



Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association, Inc.

Presidents Report September 2025

Danny Brown
President

Welcome to our September 2025 Quarterly Meeting.

Brad Boudreaux
Vice President/Secretary

It is nice to be back at the State Fire Marshal's Office. Unfortunately, due to construction on a new office building in the front of the complex, parking can be a little tough. The parking place you are most comfortable was probably taken. Maybe in January, things will be back to normal.

Greg Savant
Treasurer

We want to thank Greg and Sound Communication for hosting and feeding your Board at our June Board meeting we held at his office in Lafayette. On Friday our quarterly meeting had a very good turnout. The room was full. Thank you to those who attended and made the meeting a success.

Michael Maggio
Director
Eastern Region

Thank you to Convergent for being our meeting sponsor today. Please let them know you appreciate their willingness for sponsoring.

Shane Seaux
Director
Western Region

We want to thank Archie LeJeune for attending our board meeting last night, He is interested in getting to know more about the board and possibly fill a board position in the future. He is with Alarm Protection Services.

Gene Osborne
Director
Northern Region

Two weeks ago, Bryan Adams called a special meeting. It was to be by invitation only. There were representatives from this Association, the Louisiana Life Safety and Security Association, Louisiana Sprinkler Association. Conveyance, and Locksmiths. There was no published agenda.

Bart Conradi
Director-At-Large

On September 8th at 10am the OFSM will hold a meeting to discuss a path forward to re-write the legislation that pertains to licensing our industry partners. We are looking for input from key stakeholders as to what will make Louisiana a better place for you and your members to do business.

Don Law
Liaison
State Fire Marshal

Regan Mayeaux
Education Chair

The meeting will be held at the OSFM headquarters building in Baton Rouge, we look forward to seeing you at this first meeting.

Bart Conradi
Past President

Opening

- The meeting began with thanks to attendees and to those who shared input via email or calls.
- Participants were asked to hold questions until the end so information could be covered efficiently.



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Key Points from Leadership at the September 8th Meeting in the SFMO Office

1. **Representative Deshotel** – Stressed the importance of Louisiana remaining *business friendly* and making it easy to do business in the state.
2. **Representative Fontenot** – Urged the group to “speak with one voice.” Suggested a smaller workgroup of 9–11 members (8 fire, 3 security). Noted consumer frustration with having to call multiple places and emphasized the need for a unified system.
3. **Chief Adams** – Proposed one firm fee and one employee fee, with companies handling their own background checks. Suggested modeling after the Contractors Board.

Workgroup composition to be determined by Chief Adams; invitations pending.
4. **Brad Hassert (LA State Licensing Board for Contractors)** – Believes SFMO should license companies, while companies manage their own employees (hiring, licensing, training, background checks).

Representative Feedback

- **Security** Positive outlook; suggested a single statewide qualifier instead of per-location. Stressed the importance of trade schools, accreditations, and building a pipeline through accredited programs.
- **Fire** Felt reassured by the meeting. He agreed to continue with monthly meetings until February. Emphasized the need for unity and clear discipline distinctions between fire and security.
- **Sprinkler:** Concerned about SFMO’s role, stressed that rules should be condensed but not deregulated, and emphasized protection of public safety.
- **Locksmith:** Already working with a group on related laws; He was not in attendance at this meeting, and his feedback has been requested.
- **Hood:** Stressed optimism (“sky is not falling”), need to determine what should be regulated, and importance of cleaning up codes. Supported scheduling follow-up and addressing training pipelines. Discussion with technical schools and community colleges ongoing and will include Floyd Dupre in these.
- **Education:** Raised concerns about background checks, licensing enforcement, and whether associations can agree on a standard path.
- **Gates:** Raised concerns about reciprocity, out-of-state discrimination, and proper regulation of vehicle gates be it under access control or another endorsement.
- Workgroup composition to be determined by Chief Adams; invitations pending. Please let this group know when and if you receive one so that we can view the agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting closed with thanks to all participants and a reminder to remain collaborative as the group works toward a unified voice for the industry.



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We are expecting to have a meeting once a month through next February. Need to have this completed prior to the next session. We will keep you informed after each meeting, so all know what transpired.

I have taken enough time so I will close for now.

Thank you again for attending today's meeting. It is always good to see and network with you.

Respectfully Submitted
Danny Brown

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