



## ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Illinois Fire Service Leaders,

On behalf of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Executive Board, Staff and Symposium Committee I would like to invite you to attend the 47<sup>th</sup> IFCA Annual Symposium May 17-19, 2017. The committee has worked hard to make sure that the Symposium will be informational and a great social experience. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the Symposium to be held at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria.

As always the Symposium will begin Wednesday evening with registration and an open Forum with the Attorneys. This is a chance to voice questions or concerns to the Attorneys in an Open Forum format. The Attorneys will discuss any new legal issues that will concern our organization's members.

Thursday morning registration will continue, the increasingly popular 5K Run/Walk will be held and presentations begin at 8am. Our first presentation will be from Kidde Smoke Detectors. The morning will finish up with presentations from Chief Urban on rebuilding North Chicago and another presentation on transforming Detroit Fire Department by Deputy Commissioner Fornell. The afternoon will focus on Cancer Prevention a serious topic to firefighters today! All of these topics are engaging, timely and very informational. The evening will continue with a baseball game at the home of the Peoria Chiefs at Dozer Park in Peoria. This continues to be a very popular event to enjoy a baseball game and socialize with other Fire Service Leaders in the State. Make sure you request tickets when you register.

Friday morning will have two programs before the Symposium closes at noon. The first presentation will be Retired Chief Jim Moore discussing the new leadership program from IFSI. The closing program by Chief Jean -Paul Schilling is Managing Up and Down the Generational ladder. The Fire Service is ever changing and leadership must know how to deal with the changing workforce. The program will be completed by noon and attendees will be on the road to start the weekend.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to obtain the knowledge of our speakers, learn what's new in the fire service and network with other professionals from our region! Registration and Hotel information is provided in the brochure or on our website at [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Kreher".

Jim Kreher  
IFCA President



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**47th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**  
**May 17-19, 2017**  
**Par•A•Dice Hotel**  
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**IFCA SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION**

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Date	Event	Check if attending	Pre-Registration Cost	At The Door Registration Cost	Total
<b>May 17-19, 2017</b>	Symposium - <b>Full</b> Registration		\$150.00	\$175.00	
Wed., May 17, 2017 *	Attorney Forum		Inc w/Full Reg.	Inc w/Full Reg	
Thurs. May 18, 2017 *	BB game/Dinner 1 ticket		Inc w/ Full Reg.	Inc w/Full Reg	
Thurs. May, 18, 2017 8:00a-4:00p	Symposium – <b>Daily</b> Registration <i>does not include ballgame</i>		\$90.00	\$100.00	
Fri. May 19, 2017 8:00a-Noon	Symposium – <b>Daily</b> Registration		\$60.00	\$75.00	
<i>Spouse/Significant Other - No planned program</i>			\$50.00	\$60.00	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	

\* This is just for planning purposes, you are always welcome

**Registration is for fire service personnel. Daily Registration does not include evening activities**

*Please contact the Hotel Directly. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Symposium at the Par-A-Dice Hotel @ \$101per night + 12% tax. Advance reservations required. Call the hotel direct at 800.547.0711 or online at <http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups>. Reference group code **0517FIR** or the Illinois Fire Chiefs Assn. Deadline for hotel block rate **Apr 25 2017**.*

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# Illinois Fire Chiefs Association 47th Annual Symposium Program

## Wednesday, May 17, 2017

4:00-6:00pm **Registration Par-A-Dice Lobby**

6:00-9:00pm

**Open Forum with Attorneys, Karl Ottosen & Stephen DiNolfo, OBKCG & D, Ltd.** • Karl & Stephen will moderate our open forum with an open microphone format. Bring your hot topics for discussion. Hospitality bar & heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

## Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:30-8:00am **Breakfast** (included in registration)

6:30-7:15am **5K Run/Walk**

Get your daily workout early. Join us for a 5K Run/Walk to get the day started. Meet in the lobby of the Par-a-Dice Hotel. Don't forget to pack your workout gear!

