

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
of the
LOUISIANA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

1. In 1914, the Legislature passed a bill giving 1% refund on fire insurance premiums. The L.S.F.A. sponsored this bill.
2. In 1936, published the first manual of instructions for fire departments in Louisiana.
3. In 1944, the refund on fire insurance premiums was doubled to 2%. The L.S.F.A. sponsored this increase.
4. In April, 1931, created and conducted Louisiana State Fire College at Baton Rouge.
5. Assured a Civil Service Program for firemen.
6. In 1963, succeeded with support for the L.S.U. Firemen's Training Program to be transferred from the Department of Public Safety to L.S.U.
7. Assisted in the Supplemental Pay Program for Louisiana Firemen.
8. Supports training on a national level by sponsoring staff members of the L.S.U. Firemen Training Program to attend the Validation Conference of the International Fire Service Training Association at Stillwater, Oklahoma (Oklahoma State University) each year and revising training materials (Red Books).
9. In 1970, sponsored a bill for additional funding for L.S.U. Firemen Training Program.
10. In 1972, assisted in forming a State Fire Commission.
11. In 1972, sponsored a bill also exempting Volunteer Firemen from jury duty.
12. In 1973, instrumental in establishing the Life Safety Code in Louisiana.
13. Increased Death Benefits (In Line of Duty Deaths) from \$500 to \$1,000 in 1975; to \$1,500 in 1978; to \$2,000 in 1980; to \$2,500 in 1982; to \$3,000 in 1986; to \$5,000 in 1988; to \$7,500 in 1994 and to \$15,000 in 2003.
14. Interdicted legislation that resulted in the Act 32 funding for the L.S.U. Firemen training Program.
15. July 29, 1979, Instrumental in making L.S.U. Firemen Training Program the coordinating agency of all Louisiana fire training. House Bill No. 104, Act No. 528.
16. August 8, 1981, Revised Death Benefit Fund eligibility.
17. August 10, 1984, Created new L.S.F.A. Membership Districts.
18. In 1986, Commenced Annual Joint Meeting with Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association.
19. In 1986 & 1987, Continued support to keep Supplemental Pay Program in effect.
19. In 1988, Supported legislation for all high-rise buildings to have automatic sprinkler systems.
20. In 1992, Membership exceeded 12,000 for the first time.
21. In 1993, Created \$250 scholarships at LSU-E and Delgado Universities for Fire Science Majors. .
22. In January 1995, the first edition of the new L.S.F.A. news magazine, "***THE BLAZE***" was published.
23. In June, 1995 - Sponsored legislative bill to increase Volunteer Fire Fighters of Louisiana "Insurance Premium Funds" from \$200,000 to \$500,000, it became Act #641.
24. In 1996, Established Firefighter of Year Award & Roy Robichaux, Sr. Legislative Awards.
25. In 1996, Initiated "21st Century Fund" of \$100 stipend for LSFA members who attend the VIP program at the National Fire Academy. Increased the amount of stipend to \$125 in 2006.

26. Increased scholarship to \$500 in 1996
27. In 1997, Instrumental in having Supplemental Pay increased to \$300.
28. In 1998, LSFA Informational Pamphlet published.
29. In August 1999, Video tape for promotional and recruitment purposes completed.
29. In 1999, Established WEB page on internet for LSFA.
30. In 2001, Collected the donations for "Bucks for Fire Trucks" at the request of Governor Mike Foster. Close to \$1,000,000 was collected to purchase 3 trucks and 6 chiefs' cars for the City of New York Fire Dept.
31. In 2007, Helped with distribution of Katrina Fund checks, from the NVFD, to departments in dire need.
32. In 2007, Helped pass Legislation that grants a State income tax credit to volunteer firefighters in Louisiana.
33. In 2007, Instrumental in getting Legislation passed for the Cigarette Safety and Firefighter Protection Act.
34. In 2007, Instrumental in getting Legislation passed increasing Supplemental Pay to \$425.00
35. In 2007, Up-Dated Promotional and Recruitment video and transferred to DVD.
36. In 2008, Instrumental in getting Legislation passed for the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Incentive.
37. In 2008, Instrumental in getting Act 900 passed - Creates an advisory board of directors to the PIAL and adds one member designated by the LSFA.
38. In 2008, Aided in getting Supplemental Pay increased from \$425.00 to \$500.00 per month.
39. In 2009, Instrumental in getting legislation passed to ban novelty cigarette lighters, and also to establish the Fire Safe Cigarette Act.
40. In 2009, Received a Grant from FEMA under the SAFER Act, of \$1,000,000 to provide scholarships, for any degree, with the stipulation that the recipients would serve at least two (2) years in the volunteer fire service.
41. In 2009, Instrumental in securing legislation for Workers' Comp. for Volunteers.
42. In 2010, Named the Competitive Drills – "Jason Simon Memorial Competitive Drills."
43. In 2010, Established the "LSFSA Safer Grant Reimbursement Program".
44. In 2012, Established the use of Bar-Codes for tracking attendees at education classes at Annual Conferences
45. Throughout the years, supported legislation in favor of the fire service state-wide, and opposed legislation not in favor of the fire service state-wide, and will continue to do so in the future
46. In 2017, First year for on line conference registration.
47. In 2017, Established a PayPal account to allow on line donations for Hurricane Relief.
48. In 2017, Instrumental in getting Legislation passed for presumptive cancer policy for Louisiana Firefighters.
49. In 2018, LSFA was instrumental in passing H.B. No. 64 which created Emergency Medical Services Professional Working Group.
50. In 2018, in conjunction with Concerns of Police Survivors the LSFA provide a financial dairy for all of its membership.
51. In 2018, launched a completed revised and state of the art web page with the assistance of AMBA.
52. In 2019, Established the Lynda Vince CISM Memorial Scholarship Fund dedicated to PTSD and CISM Training.

53. In 2019, Instrumental in getting Legislation passed for PTSD as a covered illness to firefighters personal compensated coverages.
54. In 2019, Instrumental in getting Legislation passed for Volunteer Firefighter Tuition Reimbursement Program which will provided \$250,000 to the program for college tuition funding for active volunteer firefighters.
55. In 2019, Instrumental in getting Legislation that defines a fire service employee.