



**IFCA Monthly Information**  
**APRIL 2019**



***Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety***

**Illinois Fire Chiefs Association**

**Symposium 2019 is next month:**

Mark your calendars now for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium – May 15-17, 2019, Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria. We hope that you can make it, our committee has been working hard to bring some excellent speakers and current topics. We will have our annual Open Forum with our legal team. Plenty of great conversation, fellowship and you just might get some answers to your important questions. **Thank you. Chief – President Mark Puknaitis IFCA & Naperville FD**

Recognition of our own. **The Annual Medal of Honor** will be held on Tuesday May 14, 2019. Information is available at the OSFM website.

**IFCA Annual Conference**

Mark your calendar – Dates for 2019 are October 13-16, 2019 Peoria IL

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual VCOE Conference –**

**Mark your calendars –** Dates are September 14-15, 2019 at the Bloomington/Normal Marriott. Watch for further information.

**Tollway Reimbursement:**

Negotiations are ongoing. Further information will be provided when available. Questions can be directed to Chief John Christian, [chiefchristian@grayslakefire.com](mailto:chiefchristian@grayslakefire.com) or 847.223.8960.

**Committee Members:**

The IFCA is looking for individuals to serve on IFCA committees. Please visit the IFCA website for the committee application or contact your area representative. Our Area Representatives will also be looking for back up help in delivering our message, so don't be surprised if you are asked to help us help all of us. *for more info:* [jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org)

**GEMT:**

The Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) supplemental funding program is a goal for the IFCA where if successful would allow for any Illinois municipal or fire district agency that provides emergency medical transport to submit for additional Medicaid reimbursement for a percentage of the cost of the service that is outstanding after receipt of the initial Medicaid claim. This could bring millions of additional dollars on an annual basis to agencies that transport Medicaid patients and could open the door for a state wide mobile integrated health care reimbursement program as well. *for more info:* [puknaitism@naperville.il.us](mailto:puknaitism@naperville.il.us)

**CRR:**

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) will continue to be a goal throughout this presidential year. CRR is growing and taking shape throughout the national fire service. The goal is to identify the specific major risk factors in your community and determine what can be done through programs, initiatives or actions to prevent these occurrences before they occur. The IFCA consulting group is equipped and able to assist with this effort. CRR if applied correctly can save costs in a variety of ways for citizens within your communities. *for more info:* [dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org)

**IFCA Legislative Update:**

We are continuing to work through the legislation that has been introduced. We are well into the Committee process now and have been working to address concerns (both positive and negative) through the Committee process. A good

source of information is the legislative section on the IFCA website. We have a number of items posted there that can be helpful with legislative questions.

Please consider attending the Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day, April 10 in Springfield. The day starts at 8:00am in the cafeteria of the Stratton Building and concludes with a reception at 6:00pm at the President Abe Lincoln Hotel. There is no charge for the event, but registration is recommended. Registration is available at [www.iafpd.org](http://www.iafpd.org) and more information is available on our website.

### **IFCA Web Information:**

We continue to work on the website to reflect what you – the members – want to see. If you have ideas on enhancements, please send your ideas with detailed information to Maureen [mgriseto@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:mgriseto@illinoisfirechiefs.org). The Executive Board has also discussed a review of all the Associations Information Technology programs and initiatives. We will be soliciting thoughts and ideas throughout the Spring.

### **VCOC Programs & News:**

#### **VCOS Fire Equipment collection:**

The VCOC Committee is collecting equipment to donate to departments in-need throughout the state. Contact Chief David Weiss – [dweiss@westmont.il.gov](mailto:dweiss@westmont.il.gov) for additional information.

#### **Looking for Additional Committee Members**

VCOC Committee is looking for more committee members, go to: <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/who-we-are/intro-for-committee-form/> or email [dweiss@westmont.il.gov](mailto:dweiss@westmont.il.gov).

Don't forget Mark Your Calendar – **10<sup>th</sup> Annual IFCA Volunteer/Combination Conference September 14-15, 2019, Normal IL.**

#### **Fire Chief of the Year**

Applications are available on the website and are due August 9<sup>th</sup>. There are four categories of Chief Officers who will be considered: Full time Chief Officer with a population 25,000 or more, Full time Chief Officer with a population under 25,000, Part time Chief Officer, and Volunteer Chief Officer. The committee encourages applications at any time, so don't delay! Please consider nominating a deserving Chief Officer for this prestigious award and make sure to join us at the conference in October when the IFCA Chief(s) of the Year will be awarded.

#### **2019 Membership Dues:**

Please watch your mail for the 2019 Membership Dues Invoice. Please make any updates needed and email to [mgriseto@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:mgriseto@illinoisfirechiefs.org). A corrected invoice will be emailed back.

#### **Assessment & Consulting:**

For information on the IFCA Assessment and Consulting Services please contact [dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org)

### **IFCA - Chiefs Corner**

#### **Symposium Special**

**ILLINOIS CHIEFS' CORNER 2019**

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ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE 49TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON MAY 15-17.

