

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Michael Dillon, President
Braidwood FPD

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.

The IAFPD has several activities coming up:

May 13th brings us to the Firefighter Memorial and Medal of Honor ceremonies in Springfield.

June 19th to 21st, is the IAFPD 80th annual conference in Champaign at the I-Hotel and conference center. This is a conference you don't want to miss.

August 8th is IAFPD day at the 2025 Illinois State Fair. If any members would like to volunteer to assist with the fire service tent and exhibits, PLEASE let Karrie in the IAFPD office know.

August 15th is the IAFPD Foundation Golf Outing. This is one of our fundraisers to support the scholarship and grant programs for our member districts. So, grab a foursome and join us for a great day of golf, food, and prizes. My thanks to Larry Brown, Steve Schultz and Don Loos for their continued support of this outing.

Other upcoming events and training dates are available on the IAFPD website www.iafpd.org.

Another item to the website is an interactive membership mapping of all member fire districts. Try it out, it has been available, but I'm not sure everyone was aware of this neat tool.

Communications – Trustee election and appointments may have changed Board of Trustee members. Please ensure

that new Trustee information is provided to the IAFPD office. This assists the Office Staff to get emails, constant contact messages, Fire Call magazines, and web updates to the correct people.

As always, watch the IAFPD website for updates on current fire service action, legislation, on-line training opportunities and upcoming events. If you need more information on ways your district can work with the IAFPD or questions on how the IAFPD can assist your district, the Board of Directors, Staff, and I am interested in hearing from you. ■

Michael Dillon
Trustee, Braidwood FPD
IAFPD, President

NEW 2025 EDITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

The IAFPD Publications Committee is pleased to announce the two exclusive resources available through the Association have been updated. Members who are attending the IAFPD 80th Annual Conference in June may pick up their new books at the IAFPD Booth or they may place an order on the website and expect delivery in July.

The *Text of Laws Relating to Illinois Fire Protection Districts and the State Fire Marshal* is a compilation of those state laws which most directly apply to fire protection districts and the Illinois fire service in general. The book includes the Fire Protection District Act, Open Meetings, Freedom of Information Act, Municipal code, Vehicle code and numerous other Acts as amended through Public Act 100-576 of the 100th General Assembly.

Each of the district members receives a FREE copy of this book and can purchase additional copies at a discounted price.

The Official ***Handbook for Trustees of Fire Protection Districts***

The Handbook is the essential companion to the Text of Laws. This clearly indexed and easy to understand reference provides an explanation of the laws which govern fire protection districts in Illinois, with corresponding statutes to the duties and responsibilities of the fire district administration.

