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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

By the time you get this Bulletin, the 89th. Annual Fire College will be over. I sure hope some of you were able to attend this year. You may not know that our Fire College is the longest running Fire College in the nation. In the early years, almost two thousand firefighters attended each year. Now, with the regional fire training centers, the Cornerstone Program and the In-house On-line training available, many firefighters do not attend Fire College. Even though off campus training has increased dramatically over the years, our annual fire college can be a very worthwhile. The hands on training that is available at one of our nation's finest fire training facilities cannot be ignored. Not only the training that is available to you, but the chance to

work with some of the finest instructors and be with fellow firefighters sharing each others experiences. If you have never attended Fire College, you just do not know what you're missing.

The only other close encounters that Fire College has to offer is, the Down & Dirty weekend training program that the Illinois Firefighter's Association sponsors at our annual conference in October. The conference flyers have been mailed and your department has that information. Please take the time to look over that training and conference schedule and register as soon as you can. This is a must if you want certain classes. This year will be our 123rd annual conference and we will once again partner with our state fire academy. Our partnership goes back to the creation of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, when the fire service first recognized the need to develop a state-wide training program. As you can see, we are the oldest fire organization in this state.

We will continue to adhere to our mission, but we need your help. That help consists of getting the word out to all on the benefits of being a member of this association. We do not award all the scholarships and grants that are available to you. We now have partnered with California Casualty to quote you with specialized car insurance for firefighters. A representative will be in your area soon to discuss that benefit.

As firefighters and especially volunteers, our lives are not getting any easier. Finding the time for family, work and department can be stressful. I find that if you do not get the family involved in some way, the stress can build to a point where you either lose a firefighter or a spouse. I hope that all of you can balance your daily lives as firefighters and family/work affairs. Retention and recruitment in the volunteer service is not getting any better. The demands that come along with being a firefighter are taking a toll on all of us. I believe we can only survive if we become a creative work place. Your worth to your community goes beyond money, it's at the foundation of its existence. It is almost weekly, and sometimes daily, we see news of some type of disaster or emergency. It is the first responder that makes a difference. There is no better time to capitalize our needs than now. Make as many residences in your community associate members by selling them a magnetic car ribbon. People know who you are, they just do not know how they can help. Finally, start a explorer scout/ cadet program. It may take a year or two to get off the ground, but it is well worth every minute spent. There are young people just waiting to get the chance to participate. I find that if you start before they get out of high school, they are hooked. The majority will stay if possible and join the department when they graduate from school.

In closing, have a safe and happy summer.

God Bless and be Safe

John Swan President IFA

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA LOBBYIST



SPRINGFIELD LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

IFA joined forces this year with several other fire service organizations in hosting their Legislative Reception on April 16th at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

It was easier on the wallet this way and easier for legislators to have all their fire officials in one spot.



Kerry Federer, Jeff Stuck, Margaret Vaughn,
State Senator Kyle McCarter (R-Lebanon)

Kerry Federer, State Rep. John Caveletto
(R-Salem), Margaret Vaughn, Kevin Schott and
State Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Rochelle)





Bill Offerman, Kerry Federer, State Comptroller Judy Barr-Topinka, Kevin Schott, State Fire Marshal Matkaitis and IFA Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn

- SB 1545 sponsored by Sen. Noland/Rep. Moffitt and Tabares was IFA's initiative to set up a state income tax check-off for the production and distribution of Basic Firefighting Essentials Training DVD/CD-Rom (aka Down and Dirty Program) through IFSI. The measure passed the Senate unanimously but got held up with the rest of the income tax check-off bills in the House Revenue Committee.

- HB 945 sponsored by Rep. Yingling would require fire protection districts to be elected and not appointed. He proposed amendments which would limit the bill to FPD in the collar counties over 30,000 but IFA remained opposed along with the other fire service organizations and lobbied very hard against it. Rep. Yingling decided at the last minute not to call the bill for a vote but does want to continue discussions with the fire service on the issue. IFA feels since there already is a mechanism in the law for fire protection district to be elected through referendum the legislation is not necessary.

