

# OFFICE of the STATE FIRE MARSHAL

April 2010 Report

## OSFM Monthly Report

- Message from Tonya L. Hoover



*Acting State Fire Marshal  
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## April Message from the Chief:

This month's Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) report will be short...as the OSFM Program Chiefs take this month off to refresh and regroup....here is a note just from me.

As is with all of you and your departments, the OSFM has been busy working through a number of initiatives and implementation schedules as well as focusing on outreach to our stakeholders. As illustrated in last month's report, 2009 was a year full of interesting and exciting work. So much was developed and accomplished; and we are well into working on the 2010 implementation priorities and new projects.

The beginning of 2010 brought the completion of the adoption of the 2010 California Codes; including the OSFM comprehensive code adoption package. There was the correlation with model language and state regulated occupancies, reclassification of occupancies, Title 19 reprint, moving residential provisions into the adopted residential code, updating provisions for the building in the wildland-urban interface, and the inclusion of residential fire sprinklers in new one and two family and townhouse occupancies. The code will be published in July 2010 and will be enforceable January, 2011. Over the next six to eight months, the OSFM in conjunction with other stakeholders will be conducting education sessions to assist in the understanding of the code adoption process and the implementation of the new fire sprinkler installation provisions. These sessions will be conducted throughout the state and are available to not only the fire service but to the building industry, building officials, water purveyors, and real estate agents. Basically, information will be available to any group, organization or individual that is looking for information concerning the new California residential fire sprinkler requirement. We want to make sure that all communities from and within the outermost north, south, east, and west borders have their questions answered as the code implementation moves forward.

Last month marked a celebration for two long standing organizations in the California fire service as the California Fire Chiefs Association - Fire Prevention Officers Section marked its 20th Annual Fire Prevention Officers Conference/Workshop. Now known as the California Fire Prevention Institute, the week provided training and educational opportunities in the field of fire and building code compliance, fire protection technology, code development, public education and outreach, and management. Every participant returns to their community with additional information to prevent fire and protect their citizens from the dangers of fire and other disasters.



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The month of March also marked the 40th Annual California Mechanics Academy. The week long academy has dedicated instructors from the fire service as well as fire apparatus manufactures. These folks provide training and education to fire apparatus mechanics from inside and outside of California. Our dedicated mechanics make sure that the California fire service can do the necessary job whether that is getting us to inspections, pre-planning exercises, public education events, emergency medical service dispatches or fire alarms. Without their specialty and expertise, we walk.

I would like to congratulate both of these groups for their long, outstanding service and continued efforts in moving the fire service forward both figuratively and literally. To all of those that keep us safe from fire and other disasters, I know your communities appreciate your dedication and service. It is my honor to serve with you.

Be safe,



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