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President's Message



Dear Fellow Firefighters

I hope everyone is doing fine along with your families. What can I say but this covid pandemic is driving us all a little crazy. Please keep following the CDC requirements and stay as safe as possible. We lost a Fire Chief in our area due to the covid situation. We must remember that this virus affects us all in one way or another. Even though, especially our young firefighters may never become symptomatic and have a 99 % survival rate, your fellow firefighter or family member may not be so lucky. I want to STRESS to all firefighters that you're protecting more than yourself. Again, please do your part in helping reduce the risk and prevent any further spread of this disease.

As you may know now, we have cancelled our Annual Conference and Down & Dirty training this year because of Covid 19 outbreak and possible spread of that disease. We will be conducting a virtual zoom annual meeting that will be held on October 17. Not having the Down & Dirty Training doesn't mean you cannot do your part to stay active and keep your training up to date. We are essential to the safety and well being of all our communities. IFSI has diversified its Fire College locations this year to benefit each one of you. They are trying to keep each location for training under fifty firefighters reducing the risks to you and still maintain the essential training requirements. I hope you are able to attend one of those locations.

Our Conference and Down & Dirty Training was not going to be able to accomplish this task at one location. I have a fear that there will be firefighters just trying to wait this pandemic out before doing any type of training. With that said, it would put an even bigger burden on those firefighters trying to stay active to maintain protection to their communities. We all need to do our part again keeping the unity of your fire department together. Periodic Testing, I believe, could be an asset to us in at least developing a baseline within each department. There are free tests sites around this state if you are able to get tested. Another concern I have is non reporting of positive cases and firefighters under quarantine to the Fire Marshal's Office. This is an excellent tool we all can use to determine the spread of this disease. If one firefighter is affected there is a good chance others are also.

The Fire Marshal is working directly with the other Fire Service organizations trying to minimize the impact on those departments and having a route to turn to through your MABAS Divisions. It is your responsibility to yourself, your Family, Firefighters and your Community to do your part through protection, reporting and working unilaterally with Emergency Management, Public Health Community and the Fire Service to stop this spread. Each Firefighter should consider themselves fighting more than just flames, we are in haz-mat conditions fighting biological hazards.

In closing, the term "One Team One Fight" will help stop the spread and terminate the virus!

So "Train Smart, Be Safe"

God Bless

John Swan President IFA



Legislative update

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA Legislative Lobbyist

ANNUAL "DANGERS of FIREWORKS" PRESS CONFERENCE at ALEXIAN BROTHER'S HOSPITAL

Once again IFA Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn spearheaded the Annual "Dangers of Fireworks" Press Conference at Alexian Brothers Women and Children's Hospital in Hoffman Estates on June 30th in conjunction with the start of the July 4th holiday week.

With the number of illegal fireworks complaints up over 700% in Illinois over last year, public safety officials and the medical community gathered to educate the public on the **dangerous and lasting impact fireworks can have on families, pets, and combat veterans suffering from PTSD.**



The Annual Fireworks Report released the end of June by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) showed in 2019 there were 10,000 injuries treated in emergency rooms and 12 non-occupational deaths due to fireworks (*including one in Illinois*), an increase in both categories from the previous year.

Part of the reason, Consumer Fireworks are so dangerous is they are often mislabeled and defective since they are manufactured overseas and difficult to regulate. In random testing by the CPSC & US Customs Border Protection, it was **discovered that 67% percent of imported fireworks were noncompliant with federal regulations.** Violations most often involved overloaded report composition and failure to meet fuse burn-time requirements, which leads to most injuries.

At the end of the press conference, retired Fire Chief Mike Figolah with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, performed a live demo in which a sparkler slightly brushes up against clothing, showing how it can completely engulf the material in flames in a matter of seconds and quickly turned a celebration into a tragedy.

Sadly, this summer there have already been several deaths reported across the country as result of 4th of July celebrations gone bad, as well as horrific injuries leading to amputations of fingers and limbs. It is important the fire service continued to stand united and fight to ensure consumer fireworks remain illegal in Illinois.

The press conference was covered by 4 major Chicago TV news networks as well as local newspapers.

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In these troubled times, IFA came out in support of their fellow first responders by contributing financially to a special appreciation lunch and dinner organized by IFA Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn. Vaughn gathered contributions from family and friends to cover the cost of catered meals and baked goods were donated through her church. Meals were served both on June 20th to CPD Division 11 on Chicago's Westside on July 3rd to CPD Division 5 on the Chicago's Southside.