- HR 341 Sponsored by Rep. Leitch (and about 30 other representatives) would request that OSFM not file any JCAR rulemaking requiring residential fire sprinklers in new homes and instead have such requirements go through the full General Assembly. IFA joined other members of the fire service who support OSFM's initiative to upgrade the State's Life Safety Code to the 2012 NFPA 101 edition, in opposing the measure and HR 341 did not garner enough support to pass out of the Consumer Protection Committee.

At press time the General Assembly is close to adjournment but it looks like there will not be any cuts or raids to the Fire Prevention Fund which means our funding for Cornerstone will stay intact. I will provide you a complete run down of the rest of the fire service legislation IFA has been tracking in the next newsletter because I will be able to give you a more accurate picture of how the bills turned out once the legislature adjourned.

Don't forget about the
Illinois Firefighter's Association Website

www.illinoisfirefighters.org

It has a lot of valuable information for our members.

Down & Dirty Conference 2013

We are working on this year's conference and have added some new classes, plus Myths & Realities Class on Friday night at IFSI. Brochures have been mailed. So start planning NOW for the IFA 123rd Annual Conference, October 10-13 at the Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL. Let's make this year's conference the best ever. Keep the DOWN & DIRTY weekend on your agenda. Hope to see everyone there.

Joseph Mandarino, Conference Chair

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TwoToneDetect.exe - a Windows program for two-tone paging decoding, emailing, and scanner control

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Download the latest version (v60) here - <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B5nsi3i1O2oyY3JyQkZkUG9ybW8/edit?usp=sharing>

What is it?

TwoToneDetect is a Windows (or Linux) program that interfaces with a radio receiver or scanner. It uses the computer's sound card to listen to the received audio and detect two-tone sequential paging sequences. This type of paging is commonly used for fire department alerting. Upon detecting known two-tone pages, the program will record dispatch audio and email that audio to a specified email address. Multiple tone sets and email addresses are supported.

Program Features

Decodes virtually unlimited numbers of user-specified two-tone and long-tone pages

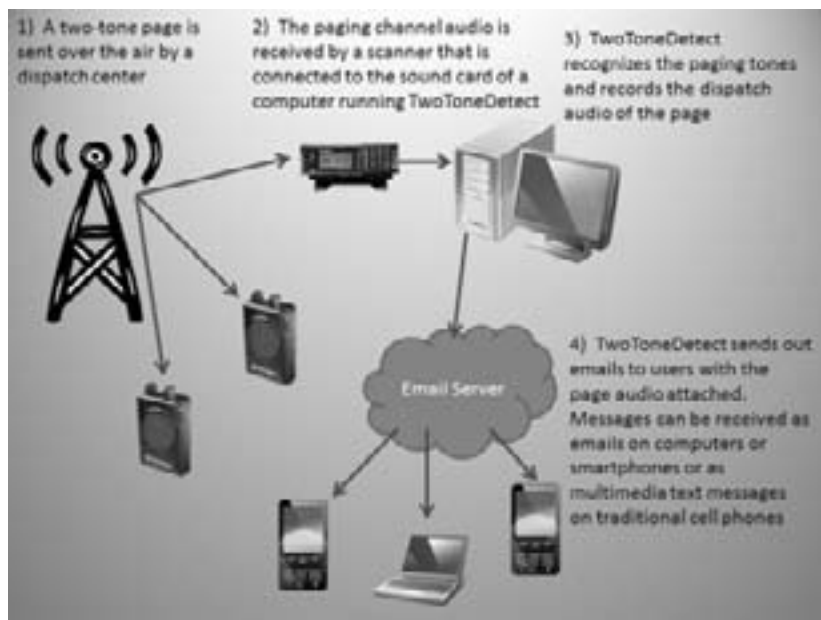
Handles "stacked pages"

Upon detecting a valid tone set, records user-specified length of audio and emails it to a specified address as a .mp3 or .amr file attachment (requires user download of ffmpeg.exe)

Near real-time playback of recorded audio, providing "pager-like" functionality with scanner and PC

Can be used to trigger external programs or scripts upon tone detection

Audio frequency counter to assist in finding tone frequencies with PC sound card



Disclaimer

This program should never be used as a primary alerting method for mission-critical communications. It is meant as a secondary notification method only. Delays in email or text messaging systems can be minutes or hours long. Do not use this program to replace pagers, only to supplement them!



