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Dear Chief:

As a life-long member of the Louisiana fire service, I understand the ever-evolving efforts to prevent fires through active enforcement as well as educational and investigative support.

As the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal is charged with protecting life and property from the hazards of fire or explosion and to ensure the safety of our citizens in the constructed environment, it is necessary for the agency to fully support the Louisiana fire services' efforts to share in that responsibility. Many parish and city governments have done so by taking the proactive approach to fire safety through creation of a Fire Prevention Bureau. These bureaus are a very important component of fire and life safety in the State of Louisiana.

A Fire Prevention Bureau is defined in Louisiana RS 40:1563 as, "any agency of a locally governed jurisdiction staffed by qualified individuals whose qualifications have been reviewed by the fire marshal whose responsibility it is under the laws of ordinances of that locally governed jurisdiction to inspect structures, watercraft and movables for compliance with the appropriate fire code applicable as provided in RS 40:1578.6 and to conduct investigations of fires in accordance with the provisions of RS 40:1566 and RS 40:1568."

As your State Fire Marshal, I am appreciative and fully supportive of any effort to partner and collaborate in fire protection and prevention in accordance with the laws of this State especially through the avenue of Fire Prevention Bureaus.

Please see the following guidance developed to assist with the creation of a certified Fire Prevention Bureau in the State of Louisiana

Yours in Safety,

Daniel H. Wallis
State Fire Marshal