



# News Release

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### **Fire Marshal Assoc. of LA Receives State Farm® Grant to Fight Arson**

*Check presentation to be held during National Arson Awareness Week*

**Baton Rouge, LA** – A \$15,000 grant from State Farm will help the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office enhance its arson prevention efforts.

The grant will fund camera equipment to provide surveillance in high arson crime areas.

May 3-9 is National Arson Awareness Week. Each year billions of dollars in property damage and hundreds of lives are lost as a result of fires set by arsonists. The U.S. Fire Administration and State Farm have teamed up this year for Arson Awareness Week with the theme of "Accelerant Detection Canines: Sniffing Out Arson."

Since 1993, the State Farm Arson Dog Program has provided funding for the acquisition and training of more than 350 arson dog teams across North America.

As for Louisiana, previous State Farm contributions have resulted in the creation of three active Arson Dog teams currently with the State Fire Marshal's Office:

- Captain Keith Reed and K9 Daisy (Baton Rouge)
- Deputy Roman Ray and K9 Billy (Alexandria)
- Deputy Patrick Freeman and K9 Mazy (Monroe)

All are invited to attend this check presentation ceremony. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday, May 4, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Location: Louisiana State Fire Marshal headquarters, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

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