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Mission Statement

Dedicated to the advancement of the Fire Service by providing leadership. The Association will proudly support the community of firefighters in Illinois through education, training, benefits and information networking at the local, state and national levels.

President's Message



Dear Fellow Firefighters,

This will be the last Bulletin before the our Annual conference. Please take the time now to make sure that you and your fellow firefighters are registered to attend. This conference will be very special as we will be celebrating our 125th annual conference. I will be inviting our Governor and Lt. Governor to our business meeting and for a tour of the Illinois Fire Service Institute. This year, we will be recognizing our mission and who we are and where are we going. Our mission dates back to the start of our association and the creation of our Fire Academy. We were the only state-wide fire organization in the state on Illinois for many years. We now have over thirteen different fire organizations in Illinois and each having their own mission that supports their cause. Over the last 125 years, we have made many strides in meeting firefighter training needs and the benefits that support their position. We have stood on common ground and worked to make our association strong. Now, we need to look at other supporting entities that need us as much as we need them.

We have already partnered and have gained support in the corporate world. In this issue of the Bulletin, we are recognizing them for their contribution in supporting our mission. Most of these companies are not directly affiliated with the Fire Service, but have recognized a need to support us. I do not want to forget and also recognize our fire vendors. They have always been there when we needed them and have shown their support for us over the years by displaying at our conference.

In regards to other state-wide happenings, we still do not have a state budget. We know that our fire programs are in limbo at the Fire Marshal's Office and whether we will see future funds available to support the fire service. As I stated earlier, I believe our Lt. Governor understands our position and hopefully after this budget crisis is over, we can operate at a more normal state of affairs. I want to thank all those who worked the Fire Marshal's tent at the State Fair. It was a great day at the Fair and many visited the tent learning fire prevention .

Out west, we have seen some of the largest wildland fires of all times. They have been fighting them for weeks on end. Now, they have taken firefighters lives and we understand the dangers they face. Every year, we lose close to a hundred firefighters across this county and all of them rely heavily on their training and equipment. No matter what we know and what we have to protect us, an unknown fate stands before us. This is what makes our mission as firefighters so dangerous. Sunday morning, at the end of our conference, we will recognize those that have gone before us. Our Memorial Service is the highlight of our conference and we will read the names of all the Illinois Firefighters that have gone before us. If you have a name to add to the list, please forward it to Kerry Federer, our Secretary/Treasurer.

I'll see you at the conference, so train smart and stay safe.

God Bless

John Swan President IFA



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA Legislative Lobbyist

OVERTIME SESSION NO END IN SIGHT

The State of Illinois is now entering its third month without a state budget and the House and Senate have been called back into special on a weekly basis all summer without their per diems. With a \$4 billion dollar budget hole the only way out is a tax increase but Governor Rauner wants no part of it until the Speaker of the House agrees to his “*Turn Around Agenda*” of reforms on labor and litigation which he believes will strengthen the economy. The Speaker is not budging and Governor Rauner has been pouring major dollars into robocalls and mailers all summer targeting democratic legislators trying to get them to move on his issues. Legislators will begin circulating petitions for the 2016 elections the first week of September and nobody wants to be campaigning for a tax increase but it is also hard to campaign without a state budget in place. With risks of well financial opposition at the polls and general frustration, quite a few legislators have decided not to run again and there will continue to be an ongoing stream of new faces at the Capitol. Stay tuned.....

Recent action taken on fire service legislation includes:

HB 152 sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Willis and Sen. Andy Manar would **require carbon monoxide detectors or alarms in schools**. The bill passed the House and is on 3rd Reading in the Senate. **LAST ACTION: SIGNED by GOVERNOR TAKES EFFECT 01/01/15**

HB 219 Sponsored by Rep. Verschoore and Sen. David Koehler would provide that the voters of the entire fire protection district may vote on whether a territory of that district may be disconnected and transferred to another district (rather than just the voters of the territory sought to be transferred). **LAST ACTION: Amendatory Veto by Governor so that it would apply to all counties not just DuPage. Rep. Verchoore has filed motion to override veto.**

HB 246 – Sponsored by Rep. Stewart and Sen. Koehler would commemorate Dec. 23rd each year as “**Scott’s Law Day**” to honor public safety workers and remind motorists to slow down and change lanes away from a stationary authorized emergency vehicle. **LAST ACTION: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR EFFECTIVE 01/01/15**

SB 740 – Sponsored Sen. Holmes and Rep Pritchard - Amends the **Fire Hydrant Act**. Provides that whoever fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Act, after 30 days receiving written notice of noncompliance or violation from a fire protection district or municipality in whose jurisdiction a fire hydrant is located, shall be responsible for all reasonable costs that the fire protection district or municipality incurs to correct the noncompliance, including attorney’s fees and legal expenses incurred by the fire protection district or municipality in recovering the costs from the responsible party. **LAST ACTION: SIGNED INTO LAW EFFECTIVE 07/30/15**

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Reduce avoidable work: Controlling/limiting open burning

by Brian J. O'Connor
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Fire departments -- whether staffed by volunteers, part-time or full-time firefighters -- are very active in training and preparing for and responding to emergency fire and medical calls. Action to minimize unnecessary calls benefits the fire department and the department's residents, visitors and public as well. One such option available to fire departments is to have a pro-active process to control open burning within the department's jurisdiction.

