

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Welcome to the Office of the State Fire Marshal's October information link and newsletter.

Since it is October we in the fire service know what the week of October 7 through 13 means... It's Fire Prevention Week. Remember what the "Father of the Fire Service" once said? Benjamin Franklin is famous for his statement, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". For many fire departments, Fire Prevention Week turns into Fire Prevention Month and the important message of prevention is delivered through a variety of venues using a variety of delivery methods. With all this variety going on the message should be clear: fire prevention is the responsibility of everyone.



State Fire Marshal
Tonya L. Hoover

In 2011, the California All Incident Reporting System (CAIRS) reported that California experienced 191 fire service injuries, 401 civilian injuries, and 87 civilian deaths as a result of fire. Of those injuries and deaths, 147 fire services and 377 civilian injuries, and 79 civilian deaths were in residential structures. Compared to 2010, the number of injuries for fire service and civilians were up 7 percent and 27 percent respectively, while fire deaths reported dropped by one. Do these numbers indicate a trend? It is hard to tell with just two years of data, but what this data can provide is a tool to move the fire prevention message forward.

This year's National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Week theme "Have 2 Ways Out" is an important piece of the puzzle, as well as having working smoke alarms of the correct technology in the correct location, installation of residential fire sprinklers, and having defensible space. Each one of the pieces provide for a fire safe community. The fire service also has a piece of the fire safety puzzle. That piece is to be a community partner in fire safety and risk reduction education. Our communities look to the fire service for the expertise in fire safety and risk reduction. Fire Prevention Week is our opportunity to promote our role and responsibility to our communities.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. It plays an important role in the continued successes of our communities, the safety of our citizens and emergency responders. Let's work together to deliver a strong fire prevention message and remember: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Thank you to Mr. Franklin for the reminder!

As always, be safe!

TONYA L. HOOVER
State Fire Marshal

PLANNING AND RISK ANALYSIS

FIRE AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (FRAP)

Mokelumne Watershed - Avoided Cost Analysis

The Mokelumne River watershed, located in the central Sierra Nevada, provides water for millions of users including agriculture, industry and over 1.3 million East Bay residents via the East Bay Municipal Utility District and provides hydropower to Pacific Gas and Electric. The health of forest lands in the upper watershed are of great importance to maintaining a reliable supply of clean water to downstream users.

Similar to forests throughout the Sierra, the Mokelumne watershed is at risk from high-severity fires due to decades of fire suppression and differences in management practices across forests on public and private lands. These factors have resulted in a buildup of tree debris, fire-prone tree species, and dense tree stands in many of the upper watershed forest lands. These conditions can increase the risk of large high-severity fires. The impacts of extensive high severity fire are ecological, resulting in high tree mortality, modifying habitat for wildlife, and impacts to underlying soils. There are additional costs to downstream users associated with potential impacts to water supply infrastructure from sediment and mass wasting.

CAL FIRE is part of an interagency team that is working together with local groups in the watershed to better understand the relationship between forest management activities, the risk of high severity wildfire, and downstream impacts. The project is being directed by staff at the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and additional information can be found on their web site. <http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/>

FIRE PLAN

On September 12, Fire Plan Program presented the 2012 accomplishments of the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Accomplishments included:

- Unit Fire Plan template was utilized by the field and modified as a result of feedback in 2011
- Fire Planning Framework tools were delivered to the field
- Significant improvements have been made in collection and display of statewide data submitted from Units and Contract Counties to Sacramento
- Continued Plan rollout and training
- All CAL FIRE Units and Contract County Fire Plans have been updated using the new template and can be viewed at http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/fire_er/fpp_planning_plans

At the October 10, 2012 State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection meeting, the San Mateo-Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo Units will present their Unit Fire Plans. This will give the Units the opportunity to present how they are implementing the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan and how they accomplish fire planning at the local level.

CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal continues to develop a strong relationship and participation with the National Institute on Standard and Technology (NIST). Program staff attended the (NIST) sponsored Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) workshop in August. The purpose of the workshop was to identify research needs and establish research priorities to improve the fire resistance of WUI communities. The workshop provided an opportunity for experts in WUI fire behavior, engineered fire protection technologies, fire resistant design, standard test methods for building materials, and WUI building and fire codes to collectively determine the areas of research which will have the most impact in mitigating the hazards associated with WUI fires. A workshop proceedings report will describe and document the research needs and priorities as well as the discussions and presentations. The top research priority identified at the workshop was hardening of building structures (exteriors, including decks, etc.)

