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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:

This is the last Bulletin before our Annual Conference October 25 and 26th. The Down & Dirty training is all lined up and please get your registrations in soon.

This year, like last year, your rooms are paid for on behalf of a grant that our State Fire Marshal Matt Perez was able to secure for us. Please tell him Thank You when you see him for all his help

His office is a major supporter and sponsor of this annual training. This Down & Dirty training is FREE to you that register and take the training, but nothing is actually free.

We have a variety of sponsors and IFSI has helped in contributing Cornerstone funds to help off set those costs. We will also have a hospitality room at the Eastland Suites which is our Conference hotel.

There will be food and drinks available for your pleasure. One of the most important functions that we do during the conference is our annual Memorial Service. It will be held Friday morning right after our annual business meeting. If you have not forwarded the names of your deceased firefighters that have passed, please do it right now. Forward those names to our Secretary/ Treasurer Kerry Federer at secretarytreasurer@illinoisfirefighters.org.

We will doing a basket auction again this year to support our PAC fund and we will be raffling off a gear dryer that was donated by Werner Restoration, who has 1 800-Board up, along with a 50 inch LED UHD TV, donated by the Madison County Firemen's Association.

You can buy tickets through-out the conference and at the 1-800 Board-up vendor table. The gear dryer will be displayed along side their table. One other important event will be our round table discussions on fire service issues. As you may know, we changed our by-laws last year to include supporting health and welfare of firefighters. Cancer has come to light because of risks firefighters take being a firefighter.

The Lavender Report addresses the "Best Practices" to follow to reduce those risks. Our Association has adopted the "Go Green Clean" saying so firefighters can remember those best practices.

It should be our job promoting Best Practices to keep our firefighters safe. The last thing we want is to see is a firefighter getting cancer. As in the case of most volunteer firefighters, they have no financial help from their employer if they were to get cancer. They would have to prove that they got their disease from the work place to receive a benefit. We will be discussing this issue at our next round table event during the conference. The state New York has passed legislation that requires all fire departments to have cancer coverage for their Firefighters. We have a representative from FASNY (Firefighter Association State New York) attending this round table event to fill us in on their issues that took place and the work they had to do to get that legislation past.

This Association has been in the forefront in trying to support all firefighters in training and to make their job easier, safer and bring a benefit to you that will support your well being.

So, *"Train Smart, Be Safe"*

God Bless

John Swan President



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA Legislative Lobbyist

10 YEAR SMOKE DETECTOR PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Once again through I grant obtained through First Alert, I am coordinating press conferences with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance at the following fire departments to build public awareness of Illinois 10 Year Smoke Detector Law.

1. Aurora – Friday, Sept 6th – 11:30 am.
2. Lisle Woodridge- at Benedictine University – Monday, Sept 16th at 10:00 a.m.
3. Kankakee- Tuesday Sept 24th at 10:00 am
4. DeKalb Wed Sept 25 at 1 pm
5. Springfield –Tuesday, Oct 1st 10:00 a.m.
6. LaSalle/ Peru -Thursday, Oct. 17th at noon Peru FD
7. Belvidere – Tuesday, Oct. 22nd – 1:00 p.m.
8. Elgin –Wed Oct 23rd 3 p.m
9. Evanston - Wed Nov 6th at noon
10. Joliet – Monday, Nov 18th at noon

SB 37 was signed by the Governor and went in effect in August. It in a very watered down version that just requires incident reporting and annual salary and hours worked for municipal fire departments.

