



# IAFPD 77th Annual Conference



*Hindsight is 2020:  
Where do we go from here?*

## A Message from The Committee...

On behalf of the conference committee, I personally would like to thank all those who attended the 77th IAFPD Conference whether in person or online. We appreciate the support and contributions from our sponsors, vendors, and volunteers that made this conference happen. This year saw many firsts at our conference. It was the first time we have hosted a conference in Champaign, the first time to have a virtual online audience, the first time all sessions were recorded, a one day tradeshow, and awards being presented at the Opening Session to mention a few. Our theme was "Hindsight is 2020: Where Do We Go From Here"? As our committee pondered this theme, we began to realize that it gave us an opportunity, because of the pandemic mitigations, to change things up a bit, but still present a conference that our attendees have come to expect from us. We began to think outside the box as we planned this event.

Due to the gathering restrictions and social distancing, we were limited to the very low number of attendees we could have participate in person. So, the

committee decided to research virtual platforms that would allow those who couldn't attend because of the numbers or had concerns about the virus, an opportunity to attend. We scaled back the schedule but presented shorter sessions to fill the schedule with what we felt members need to know.

The traditional social events were cancelled but we found a way to bring a one-day tradeshow that allowed our vendors exclusive time with the attendees and the members completing the 12-hour trustee training who have the displays as well. Since the fire service luncheon was cancelled, we decided to present awards during the opening session. We moved the location for the Fire Service Memorial from the traditional tradeshow floor to a classroom. Due to travel uncertainties, our keynote speaker presented a virtual program that addressed how to navigate where we need to go from here, and prepare for what is coming at us next.

Given all the challenges we faced, the conference was a success. It was nice to get out and see familiar faces, and begin to get back to a more normal life.

I thank our committee, the rest of the IAFPD Board for their support, and I can't thank Cheri and Karrie for their countless hours working to make it all happen. I applaud the speakers that presented top notch material for those attending to take back home and implement at their districts. It is our hope that this conference was enjoyed by each and every attendee. We look forward to any and all your comments on your experience. Let your neighbors know about your experience, and if they are not members of the IAFPD tell them what they are missing out on. Although we have yet to determine where we are going from here in terms of location, but you can expect that your needs and expectations are the first consideration as we begin to plan for next year. Once we have a venue selected and the date confirmed, mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 78th IAFPD Annual Conference. ■

Ken Yeakley  
IAFPD Conference Chairman

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*John T. Brady & Karl Ottosen presenting Dysfunctional Boards*



*IAFPD Staff Karrie Boardman, Kathy Ridley and Cheri Breneman*



*Kay & Joe Ciukaj, Godfrey FPD*



*Gary Mueller, Kevin Bell, Chatham Fire Dept.*



*Marsha Geisler presenting CRR*



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*Randy Rhodes, Divernon & Keith Rigdon, Sherman*



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## JUNE 24-26, 2021

I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL



### Exhibitors

*Thank you for your participation!*

- 1-800-Board Up
- A.E.C. Fire & Safety
- Air One Equipment
- Alexis Fire Equipment
- Ameren Illinois
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- Andres Medical Billing
- Banner Fire Equipment
- Breathing Air Systems
- Compass Insurance Partners
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- Dinges Fire Company
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*Marvin Hill & Bonnie Bayser*



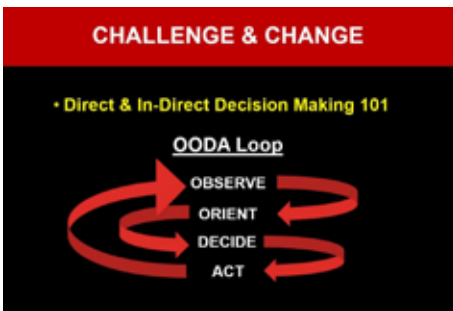
*Em Richbark*



*Champaign FD Honor Guard*



*Ken Yeakley Welcomes Audience*



*Virtual Keynote, Marc Bashoor*

Are you ready for what's coming next?  
Don't let hindsight become your new reality!



