

ASSOCIATION UPDATE



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Thank You for Supporting IAFPD

The Fall season allows the IAFPD leadership and committees to review the year's successful outcomes and focus on the year ahead.

As we wrap up the second of two combined conferences with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, I sincerely appreciate their organization and the many others who supported the two-year partnership. While collaborations can be challenging, there are key people who worked hard to present the best of both associations in one event and made it work! Thank you, event chairs Ray Larson and Damon Schuldt, for the leadership and the IAFPD Conference Committee for the time and efforts they put forth to contribute to the success of this endeavor.

We recently announced three live webinars to be held before we wrap up the year. The webinar speakers and topics are all well-received presentations at the September Illinois Fire Service Conference. If you could not attend the IFSC 2024, this option offers a sample of the quality programming the IAFPD brings to its conferences. All webinars earn continuing education credit hours.

Striking Balance with OSHA Regulations was a live webinar presented on November 6th by agency leads Erik Kambarian

and Ed Jancauskas from the IDOL Division of Safety and Health (IL OSHA). This session and all live webinars are available On-demand in the IAFPD Online Learning Library.

'Cyber Attacks' offers insight and valuable tips for local governments' use of technology. We are pleased to have Erin Slone and Joe Daniels from the Illinois Treasurer's Office presenting this important topic on November 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Next, we welcome David Livingstone, a regular conference and OMA Training speaker, to our online learning platform. David will present *an OMA/FOIA Update on the Opinions and Decisions Interpreting Illinois Sunshine Laws*. This live webinar is scheduled for December 11th at 4:00 p.m. Attending a webinar or ordering the on-demand version of the presentation is very easy and accessible at IAFPD.org. We pride ourselves on being an educational resource for all types of learners and hope you will explore the Online Learning Library to see what programs may assist you or your entire board.

Many Boards have watched the *Down & Dirty* program as a group, as it reviews the annual calendar and checklist and explains the members' requirements, roles, and responsibilities.

Speaking of the Board, your fire district's membership renewal packet was mailed to the attention of the treasurer, but the information is intended to be shared with all trustees, the fire chief, and the attorney.

As your Board of Trustees meets this fall, please consider placing IAFPD on the meeting agenda and use the time to review the legislative report published in this issue of *The Fire Call*, calendar one or more of the educational opportunities available in 2025. You can also use the time to review and assign the tasks described in the 2025 Annual Calendar & Checklist we provide when you renew your membership.

You may notice a few changes to the traditional dates and formats we offer for training. We expect some changes will invite new opportunities for our members and bring more success than ever.

In closing, thank you for contributing to another year of success. Please continue sharing your stories (good or bad) and help us better understand how to improve or expand what we do for your fire district. ■