7:00-8:00am **Registration**

8:00-8:15am **Welcome**

8:15-9:15am

### **Smoke Detectors • Mr. Neil Zipser, Kidde**

The number of home fire fatalities have declined over the past 25 years thanks to new technologies, increased education and prevention activities. However, the number of fatalities has actually plateaued over the past several years and 60% of people who are losing their lives in home fires have no smoke alarms or no working alarms. Additionally many homes in Illinois and across the U.S. are under-protected and don't have enough alarms. Zipser will look into the home fire problem and discuss how new technologies including smoke alarms with sealed 10-year batteries can get the needle moving again in a positive direction.

9:15-9:30am **BREAK**

9:30-10:30am

### **Rebuilding the North Chicago Fire Department • Chief Dell Urban, North Chicago Fire Department**

The appointment of Chief Officer of a department is an overwhelming proposition under normal circumstances, but is particularly intensified when the Department you are to lead has been through a decade of adversity and stagnation. Chief Dell Urban will discuss the obstacles of being a newly appointed Fire Chief in the City of North Chicago and lessons learned, how she led her department to overcome difficulty of low morale, establishing a reconnection with neighboring agencies, rebuilding trust within the organization and supplying the department with staffing, apparatus and the essential equipment needed to safely and effectively run a department on extremely low budgetary confines.

10:30-10:45am - **BREAK**

## Thursday, May 18, 2017

10:45am-Noon

### **Detroit - Lessons from the Turnaround • Dave Fornell**

In 2013, the City of Detroit hit rock bottom. It filed the largest municipal bankruptcy in history--its basic services were left without funding to maintain adequate fire and police protection to its dwindling population. But politics dictated that it still had to provide basic services to 140 square miles of property--the same land area as San Francisco and Boston combined.

Deputy Commissioner Fornell will outline the challenges faced when the new administration was appointed in October of 2015, and how the team used hard data, internal information and common sense to overcome the difficulties--practical concepts that departments of any size can adopt to their own situations.

While the presentation will present how these challenges are being tackled in the Motor City, the methods can be applied to departments in Illinois, large and small.

12:00-1:30pm

### **IFCA Award Recognition Luncheon**

This year's luncheon will include the certificate presentation of the 2017 Chief Fire Officer recipients. Luncheon ticket is included in your registration fee.

1:30-2:30pm

### **Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service • Lieutenant Paul M. Enhelder, Chicago FD, Retired Captain Chuck Wehrli, Naperville FD, Retired**

This presentation is developed by the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. It is designed to help members avoid and decrease individual risk factors for cancer. Understand your cancer risk, know the exposures to carcinogens on the job and reduce your risk of occupational cancer.

2:30-2:45am **BREAK**

2:45-4:00pm

### **Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service continues**

5:15pm

**1st Shuttle Bus begins loading meet in lobby**

5:30pm

**Gates Open at Dozer Park**

6:00p-10:00p

**Baseball Game** (one ticket included with registration, transportation provided) *Join the IFCA for an All-American Baseball dinner at the Peoria Chiefs Baseball game. Enjoy networking while watching the Peoria Chiefs host the Beloit Snappers.*

*Is your neighboring Chief attending?  
Encourage him to join you*

## **Friday, May 19, 2017**

6:30-8:30am

**Breakfast** (included in Registration)

7:00-8:00am

**Registration**

8:30-9:15am

**Leadership Development & Decision Making** • Chief James Moore, Crystal Lake Fire/Rescue (retired)

The LDDM Program is designed to be "cradle-to-grave" fire service leadership development/decision-making training and education continuum that has consistent themes, priorities, and lines of education in order to institutionalize the highest-quality leadership in the fire service. Training is provided for three standard fire service levels; firefighter, fire officer and chief officer. Each level within the LDDM Program is provided relevant opportunities for development, which are specific to their rank across seven common Lines of Education (LOE).