LEGISLATION IMPACTING FIRE SERVICE

HB 1876 – ASSISTANT CHIEF CAN USE FLASHING LIGHT House Sponsor Blaine Wilhour (R-Beecher City)/Senate Sponsor Jason Plummer (R-Edwardsville). Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that red or white oscillating, rotating, or flashing emergency lights may be used on a vehicle operated by a qualified deputy fire chief or assistant fire chief (in addition to a fire chief. **The bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect January 1, 2020.**

HB 2215 – FIRE SERVICE LABOR MOVEMENT LINK on OSFM WEBSITE – Sponsored by House Sponsor Lance Yednock (D-Ottawa)/Senate Sponsor Tom Cullerton (D-Addison) The bill requires OSFM to supply a link to an educational program or literature on the *History of the Fire Service Labor* movement. Firefighters excluding volunteers, part-time and paid-on call are required to complete the training. **The bill passed and is being sent to the Governor.**

HB 2473 - FIRE PROTECTION DIST-CONTRACTS House Sponsor Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-North Lake)/Senate Sponsor Sen. Linda Holmes (D-Aurora) Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that a board of trustees may enter into contracts for supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$20,000 through participation in a joint governmental or nongovernmental purchasing program that requires as part of its selection procedure a competitive solicitation and procurement process. **The Governor signed the bill and took effect in July.**

HB 2766 - SUICIDE PREVENTION for FIRST RESPONDERS- House Sponsor Rep. Frances Hurley (D-Chicago)/Senate Sponsor Terry Link (D-Waukegan) Creates the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act. Provides that emergency services personnel and public safety personnel may refer any person to an employee assistance program or peer support counselor within the emergency services provider or law enforcement agency, or if those services are not available within the agency, to another employee assistance program or peer support counseling program that is available. **The Governor signed the bill and it took effect in August.**

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HB 2124 OPEN MEETINGS ACT-EXCEPTIONS House Sponsor Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch (D-Hillside)/Senate Sponsor Melinda Bush (D-Grayslake) Provides that a public body may hold a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting (rather than an independent contractor), or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. **The Governor signed the bill and it took effect in August.**

HB 3390 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM for KENNELS House Sponsor Diane Pappas (R-Bloomingtondale) and Sen. Don DeWitte (R- West Dundee) Provides that a kennel operator that maintains dogs or cats for boarding and that is not staffed at all times shall be equipped with at least one fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system in operating condition in every building of the kennel operator that is used for the housing of animals. Requires the kennel operator to certify in its license application and annually certify in its license renewal that either: (1) its facility has a fire alarm system or a fire sprinkler system, and shall include with the application or license renewal an attached description and picture of the make and model of the system used; or (2) the kennel is staffed at all times dogs or cats are on the premises, and shall include with the application or license renewal an attached staffing plan. Requires the Department of Agriculture to include the certification on each application for license or license renewal. Provides that a qualified fire inspector may inspect a kennel operator that maintains dogs and cats for boarding during the course of performing routine fire inspections. Allows the inspector to inform the Department if, during a routine inspection, the fire inspector determines that the kennel operator does not have a fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system. Provides that, for the purposes of the amendatory Act's provisions, veterinary hospitals, practices, or offices are not kennel operators. **The Governor signed the bill and it will go into effect January 1, 2020.**

SB 1694 Sponsored by Sen. Tony Munoz (D-Chicago) and Rep. John Cabello (R-Rockford) Provides that children and stepchildren, in addition to the spouse and parents, of a police officer or firefighter who has died in the line of duty may be issued special license plates. **The Governor signed the bill and it goes into effect January 1, 2020.**



10 Year Smoke Detector Press Conference held at Benedictine University Sept 16th

Members of Benedictine University Men's Soccer Team will be joining forces with the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department to install smoke detectors throughout the community donated by First Alert. Pictured left to right Lisle Woodridge FPD Lt. Berkowitz, IFA Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn, Chris Hoff with the DuPage County Health Dept, IL Fire Safety Alliance Lobbyist Phil Zaleski, Soccer Player Lukasz Sulka, Soccer Player Benny Masi, Benedictine Soccer Coach Attila Schmidt, Ashley Gocken with First Alert, Lisle Woodridge FPD Chief Keith Krestan, Lisle Woodridge Fire Marshal Anthony Wistocki, and Senator Ellman's District Director Mimi Cowan.

