

# AROUND THE STATE



## A Word from our Fire Service Partners

**From the Editor:** The following column is intended to provide our readers an update on fire service activities from around the state.

### Office of the State Fire Marshal

The OSFM has received feedback from several sources in the Illinois fire service that details about the changes to the OSFM certification examination process have not been received by members. The OSFM recognizes the importance of keeping the fire service updated as to changes in any of our processes. In the future we will be making a concerted effort to maximize communications about the progress of our changes to the Division of Personal Standards and Education, starting with the update below:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is mandated by the legislature to implement and administer a voluntary state certification program designed to assist Illinois firefighters with achieving recognized firefighter training standards and competencies. Approved training facilities provide instruction to prepare students to master these standards and competencies. These training facilities also administer end of course examinations and follow up with facilitating the state certification examination. This process ensures that the specific educational objectives of the training facilities are being met and that the mandate of the legislature is being adhered to by the OSFM.

In the past, some approved facilities were permitted by the OSFM to administer a single examination that encompassed the end of course objectives of the respective facility and certification goals of the state. During the course of routine



audits, the OSFM discovered many inconsistencies among those approved facilities that raised concerns about the testing process. Moreover, over the years while the number of those facilities increased, the OSFM's ability to properly evaluate facility proposed test questions, audit facility operations, and validate testing procedure eroded due to lower OSFM staffing levels. It became impossible for the OSFM to keep pace with testing verification and validation. Based upon these factors, the OSFM stopped reviewing and approving tests for each facility and now require that one certification test be administered for all facilities.

Looking ahead, the OSFM is attempting to implement electronic testing that will allow individuals to schedule their own testing, at their convenience, and at designated testing sites throughout the state. To assist in relieving some of the administrative burden and improve access to state certification examinations, the OSFM has established a proctor program. Facilities that choose to participate in this program will have the ability utilize their staff to become trained proctors who can administer on site state certification examinations at the conclusion of a class or at their convenience.

As always, the highest priority of the OSFM is to maintain the quality, validity and security of our certification process while still providing access to as many firefighters in Illinois as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding on this issue.

**Matt Perez**  
State Fire Marshal

### Illinois Fire Service Institute

Compelled by the grim reality that the annual number of firefighter suicides currently outpace the annual number of firefighter Line of Duty Deaths, the Illinois Fire Service Institute acted to develop a mental health awareness training component for IFSI staff and students. On November 17, 2016, IFSI Director – Colonel Royal Mortenson, USMC (Ret.), issued a directive to develop First Responder Mental Health Awareness curriculum for inclusion in all IFSI courses 24 hours and greater.

Director Mortenson's action means over 70 IFSI courses will soon include mental health information in the course presentation. Once integrated, IFSI instructors will share the mental health message with over 4,500 first responders every year. His imperative emphasizes that the purpose of including First Responder resiliency material in IFSI courses is to promote awareness, not magically make First Responders more resilient.

Most firefighters have experienced their share of tough calls and family tragedies. This does not make us mental health experts. The first task was to assemble a team of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to help guide the "content portion" of the curriculum development process. In gathering this team, Institute Staff reached out to the Presidents of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and the Volunteer/



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Combination Officer Conference in order to ensure that our SMEs were not only experts in the mental health field, but also represented the over 42,000 firefighters in the State.

Once assembled, the SMEs quickly got to work on designing three specific periods of instruction (30, 60 & 90 minute) to meet the time constraints of our various programs. From there, objectives were developed, then content was provided to meet the objectives. This is where the first affirmation of the program occurred. As staff reviewed the volume of information provided by the SMEs, it confirmed their assessment that that firefighters are a resilient bunch that answer the call when others don't. Unfortunately, they don't completely recover from the challenges they face. With this affirmation in mind staff concluded that this program should address mental health awareness from the perspective of resiliency, because firefighters will inevitably experience some challenges as first responders and as family members. It is at this point that the mental health program became the First Responder Resiliency Project to better reflect our intention of helping first responders to identify the challenges they will face and how to find healthy ways to recover and grow.

With this, we were able to focus our content and curriculum development toward the components of resiliency with the understanding that all firefighters need a positive support system in order to be the community servants and people they desire to be.

As the curriculum development process continues our SMEs remain passionately engaged and continue to generously lend their time, their talent, and their ideas. The degree of collaboration has been encouraging and will no doubt ultimately lead to improved awareness and resiliency of mental health in the fire service.

