



# Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts

*"Representing Fire Protection Districts throughout Illinois"*

## 2008-09 Highlights

The subsequent information is provided to the IAFFPD Membership as a quick reference and brief summary on the Association's leadership, activities, benefits, programs and legislative efforts set forth for the overall betterment of the fire protection districts throughout Illinois. The growth and success of the IAFFPD is strengthened by its dedicated leadership, administration and membership.

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### Committees and Chairpersons

Through the work and dedication of various committees, the IAFFPD is able to report on the Association's success each year. Membership involvement is welcome and encouraged by the IAFFPD Board of Directors as they strive to maximize your benefits in belonging to the organization. Members interested in serving one or more of the committees should contact the IAFFPD office.

#### Committee - Chairman

Conference Program - Brett Kunkel  
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#### General Description

Schedule, topics, speakers, keynotes, demos & entertainment  
Vendor hospitality, tradeshow management, recruitment  
Golf course selection, prize and sponsor recruitment, fund-raising programs  
Organize administrative training programs and fall workshops  
Represent the fire districts in the EMS community of Illinois  
Develop legislative platform, review, alert and act on pending bills  
Fire Call articles, columns and images, Text of Laws, Trustee Handbook  
Develop news releases, publicize events and Association successes  
Growth and support for scholarship program, fund raising and distribution

### Area Representation

The Interviewing and Nominating Committee handles the recruitment, nomination, orientation and mentorship of the IAFFPD Area Representatives with openings in select areas.

Area Reps promote the activities of the Association and serve as the first contact between local fire districts and the IAFFPD. They are expected to attend Board/Committee meetings and training programs offered by IAFFPD and related organizations. To qualify, the individual must be an active fire protection district trustee for at least three years and fairly active with IAFFPD. Trustees interested in serving the Association should send their resume to the IAFFPD to arrange an interview with the Committee.

### Education

The IAFFPD has developed a 3-Part Advanced Trustee Training (ATT) program has brought IAFFPD to a new level with its education objectives and resources. As part of the implementation of PA 95-0799 which took effect Jan. 1, 2009, the ATT program, approved by the OSFM allows trustees who complete all three parts (4 hours each) of the program as qualification to receive additional compensation. Since January, the program has been presented 14 times throughout the state and each part will be offered in the Fall as noted below and again at the IAFFPD Conference June 10-13, 2010 in Peoria. To date, nearly 300 individuals have completed the 3-part program and an anticipated 200 more will do so this Fall.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

#### **2009 Fall Program Advanced Trustee Training**

Oct. 23 (Springfield)	ATT Part 1 Fire District Organization & Administration
Oct. 24 (Springfield)	ATT Part 2 Finances, Procurement & Legal Liability
Nov. 7 (Champaign)	ATT Part 3 Personnel & Human Resources
Nov. 14 (Byron)	ATT Part 2 - Finances, Procurement & Legal Liability

#### **2010 Administration Training Sessions/ 8am - 2pm**

Jan. 30	Coal Valley FPD
Feb. 13	Madison Co. Fireman's Hall, Collinsville
Feb. 27	Teutopolis FPD
Mar. 13	Northern Piatt Co. No. 1 FPD, Mansfield
Mar. 27	Cherry Valley FPD

**IAFFPD 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**June 10-13, 2010**  
Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, IL

## Membership

The IAFFPD continues to grow and prosper and strives to bring new programs and benefits to its membership. Adding 4 new district members in 2009 and 21 in 2008, the IAFFPD has 658 regular members. We are also very proud of the dedicated support from 74 Associate members, who are listed with contact information in the spring issue of *The Fire Call* and posted on the member links page of the IAFFPD website. Your support of the companies that help support the mission of the IAFFPD is encouraged and appreciated.

## IAFFPD Website

[www.iaffpd.org](http://www.iaffpd.org) is a 24-hour resource at your fingertips. The website is where you can find details on educational programs, news releases, classified ads, important legislative alerts, feature articles from *The Fire Call*, frequently asked questions and has several items for sale in the spam-free online store. We also proudly acknowledge our supporters by including direct links to several Fire Protection Districts, Associate members and conference sponsors websites.

## Publications

The 2009 Edition of the *Text of Laws Relating to Illinois Fire Protection Districts and State Fire Marshal* became available in March 2009. This publication includes the Illinois Compiled Statutes as amended by PA-95-1024 of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. IAFFPD members are entitled to one free book per district, which may be requested by contacting the IAFFPD office.