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2019 Conference

October 24 - 26

Class list and registration forms in this issue

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NOTICE

CHANGE IN

CONFERENCE HOTEL

**Conference hotel has changed to the
Eastland Suites and Conference Center,
1905 N. Cunningham in Urbana
Phone 217-344-4479**

Hotel included for those taking classes. Refer to brochure.

HANDS-ON COURSES:

12 HOURS EACH | FRIDAY, 1-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

FOUNDATIONS OF FIREFIGHTING

The Foundations of Firefighting Course is designed for firefighters who are new to the fire service or have limited experience with live fire conditions. Course topics will include the basic and fundamental skills necessary to operate effectively and safely on the fireground. This class will address firefighter orientation and safety, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), personal protective equipment (PPE), tools, apparatus, hose, ladders and basic fireground operations. **NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA is required.**

VEHICLE MACHINERY OPERATIONS

The Vehicle Machinery Operations Course is designed for all skill levels. Course topics will include vehicle access and disentanglement techniques and scene safety, evaluation, and management for emergency situations. The class will emphasize proper use of equipment including hand tools and hydraulic and air-powered equipment. **NFPA compliant personal protective equipment is required.**

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR FIREFIGHTING

The Essential Skills for Firefighting Course incorporates multiple training topics into one convenient schedule. Class topics include forcible entry, RIT training and thermal imaging camera applications. Students will participate in hands-on drills with both inward and outward swinging doors as well as multiple types of tools and locks. Live fire scenarios will address the tactical and strategic operations related to downed firefighters and the operation of the thermal imaging camera. **NFPA compliant personal protective equipment, SCBA, and ear protection is required.**

ESSENTIAL DRIVER ENGINEER SKILLS

The Essential Driver Engineer Skills series of courses will include training on the following topics: down and dirty hydraulics, basic pump operations and Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS). This engaging, hands-on course will cover the basic concepts on how to calculate hose line pressure, the mechanical principles of pumps as well as use of foam operations for fire suppression. **NFPA compliant personal protective equipment, SCBA, and ear protection is required.**

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BY RAIL

This course is designed for any first responder who could respond to a railroad emergency involving flammable liquids. Students will have the opportunity to learn more in depth information about flammable liquids shipped by rail and their characteristics. They will receive training on the types of railroad cars used to ship flammable liquids and their construction, safety features, markings and other important characteristics. They will also have the opportunity to participate in hands-on evolutions learning how to properly cool rail cars involved in flammable liquid fires. They will be able to learn and practice foam application techniques on rail cars. Upon successful completion of this class, the student will have an increased level of understanding on how to deal with flammable liquid emergencies on the railroads. **NFPA compliant personal protective equipment, SCBA, and ear protection is required.**

CLASSROOM COURSES:

TRAINING OFFICER BOOT CAMP - 12 HOURS | FRIDAY, 1-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

The Training Officer Boot Camp course is intended for any level member that assists in training for a fire department or district. Topics include Illinois Fire Service requirements, training needs assessment, IDOL requirements, training calendar creation, budget constraints, multiple company training and legal aspects of training. Emphasis is given to volunteer and part-time organizations that may be lacking the internal support to get training accomplished. Record management and audits are also covered. An OSFM Personnel Standards & Education (PS&E) staffer will be in attendance to support learning objectives. This is an interactive course that requires active student participation. Student should bring materials that will assist with the set-up of a better training program, i.e. calendar, policies and procedures, or SOP/SOG that impact the training organization.

HELPING YOU HELP THEM (DNR) | 4 HOURS | FRIDAY, 1PM-5PM

The Helping You Help Them course will provide insight into funding and grant initiatives available to fire departments. Topics will address steps that can be taken to assist your department in becoming more successful. Also included in the presentation will be a brief introduction to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Excess Property Program.