The Institute is now in the final phases of the curriculum development process and looks forward to the training of IFSI Instructors on how to deliver this vital information to the students we work with.

As a leader in fire service training and education, the Illinois Fire Service Institute's First Responder Resiliency Project will help to bring the importance of physical and mental well-being to all First Responders.

For more information contact the First Responder Resiliency Project Director James P. Moore at [jpmoore1@illinois.edu](mailto:jpmoore1@illinois.edu) or 217-300-3463.

**Chief James P. Moore (Ret.)**  
**Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)**  
**Project Director**

## Illinois Fire Safety Alliance

*"A Department Resource to Help Protect & Assist the Public"*



The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) is a nonprofit organization that has been in existence since 1982 and is dedicated to statewide fire safety and burn prevention efforts as well as supporting survivors of burn injuries. The Mount Prospect based group has a wide-variety of materials, tools, and supplies available to fire departments and other organizations across the state to help educate on how to prevent destructive fires, burn injuries, or worse. For those who have been adversely effected by a burn injury, the IFSA hosts various programs throughout the year to help support both children and adults in their recovery.

With a volunteer board of 11 individuals and a full-time staff of three, the IFSA works diligently to produce fire safety and prevention pieces and distribute them throughout Illinois. These materials include informational pamphlets on home fire prevention and safety, bath thermometers to help reduce the chances of a scald injury to infants or the elderly, fact cards and PSA videos on the dangers of sparklers, booklets designed specifically for older adult safety, plus other resources to meet the needs of other high-risk groups. In the past six months, the IFSA has introduced three new educational pieces, including "The Benefits of Home Fire Sprinklers" pamphlet, "Fire Safety for People with Disabilities" booklet, and online trivia games for younger children to test their fire safety knowledge. The IFSA works closely with organizations such as fire departments, hospitals, schools, assisted living facilities, and associations to help distribute material to their constituents at no cost.

In February, the IFSA announced the launch of a smoke alarm distribution program, developed to protect Illinois citizens by providing no-cost smoke alarms. The



### Resiliency Project Team and SMEs

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program provides opportunities for local fire agencies to collaborate with the IFSA to address areas of their community at risk due to lack of protection provided by working smoke alarms. Departments that apply and are selected to participate in the program receive smoke alarms and educational materials for conducting a smoke alarm installation program in their jurisdiction.

The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance is most well-known for its programs and services which support burn survivors that reside in the state. As a result of fundraising efforts and donations received throughout the year, these programs are available at no cost to the attendees. Camp "I Am Me," the organization's signature program, is a special and unforgettable one-week overnight camp experience for children and teenagers who have suffered injuries from burns. Since 1991, the IFSA has been providing this safe, non-judgmental environment for children to have the opportunity to build their self-esteem as they enjoy the various activities that make up their camp experience. The camp is available for those between the ages of 8-16 and on average, hosts 70 campers annually. Nearly 65 volunteers are at camp for the entire week, interacting with the campers and leading activities and special events. Camp "I Am Me" was the first camp (for burn survivors) to become accredited in the United States through the American Camp Association.



The newest support program is the IFSA's Family Day event, a one-day program for families who have a child that has been effected by a burn injury. In addition to educational presentations, the day allows for both children and adults to meet and network with others who have been through similar situations, all

while enjoying family-friendly activities in a fun atmosphere. The program, which was introduced in 2015, is available for survivors between 0-12 years of age and their siblings and parents.



The Young Adult Summit is a three-day retreat developed to prepare and assist attendees for the challenges ahead of them not only as burn survivors, but as young adults. The summit, which is available to 18-25 year olds, provides life skills and identifies struggles associated with burn injuries through scheduled workshops and activities that support personal growth, emotional healing, relationships, and self-image. The program also allows for a young adult exchange program with the IFSA's "sister-summit," a burn survivor foundation located in Burbank, California.

Last is a scholarship program which allows survivors to participate in a four-day international conference, bringing together more than 900 burn survivors, their families, caregivers, and burn care professionals. The IFSA facilitates numerous "World Burn Congress Scholarships," covering 100% of the conference, travel, and lodging costs for the scholarship recipient. The conference provides a forum for encouraging and facilitating the sharing of stories, providing support, and increasing knowledge of burn recovery. Through workshops, speakers, and peer-to-peer dialogue, professionals come to better understand the issues that impact the lives of burn survivors.

