

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Michael Dillon, President  
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I hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer 2022 or what there was of it. To recap, your Association had our annual conference in June, assisted with the fire exhibit and tent at the state fair in August and continue to work with the Illinois Fire Chief's Association for our combined conference in June 2023. That will be a new opportunity for both organizations and a conference you won't want to miss.

The newest edition of the [Text of Laws Relating to Illinois Fire Protection Districts and State Fire Marshal](#) (referred to as the "Text of Laws") was released in June and added about 75 more pages than its previous 2018 edition. Each Fire District member receives one copy of the publication with their membership and has either received this at the conference, in the mail or hand-delivered by a member of the Board of Directors.

The fall season is a time to remind everyone about our education offerings, which are listed in The Fire Call and on the IAFFPD website. We have scheduled a two-day event to offer the Essential Trustee Training (ETT) for which will be presented virtually on November 18 and 19, 2022. This exclusive program is highly recommended for newly appointed or elected trustees but more important, offered as resource to help trustees understand their specific roles and legal and financial responsibilities.

Our annual Continuing Trustee Education (CTE) will hold one all virtual and three in-person session during the months of January through March 2023 and specific dates have been sent in the email newsletter and can be found on our website. We also are pleased to bring back the Annual Winter Conference as an in-person event coming up February 17 and 18, 2023 in O'Fallon, Illinois.

THANK YOU to the Conference and Education Committee and staff for their continued work on these training sessions. I really appreciate these people's dedication and devotion to the IAFFPD.

I can't forget our publications, live webinars, and on-line learning programs. There are over 15 individual on-demand programs available to better understand our duties. Again, all information on these learning opportunities can be found on the website [iaffpd.org](http://iaffpd.org).

Communications – We still need your help. Member contact information is always a work in progress, and we need your help as Trustees retire, move to other positions, with pension boards or commissions our database and contacts need to be updated. PLEASE contact the Office with any changes, this will assist in us getting the IAFFPD and Fire District information to our members in a timely manner. The office staff puts out blast messages and other information distributed via email. The districts membership database needs

to be kept updated so the distributed information, notices and blast messages can get to the correct people.

Legislation – The legislation committee has been meeting and working on issues to be submitted to the General Assembly in January 2023. This issue of the fire call has an updated report on the legislative activities by our lobbyist Brittan Bolin.

Membership renewals have been sent out. PLEASE renew your membership and keep receiving the fire call and member discounts on training sessions and other activities. If you need more information on ways your district can work with the IAFFPD or questions on how the IAFFPD can assist your district, the Board of Directors, Staff, and I are interested in hearing from you. ■

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