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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,

The Illinois Firefighter's Conference is rapidly approaching. I hope everyone will take advantage of registering three and getting the fourth one free. This year, like in the past, we have a great line-up of hands-on and classroom classes and a weekend of fellowship with our comrades. During our annual meeting, Friday, we will be honoring representative Donald Moffitt for a job well done. Don will be leaving office this year and we want to recognize him and his wife Caroline. His efforts have given us many of the programs that we enjoy today.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program, Ambulance Loan Program, the Small Equipment Program and getting the Cornerstone Program into a dedicated funded program. These are just a few of the programs that he sponsored. The last one was the Remodel and New Fire Station program that is yet to be funded. Representative Moffitt will be missed by all of us. This brings up another point, that we all need to continue to support our legislators in the Fire Caucus. Make sure your legislator in your area is invited to join the Fire Caucus. As you may know, that Caucus is a bipartisan, political group, dedicated to the advancement of the Fire Service.

In Illinois and all over this nation the Fire Service is struggling to maintain itself, in retention and recruiting, along with funding to support our needs. We must continue to develop benefits for our firefighters, so that they may serve communities without adding more to their plate. Terry Ford and I will be attending the National Benefits Summit in South Carolina and the Mid-West Benefits Summit in Des Moines Iowa. We hope to bring back information and ideas that other states are doing to help the Fire Service in their state.

The Volunteer Firefighter Tire Purchase legislation on the Illinois State Bid still needs to pass the Illinois House this fall. It is our hope that this will give a little benefit for firefighters using their private vehicle for going to emergency calls in their community. This is a reminder, if you are not registered with the National Volunteer Fire Council's Make-Me-A-Firefighter portal, please go on line and do so. You will be able to use this as a recruitment tool to better serve your community's needs. The NVFC has been a driving force trying to advance the volunteer fire service with their initiatives. We can not continue to bring these benefits forward without your help. Your membership and support is the leverage we need to make things happen. With today's instant messaging and data correspondence, this will give us the better communications for what we need to make things happen.

In closing I want to Thank all of our sponsors and partners that we have gained over the years. We cannot survive on dues alone. Their support keeps our Association strong and the ability to provide the benefits back to our membership.

So, "Train Smart and Be Safe"

John Swan President IFA



Legislative update

By Margaret Vaughn, IFA Legislative Lobbyist

FIRE SERVICE SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28

The Illinois Fire Services Association is having their Annual Legislative Summit on Friday, Oct. 28th at the Fire Service Training Institute. If you have any ideas for legislation for the spring that you would like to see IFA present at the Summit to garner the support of the other fire service organizations, please let me know mvaughn@springnet1.net or at 217-280-0206.

SEN. BILL HAINE HONORED BY IFA

Sen. Bill Haine (D-Alton) received an award of from IFA for his sponsorship of SB 3025, which would allow volunteer firefighters to purchase tires for their personal vehicles at a discounted state purchasing rate. The award presentation took place in conjunction with the Madison County Firemen's Meeting in Granite City.



Photo: L to R; MCFA Secretary Paul O'Bear, MCFA Treasurer - IFA Director Gary Turnbaugh, Sen. Bill Haine, IFA Director Ed Allsman, MCFA President Ron Cobine, MCFA Vice President Bob Killebrew, MCFA Assistant Secretary Treasurer Tim Hasamear

GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMING REVOLVING DOOR

This summer alone, four legislators abruptly announced their resignations. In June Sen. William Delgado (D-Chicago) was replaced by Sen. Omar Aquino (D-Chicago) and Rep. John Anthony (R-Morris) was replaced by Rep. Dave Welter (R-Morris). In July Rep. Ron Sandack (R-Downers Grove) was replaced by Rep. David Olsen (R-Downers Grove) and a replacement has yet to be named for Sen. Matt Murphy (R-Palatine), who will be stepping down September 15th. In total 11 members have left the General Assembly since being sworn in back in January 2015 and a great number of others are not seeking re-election. So once again there will be many new faces at the Capitol come January and it is imperative that IFA members continue to build up and maintain a rapport with their legislators and have an ongoing presence at the Statehouse.

COMPTROLLER SLOWS DOWN PAYMENT for LEGISLATORS' SALARIES

Legislators have only received two paychecks since April when Comptroller Leslie Munger announced she was going to be treating their paychecks like vendor bills rather than salaries and putting them in the que with the rest of the state's unpaid bills and pay them when money becomes available. Unlike other states whose legislature meets less often and make it somewhat feasible to hold down another job, many Illinois legislators are full-time lawmakers who don't have a "day" job. This has made it extremely difficult for them to support their families and pay their everyday bills. The natives are becoming extremely restless but as the rank and file, they have little say.

