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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,

July 1st will be here before you know it and that will bring a new state budget year. The way it's going now we'll be in the same situation as last year. Even though the majority of our financial resources are locally generated, our state supported training and services from the Fire Marshal's Office could be affected again. If our funds were General Revenue Funds, I would understand our Representatives and Administration concerns on how to fund the Fire Marshal's Office and its programs. I think it's time for the Insurance Industry to get involved and mandate that these funds that are collected are fully appropriated and designated to support all of us. We do not want Fire Prevention Funds used for what it was not generated for, like past administrations.

Moving on, our fall Conference schedule and Down & Dirty Training weekend is in this issue of *The Bulletin*. Make sure you write down and save the dates. I would register as quickly as possible for the Conference and Down & Dirty classes. Our Sponsors and Donations play a big part in making our conference a success. CHS and TransCanada Corporation have once again supported our hands on Down & Dirty Training again this year. Our partnerships with them and our other fine sponsors makes our conference complete. Without them, you would be paying a great deal more for registration. We supply the cheapest registration and your training is free.

IFSI subsidizes part of the training and IFA and our Sponsors pick up the rest of the costs involved. Our Association will lobby, support and do whatever we need to do to make sure our Fire Marshal's Office and Fire Academy stay strong financially and in their structure. We can be proud of the Fire Service in this State, we are second to none. There are other States that do not have the supportive structure as Illinois and many only rely on local support for their training. This is why we must do whatever we need to do to keep our structure strong.

We will be losing one of our major advocates next year. Representative Donald Moffitt will be stepping down. He and the Fire Caucus have played a major role in supporting the Fire Service. He will be greatly missed. It is my hope that the new Fire Caucus leadership will continue to carry the torch that Representative Moffitt carried for years. We want to thank him, his family and staff for the contributions they made toward the Fire Service. It is my opinion, that Honorable Donald Moffitt has saved lives and property through his leadership. He has help support us with the tools and equipment needed to expand our knowledge, experiences and skills to fulfill our mission.

So, "Train Smart and Stay Safe" and God Bless

*John Swan President IFA*



# Legislative update

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA Legislative Lobbyist

## IFA PARTICIPATES in IL FIRE OFFICIALS DAY at CAPITOL

On April 13<sup>th</sup> fire officials from across the state traveled to the Capitol and packed the House Gallery as Rep. Don Moffitt was honored with House Resolution 1104 for his nearly 25 years of tireless service to the fire service. The fire sprinkler trailer was parked outside the Capitol that whole day and demos were given to legislators and state officials. Pictured left to right IL Fire Inspectors Association President Joe Welter, Margaret Vaughn, Chief Swan, IFSA Director Phil and back row Northern IL Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board Director Tom Lia. Later that evening IFA was one of the co-sponsors of the annual IL Fire Officials Legislative Reception held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.



Picture left to right State Rep. John Cabello (R-Machesney Park), Chief Swan, Margaret Vaughn, Sen. Neil Anderson (R-Moline), IL Fire Safety Alliance Executive Director Phil Zaleski and IFCA1s Vice President Chief Jim Kreher.

Unfortunately at press time no state budget resolution has been reached..stay tuned. Below is the latest status of fire service bills.

**SB 3025 – DISCOUNTED FIRE TIRE PURCHASE for VOLUNTEERS** - Sen. Haine –Rep. Bryant – Modeled after a similar program in Colorado this Fire Caucus initiative of IFA, allows volunteer firefighters to purchase four tires every three years at the government purchasing discounted rate. **STATUS: PASSED SENATE**

**HB 5018 - PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMM WEEK** - Rep. Norrine Hammond and Sen. Anderson Designates the second full week of April of each year as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week, as a week to honor the dedicated men and women who answer calls for help at 911 centers across the country. **STATUS: PASSED BOTH HOUSES**

**HB 4522 –REIMBURSEMENT for VOLUNTEER MUNICIPAL DEPTS – Rep Hoffman and Sen. Clayborne** - Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Inserts language similar to that which is already in place for Fire Protection Districts which allows municipalities to charge fees for services rendered by a volunteer municipal department to non-residents. An amendment was added in the Senate so that the maximum charge would be \$250 per hour rather than (per vehicle per hour) and also includes \$70 per fire fighter. **STATUS: PASSED HOUSE**