Chaplain's Corner

Kevin Coffey - IFA Chaplain

The Greatest Among You

OK, so Jesus was hanging around the fire station one day and he overhears this conversation. It's a group of guys venting about the latest promotions on the department. It seems the one guy was passed by for promotion because he wouldn't "kiss up" to the chief like the newly promoted guy did – or at least that was his spin on things. Another guy said that he'll never be promoted because he didn't have the right last name for promotion – so he doesn't even try. His way to even the score was to be sure that he never put any extra effort into any duty that he is assigned to. Yet another guy said, "Let them go ahead and fire me – I'm a volunteer!", which was followed by a chorus of laughter and a few more expletives about how the promotion process worked. The last one of them vowed he would study night and day for the next promotion exam before he would ever take an order from that "@#\$\$*&%" that just got promoted. Then, out of the corner of his eye, one of the guys see Jesus quietly heading toward the station bathroom. He goes in but he doesn't close the door, so all the guys are wondering what's going on. They quietly walk up to the door and peer in to see Jesus grab the toilet brush and bowl cleaner. He disappears into the first stall and begins to work the brush on the toilet bowl. The guys at the door look at each other in amazement as they see the soles of Jesus' work boots sticking out of the stall as he gets down on his knees for better cleaning leverage on the bowl. They all run up to the stall incredulous at Jesus, insisting that he get up at once and stop cleaning the toilet. One of them cries out, "Oh Lord, don't do that – the candidate will clean the bathroom, not you. No Lord, never you!"

Then without stopping his scrubbing Jesus said to them, "We all know that those of lower rank take orders from those of higher rank. But let me tell you about real greatness: whoever wants to be great among you must become a humble public servant, and whoever really wants to be "first" will find no task below him in his service to both the community and the fire department – just as I did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many."

Boy, I have really needed to go back to that story time and time again to remind myself of how God's values sometimes flip my values right on their head! I am constantly encouraged by the servanthood example of those in the fire service that I see selflessly working for the good of others. This is not a story against being promoted, as we all know that rank and file is an absolute necessity for an efficient and prepared fire department. But whatever rank or position you find yourself in, I encourage you to pursue the heart and spirit of service. The "greatness" your heart seeks is the greatness of servanthood that Jesus will lead you into – right there in your fire department and your community. And he goes before you pointing the way with his toilet brush.

Thanks to all of you for your service. If I can help or encourage you or your fire department in any way, please let me know.

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

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Galesburg Firefighter to Receive State Valor Award Early

Captain Derek Perry to receive one of the State's highest honors before National Guard deployment

Representatives of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Illinois Fire Fighter Medal of Honor Committee visited the Galesburg Fire Department to award Captain Derek W. Perry with the State of Illinois Firefighter Medal of Valor. The award presentation was presented to Captain Perry in advance of the State Firefighter Memorial and Medal of Honor Ceremony scheduled for May 10th due to Captain Perry's upcoming National Guard unit deployment.

On the evening of June 29, 2011, Captain Derek W. Perry of the Galesburg Fire Department responded to a residential fire within his district. Through heavy smoke he searched the upstairs of the residence, finding an adult victim and saving her life. Because he clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the face of danger, Captain Perry is slated to receive the Medal of Valor at the Firefighter's Medal of Honor Ceremony in Springfield on May 10th.

"It is my honor to award Captain Perry with the Medal of Valor", said State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis. "Not only is Captain Perry a hero for saving a life during his firefighting career, he will also be putting his life on the line to serve our country."

The State of Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor Annual Award program was established by Public Act 86-1230. The award program seeks to recognize firefighters who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of duty and those who have displayed exceptional bravery or heroism while performing their duties as a firefighter. The Medal of Valor Award is specifically given by the State of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of heroism or bravery that clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the face of danger while in the performance of duty.

A total of 24 fire personnel from across the state were honored this year at the Medal of Honor Ceremony in Springfield on May 10th. The ceremony began in the State Capitol Complex area with the presentation of colors and the invocation at the Illinois Fallen Firefighters Memorial, followed by the awards ceremony at the Prairie Capital Convention Center.

