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H. "Butch" Browning, Jr.-Louisiana State Fire Marshal

H. "Butch" Browning, Jr. was appointed the Louisiana State Fire Marshal on March 8, 2008. Fire Marshal Browning has a strong belief in value-driven leadership whereby he leads by example and empowers people for success. Over the past 34 years, he has served in all levels of the fire service. He entered public service as a sheriff's deputy for East Baton Rouge Parish and later taught fire fighting techniques as an adjunct professor at LSU. Browning also served as Fire Chief for the District 6 Fire Department in Baton Rouge, and prior to his appointment as State Fire Marshal, he proudly served as the City of Gonzales Fire Chief.

Browning has developed a paramedic ALS transport system, "Effective Fire Drills," which is a program for fire safety in schools and a fire/arson task force. Browning is a recipient of the 2000, 2006, 2008 and 2014 Roy Robichaux Legislative Award. He was also named the 1996 Louisiana Fireman of the year by the American Legion.

His accomplishments include being an Eagle Scout, Past President of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association, Past President of the National Association of State Fire Marshal's and Past President of the Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association. He is a Graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and the Commission on Professional Credentialing Chief Fire Officer. He is also a member of the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association, The International Association of Fire Chiefs and is a nationally registered Emergency Medical Technician.

He has led the reorganization of the State Fire Marshal's office to include cross-training of personnel, decentralizing the office to all areas of the state and the development of a modern day data management system. Current results show an increase in productivity of 40% along with a reduction in staff of 19%. His motto is "We work every day to protect safety and economic development through building friendships and trust".

Fire Marshal Butch Browning is an accomplished public speaker and has delivered the keynote address at many local, regional and state fire service, business and industry-related events. As a young child, he personally witnessed the destructive power of fire and is a burn victim. He has since dedicated his entire life to public safety and service to his community and state in his quest to protect the lives and property of others.