**HB 5610 – FPD PROTECTION of DISCONTINUED MUNICIPALITIES.** Rep. Moffitt – Sen. Anderson - Provides that no fire protection district will be required to assume responsibly for the fire protection of any municipality which discontinues its fire department unless the fire protection district's Board of Trustees has agreed to do so. Effective immediately. **STATUS: PASSED BOTH HOUSES**

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**HB 5611 – FPD ENFORCEMENT OF OSFM RULES** Rep. Beiser – Sen. Haine -Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that a fire chief has authority to enforce the provisions of any rules adopted and promulgated by the State Fire Marshal under the provisions of the Fire Investigation Act or to carry out the duties imposed on local officers under the Fire Investigation Act. Provides that the fire chief shall order removal or remedy of dangerous conditions including that the fire chief may order that the property be vacated until an inspection occurs and the dangerous condition is no longer present. Allows a fire chief to refer matters to the State's Attorney when a person fails to comply with the fire chief's orders enforcing the provisions of the Fire Investigation Act. **STATUS: BACK in HOUSE on CONCURRENCE**

**HB 6041 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DISSOLUTION** Rep. Don Moffitt- Sen. Haine - Restores the percentage of legal voters residing within the fire district territory (from 5% to 1%) that are required to petition for dissolution of a fire protection district. Provides that a loss of annual real estate tax revenues by the district from which the disconnection is sought of 25% (currently, 15%) or more because of the disconnection shall constitute serious injury and require dismissal of the petition. **STATUS: BACK IN HOUSE on CONCURRENCE**

**HB 5649 FIRE FIGHTER PLATES for MOTORCYCLES** Rep. Bennett – Sen. Barickman - Provides that a motorcycle having an engine over 150cc (rather than any motorcycle) shall be able to affix the special registration plate designated to be an Illinois Fire Fighters' Memorial license plate. Deletes the provision that the Secretary of State must issue a version of the special registration plate in a form appropriate for motorcycles. **STATUS: PASSED BOTH HOUSES**

**SB 2947 CRIM CD-EMS-DEFINITION** Sen. Connelly-Rep. Anthony - Amends the Criminal Code to and redefines various statutes concerning bodily harm directed against emergency medical services personnel and expands definition to also include all ambulance crew members, including drivers or pilots. **STATUS: PASSED BOTH HOUSES**

**SB 3335 – EMS-EPINEPHRINE VIALS** Sen. Rose – Rep. Mussman - Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Permits EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or paramedics who have successfully completed a Department of Public Health approved course in the administration of epinephrine to administer epinephrine from a vial.: Permits EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or paramedics who have successfully completed a Department of Public Health approved course in the administration of epinephrine to administer epinephrine from a glass vial, auto-injector, ampule, or pre-filled syringe. **STATUS: BACK in SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE**

**SB 3070 PUBLIC DUTY RULE CODIFICATION** Sen. Clayborne – Introduced in response to the recent Supreme Court decision in the East Joliet PPD case, creates the Public Duty Rule Codification Act. Provides that a local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services. **STATUS: REMAINS in SENATE ASSIGNMENTS COMMITTEE**



# Recent legislation of note

by Joseph Miller III  
Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd.

Despite all of the battles happening in Springfield, the Illinois General Assembly did find time to adopt three statutory changes that may positively impact fire district revenues.

## ***Rescue Fund Tax***

In a move that could result in a significant increase in income for a few fire districts, the General Assembly amended Section 24 of the Illinois Fire Protection District Act. The original statute allowed a .05% tax levy on the value, "equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of all taxable property within the district" for funds to pay for costs of emergency and rescue crews. The new language increases the maximum rate for the Emergency and Rescue Fund from .05% to .10%. Previously known as the "rescue nickel," the Rescue Fund rate may now be appropriately called the "rescue dime."

It is important to note that the increase in the maximum rate does not increase the district's overall aggregate rate limit. Thus, the increase does not automatically signal an increase in revenues for every district. Districts that have found themselves losing funds due to the maximum rate limits will benefit by the increase in the Rescue Fund tax rate. For those districts not already levying for the Rescue Fund, the statute requires the board of trustees of the district to submit the question of a tax to the proper election officials, who then submit the question at election. If the majority of residents vote for the tax, the board of trustees may impose the tax "not to exceed" the rate voted on. Districts already levying for the Rescue Fund do not need to go to referendum again to increase the fund rate to 0.10%.

