

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Michael Dillon, President
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It was another great year at the Illinois State Fair and I extend a personal word of appreciation to the volunteers who contributed to IAFFPD day and the many organizations and people involved with the Fire Safety Exhibit and this productive public education platform. The weather was hotter than expected but the exhibits were well attended and kept everyone busy.

As we reach the end of 2018, I also want to thank everyone who volunteered and dedicate their time to assist in our programs and events throughout the year.

An update on our long-term planning projects:

- Social Media is reaching new numbers with Facebook contacts and communication
- The website is updated regularly with new developments and information
- The implementation of IAFFPD webinars has added several topics to the list of programs. Please open the online learning library tab on the IAFFPD website and see the webinars recently added: Fundamentals of Pension Fund Administration, Grant Writing, How to Run a Legal and Efficient Meeting, Identifying Liability

Risks just to name a few. You can download these one-hour seminars at any time. We are also planning to add additional webinars in the future.

- Member contact information is always a work in progress and we rely on your help as Trustees retire or move to other positions. Please be sure to notify the IAFFPD Office with any changes and new contact information so they start getting this magazine, details on educational opportunities and other important correspondence.

Legislative outcomes, 2019 Training Sessions, Winter Conference information and the 2019 conference dates are contained in this issue of *The Fire Call*. Mark your calendars with these important dates.

I would like to remind everyone that the 2018 Editions of the *Text of Laws* and the *Handbook for Trustees* are available. Member fire protection districts receive a free copy of the Text of Laws as part of your membership. Most districts who attended the conference received their free book at the IAFFPD Booth and for all others the office mailed your copy via U.S. Mail on Sept. 7.

By now, all members should have their membership renewal packet. Please take a moment to review the membership

update provided. These items should be posted or distributed to all members of the Board of Trustees, Fire Chief and attorney as it contains information they need to know.

Visit IAFFPD.org 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 you have questions on how the IAFFPD can assist your district, the Board of Directors, Staff and I are interested in hearing from you.

If your fire protection district or countywide association would like a Director or Area Representative join your next meeting or attend a special event please reach out to us via the Office Staff and arrangements will be made. ■

Best Regards
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IAFFPD President