FIRE SERVICE LEGISLATION

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

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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. **This should be of particular interest to NIFSAB regarding the enforcement of the Life Safety Code. STATUS: Signed into law 08/15/16**

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: Arrived on Governor's Desk 6/24**

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. However an amendment was added at the last minute in the Senate so that the maximum charge would be \$250 per hour rather than (per vehicle per hour) a limit which is not currently in place for FPDs but would be if the bill is signed into law and could have a major negative impact on their revenues. **STATUS: Signed into law 08/12/16 but we are working on a trailer bill to address our concerns.**

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: Signed into law 08/19/16**

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 Signed into law 08/15/16**

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: Signed into law 08/15/16**

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: Signed into law 08/15/16**

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: Signed into law 08/19/16**



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★ FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY INITIATIVE #15 ★

Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.

“The environment in which firefighters operate today has dramatically changed over the past decade. Unfortunately, much of the change has put firefighters at greater risk.

Lightweight construction in residential buildings reduces cost, allows for open floor plans and provides the structural integrity needed in an everyday setting. However, they fail quickly and violently under fire conditions. To make matters worse, the furnishings in today’s homes consist of synthetic materials that burn at extremely high temperatures during fires. Together lightweight construction homes and synthetic furnishings have reduced the time it takes for flashover to occur, which all too often is happening as firefighters arrive.



On a positive note, the last decade has also seen an increase in the number of communities that require residential sprinkler systems. The awareness about the benefits of residential fire sprinklers is on the rise, but Illinois firefighters must continue to advocate for the lifesaving systems. Fire sprinklers ensure that ‘Everyone Goes Home.’”

Ralph Webster, Fire Chief, Woodstock Fire/Rescue District; Past President, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association; Illinois Advocate - “Everyone Goes Home” Program, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

For resources and more information regarding residential fire sprinklers, please visit **HomeLifeSafety.com**.

In 2004, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation developed “16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives” as part of its “Everyone Goes Home” program designed to prevent line-of-duty firefighter injuries and deaths.



www.EveryoneGoesHome.com



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Illinois Fire Service - Institute Updates

Jim Keiken, Deputy Director

Mark Your Training Calendar

Leadership and Decision Making - October 3rd - 7th, 2016

IFA Down and Dirty Weekend - October 13th - 16th

Winter Fire School - January 28th - 29th, 2017

For more information on upcoming classes visit our web site @ www.fsi.illinois.edu

IFSI has developed a new program titled "Grain Bin Rescue Operations" program for Illinois fire departments. This program is a hands-on 40 hours program and design to meet the needs of responders and meet current regulations. It is designed to be delivered in a variety of schedules to meet the department/responders needs for flexibility.

Expanding and modern on-farm and grain elevator delivery and storage systems expose farmers and grain system handlers to more chances for engulfment in bins. For the years 2009 through 2014, 226 grain engulfment's nationwide accounted for 99 deaths. Quick and skilled response by firefighters can help reduce deaths and minimize injuries.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute recognizes the need to provide firefighters and other first responders with the specialized knowledge to be effective in rural settings. It is especially important since nearly three-fourths of all Illinois firefighters are volunteers that work with part-time fire departments and fire protection districts.

The goal of this program is to educate responders about grain storage facility types, their construction and operation features. OSHA regulations, physical environment hazards and potential resources are identified. Scene management and safety are discussed in conjunction with locating, securing, packaging, and moving the victim. Improvised mechanical advantage systems, high point anchors, and retrieval systems will be demonstrated. The class also covers safe patient assessment, stabilization, protection and packaging, plus removal as a part of rescue simulations. Various cutting tools are used in a simulated rescue to assist in the removal of grain from the system. Upon completion of this class the student will possess the ability to function as a member of a rescue team conducting rescue operations at a grain storage facility.

New Regional Representative for the Southern Region

Chief Ron Rains is the new Southern Regional Representative. Chief Ron Rains started in the fire service in February of 1992 as a volunteer for the City of West Frankfort Fire Department. At that time Ron was working at Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation as a Roof Bolter/Long Wall Operator. While working at the coal mine, Ron became a member of the Mine Rescue Team as well as the Fire Brigade Team and was on the initial response to an underground fire in 1996.

Ron was hired full time at the West Frankfort Fire Department in February of 1997. Ron is an Illinois registered EMT-I, Advanced Firefighter and Fire Officer II. Ron left the West Frankfort Fire Department in January of 2015 to take the Fire Chief position for the City of Carterville. Ron has been a Field Staff Instructor for IFSI since 2009 and teaches a variety of Cornerstone classes, RIT Under Fire, Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II classes, Fire College, Explorer Cadet Training, IFA weekend and Basic Fire Academy instructor for IFSI.

Achievements:

- 2014 State of Illinois Fire Marshall Office Firefighters Excellence Award
- 2012 MABAS Humanitarian Award (Harrisburg Illinois Tornado)
- 2005 MABAS Humanitarian Award (Hurricane Katrina Deployment)
- 2001 State of Illinois Fire Marshall Office Medal Of Valor recipient



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Two new Interim Program Manager

Chief Mike Forrest is the interim Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Program Manager and Chief Leon Duncan have taken over as the interim NIMS Program Manager. Both Program Managers have tremendous life experience in their field and are great assets to their programs. We are looking forward to the exciting changes in both programs as they get up to speed and begin to shape each area/programs future.