FIRE PLAN (Continued)

The Fire Plan Program also received recognition by the Sustainable Cities Center (Center) in London, England. A board of international scientific advisors identified the Plan as a showcase example in internationally renowned best practices for sustainable cities. The advisors contacted the OSFM and asked to showcase the Plan as part of the Sustainable Cities Center. The OSFM worked with the developers of the Center to showcase not only the Plan, but also fire safe codes, building standards, and other fire safe regulations. The Sustainable Cities Center is housed in a structure referred to as "the Crystal" constructed by Siemens Corporation. The Center will open by the end of September. The California Strategic Fire Plan is going to be presented in the "Safe and Sound Zone" in the "Prevent Fires" exhibit, which is an interactive display that shows ways that fire dangers can be detected and prevented. The exhibit's primary goal is to keep people safe in their cities, workplaces and homes. The interactive display is not available for viewing yet, but information about the Sustainable Cities Center is available at www.thecrystal.org.

WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION ENGINEERING

The OSFM has hired Mike Wilson as the new Assistant Chief in the Wildland Fire Prevention Engineering Program. Mike started his career with CAL FIRE in 1987 and has primarily worked in the Sonoma Lake Napa Unit. His experience and education includes a Fire Science Degree, Paramedic, Schedule A and B (wildland and urban firefighting), Helitack, Camps, ECC, Pre Fire, and County Fire Marshal assignments. His recent promotion to Assistant Chief will compliment his extensive work with local fire safe groups and fuel reduction projects.

Wildland Fire Prevention Engineering is currently engaged in multiple projects that will assist our partners and the public in their fire prevention efforts. One exciting project is a multi-agency website that will host valuable tools to the public, fire prevention bureaus, as well as private industry that include utility companies, forest products, and others working in fire prone areas in California.

Another area of interest is the California Wildland Fire Coordinating Group [CWCG] Fire Prevention Committee and its work with Pro Prose Marketing [Builders of <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/> Website] to build "PreventWildfireCA.org". This website will host many important tools that include:

- An application based on the USFS Wildland Fire Assessment System [WFAS] map that will allow private industry a decision tool to consider ceasing operations during times of high wildland fire severity. Industry is requesting this tool and will be providing public/private partnership funding. Industry will submit basic user information to view the application, have access to related educational information, and can receive electronic notification of upcoming high fire severity windows.
- An online Burn Permit application that provides local burn permit forms. This site will require the user to view and agree to the related educational information and requirements before submitting the form.
- An online Camp Fire Permit and the site also including educational information and requirements
- A Defensible Space self-assessment application that will provide the public with Defensible Space education and a personal inspection form, and
- Five Online Field Guides:
 - Industrial Operations
 - Powerline Fire Prevention
 - Railroad Fire Prevention
 - Property Inspection
 - Structural Fire Prevention

And lastly, at the direction of the State Board of Forestry, Wildland Fire Prevention Engineering is also working to reassess the Public Resources Code Section (PRC) 4290; elements of this section include Defensible Space, Water Supply, and Emergency Road Access. A working group from CAL FIRE, in conjunction with Caltrans is currently using CAL FIRE State Fire Academy engines to perform field test of the PRC 4290 road access standards in order to reassess their viability.

CALIFORNIA ALL INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM (CAIRS)

The CAIRS program has reached an exciting milestone for CAL FIRE incident reporting. Under a new contract with the vendor, it will be possible to include additional reporting fields for wildland fire cause in the incident reporting system. Steps have also been taken to improve data quality while improving the ease of data entry by the reporting field.

To assist in reaching these goals, staff presented a webinar to demonstrate the incident reporting software updates. The webinar gave CAL FIRE field staff the opportunity to review the new fields and features, receive instruction on incident reporting, and have their specific reporting questions answered. A link to the webinar and the new CAIRS Reference Guide is posted on the intranet at <http://calfireweb/applications/cairs/> Statistics reflecting the new cause categories will be reflected in the 2012 Wildfire Activity Statistics (Redbook). The Redbooks are available on the CAL FIRE website at

http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_protection/fire_protection_fire_info_redbooks.php .

