

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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In December of each year as we look back over the past and forward to the next year; I am always inspired by the accomplishments, commitment, and dedication of staff throughout the entire Department and fire service. We experienced the devastation caused by an explosive gas pipeline, wildfires, changes/impacts of law and regulations, environmental issues, all accompanied by an incredible network of emergency responders and technical and support staff who never fail to demonstrate a commitment to their community and public safety. We continued to move public safety forward through the installation of residential fire sprinklers for new residential construction; keeping California's citizens and visitors protected from the devastation of residential fires. We are forging new pathways for safety standards and training in the always changing environmental and technological areas.



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In addition to natural disasters, we faced never before seen fiscal challenges in the public sector and sadly, many have been impacted in their personal lives as well. We had to ask difficult questions and take a hard look at what we do, why we do it, and how we do it in order to drive creative solutions to difficult situations. In many cases, the challenges opened the door for unexpected positive responses and partnerships.

We have an incredible opportunity to gather the information and experiences from 2011 to plan our goals/objectives for 2012. Working together and having the common goal of reducing risk for our citizens and emergency responders gives us remarkable strength and endurance to overcome obstacles. Our staff work every day of the year to accomplish these goals; the connection to our communities and commitment to our citizens, friends, and families' safety have already been secured in the history of 2011 and will provide us the momentum to move forward with the same dedication and message in 2012.

In closing, I want to express what a privilege it is to sign this month's Office of the State Fire Marshal message as the fifteenth State Fire Marshal of California. I am honored and humbled for this tremendous opportunity to serve this Administration and the people of California. I thank each of you for your support, dedication, and commitment; may you have a year-end celebration filled with peace, friends, and family.

Be safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya L. Hoover".

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