## ***Fire Hydrant Act Enforcement***

The Illinois General Assembly also amended the Fire Hydrant Act. (425 ILCS 20/0.01 et seq.) Originally, the statute simply clarified the restrictions on the use of a fire hydrant in Illinois. Specifically, the statute clarifies the proper usage of a fire hydrant by mandating that each fire hydrant have a discharge that is maintained at least 14 inches, but not more than 26 inches, from the surface from which the hydrant protrudes. In addition, the Act provided that no obstacle could be constructed, maintained or installed within 48 inches of a fire hydrant. (425 ILCS 20/1).

The Illinois General Assembly has now authorized fire departments to recover costs from those who fail to comply with the fire hydrant requirements. (425 ILCS 20/2). Section two now allows enforcement against those "fire hydrants" connected to a water supply for the express purpose of fire suppression where the fire department can use it, and excludes flush hydrants. (425 ILCS 20/2(a)). Further, section two notes that those responsible for the hydrant must comply with the requirements for fire hydrants within thirty days of written notice of noncompliance or violation from the fire department. If the responsible party fails to comply or correct the violation, he or she must pay for the noncompliance. The responsible party can be made to pay "all reasonable costs that the fire protection district, township fire department, or municipality incurs to correct the noncompliance, including attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the fire protection [agencies] in recovering the costs from the responsible party." (425 ILCS 20/2(b)).

## ***Posting of Truth-in-Tax Notices***

Lastly, the Illinois General Assembly has amended the Truth in Taxation Act (35 ILCS 200/18-75) specifying what type of legal notice is required, including newspaper publishing in the taxing district. The amendment now requires that a taxing district with a website must publish the TITA notice on its website in addition to existing newspaper publishing requirements. However, a district's failure to post the notice on its website does not invalidate the notice or any action taken on the tax levy.

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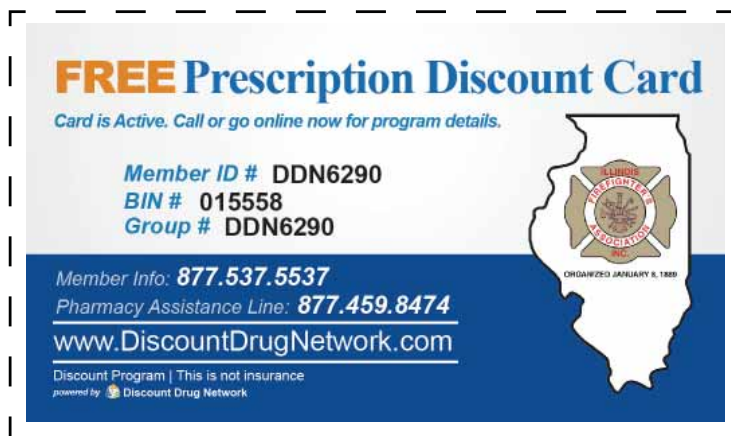
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California Casualty

# Auto Recalls: What You Need to Know

We wouldn't allow our children to play with an unsafe toy, nor would we use a household item that was deemed dangerous. But, when it comes to our autos and trucks, many Americans continue driving one that has been recalled because of a safety concern.

## **It's More Than You Might Think**

The statistics are a bit unsettling – the number of recalled vehicles reached 51 million in 2015, second only to 2014's record of 60 million vehicles.

## **What do you need to be worried about?**

Auto experts say the bulk of the recalls were for faulty airbags, which have been linked to injuries and deaths. However, other recalls were for hazards involving steering, cruise control, engines and seat belts. These failures have led to sudden loss of control of the vehicle, parts failures in a crash, or caused vehicle fires.

## **Many Are Not Getting Fixed**

Despite a major effort by automakers, only 75 percent of vehicles that might have issues are being looked at or repaired.