OSFM CAIRS staff plans to develop additional webinars for both CAL FIRE and local government fire departments. The training will focus on tools that are available on the OSFM CAIRS website <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/cairs/cairs.php> and will train firefighting staff on how to best complete emergency incident reports.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DIVISION

One of the most exciting parts of being a member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) - Fire and Life Safety Division is the opportunity to be involved in many different and challenging projects. The past several months have involved a unique fire prevention challenge for members of the State Fire Marshal's Fire and Life Safety Division and local fire agencies associated with three tunnel projects currently under construction around the San Francisco Bay area.

The Fire and Life Safety Division (FLS) is responsible for applying and enforcing laws and regulations relating to fire and panic safety as mandated by the California Health and Safety Code for State-owned and occupied buildings. For the various tunnel projects, Caltrans required that NFPA 502 - *Standard of Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways* be enforced. As a state agency, Caltrans requested the expertise of the Office of the State Fire Marshal's FLS Division to ensure that the fire and life safety systems required, as part NFPA 502, are appropriately installed and the acceptance testing meets code requirements.



Devil's Slide Tunnels, Highway 1, Pacifica

1. Caltrans: Devils Slide Tunnels, Hwy 1, Pacifica — Fire & life safety for the two tunnels, both over a mile long, include: a stand pipe system with fire pump, a linear heat detection fire alarm system, ten pressurized cross-passageways for pedestrian emergency exiting and an operation command center. Devils Slide tunnels are set to open in December of this year.
2. Caltrans: New Caldecott Tunnel, Hwy 24, Oakland / Orinda — The new nearly one mile long tunnel will be served by an 8-inch water supply and two dedicated fire pumps. In addition, the tunnel fire and life safety include; a linear heat detection fire alarm system, seven pressurized cross-passageways for pedestrian emergency exiting and a new operation command center. This tunnel is scheduled to be completed and open to the public in the spring of 2013.
3. Caltrans: Doyle Drive San Francisco—Currently involved in Phase Two of the multi phased construction project — A portion of the Phase I construction included a southbound Battery Tunnel, this tunnel will serve both northbound and southbound traffic until completion of Phase II tunnels expected in late 2015. The new tunnel is protected by a linear heat detection system, ten deluge systems and a standpipe system. The deluge systems are capable of flowing up to 3,000 gpm thru operation of any two of the systems.

PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Emergency Responder Outreach Program

U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is working with the National Association of State Fire Marshalls and the U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy to identify ways to get pipeline related information and training resources out to emergency responders. Tasks included:

- 2012 – Hosted Georgia emergency response working group which will serve as a state-wide pilot program in the effort to improve communication and training between emergency responders and pipeline operator. This may serve as a model for use by other states.
- 2012 - Established a Pipeline Emergency Response Working Group comprised of a cross-section of stakeholders to institutionalize emergency responder training into existing processes and systems. The group is co-chaired by an emergency responder and industry leads. The group is also developing a resource guide for use by emergency responders and pipeline operators.
- Published two feature articles in emergency responder publications as part of pipeline education and outreach (Fire Rescue and Fire Chief magazines).
- Engaged the National Academy of Science/Transportation Research Board study to look identify how to improve communications and information sharing between emergency responders and pipeline operators.
- December 2011 – DOT hosted an Emergency Responder Forum to initiate the development of an action plan for improving emergency responders' ability to prepare for and respond to pipeline emergencies.

Recognizing and Responding to Pipeline Leaks

Remember that pipelines carry both flammable gases and hazardous liquids. Gas leaks in most city and residential areas are recognizable by the characteristic smell of rotten eggs. Both gas and hazardous liquid leaks often kill nearby vegetation. If you notice either of these symptoms, call 911 or your local gas utility, and avoid any action that could ignite the gas or oil while you await response. The below information will provide some helpful guidance.

Dig Safely - Excavation damage is the leading cause of incidents that result in death and/ or serious injury. Regardless of where you are, there may be pipelines and other utilities buried underground. It is important to follow safe digging practices, whether you are a homeowner planting a tree or digging a fence post hole, or a professional excavator. Safe digging always starts with a prior call to your local one call center to mark underground utilities. Knowing what's below enables diggers to avoid underground utilities, and can prevent injury, death, environmental damage and loss of critical services.

One Call - One-Call call centers provide a simple means for locating underground utilities in an area where you plan to excavate by enabling you to place just one call **before digging**. You should plan to make this call at least three days before undertaking any excavation to allow time for marking to occur.

