

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Michael Dillon, President
Braidwood FPD*

The 2018 Winter Conference and Administrative Training Sessions (ATS) have just been completed. Thank you to all the attendees, our hosts and our members for their support and participation at these sessions. The Education Committee has started to review the evaluations and using your input to plan for the 2019 programs.

The IAFFPD 75th Annual Conference will be June 21-23, 2018 in Peoria. The conference theme this year is **"Focus on the Mission"**. The Conference committee and staff have finalized presenters, demonstrations, and vendors for the Conference. Additional conferences information can be found on the IAFFPD website www.iaffpd.org. Based on review of previous evaluations, the committee has invited the return of Chief Rick Lasky returning as one of our featured presenters and some new to the conference is Randolph Mantooth, from the TV show Emergency will present during the opening session. One of the IAFFPD goals is to continue to strive to be the best fire service conference in Illinois. The 2018 conference is one that you won't want to miss. Remember this is an opportunity to improve your plans and future plans by creating relationships with suppliers, share practical innovations and important new trends which will result in improvements to your fire district.

If you have a conflict with attending our conference there is an important item I am requesting you do. Please have your District Board complete the credentials and proxy forms and send them to the IAFFPD Office. This will help us meet our

quorum requirements at the Annual Meeting. If you have a change in plan and can attend our conference the proxy can be "pulled" and you can express your vote in person.

Next is the Recognition and Awards Program. The Awards committee has expanded the years of service recognition to include 8, 12, 18, 24, 30, 42 and 48 years of service (based on appointed and elected terms) and committee felt that this change would better recognize the trustees for their dedication to their district and the fire service in Illinois. Outstanding Trustee Recognition and Fire Service Recognition awards will be presented during the annual conference as well. It is always gratifying to see our members recognized for their dedication and devotion. The deadline to submit is approaching (May 15) and the details and form is on the IAFFPD web site (www.iaffpd.org) and can be completed on-line, faxed or sent US mailed to the IAFFPD Office. If there are any questions about the forms please contact the office staff.

The IAFFPD met another milestone last fall by implementing an on-line learning program. Thanks to Cheri, Karrie, our presenters, and our sponsors for getting the On-line program off the ground and growing monthly. Our on-line learning library now has four programs you can view and complete at your own pace. The two latest topics added are "Local Government Sexual Harassment Policy Requirements" and "What Am I to Bid? – Dealing with Section K". You can go to the IAFFPD website and select the on-line learning library.

As always, I, the IAFFPD Board and Staff will continue to attend training sessions, open houses, dedications and other activities. If any Fire District would like a Director or Area Representative to meet with them, attend a meeting or attend and event, contact the office so that arrangements can be made.

See you all in June! ■

Best Regards
Michael Dillon, Braidwood FPD
IAFFPD, President



NOTICE:
**IAFFPD 2018 Annual
Membership Meeting**
5:00 pm
Friday, June 22, 2018
Peoria, IL