



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS

### **National Association of State Fire Marshals Celebrates 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Symposium**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA-** The National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) is in New Orleans this week celebrating its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference and symposium.

NASFM membership comprises the most senior fire officials in the United States with the mission to protect human life, property and the environment from fire and related hazards.

The conference and symposium features educational opportunities for attendees as well as a technology expo, featuring fire safety and property protection industry representatives from across the world. This year's event kicked off with a keynote address from Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator Tonya Hoover.

In addition, the association elected its new leadership structure. Vermont State Fire Marshal Michael Desrochers was elected President while Maryland State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci was elected Vice President and North Carolina State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The following additional state fire marshals were elected as executive board members—Doug Nelson from North Dakota, Sean Toomey from New Hampshire, Mike Morgan from Colorado, and Peter Ostroskey from Massachusetts.

“I want to thank the immediate past president, Julius Halas, of Florida for his leadership over the past four years guiding NASFM through great accomplishments in fire and safety, said incoming President Desrochers, “My vision for NASFM moving forward includes expanding partnerships and relationships to lead data collection efforts, interoperability of state fire marshal offices, and community risk reduction programs. I can't think of a better Vice President than Brain Geraci, he is extremely important to me as we lead our Board of Directors.”

Two annual awards given at the conference this year recognized the association's recently retired executive director and the Maine State Fire Marshal.

Jim Narva received the Olin Green Outstanding Fire Prevention Service Award for devoting 35-plus years to emergency services and fire prevention at the local, state, and federal levels. The President's Award, which recognizes outstanding efforts and leadership during the prior year, was presented to Joe Thomas. Thomas, Maine State

Fire Marshal, serves on the NASFM Nominations committee as well as represents the association on the NFPA 921 committee and has consistently contributed vital input and excellent recommendations to all of his fellow members of NASFM.



President Micheal Deroachers addresses the membership



Newly Elected Board of NASFM