IFSI Research at IFSI

Research continues to grow and thrive under the leadership of Dr. Gavin Horn and his team. As you may recall last summer, he and his team completed a ground-breaking research project on “Cardiovascular & Chemical Exposures in Modern Firefighting” with the support of Underwrites Laboratories (UL), National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and Skidmore College. This summer similar research project continued with “Cardiovascular & Chemical Exposures in Modern Firefighting Training Environment. Both research projects looked at the chemicals produced in fire situations and assessed the exposure risks a firefighter experienced in the environment.

FY 2016’s Fire Prevention & Safety Grant was awarded to Dr. Horn’s research team to study the post-exposure decontamination and cleaning effectiveness, and it impacts on PPE. All of the programs are part of IFSI commitment to firefighter life safety and health research directly impacting the health and wellness of firefighters across the world.

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Owners of classic and collector vehicles know their vehicles require lots of tender loving care. They need special maintenance, they need to be washed and waxed, and they have to be stored in a safe, dry location. But many may not know they also need special insurance coverage to protect their full value.

While standard auto insurance is based on actual cash value and depreciation, collector policies are based on the stated or agreed value of the vehicle (between you and the insurance company) and what it would cost to replace or repair it. This protects your investment, especially since the worth of many collector cars continues to climb. Collector auto insurance policies also offer the same coverage options as standard auto policies: liability, collision and comprehensive and medical pay.

If the insurance is better, you'd think it would cost a lot more. However, collector car insurance typically costs less than standard auto insurance because classic and collector vehicles are usually driven less and are considered a better risk. However, these policies often come with restrictions:

- That the vehicle must be stored in a locked, safe garage or storage facility
- The vehicle is at least 15 or 25 years old
- Limits on the miles it can be driven
- It is not used as a regular commute vehicle
- That all drivers have a clean driving record

Many people don't insure their collector vehicle because they store it or drive it so seldom, but that could be a big mistake. Classic car auto insurance pays the agreed value if the vehicle is damaged in a fire or flood, during transportation or if it is stolen. It also covers the higher cost of repairs if someone scratches the paint or chrome, or steals a specialty part.

There are many choices to insure your classic vehicle. California Casualty provides collector vehicle insurance through our partner Condon Skelly. Unlike most classic insurance providers, Condon Skelly does not limit mileage or require seasonal coverage, while still offering competitive rates.

California Casualty is ready to help keep your beautiful baby protected and on the road. Contact one of our advisors today to arrange insurance for your classic or collectable car at 1.877.652.2638 or visit www.calcas.com/other-insurance.

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Chaplain's Corner

9/11 Faith Questions

Why didn't an all-powerful God show up on 9/11 to prevent such evil? Doesn't God love and care for firefighters and their families? What could have possibly been God's purposes in allowing such trauma and death? After 15 years now of memorials I was asking God for help with questions like these. So I opened my Bible and there I found in the Gospel of John, chapter 11, a passage that goes something like this:

Now a firefighter named Lazarus reported to duty one day at his fire station. He was on the New York City Fire Dept., the city of Mary and her sister Martha. Their brother, FF Lazarus, had just been dispatched to a massive high rise explosion and fire – initial reports saying that it may have been caused by a jet airplane hitting the building. So the sisters sent an email to Jesus saying, “Lord, the one you love has just been dispatched to some kind of terror attack in the twin towers.”

When he heard this Jesus said, “This terror attack will not end in death for FF Lazarus. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.” Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary and FF Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was on his way to the twin towers he stayed where he was for two more days. Then he said to his disciples, “Let us go to New York”. Then he told them plainly, “FF Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, **so that you may believe**. But let us go to him.” On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had been dead since the towers went down four days earlier. His funeral was about to begin and many firefighters had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you would have been here, my brother would not have died.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”**

Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this she got up quickly and went to him and said, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the firefighters who had come along with her weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where is the funeral being held at?” He asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept. Then the firefighters said, “See how he loved him!” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came into the church. He walked right up to the front of the church and said, “Open the casket.”

But, Lord,” said Martha, “his body was crushed by the towers collapsing, and that was four days ago.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you **that if you believed**, you would see the glory of God?”

So they opened the casket. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the firefighters standing here, **that they may believe** that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man sat up and climbed out of the casket. Jesus said to them, “Remove those funeral home clothes and let him go.” Therefore, many of the firefighters who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, **put their faith in him**.

Now I know there is no one Bible passage that can provide intellectually and emotionally satisfying answers to all the tough questions about such firefighter loss as 9/11. Our peace can only come through a personal experience of faith in response to Jesus' invitations such as are offered in the account of FF Lazarus. If you would like to work through some of the faith implications of this in regard to 9/11, I would be happy to do that with you and/or your fire department. Please feel free to contact me.