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting - 1 pm

Annual Memorial Ceremony

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The OSFM Arson Division: When to Call and What We Do to Assist

The OSFM Division of Arson Investigation is responsible for investigating suspicious fires and explosions throughout the state. Nationally, arson (and suspected arson) is the primary cause of property damage due to fire in the United States and the second leading cause of fire deaths. To combat this serious problem, certified investigators respond to assist fire departments, communities, state and federal agencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Arson investigators are sworn peace officers authorized to interview witnesses, collect evidence, make arrests and appear in court. In 2019, OSFM arson investigators conducted 939 arson investigations, 183 of those assisted by a canine, leading to 49 cases being closed with an arrest, and only 18 sworn special agents.

The mission of the Division of Arson Investigation is to provide fire investigation and law enforcement services to the fire service and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois through complete and thorough investigations, evidence collection and professional expert testimony in court proceedings. The OSFM can either assist in the investigation, lead the investigation or provide specific duties as specified by the lead agency. "Remember, the OSFM will not take over any investigation unless asked by the jurisdiction having authority over the fire scene," says Terry Ooms OSFM Arson Division Manager.



There are eight canine teams consisting of a certified arson investigator and a certified ignitable liquid detecting canine. Canines can detect minute traces of ignitable liquids often used in fires and can lead investigators to a specific location where physical samples can be secured, analyzed and confirmed by special laboratories. Arson investigators and canine teams investigate on average over a thousand fires each year. Together with federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies, many arsonists are arrested annually. Their service to the state is invaluable, especially in the rural areas where fire departments do not have certified fire and/or arson investigators.

Dogs and handlers are trained during an intensive five-week session at the New Hampshire Fire Training Academy, in Concord, NH. Paul Gallagher, retired trooper of the Maine State Police Canine Unit and Trainer-Maine Specialty Dogs, provides the instruction and training. The dogs are trained to maneuver around physical obstacles and discriminating scents of various accelerants commonly used to set fires.

At the end of the five-week course, a chemist certifies that each dog is capable of discriminating scents of a variety of substances used to set fires. This certification is crucial because the evidence uncovered by the dog and handler can become a key point in subsequent criminal and civil trials.

After the initial five-week training, the dog and handler become a team. The dog lives at the handler's residence. After initial certification, each dog must recertify annually.

"Becoming a K-9 handler is a serious commitment. Each individual must assure that they will house and care for their partner, as well as continue the dog's daily training. There is no "off time" concerning the care and training of accelerant detection canines. Our canine teams are based on the

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food reward method. These canines receive training multiple times a day. These training sessions are how our canines are fed. When a canine locates the training odor, the canine is immediately fed from the hand of the canine handler,” Says Arson Special Agent and Canine Handler Ken Arnold.

To learn more about these teams and the arson canine program visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Arson/Pages/Arson-Canine.aspx>

It's important to know the criteria for when to call for assistance from the OSFM Arson Division:

- There is a death or serious injury, especially if it involves a firefighter or police officer.
- The property involved incurs a large dollar loss.
- The property involved is state property, federal property, or school property.
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Law enforcement and the fire service can request an Arson Investigator and/or Canine Team, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1-800-252-2947.

The Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program is a statewide standardized program to provide prevention education/intervention and referrals if warranted for the children and families of Illinois to reduce the frequency and severity of fires set by youths. Partnering with the fire service, this program provides a coordinated referral center for the assessment and treatment of youth fire setters and their families, thereby slowing down the often-devastating results of fire setting.

Ooms says, “Prevention education can quell the youth fire problem, but only when properly targeted, designed, and delivered. The behaviors causing the problem must be considered because what motivates their behavior is the surest clue to solving the youth fire setting problem.”

The agency received 88 requests for an interventionist in 2019. The agency conducted three Youth Fire Setter Interventionist training classes throughout the state in 2019 and currently plans to host more trainings in the future.

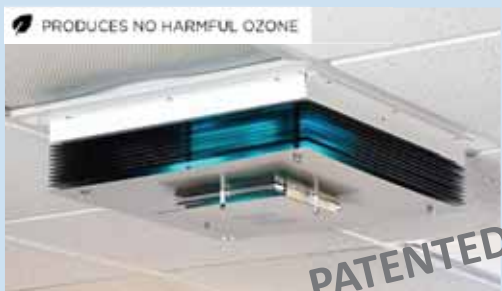
Inquiries about this program can be made by calling the Youth Fire Setter Hotline at (844) 689-7882 or by visiting: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Arson/YFSIP/Pages/default.aspx>.



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Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Fellow Firefighters,

Since we are unable to gather for our Annual Memorial this year, I invite you to join me in honoring and remembering the three Illinois LODD's this year. All three were due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 complications: FF Mario Araujo (Chicago FD, April 7), FF Edward Singleton (Chicago FD, April 14), and FF Robert Reisinger (River Grove FD, April 29). Please join me in thought and prayer for their families, friends, and fellow firefighters who grieve their loss.