And that's the concern; a recent Carfax survey found that tens of millions of vehicles that have been recalled the past few years have never been fixed. By their estimate, one in five on the roads today is in need of a repair for a safety defect. Even more troubling is that the type of vehicle with the highest rate of unfixed safety issues is a family-owned minivan. SUVs and pickup trucks are a close second and third. Often, this means the drivers of those cars or trucks, maybe someone you know, is at significant risk if a part should fail.

## **So Why Wouldn't Someone Get the Fix?**

There are many reasons why drivers aren't getting defective vehicles to a dealer or mechanic:

- They are not aware of the recall
- They worry it will take too much time or cost too much
- They just don't care
- Recall notices are often mailed to an old address

## **So Has Your Vehicle Been Recalled?**

The government maintains an excellent website where you can check, for free:  
<http://www.safercar.gov/CheckForRecalls>

If you find your vehicle on the recall list, safety groups recommend that you contact the car dealer immediately to set up an appointment to have it looked at. Keep in mind, you should not have to pay for any parts or labor because of a recall. Not all vehicles may need a fix, but finding out will bring you peace-of-mind. And, if you think your vehicle has a defect, but hasn't been recalled yet, save any receipts; you should be reimbursed if the recall occurs later.

## **What Does a Recall Mean for My Insurance?**

While driving a recalled vehicle shouldn't affect your insurance, the quicker you have it checked out or repaired, the safer you and others will be.



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However, you should contact your insurance company if the dealer gives you a loaner car while yours is being repaired; you'll want to make sure you have enough coverage if it's more valuable than your vehicle.

It's also a good idea to check your auto insurance to make sure you are fully protected and that you are getting all the discounts you deserve. Call a California Casualty advisor today for a free policy review or comparison at 1.800.800.9410 or visit [www.calcas.com/IFA](http://www.calcas.com/IFA).

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# Alexis Fire Equipment Announces New Partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

Alexis Fire Equipment announced it will become partners with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, which is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. The current partnership will be effective between April 16, 2016 and April 15, 2017 and Alexis will donate \$1,000 for every fire and medical unit sold within the Continental United States.

Donations will be used to help patients like Gracie, who, prior to her diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), didn't want her belly touched because of what her mom feared was an appendicitis. ALL, a type of blood cancer, is the most common form of cancer in children. Referred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Gracie began two and a half years of chemotherapy at no cost to her family. Thanks to generous donors, families like Gracie's never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food, and can focus on what matters most – helping their child live.

Owner, Jeff Morris is passionate about this newly formed partnership. "There are very few people that haven't been touched by childhood diseases. Everyone from our employees to the customers we serve to the communities we live in, has been affected by cancer in some way. Knowing the impact that St. Jude has on the patients and their families, it makes us proud to know we can contribute to such a worthy cause."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has increased the survival rate for ALL from 4 percent before opening in 1962 to 94 percent today, and they won't stop until no child dies from cancer. Support from partners like Alexis Fire Equipment help ensure that St. Jude continues to focus on what matters most – saving kids regardless of their financial situation.

To learn about Alexis Fire Equipment and the partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, please visit [www.alexisfire.com](http://www.alexisfire.com).

## About Alexis Fire Equipment

Since the company was founded in 1947, Alexis Fire Equipment has evolved and grown from a small fabrication shop with limited capacity to a sophisticated business that now spans over 55,000 square feet and employs over 75 skilled engineers, craftsmen, and mechanics – a figure that continues to grow. As one of the only remaining family-owned fire equipment manufacturers in the Midwest, Alexis continues to instill the tradition of product excellence, acute customer care, and superior service.

Over the past few years, Alexis has pushed and expanded its product line to include not only unique custom-built aerials, rescues and pumpers, but also custom-crafted law enforcement vehicles and ambulances. Alexis works side-by-side with each customer to construct a vehicle based on specific department needs.

Your invited to join the Alexis Family by visiting us online at [alexisfire.com](http://alexisfire.com), liking Alexis on Facebook ([facebook.com/AlexisFireEquipment](https://facebook.com/AlexisFireEquipment)) and following us on Twitter (@AlexisFireEquip).

