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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

## Public Safety Services



H. BUTCH BROWNING  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

November 2, 2009

To: All Louisiana Volunteer Fire Departments, Volunteer Firefighters

Re: **Workers' Compensation Coverage for Louisiana Volunteer Firefighters  
Effective November 1, 2009**

Dear Chief:

I am pleased to announce that, effective November 1, 2009, the State Fire Marshal's office has secured workers' compensation insurance coverage for Louisiana's active volunteer firefighters. The insurance carrier is Louisiana Workers' Compensation Insurance Corporation (LWCC) through Lewis Mohr Real Estate and Insurance Agency LLC. I must thank Governor Jindal, the Louisiana Legislature, the Louisiana State Firemens Association, the Louisiana Fire Chiefs' Association and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, for their support of this effort. This is a remarkable accomplishment to protect the volunteer firefighters who loyally give of themselves to serve Louisiana's citizens and visitors!

There are necessary steps that need to be taken to provide this coverage. **FIRST, IN ORDER FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE TO BE PROVIDED, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MUST HAVE A CURRENT ROSTER INDICATING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT.** The law states:

La. R. S. 23:1086. C.(3). Any member who is not carried on the membership list of the organization as of the date of the member's injury shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Section.

Therefore, please forward a completed and signed "Volunteer Firefighters' Insurance Program Roster Form" (attached) to the Office of State Fire Marshal at the address provided on the form **by November 18, 2009**. The roster must be signed by the Chief of the department and must be updated every time a volunteer joins or resigns from the department. Additions/deletions can be submitted on a new form and will be added to the master form. For your convenience and knowledge, we have attached the following documents:

- Volunteer Firefighters' Insurance Program Roster Form
- Employer Report of Injury/Illness

**This is our first step in ensuring that volunteer fire fighters in this state are protected. However, it is important to note that additional requirements for this coverage will be forthcoming in the near future.**

Please do not hesitate to call my office and speak to Macie Kinchen, Josie Rando or Felicia Cooper (phone: 225-925-4911 or 800-256-5452; fax: 225-925-4241) if you have any questions. Again, thank you for what you do to protect Louisiana's citizens.

Yours in Protection,

H. "Butch" Browning, State Fire Marshal

Attachments.

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