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H. "Butch" Browning, Jr.-Louisiana State Fire Marshal

H. "Butch" Browning, Jr. was appointed the Louisiana State Fire Marshal on March 8, 2008. He has an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience in firefighting, fire training, fire investigation, fire prevention and emergency preparedness. Fire Marshal Browning has a strong belief in value-driven leadership whereby he leads by example and empowers people for success. In his 31 years of service he was Fire Chief for both EBR Fire District #6 and the City of Gonzales.

Browning developed a paramedic ALS transport system, created "Project Life Saver" and "Effective Fire Drill" a program for fire safety in schools. Browning is a recipient of the 2000, 2006, 2008 and 2014 Roy Robichaux Legislative Award. He was also named the 1996 Louisiana Fireman of the year, by the American Legion, and named District 6 Officer of the Year in 1988, 1989, 1991, and 1993.

His accomplishments include being an Eagle Scout, Past President of the Louisiana State Fireman's Association, Past President of the Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association, Graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, The Commission on Professional Credentialing Chief Fire Officer, a member of the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association, The International Association of Fire Chiefs and is a nationally registered Emergency Medical Technician. He is currently serving as President of the National Association of State Fire Marshal's.

Over the past 7 years he had led the reorganization of the State Fire Marshal's office to include cross-training of personnel and the development of a modern day data management system. Current results show an increase in productivity of 40% along with a reduction in staff of 19%. He embraces building relationships that foster better safety and economic development in Louisiana.