



# Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association, Inc.

## President's Message September 2026

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Hello members and friends of the Louisiana Fire Alarm Association.

I hope everyone, and their loved ones, had an enjoyable Summer. Does not seem right saying Fall Meeting when it is 100 degrees outside, but that's Louisiana!

I want to start off by thanking everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule to help support our association. I know from personal experience; it can sometimes be very challenging. But with all the changes within our industry and state, we believe our meetings are a vital resource for current information.

In just a couple of weeks now, we will be holding our Fall 2026 meeting. The meeting will be held on **September 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 A.M.** Please note that this meeting will be held at the **Office of State Fire Marshal, 8181 Independence BLVD, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.** Our board meeting will be held at **Café Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 starting at 6:00 P.M September 17th.** Anyone interested in potentially joining the board at some point in time, please contact a board member and attend our Thursday night meeting.

Our new board members have worked very hard to mix varying degrees of material to present to our members. We are trying to make sure we reinforce some of the basic fire material and present new and exciting technology that is what we believe to be the next generation in fire alarm some members may not have been exposed too.

For our Fall 2026 meeting, we will have presentations from the following presenters:

**CHAD SONNIER (LASFM) -INTRODUCTION**

**PAUL MITCHELL (EATON) -AREA OF REFUGE**

**BRENT WILKINS (KIDDE) -ASPIRATING SMOKE DETECTION**

**NOTIFIER -ERCES**

And last but not least, the association would like to thank our sponsor for this meeting- **Paul Mitchell (EATON).** Without help from our great sponsors, it would be very difficult for us to continue the quality of meetings our members have come to expect.

Thank you,

Gene D. Osborne

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