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Tonya Hoover Named Assistant State Fire Marshal in California

IFSTA Committee Member Achieves High Rank

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced recently that the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) in California has appointed Tonya Hoover, member of the IFSTA Building Construction Committee, as assistant state fire marshal. Tonya is an Oklahoma State University graduate with an AS degree in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology, and a BS in Technical Education specializing in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology. She holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Tonya has been involved in the fire service since age 14, when she began her career as a “junior” volunteer firefighter in Pennsylvania. Since 1998, she has served as fire marshal within the 63-square-mile Moraga-Orinda Fire District in California, with responsibility for all fire prevention activities. Previous assignments include serving as deputy fire marshal at the University of California at Berkeley from 1990 to 1998, and fire inspector for the Riverview Fire Protection District and the Dublin San Ramon Services District. Tonya was sworn into her new statewide position on September 4, 2007, and is now responsible for state fire training, state regulations, pipeline safety, and code implementation.