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2010 NASFM Annual Conference



Online registration is now available on the NASFM Web site at the following link:

<https://www.firemarshals.org/events/registration>

Accommodations are available for meeting participants at the InterContinental Hotel in Downtown Chicago, IL for the negotiated lodging rate of \$165.00 per night (single/double). If you require accommodations, please contact the InterContinental Hotel Chicago directly at

(800) 235-4670 by June 14, 2010 and inform the hotel to book your room under the group name "National Association of State Fire Marshals" to ensure that you receive the negotiated room rate.

Travel arrangements for all State Fire Marshals may be made through Nancy Martin at Central Travel at (800) 282-9945 or by e-mail at nancy_martin@centralbank.net. Please indicate that you are a State Fire Marshal attending the 2010 Annual Conference.

Planned sessions for this year's conference include:

- State Fire Marshals Only Forum to begin every day
- Science Advisory Committee Update to the NASFM Membership
- Green Buildings and Fire Safety: Bridging the Gap
- Egress Technology to Address Human Behavior in Fires
- Factors Impacting Expert Testimony by Fire Investigators
- ATF's Bomb Arson Tracking System and the Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act
- The Insurance Services Office (ISO) 2010 Fire Suppression Rating Schedule
- Do Your Fire Prevention Programs Have Impact?
- Social Media (Web 2.0) and Implications for Public Safety
- Youth Fire Prevention Program Workshop
- Model Codes Committee Update to the NASFM Membership
- Address from U.S. Fire Administrator Kelvin Cochran

In the meantime, if you have any questions or require assistance with your conference planning, please contact Chrishawn Morgan-Price at (202) 737-1226 x 17 or cmorgan-price@firemarshals.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Upcoming Events...

March 11, 2010
Pipeline Emergencies
Train-the-Trainer
Cosumnes Fire
Department
Elk Grove, CA

March 17, 2010
Youth Fire Prevention
Workshop
Kellogg Hotel &
Conference Center
East Lansing, MI

July 22-24, 2010
2010 NASFM
Annual Conference
InterContinental
Chicago Hotel
Chicago, IL

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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 Chicago. NASFM is currently taking nominations for both the Sixth Annual Norman Y. Mineta Excellence in Transportation Safety Award and the Third 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 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 by March 31, 2010, to Erin Friel, efriel@firemarshals.org.

NASFM Foundation's Youth Fire Prevention Workshops



"How do I get the other agencies to assist with intervention activities for juvenile firesetters?" "How can I convince the city that we need to get intervention help for our juvenile firesetters?" "I have found little consistency in dealing with our District Attorney's Office. How can I change that?"

These are some of questions being addressed in the NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundations training workshops that are being conducted this year in the FEMA regions across the nation. So far, the Foundation has conducted 3 workshops: Region 1 in Concord, NH; Region 3 in Washington, DC; and Region 8 in Arvada, CO. Participants in each of these workshops have responded overwhelmingly positively in their evaluations of whether the Foundation's program is meeting their needs.

The Workshops have addressed the needs of juvenile intervention specialists, fire prevention educators, juvenile prosecutors, school resources officers, and law enforcement juvenile specialists who have attended earlier workshops.

The Foundation will be conducting seven additional workshops between now and June 1, 2010. Please [click here](#) for additional schedule information.

State Fire Marshals are urged to make many of the represented agencies in their states aware of the remaining training opportunity in their respective region.

USFA Launches Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign

NASFM has partnered with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) as they launch the Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign, encouraging people to install and maintain smoke alarms and sprinklers, practice fire escape plans, and perform a home safety walk-through.

The USFA recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home; testing them monthly; changing alkaline batteries at least once a year; and installing ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor smoke alarms. For more information or to download a campaign toolkit and reference materials, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms or call the USFA Publications Office at (800) 561-3356

NASFM Model State Bill to Ban Novelty Lighters Available on NASFM Website

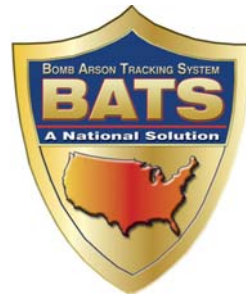
Fire officials agree that selling fire-producing implements that resemble toys and other objects that are attractive to children is an overall bad idea. To date, 10 states have succeeded in passing legislation to ban or restrict the sale of novelty/toylike lighters, and at least another 11 states have bills under consideration currently, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

For an updated rundown on state activity on this issue, visit http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/all_citizens/home_fire_prev/noveltylighters/.

NASFM has available for downloading on its website a model state bill to ban the sale of novelty lighters that can be accessed at <http://www.firemarshals.org/data/nasfmmodelstatebillnoveltylightersREVJan09.pdf>. This bill is patterned on the very first novelty lighter ban, which passed in Maine in 2008. This version of the model state bill exempts standard-shaped lighters that are printed or decorated with logos, labels, decals or artwork, or heat shrinkable sleeves - an important exclusion, in order to avoid inadvertently banning lighters that are not the focus of this effort. NASFM encourages the use of the model bill that includes this exclusion.

For more information: Karen Deppa, kfernico@aol.com, or 202-737-1226, ext. 15.

BATS Offers Nationally Shared Database of Arson and Explosives Incidents



and more.

The Bomb Arson Tracking System (BATS), operated by the U.S. Bomb Data Center of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, provides fire investigators, bomb technicians and post-blast investigators with state-of-the-art case management technology at no charge. BATS, developed with feedback from state and local bomb technicians and fire/arson investigators, enables users to query over 190,000 explosives and arson incidents dating back to the early 1970s, capture details of bomb and arson cases, share images and video of arson scenes and bombs with fellow BATS users across the nation, customize and print professional reports using standardized terminology,

Each agency manages its own BATS account. Consult the BATS flyer at http://www.firemarshals.org/data/BATS_flyer_20Jan2010.pdf for a more comprehensive description of BATS features. To obtain additional information or to request a BATS account, contact the U.S. Bomb Data Center at www.BATS.gov or toll-free at 800-461-8841.