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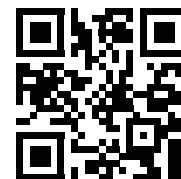
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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Rantoul Fire Department - Faithful Service For The Long Haul

IFA member Rantoul Fire Department is a busy and well-trained paid-on-call department serving a population of 13,000 approximately 15 miles north of Champaign. RFD is inspiring in many ways – not the least of which is the longevity of their members' service. Their faithfulness for the long haul speaks volumes of the depth of meaning and purpose they experience through their commitment. Below, in their own words, RFD's longest-serving members share reflections on their service and words of advice to a new generation of firefighters:



Chief Ken Waters (41 years)

My dad, Jack Waters, joined the Rantoul Fire Department the year I was born. Dad served as a volunteer firefighter for 32 years. Growing up, I remember going to occasional calls with him, as did my siblings. Fires were announced to the department (and community) by a blaring siren activated by Rantoul Police. Later, Plectron call boxes were used. My dad had one at home and work. Volunteer fire fighting is a family commitment. When the tone is given, dinners are missed, sleep is sacrificed and celebrations are put on hold. I was born and raised with this volunteer spirit. My unofficial RFD career began at birth; my official start began after four years of service in the USAF. I returned to Rantoul and joined the fire department in 1975. Forty-one years later, I am honored to be the Rantoul Fire Department Chief. The volunteer fire department provides an excellent opportunity for community service. It is very rewarding and I still enjoy it. It is a noble and honorable profession with the capacity to make a great difference in the lives of others. I have had two brothers and my son serve

on RFD. My son, Dave Waters, just completed 15 years with the department. I am proud of their service and it has given me great pleasure to volunteer alongside of them, my father, and so many other fine individuals who belong to the RFD family. I encourage others to consider their own fire department participation and volunteer opportunities. I have both benefited from and witnessed the positive influence in others that is gained by fire department service. Great personal growth and satisfaction can be gained if you work hard and apply yourself to instruction and training. Fire fighting is a self-rewarding profession that will give back what you put into it.

Assistant Chief Kevin Kaiser (36 years)

I joined the fire department partially because my father, William Kaiser, was a member of the department. He began as a firefighter, then training officer, then Captain and Asst. Chief, before retiring after 26 years of service. I could always remember him leaving the house when the tone went off, and sometimes back then we would ride with him to the fire scene, or fire station. As I got older, and was looking at my 21st birthday, I knew that I wanted to be a firefighter. It was important for me personally to give back to the community in some way. As the years went on though, I really enjoyed the fire service, and the training that I had received. It is very rewarding to me when you can help out your fellow man/woman, especially when they are at their most vulnerable, during/after a fire. The members of our department have become a "second" family for me and my family, as we all shared raising our kids, grandkids, and would provide assistance when needed to "our brothers".

It would not be uncommon to help replace someone's roof, or build a porch or awning to another firefighter's house. When one of us had a medical crisis, you can always count on your fellow firefighters to be there. I think these are the reasons that I have chosen to remain on the department after 36 years of service. I also still enjoy it!!

I would say to any young person trying to become a firefighter, to jump in with both feet. Study hard to learn fire behavior, and firefighting protocols. Make sure you get the training you need, and don't be afraid to try out and apply for different positions on your departments. You will never get rich on this job, but the satisfaction you were earn will be priceless!



Captain Ron Loy (36 years)

My father was sent to Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois, when I was twelve years old. He retired soon after and we decided to make Rantoul our home. I attended Rantoul Township High School with many of my fellow firefighters. In May of 1981 Jack Jones, who was then the fire chief, asked me if I was interested in joining the fire department and that was the start of my thirty-six years of service. When I first became a Rantoul Firefighter we also helped with the ambulance service. There are several people in the area that we were able to assist in a critical time of their life

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and I am so thankful for the opportunity to have helped. My heart goes out to anyone whose house is on fire or trapped in a vehicle after a wreck. To be able to work with a team of professionals that does all we can for those needing help is just heartwarming. When you join a fire department you join a family. Our lives can depend on our fellow firefighters and that is a bond that is unbreakable. We are there for each other on duty and off. It has been a privilege to serve all these years with such a dedicated group of people.

My advice to anyone wanting to become a firefighter is to be willing to give your all. Jump on any chance for training and education, no matter how long you have been on, there is always more to learn.

Assistant Chief Mitchell Suits (35 years)

It is very meaningful to me to be a part of a well-trained department dedicated to serving our community and being visible at educational and social community events. I have served with many people from all walks of life who share my same passion. My wife and children deserve as much praise as I do. I have had to miss sports and other events as well as many family events. Without their support I would never have been able to serve these many years.

My advice to a new generation of firefighters is to be compassionate to fire and rescue victims – and respect their property and their feelings. Most people have lost homes, property, and more – nothing is more devastating.



FF Ray Stewart (35 years)

In my early years on the fire dept. I desired to help people and serve the community. Through some life-changing circumstances in my late 30's I knew I needed God. My commitment to Christ changed the way I viewed my service to others, on and off the fire dept. The relationships I have made through the years on the fire dept. I hold very close. When I experienced a setback in my health this year the Rantoul Fire Dept. and surrounding fire departments provided time and resources to aid in my recovery. After 35 years I am grateful for the men who have served beside me and to God who has saved me to do His purpose.