The *Handbook for Trustees of Illinois Fire Protection Districts* is a resource every fire district should have access to and became a curriculum requirement for the Advanced Trustee Training program which was introduced this year. The latest edition was released in March 2007 and has sold 980 books since.

*The Fire Call* is published quarterly and mailed to 3,200 Illinois fire protection district trustees, fire chiefs, attorneys, commissioners and administrators throughout Illinois. The scheduled mail dates are the first week in February, May, August and November. The magazine continues to grow in size and includes articles pertaining to real issues and legal matters that directly effect fire districts.

Members are regularly featured in the magazine's *Movin' On Up* and *District Profile* columns as an opportunity to recognize accomplishments, new equipment, station enhancements, and other news on the District's growth. If your district is interested in this opportunity, please contact the IAFFPD office for a template and guidelines for submitting a column.

## Alliances and Partnerships

The IAFFPD supports and continues to represent the Illinois fire protection districts by means of the following organizations and agencies:

Congressional Fire Service Institute	
FEMA Region V	IL Radio Emergency Channel
IDPH EMS Advisory Council	Nat'l Fire Sprinkler Assn.
IL Fire Chiefs Assn.	Nat'l Volunteer Firemen's Council
IL Fire Service Institute	Nat'l Fire Protection Assn.
IL Fire Services Assn.	Northern IL Alliance of FPDs
IL Fire Safety Alliance	OSFM – Fire Advisory Commission
	State Interoperability Exec. Committee

## Legislative Report

*The Illinois General Assembly during the winter and spring months of 2009 enacted several pieces of legislation which will impact Illinois Fire Protection Districts directly or indirectly. Some of the new laws were enacted through the efforts of the Illinois Fire Protection Districts Legislative Committee and its Fire Service Partners and achieve goals beneficial to fire protection districts. Other new laws are unfavorable and were enacted at the behest of other interests. Fire Protection District Trustees, District Fire Chiefs, and Administrators need to be aware of these legislative changes, both good and bad, which will affect the operation of their fire protection districts going forward.*

**HB38/PA96-135** This new law authorizes a revolving loan program for the construction, rehabilitation, remodeling, and expansion of fire stations as well as the acquisition of land for fire stations. The program will operate in a manner similar to the existing revolving loan programs previously established for fire apparatus and ambulances. At this time, the program is not funded. The program provides that a loan may not exceed \$2,000,000.00 with a repayment period not excess of 25 years with repayment of at least 5% of the principal amount borrowed annually. When a funding of this program occurs it will provide an additional resource for districts for the construction of fire stations. Effective date: 7/1/2009.

**HB77/PA96-0436** This amendment to the Flag Display Act provides that the governor shall issue an official notice to fly the United States National flag, and the State Flag of Illinois at half staff in honor of Illinois residents who die in the line of duty as a firefighter. Effective date: 8/14/2009.

**HB163/PA96-437** This amendment to the Prevailing Wage Act requires that when a public body enters into a contract without a public bid, contract, or project specification (for example, an oral contract to do work such as painting at the fire station), it is required to provide the contractor with written notice that the work must be performed in accordance with the prevailing wage laws. If the proper notice is not provided in the foregoing circumstance, the Department of Labor will require the unit of government to pay any interest, penalties, or fines that would otherwise have been owed by the contractor if the proper notice had been given and there were a violation. Under this new legislation, it will be critical that all work which may be subject to the Prevailing Wage Act assure compliance with the law. Further, bonds of contractors and subcontractors must include a provision that guarantees faithful performance under the Prevailing Wage Act. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**HB242/PA96-501** This new law amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law to provide for an adjustment of the "debt service extension base" commencing with the 2009 levy year equal to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index during the 12 month calendar year preceding the levy year. For districts which have a debt service extension, this change will allow for a cost of living (up to 5%) adjustment annually. Effective date: 8/14/2009.

**HB493/PA96-504** This amendment to the Truth in Taxation Law permits a change in the mandatory notice language of 35 ILCS 200/18-85. It permits a taxing district to add language concerning the application of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) or “tax cap” law with regard to the district’s estimation of new growth revenue from “new property”. Effective date: 8/14/2009.

