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Roger Lunt Joins IFSI as Regional Representative

Roger Lunt of Taylorville has joined the full-time staff for the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) and will serve as IFSI's Central Illinois Regional Representative. As Regional Representative, Lunt will be responsible for coordinating Cornerstone training with 164 fire departments in a 15-county area that includes Montgomery, Shelby, Christian, Sangamon, Morgan, Cass, Menard, Logan, Macon, Mason, Tazewell, Woodford, Peoria, Marshall and Stark counties.

IFSI's Cornerstone program was initiated in 1998 to underwrite the cost of fundamental training and to deliver that training at no cost to departments. "This position gives me an opportunity to identify training needs and to help to provide that training to departments across the central part of Illinois," Lunt said of his new position.

Departments wanting to schedule Cornerstone training classes can reach Mr. Lunt at 217-722-5125.

Mr. Lunt comes to IFSI from the Taylorville Fire Department where he was Chief since 2004. Prior to that, Lunt served on the Macomb Fire Department. Mr. Lunt has also been a part of IFSI's field staff for more than 25 years and continues to serve as a volunteer on the Owaneco and Edinburg Fire Departments.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute is the statutory fire academy for the state of Illinois. In addition to training provided at the Champaign campus, the Institute offers online classes and conducts training throughout the state at Regional Training Centers and local fire stations. The mission of the Illinois Fire Service Institute is to help firefighters do their work through training, education, information and research.

For more information about the Institute, call 217-333-8921.

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