To learn how the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance can assist your department's prevention efforts as well as to receive more information on the burn survivor support services, visit the newly redesigned IFSA website, [www.IFSA.org](http://www.IFSA.org).

**Philip Zaleski**  
**IFSA Executive Director**

## Fire Inspectors Association



We just wrapped up our annual conference. We had close to 120 people registered for this year's conference, the largest number in many years. We could not have kicked off the event better than by having Tim Sandelbach, editor of Firehouse Magazine, as our key note speaker for the morning.

There were many breakout sessions for code enforcers and fire and life safety educators. Each group of people gave rave reviews to the many speakers who helped make this possible. We had two PhDs present this year, as well as speakers from across the county. We are now actively seeking presenters for the 2018 conference.

New this year was a class by NFPA on teaching strategies. Almost 50 people attended this free session. Based on history, we knew many people would arrive the day prior to the conference, so we scheduled an education event for those that choose to arrive early. This session was offered in recognition of the IFIA serving fire departments since 1967.

Mike Toika, our Legislative Representative, he has been very busy watching two bills that the IFIA is extremely interested in. One has to do with licensing fire alarm contractors at the various level of work that they perform – install, design, inspect, etc. The other has to do with making it a felony for a building owner to cause serious injury or death to a firefighter due to flagrant building violations which they refuse to correct.

In October our annual Fire Prevention Awards luncheon is held. We know that many deserving people are in fire departments throughout the State, unfortunately we just do not know who those people are. If you have someone deserving in your organization, submit them. The awards and forms can be found at the IFIA website.

We have been advised that the Rules process at the Office of the State Fire Marshal have approved the requirement for continuing education hours for certification as a Fire Inspector. The certificate will be good for four years. Most of all State certifications are going

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to require this, and it will follow a model used successfully by the fire investigators for several years.

We, along with the Illinois Fire Chiefs, recently co-sponsored a day-long workshop from Vision 20/20 on Community Risk Reduction. Jim Crawford was the main presenter to an audience of over 100 people, many of whom were fire chiefs.

We continue to support fire sprinkler industry by attending a reception for legislators in Springfield in February. The next morning we participated in a meeting with the State Fire Marshal's office on the fire sprinkler licensing act. They are working with various stakeholders to clean up licensing of sprinkler contractors.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a full day seminar on outdoor events. In addition to Curt Shires, the Fire Marshal for the Glenside Fire Protection District, we will have Bill Steckling, the Event Logistics Manager Classic Party Rentals. Bill has traveled the country managing temporary and permanent installations ranging from small to large, including Super Bowl, Kentucky Derby, and corporate and private events ranging from days to months. Currently he is the Event Logistics Manager helping with event design, inventory application, permitting, crew and sales training and safety.

Our office still has a supply of old code books and training manuals. We will be placing these on EBay soon. Most of these will be sold for \$5 - \$25. While the books may be a previous edition, there is much useful information which can be had at bargain prices. If you are interested in any, contact our office and we will supply you with a listing of the remaining books.

Upcoming events:

- April 28 – mini seminar on emergency radio operability in larger buildings, and a social event at Top Golf in Naperville
- May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – Fire Inspector 2 class
- May 4 – outdoor events
- June 12, 13, 14, 19 & 20, 2017 – FSLE class
- June 23 – monthly mini seminar and meeting

- Aug 20 – IFIA State Fair day  
Additional information about these events is available on our website at: [www.Illinoisfireinspectors.org](http://www.Illinoisfireinspectors.org). ■

**Robert Morris**  
**Executive Director**

### Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts



The Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) was held in our nation's capital Washington DC on April 4-7. It has been two years since we have been able to gather fire personal from across our nation to let congress know about the many Legislative Issues that are affecting the fire service all over our great country. As years past, Illinois was well represented by a delegation which was made up of members from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts, Illinois Fire Service Organization, The Illinois Association of Fire Protections Districts and The Illinois Fire Service Institute. NIAFPD President, Bill Hoffmeister and I were very proud to be a part of this very impressive group and nearly 5,000 people attend from all across our nation.

This year we were able to meet personally with both our U.S. Senators, Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, along with Congressman Daniel Lipinski D-3<sup>rd</sup>, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi D-8<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Brad Schneider D-10<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Mike Bost R-12<sup>th</sup>, and Congressman John Shimkus R-15<sup>th</sup>. We were also able to meet with the staffs of Congresswoman Jan Schakowski D-9<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Bill Foster D-11<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Mike Quigley D-5<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Adam Kinzinger R-16<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Randy Hultgren R-14<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Darin LaHood R-18<sup>th</sup> and Congresswomen Cheri Bustos D-17<sup>th</sup>.