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

### ***Equipment Requirements For All Hands-On Classes***

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

### **Hands-On Classes**

#### **Down & Dirty Foundations of Firefighting**

*Limited to 50 students - Minimum 15 students*

**Friday 1pm – 5pm and Saturday 8am – 5pm at IFSI**

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

#### **Down & Dirty Coordinated Fire Attack**

*Minimum 15 students*

**Friday 1pm – 5pm and Saturday 8am – 5pm at IFSI**

This more advanced class is designed for firefighters with experience on ten actual or training fires and/or at least four years as a firefighter. Participants must be competent in core firefighting skills. Students participate in evolutions that combine engine, truck and rescue operations. Training centers on using ladders, hose, methods of forcible entry, ventilation, search and rescue techniques and SCBAs during hands-on firefighting training evolutions. Emphasis is placed on coordinating these skills during fireground operations.

#### **Down & Dirty First-In Officer**

*Minimum 15 students*

**Friday 1pm – 5pm and Saturday 8am – 5pm at IFSI**

This popular class includes fireground leadership and decision making. Students learn management of resources, do size-up, make decisions on where and how to commit the first hose line and how to implement an incident command system. The first four hours is dedicated to a classroom setting with the remaining eight hours spent working live-fire drills.

#### **Myths and Realities: Fog nozzle vs. Smooth Bore Nozzle**

*Limited to 30 students - Minimum 20 students*

**Friday 7pm – 8pm at IFSI.**

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

### **Classroom Classes**

#### **Down & Dirty Small Department Strategy and Tactics** **Friday 1pm – 5pm and Saturday 8am – 5pm at IFSI**

*Minimum 15 students*

Make better decisions. From this class students get an understanding of the Incident Command (IC) system, utilizing strategic and tactical objectives, risk management, pre-incident planning and accountability. The class also covers personnel safety, hazard identification, size up, standard company functions, fire behavior and the variables of fire department responses. This class is designed for those responsible for commanding one to two companies at the fire or emergency scene, such as Company Officers and Chief Officers of small fire departments.

#### **Juggling Hats: The multiple responsibilities of managing a department**

*Choose one of three time periods (Friday 1pm – 5pm OR Saturday 8am – noon OR Saturday 1pm – 5pm)*

Take what Chief Craig Haigh of Hanover Park Fire Department has learned during his 20 years as a chief and apply it to your job. Hear how to tackle customer expectations and increasing call volumes on top of declining budgets, lack of staff availability and recruitment concerns, plus much more. And that is on top of your real job and family demands. In just four hours, this class addresses the multiple management demands to better equip the volunteer chief or command officer with valuable tools you can use immediately.

#### **Cardiac Arrest – Step away from the light; Assessment and pathophysiology; Excited delirium syndrome – the metabolic freight train to death**

*Minimum 15 students - Friday, 1pm – 5pm at hotel*

Lead instructor Jamie Temple, EMS Coordinator for Eastern Iowa Community College combines these three topics into four hours of dynamic instruction.

#### **Globe CARES (Cleaning and Repair Evaluation Services)**

*Minimum 15 students - Friday 6pm – 8pm at the hotel*

Chris Moelker, Globe's Cairns Regional Representative leads this class that is open to fire service professionals who want to receive training that will assist their department comply with the 2008 Edition of NFPA 1851 Standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles of Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting. The class includes: Overview of NFPA 1851, 2008 edition; detailed demonstrations of advanced inspections; discussion on advanced cleaning and advanced repairs; and certificate of participation to meet the NFPA 1851 required "manufacturer training" needed to perform Advanced Cleaning and Advanced Inspections for your department. Note: Please bring your own gear to follow along with the presentation.

#### **Faith on Fire**

**Friday 1pm – 5pm and Saturday 8am – Noon and 1pm – 5pm at the hotel**

A workshop for chaplains and firefighters with a desire to live and share their faith in the context of their fire service calling.





## Illinois Firefighter's Association, Inc.

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### Registration Form – 2016 Annual Conference *Firefighter Down & Dirty Fire Fighting Weekend*

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#### **Questions about the conference, contact:**

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

For Americans with Disabilities: If you plan to attend the IFA Conference and need an accommodation, please contact Joe Mandarino at 708-935-2893 by September 29, 2016.