Fire protection districts have express statutory authority under the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/8.20), and municipalities may also regulate such action under the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-19.1-11 -- regulating uses of land which cause emission into the atmosphere of air contaminants including dust, soot, mist, smoke, fumes, fly ash, and vapor; 65 ILCS 5/11-60-2 -- preventing and abating nuisances). With the impending onset of autumn and the tradition of open burning, perhaps action to plan and review options now is prudent.

Do your homework first

Before a fire department or district seeks to act to control open burning, the board and staff need to know what regulations might already exist. Many if not most counties and a number of municipalities (villages, towns, cities, etc.) have adopted either ordinances or regulations relating to control of open burning, or alternately have adopted codes, such as the International Code Council's International Fire Code (IFC) which includes a section titled "Open Burning and Recreational Fires." Staff should confirm whether the department (district or municipality) has adopted the IFC, and ascertain any controls already in place.

What can be done

In addition to regulating open burns, a fire protection district may pass an ordinance requiring that the district be notified of open burning within the district before it takes place (70 ILCS 705/8.20(a)). Of course, there are limits: the district cannot require that a permit for open burning be obtained from the district, nor can the requirement apply to a site within Cook County or the City of Chicago (70 ILCS 705/8.20(a)). The operative control element here is required *notification* to the district of a planned open burn.

The district's ordinance may also provide that persons setting open burns on any agricultural land with an area of 50 acres or more to voluntarily comply with the notification provisions. Hopefully, voluntary compliance is encouraged to ensure senior fire service staff are aware of planned agricultural burns in order to have considered contingency plans in the event of an unforeseen turn of events with the open burn (70 ILCS 705/8.20(c)).

The district's fire department may extinguish any open burn that presents a clear, present, and unreasonable danger to persons or adjacent property or that presents an unreasonable risk because of wind, weather, or the types of combustibles (70 ILCS 705/8.20(c)). Notification of a planned open burn is important to enable senior fire service staff to be available and on site, if necessary, to evaluate the open burn. The determination of unreasonable risk posed by an open burn may be based upon the height of flames, presence of windblown embers, the creation of hazardous fumes, or by an unattended fire.

This authority has limits: fire departments may not unreasonably interfere with permitted and legal open burning. If the county or municipality has issued a permit for the open burn, senior fire service staff will need to be prepared to justify action to extinguish the fire based on the assessment that the open burn presented a clear, present, and unreasonable danger to persons or adjacent property or that presents an unreasonable risk because of wind, weather, or the types of combustibles.

Prohibiting open burning

Under certain environmental circumstances, and if authorized by the district's board, a district's fire chief or other officer may prohibit open burning (70 ILCS 705/8.20(d)). The district's chief or designated officer may prohibit open burning within the district on an emergency basis, for a limited period of time, if: (i) the atmospheric conditions or other circumstances create an unreasonable risk of fire because of wind, weather, or the types of combustibles; and (ii) the resources of the fire department are not sufficient to control and suppress a fire resulting from one or more of the conditions or

circumstances (70 ILCS 705/8.20(d)).

Although not stated in the law, a typical “limited period of time” for the prohibition is up to 48 hours. Note that if the hazardous conditions or circumstances continue, then the chief or officer may declare additional periods during which open burning is prohibited. For the purposes of the prohibition, “open burning” is defined to include, but not be limited to, the burning of landscape waste, agricultural waste, household trash, and garbage. The fire department may seek reimbursement for costs associated with extinguishing an open burning that was prohibited (70 ILCS 705/8.20(e)).

Challenges

Fire departments encounter a number of challenges related to the control of open burning. Where a county or municipality regulates open burning, a fire department may not be informed of an application for open burning or on the issuance of a permit allowing the open burn. Hopefully, internal controls remediate this problem if the fire district requires notification of an open burn, and can help overcome lack of notice of an application or permit issued by another agency.

The fire department empowering its chief or other officer to prohibit open burning in the event of hazardous conditions or circumstances faces challenges as well. The department needs to ensure that residents, as well as other local governmental entities, are aware of the process to prohibit open burning for a limited period of time. Fire department staff need to work closely with other governmental entities concerning control and permits for local burning, and of course when conditions or circumstances warrant outright prohibition.

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Illinois Fire Service Institute Updates

