



# STILL GOING STRONG

## *A Message from Your Conference Committee...*

While we still journey through the pandemic, things are starting to open back up and folks want to get back to business as usual. Your IAFFPD Conference Committee is hoping for the same. Last year's conference was condensed because of Covid mandates and guidelines that we had to adhere to, but we were able to offer for the first time a virtual platform that allowed those attendees, who chose not to attend in person, the opportunity to attend virtually from the comfort of their homes.

This year the Conference Committee chose the theme "**IAFFPD: Still Going Strong**". These past 2 years have been tough on everyone, and we have had to adapt and strengthen our minds for things that we never thought would be necessary; however, we have managed to do just that and much more. This year we plan to have a full conference loaded with 20+ education sessions, 16 of which are on Thursday. We will again offer the virtual participation and record some of the sessions, but not all of them.

Thursday will start with ETT Parts 1 and 2, along with **Shockavoid** the Cody Conrady Story, which is about him surviving electrocution. ETT Part 3 will be on Saturday. The **Annual Membership Meeting** and **Open Forum** will follow all Thursday sessions, and there will be a Social Event offsite to follow. On Friday we will have the Opening Session, which will feature **Ken Bouvier** as our keynote speaker, and awards presentation. The Flag Raising will kick off our one-day Tradeshow, and there will be many interactive activities going on during the Tradeshow. IFSI will be performing 3 demonstrations during the Tradeshow outside, and there will be Door prizes and Raffles inside the exhibit hall also. We will host a Tailgate Party on the parking lot, or indoors should it rain. A **Euchre Tournament** will be taking place inside for those wishing to participate. The proceeds will go to our Foundation for scholarships. On Saturday we will begin with the **Fire Service Memorial**, followed by a Legislative Update, and more education sessions including a Chiefs Track for Fire Chiefs, and we will conclude with OMA Training, a program developed specifically for Fire Protection Districts.

Whether you are a veteran attendee or a newcomer, it is our goal to see all of you at the conference, encourage trustees to bring their fire chief and encourage members from your neighboring district to also attend. The newest equipment and technology will be showcased at tradeshow and vendors are eager to meet in person.

*We look forward to seeing everyone **June 23-25 at the I Hotel Conference Center in Champaign** strengthening our minds to keep our districts going **STRONG**.*

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**REGISTER NOW!**

**Early-Bird Discount Ends June 9**

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## Notice to IAFFPD Members

The **Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in conjunction with the 78th Annual Conference on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 4:45 pm at the I-Hotel, 1900 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Champaign, IL. Membership Credentials Certification is required to vote at the Annual Meeting. One vote per District by Credentials or by Proxy. (**See Insert**)