Captain Dean McMorris (27 years)

The most meaningful aspects of my 27 years of service can't be explained on a sheet of paper; it comes from within, and if it could, it would probably consist of a hundred pages. But to start off with, I could have never proceeded on this journey without the 100% backing and support of my loving wife. There were numerous missed dinners, holidays, birthday parties and being left at the grocery store while I responded to a call "to help someone else that was having a bad day". Never once has there been an angry word issued about my "other job". Actually I think she is quite proud of me and has been since day 1. So I guess this would have to be number 1 on the list. I was very fortunate to grow up around the fire service. My father retired from Rantoul as a Captain with 21 years of service. As a young boy hanging around dad like a sucker on a shark, I could see how all the firefighters on the department supported each other spiritually, physically and mentally. And when a job came in they worked as one. It didn't take me long to figure out that I wanted to be just like them, kind of like a big family. So the journey began. I had the fortune to work with my father for a couple years until he retired. During that time I had witnessed the effort and unselfish work he put in to serve his community and the Department - the work he had done and the work he continued to do just as the ones before him. As the years progressed, along with the urge to climb the ladder, and realizing that I was falling into the footsteps of the ones before me, I had to fill in for him, for them, and for the new recruits entering the job – I owed it to them all. Currently I serve the Department as Captain. As a meaningful aspect of my long-term service for this Department I would have to say it took me this long to grow up just like him "My Dad".



My advice to a new generation: "Time flies when you're having fun" with the ever-changing dynamics of fires and personalities within the fire service, there is always change to be made and education to be had, which in turn makes for a very interesting and exciting trip.



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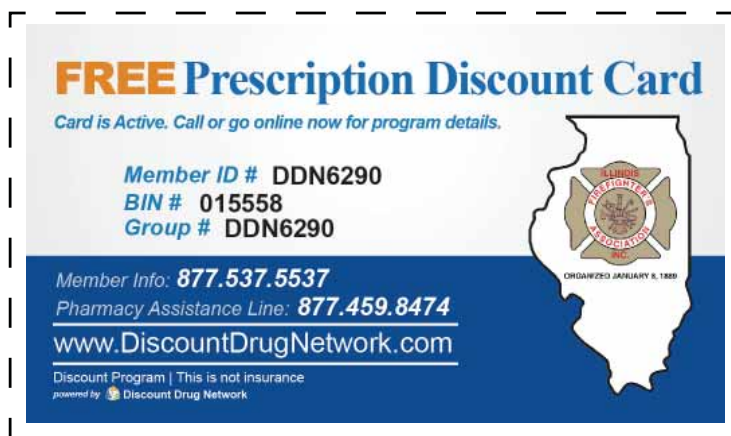
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New laws affecting the fire service

by James G. Wargo

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P.A. 99-0515 – Access to Closed Session Recordings and Meeting Minutes

Amends: Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06)

Effective: June 30, 2016

Amends Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act to require public bodies to provide their respective “elected officials” and “appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected office” access to the verbatim recordings of closed meetings and closed session meeting minutes, subject to the following restrictions: (1) access is restricted to the public body’s main office or official storage location; (2) access must be in the presence of a records secretary, an administrative official of the public body, or any elected public official; and (3) no verbatim recordings or closed session meeting minutes shall be recorded or removed from a public body’s main office or official storage location, except by vote of the public body or by court order.

P.A. 99-0478 – Severance Agreements Available for Public Inspection

Amends: Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/2 and 5 ILCS 140/2.20)

Effective: June 1, 2016

Amends Sections 2 and 2.20 of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) to provide that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public. Prior to this amendment, Section 2.20 only required the disclosure of settlement agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body. The amendment defines the term “severance agreement” to mean “a mutual agreement between any public body and its employee for the employee’s resignation in exchange for payment by the public body.” Public bodies retain the power to redact exempt information contained in any disclosed severance agreement.

P.A. 99-0586 – Ability to Enforce Binding Opinion of the Public Access Counselor

Amends: Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/11 and adds 5 ILCS 140/11.6) Effective: January 1, 2017

Amends Section 11 of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) to authorize a requester to file an action in the circuit court to enforce a binding opinion issued by the Public Access Counselor under Section 9.5 of FOIA that has not otherwise been appealed by the public body. In the event a court determines that a public body has willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, a court may impose an additional penalty of \$1,000 for each day a violation continues if the public body: (1) fails to comply with the court’s order to disclose public records after 30 days; (2) the court’s order is not on appeal or stayed; and (3) the court does not grant the public body additional time to comply. The amendment also adds a new Section 11.6 to FOIA which creates a rebuttable presumption that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with FOIA for purposes of Section 11(j) of the Act if the public body does not comply with a binding opinion issued by the Public Access Counselor within 35 days after it is served on the public body and the public body does not file for administrative review of the binding opinion within that same time period. Under Section 11(j) of FOIA, if a court determines that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with FOIA, or otherwise acted in bad faith, the court must impose a civil penalty against the public body of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$5,000.

