



2026 Calendar and Checklist of Annual Responsibilities for Illinois Fire Protection Districts

ITEM/EVENT	(References are to Illinois Compiled Statutes [ILCS] except as noted.)	DUE DATE	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE ACCOMPLISHED
1. Last day to file petitions for referenda on questions of public policy for the March 17, 2026 election (example: annexation referendum) (must be certified to Election Authority by 1/8/26)		12/15/25		
2. Deadline to adopt resolution to place question on the ballot for the March 17, 2026 election (example: tax rate referendum) (must be certified to Election Authority by 1/8/26)		12/29/25		
3. Last day for Fire Chiefs to notify OSFM of Volunteer Emergency workers eligible for 2025 Illinois Income Tax Credit (35 ILCS 5/234)		1/12/26		
4. File Certificate of exempt property with County Supervisor of Assessments for District owned real estate (35 ILCS 200/15-10)		1/31/26		
5. Post notice of regularly scheduled meetings of board, send copy to any news media which (or start of have filed a request (5 ILCS 120/2.02)		Jan. (or start of fiscal year		
6. Perform semiannual review of all Minutes of Closed Sessions which have not been opened to the public to determine if some or all of those minutes may be opened for inspection (5 ILCS 120/2.06)		Jan.		
7. Review and update Freedom of Information Act Statement; Post for public availability (5 ILCS 140/4)		Jan.		
8. Post report of injuries (OSHA 300A) for prior year (Title 56, Section 350.250 Ill. Adm. Code)		2/1/26		
9. File names of persons required to file Economic Interest Statements with County Clerk (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)		2/1/26		
10. File OSHA 300A Report, if required		3/2/26		
11. Submit names for appointment or reappointment of appointed trustees whose terms expire in 2025 (70 ILCS 705/4)		March		
12. Appointed trustee(s) to be reappointed by appointing authority (70 ILCS 705/4) (Not applicable to elected boards.)		2nd Mon. April (4-13-26)		
13. File statements of Economic Interest with County Clerk (5 ILCS 420/4A-105)		5/1/26		
14. Newly appointed and reappointed trustees take office (70 ILCS 705/4)		1st Mon. May (5/4/26)		
15. Newly appointed trustees must complete Open Meetings Act training within 90 days of taking office (5 ILCS 120/1.05)		8/2/26		
16. Reorganize Board of Trustees following appointment or election of trustee(s) by electing officers (70 ILCS 705/6)		1st Meeting After Taking Office		
17. If applicable, appoint Fire Commissioner(s) (70 ILCS 705/16.02)		Prior to 1st Mon. June		
18. Prepare Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (50 ILCS 330/1-330/5)		First Qtr. Fiscal Year		
A. Gather data on actual expenditures and revenues for prior year				
B. Prepare Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance				
C. Post Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 30 days prior to adoption of final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance				
D. Publish notice of posting of Tentative Budget and of public hearing on Budget 30 Days prior to hearing				
E. Hold public hearing on Budget				
F. Adopt Final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance		Complete by end of 1st Qtr of Fiscal Year		
G. Prepare and include estimate of revenues certification with budget or separately (35 ILCS 200/18-50)				
H. Publish Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (70 ILCS 705/7)		Within 30 days of adoption		
I. File Budget and Appropriation Ordinance with County Clerk(s) (35 ILCS 205/162)		Within 30 days of adoption		
19. Verify accuracy of Extension Report for 2025 Tax Levy from County Clerk(s)		Immediately Upon Receipt of Report	Treasurer & Secretary	
20. Perform semiannual review of all Minutes of Closed Sessions which have not been opened to the public to determine if some or all of those minutes may be opened for inspection (5 ILCS 120/2.06)		July		

