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The Consolidation of the Office of the Fire Marshall within the
Department of Forestry and Fire Management

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As part of Arizona’s fiscal year 2017 budget, the Office of the State Fire Marshal was consolidated into the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. The department consolidation aids in government efficiency, preserves critical functions, and has the potential for cost savings. All of the Fire Marshal’s previous powers and duties will be preserved and become part of the Department of Forestry and Fire Management’s mission.

“We are proud to be part of Governor Ducey’s vision for Arizona’s government,” said Arizona State Forester Jeff Whitney, “the Fire Marshal’s duty is to reduce hazards to life and property through enforcement of the Arizona Fire Codes-which fits right in with Forestry’s duty to prevent and suppress unwanted wildfire on state and unincorporated private property.”

Formerly known as the Arizona State Forestry Division, the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management is responsible for the prevention and suppression of wildfire on 22 million acres of state and unincorporated private land in Arizona. The agency provides services for fire prevention, urban and community forestry, forest stewardship, forest health, utilization and marketing, and has a wide variety of forestry related federal grants available.

The agency maintains five district offices located throughout Arizona. In addition to the use of its own personnel, the agency carries out its mission through partnerships with 250 of Arizona’s local fire departments and through cooperative agreements with wildland firefighters throughout the western United States.

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