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**Mississippi Hosts National Association Of State Fire Marshals Conference**

JACKSON, Miss. – The National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) held the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Prevention and Safety Symposium in Biloxi, Miss., from August 10-13, 2025. The Mississippi State Fire Marshals' Office proudly hosted the gathering of 400 fire service leaders, public safety advocates, and industry professionals from more than 30 states.

The theme for the conference is "All Hours, All Hazards: Disaster Never Sleeps." Mississippi is no stranger to disaster. From hurricanes on the Gulf Coast to tornadoes in the Delta. From historic floods that swallow neighborhoods to wildfires that spark without warning. The theme was chosen because it captures not just the nature of the hazards Fire Marshals face, but the nature of the response they must bring. It means planning for everything, at all times. It means adapting, coordinating, and acting — not just when it's convenient, but when it matters most.

"The symposium is an opportunity to learn from one another, strengthen partnerships, and elevate our shared commitment to excellence across every jurisdiction we serve. At the Mississippi State Fire Marshals Office, we are dedicated to ensuring safety through the enforcement of fire codes, regulatory oversight, and collaborative response efforts across our state. As Chief Deputy, I have the privilege of leading a remarkable team of professionals who carry out that mission daily with integrity and purpose," said Connie Dolan, Mississippi Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

"Fire marshals serve on the front lines of prevention - conducting inspections, enforcing safety codes, investigating incidents, and educating the public. This forms the backbone of our fire safety system. The NASFM Fire Prevention & Safety Symposium is a tremendous opportunity to further training, share ideas, and strengthen the professional network that keeps our communities safer, smarter, and more resilient," said Mike Chaney, State Fire Marshal and Mississippi Insurance Commissioner.

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