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### Arthur Fire Department

#### Community-Minded and Community-Involved



IFA member Arthur Fire Department is a shining example of what it means to serve in a local community. Beyond Fire Dept. service the members are involved in the Arthur community in every conceivable way – serving and leading on boards and committees, coaching and scouts, church positions, clubs and even mayor! The following is the answer, in their own words, to the question, **“What does it mean to you to be a member of the fire department in the community of Arthur?”**

“I wanted to be part of the fire department to help the community as much as I could. I’ve always enjoyed helping people and still do today. In my opinion the Arthur Fire Dept. is second to no other department based on dedication, enthusiasm, and knowledge.” - G.G. (Capt./42 years)

*“Over the last 34 years I have had a lot of experiences on this department – from firefighting to rescue work to car accidents and Christmas toy and food programs. To me it is very rewarding to be able to help someone in their time of need.” S.H. (Capt./34 years)*



“I am a second generation firefighter for the Arthur Fire Dept. I have had the privilege of serving with a very dedicated group that strives to be one of the best fire departments around. The relationships that come from working together have made us all very close friends. This is only part of what gives our membership such longevity and a waiting list to become a member. We work together here at personal projects and play together as a group as well – weddings, funerals, graduations, divorces, births – we share the tears and laughs together. The 34 current members and many past firefighters will be the best friends of my life.” - D.H. (Asst. Chief/30 years)

*“I am very proud to be a member of the Arthur Fire Dept. This department has a long history of being a premier department in our area. I have made some of the best friends of my life while in this organization. We are very lucky to have the support of our community the way we do. Without their support our facility and equipment would not be what it is today. I am sure after the current members are gone this department will continue to flourish.” - C.H. (Chief/29 years)*

“It’s a great opportunity to give back to the community that gave me an opportunity to work 25 years of my life for. It’s a great honor to know the citizens look up to you knowing you’re a member of our fire dept.” - J.M. (FF/26 years)

*“I am honored to be a member of the Arthur Fire Dept. Over the past 25 years I have had the opportunity to work and train with some of the very best people I know. We enjoy a great relationship with the community we serve. They are always there to support anything we do and are grateful for the services we provide. I am thankful for the time I have been able to be a part of this organization, and look forward to many more years of service.” - S.H. (Capt./25 years)*



## The Bulletin



*"I get to help a lot of people when they are having complications."*

- P.K. (FF/PM/22 years)

*"It means a lot to me to be a part of this department. We have a good group of firemen and we are blessed to have a community that takes good care of the department. We are recognized by people when you meet them and it means a lot when they come up and tell you what a good department they have here in Arthur."*

- A.C. (FF/21 years)

*"It is an honor to be part of a great team and organization. The Arthur Fire Dept. works hard for the community and to be a part of that is very fulfilling. I enjoy being a part of the Arthur Vol.*

*Fire Dept. because it allows me to give back to my community and serve the residents of this great community."*

- M.B. (FF/21 years)

*"It means a lot! I am very proud to be part of such an elite group! I enjoy being able to help the community in a lot of ways. I have been very lucky to have some of me best friends (brothers) on this department. I don't know of anything better to devote my time to than this department and these guys."*

- T.L. (FF/21 years)

*"I am honored to be part of a great organization like the Arthur Fire Dept. My leaders have taught me many things and I am still learning. I was taught the true meaning of dedication, commitment, and teamwork that it takes to be a firefighter. This dept. has become my family and will always be family. I am glad I can help when the community or someone is in need of help."*

*"It means a lot to be able to help out the community when needed. The AFD has a good reputation around the area. It is a privilege to be a part of an ongoing tradition."*

*"The fire dept. in the village of Arthur is an organization different from any other organization in the village. To be a member of this department is more than just a meaning, it's a privilege and an honor to be a part of something great. When people and their property are at their worst, we come and save life and property. So, that being said, it is an honor to be a member of the greatest department in this area, hands down."*

*"It's a great way to give back to the community. It's also an honor to be able to work and play with people who have the passion to serve and protect the community that they live in."*

*"What it means to be a member of the fire dept. is that I get to work with a lot of great people and I also get to call them my brothers. I get to work with men that have lots of knowledge and experience that they are always happy to pass on. It means I get to help people in their time of need."*

