



## A Message from the State Fire Marshal Chief Daniel Berlant June 2025



Welcome to the June 2025 CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Newsletter! This month's newsletter features essential Fourth of July safety tips and provides registration information for our upcoming Battery Energy Storage Systems Fire Safety Symposium.

The newsletter also highlights key takeaways from a recent Pipeline Safety Symposium and provides information on the brand-new Fire Fighter 1A and 2A (Structural) Curriculum.

In addition, Mocha, CAL FIRE's Ignitable Liquid (IGL) Detection K9, is featured as this edition's very important employee spotlight.

Thanks for taking the time to catch up on the important work of our team and being an integral part in our efforts to protect life and property through the development and application of fire prevention, engineering, training and education, and enforcement. As always, please have a fire-safe day!

Daniel Berlant  
California State Fire Marshal

On May 12, 2025, we held a promotional and badge pinning ceremony to honor our CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal team members.

State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant swore in the new members, while CAL FIRE and OSFM leadership, and co-workers were in attendance to celebrate.

We loved hosting all the family members and friends as the new and promoted CAL FIRE staff were pinned with their new badges or celebrated a career achievement.

Please join us in congratulating the following who were honored at the ceremony:

**Executive:**

- Tim Spears | Assistant Deputy Director

**Fire and Life Safety:**

- Simon Arrieta | Deputy State Fire Marshal
- Meg Edlund | Deputy State Fire Marshal
- Meghan Gaines | Deputy State Fire Marshal
- Mason Garrett | Deputy State Fire Marshal
- John Quintero | Deputy State Fire Marshal
- Steve Young | Deputy State Fire Marshal
- Ryan Hernandez | Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)

**Pipeline Safety & CUPA:**

- Debra French | Pipeline Safety Engineer
- Jeffery Schmidt | Pipeline Safety Engineer
- Andrew Dye | Environmental Scientist (Specialist)
- Kirsten Larson | Associate Governmental Program Analyst
- Maryam Saffariha | Research Data Analyst II

**State Fire Training:**

- Katy Luetke | Deputy State Fire Marshal

**Support Services:**

- John Lu | Associate Governmental Program Analyst

**Retirement Recognition:**

- Greg Andersen | Division Chief Fire Engineering and Investigations

See all of the images from the ceremony [here](#).