Kevin Coffey, IFA Chaplain (773-455-4393)

Dear Lord,

We do remember and pray for FF Mario Araujo, FF Edward Singleton, and FF Robert Reisinger. We thank You for the calling You had placed upon their lives to selflessly serve their communities – which they continued to do faithfully even in the midst of the COVID-19 threat. Their example stirs our hearts to carry on, whether we knew them personally or not. We do pray for their families, friends, and fellow firefighters. Please grant them grace as they grieve and hold them up when the loss seems too unbearable to withstand. We ask that You would continue to guard the health of all firefighters as we continue to serve in the midst of this pandemic. Please bring healing and recovery to all that have tested positive – and undoubtedly there will be more confirmed cases among us before this is over. Thank you, Lord, for all the protective equipment and procedures that have been afforded to us. Yet, at the end of the day we affirm our faith that our lives are in Your loving hands and we trust ultimately in Your grace and Your will in our lives and fire service calling. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



FF Mario Araujo, Chicago



FF Robert Reisinger, River Grove



FF Edward Singleton, Chicago

First Responders not Guaranteed COVID-19 Patient Information from Health Departments

by Thomas J. Gilbert and Megan Lamb
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A recent decision of the Illinois Appellate Court dealt with issues regarding disclosure of protected health information and the unusual set of circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this decision, a unit of local government hoping to acquire information about whether individuals are infected with COVID-19 for the purpose of protecting first responders from infection will find itself at the mercy of the local health department. An exception to HIPAA gives local health departments discretion over whether or not to share some COVID-19 private health information with first responders. This grant of discretion over whether to share the information means health departments cannot be required to share the names and addresses of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. It is up to the local health department to decide whether to cooperate with the local government, and how much information the department is willing to share.

The McHenry County Sheriff's Office, along with the Cities of McHenry and Woodstock and the Villages of Algonquin and Lake in the Hills (all plaintiffs in this case) obtained a temporary restraining order against the McHenry County Department of Health (Department), requiring the Department to disclose the names and addresses of all COVID-19 positive individuals.

The reason the plaintiffs were requesting this information was to protect police officers from potential COVID-19 infection. The plaintiffs' goal was to have the Department provide this information to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board ("ETSB") that oversees the emergency telephone system for the county, so officers could be informed, upon dispatch, if they would be encountering someone who is infected with COVID-19. The plaintiffs claimed that since it would be the ETSB that would have information about COVID-19 positive individuals, officers would not independently obtain the names of infected individuals, implying that private health information would be kept safe and secure.

The Department was willing to provide the addresses, but not the names, of COVID-19 positive individuals to the plaintiffs. The Department claimed this information was protected under HIPAA, could be inaccurate since not everyone who is infected gets tested, and could actually harm police officers, creating a false sense of security that an individual with whom an officer is interacting is not infected with COVID-19 if the Department doesn't have a positive test result for that person. The Department recommended instead that officers should act as if they themselves and all members of the public are infected with COVID-19.

The trial court granted the plaintiffs' request and ordered the Department to disclose to the ETSB the names and addresses of individuals residing in the county who have tested positive for Covid-19. The trial court held that the plaintiffs had "a certain and clearly ascertainable right needing protection" to assist police officers in performing their duties, provided the names would be provided in a secure manner to protect privacy rights.

The court of appeals reversed the trial court's decision and dissolved the temporary restraining order that required the Department to turn over names and addresses to the ETSB. The appellate court noted that the information sought by the plaintiffs actually fell into an exception to HIPAA, permitting local health departments to disclose information regarding individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to law enforcement officers and other first responders. This permission meant that the Department could release information at its discretion but was not required to do so. The court then stated: "Where there is discretion to provide the information sought, the party seeking the information cannot claim a right to that information." Since the plaintiffs had no right to the information sought, they could not fulfill the elements necessary for the award of a temporary restraining order.

This case was decided on narrow legal issues regarding the process in which the trial court denied the Department's request to dissolve the restraining order that required the Department to release the requested information. The case was remanded to the trial court to resolve the underlying issues presented by the request of the plaintiffs. The parties are in mediation and the issue to ultimately be decided will be balancing HIPAA-related protections against the need of the first responders to be apprised of possible contact with individuals who may be contagious with the COVID-19 virus

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What Should Stay and What Should Go: A Glovebox Checklist

Originally designed to house drivers' gloves, today's glovebox is the place for important items that you need in arm's reach and readily accessible. All too often though, this handy compartment turns into a receptacle for outdated registration cards, empty wrappers, condiment packets and other forgotten items.

Take a little time to organize your glovebox—you'll be so glad you did! A neat, tidy and functional glovebox will serve you well when you need it (which is usually unexpectedly or in an emergency). Here are some of the must-have and nice-to-have items for your glovebox.