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Down & Dirty Fire Fighting Skills: Core Competencies **Limited to 50 students - 15 minimum**

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Down & Dirty Basic Truck Company Operations

Limited to 40 students - 15 minimum **HF HS**

Sharpen your skills or learn new and efficient ways in this intensive hands-on class on the various tasks required of truck company members. Topics covered are ladders – deployment, raising, climbing, and working with/carrying tools. Forcible entry operations, ventilation and overhaul skills are also included. Hoisting equipment and performing search and rescue tasks round out the instruction.

Down & Dirty Basic Engine Company Operations

Limited to 40 students - 15 minimum **HF HS**

This class is designed for firefighters who are primarily assigned to, or respond as members of an Engine Company. In the class, students learn the all-important task of getting water on the fire and practice efficient hose loads and finishes for securing a water supply. Advancing lines through a variety of obstacles – including stairways and ladders – is a vital skill needed for engine company members. Students pull and deploy charged and uncharged hose lines in a variety of situations, both interior and exterior.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HANDS-ON CLASSES

All firefighters participating in the three 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).

Classroom Fire Fighting Classes

All classroom classes will be held at hotel.

Leadership in the Trenches

Limited to 80 students - 15 minimum **CF CS**

Regardless of your position on the fire department, people look to you to lead. From the public to your colleagues, people look to you to set the example, set the pace and move your

organization forward. Tap into the leadership experiences of Deputy Chief (ret.) Eddie Enright of the Chicago Fire Department and other top fire service leaders.
National Fire Academy Class

NFA Incident Safety Officer - 15 minimum **CF CS**

This class provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the Incident Safety Officer (ISO) during incident operations and training evolutions. An incident specific, scenario oriented course designed to teach what an ISO needs to know at an incident using instructor-led discussion, multimedia activities and small group discussions to convey instructional points. First responders who may be designated by the Incident Commander (IC) as an Incident Safety Officer during fire, EMS, special operations and training evolutions are the target audience for this class.

NOTE: An SID number is required to enroll in this NFA class. To obtain a SID, register at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

Special Offerings

Chaplain's Workshop: Friday and Saturday

A Chaplain at the scene of a fire can play a number of roles – from providing information to bewildered onlookers and family members through delivering comfort and guidance to fire victims. This workshop focuses on what you can do at the scene. It covers what you need to know about this business for your own safety. This 12-hour class covers that topic, plus what basic equipment should be on site and the legal responsibilities of the chaplain. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to practice what they learn at a live fire scenario on the IFSI campus.

Myths and Realities

Limited to 30 students - 20 minimum **HF**

This popular exercise is brought back exclusively for Illinois Firefighter's Association Down & Dirty weekend. Observe and experience first-hand fire behavior, proper stream application, plus the effects of straight and fog streams. Techniques for easily handling 2-1/2" hose and hand tools will be demonstrated.

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Step 2

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Signature Required

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Step 3

CHOOSE YOUR CLASS

FRIDAY/SATURDAY CLASSES

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 Down & Dirty class, you must participate in all portions and have your gear with you. (Maximum number of students per class)

CF = Classroom on Friday **CS** = Classroom on Saturday

HF = Hands-On on Friday **HS** = Hands-On on Saturday

____ Down & Dirty Fire Fighting Skills: Core Competencies (50) **HF HS**

____ Down & Dirty Basic Truck Company Operations (40) **HF HS**

____ Down & Dirty Basic Engine Company Operations (40) **HF HS**

____ Leadership in the Trenches (80) **CF CS**

____ NFA Incident Safety Officer (30) **CF CS**

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

____ Chaplain's Workshop **Fri-Sat**

FRIDAY EVENING CLASS AT IFSI

____ Myths and Realities (30) **HF**

ALL HANDS-ON CLASSES HAVE LIMITED ENROLLMENT, PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27

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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.
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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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11. No unauthorized cameras are allowed at IFSI training or IFSI sponsored training events. The unauthorized use of cameras may lead to confiscation of the camera.
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Title & Signature Printed Name

Date: _____

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2013 Scholarships

Regional Firefighter Association*: 2 - \$2000 Reverend Weidlich Memorial Scholarship

*Must be an IFA member association

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2 - \$1,000 Clifford Lee Memorial Scholarship

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IFA Scholarship Selection Process

1. Scholarship Applications will be reviewed at the conference by the scholarship committee
2. Scholarship applications must clearly define the Scholarship being applied for from the selection above and indicated in the box below. Departments may apply for 1 (one) Scholarship only. Individuals may apply for 1 (one) Scholarship only.
3. Individual Declared Degree Scholarships to be awarded to individual firefighters that have declared their studies in Fire Service degree studies only. **Bachelors to Masters Degree.**

2013 Scholarship Application

CHECK ONE: ☐ Regional Firefighter's Association ☐ Fire Degree ☐ Fire Department ☐ Individual

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Name of Applicant: _____

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Scholarship Category

(Please mark all applicable categories.)