P.A. 99-0687 – New Closed Session Meeting Subject

Amends: Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(17)) Effective: January 1, 2017

Amends Section 2(c)(17) of the Open Meetings Act to allow a public body to discuss in closed session any matter protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 or the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPPA”).

P.A. 99-0714 – Right to Bring Civil Action after Decision of the Public Access Counselor

Amends: Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/3) Effective: August 5, 2016

Amends Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act (“OMA”) to allow any person who timely files a request for review under Section 3.5 of OMA to bring a civil action in the circuit court within 60 days of the decision by the Attorney General to resolve a request for review by a means other than the issuance of a binding opinion under Section 3.5(e) of OMA.

P.A. 99-0604 – Regulation of Travel, Meal and Lodging Expenses

New Law: Local Government Travel Expense Control Act Effective: January 1, 2017

Legislation creates the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. The Act requires all fire protection districts and other non-home rule units of local government to regulate, by resolution or ordinance, the reimbursement of all travel, meal and lodging expenses of all officers and employees, including, but not limited to: (1) the types of official business for which travel, meal, and lodging expenses are allowed; (2) maximum allowable reimbursement for travel, meal, and lodging expenses; and (3) a standardized form for submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses supported by the minimum documentation required under Section 20 of the Act. Any such adopted regulations may allow for the approval of expenses that exceed the maximum allowable travel, meal, or lodging expenses because of emergency or other extraordinary circumstances. On and after 180 days after the effective date of this new Act, no travel, meal, or lodging expenses shall be approved or paid by a unit of local government unless the required regulations under the Act have been adopted.

Prior to any approval for the reimbursement for travel, meals or lodging the following minimum documentation must first be submitted to the governing board or corporate authorities: (1) an estimate of the cost of travel, meals, or lodging if expenses have not been incurred or a receipt of the cost if such expenses have been incurred; (2) the name of the individual who has received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense; (3) the job title or office of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense; and (4) the date or dates and the nature of the official business associated with such expenses. All submitted travel, meal or lodging expense documents are public records subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

On and after 60 days after the effective date the Act, expenses for travel, meals, and lodging of: (1) any officer or employee that exceeds the maximum allowed under the regulations adopted under the Act, or (2) any member of the governing board or corporate authorities of the local public entity, may only be approved by a roll call vote by the corporate authorities at an open meeting.

The Act prohibits the reimbursement of entertainment expenses for any governing board member, employee, or officer. The Act defines

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"entertainment" to include, but not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless such entertainment is ancillary to the purpose of the program or event.

P.A. 099-0837 - Assuming Responsibility for Fire Protection or Emergency Services

Amends: Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/11b)

Effective: August 19, 2016

Amends Section 11b of the Fire Protection District Act to provide that no fire protection district adjacent to any city, village or incorporated town which discontinues its municipal fire department under Section 15b of the Fire Protection District Act shall be required to assume the responsibility for fire protection or other emergency services for such city, village or incorporated town unless the board of trustees of the adjacent fire protection district has by resolution, ordinance, or intergovernmental agreement, agreed to provide such services.

P.A. 099-0715 – Disconnection of Territory from a Fire Protection District

Amends: Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/16)

Effective: August 5, 2016

Amends Section 16 of the Fire Protection District Act to clarify that serious injury shall be found to exist in the fire protection district from which a disconnection or transfer is sought when a material impairment of the ability to provide continuing fire protection and related emergency services to the remaining territory in the district after the transfer may occur.

Specifically, Section 16 of the Act allows citizens to file a petition to disconnect territory from a fire protection district and be added to another district that is contiguous to the disconnected territory if the following conditions are met: (1) the territory would receive equal to or greater benefits from the district to which it seeks to be transferred; (2) the transfer will not cause the territory remaining in the district from which the transfer is to be made to be non contiguous; (3) the transfer will not cause a serious injury to the district from which the transfer is to be made; and (4) if the trustees of the district to which the transfer is sought to be made do not file a written refusal to accept the territory within the time hereinafter provided.

A court may consider the following non exclusive factors in determining whether serious injury may occur: (1) the financial resources, facilities, and equipment which will remain in the district; (2) the financial obligations, including remaining non-bonded debt of the district, from which the transfer is sought. The amendment further provides that a loss of annual real estate tax revenues by the district from which the transfer is sought of 25 percent or more by reason of the disconnection and transfer shall constitute serious injury and require dismissal of the petition. The amendment further provides that a court is not precluded from finding serious injury to exist with a lesser degree of tax revenue loss if it is shown by a preponderance of other evidence presented that serious injury would result if the transfer were to occur. The amendment further provides that the referendum question for disconnection shall be submitted to the voters of the entire district from which the transfer is sought to be made instead of just the voters of the territory sought to be transferred.

