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State Fire Marshal's Office Prioritizing School Safety Measures

BATON ROUGE- With schools all across the country recently reviewing their safety protocols, procedures and practices, the Office of State Fire Marshal is reminding all educational facilities around Louisiana about the agency's available resources and partnership opportunities to assure the most secure environment for students.

Earlier this month, Chief H. "Butch" Browning issued two Interpretive Memos relative to school safety. One is an existing memo recently update that directs methods allowed for locking doors from entry. The other addresses, for the first time, the concerns of fire alarm operations and malicious activation. The development of the memos was made in collaboration with the National Fire Protection Association, as well as the Association of State Fire Marshal's, of which Browning serves as current president.

"We have been working hard to ensure that our state's fire safety programs in schools are properly executed," said Browning.

In addition, deputies with the OSFM have continued to answer proactive and precautionary requests for security sweeps by our K-9 division.

For further inquiries, or interview requests on this topic, please contact Public Affairs Director Ashley Rodrigue.

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