Must-haves

- **Owner's manual.** Who hasn't wondered what that weird symbol that just lit up on your dash means? From maintenance guidelines and emergency information to understanding every specific detail about your vehicle, your manual is the go-to guide.
- **Proof of insurance.** This is required in almost every state, and if you get in an accident or pulled over you'll be glad you have it handy. Vehicle registration is best kept in your wallet.
- **Emergency contact numbers.** These are probably already programmed into your phone, but it's smart to have a printout just in case.
- **Medical information.** If you're injured in an accident or have trouble communicating, having a written list of medical conditions, medications or allergies could be a lifesaver. Better yet, add info for all your family members.
- **Pen and paper.** If you're in an accident, you'll need to exchange information (while under stress and possibly shaken up). Good ol' fashioned pen and paper to the rescue.

Nice-to-haves

- **First aid essentials.** Think of it as a pared down emergency kit: just the basics. With band-aids, tweezers, antibiotic ointment and alcohol swabs at the ready, you can take care of minor cuts or scrapes. Carry a complete first aid kit in your trunk.
- **Spare phone charger.** Thank goodness for USB plugs in our cars. Still, if something goes wrong, or if you arrive to a destination with a dead phone, you'll thank yourself for carrying an extra.
- **Small flashlight or headlamp.** LED technology has allowed small bulbs to cast big light. If you find yourself stranded in the dark, you'll be happy to have it. Be sure to also have a couple extra batteries, as well as another flashlight in your trunk (also with spares).
- **Tire gauge.** Tire gauges at gas stations are often damaged or inaccurate. Get a good quality gauge and make sure you know your vehicle's PSI rating for tires (hint: it's in the manual and on the tire wall).

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- **Money.** How many of us have run to the store for just one thing and realized at checkout that you left your wallet at home. Twenty to forty dollars should be enough.
- **Snacks.** You never know when you'll be stuck in traffic at meal time—stash a few high-protein bars as a back-up.
- **Sunscreen.** A small tube goes a long way in a pinch.

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IT TAKES TWO...

TO PROTECT OCCUPANTS & FIREFIGHTERS FROM FIRE.



Fire Marshal Mary Kay Ludemann & Fire Chief Jon Stratton
of the Plainfield Fire Protection District

BOTH SMOKE ALARMS AND HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS SHOULD BE PART OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OUTREACH

There is no better opportunity to have an effective educational impact than at the fire scene or immediately post fire to explain the impact of both fire sprinklers and smoke alarms working together to prevent fire deaths and injuries. Be prepared to educate the media by keeping a fire sprinkler in your command vehicle and hand it to them to reinforce the message.

Following fatal residential fires, fire officials of the past would often talk about smoke alarms with the media and say, "Smoke alarms could have prevented the fire death." Those types of statement generally get the full attention of the public, but doesn't fully describe the other combined potential.

Smoke alarms are important because they alert occupants of a fire, reducing the chances of dying in a fire by half. Fire sprinklers actively work to control or extinguish the fire while it is small and provide occupants with the time to escape. The life and property protection benefits of fire sprinklers cannot be ignored.

Now imagine the impact if the fire officials also held up a fire sprinkler and stated, "When smoke alarms are combined with fire sprinklers, the risk of dying in a home fire is decreased by 80 percent."

Smoke alarms and fire sprinklers together are the perfect fire protection duo. Keep both in your command vehicle.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OUTREACH?



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To-Do List

Get everything ready
for tomorrow

Eat a healthy breakfast

Set alarm for
tomorrow morning

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SIDE-BY-SIDE BURN DEMONSTRATIONS

Work with NIFSI to Improve Your Public Outreach

The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Initiative is your full-service partner to deliver impactful side-by-side demonstrations to raise public awareness in your community. We're ready to work with fire and public information officials to display the dramatic differences between flashover and the quick response of residential fire sprinklers.

Our side-by-side demonstration units can be featured at community events, fire department open houses, and other locations that powerfully showcase how fire sprinklers can save lives and protect property.

We provide full-service demonstrations, with staffing, build assistance, furniture, drop-off and pick-up.



Conventional Side-by-Side Units

- Two 10-panel rooms assembled on site
- Full-service includes furniture, sprinkler pipe and sprinklers, smoke detector, drapes/curtain cloth, digital clock



Side-by-Side Mobile Trailer

- Easy to transport/move after demonstration, perfect for street fairs, community events, fire department open houses, village board meetings
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Lake County Roll-off Side-by-Side

- Mobile unit delivered/picked up on site
- For members of Lake County Fire Chiefs Association (Must be approved by Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, which will deliver and pick up. NIFSI will provide furniture, clock, etc.)
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The Engine Companies Guide to Winning. Stretching For Success

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