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VT Fire Safety Director Elected President of National Fire Association

The Director of the Vermont Division of Fire Safety (DFS) has been elected by his peers to lead a national association of senior fire officials. Michael Desrochers has been elected President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM). Desrochers is a 32-year veteran of the Division of Fire Safety and is a resident of Morrisville.

Director Desrochers has served in his current role for the past ten years. Since joining DFS in 1990 he has served in a several roles, as a Fire Prevention Officer, a Hazardous Materials Technician on the State's Hazmat Response Team, Regional Manager, and Deputy Director. As Director, Mr. Desrochers serves as the State Fire Marshal and oversees fire service training, code enforcement, trade licensing, and represents the State on many local and national boards and committees.

"Director Desrochers has worked for many years to make Vermont a safer place," Vermont Public Safety Commissioner Jennifer Morrison said. "His experience, expertise, and relationships will be as invaluable to NASFM as it is to the Department of Public Safety and the state of Vermont."

NASFM is a national group whose mission is to protect human life, property, and the environment from fire and related hazards. Its membership comprises of the most senior fire officials in the United States.

"I've been honored to work with NASFM and serve on its board of directors for the past six years," Desrochers said. "As President I look forward to further assisting other states by sharing best practices from Vermont, and benefitting from the work of others to improve fire safety here."

"Director Desrochers will be an amazing President for NASFM," Association Executive Director Butch Browning said. "His passion and steadfast work in protecting the lives of others has been noticed and affirmed by our membership, as his vision for better partnerships in research, technology and education are paramount in this organization's mission."

The Vermont Department of Public Safety now boasts two division Directors who lead their national professional organizations, Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann currently serves as President of the National Emergency Management Association.

For more information on NASFM visit www.firemarshals.org.

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