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### New Chief Architect Named at Office of State Fire Marshal

Lawrence "Joe" Delaune has been selected as the new Chief Architect for the Office of Louisiana State Fire Marshal, effective today.

Delaune graduated from Louisiana State University in 1988 with a degree in Architecture. Between 1988 and 1998 he worked with private architectural and engineering firms that specialized in commercial and institutional building types. He has been licensed as a professional architect since 1994 and as a Certified Building Official since 2006.

Delaune has been with the Office of State Fire Marshal since 1998. For the past several years he has served as the Senior Specialist and Chief Building Official for the office. His specialties include establishing office policies and plan review procedures, implementing legislative changes that affect the office mission, preparing administrative rules for adoption, conducting training classes, evaluating unusual code applications, acquiring new technology, and various other miscellaneous duties.

Chief Browning said, "I have full confidence that (Joe) will lead what I have come to know as the most professional group of building and fire safety reviewers in the industry. I look forward to even more success in the streamlining and enhancement of processes that protect safety and promote economic development."

"I am humbled and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to lead the plan review section of our office in a way that will serve the needs of our clients, partners, and industry leaders," said Delaune.

Delaune replaces Donald Zeringue who recently retired after 20 years of service.



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