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District 9–Lonny Taylor, Westwego Vol. Fire Co. #1



# LOUISIANA ARSON & FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



2017-2018

It all began at a Fire Prevention meeting in Baton Rouge, La on April 23, 1957. A small group of firemen got together and discussed the possibility of forming an organization consisting of Fire Prevention Bureaus throughout the state, for the purpose of education and reducing the number of arson fires in Louisiana. At this meeting, two temporary fire officers were appointed and tasked with notifying all of the fire departments across the state and coordination a joint meeting with the Louisiana State Firemen’s Association to discuss their intent and purpose of such an organization. As a result of the correspondence mailed to the departments across the state, the founding fathers received a great response of interest from the vast majority of departments statewide. In June of 1957, the first official meeting was called to order. The group stated the purpose of the organization was being that of advancing Fire Prevention in the state by assisting each other and was opened to anyone charged with the responsibility of Fire Prevention, Fire Protection or Fire Investigation. At this meeting they voted to select a name for the organization, “The Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association.”

**President– Terry Hayes**

**Vice-President– Frank E. Domma**

**Secretary-Treasurer– E.M. Tipton**

<b>Milton Pepper</b> Lafayette	<b>1977-1978</b>	<b>Larry Raymond</b> Galliano	<b>1999-2000</b>
<b>James Pinell</b> Baton Rouge	<b>1979-1980</b>	<b>Glen Guidroz</b> Terrytown	<b>2000-2002</b>
<b>Neill Kirkland</b> Ruston	<b>1980-1981</b>	<b>Tom Cassisa</b> Baton Rouge	<b>2002-2004</b>
<b>Pat Bradford</b> Shreveport	<b>1981-1983</b>	<b>Jerome “Buddy” Smith</b> New Iberia	<b>2004-2006</b>
<b>Ray Sandras</b> Westwego	<b>1983-1985</b>	<b>Charles Stephens</b> Port Allen	<b>2006-2008</b>
<b>Ronnie Schillace</b> Hammond	<b>1985-1987</b>	<b>Terry Thibodaux</b> Harvey	<b>2008-2010</b>
<b>Roy Pete</b> New Iberia	<b>1987-1988</b>	<b>Kenny Hunts</b> Brusly	<b>2010-2012</b>
<b>Stephen Wells</b> Hammond	<b>1988-1990</b>	<b>Joe Ard</b> Covington	<b>2012-2014</b>
<b>Gary Girard</b> Westwego	<b>1990-1992</b>	<b>Ritchie Neil</b> Hammond	<b>2014-2016</b>
<b>Butch Browning</b> Baton Rouge	<b>1992-1993</b>	<b>Manuel Toraño</b> Westwego	<b>2016-</b>
<b>Carland Maddox</b> Hammond	<b>1993-1995</b>		
<b>Phillip Crabtree</b> Westwego	<b>1995-1997</b>		
<b>Mike Raymond</b> Morgan City	<b>1997-1999</b>		

**The Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association is divided into nine districts.**

**District 1**

Caddo  
Desoto  
Bossier  
Red River  
Webster  
Bienville  
Claiborne  
Lincoln  
Jackson

**District 2**

Union  
Morehouse  
West Carrol  
East Carrol  
Quachita  
Richland  
Madison  
Caldwell  
Franklin

**District 3**

Sabine  
Nachitoches  
Winn  
Grant  
Vernon  
Rapides

**District 4**

Tensas  
Catahoula  
LeSalle  
Avoyelles  
Concordia

**District 5**

Beauregard  
Allen  
Evangeline  
Calcausieu  
Jefferson Davis  
Acadia  
Cameron  
Vermilion

**District 6**

West Feliciana  
East Feliciana  
Pointe Coupee  
East Baton Rouge  
West Baton Rouge  
Iberville  
St. Landry

**District 7**

Lafayette  
St. Martin  
Iberia  
St. Mary  
Assumption  
St. James

**District 8**

St. Helena  
Livingston  
Ascension  
Tangipahoa  
Washington  
St. Tammy  
St John the Baptist

**District 9**

Terrebonne  
Lafourche  
St. Charles  
Jefferson  
Plaquemines  
St. Bernard  
Orleans

- **To unite for mutual benefit, those public and private persons engaged in the control of Arson and Fire Prevention.**
- **To provide for exchange of technical information and development throughout the Association and the State.**
- **To cooperate with other law enforcement agencies and associations to further Fire Prevention and the suppression of crimes in Arson.**
- **To encourage high professional standards of conduct among Fire Prevention Personnel and Fire Investigators, in fire prevention and suppression of crimes.**
- **To provide quality training to persons charged with Fire Inspection, Fire Investigation and Public Fire Safety Education.**

**Original enactment of R.S. 14:403.4, also known as the Burn Law, spearheaded by Ronnie Schillace of Hammond in 1988. The purpose of the law is to combat arson through the rapid identification and apprehension of suspected arsonists who may suffer burn injuries during the commission of their crimes and to provide a central registry for burn injuries data from which effective fire and arson prevention and fire safety education programs may be developed.**

**Recognition of Public Fire and Safety Control Activities in the fire insurance rating process. This effort in 1990, headed by Steve Wells, also of Hammond, allowed Fire Departments with Fire Prevention Bureaus to be awarded up to two (2) bonus points in their fire rating. As a result, numerous departments improved their rating, translating into lower fire insurance premiums for local citizens.**

**The Louisiana Arson & Fire Prevention Association has held an Annual Training Conference since the reorganization in 1997.**

**Annual Training Conferences are typically held during the first week of June on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Diverse classes are offered, including programs on fire inspection, fire investigation and public fire safety education. Training classes are open to anyone interested in these objectives.**

**Dues for the organization are \$10 per year. Life membership is bestowed to members who have 20 years of consecutive paid membership. Life members are exempt from annual dues.**