Jim Keiken, Deputy Director



Mark Your 2015 Training Calendar

Light and Fight - Off Campus	9/12/15	ROCKFORD
Fire and Arson Investigation I	9/14/15	OSWEGO
Fire Prevention Principles	9/14/15	WHEATON
Command & General Staff Functions for Local Incident Management Teams	9/18/15	OTTAWA
Light and Fight - On Campus	9/19/15	CHAMPAIGN
Oil Well Fire Fighting	9/19/15	SALEM
Large Vehicle Extrication	9/20/15	HARVARD
Hazardous Materials Incident Management System	9/21/15	BOLINGBROOK
Instructor I	9/21/15	WHEATON
Vehicle and Machinery Operations - Level I	9/26/15	CHAMPAIGN
Command & General Staff Functions for Local Incident Management Teams	9/28/15	COLONA
Fire and Arson Investigation II	9/28/15	OSWEGO
Instructor III	9/28/15	WHEATON
NWCG G-130 Wildland Training for Structural Firefighters	10/2/15	BRIMFIELD
Fire Origin and Cause Awareness Online	10/5/15	CHAMPAIGN
Fire Service Vehicle Operator Online	10/5/15	CHAMPAIGN
ICS 300 - Intermediate ICS	10/5/15	URBANA
Instructor II	10/5/15	WHEATON
ICS 400 - Advanced Incident Command System	10/8/15	URBANA
NWCG G-130 Wildland Training for Structural Firefighters	10/9/15	SPRING VALLEY
Fire and Arson Investigation III	10/12/15	OSWEGO
Command & General Staff Refresher Workshop	10/13/15	CRYSTAL LAKE
Fire Prevention / Public Education	10/15/15	CARROLLTON
Command & General Staff Functions for Local Incident Management Teams	10/16/15	SIGEL
Fire Prevention Principles	10/16/15	CHAMPAIGN
NWCG G-130 Wildland Training for Structural Firefighters	10/16/15	ELBURN
All Hazards Incident Management Team	10/19/15	CAHOKIA
Fire and Arson Investigation I	10/19/15	FRANKFORT
Fire Inspector I	10/19/15	CHAMPAIGN
Large Vehicle Extrication	10/21/15	RIVERTON
NWCG G-130 Wildland Training for Structural Firefighters	10/23/15	WILLIAMSFIELD
NWCG G-130 Wildland Training for Structural Firefighters	10/23/15	LEAF RIVER
Light and Fight - Off Campus	10/24/15	CARBONDALE
Vehicle and Machinery Operations - Level I	10/26/15	CHAMPAIGN
Engine Company Operations	10/27/15	CHAMPAIGN
Truck Company Operations	10/27/15	CHAMPAIGN
Basic Firefighter/NFPA Firefighter I Module C Online	10/30/15	CHAMPAIGN

For more information on upcoming classes visit our web site @ <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu>.

Fall burn season is upon us and we have a number of great programs on the schedule. Fall is a great time to sharpen and renew your fireground training. IFSI is at your disposal to assist you and your department in not only basic skills but also the advanced skill and education you are looking for to improve your game, as well safety on the scene.

In September we have an Oil Well Firefighting program in Salem, a number of Command and General Staff programs across the state. We are offering Fire Instructor 1, 2 & 3 in Wheaton and Fire and Arson Investigation 1, 2 & 3 in Oswego. There are a number of G-130 Wildland programs across the state and Light and Fights both on and off campus as well.

The 125th annual Illinois Firefighters Down and Dirty weekend will be held October 15th -18th at IFSI and the Fire Service Women of Illinois Fall Training Event November 7th & 8th also held at IFSI. Finally don't miss the start of a number of online programs. All this and more can be found (as well as registration) at the IFSI web site @ <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu>.

We are continuing work with the rail industry to develop and expand IFSI's programs on handling rail related emergencies. Winter Fire College will again have a rail response program and many more new offerings. Watch for more information later in the fall.

We are also continuing work on expanding IFIS blended courses such as Rope operations, Hazmat operations and Fire Instructor 1. Look for more information on the blended Basic Firefighter and Advanced Firefighter programs coming soon!

Please remember your IFSI Regional Representative is at your disposal to assist with scheduling many of IFSI's programs at your department. In addition to Cornerstone program they can help with an assortment of National Fire Academy endorsed and hand off program at your department. They also have extensive firefighting experience and are a resource in your own back yard, feel free to talk with them about how they might be able to assist your department.

In late October we will be offering both the recently updated Engine & Truck Company operation's programs on campus. Do miss out on the latest in fire ground engine and truck company skills, strategy and tactics in both these great programs.

New LDDM Program Director at IFSI

Director Mortenson is pleased to announce Chief James Moore as the new Program Director for the Leadership Development and Decision-Making (LDDM) program. Chief Moore and the LDDM team will be conducting a full Leadership Development and Decision Making Pilot Program November 16 – 20, 2015, at the Fire Service Institute in Champaign, IL.. The LDDM Team will also deliver two of LDDM Lines of Education (LOE's) s at the Fall 2015 - North American Fire Training Directors Conference in Telluride, Colorado.

Heather Moore is the new SOTP Program Director

Captain Heather Moore has also take over as the Special Operations Training Program (**SOTP**) Program Director. AS SOTP PD Heather is responsible for overseeing the program managers for hazardous materials, confined space rescue, rope rescue, structural collapse rescue, and trench rescue training. She is also responsible for planning strategic direction for the SOTP. Many of you may remember her as the Trench Rescue program manager.

If you have the opportunity please welcome and feel free to talk with both Chief Jimmy Moore about the LDDM program and Captain Heather Moore about any of your SOTP needs.

Just a reminder, if there is something you think IFSI would be providing or you have ideas for the next great program please feel free to contact me at the institute.

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Teen Drivers and Your Insurance Rates

Maybe you've seen the headline, "Teen Drivers Double Family Car Insurance Rates." It's true, having a teen driver in the family will drive up the price you pay for auto insurance. A new report from InsuranceQuotes.com found that adding a teenage boy to a policy resulted in a 92 percent higher insurance premium on average, adding a teen girl driver resulted in a 67 percent increase.

Insurance experts say premium increases for teens make sense; they are inexperienced drivers who often drive riskier and don't recognize hazards associated with driving. Crash rates for teens are three times higher than those who are 20 years of age or older. Since our children are priceless, it is important to make sure we purchase insurance to protect them and others.

If you have a teen driver, here are ways to manage insurance costs.