Dial 811 - By simply dialing 811, you can reach the one-call center. There is no cost to you for this service. If, for some reason, you can't connect to the one-call center by dialing 811, dial 1-888-258-0808 or visit Call811.com and select the "Local Information" tab for information to call the one-call center directly.

Are Pipelines Located Near You?

To find out if an oil or gas transmission pipeline is located near you, visit the website for the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS). Click on the "NPMS Public Map Viewer" button, and search by your county or zip code. Get step-by-step user instructions by watching our video, "How to Locate Pipelines with the Public Viewer App." **Never use NPMS information in place of calling a one-call center before digging.**



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION (Continued)

Additional Public Awareness Information

PHMSA provides additional information on its Stakeholder Communications website. There you can find information on the following, and more:

- Pipeline operator public awareness program requirements
- State pipeline incident and mileage data and who regulates pipelines in your State
- Contact a PHMSA Community Assistance and Technical Services agent near you

The full report can be accessed at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/>

FIRE ENGINEERING DIVISION

Building Materials Listing—Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Handbook

The OSFM Building Materials Listing Program is pleased to announce the transition of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Approved Products created in late 2007. This was developed in an effort to provide the home owners, industries, designers, and local fire and building officials a list of “compliance WUI products”. The purpose of the WUI handbook was to assist with the implementation of Chapter 7A. The long term goal was to transition all WUI approved products into the current Building Materials Listing (BML) Program. Last year we achieved that goal and a majority of the WUI approved products, at manufacturers’ requests, have been transitioned into the BML Program. They are listed under the following Categories:

- 8110 – Decking Materials
- 8120 – Exterior Windows
- 8140 – Exterior Siding and Sheathings
- 8150 – Exterior Doors
- 8160 – Under Eave

These products can be searched by using the following link:

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting_bml_searchcotest.php

Legislation

Senate Bill 1394 (Lowenthal) was signed by Governor Brown on September 21, 2012 and chaptered into law. This law 1) extends the date of compliance for the installation of carbon monoxide devices in all existing hotel and motel dwelling units to January 1, 2016, 2) requires smoke alarms for all dwelling units intended for human occupancy upon alterations, repairs, or additions, exceeding \$1,000 to have the date of manufacture on the device, 3) requires listed smoke alarm to display the date of manufacture on the device, 4) provide a place on the device where the date of installation can be written, 5) provides for smoke alarms that are battery operated to have a battery with a minimum life of ten (10) years. The OSFM Fire Engineering Division is working with the OSFM Code Development & Analysis, the OSFM Fire Alarm Advisory Committee and fire alarm industry on the implementation of this law.

Assembly Bill 1566 (Wieckowski) was signed by Governor Brown on September 25, 2012 and chaptered into law. This law requires the OSFM to oversee responsibility for aboveground petroleum storage tanks and authorizes the OSFM to adopt regulations related to these tanks. The law also requires the Unified Program Agencies to implement the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act in accordance with the regulations adopted by the OSFM and imposes criminal penalties and administrative penalties for a violation of the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act. This is new program for the OSFM Fire Engineering/Arson and Bomb Division and is fully funded by the Special Fund. Fire Engineering staff is currently working on the implementation plan for this new program.

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Fireworks— Disposal Operation

In accordance with Section 12726 of the California Health & Safety Code, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is responsible for the disposal of all fireworks seized pursuant to the California Health & Safety Code, regardless of which public agency seizes them. To date we disposed approximately 103,000 pounds of confiscated fireworks. Health & Safety Code Section 12723 requires the authority seizing any fireworks under the provisions of this chapter to notify the State Fire Marshal not more than three days following the date of seizure. Please use the “Fireworks Seizure Information” form to notify the OSFM. A form can be downloaded at the following link:

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/fireworks/fwsiform.pdf>

For further information regarding the fireworks disposal process, fireworks and explosives issues, please contact Tony Guevara, Supervising Arson & Bomb Investigator at (916) 327-8278 or tony.guevara@fire.ca.gov

Training—Fire Safety Officer Class

The OSFM will conduct a Fire Safety Officer Class on October 23-25, 2012. It will be sponsored by Safety Advisory for Fire and FX in Entertainment (SAFFE), and hosted at the Burbank Fire Department at 1845 N. Ontario Street, Burbank, CA 91502. The class instructor is Cindy Moore, Deputy State Fire Marshal III-Specialist. The cost for this class is \$100.00/person. For more information you may contact Rich Momii at (805) 390-3502 or rgmomii@yahoo.com