CANCER AWARENESS | 4 HOURS | SATURDAY, 8AM-12PM

Andy Dina is a 34 year veteran of the fire service and Assistant Fire Chief for the Warrenville Fire Protection District. Andy

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is a cancer survivor and eight year volunteer with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN). He mentors firefighters throughout the country who are diagnosed with cancer and serves as an instructor for the FCSN curriculum. Shawn Flaherty is a partner with the Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo Ltd., in Naperville. He has represented fire protection districts, fire and police commissioners, and other municipalities statewide for over 20 years. Shawn assists clients with legal matters involving public safety issues, labor and employment, and public pension disability hearings. Shawn and Andy will present on firefighter cancer awareness and prevention. The discussion will include data, statistics, causes, prevention measures, and the increasing legal side of firefighting and cancer.

RESILIENCY | 4 HOURS | SATURDAY, 1PM-5PM

This course will provide first responders in any stage of their career with the necessary tools to remain resilient to the stressors that come with the job as well as stress from off the job. Focusing on cutting-edge science, students will see how stress can damage the brain, and also how the brain can recover from this damage. Students will also increase their understanding of how stress and mental health impact not just the brain, but the entire body. Behaviors and mindsets will be presented that will help students to care for themselves as well as support their families at home and at work. First responder resiliency matters, and this course seeks to remove the stigma surrounding the discussion of mental health, trauma, and suicide. Facilitated group discussions will create open dialogues where students can share what has worked well for them and address areas where improvements

FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITY:

ROLLING RESPONSES: 6PM

The rolling response training will provide a realistic hands-on training opportunity for all skill levels. Students will be assigned to a fire company, be dispatched via radio and respond in assigned apparatus to one of three live fire training props. Training scenarios will simulate real world incidents with an established command structure, live fire, rescues, search, ventilation, hose line advancement, forcible entry, and victim removal. The incident commander will direct companies to carry out emergency scene tasks. An IFSI Instructor will facilitate and guide each company. **NFPA compliant personal protective equipment is required.**

OSFM TRAINING CLASSES

Public School Inspection Class | 4 HOURS | FRIDAY, 1PM-5PM

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Division of Fire Prevention is statutorily mandated to inspect all public schools in Illinois (except for Chicago Public Schools). This is accomplished both with OSFM Fire Prevention Inspectors and partnerships with local fire authorities who complete the necessary OSFM training and are recognized as Qualified Fire Officials (QFO). This class will be the exact same class as is offered to those local fire authorities wishing to become a QFO. Attendees who submit proper documentation to OSFM prior to taking this class will be added to our Qualified Fire Official list. Note: Required documentation includes confirmation from an attendee's Fire Chief that they will inspect the public schools found in their jurisdiction.

Life Safety Codes | 8 HOURS | SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

This class will provide instruction in the basic life safety topics such as means of egress, building construction, protection of hazards, fire protection systems, fire-rated construction, interior finish, as well as discussion on NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. Dependent on time, instructors will also discuss select occupancies from the Life Safety Code to include; Business Occupancies, Hotel, Apartment Buildings, Assembly Occupancies, or Mercantile Occupancies.

CERTIFICATION COURSE:

16 HOURS | FRIDAY, 9AM-5:30PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

TACTICAL EMERGENCY CASUALTY CARE/RESCUE TASK FORCE TRAINING

The Tactical Emergency Casualty Care/Rescue Task Force Training (TECC/RTF) Course is an EMS-based class designed for all skill levels. The class covers topics that decrease preventable deaths from active shooter, hostile, or mass casualty events. The TECC program includes discussions, table top, and full immersion exercises. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive TECC certification from the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).

Sign up on IFSI website, payment made on IFA website

Conference hotel has changed to the Eastland Suites and Conference Center, 1905 N. Cunningham in Urbana Phone 217-344-4479. Hotel included for those taking classes. Refer to brochure.

STEP 1: Registration Information

First Name: _____	MI: _____	Last Name: _____
Driver's License Number: _____		State of Issue: _____
Date of Birth: _____		
Mailing Address: _____		City, State, Zip: _____
Home/Eve Phone: _____		Cell Phone: _____
Male: <input type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/> Student Email Address: _____		
Name of Emergency Contact: _____		Emergency Contact Phone: _____

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Last day to cancel registration: October 24, 2019.

