

ASSOCIATION UPDATE



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Spring Planning

One of the greatest compliments we as an organization can hope for, is that we are meeting the expectations of our members. It was a few days after the last issue of *The Fire Call* magazine was mailed, I received a phone call from one member and an email from another to tell me they had read it, and more important, that they look forward to receiving our publication. To add to that, I think it's equally important to mention that we get these types comments quite often, and they never get old! And so, I thank you for reading it and sharing your feedback. I also welcome your suggestions for new content or topics to feature.

The IAFFD Publications Committee is fortunate to have supporting members, legal experts, financial professionals and fire service agencies who contribute timely topics and information that assist with the governance of fire protection districts. If you find yourself appreciating an article or report, the author would likely be pleased to hear from you as well.

This spring issue is loaded with useful information, particularly as we are in the midst of a busy legislative session and the upcoming Annual Conference just after we finished the five regional educational programs and hosted our a Legislative Day in Springfield which are all highlighted.

You will see many business, members and individuals who are contributing to the programs we deliver to the membership. It is their support that help keep your costs low and the quality of the programs high. If you have not yet had the opportunity

to join us for any of the recent events, I hope you will consider attending the Annual Conference in Peoria (June 27-29) where the real fun happens! The program presents 27 topics including the Essential Trustee Training, formerly known as Advanced Trustee Training, has a new name but the same quality content. The new name says it all and that if you are a fire protection district trustee, this program is essential to your role.

The conference days are spent on education and the evenings are reserved for entertaining social events. The event offers a few guest programs or there are plenty of area attractions within walking distance. To learn more about the area, please visit enjoypeoria.org.

A few pages of the conference guide are included, but the full brochure is posted on the website and was mailed to

your district's President and Fire Chief. I have inserted below a few important dates and reminders for the conference.

- May 10 – Trustee Conference Scholarship Application Deadline
- May 15 – Years of Service Recognition & Outstanding Service Award Nominations deadline
- June 12 – Discounted room rates expire, please do not book rooms for people who have not confirmed their attendance as costly cancellation fees may apply.
- June 15 – Registration fee increases \$25/per person

I look forward to hearing more from you during the weeks ahead and hope to see you in Peoria in June! In the meantime, Happy Spring! ■

Does Your District have Newly Elected or Appointed Trustees? *IAFFD Has Training!*

ESSENTIAL TRUSTEE TRAINING (ETT)

(formerly called Advanced Trustee Training, this program has a new name with the same quality content)

The next offering for IAFFD ETT Program is at the 76th Annual Conference to be held at the Peoria Civic Center in June

PART 1 – JUNE 27, 8:00 am – Noon - Organization and General Administration

PART 2 – JUNE 27, 12:45 PM – 4:45 PM - Finances, Procurement, and Legal Liability

PART 3 – June 28, 8:00 am - Noon - Personnel and Human Resources

Trustees who complete the entire ETT program under PA 95-0799 are entitled to additional compensation. Each 4-hour session is presented by legal experts on local government administration.