

ASSOCIATION UPDATE



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Good News for IAFPD Members

It is a pleasure to announce the recent launch of the **Online Learning Programs** and that there are a few one-hour webinars ready to access on the Education page of our website, IAFPD.org. The goal of the new endeavor is to provide our members both timely and useful programs related to fire protection district administration, in an environment that is easy to access, convenient and affordable. This is an ideal platform for those who want to stay informed, learn from experienced presenters and earn continued education credit (where applicable). If you have limited time for travel, or a limited education budget for conference attendance, the IAFPD Online Learning Programs may be the solution you need! The dates for the live webinars are announced (via social media) a few weeks in advance, and include a link to register. Once you register, you will automatically receive an email with your login instructions (from Seminar Web). The log in is simple, and provides you with all of the materials you will need to participate in the program.

The recording is available to you 24/7 a few days following the live program. Like the live version, you can join the self-paced program from your office, home, or hotel room using a computer or mobile device with a high-speed internet connection. If

you have not yet heard about them, the following webinars are available:

"Down & Dirty: A Review of the Annual Responsibilities for Illinois Fire Protection Districts." The full list of what every trustee must know and how to fulfill the responsibilities (file, post, publish, adopt, submit, report, budget, appropriate) of their position with their district.

Board Secretary's Workshop provides an in-depth look on the specific roles on their seat on the Board of Trustees.

Sexual Harassment Policies covers the recent statutory changes and new requirements for local governments.

Future programs to watch for include: *Section 11K Bidding Rules* and *How to Run an Effective Meeting*.

As for other news, the IAFPD wants to help your district acknowledge the dedication and service of others. The **IAFPD Honor & Recognition** program allows you to show appreciation and thank your members for their time, service and contributions to the fire protection district's growth and success. Trustees serving multiple terms qualify for **Years of Service** recognition and members making a difference qualify for **Outstanding Service Awards**. Provide our committee with the information (see facing page) **by May 1**. All awards are formally presented on Saturday, June 23,

during the annual conference in Peoria and names and photos are published in the summer issue of *The Fire Fall*.

One more piece of good news is the **Trustee Scholarship** program for members who want to attend the IAFPD Annual Conference but have financial constraints hindering them from participating. The process is simple and the application form is included in this publication or it can be downloaded from the IAFPD website. Forms must be submitted by May 1.

Last, an important reminder on the Advance Trustee Training (ATT) 3-Part (12-hour) Program. **We must hear from you if your District has trustees who have plan to complete the ATT in 2018.** If you did not complete the survey sent with your dues renewal, it's not too late, but alternate offerings for this program are being considered for 2018 and we must meet minimum attendance requirements to present the program.

By reading this, you demonstrate an interest in your membership and being connected with the happenings of the IAFPD. Thank you for your membership and understanding the value that comes with it. ■