# At-a-Glance Conference Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 23		EVENT/PROGRAM
7:00 am - 4:00 pm		Registration Open
8:00 am - Noon	■	ETT Part 1: Fire District Finance and Organization
8:45 am - 9:45 am	■	<i>Cody Conrady Story: Protecting people from electrocution</i>
10:00 am - 11:00 am		Education Sessions: ■ <i>Environmental and Occupational Exposures Effect on Firefighters</i> ■ <i>What's New with MABAS</i> ■ <i>Pension Investment Consolidation</i>
11:15 am - 12:15 am		Education Sessions: ■ <i>GEMT Funding and the new EMS Ground Transport Requirements</i> ■ <i>Successful Consolidation</i> ■ <i>Pension Law Update</i>
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm		Lunch on your own
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	■	<b>ETT Part 2: Finances, Procurement &amp; Legal Liability</b>
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm		Education Sessions: ■ <i>Practical Aspects of Cancer Prevention</i> ■ <i>FOIA Gameshow</i> ■ <i>Implementing CRR at the Local Level – A Success Story</i>
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm		Education Sessions: ■ <i>Joint Purchasing &amp; Procurement Dilemmas</i> ■ <i>The Long &amp; the Short of Pension Funding Bonds</i> ■ <i>Managing a Bus Incident</i>
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm		Meet & Greet Reception
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm		Annual Membership Meeting
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	◆	<i>Open Forum</i>
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm		Social Event at Jupiters
FRIDAY, JUNE 24		EVENT/PROGRAM
7:00 am - 4:00 pm		Registration Open
7:30 am - 9:00 am		Vendor Move-in
9:00 am - 11:00 am	◆	<i>Opening Session with Keynote</i> ■ <i>45 Years of Tragedies</i>
11:00 am		Flag Raising
11:15 am - 5:00 pm		Exhibits Open, Door Prizes & Industry Infomercials
11:30 am - 2:00 pm		Off-site Guest Program
12:00 pm		Lunch with Vendors
2:00 pm		Industry Partner Recognition
4:00 pm		Happy Hour with Vendors
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm		Exhibitor Move-out
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm		Sponsor Hosted Reception
8:00 - 10:00 pm		Tailgate Party and Euchre Tournament - FUNdraiser Game Night
SATURDAY, JUNE 25		EVENT/PROGRAM
7:00 am - 11:30 am		Registration Open / Donuts & Coffee
8:00 am - 8:30 am		Fire Service Memorial
8:30 am - 12:30 pm	■	ETT Part 3: Personnel & Human Resources
9:00 am		General Session ■ <i>Legislative Update</i>
9:30 am - 11:00 am		Onsite Guest Program (Breakfast with a Beekeeper)
10:00 am - 11:00 am		Education Sessions: ◆ <i>Mock Board Meeting</i> ■ <i>Legal Update</i> ■ <i>How to Reach the Younger Generation</i>
11:15 am - 12:15 am		Education Sessions: ■ <i>FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act): ARE YOU COMPLIANT?</i> ■ <i>What Can an Economist Tell the Fire Service</i> ■ <i>So, you want to be promoted?</i>
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm		Lunch & Closing Session: ■ <i>Wood River Haz Mat Incident</i>
12:45 pm - 2:45 pm	■	<i>OMA Training for Fire Districts (registration required)</i>

- These sessions ARE available virtually
- ◆ These sessions ARE NOT available virtually

Program times, topic and speakers are subject to change. Please check the IAFFPD website ([www.iaffpd.org](http://www.iaffpd.org)) for changes and updates to the conference agenda.

# General Information

## The Virtual Participation Option

Virtual participation is offered for anyone who wants to join the conference online from anywhere they have a good internet connection. Not all sessions will be available online. The sessions annotated with a ■ will be offered online livestream. The virtual attendees will receive email updates, useful tips, and information to help ensure a smooth login process and successful virtual experience. The IAFFPD will use the individual email address provided on the registration process for this communication and access to the event. Please make sure this email address is unique to the attendee. Attendees can access the virtual conference by desktop, phone, or tablet.

## Conference Venue & Tradeshow Facility

The I-Hotel Conference Center is located on the University of Illinois campus near the State Farm Center and Illinois Fire Service Institute.



## Registration

All attendees must **register online at IAFFPD.org no later than June 16**. Discount rates are offered for registrations received prior to June 9. If you need assistance with online registration, please contact IAFFPD at 217-525-6620. Attendees must select in person or virtual participation. Upon completion of the registration process, you will receive an email confirming registration and other important information about participation. Online attendees may not attend in person. However, all attendees will have access to the virtual app with access to sessions on demand after the conference.

**Registration Fees** are the same for in-person and online participation. In-person registration includes a name badge that allows admission to all educational sessions tradeshow, special events. Online attendees will be shipped a meeting packet to the address provided with registration and will get immediate access to all education sessions.

	Before June 9	After June 9
Full Conference	\$125	\$175
Full Conference with ETT	\$225	\$275

## ETT Registration

This registration category includes the conference registration plus admittance to the 3-part (12-hour) Essential Trustee Training, session handouts, the 2021 Handbook for Trustees and 2022 Edition of Text of Laws, Open Meetings Act training materials and the certificates of attendance.

