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Mission Statement

Dedicated to the advancement of the Fire Service by providing leadership. The Illinois Firefighters Association will proudly support the health and welfare of 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

Over the last few articles, I commented about teamwork, partnerships and alliances. Now, I would like to address what this means to our Association and our membership. As you may know, nothing comes from nothing, and nothing ever will. In most cases, everything I mentioned earlier was accomplished by those three means. Which brings us to our relationship with other organizations. It is paramount that we work together as one to achieve our goals and further the benefits to our membership. Over the years, our State Fire Marshal, Matt Perez, has been one of the greatest advocates to our mission. Our working relationship with him and his Office has brought new awareness to the needs in the Fire Service. This was done with teamwork and alliances that built an understanding that the Firefighters in this State needed to be properly trained and the need to keep us all safe. His leadership can not be understated. He has been a personal friend of mine and to the Fire Service as well. The Fire Marshal has announced that he will be stepping down this coming June. I can't say enough about his contributions to the Fire Service and to all Firefighters as well. Just a few things that have had a major impact on the volunteer side. The small equipment grant program, free rooms at our state fire academy, BOF Classes and Decon equipment provided to all Fire Departments. I could go on and on with the benefits we received with his leadership. I know there comes a time when we all need to make a decision on our future. We wish him and his family well and hope that they enjoy the years ahead.

I, too, will be stepping down as President of the Illinois Firefighters Association at the end of my term. It is time to turn the leadership over to the next President. My term will end with the election of Officers at our October Conference. It has been a long and enjoyable duty to represent all of you during my years as President. I know that this Association will go on and prosper well into the future. I will remain on the executive board as past President and function accordingly with my board duties. I have been in the Fire Service for over forty-five years and have seen many changes. The vast majority of these changes have been positive. Safety in protecting Firefighters through training, education and providing the necessary equipment needed has made us much safer. When I started we were killing almost 300 Firefighters nation-wide. Although we are under 100 Firefighters killed now, one is too many. Covid has also been a factor which brought the total even higher. We all know we are in a dangerous occupation and we all must fall back on our training and the ability to work as a team member.

In closing, I challenge you all to never stop training, be a team member and function together as one so you all go home safe.

“Train Smart, Be Safe”

God Bless

John Swan President IFA



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA Legislative Lobbyist

Volunteer Tax Credit Bill Hits Road Block at End of Session

SB 3027 which will provide a \$500 tax credit to volunteer emergency workers, passed the Senate unanimously and had gained tremendous momentum in the House. IFA organized a March 23rd press conference at the Capitol on it, which received statewide press coverage and resulted in House Revenue Chairman Mike Zalewski allowing a hearing on it (*which had never been done in years*). The Department of Revenue was very committed to working with us and provided language to include in the bill to help them implement it. Chief sponsors Sen Chris Belt (D-Swansea) and Rep. Lance Yednock (D-Ottawa) also fought fiercely on our behalf to get money included in the budget to off- set the cost of the tax credit. However, after a series of meetings with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Revenue, Signal Hill Chief Tom Eliff, Silvas Chief Winters and East Dundee Chief Parthun and myself, OSFM indicated they would need more time over the summer and fall to work on the logistics of implementing the bill. Since the tax reporting portion of the bill when people are filing would actually not come into play until early 2024, when people start filing their 2023 taxes, we are hoping perhaps we can get something passed in the fall veto session.

As disappointed as it was in the final hours of session not to get the bill to the finish line, we did get it further than it has ever gotten and greatly appreciated the support of our 52 co-sponsors and Sen Belt, Rep. Yednock and Rep Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) who fought especially hard.

IFA is extremely grateful to the support of SB 3027's co-sponsors below:

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HB 4461- Payment to FPD After Disconnection by Municipalities

Sponsored by Rep. Larry Walsh (D-Joliet) and Sen John Connor (D-Romeoville), this legislation addresses the issue of problems with FPD collecting money owed by municipalities required after disconnection of a district territory. If such payment is not made within 30 days following a written demand by the fire protection district entitled to the payment or which causes a fire protection district to incur an expense in order to collect the amount to which it is entitled shall, in addition to the amount due, be responsible to reimburse the fire protection district for all costs incurred by the fire protection district in collecting the amount due, including, but limited to legal fees and costs. **HB 4461 was signed into law by Governor Pritzker and takes effect January 1, 2023.**