Education _____ Training _____ Degree _____

Applicant shall follow the rules of the Scholarship Program set by the Illinois Firefighter's Association Foundation, Inc.

1. Eligible applicants include regional firefighter associations (must be IFA member associations), fire departments, or active members of a fire department in good standing with the Illinois Firefighter's Association, Inc.

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2. Applications are available in *The Bulletin*, on our website www.illinoisfirefighters.org, or by contacting the Secretary Treasurer by email at editor@illinoisfirefighters.org
3. All scholarships are awarded for fire service related programs and shall be used only for the purposes indicated by the applicant on this application.
4. Regional organizations may only submit one application per organization; departmental organizations may only submit one application per department; individual applicants may submit one application per active firefighter *as further detailed in paragraph number 1 above*.
5. Original application must be submitted on this Foundation form (or copy) and must be fully completed, and POSTMARKED no later than September 15, 2013. **(Email or fax applications will not be accepted.)** *(Additional information may be provided on additional sheets attached to this form)*
6. Secretary/Treasurer and Credentials/Scholarship Committee will verify that the applicant is a member in good standing (all current annual dues paid on time), that the application is fully and legibly completed, and complies with scholarship award guidelines.
7. Qualified applications will be announced during the Annual Conference General Membership Meeting.
8. PAID Invoice/receipts for scholarships awarded must be submitted to the IFA Foundation Treasurer for payment. **(you must pay for all classes before scholarship money is provided)**
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1. Title of education or classes requested: _____.
2. Number of anticipated persons attending: _____.
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5. Name of College or Certifying agency providing classes _____.
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Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Fire Chief or Assoc. President: _____ Phone #: _____

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IFA Member	\$ 50
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Illinois Fire Service Institute Updates

Roger D. Lunt, Deputy Director



Mark Your 2013 Training Calendar

- 11th Annual IFSI Explorer-Cadet Fire School, June 27-30
- Management IV, Marion, August Weekends (contact Fire Officer Prog. Director Lew Lake 217-300-1808)
- Management II, Mt. Vernon, September Weekends (contact Fire Officer Prog. Director Lew Lake 217-300-1808)

IFSI Explorer-Cadet Fire School

On June 27th through the 30th we will conduct another annual Explorer-Cadet Fire School. This will be the 11th consecutive year that explorers and cadets representing fire departments from across the county come to the IFSI campus for hands on training. Tuition has been reduced to \$220.00 for those staying in dorms and \$175.00 for those not staying in dorms. This registration reduction is possible as a result of funding support from the Illinois State Marshals Office.



Autism Awareness Online

The Autism Awareness program was developed by IFSI in partnership with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. It was created in response to the need for responders to be aware of how a person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder may respond differently during emergency situations. The program is focused on emergency situations and keeping both the person with ASD and the responder as safe as possible. It is not all inclusive as there is much more to learn about Autism than can be practically presented here, so information is included at the end of the presentation on how to get additional information. The program was researched, drafted, peer-reviewed by persons who live and/or work with persons with Autism and other ASDs on a regular basis, and then adapted for online presentation.

This web-based, awareness-level class is the newest of IFSI's online offerings. During this self-paced presentation, students will learn about low-stress, high-stress and public encounters, such as a fire station tours and school activities, where firefighters and persons with autism may interact. After viewing the presentation, firefighters will take a brief end-of-course test and print a certificate to provide to their training officer or chief.

Illinois Fire Service Institute Training Fund

Today's firefighters face a dynamic and changing work environment - from the fireground to the disaster scene. In order for today's firefighters and first responders to be prepared to meet the challenges of these often high-risk environments, intensive training is required. In addition to the need to be skilled in the use of new equipment and technologies, today's firefighter is called upon to deal with a host of new hazards, rescue situations and fire characteristics.

Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) is a nationally-recognized leader in providing this instruction. More than 93 percent of all training delivered by IFSI is for firefighters. While some of this training is supported by grants, other essential training is paid for by local fire departments or individual firefighters. IFSI works hard to ensure this training remains affordable to all fire departments, but many departments remain fiscally challenged and are unable to provide this training.



IFSI's signature is hands-on training, rather than simply a classroom presentation - training that requires extensive equipment and facilities. Live-fire structural burns are at the core of the IFSI training model and are essential in the replication of real-life situations. Illinois is one of the only programs in the country that uses live-fire structural burn training.

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The Illinois Fire Service Institute Fund is intended to make training less expensive and more accessible for all firefighters. Training would be available for:

- o Basic firefighter skills
- o Basic and advanced rescue techniques
- o Officer training
- o Hazardous materials
- o Investigation and prevention
- o Homeland Security planning and Incident Command

Your contribution to the Illinois Fire Service Institute Fund is an investment that will help IFSI continue improving the skills of firefighters and the safety of the citizens they serve. Your contribution is fully deductible. The Illinois Fire Service Institute Fund is part of the University of Illinois Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and will provide full support documentation for your contribution.

National Fire Academy In Illinois Fire Service Institute

Once again the NFA has approved the training requests submitted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The requests were initiated by local fire departments expressing an interest in taking the leading role and hosting the two day training sessions. The training is supported by the NFA FY 2014 (Oct. 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014), and has the same requirements of last year. You can register through the NFA or IFSI web sites.

NFA requirements for their direct delivery courses:

- **Minimum Students: 15**
- **Maximum Students: 30**
- **Registration Policy: Roster must be submitted to NFA 40 days prior to course start date.**
- **Class hours: 2 days (16 hours)**

Host: Quincy Fire Department
NFA Class: F/W 0209 – Courtroom Preparation and Testimony for First Responders
Date: October 8 & 9, 2013

Host: Hanover Park Fire Department
NFA Class: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change F/W 0521
Dates: October 22 & 23, 2013

Host: Pekin Fire Department
NFA Class: F/O 0455 Strategy and Tactics for Initial company Operations
Date: October, 22-23, 2013

Host: St. Louis Downtown Airport Fire Department
NFA Class: F/W 0457 – Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
Date: October 26 & 27, 2013

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Host: Hanover Park Fire Department
NFA Class: Leadership II F/W 0804
Dates: November 14 & 15, 2013

Host: Shumway Fire Protection District
NFA Class: F/W 0457 – Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
Date: January 18 & 19, 2014

Host: Peoria Fire Department
NFA Class: F/W 0804 - Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success
Date: February 13 and 14, 2014

Host: Pekin Fire Department
NFA Class: F/O 0458 Preparation for Initial Company Operations.
Date: March, 25 & 26, 2014

Host: McLean County Division 41 Annual School
NFA Class: F/W 0457 – Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
Date: September 6 & 7, 2014

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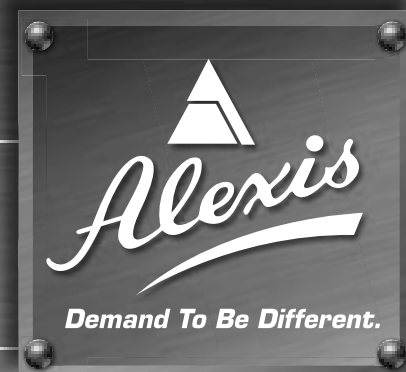
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Residency requirements for firefighters cause sparks

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Residency requirements that obligate full-time, paid-on-call and volunteer firefighters to live in the jurisdiction they serve continue to be debated. Opponents of residency requirements argue that firefighters should be free to live wherever they can best provide for themselves and their families, and that employers should hire the most qualified person for the job regardless of where they live. Supporters of residency requirements point to a myriad of benefits, such as shorter response times, boosts to the local economy, and personal investments in communities. As little league coaches, Boy Scout leaders, and volunteers at their place of worship, firefighters can be valuable anchors in their communities. Moreover, supporters argue that there is a greater sense of pride in delivering firefighting services to your own neighbors and family members.