*"When you are voted into the Arthur fire-hood, you are entering more than just the thrill of fighting the big one, more than the satisfaction of knowing that you made a difference, more than gear and tools that protect you, more than the 3 am calls and the countless hours of training. You enter a brotherhood and a family. Ronald Reagan once said, 'Most people at the end of their life think back and wonder if they made a difference – veterans don't'. I believe this also bodes the same for firemen."*

*"To be a firefighter in Arthur is truly an honor. It's a position that the community has put trust in us to respond to their emergencies. It's not our department, it's the community. We've just been chosen to operate it. We have great support from local businesses and citizens. Our rural Amish community is very large and they look to us for guidance which is a great feeling. We've put a lot of focus on fire and life safety in the community and people are listening. The guys I get to work with are the best at what they do and I couldn't be prouder to call them my brothers and friends."*





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*"I am proud to be a part of this organization. We have some of the best officers in the county and all of the other fellow firefighters are second to none."* - H.H. (FF/12 years)

*"It's a great feeling of accomplishment when no matter what you do, whether it goes bad or good, you feel like you make a difference. The program for food and toys is a great cause – you get to help the community other than emergency situations."* - B.H. (FF/11 years)

*"It is a great department and it's nice to have the community support us the way they do. We have about as much as a small community could ask for. They are all good people and it makes me proud to live in Arthur and to be on the fire dept."* - R.H. (FF/10 years)

*"This community is made up of some of the best people in the world – therefore, it is always a blessing to help out someone in need. Also, the fire dept. personnel are awesome people to work with making us a great team. As a 9 year old boy my father passed away very suddenly and the community did so much for my family and I. This is one way that I can give back. I believe God made every firefighter with a desire to be a fireman putting us in place for the saving of His people and I am thankful to Him for this."* - L.M. (FF/8 years)

*"Serving on the fire dept. in Arthur is a way to continue to experience the camaraderie I found while serving in the military, while giving back to my community. I'm able to protect and serve my community still, just in a different way than I did in the military."* - R.R. (FF/8 years)

*"I am thankful for all the local businesses that are willing to donate money for our fire protection district so we can have the equipment we have to protect them when needed."* - S.Y (FF/8 years)

*"I feel honored to serve and protect the community of Arthur."* - C.H. (FF/EMT/7 years)

*"Everyone in the Arthur community is very supportive of the fire department. So the goal is to be there for them in the bad situations to keep damages to a minimum and to serve and protect. Without their support we would not have anything that we have."* - L.H. (FF/EMT/5 years)

*"It is an awesome feeling being able to help out community, whether it's putting out fires or helping a neighbor put livestock back in their pen."* - D.Y (FF/5 years)

*"I'm proud to be a member of the Arthur Fire Dept. I enjoy working with a group of guys like these. It is a way I can enjoy helping people in the community when in need. The community does good in showing support. I'm very thankful for all of the equipment the department has because of the help of the community."* - N.Z. (FF/3 years)

*"It means the world to me to be a part of a group of brothers whose main focus is to better the community. It gives me a sense of pride but at the same time is very humbling. I feel very blessed by the phenomenal support we receive from the Arthur community."* - R.B. (FF/3 years)



*"It means a lot to me to be a part of such a good group of firemen. People know when we show up to a call that we are going to make things better. It is always amazing to see a fire scene come together so fast without everyone being told what to do. Guys know their roles and they do them well. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> department I've been on and by far the most efficient and well-trained."* - M.Y. (FF/2 years)

# Support the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition



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# **Contact Your Local Senator and State Representative: Due to Illinois Budget Impasse - Cornerstone Program on Hold**

Due to the budget impasse, ISFI has to halt any Cornerstone Classes/Training until they can get funding. A call to your legislators to have them legislate the funding for Cornerstone. IFA led the fight last year to legislate the funding for Cornerstone and we need your help to do it again this year.

**Please reach out to your affected departments and advise them of this situation so they can:**

- 1. Prepare their departments for the 1 July 2016 suspension of Cornerstone deliveries.**
- 2. Reach out to their state reps on this issue. They can find their state legislator at: [www.illinoispolicy.org](http://www.illinoispolicy.org) or [www.illinois.gov](http://www.illinois.gov)**

*NOTE: This FPF/Cornerstone funding issue affects the delivery of Cornerstone Program classes/training ONLY. All other IFSI training will continue as planned---contracted training, grant funded training, etc.*

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## Help is needed For 2016 Illinois State Fair



Help is needed staffing the Fire Services Association tent on Saturday, August 20. It takes a lot of help for all of the people that go through the tent. If you or any other members of your department are available to work that day, please contact me as soon as possible for the IFA day at the State Fair, August 20, at the phone number or email below, so that I can get enough parking passes and admission tickets mailed to you prior to the work date.