End of Session Fireworks Scare

There last minute was end of session horse trading which resulted in SB 2170 (*the fraudulent fireworks bill being pushed by TNT Fireworks posing at the fake "US Fireworks Safety Commission"*) being scheduled for a hearing with only an hour's notice before the Senate Executive Committee. OSFM Legislative Liaison Katherine Nunes and I both testified against the bill but we had heard that the hearing was only being held, as a favor to the House sponsor as well as the lobbyist for the TNT fireworks, with the understanding that the bill would get out of the Committee but not advance any further on the Senate floor. However, though the bill's current sponsor Sen Tony Munoz (D-Chicago) was no fan of the bill and did not want to see it advance, he is resigning his seat in a few months, so we have to be on guard when the legislature returns, that it does not rear it's ugly head with a different sponsor. **In the meantime, we are continuing to educate senators on the dire consequences fireworks expansion would bring to Illinois.**

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The Savvik Buying Group, formally known as the North Central EMS Corporation, is a non-profit organization owned by its members and formed to reduce the financial impact of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 within the EMS industry. Our mission is to provide members with a mechanism to achieve cost reductions, which has evolved into a group-purchasing program. Savvik values quality supplies and equipment for the members, at the industry's best prices.

The phrase "at the industry's best prices" plays an even more important role today than in previous years as the Medicare Fee Schedule took effect on April 1, 2002. Ambulance services across the country have seen a drastic reduction in their Medicare reimbursements which accounts for up to 75% of their revenue. This drastic reduction in revenue decreases their capital budgets and curbs their purchases if not determine their entire existence.

Where We're Going

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We're dedicated to improving the general wellbeing of the public safety industry as a whole. Our effectiveness increases with commitments from our vendor partners to provide Savvik members with quality products and services at the industry's best prices.

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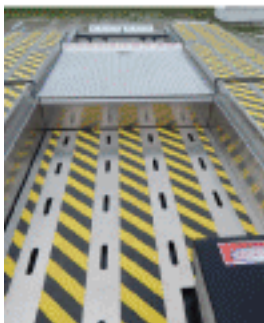
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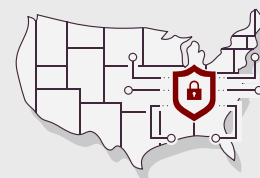
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Fire Prevention Grants

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Tom Lia NIFSI

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From the Chaplain's Rack

IFA Chaplain Josh Ehrler



Let's just be honest for minute: families and friends involved in an incident are not always the most helpful on scene. The parent wailing in the next room. The spouse refusing to get out of the way. The friends showing up, car after car after car, clogging up the driveway and the walkway and the road.

With that said, we would do, or have done, the exact same thing. No matter our skill and experience level, if the crisis is our own, we become less effective, maybe even frustrating to be around, too. It's not about who a person is or their background, it's about what happens when humans, any humans, encounter traumatic stress.

Why does your house need a chaplain?

I'm asking you this question throughout the year. In the context of working with families and friends on scene, and the traumatic stress everyone is enduring, your chaplain can keep people clear of the scene, gather information, and do some very immediate crisis intervention that will benefit them and your personnel. Our focus is on the family and people involved, not specifically the patient or the incident, which gives us the ability to put our energy into potentially calming situations and intervening through the crisis.

Why do we as humans have trouble functioning "normally" under stress? You know the answer, and I'll tell you anyway, it's how the brain handles traumatic stress. In short, the brain shuts itself down for self-protection. SCIENCE ALERT! Our brains are made up of structures, and the oldest part of the brain, the "reptilian brain," is designed to run the basic functions. "Breathing, eating, sleeping, pooping and peeing" as Dr Van Der Kolk describes it in The Body Keeps the Score (56). When we are under stress these vitals take priority. Sometimes all a person under stress can do is breathe. Other times, they run off. Occasionally, they come at us full of unmanaged emotions. Hence the responses we've heard of: fight, flight, or freeze.

Because the higher, newer structures of the brain (limbic, neocortex) have identified a risk, they stop functioning effectively. Reasoning skills are not necessary when survival is on the line. Centralizing the duties of the brain to the basics is a natural defense mechanism. The frustrating part of this: no one gets to control how or when our brain will do it, the reaction happens to us, as it happens to families and friends on a scene.

Chaplains are trained-should be trained-in psychological and spiritual first aid. We learn how to respond to crisis with intervention skills. We can often get people talking again. We can usher family members away from the patient or off the fire ground with dignity and respect. One of our roles is to reduce the stress responses and support the family toward a clearer headspace. We simultaneously support our department by making the scene less amplified. We calmly, clearly give details to the family (what's going on, where the ambulance is going) and guide them to widen their support by calling loved ones, trusted friends, and religious leaders.

