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Register Online Now for the NASFM 2013 Annual Conference, August 7-9



Members, nonmembers, exhibitors and sponsors, and spouse/companions are now able to register on-line for the NASFM 2013 Annual Conference, August 7-9 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis, Indiana. All information that is currently available about the conference, including electronic registration, sponsorship guide, preliminary agenda and links to local attractions, can be accessed at:

<http://www.firemarshals.org/events/events.html>.

Make your plans now to attend the NASFM 2013 Annual Conference!

NASFM Past President Jim Burns to Receive Award from Fire Equipment Manufacturers

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association (FEMA) has selected NASFM Past President James A. Burns to receive the Fire and Life Safety Advocate of the Year award. This award is given to a person who has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the safety of the public through innovative efforts, including legislative, educational, enforcement, or other effective means.



"Your dedication to the protection of the public from fire has been

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noted throughout your history in the fire service," said FEMA President Eric Smith in a letter informing Burns of the honor. "As the President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and while serving as the State Fire Administrator for the State of New York, we observed your efforts to pass legislation and promulgate rules that have benefited not only the citizens of New York, but also the entire United States. These include the Safe Cigarette legislation, which your department pursued with tenacious vigor, rules regarding novelty cigarette lighters, model code adoptions, and more."

Smith's letter concludes, "We appreciate the fact that, even after retiring from the active fire service, you remain vigilant through your leadership of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. Your efforts to provide for the health and safety of firefighters as well as the general public should not go unnoticed."

Burns will receive the award at FEMA's Annual Meeting, scheduled for October 9-11, 2013, in Orlando, Florida. Learn more about FEMA at www.femalifesafety.org.

NASFM to Hold Congressional Reception May 8 in Washington, DC



NASFM is planning a Congressional Reception on May 8, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC. This event is designed for State Fire Marshals to meet with their Members of Congress and congressional staffs to discuss issues of importance to fire prevention while they are in town for activities surrounding the 25th Annual National Fire & Emergency Services Dinner.

State Fire Marshals who will be in Washington, DC, on May 8 and would like to attend NASFM's Congressional Reception should contact NASFM Executive Director Jim Narva at jnarva@narvaassociates.com or 202-737-1226. NASFM staff will coordinate invitations to the congressional delegation representing your state.

Organizations or corporations that help sponsor the Congressional Reception will be duly recognized and thanked at the reception, in this newsletter and on the NASFM website, in addition to attending an event that is relevant and in support of NASFM's core mission. Please contact NASFM Executive Director Jim Narva at the email or phone number above for more information.

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NASFM Members Volunteering for the Good of the Organization

NASFM relies on its members and their staff to volunteer in many, many ways for the good of the organization, and all volunteers are greatly needed and highly appreciated for whatever time and expertise they can lend. Our members drive and fuel our organization! Here are two current volunteer efforts that we thought you should know about:



NASFM President Bill Degnan has appointed a subcommittee of the NASFM Board of Directors to help develop guidance for State Fire Marshals on Safe and Secure Public Buildings. This subcommittee consists of Alabama State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk, Iowa State Fire Marshal Ray Reynolds, and Louisiana State Fire Marshal Butch Browning. They will be producing a white paper featuring best practices to help schools and other public buildings be secure as well as fire safe, and to allow safe egress of occupants in the event of a fire. The white paper will be the basis of a panel discussion on the subject of Safe and Secure Public Buildings at the NASFM 2013 Annual Conference.

Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy has volunteered to work with NASFM staff to create an updated State Fire Marshal Survey to enable NASFM members to document their office's duties, structure, and other features that will allow them to compare with and benchmark their offices against those of their peers on a variety of measures. The hope is that this "super survey" will update as well as combine several previous NASFM member surveys and be a valuable reference that can be updated on an annual basis. We hope to have enough meat on the bones to have a good discussion on the development of this survey during the State Fire Marshal Forum breakfast at the 2013 Annual Conference.

Just two more reasons to attend the NASFM 2013 Annual Conference!
Why not make your plans today
at <http://www.firemarshals.org/events/events.html>.

9 Fires Documentary: Telling the Rest of the Story



The 9 Fires documentary is the story of nine campus-related fires across the nation that happened within a three-week period in January and February 2012. It tells "the rest of the story," of the impact that these fires had on the families, the survivors, the schools and the community. The nine fires include residence halls, off-campus, laboratory, sprinklered and unsprinklered buildings. Some were successes, others were tragedies; but taken together, they provide compelling examples of the consequences of these fires after the headlines fade.

Created by the Michael H. Minger Foundation (www.mingerfoundation.org) and Campus Firewatch (www.campusfirewatch.com), this video is available free of charge because of very generous donations. It can be streamed online or downloaded, either in its entirety or in chapters focusing on residence halls, off-campus and laboratory fires, at www.mingerfoundation.org/9-fires. A poster is also available at the web site to use in promoting the video.

For more information, contact Minger Foundation President Gail Minger at gminger@mingerfoundation.org or 850-621-5161. You can follow the Minger Foundation on Facebook www.facebook.com/mingerfoundation or Twitter @mhminger and Campus Firewatch www.facebook.com/campusfirewatch and @campusfirewatch.