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**CUSTOM IFCA MERCHANDISE**

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**CUSTOM METAL HELMET SHIELD**  
2019 DESIGN COMING SOON  
PLACE YOUR ORDER DURING THE SYMPOSIUM!

**CHIEFS' CORNER MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND AT EAGLE-ENGRAVING.COM OR BY CALLING 630-377-1056!**

The Chiefs' Corner is a collaboration between the ICA, Eagle Engraving, INC., IWI Embroidery and Jake the Stripper

IFCA has partnered with **Eagle Engraving** to sell a variety of apparel and other items with the IFCA logo. Please visit Eagle Engraving website. Go to [www.eagle-engraving.com](http://www.eagle-engraving.com) then click on Chief's Corner and shop or head right to the page at: [https://eagle-engraving.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=133\\_134](https://eagle-engraving.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=133_134). Check out the "NEW" variety of apparel – Tall sizes now available.

## **IFCA Educational & Research Foundation**

**2019 Scholarship Application Deadline has passed.** The applications are being reviewed and all applicants will be notified by mail in early May.

### **Fire Officer Classes:**

The IFCA Foundation will not be conducting any of the Fire Officer I or II classes in 2019 due to the fact we were forced to cancel classes last year due to low enrollment. The IFCA Foundation Board felt it would be unfair to students trying to complete the series before the June 30 deadline to accept registrations and then maybe having to cancel due to low enrollment and leaving them stranded without any options. Please check with IFSI, NIPSTA and other options for the classes. Our 2019 class offerings include Company Fire Officer (grant funded) and Advanced Company Officer (grant funded), Instructor I & II, Incident Safety Officer and Training Program Manager. Visit the IFCA website to register: [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org)

### **UPCOMING CLASSES:**

Registration available at [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org)

#### **Instructor I**

Apr 22-24, 29-30, 2019 – North Palos FPD

#### **Instructor II**

May 6-8, 13-14, 2019 Pleasantview

#### **Incident Safety Officer**

Jun 3-7, 2019 Tinley Park

Aug 5-9, 2019 – Pekin IL

Aug 26-30, 2019 Huntley FPD

Oct 7-11, 2019 Mt. Prospect

Registration available at [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org)

### **Shopping?**

The IFCA Foundation is registered with AmazonSmile. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select *Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Educational & Research Foundation* as the charity you would like to support. A percentage of your purchase will be sent to the Foundation. *Thank you.*

### **SAVE THE DATE for our IFCA Foundation Fundraising Activities:**

- ❖ For Information on the Vitalant Blood Drive Program, please contact Jeff Swanson at [jeffreyaswanson@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyaswanson@gmail.com)
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Classic – Waukegan Harbor/Marina – May 11, 2019 – [2019 Fishing Classic](#)
- ❖ 2019 Annual Golf Outing – July 10, Lemont IL – Registration Now Open - [IFCA Golf Outing 2019](#)

## ***For the Good of the Association***

### ***Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals***

IFSAP – Please support this organization as they support us as an organization and our organizations.

Visit [www.ifsap.org](http://www.ifsap.org) for more information. Please ensure your Administrative Professionals are aware of the upcoming Annual Conference - Apr 24-26, 2019, Eagle Ridge, Galena IL

### ***Blackhawk Firefighters' Association Fire & EMS Conference 2019***

April 27th, 2019 - Amboy High School

<https://www.facebook.com/ilbffa>

In conjunction with the conference the Illinois Firefighters Association will be hosting a Round Table at the Amboy Fire Station from 11a-1p. Event will be attended by state fire organization leaders.

### ***Retirements***

Chief Peter Van Dorpe, Algonquin-LITH FPD

Chief Denis O'Halloran – Berwyn FD

### ***Chicago White Sox***

#### ***Government Employee Nights***

The White Sox have designated multiple nights as Government Employee Grand Slam Group Events. On these special nights the White Sox would like to offer specially priced tickets to all Government employees, their families and friends. [whitesox.com/gov](http://whitesox.com/gov)

Thursday, May 2, 2019 – 7:10pm

Chicago White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox

Friday, June 14, 2019 – 7:10pm

Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota Twins

Thursday, July 25, 2019 – 7:10pm

Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota Twins

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 – 7:10pm

Chicago White Sox vs. Houston Astros

### **Dates to remember:**

Apr 6-7, 2019 – Sr. Officer Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Amboy IL

Apr 24-25, 2019 – CFSI -31st Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner, Washington DC

Apr 24-26, 2019 – IFSAP Annual Conference, Eagle Ridge, Galena IL

Apr 27, 2019 – Blackhawk Firefighters' Association Fire & EMS Conference 2019, Amboy IL

May 11, 2019 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Classic – Waukegan Harbor/Marina

May 14, 2019 – Medal of Honor Ceremony, Springfield IL

May 15-17, 2019 – IFCA 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, East Peoria IL

Sep 14-15, 2019 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual VCOE Conference, Normal IL

Oct 13-16, 2019 – 69<sup>th</sup> Annual IFCA Conference, Peoria IL

*The monthly information will be sent to Area representatives, Directors and Presidents as general announcements at monthly regional meetings. We will also post to our web-site.*