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NEWS RELEASE

State Fire Marshal Shainin Reveals Division's Goals Moving Forward

SANTA FE – New Mexico State Fire Marshal Don Shainin – who has been on the job with the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) for more than a month – brings approximately 36 years of experience working in the fire service.

Shainin attended school in Albuquerque before he went on to serve in the United States Air Force and the New Mexico Air National Guard for six years.

Following his military service, Shainin returned to Albuquerque and began his current career working with the Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD). At AFD, Shainin was the Special Operations Chief in charge of the Wildland, Hazardous Materials Response, Urban Search & Rescue programs and the Emergency Operation Center. He retired from AFD as an Assistant Chief with 21 years of service with the Department.

Shainin spent a year with the New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department's State Forestry Division. At Forestry, Shainin was an engine boss, where he engaged in hands-on fire suppression on the front lines and participated in the Division's training and equipment programs.

Shainin was subsequently employed as the WIPP Program Manager for the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for 14 years.

Armed with this extensive administrative and field knowledge and experience gleaned from nearly four decades in the fire service, it is perhaps no surprise that Fire Marshal Shainin believes in utilizing continuing education opportunities. His immediate focus will be on training to ensure SFMO fire investigators and code inspectors have the very latest available training and knowledge to utilize in practical application.

Another of Fire Marshal Shainin's main objectives will be to fill as many vacancies within the SFMO as he is able with suitable candidates in the Code Enforcement, Fire Services, and Fire Investigations bureaus as well as at the Firefighters Training Academy.

"We've got a strong core group of professionals representing the State Fire Marshal's Office," Shainin stated. "I look forward to tackling the hard work we have ahead – ensuring firefighters statewide are trained in life safety protocols, and that code inspectors and fire investigators are kept up to date with the latest information to help us ensure public safety every time we inspect a building and with every investigation of a structure or vehicle fire."

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