The goal is never to remove emotions, the hope is to intervene in the crisis to help people make safe, appropriate decisions. This also helps develop a stronger sense of control and wholeness. Which, in turn, helps our fire/EMS personnel function at their highest levels. If your department does not have a chaplain yet, consider how you might begin recruiting and building that role for the sake of your community and your firehouse.

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OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH, 2022

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7:00AM CHECK-IN * Continental breakfast
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8:00AM CLASS STARTS

11:30AM LUNCH * Lunch provided
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12:30PM CLASS CONTINUES

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INSTRUCTOR: **TBA**



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Office of the State Fire Marshal



The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced the recipients of the 2022 Small Equipment Grant Program. A total of \$2.5 million was awarded to 104 fire departments/districts and EMS providers across the state. The program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000 each for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment.

This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments and not-for profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The purpose is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. The

OSFM received 373 applications, requesting around \$8.4 million in funding for this grant period.

Funding provided from our Small Equipment Grant Program is a huge benefit, especially to our rural volunteer departments in the state. These funds allow departments to purchase important equipment their firefighters/EMT's need to work more effectively and safely while protecting the lives and property of their community members," said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

Adams:

Loraine Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Ursa Fire Protection District- \$17,165

Alexander:

Tamms Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

Bond:

Mulberry Grove Fire Protection District- \$25,645.68

Bureau:

Bureau Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Cherry Fire Protection District- \$22,909.05

Calhoun:

North Calhoun Fire Protection District- \$25,011

Carroll:

Savanna Fire Department- \$25,320

Champaign:

Ivesdale Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Ludlow Fire Protection District- \$25,466.28

Pesotum Fire Protection District- \$24,722.25

Sadorus Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Clark:

West Union Community Fire Protection District- \$25,888

Clinton:

Germantown Rural Fire Protection District- \$15,625

Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Santa Fe Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Coles:

Wabash Fire Protection District- \$21,539

Cook:

Blue Island Fire Department- \$25,898

Central Stickney Fire Protection District- \$25,750

Rosemont Public Safety- \$26,000

Dekalb:

Shabbona Community Fire Protection District- \$19,546.17

DeWitt:

Clinton Fire & Rescue- \$24,770

Douglas:

Newman Community Fire Protection District- \$12,688.02

DuPage:

Bensenville Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Village of Villa Park- \$20,550

Edgar:

Chrisman Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Effingham:

Tri-County Fire Protection District- \$25,566

Fayette:

St. Peter Fire Protection District- \$24,630

Ford:

Roberts Melvin Fire Protection District- \$26,000

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Franklin:

City of Zeigler Fire Department- \$26,000

Fulton:

Farmington Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Lewistown Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Gallatin:

Shawneetown Fire Department- \$26,000

Village of Omaha Fire Department- \$24,293.52

Greene:

Carrollton Fire Protection District- \$19,900

Grundy:

Mazon Fire Protection District- \$25,905

South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

Henry:

Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District- \$19,546.17

Galva Fire Department- \$25,100

Kewanee Community Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Iroquois:

Crescent Iroquois Fire Department- \$26,000

Jackson:

Dowell Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

Jefferson:

Waltonville Fire Protection District- \$25,591.05

Webber Township Fire Protection District- \$25,996.87

Kane:

Village of Carpentersville Fire Department- \$10,056

Kankakee:

City of Kankakee Fire Department- \$26,000

Salina Township Fire Protection District- \$25,412

Knox:

East Galesburg Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,828

Elba Salem Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Maquon Fire Protection District- \$16,737.08

LaSalle:

Naplate Fire Department- \$25,980

LaSalle/Livingston:

Reading Township Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,820

Lee:

Paw Paw Community Fire Protection District- \$20,000

Livingston:

Dwight EMS- \$17,638

Logan:

New Holland Fire Protection District- \$20,576

Macon:

Blue Mound Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Macoupin:

Staunton Area Ambulance Service- \$16,732.48

Madison:

Hamel Community Fire Protection District- \$22,665.70

Marine Community Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Meadowbrook Fire Department- \$19,546.16

Marion:

Iuka Fire Protection District- \$24,310

Odin Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Mason:

Bath Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Easton Rural Fire Protection District- \$19,800

Massac:

Joppa Fire Department- \$26,000

Massac County Fire Protection District- \$26,000

McDonough:

Industry Fire Protection District- \$24,134

New Salem Fire Protection District- \$23,475

McLean:

Lexington Community Fire Protection District- \$25,575

Monroe:

Maestown Rural Fire Protection District- \$25,575

Montgomery:

Coffeen Fire Protection District- \$25,560

Moultrie:

Bethany Fire Protection District- \$19,000

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Ogle:

Rochelle Fire Department- \$24,000

Stillman Fire Protection District- \$25,764

Peoria:

Logan-Trivoli Fire Protection District- \$12,990

Perry:

Tamaroa Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Piatt:

DeLand Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Northern Piatt County Fire Protection District- \$16,500

Pike:

Baylis Fire Protection District- \$23,525

Griggsville Fire Department- \$25,372

Hull-Kinderhook Fire Department- \$26,000

Spring Creek Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Pope:

Rural Pope County Fire Protection District- \$25,719

Pulaski:

Mound City Fire Department- \$26,000

Mounds Fire Department- \$19,158.41

Putnam:

Standard Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Randolph:

Baldwin Community Fire Protection District- \$22,771

Saline:

Village of Carrier Mills Fire Department- \$26,000

Sangamon:

New Berlin-Island Grove Fire Protection District- \$25,082

Schuyler:

Hickory-Kerton Fire Protection District- \$18,526

St. Clair:

Church Road Fire Protection District- \$25,908.56

Midway Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Millstadt Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Prairie Du Pont Fire Protection District- \$25,825.25

St. Libory Fire Department- \$25,100

Tazewell:

Armington Community Fire Protection District- \$22,850

Union:

Alto Pass Fire Protection District- \$26,000.

Dongola Fire Department- \$25,962.36

Wabash:

Mt. Carmel Fire Department- \$25,160.01

Wayne:

Wayne Fire Protection District #1- \$21,628.93

White:

Village of Crossville- \$15,300

Will:

Custer Fire Protection District- \$25,120

Frankfort Fire Protection District- \$24,295

Steger Estates Fire Protection District- \$26,000

“I want to encourage everyone who applies for these grants to ensure that you have the appropriate signatures and other required areas of the application filled out correctly. We are always willing to help and provide answers to any questions. Also, please make sure your NIFRS reports are updated. Noncompliance in this area can not only disqualify you from receiving a grant from our office, but it can also prevent you from receiving a federal grant.”
State Fire Marshal Matt Perez

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"On Tuesday, May 10th, we honored four of our bravest brothers who gave their lives in service to the people of Illinois during the Fallen Firefighter Memorial," said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "We will be forever grateful for their courage and ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duties. They put the lives of others ahead of their own, which is our highest calling. I also want to personally thank every firefighter who was recognized today for their bravery in the line of duty during the Medal of Honor Ceremony. Illinois is home to a fire service that is second to none."

Loved ones of the fallen firefighters were presented with the "Death Duty Gold Badge" by the Fire Marshall during the ceremony. This year's honorees include:

- Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Pickering of the Chicago Fire Department
- Firefighter MaShawn Plummer of the Chicago Fire Department
- Lieutenant Garrett Ramos of the Sterling Fire Department
- Firefighter Mehdi Mourad of the Wabash Fire Protection District

Additionally, one firefighter was awarded the Medal of Honor. This is the highest award given by the State of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism, by which the firefighter has demonstrated in great degree the characteristics of selflessness and personal courage above and beyond the call of duty, under adverse conditions, with the possibility of extreme personal risk.

- Lieutenant Brian Kulaga, Cicero Fire Department

Seven firefighters were honored with the Medal of Valor award. The award is 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. Recipients include:

- Firefighter/EMT Richard Drabik, Chicago Fire Department
- Firefighter/Paramedic Colin Fuhrmann, Collinsville Fire Department
- Lieutenant Chad Busick, Danville Fire Department
- Engineer Jason Milakovich, Evergreen Park Fire Department
- Lieutenant Adrian Avelar, Sterling Fire Department
- Firefighter Lucas Pfister, Sterling Fire Department
- Firefighter Jeff Kimpel, Sterling Fire Department

Fifteen firefighters received the Firefighter Excellence Award for an act of service in the line of duty, demonstrating excellence and professionalism in service to their fellow Illinoisans. Recipients include:

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| Calumet City Fire Department | Galesburg Fire Department |
| • Firefighter Scott Hinko | • Captain James Pendergast |
| | • Firefighter Kyle Harms |
| Centralia Fire Department | Lockport Township Fire Protection District |
| • Firefighter Drake Tate | • Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Vandermeir |
| | • Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Isabelli |
| Centralia Fire Protection District | South Holland Fire Department |
| • Engineer Ross Smith | • Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Devaney |
| | • Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Heavey |
| Champaign Fire Department | • Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Wenk |
| • Engineer Brian Smith | • Firefighter/Paramedic Luke DeYoung |
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| Danville Fire Department | Sterling Fire Department |
| • Firefighter Easton Hoskins | • Lieutenant Garrett Ramos |
| | • Firefighter Nick Hammer |

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In addition, twelve units received the Firefighter Excellence "Unit Citation" Awards for an act of service in the line of duty, demonstrating excellence, teamwork, and professionalism in service to Illinois residents. Recipients include:

Bensenville Fire Protection District, Incident #21-3340

- Battalion Chief Angel Reyes
- Lieutenant Nevin Hahn
- Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Sochacki
- Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Walter
- Firefighter/Paramedic Zach Schneeberger
- Firefighter/Paramedic Mateo Valadez

Calumet City Fire Department, Incident #21-4139

- Captain Tim McGanonn
- Captain. Ron Tenzera
- Engineer Steve Drew
- Engineer Mike Ball
- Engineer Aaron Borowski
- Firefighter Rick Graser
- Firefighter Chris Pierce
- Firefighter Steve Uthe
- Firefighter Alex James
- Firefighter Cesar Garcia
- Firefighter Ryan Banks

Calumet City Fire Department, Incident #21-2470

- Captain Mike Flanagan
- Captain Tom Dukups
- Lieutenant Ryan Hornback
- Engineer Chris Sullivan
- Engineer Eric Wieser
- Firefighter Bryan Lowery
- Firefighter Joe Okichich
- Firefighter Nick Panzcuk
- Firefighter Mike Peterlin
- Firefighter Piepenbrink
- Firefighter Chuck Schultz
- Firefighter Dan Vasilak

Centralia Fire Department, Incident #21-1790

- Lieutenant Robert Smith, Jr.
- Firefighter Jeff Kleiboeker
(Huey Ferris Boulder Fire Protection District)

Evergreen Park Fire Department, Incident #21-2308

- Captain Frederick Vollinger
- Acting Lieutenant Andrew Turner
- Engineer Raymond Fineron
- Firefighter Austin Cangelosi
- Firefighter Justin Rehnquist

Champaign Fire Department, Incident #21-0003629

- Lieutenant Mike Bayless
- Engineer William Bleich
- Firefighter James Rear
- Lieutenant Jason Rector
- Engineer Russ Houston
- Firefighter Paul Doyle
- Lieutenant Mathew Plutz
- Engineer Stephen McConkey
- Lieutenant Chad Pruitt
- Firefighter Alex Kocher
- Firefighter Evan Brewbaker
- Lieutenant Bradley Diel
- Engineer Jeremy Allen
- Firefighter Justin Kaiser
- Lieutenant Chip Haake
- Engineer Cole Hunt
- Firefighter Elliott Kraft
- Firefighter Zachary Tish

Chicago Fire Department, Incident #21-006-1733-00

- Firefighter/EMT David Pae
- Captain/EMT Robert Fleckenstein
- Firefighter/Paramedic Mario Cerna
- Firefighter/Paramedic Wilfredo Rodriguez

Collinsville Fire Department, Incident #21-00057

- Lieutenant Chris Castens
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jim Wilderman
- Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Gullledge
- Firefighter/Paramedic John Canull
- Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Verner
- Lieutenant Frank Arnold
- Firefighter Eric Freeman
- Firefighter David Badgett

Danville Fire Department, Incident #21-0002378

- Captain Sean O'Kane
- Firefighter Kaleb Thompson
- Firefighter Michael Murphy
- Firefighter Thomas Simich
- Firefighter Robert Williams
- Firefighter Colin Zofkie
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Galesburg Fire Department, Incident #0000734

- Firefighter Anthony McKillip
- Firefighter Kyle McGee
- Firefighter Andrew Johnson

South Holland Fire Department, Incident #21-4300104

- Firefighter Edward Ritzema
- Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Kearney
- Firefighter/Paramedic Tony Bruegmann
- Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Lampkin
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jon Sloop (Glenwood Fire Department)
- Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Pelc (Glenwood Fire Department)

Homer-Sidney Fire Protection District, Incident #21-0000181

Lieutenant Jeremy Richards

- Firefighter Mike Brann
- Lieutenant. Corey Lilly



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