- Take advantage of good student discounts
- Purchase cars that have modern safety features
- Consider a monitoring system that tracks your young driver's habits
- Enroll in a defensive driving course
- Try to cut driving miles by carpooling and using mass transit
- Stick to lower horsepower vehicles
- Find an insurer who treats teens as responsible drivers

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has a list of recommended used vehicles that are safest for younger drivers which could cost less to insure. They include:

- Saab 9-5 sedan, 2010 and newer
- Lincoln MKS, 2009 and newer
- Toyota Prius v, 2012 and newer
- Mercedes Benz C-Class Sedan, 2009 and newer
- Acura RL, 2005 and newer
- Mercury Sable, 2009
- Subaru Legacy, 2009
- BMW 3-series sedan, 2006 and newer.

See the entire list of recommended used vehicles for teen drivers at <http://www.iihs.org/teenvehicles>.

The IIHS also urges parents who don't find the suitable vehicle from the list to seek a midsize or larger car, SUV or minivan with the most safety features they can afford. They also recommend:

- Young drivers stay away from high horsepower vehicles
- Bigger, heavier vehicles protect better in a crash (no minicars or small cars made their list)
- Electronic stability and traction controls should be included

California Casualty has a commitment to the safety of teen drivers. We've partnered with law enforcement agencies, safety groups, educators and concerned parents to create and fund Impact

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Teen Drivers, an intensive campaign to inform young drivers about the dangers of distracted or reckless driving. The nonprofit provides training and powerful tools to help engage teen drivers and change their attitudes behind the wheel.

California Casualty also understands what it is like to have a new driver. We offer some of the best teen driver rates in the industry, along with good student discounts. Make sure your student driver is fully protected by calling a California Casualty advisor and talking through your options, 1.800.800.9410 or by visiting www.calcas.com/IFA.

Resources for this article:

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2015/06/15/high-insurance-rates-for-teen-drivers/71150888/>

<http://www.insurancequotes.com/auto/teen-driver-safety-apps>

<http://www.dmv.org/insurance/>

<http://www.iihs.org/teenvehicles>

<http://www.whatdoyouconsiderlethal.com/>

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IFA Day at the Illinois State Fair

Dear Fellow Firefighters

The Illinois State Fair all went very well again this year. And the reason for that were the firefighters that put in the long hours and outstanding effort that they gave.

As the chairman of the IFA Day at State Fair each year, I find those Firefighters that give their time are a real asset to the public that enters that tent. And in the case of my Department and all fire personnel that have worked in the tent in the past, they have fun and more importantly, how rewarding it always is to come back. I would like to thank all of the departments for their outstanding effort in trying to make it to the Fair this year, I wish them well and hope to see them back next year.

I would like to add the last Saturday of the Fair in August 2016 will be the date you will want to mark on your calendars and as a reminder to contact me at least 45 days prior to that date so I can get your Gate and Car passes out to you in time for the Fair. Stay safe in all you do for the Fire Service and I hope to see you all back, and even more Firefighters back next year. Please go to the IFA website every chance you get. And read the IFA Bulletin, and as well, the IFA has a lot to offer to all Firefighters in Illinois. Thank all of you for your outstanding effort at the Fair.

Your Truly,

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Illinois Firefighter's Annual Memorial Service NAMES ARE NEEDED!

The memorial service is held on Sunday morning, during the annual conference in October.

Please send all names of active and retired personnel from departments that have passed away from September 1, 2014 - September 1, 2015. The names and department info can be emailed to Joe Heim at edfire18@yahoo.com.

The IFA reads the names of ALL firefighters from the State of Illinois that have passed away during the year, at their annual conference Memorial Service. If you know of ANY firefighter that has passed away, even from other departments, please let us know. We would like to honor them at the memorial service. The names can be sent to us throughout the year and we can keep track of them to be read at the service.

Thanks,

Joe Heim, Memorial Chairman, Illinois Firefighter's Association



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The Illinois Firefighters Association is constantly striving to better serve our communities by providing a variety of fire prevention, health and safety programs. It is our goal to help our communities be as strong, safe and healthy as possible. A recent Mayo Clinic study determined that almost 70% of the people in our state take at least one prescription drug each month. Many of these people are having a difficult time purchasing their prescription drugs because of the high cost. The IFA has partnered with Discount Drug Network (DDN) to provide everyone in our community access to a **FREE PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**. This free program is accepted at almost every pharmacy in Illinois. Every FDA approved drug is eligible to be purchased at a discount. Even if you have health insurance, our program offers you the opportunity to purchase your medication for LESS THAN YOUR CO-PAY. Discount Drug Network donates a portion of their proceeds to IFA to help us continue this and other valuable community services.

Simply call the toll free number on the card and provide the customer service representative with the name of your prescription and your zip code. We will provide you with the top 10 pharmacies in your zip code with the lowest price for your prescription. Then present the card to the pharmacist when you purchase your medication. There is no fee to enroll or participate, ever! No patient information will be requested. We simply want to provide you with access to negotiated discount pricing on your prescription drugs. You may also visit our website at www.DiscountDrugNetwork.com to search for the pharmacy location with the best price for your prescription.





GET YOUR CHECK UP

**MAKE EXERCISE A
PRIORITY**

**WATCH WHAT
YOU EAT**

**TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF HEALTH
PROGRAMS**

**4 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP THE
#1 KILLER OF FIREFIGHTERS
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Emergency Responder
Conference



October 16-17, 2015
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Fire Speakers



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Graham



Pete
Van Dorpe



Pete
Lazzara



Steve
Murphy



Debra
Von Seggern

EMS Speakers

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Friday, Oct. 16, 2015

- **Fire Track** (Gordon Graham) or **EMS Track** (Pete Lazzara & Steve Murphy)

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015

- **Fire Track** (Eddie Enright & Pete Van Dorpe) or **EMS Track** (Pete Lazzara & Debra Von Seggern)

Each Day Includes:

- *National, local and regional vendors*
- *Networking with fire and EMS colleagues from IA, IL, WI and MN*
- *Entertainment at Mississippi Moon Bar - Diamond Jo Casino: Dueling Pianos (Friday) and James Otto (Saturday)*

NEW FOR 2015!

