

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Michael Dillon, President
Braidwood FPD*

Thank you to all the fire protection district and associate members who have renewed their IAFPD membership for 2024. If you know a neighboring fire district who may not be a current member, I invite you to share what you value most about the IAFPD and encourage them to connect with the office for new members or renewal information. This communication is one-way member Districts can help the Association.

Your board of Directors and Staff will remain focused on our commitment to "Supporting better governance by fire protection district officials through education, resources, communication, and legislation."

We focus on our mission by presenting multiple Continuing Trustee Education (CTE) training sessions each year and a Winter Conference in Southern Illinois (Friday, February 16, and Saturday, February 17, 2024).

IAFPD will also continue with an event partnership with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association with a new date and format. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Illinois Fire Service Conference on September 15-18, 2024, in Peoria.

We will continue adding to the online program offerings in 2024. Currently, 12 or so timely and relevant recordings are available on demand, and I encourage members to explore the online library and consider watching at least one.

The IAFPD will again partner with the NIAFPD and IFCA for the annual Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day in Springfield on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The event

presents the opportunity for fire district officials to meet and greet lawmakers, share information about your fire district, and learn about issues introduced to the General Assembly. Registration links and other details will be shared via email and posted on the IAFPD website.

The Strategic Planning Committee is arranging a one-day planning and review session on March 2. If your fire district has ideas to be considered by the IAFPD Board of Directors, please get in touch with Director Marvin Hill.

Thank You to the IAFPD Directors, Area Representatives, and everyone for your support throughout the year. You all make my position as President a very enjoyable and rewarding job. Just remember, I can't do it without you.

Thanks to Cheri and Karrie, who do an outstanding job supporting the Board and Committee work, communicating with the membership, maintaining the member resources and website, arranging and marketing programs. Thank you for your dedication to the IAFPD.

As always, visit the IAFPD website for updates on current fire service action, legislation, and upcoming events. If you need more information on ways your district can work with the IAFPD or have questions on how the IAFPD can assist your district, the Board of Directors, Staff, and I are interested in hearing from you.

Michael Dillon, Braidwood FPD
IAFPD President ■

2nd Annual Fire Service Conference: Coming Together Driven by Leadership, Service & Dedication September 15-18, 2024 - Peoria Civic Center

- An Exciting Collaboration between IFCA and IAFPD
- 80+ Vendors on Display
- Open to All Fire Departments
- Programs & Topics for Multiple Disciplines:
 - Career and Volunteer Fire Chiefs
 - Trustees
 - Commissioners
 - Pension Board Trustees
 - EMS Management
 - Women in the Fire Service



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