

# OFFICE of the STATE FIRE MARSHAL

June 2010 Report

## OSFM Monthly Report

- Message from Tonya L. Hoover



*Acting State Fire Marshal  
Tonya L. Hoover*

## June Message from the Chief:

June marks the mid point of the calendar year and the closing of the fiscal year. But for me, it is a personal milestone as it marks the completion of my first year serving California as the Acting State Fire Marshal. During the past 12 months I have had the honor of accepting many requests to address a wide variety of stakeholders and colleagues, meetings with the fire service throughout the State, and working with and for an incredibly dedicated group of individuals in our own department, CAL FIRE. Each opportunity has given me greater insight and experience in this profession, as well as sharing insight and experiences with other chief officers throughout the State and across the nation.

As with many other departments, the OSFM has had to make adjustments fiscally which impacts staff responsibilities and tasks. However, we continue to stay focused on our commitment to fire and panic safety and our relationships... relationships that continue to promote fire and panic safety for all Californians and provide a safe working environment for emergency responders. One short term change will be the release of the Office of the State Fire Marshal Monthly Report. Starting in July, a detailed report will be posted every other month while the Message from the Chief will be posted monthly. We will continue to update the website with program information and the Message from the Chief will focus on updated program information. Please make the OSFM website a favorite and check the site regularly. I anticipate returning to the detailed monthly report in January 2011.



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There are several new and important items on our website. In cooperation with the Air Resources Board, the OSFM has released a statewide fire department alert regarding Vapor Systems Technologies (VST) nozzles. This bulletin is advising fire departments of a potential fire hazard and the appropriate measures to mitigate this possible risk. The advisory is posted on the OSFM front page for easy access. Also, as we approach the 4th of July celebration, all the necessary information is available to assist with the collection and removal of illegal fireworks by clicking on the link to Fire Engineering. As in past years, the 2010 Safe and Sane Fireworks Booklet can be downloaded off the website as well as the seizure form. In order for staff to provide the required disposal, the form must be completed

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and received at the OSFM. Fireworks disposal operations have been ongoing. In May 2010, collection by the Statewide Fireworks Disposal Operation resulted in approximately 100,000 pounds of illegal fireworks being safely disposed of and destroyed.

California is also entering into the time of our hotter and drier climate. This time of year brings about greater wildfire activity throughout the State. As communities focus on wildland fire prevention, I would like to take the opportunity to bring to your attention the NEW California Fire Plan. This document is an important tool. As stated in the plan's Executive Summary, "The 2010 Strategic Fire Plan builds upon the concept first developed in the 1996 California Fire Plan, which led to collaborative efforts in fire prevention. You will see an incredible amount of planning and collaboration in the goals and objectives. We believe that these efforts will lead to communities doing the best work for fuels reduction and fire safety." You may download the California Fire Plan and make it a piece of your community's wildfire protection plan by going to:

[http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board\\_committees/resource\\_protection\\_committee/current\\_projects/resources/strategicfireplan\\_june2010\\_06-04\\_photos.pdf](http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board_committees/resource_protection_committee/current_projects/resources/strategicfireplan_june2010_06-04_photos.pdf)

As I look back at the last 12 months, I am proud of the accomplishments of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. None of the successes would have been possible without the partnerships, information sharing, and relationships that continue to be so important, not only to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, but to me personally. None of us know what the future will bring, but I do know that it is important that we keep looking forward, working together, and protecting California from the devastation of fire and other disasters.



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Be safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonya L. Hoover".

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