

ASSOCIATION UPDATE



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Just do it!
For you, for us and for them!

The inaugural 2023 IFSC Conference is here and presents ample opportunity for taking your fire district position to a greater level. It seems fitting to provide a few reasons to attend this monumental event in Peoria on June 14-17, 2023.

If you need **continued education hours**, we have more than three hours available each day. The program presents **a variety of disciplines within fire service education**. Whether you're seeking a promotion, a new career, or professional development, there is plenty of opportunity to learn something new.

- Fire Protection District Trustees
- Pension Board Trustees
- Career Fire Chiefs
- Volunteer or Combined Officer Chiefs
- EMS Division Chiefs

The conference presents three **specialized training programs**,

- **3-Part (12-hour) Essential Trustee Training** - an IAFFPD exclusive. The ETT program is presented in three parts which are 4-hours each day.
 - ✓ Administration and Organization Requirements
 - ✓ Procurement and Legal Liability Matters
 - ✓ Personnel and Human Resource Responsibilities
- **Harassment Training** a one-hour presentation that meets the State's annual requirement and shares insight for avoiding a claim.

- **Open Meeting Act Training must be complete within 90 days of** appointment to a local government. While the State's online training is sufficient to meet the legal requirement, the OMA training at the IFSC conference has been developed specifically for fire districts and department officials.

Timing is everything! Our members expect their association to keep them in the know on legal changes and new developments within the industry. Whether it is FOIA, Grant compliance, or addressing the staffing crisis, there are **timely topics that are important to the work you do**.

Our presenters are skilled! The speakers present topics they know well and have some form of an impact on the

fire service. They are professional, come prepared and know their audience before they arrive.

Camaraderie is a powerful thing! Visiting other attendees who live in a similar realm or completely different world brings purpose and meaning. We have meal functions, breaks, and social gatherings to visit with old friends or establish new ones.

Unlike FDIC, this show is intimate. The IFSC vendor showcase is expecting to showcase 80-100 supporting vendors. We welcome local dealers, sales teams, and businesses who are eager to see their existing customers just as much as taking back a lead for new business.

The conference is highly supported by the sponsors and vendors but presented for its members. We hope you will consider being part of this exciting endeavor. ■

Illinois Fire Service Conference

Coming Together Driven by Leadership Service & Dedication

June 14-17, 2023 - Peoria, Illinois



Ample Educational Offerings!

- **4 Days With Programming**
- **4 Tracks**
- **30 Sessions**
- **45 Participating Speakers**
- **3 Specialized Training Options**