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The mission of the State Fire Marshal is to protect life and property through the development and application of fire prevention engineering education and enforcement.

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DENNIS MATHISEN APPOINTED STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Dennis Mathisen was appointed as the State Fire Marshal of CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal on January 10, 2017 by Governor Edmond G. Brown Jr. Dennis has been a member of the California Fire Service for over 30 years. [More...](#)

[Governor Brown Announces Appointments](#)



NEW AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION

On July 1, 2017, the new Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES) Sprinkler Fitter Certification regulations will become effective. The regulations cover the work consisting of the installation, alteration or repair of water-based fire protection systems. For more information... [More...](#)



2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE EFFECTIVE DATES

January 1, 2017 is the statewide effective date, established by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), for the 2016 California Building Standards Code. All applications for a building permit that occur on or after January 1, 2017 are subject to compliance with the 2016 Code. The 2013 California Building Standards Code remains in effect and is applicable to all plans and specifications, for, and to the construction performed where the application for a building permit is received on or before December 31, 2016.

[More information](#) on the 2016 Building Standards Codes, effective date, amendment by local ordinance, or purchasing the building standards.

[More information](#) regarding the 2016 Building Standards Codes as it applies to state owned, state leased or state occupied buildings.

VISION 20/20 - 2016 MODEL PERFORMANCE IN FIRE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM



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Vision 20/20 sponsored the fourth national Model Performance in Fire Prevention Symposium. This training and educational event showcase successful efforts in all areas of fire prevention that have great potential for reducing fire loss in communities throughout the United States. [Click here](#) to get the materials provided at the symposium.

[California Fire Service Participants Statements.](#)



ADOPTION OF 2016 EDITION OF NFPA 2 FOR THE 2016 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

The 2016 California Fire Code (CFC) adopts by reference the 2016 Edition of National Fire Protection Association 2 (NFPA 2 Hydrogen Technologies Code). Local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may consider using the 2016 edition of NFPA 2 on a case-by-case basis (in accordance the alternate means and methods of construction provisions contained in CFC Section 1.11.2.4 and 104.11 for permitting and installation of hydrogen facilities) [Click here](#)



GUIDELINES FOR LOG STORAGE AREAS DUE TO TREE MORTALITY

The tree mortality epidemic in California has significantly increased the risk of wildfires and life safety risk from falling trees. Governor Brown has issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency to advance the removal of the dead trees and mitigate the hazard. The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is issuing this Information Bulletin to aid fire officials. [Click here](#)



FIRE PUMP EXAM UPDATE

On February 1, 2016, a new Fire Pump Examination will go into effective. This test has been updated to reflect the recently amended and adopted National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 25. [Click here](#)



REBUILDING AFTER A WILDFIRE

California has recently faced some of the most damaging wildfires in California State history. The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is issuing this Information Bulletin to aid homeowners, homebuilders, building officials, fire officials, and other interested parties with the rebuilding process. This publication is intended to outline the materials and construction methods for exterior wildfire exposure and residential sprinkler requirements for buildings being repaired or rebuilt. [Click here for the report.](#)



HOVERBOARD FIRE SAFETY

This year, self-balancing scooters, more popularly known as hoverboards, are undoubtedly on many wish lists. Currently these popular devices do not have a safety listing that regulates their manufacturing for fire safety. With recent media coverage involving hoverboard injuries and fires, the Office of the State Fire Marshal would like to take this opportunity to provide important safety tips for their use, care, and maintenance. [Click here](#)

[Consumer Product Safety Council – Statement on the safety of Hoverboards and the status of their investigation.](#)

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