**We attended and shared insight on the following important issues...**

- 1) As years past, our focus was to support the funding for the AFG and Safer Grant Programs at the same level as in the past. As you might know, President Trump has ask all agency's to slash their budgets 25% and could ultimately affect the AFG and the Fire Safer Grants. These

grants have helped thousands of fire departments throughout the United States keep necessary training, staffing, equipment, communication capabilities, prevention resources and other tools required to meet the all-hazards preparedness challenges they face each and every day. At a minimum, we urge congress to appropriate \$345 million each for the Fire and Safer Grant programs.

- 2) The **Federal Taxation of Volunteer Incentives Program**. This program would make a permanent amendment to the Internal Revenue Code to reinstate and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders by raising the base from \$360 to \$600 annually.

- 3) Last, we pushed for support of **Protecting Access to Emergency Medications**. Fire departments and fire districts play a crucial role in providing emergency medical services to their communities. One of the most important aspects of providing EMS care involves quickly administering medications to patients in need. The Fire Service regularly rely upon "standing Orders," or pre-authorizations from their medical director, to allow EMS personal to administer medications to patients experiencing certain medical emergencies. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is currently considering new regulations which would prohibit fire an EMS departments from relying upon standing orders when administering medications to patients which fall under the DEA scheduling. If enacted, these regulations could cause significant delays in care by forcing EMS personnel to consult a physician each individual time a patient is given medication that is considered a controlled substance. This could cause especially long delays in rural areas where there is already a recognized physician shortage.

House Resolution 304 would keep the status quo and permit fire departments and districts to continue relying upon

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standing orders. H.R.304 passed the house unanimously and now sits in the Senate waiting on a sponsor to pick it up. We ask both our senators to please look at HR304 and become co-sponsors of the bill.

4) Next up was the **Reauthorizing the Medical Ambulance Payment Extenders**. These payments are currently set to expire on January 1, 2018. We want congress to reauthorize them. The fire service does not need any more cuts to the funds it receives to help protect our residents.

5) We asked for their support for a **Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act (FSIA)** that would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow accelerated depreciation of retrofits of commercial and residential buildings with live saving sprinkler systems. So far there has been no Fire Sprinkler bills introduced in this year's 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. History: An estimated 9800 jobs could be created nationwide including pipe fitters, sprinkler installers, electricians, plumbers, etc. Since 1977 over 4000 firefighters have lost their lives and another 15700 have been injured. In 2015 over \$14.3 Billion was recorded in losses.

Our goal is to have congress lower the tax depreciation schedule from 39 years to 15 so large corporations have the incentive to retro fit their buildings with Fire Sprinklers.

6) Last but not least House Resolution 931 **the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act** will help the fire service keep track of any cancer related deaths that occurs to any firefighter across the nation and will help the fire service study the effect fires of today have on these cancers.

I have listed below the members of this year's delegation who attended to CFSI along with Bill and myself:

- Chief Jim Kreher, President Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
- Chief John Christian, Vice President Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
- Chief Tim Sashko, Executive Director of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
- Mike Dillion, President Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts

- Royal Mortenson and Jim Keiken, Illinois Fire Service Institute
- Keith Hanson, Trustee Barrington Fire Protection District
- Chief John Buckley, and Deputy Chief Steve Norvilas, Pleasantview Fire Protection District
- Chief Joe Leone, and Deputy Chief Scott Walker, Addison Fire Protection District,
- Chief Mike Mavrogeorge East St. Louis Airport and Chairman Illinois Fire Service Association
- Brian O'Connor, Attorney from Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & Dinolfo

I thank each of them on a great job and support in representing Illinois at CFSI. If you have an interest in participating as a delegate next year, the dates are scheduled for April 17 – 20, 2018. Please contact Kathy Haage or myself so that you are added you to the notification list. If you should have any questions about CFSI please contact me and I will be more than happy to answer them for you.

**Ronald P. Kubicki**

**Legislative Liaison, NIAFPD**

### Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals



I am Robin Dubiel of the Hanover Park Fire Department and President of the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP). I have been with the fire service for 11 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief and I believe in the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals organization and am very proud to serve as their President.

