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Josh Masterson Promoted to Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal

BOISE, ID (October 29, 2025) – The Idaho State Fire Marshal’s Office is proud to announce the promotion of Josh Masterson to the position of Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal. This well-earned advancement recognizes Masterson’s outstanding service, dedication, and professional achievements within the State Fire Marshal’s Office over the past three years.

Masterson brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new role. He holds multiple certifications, including Certified Fire Investigator with the International Association of Arson Investigators, Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator with the National Association of Fire and Explosion Investigators, and Certified Fire Inspector I through the International Code Council. He also earned an associate’s degree in Fire Science from Purdue University.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient, Josh served honorably during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Following his military service, he joined the St. Maries Fire District, where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief before joining the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

“We are fortunate to have Josh,” said State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl. “Josh brings a level of discipline, tenacity, and professionalism to our dedicated office. He will continue this tradition in North Idaho, where he is assigned.”

Masterson’s promotion reflects the State Fire Marshal’s commitment to excellence in fire prevention, investigation, and public safety across Idaho.

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About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to serve and protect Idahoans by equitably, effectively and efficiently administering the Idaho Insurance Code and the International

Fire Code. For more information, please visit us at doi.idaho.gov or email us at consumeraffairs@doi.idaho.gov.

About the Idaho State Fire Marshal's Office

The State Fire Marshal's Office participates in and coordinates an integrated statewide system designed to protect human life from fire and explosions through fire prevention, investigation and public education activities. The program involves fire prevention activities, fire/arson investigation, code enforcement and the operation of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. The State Fire Marshal's Office provides assistance to local fire agencies throughout the state.