



THE FIRELINE

State Fire Training Division



Training for Residential Sprinklers

Beginning in January 2011, **all new houses** constructed in California must be equipped with fire sprinklers. The State Fire Marshal has the responsibility to enforce this requirement within the 2010 International Residential Code. During the past year the OSFM facilitated the Residential Task Force Phase 1: Water Supply and Phase 2: Installation, to address issues pertaining to design and installation.

On July 21, the SFM convened the kick-off meeting of the Phase III: Training and Education Outreach to communicate the Phase I and II proceedings and identify training resources to prepare local building and fire officials, water purveyors, contractors and the building industry for the demands of the new fire protection requirements. The Task Force, representing a variety of stakeholders, will develop a training program for the implementation of residential fire sprinklers throughout California.

Draft Action Items:

1. Develop timelines and the deliverables (between January and December 2010).
2. Develop an awareness level course to educate stake holders of the issues in permitting residential fire sprinklers.
3. Create list of technical courses available dealing with installation.
4. Develop a standard glossary of terms for the installation of residential fire sprinklers.

The Final Report and Recommendations of Phase I and II will be posted to the SFM website this month. The Phase III Task Force will meet monthly and anticipates providing outreach to stakeholders in 2010.

New and Familiar Faces

Mary Wilshire Joins SFT

Mary Wilshire is the new manager of the State Fire Training Office in Sacramento Headquarters. She is responsible for the certification and instructor registration processes as well as contracts and budget related issues. Mary started with CAL FIRE in the San Bernardino Unit in 1983. She worked as a dispatcher and eventually worked in budgets where the OSFM was her program responsibility. She learned about Code Enforcement, Licensing & Certification, Pipeline, and State Fire Training, That made her a perfect fit for this position. In 2008, she moved to CAL EMA (Emergency Management Agency) where she worked in grants processing. But she is glad to come back home to CAL FIRE. Welcome Mary!



Moving on – Moving Up



We're happy to announce the promotion of **Linda Menchaca** to Staff Services Analyst, filling behind Sandy Margullis as the Instructor Registration and EMT-I Program Coordinator. Linda has been with us since June 2007 and has proven to be a valuable asset to the division. She previously served as the Course Scheduler and Bookstore Operations Lead where she developed excellent working relationships with our registered instructors, so this is a natural transition.



Filling behind Linda in course scheduling is **Brandon Erickson**. Brandon began working for State Fire Training as a student assistant. Since he is already familiar with bookstore operations, he was a great fit to take over where Linda left off. Brandon has been a pleasure to have in the division. He not only contributes great people skills, but a sense of humor as well.

New Training Specialist



One of our newest additions to State Fire Training is Deputy State Fire Marshal III, Training Specialist, Mike Garcia. Mike is a transfer from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, serving as a Fire Chief for the past 13 years. He is a current Adjunct Instructor with Antelope Valley College, a C.S.T.I. Outreach Instructor Hazmat First Responder Awareness and Operational, Incident Command and Weapons of Mass Destruction and a Registered SFT Instructor. Mike obtained an Associates Degree in Fire Protection from Oxnard College (w/ Honors), and is an SFM Certified Fire Prevention Officer III. Welcome aboard Mike!



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