Exams Announcement—Arson and Bomb Investigator Series

The Senior Arson and Bomb Investigator and Arson and Bomb Investigator examination bulletins have been released. The closing date for these exams is October 26, 2012. Please download the information at the following links:

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/about/downloads/careers/Senior-Arson-Bomb2FS0102.pdf>

http://www.fire.ca.gov/about/downloads/careers/Arson-Bomb_2FS0101.pdf

National Fire Prevention Week



CAL FIRE Information:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_firepreventionweek.php

CODE DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS

California is a leader in the fire and life safety professions. Our fire and building officials are among the nation's best and speak with considerable experience. The OSFM regulations and building standard proposals and adoptions continue this reputation and allow for change and overall improvement of our building community.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal fosters, promotes and develops ways and means of protecting life and property against fire and panic in many ways including the adoption and implementation of regulations. The Code Development and Analysis Division staff prepares the California State Fire Marshal's fire and life safety regulations and building standards for review and adoption into the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Titles 19 and/or Title 24. The Division reviews all of California's regulations relating to fire and life safety for relevancy, necessity, conflict, duplication and/or overlap. The Division also works to create compromise/consensus among various individuals and groups involved in development and the promulgation of the State's codes related to fire and life safety.

Public Safety – Title 19

The development and publication of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 19 affects OSFM statewide programs and local officials. The OSFM is continuing efforts to further publish regulations after working with the California Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Prevention Officers Section to create an "inspector friendly" fire code, incorporating enforcement provisions of CCR, Title 19 into the 2013 California Fire Code for local enforcement agencies. The OSFM is currently revising various existing CCR, Title 19 regulations correcting outdated sections, occupancy groups, editorial modifications and referenced standards.

Currently the OSFM Code Development and Analysis Division is working with the Fire Engineering Division on drafts for an update to California Edition of NFPA 25 new edition 2011 for the 2013 California edition and other regulations for Portable Fire Extinguishers that address maintenance for electronic monitoring, cabinets and water mist extinguishers and update various referenced standards which no longer exist, are outdated or are not current or consistent with currently referenced and identified standards in California Building Standards Code, CCR Title 24. Includes various clean-up.

State Fire and Building Codes – Title 24

The OSFM, in conjunction with other State agencies, is in the process of developing and proposing Building Standards for the 2013 California Building Standards Codes. The general purpose is to update and codify a new edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) that adopts by reference more current editions of the model codes as follows:

- Part 2 – 2013 California Building Code – 2012 International Building Code (IBC)
- Part 2.5 – 2013 California Residential Code – 2012 International Residential Code (IRC)
- Part 3 – 2013 California Electrical Code – 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC)
- Part 4 – 2013 California Mechanical Code – 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)
- Part 5 – 2013 California Plumbing Code – 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
- Part 9 – 2013 California Fire Code – 2012 International Fire Code (IFC)

The intent is that the final adoption package would include amendments necessary to reasonably maintain a substantially equivalent level of fire and life safety in California. Additionally this adoption proposes to include modifications and/or additional provisions that effect:

- High-rise buildings,
- Group I-3/I-2 detention/health,
- Court facilities,
- Photovoltaic provisions (developed in part with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, industry, fire service and building officials)
- UL testing regarding: embers and PV installations on roofs (reviewing results)
- Title 19 reprint/repeals/adoptions into CFC

CODE DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Stakeholder input and participation is necessary to assist the OSFM in developing building standards. The OSFM is promulgating this rulemaking package in the continuing effort to foster additional ways and means of protecting life and property. Currently the OSFM rulemaking cycle is in the 45-Day public comment periods that end October 15.

For additional information, please visit the OSFM Code Development and Analysis website:

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/codedevelopment.php>

or Visit the CBSC website:

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes/adoptcycle/2012Cycle.aspx>

National Code Development

The OSFM is an active participant in the International Code Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) national model code and standards development process and is the State's primary adopting agency for codes related to fire and life safety. Participation helps ensure that the OSFM has comprehensive and applicable model codes developed for adoption that is consistent with the needs of California, which include: firefighter safety, occupant safety, alternate energies, green chemistry, wildland fire protection and planning, business continuance after disastrous events, and recognizing the important role business stakeholders play in regulatory development and implementation. This alignment of model code to State code is consistent with the State law to adopt model code language as much as possible, and to keep State amendments to the model code to a minimum.