STEP 2: Registration is first-come, first-served. Please select a course.

CERTIFICATION COURSE 16 HOURS <small>FRIDAY, 9AM-5:30PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tactical Emergency Casualty Care / Rescue Task Force Training

HANDS-ON COURSES (CHECK ONE)
<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Firefighting – 12 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm / Saturday, 8am-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Machinery Operations – 12 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm / Saturday, 8am-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Essential Skills for Firefighting – 12 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm / Saturday, 8am-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Essential Driver Engineer Skills – 12 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm / Saturday, 8am-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable Liquids by Rail – 12 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm / Saturday, 8am-5pm)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

Before 10/1/2019:

IFA Member – \$50 | Non-Member – \$75

**payment must be received by 5pm on 10/1/19 to receive the advance rate.*

After 10/1/2019:

IFA Member – \$100 | Non-Member – \$125

CLASSROOM COURSES
<input type="checkbox"/> Training Officer Boot Camp – 12 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm / Saturday, 8am-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> OSFM Training: Public School Inspection – 4 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> OSFM Training: Life Safety Codes – 8 hours (Saturday, 8am-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping You Help Them – 4 hours (Friday, 1pm-5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer Awareness – 4 Hours (Saturday, 8am-12pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resiliency – 4 hours (Saturday, 1pm-5pm)

FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITY – 6PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Response Scenarios

**REGISTRATION IS COORDINATED THROUGH
THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE.**

**THE ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
WILL PROCESS REGISTRATION PAYMENTS.**

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE:

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By mail: Illinois Firefighter's Association

Attn: Kerry Federer

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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. Elevated body temperatures, increased pulse, respiration, and blood pressure are also possible.
2. Persons with known heart or lung disease, hypertension, who are pregnant (Note: spontaneous abortion will occur with pregnant females when core temperature elevates), or have other medical or mental conditions which may affect their health and safety under these conditions, are advised to check with their personal, or fire department physician before participating in the activity. The ability to meet the Illinois Department of Labor Respirator Wearers physical evaluation is the responsibility of the sponsoring department/agency and is a requirement for any course requiring the use of a self-contained breathing apparatus.
3. Protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus meeting the appropriate NFPA standards, at the time of manufacture, must be worn during most practical exercises and live fire training as directed by the instructor in charge. Protective equipment must be in serviceable condition.
4. Individuals with facial hair, jewelry, or other impediment to the proper seal of the face-piece on self-contained breathing apparatus will not be allowed to participate in evolutions where the atmosphere is toxic or may become so.
5. The use of alcohol, and 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. IFSI will not sell nor distribute your email to any outside agency, except to Parkland College (see #11 below). IFSI will, from time to time, provide you with organization updates, newsletters, surveys and the like. Providing your email address will serve as your approval for these periodic distributions.
9. **In order for the students, or their agency, to avoid being billed for the usual course fees, notifications of withdrawal must be made no later than October 24, 2019. This notification must be in writing. Failure to notify the Institute, as noted above, will result in you or your department being billed. Invoices are due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt.**
10. 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.
- 11a. **By my signature below, I acknowledge that if I do not have a Department signature in #11b. below, I will only be allowed to participate in Cornerstone, NIMS or LP classroom activities. By my signature below I also attest that I am on the department indicated and that I am authorized by an officer of said department to attend this class and that I am covered by my department's Worker's Compensation coverage for this class.**

Participant's Signature: _____
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Does a firefighter have a soul created by God? ...and what relation does that answer have to do with his/her “mental health”?

Does faith in God have any significant applications to the fire service experience? ...and could/should firefighters be invited to affirm and experience those applications?

If fire chaplains (or prospective fire chaplains) say yes to the above, can specific strategies and resources be found to equip them to invite, apply, and affirm faith in their firefighters?

