



IFCA Monthly Information August 2020



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Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

From President Greg Earle, Centralia FPD

I feel it is time to give an update about myself – I have had surgery on my knee and am doing well – with that said at the end of this month I will have my other knee operated on. I want to thank my family, Centralia FPD and the IFCA Team for their help support and prayers.

The IFCA Presidents have been busy meeting on a regular basis via Zoom where we have looked at 2020 as a year of interesting events and are focused on 2021 with anticipation of seeing each other at the Symposium, Golf Outing and Conference. This year has given us the opportunity to look at operations internally where we have made some changes that will benefit our organization.

We have a strong slate of candidates for the 2020/2021 terms with individuals committed to carrying our message to you the membership of the IFCA. We are reviewing all committees to insure effectiveness and involvement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our administrative team. Stay safe, enjoy the last remaining days of summer and let's look forward to better things to come.

IFCA Greg Earle, CFPD

From Executive Director Chief Jim Grady, III (retired)

Over the past several years we have taken a look at operations and how we as an organization can move forward with enhanced communications, availability of information and continued accountability. One of the final pieces we are launching this month is 'member-clicks' which will allow us to create and maintain a solid along with accurate membership catalog. This month you will receive an invitation from President Earle to log into member-clicks confirm/update information. Please take the few minutes to do this. Attached you will find information that is easy to follow, you will also receive a welcome to member-click email. Thank you for your help and support.

With the cancelling of our conference we will hold a small transition and swearing in program for the 2020/2021 IFCA Board in October. The Harlem-Roscoe FPD is going to host an open house for incoming President Shoevlin, I thank the HRFPD for their support & understanding of the change in venue for this year. Our IFCA Directors continue to meet on a monthly basis sharing ideas, gathering information and passing information along to our membership.

For 2021 we will have three (3) scheduled meetings for the full board as in-person/face to face. January our annual planning, Symposium May and Annual Conference in October. The board will meet monthly by way of Zoom, call in and small group in person until the gathering restrictions are lifted and all feel comfortable in meeting. Our IFCA Board meets in many ways on a daily, weekly basis by way of calls and zoom meetings, this also goes for committees.

Changes have caused us to look at how we do business and the changes made, proposed and yet to be determined will be made with the decision process of improving our organizations communications, member involvement and accessibility of the executive board. I consider it an honor to serve and look forward to our future together.

IFCA Annual Elections

Attached to this newsletter are the positions to be elected. Letters of intent & support have been received by the candidates listed as of this date. An electronic ballot will be out in early September. More information will be provided to you within the September 2020 IFCA Monthly Newsletter and through email notifications.

WE HAVE GONE VIRTUAL WITH OUR STAIR CLIMB

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Illinois Fire Chief's Annual Conference, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Stair Climb has also been cancelled. That is the bad news! The good news is it has gone virtual!

Beginning September 11 through December 31, 2020, you will have the opportunity to climb the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center at a location of your choice, (2200 stairs). This could be your local high school football stands or gym, park district or training tower. Not a stair climber? Then do a 5k run/walk. Form a team, get your family members to join, have a competition between shifts or departments! Registration is open to anyone and you have three months to complete your event.

Registration is simple, go to www.firehero.org, click on the events tab, 9/11 stair climb then stair climbs by state. Registration is \$30.00 and you will receive a shirt, honor badge and other NFFF swag, the more you raise, the more you receive. All proceeds go to assist the families of fallen firefighters. In 2019, the golf outings and stair climbs raised over 1 million dollars, please register so we can achieve that number again.

For question please contact Chief John Kachanuk at 309-543-2153 or j.kachanuk@havanail.gov.

IFCA Legislation Committee Update

The next scheduled legislative session is on November 17th. Although some legislators have called for a return to Springfield earlier than that, there are no indications of the legislature convening prior to that date, at least at this moment. By that time, we will likely have the results of the November statewide election. Most signs point to the Fall (Veto) Session being focused on Covid-19 issues. However, this is 2020 and basically anything could happen between now and November.

We have engaged IDPH through the EMS Committee regarding the administration of vaccines by paramedics. These conversations have focused on the hoped availability of a Covid-19 vaccine and how the vaccine would be delivered. We are stressing that EMS personnel and firefighters, as well as their families, need to be in the first tier of recipients and that paramedics may be uniquely positioned to administer the vaccine, particularly within our organizations. We are also working to include the administration of the seasonal flu vaccine as part of a paramedic's scope of practice. This would allow the resumption of many programs halted by IDPH about ten years ago and open the door to other possibilities. These discussions remain preliminary, but we will continue to pursue these issues with IDPH.

Information Technology:

This week we launched our new member program to better keep our membership connected. You should have received a welcome email with login information. While you are logged in, please review and complete your profile - it is searchable to help people find you.

