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### Daniel H. Wallis-Louisiana State Fire Marshal

Daniel H. Wallis was appointed the Louisiana State Fire Marshal on May 16, 2022. Fire Marshal Wallis has been committed to public service for more than 40 years and is honored to now be given the opportunity to serve the people of Louisiana as their State Fire Marshal.

Wallis has been a member of the fire service since 1977 when he served his community as a junior firefighter. In 1980, he joined the Zachary Fire Department as a career fireman and was recognized as that department's Firefighter of the Year in that first year. He was named Zachary's Fire Chief in 2000. He also volunteered with the Brownsfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Wallis joined the State Fire Marshal's Office alongside his predecessor, H. "Butch" Browning, in 2008 upon Browning's appointment as State Fire Marshal. As deputy state fire marshal, Dan played a key role in the reorganization of the agency that included cross-training of personnel and decentralizing the office to all areas of the state in an effort to make the agency more efficient. Fourteen years later, results show an increase in productivity of 40% along with a reduction in staff of 19%.

Wallis has also served as a respected liaison to the fire service which included, at the time of his appointment, leading the transition of the Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy (FETA) from LSU to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Wallis' accomplishments include being a lifetime member of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association and the Louisiana Fire Chiefs' Association. He is also a member of the Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association and the International Fire Chiefs' Association. In addition, Wallis is licensed nationally as an Emergency Medical Technician and certified as a Lean Six Sigma green belt member. He has an Associate of Applied Sciences degree from Louisiana State University-Eunice.

Wallis is a recipient of the Dale Carnegie Highest Award for Achievement. He has also been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Officer of the Year Award while at the State Fire Marshal's Office.

"It is an honor that the governor and the citizens of Louisiana have the confidence in me to continue the positive progression of this agency as its leader," said Wallis, "I will work diligently with the men and women of the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Louisiana fire service and all other public and private partners of this agency, especially our esteemed law enforcement agencies, to provide progressive, efficient and accessible service to the people of this great state."