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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**BOB BARGER, DIRECTOR DFBLS** 

FROM:

PHIL MELE, STATE FIRE MARSHAL

**SUBJECT:** 

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM STATE SERVICE

DATE:

**JANUARY 22, 2010** 

Please accept this memorandum as my formal notice of retirement from State service effective March 26, 2010.

I could not have imagined a better way to end a 33 + year career in the Arizona Fire Service than I have experienced working for you and with the dedicated staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

During my tenure as State Fire Marshal, I believe, the true critical nature of the position was being recognized, by the state's fire service and the public we serve. The mission of the Office of the State Fire Marshal does, in fact, provide for the public safety through its fire prevention responsibilities as well as in the education and training of the State's firefighters.

I leave with the belief that the State must recognize this responsibility and the significance of our mission. This recognition must also provide continued support of the activities of Office of the State Fire Marshal for the benefit of Arizona's citizens and firefighters.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the citizens and firefighters of Arizona.