

IN THE NEWS

Essential Trustee Training Presented in Addison

Twenty-nine trustees completed the 3-part training held November 1st and 2nd, 2019.



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Thank you Fox River Fire Protection District for providing breakfast for the Essential Trustee Training



IAFPD training brings opportunity for Fox River Countryside FPD to acknowledge Fire Chief, Joe Leone and Addison FPD for their generous donation of a command car donation to their district.

IN MEMORY



Robert Murillo (20) Firefighter EMT-B with Braidwood Fire Department passed away unexpectedly on November 29, 2019. Beloved son of the late Roberto "Bob" and Maribeth Murillo. Loving brother of Kathryn Murillo. Cherished boyfriend of Alana Phillips. Dear nephew of many aunts and uncles. Robert had been a valued member of our Fire Department family since October 3, 2016, as a Fire Cadet. He enjoyed spending time with his family and working shifts at the fire station and will be truly missed by his family and by his fire department brothers and sisters



William J. Gitzke (76) of Cary, Father, husband, brother, soldier, firefighter passed away on November 15, 2019. Gitzke was married his wife of 52 years, Carol (Helms) Gitzke. Together they raised two children and he was known as "Pops" by 7 grandchildren. He owned and operated G Communications. He dedicated 51 years to Cary Fire Protection District, retiring as Deputy Chief. However, being a firefighter was not just a career to Bill, it was his life-long passion.



Donald L. Hedrick (95) of Maryville, IL, passed away on December 21, 2019. Don was the President of the Maryville Fire Protection District and is the longest serving President in the State of Illinois. Don was the owner and operator of Don Hedrick Packaging, LLC and former administrator of the Hamel State Bank. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Diana (nee Adams) Hedrick, six nieces and nephews; and his favorite cat, Hannibal.



Robert L. Rutledge (92) of Adair passed away August 31, 2019. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Patricia H. Hammond who passed in 2017. Robert lived in the Adair area all of his life where he was a lifelong farmer. He also served as New Salem Township Supervisor and on the Macomb School Board for many years. Robert enjoyed getting out and riding his gator. He loved going to the Adair Café and playing cards at the Adair pool hall.



Robert Scholtes, Fire Chief East Joliet passed away on December 26, 2019. Robert started his career at East Joliet in 1975 and worked his way to chief in May 2000. He was a beloved husband of Michele (nee McGann); loving father, brother to four siblings, and cherished papa to nine grandchildren.



John H. "Jack" Schmitt (86) passed away on January 4, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Beverly Bergsma since 1956 and together they raised 6 children; and had 15 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Jack's love and devotion to the Spring Grove Fire and Rescue was more than evident in his 50 years serving as firefighter; 35 years as President of trustees; 4 years as Fire Chief; and 4 years as Assistant Chief.