9:15-9:30am **BREAK**

9:30-11:45am

**Managing Up & Down the Generational Ladder** • Chief Jean-Paul Schilling, Carpentersville FD

The fire service today is facing an issue that many government agencies and private businesses are attempting to overcome: how to manage and lead the younger generations and for that matter how the younger generations may have to lead their older counterparts. We, the fire service, are steep in tradition but also mired in it. Without the willingness to understand the needs yet alone the characteristics of the generations living in a fire house, unpleasant outcomes are going to become more prevalent (i.e. high turnover, lower morale, inconsistent team work, lack of camaraderie etc.).

### **Invited Presenters...**



**Karl R. Ottosen** is a shareholder and managing partner with the law firm of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd. at the firm's Naperville office. Mr. Ottosen has over twenty-eight years of experience representing government entities. He is a frequent speaker at seminars and workshops on topics such as labor, employment, and local government law issues. You may contact Mr. Ottosen at [kottosen@ottosenbritz.com](mailto:kottosen@ottosenbritz.com).



**Stephen H. DiNolfo** is a shareholder with the law firm of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd. Mr. DiNolfo's practice is concentrated in the full range of litigation services. From the Naperville office, Mr. DiNolfo manages the firm's litigation practice and handles a variety of liability, employment, discipline, and labor matters for the fire service. His email address is [sdinolfo@ottosenbritz.com](mailto:sdinolfo@ottosenbritz.com).



**Neal Zipser** is the Community Affairs Manager with Kidde Fire Safety. Neal manages the company's relationships it has with its non-profit partners and is the company's liaison with the fire service.

In his current role, Neal works with fire departments and industry/state associations on smoke alarm installation programs, public education activities and other community risk reduction initiatives. He speaks regularly on home fire safety technology and how families can better protect themselves from the hazards of fire.

Before joining Kidde in 2012, Neal worked for 20 years in the automotive industry where he led marketing and communications activities at a couple of automotive parts suppliers and a large trade association, and is a former newspaper reporter for a metro Detroit newspaper.



**Chief Dell L. Urban** is a 29 year veteran of the fire service, beginning as a volunteer firefighter with the Newport Fire Protection District in 1988, she transitioned to a career fire service on November 4<sup>th</sup> 1991, for the City of North Chicago. Chief Urban spent more 25 years as a firefighter for the North Chicago Fire Department serving in the following capacities: Firefighter, Medical Officer, Lieutenant in 2002, Shift Commander (Battalion Chief) in 2005 and appointment as the 11<sup>th</sup> Fire Chief August 2012.

Chief Urban has an Associate's Degree in Fire science, Certification in Emergency Management and Disaster Planning, attained Chief Fire Officer Certification through the State of Illinois, Community Emergency Response Team Trainer, Fire Investigator and Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist.

Chief Urban is a strong advocate of firefighter health and wellness and works closely with the IAFF Local #3271 to improve firefighter safety, and strives to create a constructive joint operational atmosphere. She has been extremely proactive in making continuous firefighting/EMS training the department's highest priority, as well as strongly encouraging members to broaden their leadership education.

A career highlight, included a 2015 Nomination from Lake County Fire Chiefs Association for Illinois Chief of the Year as well as work completed on a Dispatching/Notification Improvement Study. After successful implementation of our scope of work in 2014, call times averaged 2.41 minutes, representing a 43.2% reduction in response time.

The North Chicago Fire Department is a full-time career fire department that provides fire, EMS, technical rescue, fire prevention and education services to a population of approximately 32,574 residents in an area of 8 square miles. These services are provided from two fire stations located within the City of North Chicago.



**Deputy Commissioner David P. Fornell** is second in command of the Detroit Fire Department with fire operations, buildings and logistics as his primary responsibilities.

Dave was previously Assistant Chief of the Casstown Community Fire Company, protecting 88 square miles of rural area in and around Casstown, Ohio. He formerly held the rank of Captain of the Beckerle & Company, Hose Company, Engine #9 of the Danbury, Connecticut fire department and was the career Chief of the Westchester, Illinois fire department, a suburb of Chicago.