P.A. 99-0770 – Non-Resident Service Fees

Amends: Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/11f) and Illinois Municipal Code (adds 65 ILCS 5/11-6-10)

Effective: August 12, 2016

Amends Section 11f of the Fire Protection District Act to reduce the fees that fire protection districts may charge for services rendered to non-residents to \$250 per hour and \$70 an hour per firefighter responding to the call. Prior to the amendment, Section 11f authorized fees in the amount of \$250 per hour for each responding vehicle as well as \$70 an hour for each responding firefighter. The legislation also amends the Illinois Municipal Code to authorize municipalities with volunteer fire departments to also charge non-residents for fire protection services at the same rates authorized for fire protection districts.

P.A. 99-0503 – Protected Personal Information

Amends: Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530/1 et seq.)

Effective: January 1, 2017

Amends the Personal Information Protection Act which governs data collectors who own, license, maintain or store non public personal information regarding certain individuals. Most public bodies, including fire protection districts, are considered data collectors subject to the Act. The amendment broadens the definition of protected personal information protected under the Act to include an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with medical information, health insurance information, or unique biometric data (such as a fingerprint, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation or digital representation of biometric data). In addition, personal information is also expanded to include any user name or e-mail address in combination with a password or security question and answer that would permit access to an online account.

Until the effective date of this amendment on January 1, 2017, personal information is limited to an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any or more the following data elements: (1) Social Security number; (2) driver's license number or State identification card number; and (3) account number or credit or debit card number, or an account number or credit card number in combination with any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account.

The amendment also requires data collectors that own or license or simply maintain or store personal information concerning Illinois residents to implement and maintain reasonable security measures to protect those records from unauthorized access, acquisition, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure. Any data collector that is subject to a state or federal law requiring greater protection for records that contain personal information, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA), will be considered compliant with the Act, if the data collector is in compliance with the privacy and security standards of those laws. Also, any contract for the disclosure of personal information concerning an Illinois resident that is maintained by a data collector must include a provision requiring the person to whom the information is disclosed to implement and maintain reasonable security measures to protect those records from unauthorized access, acquisition, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure.

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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 – 11am 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.



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They are not alone. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners found 59 percent of us have yet to make a record of everything they own. This can lead to real problems if you should ever be burglarized or impacted by a fire, tornado or other disaster. Lack of proper documentation could delay a claim. In fact, insurance companies want some proof of the items you owned and homeowners insurance claims are processed 50-to-100 percent faster when customers have done a home inventory. The Insurance Information Institute finds those who have a complete home inventory have a better idea of the appropriate amount of insurance they need, what possessions need special scheduled personal property protection (or floaters) to help replace expensive items, and can also verify losses for income tax purposes.

So, what should you include? Everything you own. Think about:

Electronics	Washer and dryer	Light fixtures	Dining room table and china cabinet
Personal care items	Jewelry	Art	Kitchen items, silverware and appliances
Furniture	Carpeting	Beds and linens	Clothing
Sports equipment	Yard and garden tools		

Don't forget to take pictures of the exterior of your home from all sides including the landscaping and any decks or porches, all the stuff in the garage, attic or basement (holiday ornaments, lawn and yard equipment, tools).

The Insurance Information Institute has a comprehensive checklist and guide at www.iii.org/borchures/homeinventory.html, as well as a link to free online software to complete and store your household checklist at www.knowyourstuff.org. Another great resource for creating a home inventory you can store on your mobile device with a downloadable app can be found at www.insureuonline.org/insureu_getready_newhome.htm.

Don't be overwhelmed. Having a plan, being methodical and using the online guides will make what seems an impossible task possible. Try organizing your items by rooms, by type or by hobby.

Once you have your inventory, don't forget to update it. More than half of those who have completed the task say they have never added new items that they've purchased. You should update the list:

- Anytime you move
- After a remodel and upgrade
- Following holidays when major purchases are usually made
- After expensive purchases like HD TVs, new sound systems, etc.

Also, make copies of your list and store it in a safe deposit box, in the Cloud or with a close friend or family member.

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Illinois Firefighter's Annual Memorial Service NAMES ARE NEEDED!

The memorial service is held on Sunday morning, during the annual conference in October.

Please send all names of active and retired personnel from departments that have passed away from September 1, 2015 - September 1, 2016. The names and department info can be emailed to Joe Heim at edfire18@yahoo.com.

The IFA reads the names of ALL firefighters from the State of Illinois (not just IFA members) that have passed away during the year, at their annual conference Memorial Service. If you know of ANY firefighter that has passed away, even from other departments, please let us know. We would like to honor them at the memorial service. The names can be sent to us throughout the year and we can keep track of them to be read at the service.