## Guest and Spouse Registration

IAFFPD welcomes family and/or guests and has arranged two events for their enjoyment. Guests can register with the fire district's registration or submit separately but should be affiliated with a fire district. We invite them to explore the [VisitChampaignCounty.org](http://VisitChampaignCounty.org) website to learn more about area attractions.

## ADA and Services for the Hearing Impaired

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the IAFFPD will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you have special needs, contact Cheri Breneman at 217-525-6620.

## Parking

Ample free parking is available at the I-Hotel Conference Center and at each of the hotels for hotel guests. A portion of the I-Hotel parking will be reserved for vendor displays and vehicles but should not impact conference attendee parking options.

## Hotel Information

The I-Hotel has limited availability and requires a two-night stay to book. To book a room at the **I-Hotel**, call **217-819-5000** ([www.StayAtTheI.com](http://www.StayAtTheI.com)). The group rate (IAFFPD22) at the **I-Hotel is \$129.00**. Additional lodging is available within a mile of the conference center with a discounted rate of \$85 per night using **Hilton online Reservation Code IFS**. Discounted rate is available until May 24<sup>th</sup>. Rooms booked after this date are not guaranteed a discount. Attendees should limit their booking to only those who have confirmed their travel plans.

- **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1501 S Neil Street | 217-352-9970
- **Home2 Suites by Hilton** - 2013 S. Neil St | 217-355-6468
- **Homewood Suites by Hilton** - 1417 S. Neil St | 217-352-9960

**Shuttle Transportation** to the I-Hotel Conference Center from the Hilton hotel properties will be offered each morning before and return trips at the end of the conference on Thursday and Friday.

## Tradeshow

The tradeshow will only be available to in-person attendees and open on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Name badges are required for entry onto the tradeshow floor. A one-day exhibit hall pass may be purchased for \$15 but must be done no later than June 16 and may have limited access.

## Online Registration Tips

- You must have your member's login credentials to register. If you do not have username or password, you can request your credentials or reset your password before you start the registration process. There are links to request credentials or reset your password on the "Home" and "Conferences" pages of [iaffpd.org](http://iaffpd.org).
- The attendee's *individual* email address is the key to the conference. Check the email address on your registration form before you submit to ensure that we have accurate information. \*The district's main email address cannot be the same as any individual email address.
- There is no group registration fee for this conference. You can register each attendee through your district profile, but registering individuals reduces errors in the process.
- Watch the short video that takes you through the registration process and allows you to see it click by click.

For questions, please call IAFFPD at 217-525-6620 or email Karrie Beneky at [karrie@iaffpd.org](mailto:karrie@iaffpd.org).

# Essential Trustee Training (ETT)

This is an IAFFPD exclusive 12-hour training program highly recommended for all members of the Board of Trustees. Trustees who complete the entire ETT Program under 70 ILCS 70/6 are entitled to additional compensation. The session is not being recorded and will not be available after the conference.

**Pre-registration and additional fee is required to attend.** The ETT Fee includes full conference admittance plus session materials, the 2021 Handbook for Trustees and the current edition of the Text of Laws.

- Part 1** Organization & Administration of the FPD  
Thursday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Part 2** Finances, Procurement, Legal Liability  
Thursday, 12:45 pm – 4:45 pm
- Part 3** Personnel and Human Resources  
Saturday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

# Open Meetings Act Training for Fire Protection Districts

**Saturday 12:45 - 2:45 pm**

**Pre-registration prior to June 9th is required to attend**

This program will fulfill the requirement for all new fire protection district trustees to complete Open Meetings Act training within the first 90 days of taking office after their appointment or election. The session also satisfies 2 hours continuing education requirements for fire and pension trustees. It is specifically developed for fire districts and covers the basic rules of the Act as well as decisions rendered by courts and the Public Access Counselor.