Daily drawing for one dept. to win \$1,000
sponsored by Alexis Fire Equipment!

Conference Fee:

Before Sept. 1: \$89/one day or \$158/two days
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- ☒ NATIONAL SPEAKERS
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- ☒ FREE ACCESS TO VENDOR EXHIBIT HALL
- ☒ NO HIDDEN CHARGES

Earn continuing education hours in Fire or EMS.

Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) have been approved by Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. RN and allied health CEUs will be available.





★ FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY INITIATIVE #15 ★

Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.

“The environment is which firefighters operate today has dramatically changed over the past decade. Unfortunately, much of the change has put firefighters at greater risk.

Lightweight construction in residential buildings reduces cost, allows for open floor plans and provides the structural integrity needed in an everyday setting. However, they fail quickly and violently under fire conditions. To make matters worse, the furnishings in today’s homes consist of synthetic materials that burn at extremely high temperatures during fires. Together lightweight construction homes and synthetic furnishings have reduced the time it takes for flashover to occur, which all too often is happening as firefighters arrive.



On a positive note, the last decade has also seen an increase in the number of communities that require residential sprinkler systems. The awareness about the benefits of residential fire sprinklers is on the rise, but Illinois firefighters must continue to advocate for the lifesaving systems. Fire sprinklers ensure that ‘Everyone Goes Home.’”

Ralph Webster, Fire Chief, Woodstock Fire/Rescue District; Past President, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association; Illinois Advocate - “Everyone Goes Home” Program, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

For resources and more information regarding residential fire sprinklers, please visit **HomeLifeSafety.com**.

In 2004, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation developed “16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives” as part of its “Everyone Goes Home” program designed to prevent line-of-duty firefighter injuries and deaths.



www.EveryoneGoesHome.com



www.HomeLifeSafety.com



Scan for in-depth document
on FLSI #15

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Choose one of the following classes and register in advance to assure your spot in the class. Because skills build upon each other, when you choose a Down & Dirty class, you must participate in all portions of that class and you must have your gear, including SCBA, with you for all portions of the class.

Equipment Requirements For All Hands-On Classes All firefighters participating in the two hands-on classes and Friday night's Myths and Realities MUST have an SCBA (with current hydrostatic test date and a complete set of their own, properly fitting, protective clothing (as prescribed in NFPA 1971, 1972, 1973, and 1974).

Hands-On Firefighting Classes

Down & Dirty Foundations of Firefighting HF HS 15 Limited to 50 students

Are you ready to get in there and fight the fire? This hands-on class is designed for the new firefighter and covers extensive fundamental firefighting skills necessary to function on a fireground. Subjects include some, but not all, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), small tools, hose, ladders, fire stream management and basic fireground operations. Students from this class will participate in the live-burn exercise as members of a fire fighting crew.

Down & Dirty Essentials of Fires on the Farm HF HS 15 - Limited to 40 students

Rural and farm emergencies can present unique challenges to emergency responders. This 12-hour class identifies common rural emergencies and prepares responders with the information and skills to safely set up the scene. Topics include: farm fires, farm hazardous materials incidents, farm building collapse, machinery entanglement and entrapment, confined space emergencies, farm electrical emergencies, and lost persons. Note: Protection clothing required for this class. Participants must furnish approved helmet, eye protection, gloves, leather safety boots or fire boots, and overalls or turnout gear.

Crude Oil by Rail CF CS 15

Illinois has more miles of rail than all the surrounding states and a high percentage carries crude oil in rail cars. This four-hour class covers the basic chemical and physical properties of the types of crude being transported. Students also learn basic rail car design features, unit vs. manifest trains, common railroad terminology, and techniques for contacting and working with the railroad. The class touches on tactics and strategies for handling crude oil train derailments, but will not teach the student how to employ these tactics. Lastly, the course looks at case studies of recent crude train derailments and discusses lessons learned.

Grain Bin Awareness CF CS 15

This four-hour class educates students about grain storage facility types, their construction, and operating features. OSHA regulations, physical-environmental hazards and potential rescue resources are identified to ensure the response falls within the requirements minimizing fire department civil or criminal liability. Scene management and safety are discussed in conjunction with locating and making contact with the victim. Appropriate non-entry rescue efforts are identified. Various cutting tools are discussed for a simulated rescue to assist in the removal of grain from the system.

Friday Night Activities: 7pm-9pm

Myths and Realities: Fog nozzle vs. Smooth Bore

Nozzle - HF 15 - Limited to 30 students

This one-hour class (7pm – 8pm) focuses on one of the most historic debates in the fire service – the use of smooth bore nozzle or a fog nozzle during fire attack. Which is better and/or safer? The class will explore different hose stream selection for fire attack and the pros and cons of each.

Fireman, Fire Engine, Firehouse CF 15

For two hours students focus on the history of the fire service and the values and beliefs passed down from generation to generation. The class explores the fire service from all perspectives – past, present and future. Instructors present a brief look into the history of the fire service, then discuss how to assess the current state of your fire department and the fire service in general. The class concludes with a focus on proactive and supportive ways to encourage positive change at your home department.

