

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Michael Dillon, President
Braidwood FPD*

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer.

Your Association has been busy with the proposed rule changes to the Federal OSHA standard on fire brigades which will have a huge impact on the way fire districts do documentation and do business. There was a comment period that ended just before this Fire Call publication as several proposed changes were found to be unacceptable to the fire service.

Your Association spent time reviewing the changes and conducted a town hall webinar to make our members aware of the issues with the proposal. The office developed a survey (questionnaire) to collect real data on the impact of the rule change. Thanks to the IAFPD Staff (Karrie and Cheri), Jim Sinclair and his staff (Bailey) for preparing for this webinar, coordinating the materials and working with the member communications during this time. We have provided comments on behalf of the IAFPD and the members we represent and included these in this issue of the Fire Call.

I hope your plans include joining the IAFPD for the Golf Outing August 16, 2024, in St. Anne, Illinois. All money raised from the event will go directly to the IAFPD Foundation which supports education scholarships and grants to assist member fire districts. Thank you to the golf committee (Steve Schultz, Larry Brown, Don Loos and Karrie for their work in planning this year's outing.

I also want everyone to get registered now for the IAFPD and IFCA Combined Fire Service Conference in September (Sept. 15 to 17, 2024). Both organizations have

developed a quality educational program and we anticipate another great number of participating vendors. Details about the program and event are contained in this issue of the Fire Call.

The IAFPD Annual Membership Meeting will be held during this conference. Credentials and proxies will be mailed in August. Please complete these documents and return them to the IAFPD Office.

As always, watch the IAFPD website for updates on current fire service action, Federal OSHA fire brigade legislation, 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 are interested in hearing from you. ■

Sincerely,
Michael Dillon
Trustee, Braidwood FPD
IAFPD, President

SAVE THE DATE

4th Annual
**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION
ONE DAY
CONFERENCE**

DATE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2024

LOCATION:
ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE
11 Gerty Drive – Champaign, Illinois

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