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NASFM Announces Change in Leadership

Georgia State Fire Marshal Alan Shuman stepped down as President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) effective May 6, 2011, concurrent with his resignation from the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Per NASFM's bylaws, Vice President Jerry Rosendahl, Minnesota State Fire Marshal, assumed the NASFM presidency upon Chief Shuman's departure. In a special meeting of the NASFM Board of Directors, Marshal Rosendahl was elected to fill the remainder of Chief Shuman's unexpired term.

"In his nearly three years serving as NASFM President, and prior to that as a member of the Board of Directors, Chief Shuman has advanced NASFM's vision and provided outstanding leadership to the organization," said Marshal Rosendahl. "His service to NASFM is warmly appreciated, and he will be greatly missed."

Assisting Marshal Rosendahl in fulfilling NASFM's mission of protecting life, property and the environment from fire and other hazards will be NASFM's strong team of Officers, Board of Directors and staff.

"Jerry Rosendahl will be an excellent successor as NASFM President, and he is committed to continuing the progress Chief Shuman has achieved during his tenure," said NASFM Executive Director Jim Narva. He added, "Alan Shuman will remain a trusted advisor to NASFM, and we wish him the very best in his future endeavors."

Other NASFM Officer and Board vacancies resulting from these changes will be addressed by the full membership at the NASFM Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, in July.

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NASFM Annual Conference Registration Deadline is Fast Approaching!

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Thank you to those NASFM members who have registered for the 2011 NASFM Annual Conference that will be held July 14-16, 2011, in New Orleans, Louisiana. There is still time to save \$100 by registering on or before May 15, 2011, at the following website:
www.firemarshals.org/events.

On Wednesday, July 13, the 2011 NASFM Annual Conference Golf Scramble, benefiting the NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundation, will be held at the Lakewood Country Club in New Orleans. The following links contain additional information on the Golf Scramble. Note: Pre-registration is required.

To download the Golf Scramble Flyer [click here](#).

To download the Golf Scramble Registration Form [click here](#).

Additionally, linked are an [Exhibitor Form](#), [Sponsorship Guide](#) and [Form](#) to be shared with organizations who may be interested in attending our conference and supporting

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Implementing a
Residential Sprinkler
Workshop
Eagle, CO

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Bridging the Gap:
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Implementing a
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Travel arrangements for all State Fire Marshals should 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 2011 Annual Conference.

For more information about the conference, contact Chrishawn Morgan-Price at cmorgan-price@firemarshals.org.

State Fire Marshal Profile: Tonya Hoover, Acting California State Fire Marshal



Q. When were you appointed State Fire Marshal?

A. Actually I was appointed on Sept 4, 2007, as the Assistant State Fire Marshal under the past administration. In June of 2009, the Appointed Fire Marshal at the time (Chief Kate Dargan) retired from the fire service and on July 1, 2009, I was appointed as the Acting State Fire Marshal by the CAL FIRE Director and that was approved by Gov. Schwarzenegger. Currently I am serving as the Acting State Fire Marshal for Governor Brown's administration.

Q. What did you do before you became State Fire Marshal?

A. Before my state service, I was the Fire Marshal/Battalion Chief for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District located east of Berkeley/Oakland, a fire district of about 55 square miles, a population of about 40,000, consisting of Wildland-Urban Interface, a college campus, business area, a major freeway, and a relatively high moderate income and educated demographics. Prior to my local fire marshal position, I served as a Deputy Fire Marshal for UC Berkeley and prior to that a fire inspector/ plan reviewer for two other fire departments. I even spent a short time (2 months) working for a large fire sprinkler installer doing system inspections/testing.

Q. If you could describe your career to this point as a TV show, what would the TV show be, and why?

A. Wish I could come up with one but I can't think of one. But I can say it would be about a young girl who had got involved in the family business...it was a hobby that became a passion and I was lucky to have it as a career. That happened because along the way there were and are many people that provided me guidance, allowed me to stumble when I needed to learn, and were there when I needed help. Even today, all that I have had the honor of being a part of is because of others and their inclusion.

Q. What is the size of your staff (and your budget)?

A. The CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal is currently 156 persons working within program areas throughout the state. The budget of OSFM is approximately \$21.5 million with approximately 70% of the budget being special funds and 30% of general funds.

Q. Brag a little: What program(s) are you most proud of?

A. It is difficult to pick one program to be proud of. Each of them has accomplished and continues to accomplish so much. Even through difficult economic times the programs continue to strive to reach out to all of our stakeholders and get the work done. As many of my peers know first hand, being in government (especially state government) can be a challenge to move the mission forward. I think we have done a remarkable job at customer service, bringing groups together to problem solve, and addressing difficult questions. Whether it is the Pipeline Safety program working at inspecting over 5,500 miles of hazardous materials transportation pipeline in the state, providing fire service training materials and certification for the California fire service (paid and volunteer), inspecting and doing plan review for over 1.3 billion square feet of state buildings, being responsible for the review and approval of all fire and panic

safety provisions that are proposed by state agencies (as well as our own code change proposals) for our code adoption, the listing/approval of hundreds of fire protections devices and appliances, responsible for the oversight of fire safety for the film industry, the pyrotechnic industry, and fireworks disposal, and the development of wildland-urban interface development codes, hazard mapping, and modeling. We are also responsible for the state's fire reporting system and data collection as well as the CAL FIRE law enforcement branch for our fire/arson investigations sits within OSFM. We also provide assistance to local government building and fire officials to support the mission of community risk reduction and fire safety. So to brag....I brag about everything we do with a limited staff, serving the 8th largest economy in the world, and how so many of our projects and programs are carried throughout the country. California's biggest accomplishment will be to show the rest of the country that we can actively reduce fire deaths through the installation of residential fire sprinkler system AND still promote a robust building economy because we all know that sprinklers aren't the reason for a down turn in the housing market or the slowed housing construction.