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21. Adopt Annual Tax Levy Ordinance (70 ILCS 705/14)				
A. Hold Truth in Tax Hearing if required/publish special notice (35 ILCS 200/18-55)		At least 7/not more than 14 days before hearing		
B. Comply with Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (Tax Caps), if applicable (35 ILCS 200/18-185) (Verify accuracy of prior year limiting rate computation)				
C. File Annual Tax Levy Ordinance/Certificate of Needs and Certification of Truth in Tax compliance with County Clerk(s) (35 ILCS 200/18-15)		Prior to last Tues. in Dec, (12/30/25)		
22. Prepare annual Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (30 ILCS 15/1)		Within 6 mos. of end of fiscal year		
A. File with County Clerk(s)				
B. Publish and file certificate of publication with County Clerk(s) (or, instead, publish Notice of Audit Availability if CPA Audit is Performed)				
23. Prepare annual report to Illinois Comptroller and file online with Comptroller and on paper with County Clerk(s) (50 ILCS 310/1)		Within 180 days of end of fiscal year		
24. File Annual Comptroller's Report on paper with County Clerk(s) to satisfy Fiscal Responsibility Report Card Act (35 ILCS 200/30-30)		Within 180 days of end of fiscal year		
25. If over \$850,000 annual revenues, have audit performed by Certified Public Accountant (50 ILCS 310/2) (70 ILCS 705/6.1) If below \$850,000 have audit performed by CPA on a Quadrennial (4 year) basis or prepare required financial report (AFR) and have approved by 3/5 vote of Board of Trustees before filing of AFR with Comptroller		Within 180 days of end of fiscal year		
A. File audit with County Clerk(s)				
B. File audit electronically with Illinois Comptroller			Auditor	
C. Publish notice of availability of audit report in lieu of publication of statement of receipts and disbursements				
26. Last day to file petitions for referenda on questions of public policy for the November 3, 2026 election (example: annexation referendum) (must be certified to Election Authority by 8/27/26)		8/3/26		
27. Deadline to adopt resolution to place question on The ballot for the November 3, 2026 election (example: tax rate referendum) (must be Certified to Election Authority by 8/27/26)		8/17/26		
28. If applicable, submit IDHR Report for sexual harassment/unlawful discrimination judgments/administrative ruling information required by 775 ILCS 5/2-108(B)		7/1/26		
29. Review all insurance coverages; verify limits; verify premises, vehicle, and equipment coverage renewal date and amounts		Prior to annual renewal date		
30. Review tape recordings of all closed sessions of the Board of Trustees and dispose of 18 months after closed session minutes have been approved		Every 18 months		
31. Contact local school district regarding Safety Drills		9/1/26		
32. Document in Board minutes the appointment or Reappointment of District OMA and FOIA Officers		Annually		
33. Verify completion of annual training by both FOIA Officer and Open Meetings Act designate		Annually		
34. Verify completion of annual training and reporting required by Workplace Transparency Act (sexual harassment training) (820 ILCS 96/1-20)		Annually		
35. Verify annual review of and compliance with IDOL (IL-OSHA) mandated policies:		Annually		
A. Fire Dept. Training/HazMat Training (29 C.F.R. 1910.156 & 1910.120)				
B. SCBA Medical Evaluations/Fit Testing (29 C.F.R. 1910.134)				
C. Hepatitis B Inoculations (29 C.F.R. 1910.134)				
D. Personal Protective Equipment (29 C.F.R. 1910.132)				
E. Facilities (29 C.F.R. 1910)				
36. Review District and Department policies with Fire Officers		Annually		
37. Verify that all firefighters have completed line of duty death beneficiary designation documents		Annually		
38. If applicable as a secondary employer of a career firefighter, submit 40 ILCS 5/4-110.2 report hours of to primary employers of injury or exposure occurrence		Within 96 hours of occurrence		

NOTE: The foregoing listing is intended to identify some of the legal requirements which fire protection districts are generally required to meet each year, however, it is not wholly inclusive and most fire protection districts will have additional requirements not listed above which they must meet. Districts should always consult with their legal counsel regarding such other requirements.