Thanks,

Joe Heim, Memorial Chairman, Illinois Firefighter's Association

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

October 13 – 16, 2016

Wyndham Garden

1001 Killarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801-1036

217-328-7900

Name _____

Department _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Check one ☐ Guest ☐ Delegate (Please complete delegate credentials form)

Conference fees (if received before 5 pm September 29, 2016)

IFA Member \$ 50

Non-IFA Member \$ 75

Conference registration fees (if received after 5 pm September 29, 2016 and at the door)

IFA Member \$ 100

Non-IFA Member \$ 125

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Early registration must be received by 5 pm September 29, 2016

NOTE: GET A FREE REGISTRATION

FOR EVERY THREE REGISTRATIONS FROM THE SAME ORGANIZATION

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM

Registration can be paid by credit card - Credit Card # _____

Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____

Authorization signature _____ CVV _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Mail completed form with your payment to:

Illinois Firefighter's Association
Kerry Federer, Secretary/Treasurer
P.O. Box 77
Glen Carbon IL 62034
Phone 618-882-4783
Fax 618-882-7287
Email: editor@illinoisfirefighters.org

Questions about the conference, contact:

Joe Mandarino, Conference Director
24403 Arrowhead Drive
Manhattan IL 60442
708-935-2893
Email: corky2700@aol.com

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.



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OFFICIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS 2016

To the Officers and Members of the Illinois Firefighter's Association, Inc.

This certifies that _____ and _____ are

Members of the _____ FIRE DEPARTMENT in good standing and that they were duly elected as delegates to represent the above department at the 2016 Annual Conference of said Association in Urbana, Illinois.

Dated this _____ day of _____ A.D. 2016

Secretary (signature)

Fire Chief (signature)

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Step 1

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
(Please print clearly or type)

Driver's License No. _____

State of issue _____

Social Security No. --

SID # (FEMA Student ID) _____
(required for NFA class)

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____

First Name _____ MI _____

Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home/Eve Phone (_____) _____

Day/Work Phone (_____) _____

Student e-mail address _____

Name of your local library _____

Dept./Organization _____

Dept. Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Dept. Phone # _____

Dept. e-mail address _____

Years of Service _____ Rank/Title _____

In case of emergency, notify: _____

Phone # _____

Step 2

REGISTRATION FEES

IFA members before September 29 \$ 50
Non-IFA members before Sept. 29 \$ 75
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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Make checks payable to Illinois Firefighter's Association
Call treasurer to charge your registration on credit card.

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.

Acknowledgement of Risks and Release of Responsibility

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, through its Illinois Fire Service Institute, attempts to conduct its training programs in a safe and efficient manner. However, it is not possible to eliminate all of the potential hazards to a student's safety. Before any student participates in an Institute training program involving the teaching of emergency response skills, he/she should be familiar with the level of physical stress and other hazards involved. Please read the following explanations of the physical and mental requirements of this course and sign the form to acknowledge that you have read and understand the information. Students who cannot comply with these requirements will not be allowed to participate in parts of the training involving physical exertion, or the use of protective equipment. They may attend lectures and observe evolutions from a safe distance.

I acknowledge:

1. Practical skills training of all disciplines can be a physically and mentally stressful activity, requiring physical exertion; exposure to high temperature and humidity levels; toxic atmospheres; working at heights and in confined spaces; the possibility of elevated body temperatures, increased pulse, respiration, and blood pressures; and the ability to react quickly to emergency situations.
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 other drugs, which affect mental or physical reactions, immediately preceding, or during training, is prohibited.
6. I am 18 years of age, or older, and an active member of a public or private fire department, public sector agency or authorized private corporation pre-approved by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).
7. For purposes of promoting the IFSI, I agree to allow IFSI unlimited use of my image, with no compensation.
8. By the signature of the Chief/Training Officer, the department acknowledges extension of its Worker's Compensation coverage to the student. In the event of injury during training, the student is responsible for notifying his or her department to initiate the process. IFSI does not provide insurance coverage for students. Any and all injuries, no matter how minor, will be reported to the IFSI staff who will have the final say in selecting the treatment disposition for the student. This may range from on-site treatment to ambulance transportation to a local emergency department or occupational medicine agency. If a student or department does not accept these terms, or refuses to comply with IFSI's treatment decision and disposition, the student will be dropped from the remainder of the class (or program) and will not be eligible for any refund.
9. IFSI will not sell nor distribute your email to any outside agency, except to Parkland College, as outlined in number 12, 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.
10. **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 30 calendar days prior to the start of the course. This notification must be in writing. Failure to notify the Institute, as noted above, will result in you or your department being billed, regardless.**
11. No unauthorized cameras are allowed at IFSI training or IFSI sponsored training events. The unauthorized use of cameras may lead to confiscation of the camera.
12. IFSI has partnered with Parkland College to provide Vocational Skills and/or Academic Credit for courses attended, where applicable. Formal enrollment information and transcript information will be available for courses delivered by IFSI after July 1, 2010, at the Parkland web site: www.parkland.edu.

Chief/Training Officer Signature: _____
Title & Signature Printed Name

Participant's Signature: _____
Title & Signature Printed Name

Date: _____

*Use of Student Social Security numbers: Furnishing a Social Security number (SSN) is voluntary and not required for enrollment. However, the University of Illinois is required by federal law to report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) the name, address and SSN for persons from whom class fees and related expenses are received. Federal law also requires the University to obtain and report to the IRS the SSN for any person to whom compensation is paid. Failure to provide such information may delay or even prevent your enrollment. The University will not disclose a SSN for any purpose not required by law without the consent of the student.



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