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State Fire Marshal Offers On-Line Wildfire Safety Information

Baton Rouge, LA- The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office has launched safety information designed to assist civic leaders, designers, developers, educators, firefighters and homeowners in making Louisiana communities safer from dangerous wildland fires.

This year is presenting extreme dangers to the state as it relates to fires in forest and grass lands. Record low levels of rain fall and high temperatures have caused the classification most of the state in the exceptional fire danger category. The State Fire Marshal has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in the promotion of "Firewise" in an effort to educate people to practice proactive and preventative measure that can be deployed to help eliminate the wildland fire dangers.

State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning states, "We have lost nearly 40 structures and thousands of acres of property to these dangerous fires this year. Firewise is a wealth of information to help communities be ready for the dangers associated with these fires."

Citizens are urged to go to the State Fire Marshal's web site, <u>www.lasfm.org</u>. You can then click on the link "Be Informed, Wildland Fire Safety", to view the educational information and resources.

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