

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Michael Dillon, President
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THANK YOU everyone who attended the CTE sessions either in-person or virtually and a great Thanks to the presenters and vendors supporting our educational sessions. What I can tell from our evaluations and comments everything worked very well. This gives the IAFFPD another way to assist in education activities and communicating with our membership.

That leads me into the June 2022 Annual Conference "Fire Protection Districts Still Going Strong" we have several very good presenters on Thursday and Saturday, along with the Essential Trustee Training (ETT), vendor exhibits and apparatus displays on Friday. **Mark your calendars June 23 to June 25, 2022.** This will be a Conference you won't want to miss.

One important reminder is that the annual meeting of the membership will be on Thursday afternoon. In order to conduct the business of the Annual Meeting, it is necessary that there be a quorum of the membership represented either in-person or by proxy at the meeting. For that reason, I am requesting that, if your District does not plan to have an in-person representative, that your District complete and submit the Proxy form along with the credential certification so that there will be a sufficient number of IAFFPD Members to hold the meeting.

PLEASE watch for blast emails and check the IAFFPD website for updates and registration information for the conference.

Do you have a Trustee with several years of service or has helped with improvement to your Fire District? Complete a years of service request or an

Outstanding Trustee award. Annual award nominee applications are being received until May 15, 2022. please complete the application to recognize your Trustee. Applications are available on the IAFFPD website.

Communications – a multiple repeated and very important request - This is where the IAFFPD needs your help! Member contact information is always a work in progress and we need your help to maintain our database, so that emails, blast alerts and web updates are being received..

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.

Cheri and Karrie do an outstanding job for the association keeping the website up-to-date and getting current information out to our members via emails, constant

contact blasts or blast messages. THANK YOU both for your dedication to the IAFFPD.

My article has three items that need membership reminders:

- Save the date for our annual conference June 23 to 25 ,2022
- PLEASE complete the Credentials and Proxy, and
- Assure that membership information is up-to-date.

As always, watch the IAFFPD website for updates on current fire service action, legislation and upcoming events. 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. ■

Sincerely

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