



IN THE NEWS

Congratulations!

Chief Greg Earle celebrating 34 years of service with Centralia Fire Protection District and the decision to retire as fire chief after 23 years. A surprise celebration was held in his honor on June 29th where IAFPD presented an appreciation plaque and commemorative coin to honor, acknowledge and show appreciation to his commitment to the organization, his district and the Illinois fire services as a whole.



Grant Opportunity Reminder!

This one-time Illinois Fire Department COVID Relief Grant is still accepting applications until August 13th. This grant is meant to help volunteer/combination departments make up for lost revenues due to lack of fundraising events during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the OSFM's website to find out if your department/district qualifies and fill out the application.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/.../Illinois-Fire-Department...>

IN MEMORY



Donald Feher (79) of Fairview Heights, IL, died on June 3, 2021. Don began his working life as a Plant Engineer at Missouri Research Labs. He served his community for 37 years beginning as a volunteer fire fighter in 1969 and continuing in 1989 when he became full time Fire Chief of the Fairview Heights

Fire Department until his retirement in 2006. Upon retirement, he remained active in the fire community by working part time at St. Clair County EMA. He served as a Board Member of the St. Clair County ETSB (911). He was a founding member of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services Association and served as chairman until earlier this year. He served as chairman of the County Fire Chiefs Association and as a board member of the Illinois Fire Chief Association. He was on the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, Advisory Board for the Illinois Fire Marshal, was a member of the Illinois Fire Service Instructors, and chairman of the County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).



Carl Culkin (66) of Sadorus, passed away on July 20, 2021. Carl served in the United States Air Force from 1974-1978, stationed at Luke AFB, in Arizona. He served on the Sadorus Fire Department for over 35 years, 10 years was as Sadorus Fire Chief. He was a member of Fire Chiefs Association. He loved his family, he was generous, funny and loyal. He was a great story

teller, who never knew a stranger. He was also an animal lover and was always lending a hand for anyone who needed it.

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