Each organization has a "Key Contact", this is typically the Fire Chief. This member has the ability to give other members the authority as a key contact. If you are the key contact, we ask that you review the basic information for your organization and update it as soon as possible.

We are also attempting to gather a relatively large amount of demographic information that may take some research on your part. The attached form may help you gather that information, to allow you to quickly enter this new data. Please take the time to fill in as much information as possible as this will help the IFCA make future decisions. Also, you will be able to search this data.

We are moving all class and event registrations to this program. Also, new this year, we plan to conduct our annual election through this program. More information regarding the election will be sent to you in the next month. In addition, the IFCA Membership Program is going to be the workhorse that will collect member dues and support event registration and payment. We have expanded our ability to collect payments through credit cards with the hope of making transactions easier for you and for our staff.

The program remains a work in progress and we plan to continue with enhancements throughout the rest of the year.

If you did not receive this email, please check your spam folder and whitelist info@illinoisfirechiefs.org. If you still can't find the welcome email or have problems logging in, email info@illinoisfirechiefs.org and we will work to correct problems.

Administrative Professional of the Year –

Application period is now open for the Administrative. Applications must be postmarked by October 5, 2020.

The full Administrative Professional Recognition Program 2020 Nomination Packet can be found on the IFCA website. The application must be mailed and postmarked no later than October 5, 2020.

We encourage everyone to not only take a moment to recognize and thank their administrative staff for the support they provide but take into consideration their impact to the fire service overall and their time contributions to all organizations outside of the fire service. Ask to see their updated resume and recognize the outstanding work and achievements so many of our administrative professionals have.

VCOC Programs & News:

VCOC 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 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.

Assessment & Consulting

We are now rescheduling Assessment Centers along with lining up many new projects. Every Assessor Team is using social distancing protocol where/when necessary. We are making good progress in developing our assessment centers and written examinations on a virtual platform. Traditional and virtual assessment center options will be available on our menu soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me for updates, information and future endeavors.

For information on the IFCA Assessment & Consulting Services please contact: dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org

Be Prepared for Promotion & Leadership

2020 Fall Offering –

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Overview/Structured Oral/In-Basket	Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction Group Problem Solving/Writing	Tactical Exercise
Sep 30–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Oct 1–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Oct 2–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

2021 Winter Offering –

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Overview/Structured Oral/In-Basket	Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction Group Problem Solving/Writing	Tactical Exercise
Mar 23–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Mar 24–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Mar 25–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

For further information [Be Prepared](#)

To Register: [Be Prepared Registration](#)

Cancellation/Postponements

IFCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 11-14, 2020

IFCA Educational & Research Foundation



2020 Golf Outing Mail-in Raffle

Even though the Golf Outing was canceled, there was still Mail-in Raffle drawing. Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Prize – Sue Dwyer

2nd Prize – Ed St. Louis

3rd Prize – Tim Vigor

Thank you to all who participated.

★ Fundraising Event T-Shirts for Sale – Support the IFCA E/R Scholarship Program. ENDS AUGUST 30, 2020

The shirts will be ordered through our partner, Unique Apparel Solutions in Elk Grove Village. CEO Jim Clifton donated his website, production and shipping departments to assist the Foundation in raising funds in the absence of our regular Foundation fundraisers. Jim and his team worked on the custom design in the development of the RED Fundraising, “We’re in this Together” shirt. Jim works with over 200 fire departments and is the nationwide apparel provider to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in Emmitsburg, MD.

To order go to the IFCA website: www.illinoisfirechiefs.org and click on the slide on the home page. The Foundation will receive \$10.00 for each shirt ordered. Thank you for your participation.

Fire Officer Course Offerings

An updated schedule has been released for classes. Classes will be limited to 24 students. Registration is available on the IFCA Website. The AdFO Class at Elk Grove is Full.

Course	Dates	Location	Cost
Fire Service Instructor			
Instructor I	Oct 19-21, 26-27	North Palos FPD	\$300.00
Instructor 2	Sep 21-23, 28-29	Pleasantview FPD	\$300.00
Incident Safety Officer (ISO)			
Incident Safety Officer	Sep 21-25	Huntley FPD	\$300.00
Incident Safety Officer	Nov 16-20	West Chicago FD	\$300.00
Training Program Manager (TPM)			
Training Program Manager	Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	North Palos FPD	\$300.00
Training Program Manager	Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2	Plainfield FPD	\$300.00

Officer Development Seminar Class

It's a new decade and the Foundation has updated and restructured the Senior Officer Development program. It is now being offered as a **one or two-day** program with topics chosen by the Host Department, so it is relevant to your department's area.

Interested in hosting – contact DC Tim Leidig, West Chicago FD. tleidig@wegofpd.org

Shopping?

The IFCA Foundation is registered with AmazonSmile. Go to 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.

Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP)

2020 Blanket Fundraiser - The fundraiser for the IFSAP Education Fund has remained popular with over **6,900** blankets sold. Join the hundreds of departments that have already purchased custom knit blankets for their bunk rooms, their homes, or as gifts. For further information visit <http://www.ifsap.org>

Our Partners

Office of the State Fire Marshal

OSFM Cooperative Agreement with CPSE for Chief Fire Officer Certification

The OSFM is excited about a cooperative agreement with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). A graduate of The OSFM's Chief Fire Officer Program, with full certification, can now gain the Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFO) from the CPSE's Commission on Professional Credentialing. If you are a graduate from the OSFM program from 2012 to June 1st, 2020, you have until **December 31st, 2020** to complete and turn in the application for CFO Designation. The current class and future OSFM classes will also be eligible to apply, only when receiving full certification from the program. Completing this process allows you to join more than 1400 Chief Fire Officers Designees world-wide and these professional designations are international and recognized as the minimum standards for fire chiefs.

For an application email rmason@cpse.org

Illinois Fire Service Institute

Please check out our website for news and happenings with our state training academy <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/>

For the Good of the Association

National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend

The NFFF has postponed the annual Fallen Firefighter memorial weekend as per NFFF Chair Troy Markel. While disappointing, it is important to know that the nation's fallen Firefighters will not be forgotten. On October 4, the NFFF will broadcast a National Tribute with details to follow on that as well as the 2021 plans.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Information is constantly changing. Visit the following websites for up-to-date information. Stay Safe.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/first-responders.html>

EMS: <https://www.ems.gov/>

IAFC: <https://www.iafc.org/>

IDPH: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>

IFCA: <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/>

Illinois Coronavirus Response: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>

IFSI: <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/>

OSFM: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Pages/default.aspx>

US Fire Administration: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/>

National Firefighter Registry Website Now Active

Reprinted: www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com

The National Firefighter Registry website is now active. Please take time to click the below to learn about it and how every firefighter-*every firefighter* - should be made aware of and participate in this important project.

To better understand the link between on-the-job exposure to toxicants and cancer, Congress directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create the National Firefighter Registry (NFR). The NFR will be used to track and analyze cancer trends and risk factors among the U.S. fire service to help the public safety community, researchers, scientists and medical professionals find better ways to protect those who protect our communities and environment.

DETAILS HERE:

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry.html>

IFCA - Chiefs Corner – One Stop Shop for all your IFCA Apparel



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 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. Check out the "NEW" variety of apparel – Tall sizes now available.

You are receiving this correspondence as a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association



IFCA Annual Election For 2020-2021

Due to the cancellation of the IFCA Annual Conference, the election process will be done by electronic ballot. More information will be forthcoming.

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association will be electing officers to serve on the Associations' Board of Directors.

Position's open for election this year are: President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President, two (2) Directors for Two Year Terms; 1 retired Director and 1 Director assigned to VCOC, Area Representatives for Areas One through Twelve. Area Five's Representative will be appointed on recommendation by the Fire Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department.

Historically the position of President and 1st Vice President has been filled by the move up of the 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President, but the positions are open to other candidates. Job descriptions of the various positions are available through the IFCA office or on the IFCA website at www.illinoisfirechiefs.org.

President

Chief Don Shoenlin, Harlem-Roscoe FPD

1st Vice President

Chief John Kachanuk, Havana FD

2nd Vice President

Chief Richard Mikel, Elk Grove Village FD

Directors (elect two – 2-year terms)

- 1) Chief Tom Styczynski, Alsip FD
- 2) Chief Joe Henning, Quincy FD

VCOC Director 2-year term

Chief Al Yancey, Minooka FPD

Retired Director 2-year term

Chief Tom Deegan, Schiller Park FD (retired)

Area Representatives

Per the IFCA by-laws up to four (4) representatives for each area may be elected or chosen to serve on the board.

Area 1

Chief Sid Aurand, Dixon Rural FPD

Area 2

Deputy Chief Nick Asta, Barrington-Countryside FPD
Chief Tony Huemann, McHenry Township FPD

Area 3

Deputy Chief Craig Hanson, Batavia FD

Area 4

Division Chief Paul Macaluso – Palatine FD
Chief Brian Kolosh, South Holland FD
Chief Jim Walters, Schaumburg FD

Area 5

1st Deputy Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt
Appointed by Fire Commissioner, Chicago FD

Area 6

Chief John Knapp, East Peoria FPD
Assistant Chief Greg Hurd, Chillicothe Comm. FPD

Area 7

Chief Damon Schuldt, Kankakee FD

Area 8

Deputy Chief Steven M. Salrin, Quincy FD

Area 9

Chief Mick Humer, Normal IL
Chief Chuck Lauss, Urbana FD

Area 10

Deputy Chief James Whiteford, Edwardsville FD

Area 11

Chief Robert Tutko, Effingham FD

Area 12

Chief Shawn Priddy, Herrin FD