



Office of Louisiana State Fire Marshal Code Enforcement and Building Safety

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H. "Butch" Browning, Jr.-Louisiana State Fire Marshal Biography

H. "Butch" Browning, Jr. was appointed the Louisiana State Fire Marshal on March 8, 2008 by the Governor Bobby Jindal. Fire Marshal Browning has an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience in firefighting, fire training, response and emergency preparedness. Ensuring the safety of Louisiana children and families is an incredibly important mission and the state has benefitted from his leadership, knowledge and service."



Fire Marshal Browning has a strong belief in value-driven leadership whereby he leads by example and empowers people for success. He has served in all levels of the fire service. He entered public service as a sheriff's deputy for East Baton Rouge Parish in 1986, and later taught fire fighting techniques as an adjunct professor at LSU from 1987 to 1998. Browning also served as Assistant Fire Chief for the District 6 Fire Department in Baton Rouge from 1987 to 1998, when he was promoted to Fire Chief and prior to his appointment as State Fire Marshal he proudly served as the City of Gonzales Fire Chief since 2001.

Browning developed a paramedic ALS transport system, created "Project Life Saver," a fire safety program, and "Effective Fire Drill," a program for fire safety in schools. Browning is a recipient of the 2000 and 2006 Roy Robichaux Legislative Award. He was also named the 1996 Louisiana

Fireman of the year, by the American Legion, and named District 6 Officer of the Year in 1988, 1989, 1991, and 1993.

His accomplishments include being an Eagle Scout, Past President of the Louisiana State Fireman's Association, Past President of the Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association, Graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, The Commission on Professional Credentialing Chief Fire Officer, a member of the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association, The International Association of Fire Chiefs and is a nationally registered Emergency Medical Technician.

He is certified in many fire administration, fire suppression, fire prevention, and fire education levels at the National Fire Academy and Oklahoma State University. Fire Marshal Browning has instructed at Louisiana State University and holds a Fire Science Degree from LSU-Eunice and was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

Fire Marshal Butch Browning is an accomplished public speaker and has delivered the keynote address at many local, regional and state fire service, business and industry related events. As a young child, he personally witnessed the destructive power of fire and since has dedicated his entire life to public safety and service to his community and state in his quest to protect the lives and property of others.