Interested??? Then come to the FREE one day **Firefighter Soul Care Chaplaincy Workshop** at this year's IFA Conference. The workshop will be held in a meeting room at the Eastland Suites and Conference Center, 1905 N. Cunningham in Urbana. The date is Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided!

This workshop will not be a canned presentation of power-points, but rather a dynamic conversation about restoring the gift of faith as an invitation for firefighters to experience God in their fire service lives as a shield and an anchor for their souls. Come with your experience and input or just to listen in with spiritual curiosity.

The workshop is obviously for current fire chaplains, but also for prospective chaplains. If you have a heart to share the gift of your faith with your fellow firefighters, then you may be called to provide Firefighter Soul Care Chaplaincy in your fire department. I hope you will come to the workshop to explore that calling further.

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Establishing Enforceable Fair Standards: Standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

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Fire districts and departments facilitate the safety of society, its citizens and employees, and its buildings and structures. Impartial, thoughtfully established yardsticks are essential for evaluation to determine whether an item, condition or action falls within acceptable degrees for safety and risk or alternately exceed those criteria to require some variety of corrective or preventative action. This article seeks to provoke thought into points regarding the selection and adoption of such evaluative and enforcement yardsticks.

NFPA published standards provide a series of these types of impartial, thoughtfully established yardsticks on which the fire service can rely. Use of specific standards may be required by regulation. Further, use of standards not conforming to these criteria run the risk of legal challenge for impartiality, discrimination, inapplicability, or outright inaccuracy. NFPA standards may be modified for local applicability and conditions, with the caution that modification runs the risk of undermining the impartiality and thoughtful effort which went into establishing the standard: an instance of where “less is better.”

In some cases, use of NFPA standards may be required. State law and regulations recognize these national standards. Section 9 of the Illinois Fire Investigation Act (425 ILCS 25/9) directs the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to adopt and implement such reasonable rules as may be necessary to protect the public from certain stated dangers. Pursuant to that authority, OSFM adopted by reference several NFPA standards in regulations with topics extremely relevant to the fire service, including but not limited to:

- 41 Ill. Admin. Code 100.7 -- Adoption of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (one standard)
- 41 Ill. Admin. Code 112.80 -- Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Detectors (one standard)
- 41 Ill. Admin. Code 141.20 -- Policy and Procedures Manual for Fire Protection Personnel (21 standards)
- 41 Ill. Admin. Code 280.15 -- Fire Equipment Administrative Procedures (9 standards)

Note that local fire service officers are charged in that same Section 9 with enforcing these -- or correspondingly stringent -- fire prevention and safety standards. Section 11 of the Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/11) provides that except in municipalities in which fire prevention codes have been adopted, a fire protection district's board of trustees has the express power to adopt and enforce fire prevention codes and standards parallel to national standards.

A variety of rulings by various federal and state courts support the validity of NFPA standards as impartial, thoughtfully established yardsticks on which the fire service can rely, particularly in the event of a legal challenge to an adopted standard.

- **NFPA 72** -- In *ADT Security Services, Inc. v. Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District*, 672 F.3d 492 (7th Cir. 2012), the court noted the parties agreed that the model fire codes issued by the NFPA supplied the prevailing national standards, and more specifically focusing on application of NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®. See also *Alarm Detection Sys., Inc. v. Village of Schaumburg*, 930 F.3d 812 (7th Cir. 2019) and *Alarm Detection Sys., Inc. v. Orland Fire Protection District*, 929 F.3d 865 (7th Cir. 2019), supporting the premise that NFPA 72 is a nationally recognized standard for fire alarms and signaling.
- **NFPA 1582** -- NFPA 1582 is the Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments. Its use as the standard for medical fitness assessment for firefighters has been upheld by a federal court in Illinois (*Wheeler v. Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District*, 804 F. Supp. 2d 759 (N.D. Ill. 2011)) and Iowa (*Deeds v. City of Marion*, 914 N.W.2d 330 (Iowa 2018)), and by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (*Carleton v. Commonwealth*, 858 N.E.2d 258 (Mass. 2006)).