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## Step 1

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Please print clearly or type)

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Received after Sept. 29 and at door \$100  
Non-IFA members after Sept. 29 \$125  
Get a free registration for every three from the same organization.

### Signature Required

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

## Step 3

### CHOOSE YOUR 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 Hands-On class, you must participate in all portions and have your gear with you. (Maximum number of students per class)

#### HANDS-ON FRIDAY/SATURDAY CLASSES IFSI

Friday 1pm-5pm and Saturday 8am-5pm

\_\_\_ Foundations of Firefighting (50)

\_\_\_ Coordinated Fire Attack (40)

\_\_\_ First In Officer (40)

#### CLASSROOM FRIDAY/SATURDAY

Friday 1pm-5pm and Saturday 8am-5pm

\_\_\_ Small Department Strategy & Tactics

\_\_\_ Faith on Fire (held at hotel)

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE HOTEL (1pm-5pm)

\_\_\_ Cardiac Arrest – Step Away

\_\_\_ Juggling Hats

#### FRIDAY EVENING

\_\_\_ Myths and Realities at IFSI (7pm-8pm) (30)

\_\_\_ Globe Cares at Hotel (6pm-8pm)

*Note: these classes can be in addition to Friday daytime classes*

#### SATURDAY AT THE HOTEL

\_\_\_ Juggling Hats (8am-noon)

\_\_\_ Juggling Hats (1pm-5pm)

**ALL HANDS-ON CLASSES HAVE LIMITED ENROLLMENT, PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29**

For more information, contact:  
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24403 Arrowhead Drive  
Manhattan IL 60442  
708-935-2893 corky2700@aol.com

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

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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).
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2016

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Secretary (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Chaplain's Corner

## The Toughest Calls

The following statements are written from the street level of our fire service experience at the intersection of Faith and Trauma. May they be a help to you as an affirmation of God's presence and grace in the midst of those times when we face the toughest calls...

God has called me to serve as a firefighter and/or EMS professional in my community (or city).

God knows that His calling on my life includes the times that I will see and handle human illness, injury, trauma, pain and death.

I am created in such a way that every experience of human illness, trauma, injury and death that I respond to will impact and change me in some way. I will need to internalize emotional stress on the emergency scene in order to act professionally, competently and effectively.

God knows there will be times that I and my fire department team will be able to successfully mitigate danger, provide safety, alleviate suffering and even avert death for victims of incidents that we respond to.

But God also knows that there will be times that we will not be able, for whatever reasons, to successfully accomplish the rescue that we desire.

God knows that at times my calling will involve responding to incidents where the victims are children, relatives, friends, acquaintances or co-workers. These will be the toughest calls and will especially impact me with great emotional stress and burden.

By God's grace He grants that my internalized stress and its negative impact can be relieved by verbalizing and even expressing the emotion of my experience to a trusted friend, fellow firefighter, spouse or other family member, counselor or chaplain. We generally call this gift "debriefing". I will receive the greatest relief if that person... (1) knows and cares about me, (2) identifies with my experience, (3) can help me access further resources if necessary, and (4) can pray with me and for me to affirm faith that God will give His grace, strength, and peace.

You can simply pray this or some variation thereof...

*Dear God, we are broken and burdened by what we have seen and/or handled at this incident that You have called us to respond to. We are grieved by our inability to have effected a more positive outcome. By faith we cast the stress and burdens of this experience upon You, trusting that You, in Your time, will bring us to a peace that passes understanding as You have promised. Amen.*

Please do express any part of what you are feeling and experiencing in your talk with God. That may include anger, frustration, guilt, etc. He knows it all and promises to walk through these toughest calls with you. Here are a couple of His promises that we can hold on to: ***"Come unto Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"*** and ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but by prayer present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"***.

If I can help or encourage you in any way, please let me know.

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