

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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“A Going On”

Hal Borland said, “Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.” So, as we welcome 2014 it is appropriate to take a moment to reflect on our experiences so that they bring about the needed knowledge to face what is ahead.

Over the past several years, the fire service has seen many challenge but it is important to recognize them and use those experiences and solutions to prepare for what the future (2014 and beyond) will bring. There are some common threads to the past...those threads weave a visual that we rely on to tell our story and our importance to those we serve. Whether those threads are needed data or a sound communication method, they are keys to good and sound decision making. They also provide us the leverage and “cover” to do what we must when we must; sometimes the decisions are outside of our control but no one can say we didn't convey the message needed by those making the decisions. What does this all have to do with 2014 and wisdom? For me it is truly about the message; a continuing message. It is about “a going on.”



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Recently, I was asked about what initiatives I had for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. I gave it a split second thought and replied “continue to move forward.” That moving forward does have a focus, such as, the continued building of our Arson/Bomb and Fire Investigation program, fully staffing Fire Life Safety, State Fire Training, Fire Engineering, and the California All Incident Reporting System programs. The OSFM's commitment will remain strong to push for better data collection, increased prevention measures in the wildland, continuing to align State Fire Training with the demands of today's fire service, and address California's fireworks disposal challenge. Each of these items not only affect the OSFM, they directly affect each town, city, and county.

In the coming year there will be ongoing progress within the OSFM. Changes to the State Fire Training Certification Courses, increasing State construction projects, request for data, assistance with regulations, increasing communication demands for important safety information to the public and the fire service. We are committed to moving forward and sharing information. I

hope you will embrace the opportunities to visit the OSFM website to gather important information that impacts community and fire service safety and track the important ongoing changes to the fire service training system. Also, there are new Information Bulletins posted as well as code interpretations and links to other information sites.

In closing, let me just say "stay tuned and stay connected." There is still much to be done and focus on. There is a "going on" and our collective experiences give us wisdom to take on 2014. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Be safe, and Happy New Year!



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State Fire Marshal

IMPORTANT
Information, Meetings, and Events

OSFM Meetings

- January 17 - [Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee \(STEAC\) Meeting](#), Sacramento
- January 23 - [Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act Advisory Committee](#), Sacramento
- January 29 - Kick-off meeting for Flammability Standards for Building Insulation Materials Working Group (AB127) , Sacramento
- February 5 - Fire Alarm Advisory Committee, Palm Springs
- February 19 - Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee, Sacramento
- February 20 - State Board of Fire Services, Sacramento
- February 28 - Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) Meeting, Sacramento

Other Meetings and Events

- February 3-6 - [Certified Unified Program Agency \(CUPA\) Forum](#), Burlingame
- March 27 - Pipeline Safety Seminar, Long Beach
- April 3 - Pipeline Safety Seminar, Bakersfield
- March - [Building Standards Commission Code Advisory Committee meetings](#), Sacramento