Saturday at ISFI

Reading Smoke Know Your Smoke CS 15

There are a number of factors to evaluate when deciding whether to initiate an interior attack. One critical factor is smoke conditions. "Reading smoke" skills can prove vital when it comes time to assess a fire burning inside a structure. This class simply covers how to read smoke conditions and how you can use this information to determine the sequence of steps for initiating (or not initiating) an interior attack.

At the Hotel

Understanding Today's Dynamic Fireground

CF CS 15

Firefighters responding to structure fires today are faced with many challenges – from building construction to operating with limited manpower. They are challenged by changes in fire behavior, but will gain much from the research that has gone into making the fireground safer for all. We will look at the testing that UL and NIST have conducted and its relation to fire attack, building construction, legacy and modern furnishing, along with what needs to be relayed for size up. This class is beneficial for all members of the fire service from the newest firefighter to the chief officer. This class will be held on Friday and Saturday from 1-5 pm at the hotel.

Traffic Incident Management & Responder Safety

Workshop CS 15

Limited to 40 students

This six-hour hands-on training workshop is based on the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management and provides an overview of the safety hazards at highway incidents. Topics include strategies and tactics designed to help save lives and prevent injuries of emergency response personnel. The class is taught by Brad Sprague, Deputy Chief of Operations for Minooka Fire Protection District and a Sergeant with Illinois State Police District 05. This class will be held on Saturday from 8am - 4pm at the hotel.

CF = Classroom on Friday

CS = Classroom on Saturday

HF = Hands-On on Friday

CS = Hands-On on Saturday

15 or 20 = Minimum enrollment is required or class will be cancelled and enrollment shifted to other classes.

**Testing for Firefighter Certification will take place
on Thursday and Friday nights.**



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Registration Form – 2015 Annual Conference *Firefighter Down & Dirty Fire Fighting Weekend*

October 15-18, 2015

Wyndham Garden

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Name _____

Department _____

Address _____

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County _____

Check one ☐ Guest ☐ Delegate (Please complete delegate credentials form)

Conference fees (if received before 5 pm October 2, 2015)

IFA Member \$ 50

Non-IFA Member \$ 75

Conference registration fees (if received after 5 pm October 2, 2015 and at the door)

IFA Member \$ 100

Non-IFA Member \$ 125

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Early registration must be received by 5 pm October 2, 2015

NOTE: GET A FREE REGISTRATION

FOR EVERY THREE REGISTRATIONS FROM THE SAME ORGANIZATION

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM

Registration can be paid by credit card - Credit Card # _____

Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____

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Questions about the conference, contact:

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Email: corky2700@aol.com

Hotel reservations may be made by contacting: Wyndham Garden, 217-328-7900. Be sure to mention Illinois Firefighter's Association when making reservations. Rooms have been reserved for \$70 single or double per night (plus 5% city and 6% state hotel taxes).

For Americans with Disabilities: If you plan to attend the IFA Conference and need an accommodation, please contact Joe Mandarino at 708-935-2893 by October 2, 2015.



Chaplain's Corner

BE _ _ _ _ING THE BEST!

We are firefighters – and so, naturally, we want to be the best that we could possibly be. But “being the best” in the fire service is so much more than punching a clock or a sudden personal transformation every time the pager sounds. Being the best encompasses the entirety of a firefighters life. Let me suggest the following three components with a little play on the words “being the best”:

BE-LIEV-ING THE BEST. Behavior is generally rooted in beliefs. Every firefighter has a belief system that contains certain “doctrines” from which he/she carries out his/her fire service work. An absence of consciously affirming our faith in God’s involvement in our fire service experience doesn’t mean we don’t believe anything. It just means that our beliefs are probably inherited from our upbringing, the surrounding culture, and/or from other firefighters and they may not support the depth of selfless service that is inherent in the fire service calling. Here are a few faith-affirming statements that are vital strengths on the pathway to “being the best”: *I believe that God has called me to the fire service...I believe that God’s presence is always with me as I serve...I believe that God provides equipment and training that I must access and manage faithfully...I believe that God has strategically placed me in my fire service “family” to build supportive and encouraging relationships that can stand the strain of mutual trust required on the emergency scene...I believe that God loves the people I am called to serve and that He sends me and my crew to their aid in times of their greatest peril and loss...I believe that God will provide me with His grace and strength – and any other needed resources – to manage the stress and trauma I will inevitably experience in my fire service calling. I believe that God knows and sees the risk I face in every situation and He will give me the wisdom to act skillfully, courageously, and safely even though I have no guarantee of a successful outcome every time.*

BE-LIV-ING THE BEST. “Being the best” in the fire service is not restricted to our on-duty time and emergency responses. Who we are at the fire station and on the emergency scene should be a reflection and continuation of who we are in our homes and in our communities. One role feeds into the other and each has a mutual effect – positive or negative – on our ability to see and conduct ourselves faithfully in our comprehensive life calling to selfless service. If married, a firefighter’s relationship with his/her spouse and children will either support or detract from his/her fire service relationships and experiences. Likewise, his/her positive community involvements in civic groups/clubs, youth athletic teams, local church, and other volunteer opportunities builds and supports the inner character strength so needed for his/her fire service work. If a firefighter is experiencing unresolved difficulties in his/her personal life it will spill over in negative ways in their fire service lives – and vice versa. Positive family, community, and local church involvements and relationships are God’s gift to help us access the resources we all need to deal with and maintenance the inevitable bumps in the road of life on our way to being the best. In absence of these types of positive off-duty supports a firefighter will often isolate or turn to more negative avenues which provide short-term relief of personal problems but only add to an overall downward spiral of his/her character and calling. If you find yourself in that downward slide, please immediately access any supportive resources made available to you both in the realms of faith and counseling.