I would like to introduce and thank the 2017/2018 Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals Executive Board and Directors; Janice Gumprecht, Bartlett FPD – Vice President; Kristin Wexell, Braidwood FPD – Secretary; Sharon Szynalski, Alsip FD – Treasurer; and Directors Laura Haiden, Glenside FPD; Stacy Kujat, Romeoville FD; Courtney Sasiadek, Barrington FD; Britta Eggebrecht, South Elgin & Countryside FPD; Lisa Berger, Roberts Park FPD; Brendaliz Del Valle, Bensenville FPD; and Marilyn Russell,

Riverdale Fire-Rescue Department; as well as our immediate Past President Jacque McLaughlin, Channahon FPD. These ladies are very special and keep IFSAP a progressive organization.

I want to thank Chief Haigh for wholeheartedly supporting me in my efforts as a member of the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals and as their President.

### What does IFSAP have for your Administrative Professional?

IFSAP is dedicated to educating our members in order that they may be an effective support system to our Fire Chiefs. We have several programs that your administrative professional would benefit from; a number of these programs are listed below as well as other classes that are offered throughout the year. Scholarships are available for the IFSAP Conference and the Executive Support Program along with some of the other educational programs offered.

### Executive Support Program (ESP)

I believe every fire service administrative professional should participate in this program in order to take away the valuable information that is offered. This is the best way for your administrative professionals to have a true idea of what a firefighter does and help them understand what a firefighter goes through on a day-to-day basis. The class is shown fire department tools, equipment, apparatus, and learns about fire behavior as well as receives some hands-on experience. There is also classroom time with components involving oral and written communication, public education, fire prevention, and fire service laws and standards. This is an opportunity for networking with administrative professionals from other communities. The ESP Program is such a valuable program that it is recognized by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The class of 2017 starts September 6 and runs through November 29. This is a 13-week program, one full day a week, which is dedicated to learning about things in the firehouse as well as classroom aspects involving several areas of the job.

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Classes are held weekly at various fire stations.

By showing your support and encouraging your administrative professional to attend the program, not only will it give her the support she needs, your fire department/district will benefit from the knowledge she brings back. For more information contact Laura Haiden, IFSAP ESP Program Director at 630.668.5323 or by email [lhaiden@glensidefire.org](mailto:lhaiden@glensidefire.org)

### Fall Conference

The IFSAP's 2017 Annual Conference is scheduled for September 13-15 at the Marriott in Bloomington/Normal. The Board and Conference Committee have scheduled a great lineup of speakers who will enhance the knowledge and passion of the fire service for your administrative

professional. This is another great opportunity to network with other professionals from around the state.

### Education Committee

IFSAP has an Education Committee that is highly involved in finding needed classes geared toward fire service support staff and locating instructors and venues. Our plan is to hold several classes this year in addition to the ESP and Annual Conference.

### EBlast Program

What is the "EBlast Program?" It is information sharing through email. This is an excellent way to get answers to questions (i.e., SOGs, payroll, minutes, records maintenance, budgeting, etc.). Simply by submitting a question via email, it is electronically blasted to our membership who responds directly to the administrative professional with potential solutions.

