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National Association of State Fire Marshals

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**2017 NASFM
Annual Conference**

July 31, August 1-2
Charleston, SC



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Life Safety Achievement Award Application Period Now Open

The lifesaving efforts of our fire departments aren't limited to rushing into buildings to save families. They're also busy presenting education information to local schools and other community groups, teaching how to respond to fires and how to prevent them in the first place.

The Life Safety Achievement (LSA) Award, established in 1994, was created to both honor and inspire our country's fire departments in their fight to reduce fire fatalities through prevention education. Over the years, award recipients have led many creative and effective prevention programs. Most important, together we've saved lives.

The application period for the national LSA Award opens on May 8, to recognize fire departments for their efforts in 2016. The application may be [submitted online](#) by clicking the link. All applications must be received by July 31, 2017. For more information on the LSA Awards click the following link <http://www.firemarshals.org/Life-Safety-Achievement-Awards>.

Please forward this link to both the volunteer and professional fire departments in your state. Together, we can recognize their hard work and spread the message of fire safety.

Thank you for your commitment to saving lives through fire prevention.

The Life Safety Achievement Award is sponsored by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation and Grinnell Mutual.



NASFM Noteworthies:

New Principal Members:

We would like to welcome our newest Principal members. NASFM leadership looks forward to working with you, and we hope you take advantage of the vast networking opportunities your membership in NASFM provides.

Chuck LeBlanc: Washington State Fire Marshal
Jeff Hussey: Ohio State Fire Marshal

Welcome to NASFM!

NASFM Members on ICC Code Committees:

Many of your peers are working diligently to enhance the codes on various committees within ICC. Please take a moment when you see them to thank them for their efforts.

Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC-GC):

Gary West, TN State FM
Michael Desrochers, VT State FM
Coy Porter, UT State FM
Kelly Nicoletto, UL

Fire Code Action Committee

Jeff Hussey, OH State FM
Rob Geislinger, CO

Code Development Committees

IBC – Egress: Paul Martin, NY
IBC – Fire Safety – Ken Bush, MD
IFC – Brian McGraw, VA State FM
IFC – Heather Roth, NY

Regional Work Groups

Western: Mark Brunton, UT
Northeast: Ron Anstey, NH; William Freer, NY
Southern: Lindsey Williams, AR; Craig Landolt, GA
Midwest: Tim Thompson, OH; Brian Williams, MI



NASFM Annual Conference

We hope you'll join us at our 2017 Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, and take part in engaging informational sessions. Plans are well under way, and registrations have been coming in at a steady pace!

We have lined up a comprehensive [program](#) sure to provide new ideas and best practice examples for conference attendees.

Click [here](#) for online registration.

For general information, and the current schedule of events, click [here](#).



Member Survey 2017

On April 14, 2017, NASFM disseminated its Annual State Fire Marshals Duties and Responsibilities survey. We are asking each State Fire Marshal's Office to complete the survey and return it to us by June 1, 2017.

If you have any questions about the survey, or if you did not receive the survey via email, please [contact](#) us.

We appreciate the effort and commitment involved with your participation.

Forum to Explore Electrical and Fire Codes and Standards For Solar Safety

As solar installations continue to grow exponentially, there is an increasing need for other professions to know more about solar technologies, both for safety and quality assurance. A half-day training session at Intersolar North America July 12th in San Francisco is one in a series of national forums on solar codes and safety specifically for local building planners and inspectors, architects, builders, solar installers and others who will benefit, including fire officials.

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) is presenting the forum with the [International Code Council's Solar Rating & Certification Corporation](#) (ICC-SRCC), the [National Association of State Fire Marshals](#) (NASFM) and the [International Association of Electrical Inspectors](#) (IAEI), which together represent a wide range of code officials and building and electrical inspectors. The forum is scheduled in conjunction with Intersolar North America.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

PHMSA's New Cylinder Special Permit Maintains Safety Standards While Offering Cost Savings to First Responder Industry.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced it has issued a special permit to authorize the extension of the 15-year service life of certain carbon fiber reinforced aluminum-lined cylinders (DOT-CFFC) that are used in self-contained breathing apparatuses by fire departments and first responders. Read the entire news release [here](#).

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