BEING THE BEST! I don’t have to say much here – you already are doing it...train hard, learn something from every call, believe in and support the other firefighters on your team, etc... And don’t forget the training opportunities available to you at the upcoming IFA Down and Dirty Firefighting Weekend this October 15-18! *Believing the Best...Be Living the Best...Being the Best!*

Kevin Coffey, IFA Chaplain (815-457-2007, kc9526@yahoo.com)

NVFC Awarded Grant to Address First Responder Health and Safety

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) a \$786,580 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant to conduct a series of health and safety initiatives over the next year. The grant will help the NVFC build on existing health and safety programs as well as address emerging issues facing the fire and emergency services.

A cornerstone of the NVFC's mission is to address firefighter health and safety, reducing injuries and deaths among the volunteer fire and emergency services. The NVFC, with support from previous FP&S grants, administers groundbreaking health and wellness programs including the Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program, the Share the Load behavioral health support program, and the B.E.S.T. Priorities for Health and Safety. In addition, the NVFC has released resources and training to help with vehicle safety, cancer awareness and prevention, and other critical areas of firefighter health and safety.

With this grant, the NVFC will focus on creating a culture of knowledge and safety in the fire and emergency services, emphasizing the need to change attitudes and actions to an environment that embraces safety and takes proactive measures to lessen the risks that personnel face. This will be accomplished through a comprehensive awareness campaign, education, and the development of resources. Key areas that will be addressed under this grant include cancer, behavioral health, and risks while responding or on the incident scene.

The grant will allow the NVFC to offer training through its Virtual Classroom, develop a handbook on how and why to make this cultural shift to safety, and develop a standards implementation guide. In addition, the NVFC will hold its second Training Summit and roll-out an awareness campaign addressing key health and safety issues facing the volunteer fire service, including behavioral health concerns such as depression, PTSD, and substance abuse.

"By educating personnel on their risks and manageable steps they can take to lessen these risks, we empower the volunteer fire service to do better," said NVFC Chairman Kevin D. Quinn. "The NVFC has created a lot of positive changes in the fire service through its health and safety programs and initiatives. We thank FEMA for providing this grant to help us continue and expand on these initiatives to further increase the health and safety of our nation's firefighters and emergency responders."

The FP&S Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. Learn more about the grants at www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants.

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About the NVFC

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable resources, programs, training, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at www.nvfc.org.

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Registration Form
IFA Down & Dirty Fire Fighting Weekend
October 15 - 18, 2015

Step 1

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Please print clearly or type)

Driver's License No. _____

State of issue _____

Social Security No. --

SID # (FEMA Student ID) _____
(required for NFA class)

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____

First Name _____ MI _____

Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home/Eve Phone (_____) _____

Day/Work Phone (_____) _____

Student e-mail address _____

Name of your local library _____

Dept./Organization _____

Dept. Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Dept. Phone # _____

Dept. e-mail address _____

Years of Service _____ Rank/Title _____

In case of emergency, notify: _____

Phone # _____

Step 2

REGISTRATION FEES

IFA members before October 2 \$ 50
Non-IFA members before October 2 \$ 75
Received after October 2 and at door \$100
Non-IFA members after October 2 \$125
Get a free registration for every three from the same organization.

Signature Required

All registration forms **must** be signed **on the back side** ► by chief, training officer, or department head, regardless of who is paying the registration.

Step 3

CHOOSE YOUR CLASS

Please rank your preference for these two days of training from 1 to 3, with number 1 being your first preference. If you choose a Hands-On class, you must participate in all portions and have your gear with you. (Maximum number of students per class)

HANDS-ON FRIDAY/SATURDAY CLASSES

___ Foundations of Firefighting (50)
___ Essentials of Fires on the Farm (40)

CLASSROOM FRIDAY/SATURDAY

___ Crude Oil by Rail (4 hours)
___ Grain Bin Awareness (4 hours)

FRIDAY EVENING CLASSES AT IFSI

___ Myths and Realities (20)
___ Fireman, Fire Engine, Firehouse

Note: evening classes can be in addition to Friday daytime classes

SATURDAY CLASS AT IFSI

___ Reading Smoke Know Your Smoke (Sat 8-5)

FRIDAY/SATURDAY HOTEL CLASSES

___ Understanding Today's Fireground (Friday 1-5)
___ Traffic Incident Management & Responder Safety Workshop (Saturday 8-4)
___ Understanding Today's Fireground (Sat. 1-5)

ALL HANDS-ON CLASSES HAVE LIMITED ENROLLMENT, PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE OCTOBER 2

For more information, contact:

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Manhattan IL 60442
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Make checks payable to Illinois Firefighter's Association
Call treasurer to charge your registration on credit card.

You must be 18 years old or older and sign the form on the back side ► of this page to participate in hands-on training.

Acknowledgement of Risks and Release of Responsibility

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, through its Illinois Fire Service Institute, attempts to conduct its training programs in a safe and efficient manner. However, it is not possible to eliminate all of the potential hazards to a student's safety. Before any student participates in an Institute training program involving the teaching of emergency response skills, he/she should be familiar with the level of physical stress and other hazards involved. Please read the following explanations of the physical and mental requirements of this course and sign the form to acknowledge that you have read and understand the information. Students who cannot comply with these requirements will not be allowed to participate in parts of the training involving physical exertion, or the use of protective equipment. They may attend lectures and observe evolutions from a safe distance.

