



Statement of the National Association of State Fire Marshals On the Presidential Election Results of 2008

The National Association of State Fire Marshals, the members of which are the nation's senior state fire safety officials, congratulates President-elect Obama and stands ready to work with him and his Administration in addressing the challenges we all face in protecting citizens and first responders from the devastating effects of fires across the United States.

We join the President-elect in thanking Senator McCain for his decades of service and sacrifice, as well as his longtime support of the fire services.

Vice President-elect Biden has been a true friend to emergency responders for many years. We are excited by the special insights and candor he will bring to this new White House.

Voters have spoken with exceptional clarity, and we are sworn to serve their best interests. We concur with the concepts put forward by President-elect Obama that the economy can be stimulated by moving to new sustainable technologies. Our members will work with all stakeholders to ensure that this critical transition is consistent with state and local public safety laws and regulations.

NASFM also will continue to support the missions of the federal government agencies that have a special focus on fire issues, such as the U.S. Fire Administration and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Most important will be in helping to ensure that the public servants appointed to lead these agencies are oriented to public safety and to preventing fire and burn deaths and injuries of civilians and emergency responders alike.