Q. What are the goals for your office for the coming year?

A. Over the next year we will continue to focus on the success of residential fire sprinklers through our outreach. I hope to be taking the first steps at the accreditation of our State Fire Training Division. There is much to be done on this subject and this year we will be engaged in actively pursuing this goal (it's going to take a few years because of budget constraints and the system). And, we will be working at keeping our mission whole and sustainable during difficult times. This includes finding different ways to accomplish our tasks, train and educate our workforce, and provide support to those that keep our citizens safe.

Q. What is your biggest frustration as State Fire Marshal?

A. Probably the biggest frustration I have is the "system". Every one of my peers I think can relate to that....so I will just leave it at that.

Q. What would you like to know from your fellow State Fire Marshals?

A. I enjoy hearing about other SFM programs and methods of accomplishing their mission.

Pipeline Emergencies Second Edition: Updated Content and Delivery to Debut May 20



NASFM, working with a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, will be releasing on May 20, 2011, an updated and enhanced second edition of the Pipeline Emergencies curriculum. The curriculum will debut at the 2011 International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

Since its introduction in 2004, the Pipeline Emergencies program has trained more than one thousand firefighters and certified fire trainers across the country, and distributed almost 45,000 textbooks free-of-charge to first responders. In response to the

new challenges facing responders in the field, the second edition of Pipeline Emergencies will continue to give the technical background information, regulations and standards, hazard and risk evaluation, and tactical response procedures first responders need to safely handle a pipeline emergency. There will be an added focus on American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practice 1162 and material to support the industry's mandatory outreach and training requirements. The curriculum will be useful to pipeline operators, regulatory agencies, local response officials, and elected representatives in addition to firefighters, police officers, and other first responders.

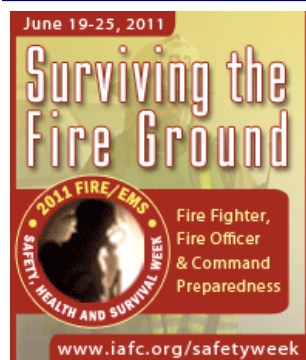
NASFM has modernized the way the 2.0 version of the curriculum is delivered. NASFM will offer the second edition online, as print-on-demand, and as a CD. This will allow

the addition of a testing option, integrated support for students, interactive training scenarios with simulated emergency situations, and coordinated video clips when appropriate. Students will be able to "flip" the electronic pages like a real book but get the added advantages of the latest technology for enhanced learning and comprehension. The instructor's package will again dovetail with the textbook ensuring the complete curriculum works together for a thorough educational package. NASFM will continue to make available printed textbook copies and instructor tools, but the revised second edition is to be widely distributed electronically on the Internet via www.pipelineemergencies.com, on CD and DVD, and through other online portals.

NASFM continues to explore partnerships with pipeline operators to offer the training online through dedicated web portals. The goal would be for operators to educate the responders who might directly answer a call to one of their facilities or pipelines. Other online training and education opportunities are being explored to ensure the program is available to interested responders who might otherwise be unable to attend a class via traditional teaching venues.

NASFM will once again offer the second edition at no cost to first responders and other emergency response personnel. Look for the new Pipeline Emergencies curriculum online at www.pipelinemergencies.com and you can follow all updates and announcements on Facebook.

Preparedness Is Focus of 2011 Safety Week



NASFM has once again partnered with the [International Association of Fire Chiefs](http://www.iafc.org) (IAFC) and the [International Association of Fire Fighters](http://www.iaff.org) (IAFF), who are pleased to announce the 2011 Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week (also known as Safety Week) to be held the week of June 19-25, 2011.

The message this year is: *Surviving the Fire Ground - Fire Fighter, Fire Officer and Command Preparedness.*

With so many changes (budget cuts, staffing reductions, reduced training, etc.) in so many fire departments, it is critical for fire fighters to focus on their own survival on the fire ground. There is no other call more challenging to fire ground operations than a MAYDAY call - the unthinkable moment when a fire fighter's personal safety is in imminent danger. Fire fighter fatality data compiled by the U.S. Fire Administration have shown that fire fighters "becoming trapped and disoriented represent the largest portion of structural fire ground fatalities." The incidents in which fire fighters have lost their lives, or lived to tell about it, have a consistent theme - inadequate situational awareness put them at risk. Fire fighters don't plan to be lost, disoriented, injured or trapped during a structure fire or emergency incident. But fires are unpredictable and volatile, and an unpredictable fire ground can cause even the most seasoned fire fighter to be overwhelmed in an instant.

This year's Safety Week will focus on delivering the online [IAFF Fire Ground Survival \(FGS\) awareness training course](http://www.iaff.org) to all fire departments. The program is the most comprehensive survival skills and MAYDAY prevention program currently available and is open to all members of the fire service. Additional planning tools and resources will be available on the [Safety Week website](http://www.iaff.org).

IAFC has updated the Safety Week [Fire Fighter Survival Resources page](http://www.iafc.org) - be sure to check out the new Safety Week Training Aid! It includes a discussion of the 2011 theme, numerous links that you can use as starting points for discussion or training drills, and sample training schedules. There are also forms you can use to plan your own department-specific activities. There are several IAFF Fire Ground Survival program resources on that page as well.