*Chief Patrick Kenny delivers a powerful message to help members understand how to Break the Stig-ma with Mental Health and book signing event to share his story "Taking the Cape Off" and his deeper dive into the topic.*



*IFSI Director, Col. Mortensen receives standing ovation and well wishes for his retirement*



*Bonnie Bayer, Marvin Hill, Chaplin Dick Joyce, Ken Yeakley & Art Kilburg*

# Honor & Recognition Award Presentations



## Years of Service Award

The Trustee Years of Service Awards are presented to individuals who have served multiple terms with their respective Fire Protection District.



*Brad Janzen, Timber-Hollis FPD*



*Marvin Hill, Barrington Countryside FPD*



*Jim Withers, Dunlap FPD*



*Kenneth Marunde, Woodstock FPD*

Member	FPD	Years of Service As Trustee	Years with Department
Jim Johnson,	Olive FPD	18	18
Marvin Hill,	Barrington Countryside FPD	18	18
William (Bill) Hensch,	Sidney FPD	22	46
Kenneth Marunde,	Woodstock FPD	27	27
Nick Kosira,	Glenside FPD	30	30
Lyle Coffman,	Limestone Township FPD	35	49
Brad Janzen,	Timber-Hollis FPD	43	48
Harold O'Mara,	East Joliet FPD	49	73
Jim Withers,	Dunlap FPD	56	56

## Trustees' Outstanding Service Award

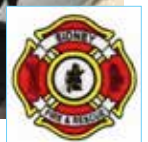
Awards a nominated fire protection district trustee (past or present) for outstanding service to the IAFFPD, a particular fire protection district or districts, or the Illinois Fire Service.



*Nick Kosira, President  
Glenside Fire Protection District  
30 years on the Board of Trustees, 20 years as  
President and a charter member and current  
president of the NIAFFPD Board of Directors*



*William (Bill) Hensch, Secretary/Treasurer  
Sidney Fire Protection District  
Currently has served 22 years as trustee, 46 years  
with the department serving 5 years as fire chief.*



## 2021 Distinguished Member



*2021 Distinguished Member Award was presented to Illinois Public Risk Fund*

## 2021 Associate Member Appreciation

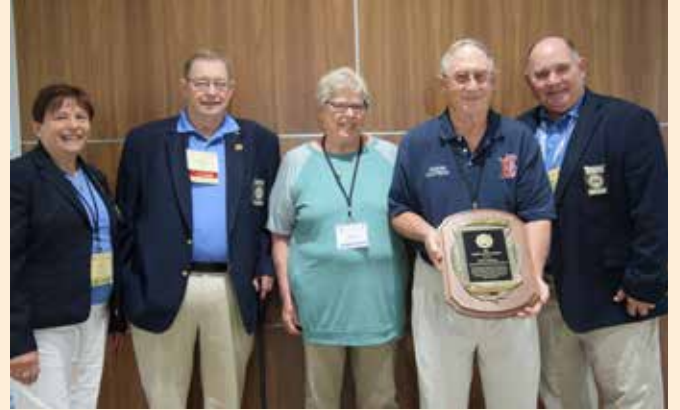


*The IAFPD Member Appreciation Award Presented to Dave Broz, Railside Citrus Insurance Agency*

## 2021 Kenny Long Award

**Recipient:**

**Lyle Coffman, President  
Limestone Township Fire Protection  
District**



The Kenny Long Award was established in 1996 and named after a leader, strong visionary and someone truly devoted to the mission of the IAFPD with a passion for helping small districts. The recipients are selected by the IAFPD Board of Directors and often follow the same philosophy and possess the same leadership vision as did Kenny Long. The award is given to a person who has made a significant difference to the fire service as a whole and their work will be seen for years to come.

Mr. Coffman has served a total of 57 year beginning as a volunteer with German Valley and later in Forreston and eventually made his way to Limestone where he served as a paramedic for almost 40 years and trustee for the last 35 years. Lyle joined the IAFPD Board as an Area Representative in 1991 and took a director position in 1998 and served until 2006 and has remained active with the organization and the educational events.

***Congratulations Lyle Coffman!***



*Awards Table*