# Continuing Education Hours

**Fire Protection District Trustees (A)** Public Act 95-0799 requires trustees who have completed the Essential Trustee Training Program to fulfill a 3-hour annual continued education requirement. **All** sessions presented at the IAFFPD Annual Conference can satisfy this legal training requirement.

**Pension Fund Trustees (P)** The IAFFPD Conference program offers **4 hours** of qualified pension training credit to fulfill the in ethics and pension fund administration. Some of the educational programs at the IAFFPD Conference meet both the fire and pension board training requirements.

# Guests Programs

**Hardy's Reindeer Ranch, Friday 11:30 a.m. - \$50**

Pre-registered guests can board a charter bus for a short drive to visit, enjoy lunch and entertainment at the famous reindeer ranch. The Ranch was created in 1995 by Julie and Mark Hardy and family when they purchased their first two reindeer to help sell Christmas Trees on their farm in Rantoul. They now have over 30 reindeer, 5 acres of Christmas trees and a barn gift store.



**Breakfast with a Beekeeper, Saturday 9:30 a.m. - \$25**

Guests may register to attend a continental breakfast with and introduction to raising honeybees. The guest speaker is a 13-year veteran and President of the Central Easter Illinois Beekeepers Association, Rena Wilson Jones.

# Trustee Grants



The Trustee's Grant Program is available to assist trustee members of the Association who are interested in attending the Annual Conference but may have financial constraints hindering their ability to participate.

**The vision of the program is simple:**

- to promote education for those serving as an elected or appointed trustee,
- to present opportunities for networking with others tasked with the same role, and
- to provide a venue to learn from the experts who provide resources, specialty services and fire equipment utilized by the fire services.

The Foundation's Trustee Grant may award up to \$500.00 per recipient for 2022 Annual Conference. Some restrictions apply and all applications will be considered. Interested members must submit **Trustee Grant Application no later than May 15, 2022**. For more details and application, visit IAFFPD.org

# IAFFPD Foundation Raffle Drawing

Supporting the Next Generation of the Illinois Fire Service

With the support of our vendor and sponsor donations, the IAFFPD Foundation holds raffle drawings with many great gift baskets and unique prizes. All raffle proceeds raise funds for its Scholarship Program.

**\$10/per ticket or 3 for \$20**  
**A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THREE CASH PRIZES**

<b>FIRST PRIZE</b> \$1,000.00 CASH	<b>SECOND PRIZE</b> \$500.00 CASH	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE</b> \$250.00 CASH
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All raffle proceeds awarded to IAFFPD Foundation Scholarship Program. Drawing held on June 25, 2022 at IAFFPD Annual Conference. Winner need not be present to win!

# Special Events

## Reception - Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

An opportunity to unwind after a long day and gather with other attendees at **Jupiter's at the Crossing Pizzeria and Billiards Pub** located 10 minutes from the conference venue. Shuttle transportation will be running loops to the venue with stops at each of the hotels for the duration of the reception. Some food and beverage provided.



## Opening Ceremonies and Keynote

### Friday, 9:00 to 10:30 am

Friday kicks off the day with general session including opening remarks by the Association's and State agency leaders, followed by keynote Chief Ken Bouvier

## Honor & Recognition Awards Presentation

### Friday 10:30 am (during opening session)

IAFPD uses the annual conference as an opportunity to recognize the members who have served multiple terms of office with their respective fire districts (Trustee's Years of Service Recognition) as well as a few select members who have demonstrated "outstanding Service" in their fire community or with the IAFPD.



## Salute to America - Friday at 11:00 am

The traditional ceremony that honors our country by raising the flag (weather permitting) just following the opening session.

## Demonstrations & Unique Presentations, Friday

With the support of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, our vendors and sponsors, the conference tradeshow offers live demonstrations outdoors and 10-minute talks inside to raise awareness and educated attendees on new developments in the industry.