Commissioner Fornell is a certified fire service instructor specializing in engine company operations, company officer development, water flow and fire ground safety courses. He has taught nationwide.

Dave Fornell serves as a consultant on operations, management and safety issues For his work on the bunker gear program in New York City, he holds the rank of Honorary Battalion Chief of the FDNY.

He is the author of "FIRE STREAM MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK" along with an accompanying training video published by Fire Engineering Books and Videos, and served seven years as the Executive Editor of FIRE APPARATUS magazine. Fornell has written articles for FIRE ENGINEERING and FIREHOUSE magazines in the U.S., FIRE AND RESCUE and MILITARY FIREFIGHTER in the United Kingdom. He has authored the popular blog on [www.firehouse.com](http://www.firehouse.com), "Riding with Captain Dave."

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*Invited Presenters continued . . .*



**Lt. Paul M. Enhelder** is a retired member of the Chicago Fire Department, having spent 30 active years, 19 as a Fire Officer. In addition to his career with the CFD, Paul volunteered with the Sandwich IL Fire Protection District as their Safety Officer and currently serves as a part-time Instructor with the Bensenville Fire Protection District. His experience as an educator includes: teaching the "Courage To Be Safe" course, a current Instructor for Harper College's Fire Science Program, teaching various fire courses for Blackhawk Technical College, a former National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Instructor and a former Instructor for the Illinois Firefighter Life Safety Task Force. In 2015, Paul joined the ranks as an instructor with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. Additionally, Paul is a proud member of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois Honor Guard and IAFF Local 2 Honor Guard.



**Chuck Wehrli** is a retired Captain from the Naperville Fire Department. He is a National Fire Academy Instructor and teaches for the Romeoville Fire Academy. He is a member of the ILTF-1 US&R since its inception. He is also a peer for the Illinois Firefighter Peer Support Group and Rep, for the National Firefighter Cancer Support Network. He is a cancer survivor.



**Chief James P. Moore**, a 35-year veteran of the fire service, served as the Fire Rescue Chief / Emergency Manager of the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department (IL) for 9 + years. Prior to Chief Moore's service in Crystal Lake he served the Naperville Fire Department (IL) for 21+ years, where he rose in the ranks from firefighter/paramedic to District Chief. He is known as an energetic leader who is focused on professionalism, training and education. Prior to his service in Naperville, Chief Moore served as a member of the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District. Chief Moore currently serves as the Program Director for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute's Leadership Development and Decision Making Program, which is a one-of-a kind fire service leadership educational continuum. He also serves as IFSI's Program Director for the National Incident Management System, the First Responder Resiliency Project, along with the Fire Officer Program Manager. Additionally, he serves as the Co-Chairman of the Office of the State Fire Marshal – Fire Officer State Certification Advisory Committee and Vice President of IFCA Educational and Research Foundation. Chief Moore holds a Master's of Science degree in Management and Organizational Behavior from Benedictine University, a Baccalaureate degree in Fire Service Management from Western Illinois University and an Associate's degree in Fire Science Technology from College of DuPage.



**John-Paul Schilling** was appointed to serve the Village of Carpentersville as Chief of the Fire Department on June 28, 2016. Prior to Schilling's appoint he has served in varying capacities and leadership roles in Iowa and Alabama. Prior to coming to Carpentersville Schilling served as the Fire Chief for the City of Cedar Falls Iowa, the Ankeny Fire Department (Iowa) as Deputy Chief, and in that role he managed the day-to-day operations of the department. In addition, Schilling has been active teaching on the topics of Generational Management and Critical Decision Making at the State, Regional and International levels. Before serving in the State of Iowa, Schilling served with the Eufaula Fire Department in Eufaula, Alabama, and Ozark Fire Department in Ozark, Alabama. Schilling's education includes paramedic certification, a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration with emphasis on Fire Science from Upper Iowa University. Schilling also has numerous fire related training courses from National accreditation bodies. Schilling is a graduate of the United States Fire Administrations Executive Fire Officer Program.

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