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Browning Reelected President of National Association of State Fire Marshals

Baton Rouge, LA – At the annual meeting of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM), which took place July 19-21 in Albuquerque, the primary membership of the association—by unanimous acclamation—reelected Louisiana State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning, Jr. to a second term as president of the association. Prior to his first term as president of NASFM, Browning served in various capacities on the association’s board since 2010.

“NASFM has a long history as the pre-eminent voice for increased fire and life safety,” said Browning. “I’m honored and humbled to once again have the opportunity to serve alongside my colleagues as we steadfastly work to protect citizens, first responders and this great country.”

“For nearly three decades, Butch Browning has been an advocate for cutting edge public safety initiatives in Louisiana. His reelection as president of this prestigious association serves to confirm his leadership ability and commitment to safety for the citizens we both serve,” said Colonel Mike Edmonson, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Public Safety.

NASFM members also elected Florida State Fire Marshal Julius Halas to serve as vice-president and Tennessee State Fire Marshal Gary West to serve as secretary-treasurer, respectively. They are joined by Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy, Vermont State Fire Marshal Michael Desrochers, Maryland State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, and Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, who serve as board directors. New Hampshire State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan serves on the board as immediate past-president in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

“Under President Browning’s guidance, NASFM’s position as a leader in ensuring fire and life safety for the American public has been strengthened,” said NASFM Executive Director Jim Narva. “I look forward to continuing to work with him and our entire board.”

The membership of NASFM is comprised of senior fire officials in the United States and their top deputies. The primary mission of NASFM, which was established in 1989, is to protect human life, property, and the environment from fire and related hazards. A secondary focus of NASFM is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State Fire Marshals’ operations.

In addition to its principal membership, NASFM has several categories of membership to allow companies, associations, academic and research institutions, and individuals who support NASFM’s mission to contribute in meaningful ways.

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