

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Michael Dillon, President  
Braidwood FPD*

**T**HANK YOU to everyone who attended the first Illinois Fire Service Conference in June. This conference was a combined partnership with the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

THANKS to Chief John Kachanuk from the IFCA and IAFFPD Area Representative Damon Schuldt for chairing and leading this partnership. There were several committees needed to get the conference organized and implemented. THANKS to all our committee members for their work, devotion, and dedication to the conference. I know there were some errors and glitches we ran into, but things got corrected and some items will be addressed for next year's conference. Conference surveys will be sent out. PLEASE take a couple of minutes and complete the survey so that we can work to improve the conference.

I want to congratulate Directors Ann Joyce and Marvin Hill for being re-elected for another 3-year term to the IAFFPD Board. These Directors as part of the IAFFPD

team makes my job as President very easy. Ann and Marvin have shown a great dedication and devotion to the IAFFPD.

During the quarterly board of directors meeting Damon Schuldt, Don Loos, Gary Mueller, and Dr. Richard George were re-appointed as Area Representatives of the IAFFPD. These individuals also have shown a great dedication to our organization.

On Friday, August 25 the IAFFPD Foundation will host a Golf Outing in support of the Scholarship program. Please check the IAFFPD website for registration information. The IAFFPD Foundation's Scholarship Program is available to support programs that educate the general public on fire prevention and safety, conduct research in the field and provide proper training and equipment to adequately serve the Illinois fire service.

PLEASE consider taking part in a day of fun, golf, food, and beverage at the Foundation Golf Outing or donating to the foundation to support the scholarships.

Also, in the fall we have the legislative committee meetings, planning for the

winter 2024 conference and the CTE classes, and don't forget about the on-line programs that bring training to you and allow you to earn Continuing Education credits. Whether you need to brush up on material you have gained at previous training sessions, or you would like to earn additional CE, we hope that you will take advantage of this convenient and affordable platform. For more information on any of the topics available to all our members, please go to our website [iaffpd.org](http://iaffpd.org).

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. Enjoy the remaining time of summer, be safe. ■

Sincerely  
Michael Dillon, Braidwood FPD  
IAFFPD President

## SAVE THE DATE:

# Illinois Fire Service Conference

## *2nd Annual Joint Conference*

### June 12-15, 2024 - Peoria Civic Center