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### State Fire Marshal K-9 Diesel Retires

**BATON ROUGE-** The State Fire Marshal's Office is recognizing one of its K-9 officers for his dedicated service to the people of Louisiana as he heads into retirement.

Diesel, a 10-year-old Belgian Malinois who joined the SFM in 2020, officially retires from service today. K-9 Diesel has served all across the state, but primarily in the north Louisiana area, alongside his handler Capt. Jason Armstrong. Diesel is a "play reward" K-9 and is certified through US K-9 Unlimited.

During his time with the SFM, Diesel has been well-known as he regularly assisted fire investigators and law enforcement agencies by conducting fire scene searches which, many times, discovered ignitable liquids used in the commission of a crime.

"Diesel has been an integral team member of this agency and for all law enforcement that has called upon him for his expert sniffing skills," said State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J Adams, "We wish Diesel a relaxing retirement and we thank him for his service to this state and its citizens."

In his retirement, Diesel will step into "lazy mode" with his handler family and will likely be enjoying more naps.

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