While use of NFPA standards is beneficial, that use does come with challenges.

- First, there is the need to educate and secure concurrence of community stakeholders on the need for implementation of any standard. There may be time and costs associated with compliance, notwithstanding the safety benefits. For example, the dilemma presented by the requirement for a building fire sprinkler system versus the cost to install, operate, maintain and test the system. Should installation be required for future construction, or rather more broadly be required for existing structures and new construction? Who bears the cost? Who bears the risk? These issues need to be addressed and resolved for harmonious implementation.
- Second, there is the cost to procure and maintain copies of the standards to be adopted. Generally, NFPA updates

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standards on a three-year cycle. Thus, key to use, application and enforcement is knowing the standard being used, but also the year (date) of the standard as they do change. Fire service enforcement personnel and community stakeholders charged with compliance need to be familiar with and have access to the proper standard being applied.

- Third, implementation and enforcement of NFPA standards requires a degree of technical training and sophistication. Obtaining that level of expertise costs commitment of personnel and educational resources which may or may not be available.

One final thought: there are recognized national standards other than NFPA, such as those of Underwriter's Laboratories.

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Office of the State Fire Marshal



State Fire Marshal Honors National Fire Prevention Week

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is honoring National Fire Prevention Week 2019. Governor JB Pritzker has proclaimed October 6th through October 12th as Fire Prevention Week in Illinois encouraging residents to learn, prepare and practice for emergencies.

This year's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape." Fire Prevention Week is observed every year during the week of October 9th commemorating the 1871 Great Chicago Fire that killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 homeless. The fire burned over 2,000 acres and destroyed more than 17,000 structures.

Even today, with all the advances in technology, seconds can mean the difference between life and death in a fire emergency. OSFM is encouraging fire departments and first responders to engage in fire prevention and preparedness outreach to their local communities, not only during fire prevention week, but every opportunity that they have. Typically, fire prevention messages and outreach in local communities have been focused on elementary students. Adults, young adults and the elderly are groups that are often overlooked. Re-educating these groups can help to bring a focus back to fire safety, especially for college students who are starting to live on their own for the first time. This could mean the difference, for some, of escaping safely from a fire or tragedy occurring.

"Fire doesn't discriminate and can occur anywhere and anytime," says State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "Holding a family meeting and coming up with a plan is vital to creating a fire safe home. This October, please encourage the residents in your communities to practice their plan by holding a fire drill at home. Make sure family members know two exits out of every room and where designated meeting spot is located outside of the home. Plan another drill in the year to serve as a reminder and refresher."

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Other vehicles that seem to attract thieves are the Infiniti Q50 4-door, Infiniti QX80, GMC Sierra crew cab and the Dodge Challenger 2-door.

The HDLI notes that crooks are targeting vehicles that are powerful, pricey or pickups. You can see the entire HDLI most stolen list at www.iihs.org/news/detail/dodge-cars-with-big-engines-top-hldis-list-of-most-stolen-vehicles.

In Illinois, the Dodge Caravan is the most targeted for theft, with Chicago the top city for stolen vehicles.

All too often, drivers are helping the crooks. Many of us dash into a convenience store or leave our vehicle running to warm it up thinking we'll be back before something happens. Unfortunately, that brief moment is all a criminal needs. In fact, there's been a recent increase in vehicle theft with the keys left inside, creating an easy crime of opportunity.

Letting the car warm up (or keeping it cool) was a major factor in these thefts. Statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) show that [209 cars or trucks are stolen](#) each day as the result of someone tempting a crook with the keys or fob inside or by leaving the vehicle running. Considering that there are about 700,000 vehicle thefts each year in the U.S., that means someone returns to find their vehicle missing about every [41-seconds](#).

While California, Florida and Texas led the states with the most thefts with keys or fobs in the vehicle, no locale is immune. The Prairie State has also seen an increase of easy car thefts. Illinois is routinely on the list of states with the most vehicle thefts.