In the current economic climate, however, volunteer retention continues to be an issue for many departments. One way to expand the pool of applicants is to remove strict residency requirements. Volunteers and paid-on-call firefighters looking for a career in fire service often shop for a department to join, and it is not uncommon for them to join a neighboring department in hopes of securing full-time employment. As a result, a number of fire protection districts and municipalities have chosen to ease residency restrictions and allow their volunteer and paid-on-call firefighters to live within a set number of miles from the station or, in some cases, may only require residency within the county.

Recognizing the controversial nature of residency requirements, both the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6.3) and Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/16.06b) allow applicants for full-time commission firefighters to be placed on the register of eligibles without regard to their residency. Municipalities and fire protection districts that favor residency can then either restrict the applicants to only those who reside within their jurisdiction or simply assign preference points for residency. Because residency requirements subject firefighters to potential discipline and termination -- and therefore, affect the terms and conditions of their employment -- residency is a mandatory subject of collective bargaining. (5 ILCS 315/14(j))

Consequently, employers who have voluntarily entered into a collective bargaining agreement cannot unilaterally implement or increase residency restrictions. Courts have found that the benefits to union members of bargaining residency outweigh any burdens to employers. The courts have not been sympathetic to arguments that the economic welfare of the town or the welfare and interest of the public would be compromised by a firefighter choosing to live out of town. *Cicero v. Illinois Ass'n of Firefighters*, 338 Ill.App.3d 364 (1st Dist. 2003). They have also struck down employers' arguments that residency requirements infringe on inherent management rights, or their powers as home rule municipalities. See e.g., *Calumet City v. Ill. FOP Labor Council*, 344 Ill.App.3d 1000 (1st Dist. 2003); *Cicero v. Illinois Ass'n of Firefighters*, 338 Ill.App.3d 364 (1st Dist. 2003).

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Arbitrators will typically maintain the status quo between the parties, unless the party challenging the status quo can show a significant justification for change. The longer the status quo has been in place the higher the burden. See e.g., *Village of Maywood and Illinois Firefighters' Alliance, Maywood Council*, No. SMA-92-102 (1993) (Wolff, A.) (upheld 18-year status quo requiring residency within village limits). The mere fact that all of a municipality's employees have voluntarily been residents, however, is not enough to establish status quo. The problem is that current practice alone, without a history of enforcement or a collective bargaining provision that proscribes it, fails to provide employees with any notice that they may be terminated for failure to reside in the district.

In cases where no status quo is established, courts look to the strength of the reasoning for the proposed change, equity arguments, and internal and external comparables. For example, the First District upheld an arbitrator's decision to lift a residency requirement and allow police officers to live within a 20-mile radius outside the city due to safety concerns for the officers, who had been threatened and harassed by community residents. *Calumet City v. Ill. FOP Labor Council*, 344 Ill. App.3d 1000, 1006 (1st Dist. 2003)

Even where the parties have an agreed residency requirement, issues may still arise. Employees may have more than one residence or they may temporarily move from the municipality or fire protection district's jurisdiction for a variety of reasons. In these situations, residency turns on the intention of the firefighter. To establish residency, a firefighter must demonstrate: (1) physical presence; and (2) his or her intent to remain in that place as a permanent home. Once residency is established, the presumption is that it continues, and the contesting party must prove abandonment. If the firefighter's actions show an intention to return, the mere fact that he or she is no longer physically present at the residence is not enough to establish abandonment. In the case of *Maksym v. Board of Election Commissioners*, 242 Ill.2d 303, 326 (2011), the Illinois Supreme Court found mayoral candidate Rahm Emmanuel maintained his residence in Chicago and did not abandon it despite his temporary residence in Washington, D.C., because he expressed his intent to return and maintained significant contacts in and with the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois, including his continuing ownership of real estate and valuable personal property, payment of property taxes, and use of his Chicago address for voting, vehicle registration and checking.

Residency requirements can play an important role in providing firefighting services to communities; however, these restrictions cannot be made unilaterally and must always provide employees with adequate notice of the potential consequences.

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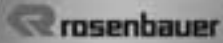
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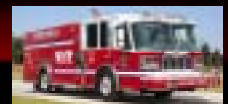
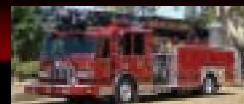
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