

ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Illinois Fire Chief Emeritus Program

2017

2017 Nomination Packet

FIRE CHIEF EMERITUS

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) has established the status of Fire Chief Emeritus as an honorary title for retired Illinois Fire Chiefs for meritorious service to community and profession. The title of Fire Chief Emeritus is reserved for those retired Chiefs who have had distinguished careers (regardless if paid or volunteer) and whose significant contributions set them apart from their peers. This status is reserved for only those individuals who have served as the Chief of the Fire Department/District.

IFCA POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The IFCA embraces the concept of Fire Chief Emeritus and offers useful guidelines. The establishment of the status of Fire Chief Emeritus is recommended as a method of honoring persons for meritorious service. The IFCA shall establish a procedure for selecting Fire Chief Emeritus.

MINIMUM PREREQUISIT REQUIREMENTS

- Official retirement as a Chief Officer from active duty within the fire service
- At least 10 years active duty as a Chief Officer (paid, part-time, volunteer)
- At least 4 years as the Chief of a Fire Department/District (paid, part-time, volunteer)
- IFCA member in good standing

Further considerations will include

- Chief Officer Designation (CFO) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence
- Graduate of the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) program
- Fire Officer III (FOIII) or Illinois Fire Chief Officer (IL-CFO)
- Public-Private Service or Community Contributions
- Innovative Accomplishments
- Education and or Certifications
- Associates, Bachelor or Master's Degree

SELECTION PROCESS

Prospective Fire Chiefs who meet the minimum eligibility requirements and are retiring either in the current year or in an earlier calendar year(s) must submit application to the IFCA Emeritus Committee along with the following:

- Letter of application highlighting achievements and service to the fire service and community
- Supporting documents (i.e. copies of certificates, EFO, FOIII, CFO, degree)
- Recommendation letters from supervisors and or colleagues

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

Granting Fire Chief Emeritus status confers recognition for many years of outstanding service and is considered an honor bestowed on persons who have made significant contributions to the fire service. The IFCA Emeritus Committee will consist of five active Fire Chiefs. Each year the IFCA Emeritus Committee will consider granting Fire Chief Emeritus status to those whose names have been submitted. Considering the candidates application and supporting documentation, the Committee will evaluate each of the following:

- Technical competency to include education and experience.
- Professional development during the course of the career and involvement in professional fire service organizations.
- Service to the profession and community serving in leadership roles or positions within organizations or the area in which he/she served.

The Committee will weigh each of these components of a person's career in order to determine the extent to which the person has made a significant and sustained contribution to the fire service. Meritorious contributions may be exemplified in different ways. Some Chiefs may be recognized for excellence in one area, others may make outstanding contributions in diverse activities. The Committee will look for a record of achievement that establishes the candidate as a Fire Chief of extraordinary distinction.

The Committee will forward names to the IFCA President with the final approval granted by the IFCA Executive Board. Candidates will be notified and those successfully chosen to receive Fire Chief Emeritus status will be announced and recognized at the annual IFCA Conference Dinner.

Fire Chief Emeritus Applications must be postmarked by **August 31, 2017**.

NO Facsimiles or E-mail accepted. Mail completed application and documentation to:

Chief Joseph C. Holomy
Effingham Fire Department
505 W. Fayette Avenue
Effingham, Illinois 62401

Attention: Fire Chief Emeritus Committee

If you have any questions, you may contact Chief Holomy at 217-342-5334 or e-mail holomyj@ci.effingham.il.us

Illinois Fire Chief Emeritus Nomination Form Deadline: Post Marked By August 31, 2017

Nominee:						
Department:						
Type of Department: <i>Check One Only</i>	Paid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address:						
City:			State:		Zip:	
Phone:		Work:			Cell:	
Years in Fire Service		Years As Fire Chief			Date of Retirement	

Education* (include copies of Certifications, CFO, EFO, FOIII, and or Educational Degrees)

Innovative Accomplishments* (include any supportive documentation)

Public-Private Service or Community Contributions* (include any supportive documentation)

*Attach additional pages as may be necessary

Include a letter highlighting achievements and service to the fire service and community and recommendation letters from immediate supervisor and or colleagues.

Mail completed application and documents to:

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IFCA Fire Chief Emeritus Committee Chairman
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