I acknowledge:

1. Practical skills training of all disciplines can be a physically and mentally stressful activity, requiring physical exertion; exposure to high temperature and humidity levels; toxic atmospheres; working at heights and in confined spaces; the possibility of elevated body temperatures, increased pulse, respiration, and blood pressures; and the ability to react quickly to emergency situations.
2. Persons with known heart or lung disease, hypertension, who are pregnant (Note: spontaneous abortion will occur with pregnant females when core temperature elevates), or have other medical or mental conditions which may affect their health and safety under these conditions, are advised to check with their personal, or fire department, physician before participating in the activity. The ability to meet the Illinois Department of Labor Respirator Wearers physical evaluation is the responsibility of the sponsoring department/agency and is a requirement for any course requiring the use of a self-contained breathing apparatus.
3. Protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus meeting the appropriate NFPA standards, at the time of manufacture, must be worn during most practical exercises and live fire training as directed by the instructor in charge. Protective equipment must be in serviceable condition.
4. Individuals with facial hair, jewelry, or other impediment to the proper seal of the face-piece on self-contained breathing apparatus will not be allowed to participate in evolutions where the atmosphere is toxic or may become so.
5. The use of alcohol, and other drugs, which affect mental or physical reactions, immediately preceding, or during training, is prohibited.
6. I am 18 years of age, or older, and an active member of a public or private fire department, public sector agency or authorized private corporation pre-approved by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).
7. For purposes of promoting the IFSI, I agree to allow IFSI unlimited use of my image, with no compensation.
8. By the signature of the Chief/Training Officer, the department acknowledges extension of its Worker's Compensation coverage to the student. In the event of injury during training, the student is responsible for notifying his or her department to initiate the process. IFSI does not provide insurance coverage for students. Any and all injuries, no matter how minor, will be reported to the IFSI staff who will have the final say in selecting the treatment disposition for the student. This may range from on-site treatment to ambulance transportation to a local emergency department or occupational medicine agency. If a student or department does not accept these terms, or refuses to comply with IFSI's treatment decision and disposition, the student will be dropped from the remainder of the class (or program) and will not be eligible for any refund.
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Chief/Training Officer Signature: _____
Title & Signature Printed Name

Participant's Signature: _____
Title & Signature Printed Name

Date: _____

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If your delegates are the same as what the IFA has on file, you do not have to fill out this form. To find out who your listed delegates are, contact the IFA at 618-882-4783 or email editor@illinoisfirefighters.org.



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OFFICIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS 2015

To the Officers and Members of the Illinois Firefighter's Association, Inc.

This certifies that _____ and _____ are

Members of the _____ FIRE DEPARTMENT in good standing and that they were duly elected as delegates to represent the above department at the 2015 Annual Conference of said Association in Urbana, Illinois.

Dated this _____ day of _____ A.D. 2015

Secretary (signature)

Fire Chief (signature)

125th Annual Conference Firefighter Down & Dirty Fire Fighting Weekend

October 15 – 18, 2015

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Tri-State Emergency Responders Conference



Pete Van Dorpe

Saturday will share the information that he discovered while participating in the Underwriters Laboratory's recent research on residential firefighting tactics.



Eddie Enright

him yes, delivering a baby! Pete Lazzara, Chicago Fire, will be back by popular demand for both days. EMS Urban Legends will take at some of the myths that have evolved in how we treat patients and that may be harming the patient. Debbie Von Seggern will be taking a closer look at abuse cases in children and elderly patients with



Debbie Van Seggern

Excitement is growing in the region as fire and emergency medical responders prepare to attend the fifth annual Tri-State Emergency Responder Conference. This year's event will once again feature a dynamic group of national speakers. The fire track on Friday will start with Gordon Graham, co-founder of the website www.firefighterclosecalls.com, who will bring his insight on reducing risk to your emergency service operations, how to provide better customer service and making sure emergency responders can make smart decisions to stay out of public scrutiny. Pete Van Dorpe, Chicago F.D. (retired) and current Assistant Chief of Algonquin -Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District, on



Gordon Graham

Closing out the day will be Eddie Enright, Chicago F.D.

(retired) who will talk about the lessons he learned in the fire service and the value of duty, pride and tradition. A powerful seminar that will benefit not only the rookie, but also the experienced firefighter serving with a volunteer or career fire department.

The EMS track will provide another comprehensive set of continuing education seminars that cover medical and trauma conditions. Steve Murphy, Battalion Chief/Paramedic from West Pierce, WA, will be a new presenter with the conference and will be delivering his highly requested program - One Man and A Baby....OB/GYN and Childbirth. It is an interactive, informative and funny presentation that leaves



Pete Lazzara

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MONEY....every department can benefit from it and this year to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the conference, there will be a chance for all attendees to enter into a drawing and win \$1,000 each day for their department. The conference has partnered with the attending exhibitors to offer chances to win prizes when you stop by the vendor hall. There will be plenty of time allocated during the weekend to visit with the exhibitors to learn of their products and services that you will can take back to your department.

This weekend is an excellent way to recharge your batteries for the great profession that we are able to serve our community. Entertainment is included in your package allowing you time to network with your peers, so you can share thoughts and

ideas that may benefit your community. For a full list of the conference presenters, entertainment and additional information, please visit www.nicc.edu/fireems.



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