**HB497/PA96-361** This law creates the drug overdose prevention program by an amendment to the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act and, among other things, provides for establishment of programs for the publication of drug overdose prevention, recognition and response literature as well as curricula for use by emergency medical personnel and firefighters with regard to the prevention of fatal and nonfatal drug overdoses. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**HB587/PA96-505** This legislation mandates that fire protection district with a fire department which employs fulltime firefighters who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement shall have a foreign fire insurance board consisting of seven trustees including the fire chief and six members elected at large by the sworn members of the department who will administer the proceeds of the district’s foreign fire insurance tax. The law requires that the foreign fire insurance board receive the foreign fire insurance tax funds, but requires that these funds are to be paid for the “maintenance, use, and benefit of the department”. The law also requires that the funds be audited as part of the fire protection district’s annual audit to verify that the funds are used only for the maintenance, use, and benefit of the department. Note that this requirement will only apply to districts with full time unionized fire fighters. Effective date: 8/13/09.

**HB666/PA96-370** This new law amends Section 11f of the Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/11f) by increasing the allowable charges against nonresidents for services to \$250.00 per hour per vehicle and \$70.00 per hour per firefighter. This change in Section 11f should be implemented by districts through an amendment to their existing ordinance providing for the charges to nonresidents or by adoption of a new ordinance incorporating the higher rates. Effective date: 8/13/2009.

**HB667/PA96-172** Adds § 4.03 to the Illinois Fire Protection Act (70 ILCS 705/4.03) to provide that an elected board of trustees of a fire protection district may establish a five member board of trustees by adopting an ordinance to that effect. Further provides for the election of two additional trustees upon adoption of such an ordinance and the establishment of terms for the additional trustees. Effective date: 8/10/09.

**HB952/PA96-186** Amends the Prevailing Wage Act to include demolition work as being subject to the Prevailing Wage Act. This means that contracts for demolition or similar work will require that prevailing wage requirements be met. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**HB175/PA96-256** Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act to provide that an inspection report which is prepared under the Act must be forwarded by the inspector to the local fire protection district in which the sprinkler system is located. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**HB1307/PA96-386** Amends the small equipment grant program administered through the office of the state marshal to include ambulance equipment as well as small firefighting equipment. Adds defibrillators, communications equipment, pagers, radios, and lifesaving equipment as qualifying items under the grant program. Effective date: 8/13/2009.

**HB1332/PA96-513** Mandates that units of government insure that each United States flag at a building, structure, or “facility” owned or occupied by the unit of local government be manufactured in the United States. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**HB2410/PA96-277** Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act (50 ILCS 105/3) to permit, under limited circumstances, an officer of a unit of local government to serve on the board of a not for profit corporation which has an interest in a contract, work, or business of the unit of government subject to limitations. Note that Public Act 96-277 does not amend the provisions of section 4 of the Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/4). Accordingly, fire protection district trustees should not rely on this amendment at this time to allow dual service of this type. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**HB2433/PA96-591** Establishes an EMS memorial scholarship and training fund to be supported by the issuance of Illinois EMS memorial scholarship and training license plates with payment to be made to the EMS memorial scholarship and training council to provide scholarships for graduate study, undergraduate study, or both to children and spouses of emergency medical services personnel killed in the course of their employment and for grants for the training of EMS personnel. Effective date: 8/18/2009.

**HB2592/PA96-286** Makes provision for the transfer of monies deposited into the Fire Prevention Fund under Public Act 95-154 to allow funds to be allocated to the fire truck revolving loan fund, the ambulance revolving loan fund, and the small equipment fund at the discretion of the office of the state fire marshal. Provides for additional fees for supervision dispositions for serious traffic violations which are to be paid to the Fire Prevention Fund. Effective date: 8/11/2009.

**HB2669/PA96-400** Creates the Emergency Services Response Reimbursement for Criminal Convictions Act which provides for reimbursement to local emergency response departments from persons convicted of arson, aggravated arson, residential arson or place of worship arson. The amount of reimbursement is to be not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$10,000.00 per department and when actual costs cannot be determined, the reimbursement is to be based on the charges provided for under section 11f of the Fire Protection District Act. The Unified Code of Corrections is modified to add the reimbursement requirement of the new act. Effective date: 8/13/2009.

**HB3994/PA96-702** Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act by adding provisions to authorize stretcher van providers licensing. Permits a licensed stretcher van provider to transport a passenger on a stretcher provided that the passenger has no need of medical equipment other than self administered medications, has no need of medical monitoring or medical observation, or who needs routine transportation to or

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from a medical appointment or service if the passenger is convalescent or otherwise bed confined and does not require medical monitoring, aid, care or treatment during transport. A stretcher van provider is not permitted to transport a passenger who is currently admitted to a hospital or being transported to a hospital for admission or emergency treatment, is acutely ill, wounded, or medically unstable as determined by a licensed physician, is experiencing an emergency medical condition, an acute medical condition, an exacerbation of a chronic medical condition or a sudden illness or injury, or who has been administered a medication which may prevent the patient from caring for himself or herself, was moved from one environment with 24 hour medical monitoring or medical observation to another equivalent environment where this will take place by certified or licensed nursing personnel. Effective date: 8/25/2009.