## Tailgate-Theme Party on Friday, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

The conference committee invites all attendees to enjoy an evening of FUNdraising, music, cold beverages and fellowship at the I-Hotel Conference Center. A great time to wear your favorite team apparel and enjoy the University of Illinois campus views. We welcome and invite cardplayers to join us for our first annual Euchre tournament to show support of the IAFPD Foundation's Scholarship Program and enjoy other entertainment and conversation.



## Fire Service Memorial - Saturday, 8:00 am - 8:30 am

This special dedication pays tribute to fallen firefighters and other members of the Illinois fire service who have passed away during the past year. To include a person on the necrology and program, please be sure to **notify IAFPD before June 1.**

# Featured Speakers



## Chief Ken Bouvier, New Orleans, LA

Chief Ken Bouvier is a Nationally Registered Paramedic and national and international speaker with 46+ years of experience and currently serves as the Hazardous Materials Officer for the Westwego, Louisiana Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Bouvier has an extensive educational background in both fire and EMS and written contributions in 14 textbooks. Chief Bouvier served as the EMS Commander of most New Orleans major events including Mardi Gras, Super Bowls 2002 & 2010 and was responsible for Commanding both New Orleans & Mutual Aid Ambulances after Hurricane Katrina.

## Pre-Conference Session: Thursday, June 23

### "Managing Bus Incidents"

This session is designed to help fire service leaders better understand school bus design, safety features, crash data, types of injuries, triage, patient tracking and how to manage a school bus incident.

## Keynote: Friday, June 24

### "45 Years of Tragedies"

This session will refresh your memory of the several tragedies from the past, but more important, pose the questions: "What Have We Learned and Is Your Department Ready?" This program identifies the great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe that coincide with tragedy.



Chief Rick Haase is the Director of Emergency Response & Security / Fire Chief at Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery in Roxana, IL. As the refinery fire chief, he manages all fire, EMS, rescue and hazmat response operations for the 325,000 barrel per day, 3,300-acre facility as well coordinating all security response, the fire protection/prevention program and the emergency preparedness program. The refinery has a 215-member response team and operates 26 apparatus, 13 trailers and 3 boats out from 3 stations. Rick has also been an active volunteer with Staunton Fire Protection District for 39 years, serving as chief for the last 25 years. The SFPD has 35 active volunteers who cover 36 square miles in southern Macoupin County and northern Madison County.

## Closing Session: Saturday, June 25

### Wood River Rail Car Haz Mat Incident

During June 2021, a significant hazardous materials involving multiple rail cars incident impacted the Wood River, Illinois area. This presentation will overview key learnings from the incident and will help attendees prepare for a potential large-scale haz mat incident in their jurisdiction.

## What to Wear?

IAFPD will follow state requirements on mask mandates. Business casual dress is suitable for the conference. It is recommended attendees bring a sweater to cope with cooler room temperatures.





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## Why Exhibit?

**The Conference Attendees.** IAFFD average conference brings together members representing more than 150 fire protection districts. Our members are the 'key decision makers' for their purchases: Trustees, Fire Chiefs, and other key personnel are present and ready to learn about your latest products and services available!

**The event program book.** Every attendee gets a printed and electronic conference program packed with all details, lists of supporters and where to locate them. Your company is listed, along with your contact information. You can purchase ad space for even more visibility.

**Exclusive Time and Traffic Generators.** We have devoted Friday afternoon to showcase our vendors and sponsors and do not have educational programs during this time, aside from what they may learn from the exhibitors.

**Free Advertising.** All vendors will be listed in the Summer issue of [The Fire Call](#) and all vendors will be acknowledged on the website.

**Expand your customer base.** Every attendee that you meet is another opportunity to generate a lead. All exhibitors receive an electronic list of the fire districts that pre-registered so you can invite them to visit your booth.

**There's still time to  
sign-up to exhibit... save \$100 by  
registering before May 15th.**

**Visit [IAFFD.org](http://IAFFD.org) for info!**

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