The OSFM develops regulations and building standards to implement the State's fire and life safety policy, goals and mandates. The OSFM's existing activities and forums are designed to facilitate compromise and consensus among various individuals and groups involved in the development of the State's codes related to fire and life safety. These regulations and building standards are promulgated and enforced by the OSFM, local enforcing agencies, and other State agencies.

STATE FIRE TRAINING DIVISION

The Fire Chief's Responsibility in the Capstone Task Book Process

There are many questions about the validity of the capstone task book process. In order to maintain the integrity of the State's fire service training system it is important for every Fire Chief to know what their responsibilities are to the system.

The first step in the process of validating a capstone task book is for the Fire Chief to confirm they, or one of their delegates, are on record with State Fire Training as the person authorized to "sign-off". This "sign-off" is verifying the employees training, experience and rank. Next, the Fire Chief will need to verify that the employee is working in the required position for the certification level. It is expected the employee is in the full time position to receive certification. For example, the *Fire Inspector 1* task book requires the employee to be performing the duties of a Fire Inspector assigned to the prevention bureau. Additionally, the Fire Chief ensures that the employee has met the educational requirements outlined in the State Fire Training Procedures Manual and the areas of responsibility in the capstone task book. If the employee has met these requirements then performance of the listed tasks within the book can begin.

Qualified evaluators can be designated and confirmed by the Fire Chief. These designated evaluators can "sign off" the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) listed in the task book. The evaluator's name and title need to be noted on the signature verification page of the capstone task book. Once the employee's capstone task book

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has been completed, the Fire Chief will verify the appropriate signatures were obtained for successful completion of each JPR. The Fire Chief signs the verification statement on the front of the capstone task book as authorizing that all JPR's, training, experience, and rank were met. Once the Fire Chief signs the verification statement, the employee is eligible for California State Fire Marshal certification.

The Fire Chief will return the signed capstone task book to the employee who will then finalize the process through the Office of the State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training Division (SFT). It should be noted that the Fire Chief can authorize additional personnel within the organization to be authorized signatories on these capstone task books and those persons will be responsible for the verification process. In order for additional signatories to be recognized by State Fire Training, the additional signatures must be on file with SFT prior to submission of any capstone task books.

Fire Prevention 1: Fire and Life Safety Inspections for the Company Officer

The new "Fire and Life Safety Inspections for the Company Officer" course is designed to meet NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications and the training needs of the California Fire Service. This course is designed to provide the company officer with an understanding and important information to perform company level inspections. Fire Prevention 1 will replace the existing Fire Prevention 1A: "Introduction to the California Fire Code" and "Fire Prevention 1B: Inspection of Fire Protection Systems" classes which will be phased out within 18 months. A transition plan will be posted on State Fire Trainings website providing specific details (<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/training.php>).

Qualified Fire Officers and Fire Prevention Instructors are encouraged to attend the "Fire Prevention 1: Fire and Life Safety Inspections for the Company Officer" rollout class. This class is designed to provide Fire Prevention Instructors with an overview of the training program. Individuals taking the class will be introduced to the course methodology, recommended delivery methods and the various lessons and activities used throughout the new course.

Fire Prevention 1 Instructor Requirements:

You must be a currently Registered Instructor in good standing with State Fire Training and meet one of the following:

- Held the position of Company Officer for a minimum of three (3) years within a California Fire Department
 - The department must have an active Company Inspection program.
- And
- The applicant must have performed company level fire and life safety inspection for a minimum of three (3) years
- Or
- Held the position of Fire Inspector/Prevention Officer for a minimum of three (3) years within a California Fire Department
 - With coordination responsibilities of an active Company Inspection program within in the department.

To register for one of the first five classes visit: www.cce.csus.edu/SFT/PreventionInstructorRollout. Additional roll-out class dates will be announced after the first of 2013. Please feel free to contact Brandon Erickson at (916) 324-6359 or Brandon.erickson@fire.ca.gov if you would like some additional information about this training opportunity.

Office of the State Fire Marshal
Information, Meetings, and Events

Statutes and Regulations Class (two day class)

November 7 and 8, 2012 Hayward, CA
December 5 and 6, Merced, CA
December 11 and 12, Roseville, CA

Fire Safety Officer Class

October 23—25, 2012

Arson and Bomb Investigator Series Exams

Closing Date October 26, 2012