**SB138/PA96-704** Amends the Capital Development Board Act to establish requirements for the inspection of commercial buildings (as defined in the Act) in a "non-building code jurisdiction". The inspector must certify with the municipality or county having jurisdiction over the property that the commercial building is in compliance with the specified codes adopted by the Capital Development Board for non-building code jurisdictions. The law also requires that municipalities with a population of 1,000,000 or less or a county must give notice of adopted building codes to the Capital Development Board prior to July 1, 2011. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**SB189/PA96-542** Substantially revises the Freedom of Information Act and makes changes to the Open Meetings Act by establishing a presumption that all records of a unit of government are public records subject to disclosure and imposes a "clear and convincing" burden on a public body to assert an exemption of a record from disclosure. The Act also shortens the time for response from 7 to 5 business days and gives additional authority to the Office of the Attorney General "Public Access Counselor" over Freedom of Information Act disputes. The new law provides for specific charges for the documents produced pursuant to a Freedom of Information request and substantially increases civil penalties which courts may impose for unlawfully or intentionally failing to comply with the law or acting in bad faith in connection with it. Mandates that courts impose attorneys' fees on successful parties requesting public records. The law further requires that a designated freedom of information officer in each unit of government obtain training within six months after the effective date of the Act (January 1, 2010) by an "electronic training curriculum" which is to be developed and administered by the Public Access Council of the office of the attorney general. Annual training is additionally required after the initial training. Any newly designated freedom of information officer must successfully take the electronic training curriculum within 30 days after being designated. This new law will substantially change the rules regarding Freedom of Information Act compliance and all fire protection districts should carefully review its requirements. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**SB1353/PA96-215** Amends the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act to authorize persons who are retired from the active fire service but are officially affiliated with "fire service training,

mutual aid, incident command, fire ground operations, or staff support for public service fire organizations" to obtain training certification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Effective date: 8/10/2009.

**SB1974/PA96-429** Amends the Illinois Pension Code to establish a training requirement for new pension fund trustees consisting of at least 32 hours of training through a state of Illinois certified college or university and mandating annual continuing education training for all trustees of pension funds under Article 4 of the Pension Code of a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education each year. The Act also mandates that the training required by the amendment is to be paid for by the pension fund, and a board member who fails to complete the required training within the time limits established loses his or her position on the board and a successor must be appointed for the balance of the term. This requirement will only apply to trustees of pension funds of fire protection districts which have full time firefighters for whom a pension is provided under Article 4 of the Pension Code. Effective date: 8/13/2009.

**SB2256/PA96-765** Amends the provisions of the Healthcare Surrogate Act for do-not-resuscitate (DNR) orders so that only one individual (18 years or older) is required to witness a DNR order. Effective date: 1/1/2010.

**SB 364/PA96-0006** Makes various amendments applicable to pension funds and pension fund trustees. Requires that pension fund trustees file a statement of economic interest annually under the provisions of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. (District trustees already are required to file this statement and they are not required to file a duplicate as a pension fund trustee. Other pension fund trustees will, however, now have to file.) Adds language defining the term "consultant" as applicable under the Pension Code. Adds a new section which requires that pension fund board and any committee of a pension fund, such as an investment committee, comply with the Open Meetings Act. Requires that the majority of the members of an investment committee of a pension fund be fund trustees. Requires that firefighter (Article 4) pension funds make certain mandated information regarding the fund available on its website or at a location that allows inspection by the public. Adds a requirement that all pension fund board members attend at least 8 hours of ethics training each year. Prohibits any pension fund board member or that person's spouse from having any direct interest in any gains, profits, or income of any investment of the fund or to receive any pay or emolument for services in connection with any investment of the fund. Adds a provision regarding fraud against the fund. Adds a provision prohibiting contingent and placement fees regarding an investment decision in connection with a fund. Effective date: 4/3/09.

**SB2362/PA95-1056** This bill amends the provisions of the pension code for firefighter pensions to modify the definition of creditable service to include up to 24 months of service in the military served prior to employment as a firefighter. The amendment requires that a firefighter making application for the additional creditable service must make an additional contribution to the pension fund with interest. Effective date: 4/10/2009

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