There is more than just the car or truck at risk. The law enforcement community reports that crooks often use the personal information contained in the vehicle for identity theft, and sometimes drive a stolen vehicle to a home and use the garage door opener to burglarize it.

To help prevent the growth in vehicle thefts, the NCIB offers these important tips:

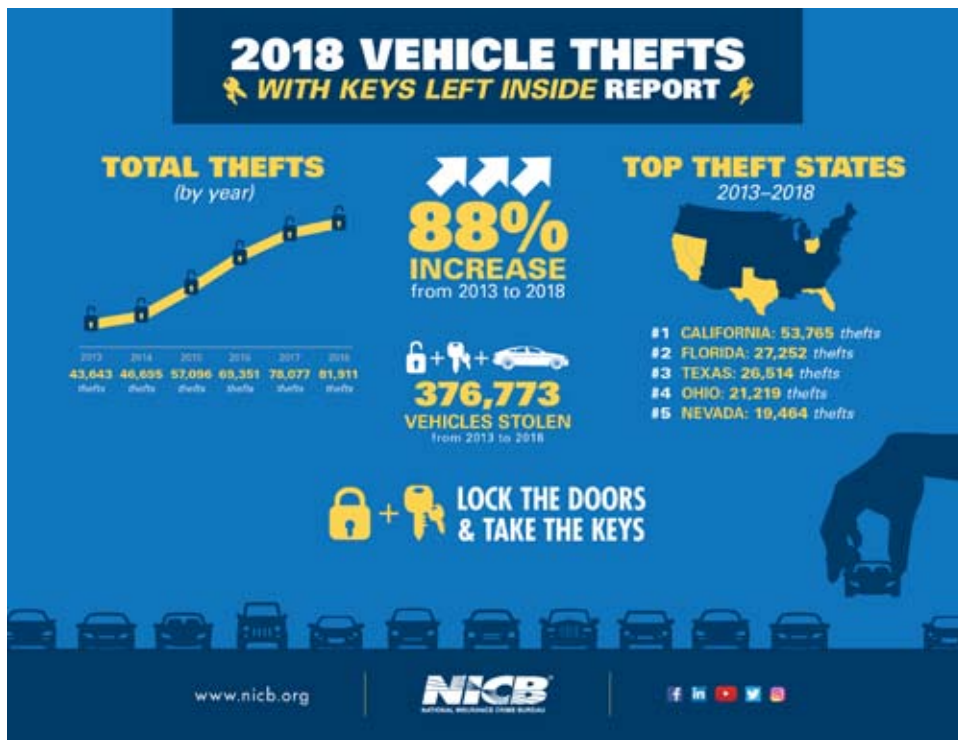
- Never leave a car running while stopping for a quick cup of coffee – it only takes a moment for the opportunistic thief to jump inside and drive off
- Lock the vehicle, set the alarm and take all keys or fobs
- Do not leave the garage door opener in the vehicle
- Keep a picture of your registration on your cell phone and remove the paper registration and other personal information from the vehicle
- Avoid hiding a key in a tire well or fender

Other car-theft prevention tips include:

- Parking in well-lit areas
- Installing an immobilizer and tracking system
- Taking all valuables with you

And, it's important to note that unless you have **comprehensive coverage** as part of your auto insurance, you are not protected from auto theft. Without comprehensive coverage, you will be stuck paying for the replacement of your car or truck, or the repairs if it is recovered.

Now is a great time to contact the IFA Auto and Home Insurance Program provider, California Casualty, to make certain you have the appropriate auto insurance for your driving needs. Give a call today at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/IFA.



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Each year, the IFA sponsors a day in the Illinois Fire Services Association tent at the state fair to provide manpower to teach fire safety to fairgoers. We had plenty of help this year but that is not always the way it goes. Plan now to help next year.

I would like to thank the following departments and their members that worked the tent this year.

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

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

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

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