The results of the audit overwhelmingly indicated that the Train-the-Trainer program is a vital, comprehensive and well-produced program that should be made available to all trainers of emergency responders. Based on this research, NASFM recommends the continuation and expansion of the program without reservation, particularly in states that have experienced relatively higher numbers of pipeline incidents.

This audit has also enabled NASFM to identify areas in which the marketing, targeting and content of the course can be improved to provide even greater outreach to a more relevant audience of trainers with more useful information.

To ensure that we continue to receive valuable feedback, NASFM has surveyed those who have attended Train-the-Trainer sessions in 2009 and will continue to do so for all future sessions.

For information: Linda Ware, lware@firemarshals.org or (202)737-1226, ext. 21.

There Is Still Time To Save On The Annual Conference!

Thank you to those members who have registered for the annual conference to be held June 19 - 21 at the Redmond Marriott Town Center in Redmond, WA.

For those members who would like to attend the conference, there is still time to save \$100 by registering on or before May 15, 2009, at the following website: www.firemarshals.org/events.

If you require accommodations, please contact the Redmond Marriott Town Center directly at (425) 498-4000 by May 26, 2009, and inform the hotel to book your room under the group "National Association of State Fire Marshals" to ensure that you receive the negotiated room rate.

Please contact Linda Ware at the Washington, D.C. office by phone at (202) 737-1226, ext. 21 or by e-mail at lware@firemarshals.org if you require assistance with registration or any conference planning activities.

We are looking forward to an exciting conference and to welcoming you to the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

National Fire Academy Training Opportunities

As of April 23, 2009, vacancies still exist in several National Fire Academy (NFA) courses at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. You may refer to the internet at www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/index.shtm for more information, or contact the Admissions Office via email netc-admissions@dhs.gov or by phone at (301) 447-1035. Completed applications may be faxed to (301) 447-1441.

If interested, please apply immediately!

Pallet Working Group

For the latest information regarding the Code Action Bulletin (CAB) and Pallet Working Group, please visit the NASFM website at <http://www.firemarshals.org/programs/code-enforcement-training-and-support>.