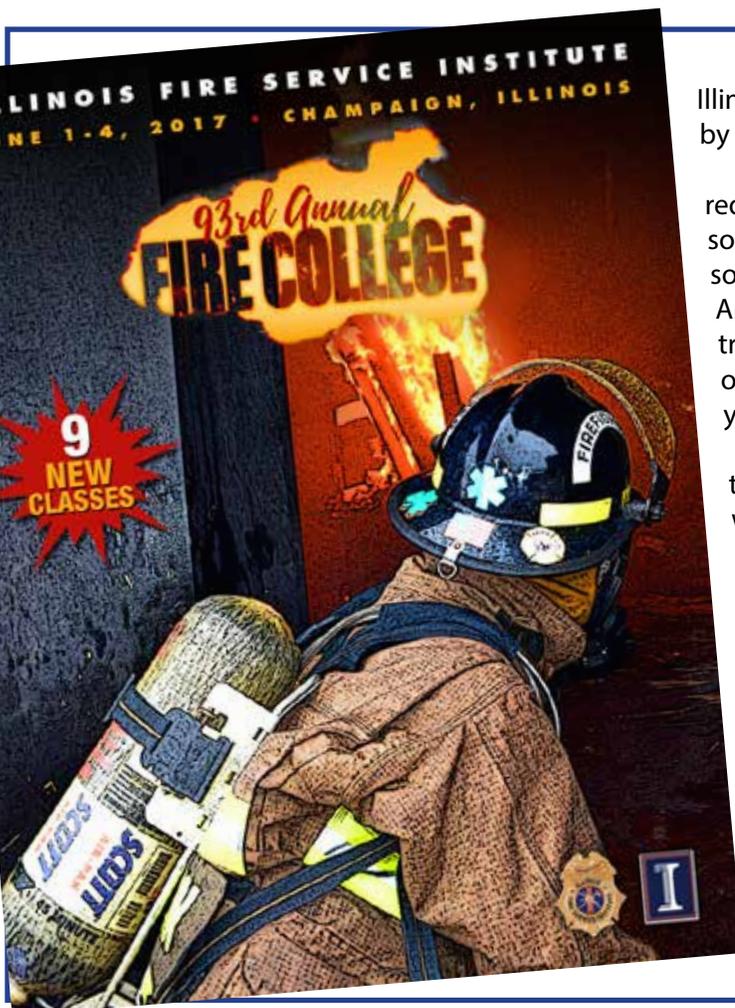
### Volunteer Opportunities

Members also have the opportunity to volunteer their time and talents to help others. A few of the opportunities that are available include "I AM ME" Burn Camp sponsored by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, the OSFM and Illinois Fire Services Association Fire Safety Tent at the State Fair, or the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association fundraisers.

### E-Blast Program for Fire Chiefs

If your fire department or fire district does not have a full or part-time administrative professional on staff, we have a program to support Illinois Fire Chiefs. The E-Blast Program provides you access to over 260 administrative professionals with answers to questions you're not sure how to answer (i.e. accountability, payroll, minutes, records maintenance, budgeting, etc.). Simply submit your question via email and it

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Welcome to the premier training event of the year for Illinois firefighters – the 93rd Annual Fire College presented by the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute.

As we continue to listen to you and respond to your requests for affordable hands-on training, we have made some minor adjustments to Fire College – bringing back some popular classes and offering you some new choices. And, you still have access to the most realistic live-fire training that we can offer. You can enroll in all 24 hours of Fire College or just in the portions that are valuable to you.

As always, you have access to the top fire service training professionals in the industry. Our instructors will help you refine your skills, introduce you to new concepts and let you practice those techniques right on the fire field.

Registration fees continue to be low – even lower if you register by May 11. I hope you'll take advantage of our advance online registration to reserve seats in your preferred classes. Registration opens April 2. Classes fill up quickly, so register as soon as possible!

It all adds up to an intensive four days of the most realistic – and affordable – hands-on training available in the Midwest. We look forward to sharing the experience with you in Champaign this June.

Sincerely,

Royal P. Mortenson, Director IFSI

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will be electronically blasted out to our membership who will respond to you with potential solutions. The E-Blast program fee of \$10 affords participation in the program and is renewable on a year-to-year basis.

In my previous 20 years as a secretary/administrative assistant, there has never been an organization that was so informative, supportive, and job specific as the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals. I have developed friendships, and met administrative professionals from departments and districts in and around my area as well as other communities. These opportunities have been far more rewarding than I could have imagined. In conclusion, I would like to encourage all Fire Chiefs to have your administrative professionals join IFSAP, take the ESP class, and be involved at the highest

level possible to benefit you and your respective departments/districts. If you do not have an administrative professional on staff sign up for the E-Blast Program and get answers to your questions.

For more information on IFSAP visit our website at [www.ifsap.org](http://www.ifsap.org).

### Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

#### IFCA Calendar of Events

- May 17-19 – 47th Annual Symposium in East Peoria at the Par-a-dice Hotel. The schedule includes the ever-popular open forum, educational topics covering the Lessons learned from Detroit Turnaround, Smoke Detectors, Rebuilding a Fire Department and Taking Action Against Cancer. Thursday evening will be enjoyed



at Dozer Park for the Peoria Chiefs baseball game.

- June 10 – The IFCA E & R Foundation's Inaugural Fishing Classic in Waukegan from 5am-11am. Be sure to purchase a fishing license and salmon stamp prior to the tournament.
- July 12 – One of the biggest fund raising events of the year is the Annual Golf Outing at Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont.
- September 16-17 – the Volunteer Combined Officer Committee Conference is held at Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel, a new location.
- October 8-11 – IFCA 67th Annual Conference at the Peoria Civic Center. More information on the above events can be found on the IFCA website: [illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://illinoisfirechiefs.org).

**Chief T.E. Sashko (retired)**  
**Executive Director, IFCA**

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