



**IFCA Monthly Information  
December 2019**



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

**Illinois Fire Chiefs Association**

From President Earle  
*Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!*

**Help Needed:**  
We need help/representation in Area 12. If interested contact Greg Earle [cfire805@gmail.com](mailto:cfire805@gmail.com) or Al Yancey [yanceya@minookafire.org](mailto:yanceya@minookafire.org)  
**Area Representatives:** Our Area Representatives will be looking for back up help in delivering our message. We can have multiple representatives, 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)

**ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ADDRESS UPDATE**  
Effective immediately all mail for the Illinois Fire Chiefs or the Illinois Fire Chiefs Foundation should be sent to **PO Box 7, Skokie IL 60076-0007**. Please forward this information to your Accounts Payable and Receivable Departments. Thank you.

**GEMT Update**  
The Center for Medicaid Service (CMS) have received our State Plan Amendment (SPA) and those cost reports submitted to our IFCA contact source. The State has received a response from CMS that asks for clarifications on the type of agencies that are making application and the taxing bodies they are affiliated with and how they collect fees for service and other revenues. This is actually good news in that they are responding to our SPA and we will do what is necessary to answer any questions that come about.  
There may be a possibility that certain funds may begin to be distributed soon based on the nature of service requesting to be reimbursed. We will continue to have meetings and discussions with the State Department of Health and Human Services and the Medicaid Specialist designated by that agency to be as helpful as we can to aid in facilitating this very important initiative for all the Medicaid transport providers throughout the State.

**Survey –**  
A survey for Class B Foams has been emailed to our Active Members. Anticipating possible legislation being introduced we are gathering information as to quantity and uses for fire departments in Illinois. Here is the link if you didn't see the email. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCFNXYL>

**IFCA Legislative Update:**  
The Fall Veto Session was very busy in Springfield. Of course, the consolidation of Article 4 investments was a hot topic. More information on the happenings in the Veto Session will be in the upcoming issue of the Gong. The Legislative Committee will be meeting after the first of the year to further discuss the 2020 Spring session. If you are interested in helping with the legislative issues that face our organization or want to learn more about our legislative efforts, contact John Buckley at [jrbuckleyjr@gmail.com](mailto:jrbuckleyjr@gmail.com). We would like the Committee to adequately represent the diverse membership of the IFCA and you can help!

## **VCOC Programs & News:**



### **Mark Your Calendars**

#### **IAFPD 2020 Winter Conference in O'Fallon**

February 21 & 22, 2020

The IAFPD and the IFCA are partnering for this event to bring relevant topics to the conference for both Trustees and Fire Chiefs. IFCA surveys are always asking for more educational opportunities in the central and southern portion of the State. The tentative schedule is:

#### **Friday evening:**

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Open Forum: What's Up with You? Jim Sinclair and Jim Grady  
Hospitality

#### **Saturday 02/22/2020**

IFSI on FF mental Health Resiliency

Trustee legal items

Separate track IFCA VCOC ;

Morning session

*Healthy Leadership: Advocating Wellness in the Volunteer & Combination Fire Service - Chief AL*

*Yancey Minooka FPD*

Afternoon session

*YOUR Training Program: What Every Officer Must Know - Chief Forest Reeder, Tinley Park FD*

Watch for further information

#### **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) .

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

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

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#### **Interim Chief Program**

*Just a reminder* -The IFCA Assessment & Consulting Services maintains a portfolio that includes resumes of Chief Officers that have retired, or plan on retiring and would like to be included in the Interim Chief program. The portfolio is composed of professionals that have submitted a cover letter requesting to be a part of the program along with a business style resume.

It should be noted that the list is one that is not used that often, usually only 2-3 times a year we will receive a call for a name or names. If you are interested please send a cover letter and resume to Dave Slivinski

[dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org) or Jim Grady III [jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org)

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#### **Be Prepared for Promotion & Leadership**

Watch for the 2020 Schedule for Promotion & Leadership Workshops.

## **IFCA - Chiefs Corner**



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**

### **Chief Fire Officer**

The program is still accepting applications for the 2020 Program which begins in January. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2019.

#### **PROGRAM FACTS**

This program meets all the certification requirements for Illinois OSFM Chief Fire Officer level and Fire Officer III and IV level. The program is designed and intended for command level officers and/or administrators who have the responsibilities of supervising and administering a Fire Department or Fire District. Officers preparing for a chief level position are encouraged to apply.

The majority of the program is on-line with only one classroom session for each class. The program is divided into 12 modules containing one class each and three independent study projects that require a written research paper. If you are outside the Chicago metro area, please contact us for possible alternative delivery methods. We are hoping to have enough students to fill two classes again this year. Please note the location and delivery day changes.

#### **2020 SCHEDULE**

**Module 1: Personal & Professional Development** On-Line: January, Class Room: January 10 or 17

**Module 2: Leadership** On-Line: February, Class Room Session: February 7 or 14

**Module 3: Communications** On-Line: March, Class Room Session: March 6 or 13

**Module 4: Community Relations** On-Line: April, Class Room Session: April 3 or 10

**Module 5: Intergovernmental Relations** On-Line: May, Class Room Session: May 1 or 8

**Module 6: Human Resources** On-Line: June, Class Room Session: June 5 or 12

**Module 7: Legal Issues** On-Line: July, Class Room Session: July 10 or 17

**Module 8: Code Enforcement & Public Education** On-Line: August, Class Room Session: August 7 or 14

**Module 9: Emergency Management** On-Line: September, Class Room Session: September 11 or 18

**Module 10: Life Safety Initiatives** On-Line: October, Class Room Session: October 2 or 9

**Module 11: Strategic Planning** On-Line: November, Class Room Session: November 6 or 13

**Module 12: Budget & Finance** On-Line: December, Class Room Session: December 4 or 11

#### **ON-LINE COURSEWORK**

The students are required to complete the on-line course work during the month assigned. Students residing and working outside of the 150-mile radius of the delivery location can attend an on-line classroom session on one of the days assigned.

#### **COURSE FEE**

For those candidates enrolled in the Chief Fire Officer program the tuition is \$3,550.00. This fee includes all educational materials, lunch and administrative expenses. A limited number of 50% scholarships are available.

#### **LOCATION:**

This year we will be having the first class each month at the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Center in Oak Forest, IL. The second class each month will be held at the MABAS Readiness Center in Wheeling.

#### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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#### **REGISTRATION**

**Dianna Wiessner**

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**Fire Officer Classes: 2020 Registration Open**

COST	DATES	LOCATION
	<b>Fire Service Instructor 1</b>	
\$300.00	January 13-15, 20-21	North Palos (Sta 1)
\$300.00	October 19-21, 26-27	North Palos (Sta 1)
	<b>Fire Service Instructor 2</b>	
\$300.00	March 23-25, 30-31	Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151)
\$300.00	September 21-23, 28-29	Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151)
	<b>Incident Safety Officer (ISO)</b>	
\$300.00	February 10-14	Tinley Park
\$300.00	May 11-15	Plainfield
\$300.00	September 21-25	Huntley
\$300.00	November 16-20	West Chicago
	<b>Company Fire Officer (CoFO) <i>July class - Grant Funded</i></b>	
\$1,000.00	January 27, February 24-28, March 9-13	Elk Grove Village
\$1,000.00	July 20, August 17-21, 31-September 4	Moraine Valley CC
	<b>Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO) <i>April class – Grant Funded</i></b>	
\$1,000.00	April 6, May 4-8, May 18-22	Moraine Valley CC
\$1,000.00	October 26, Nov 30-Dec 4, Dec 14-18	Elk Grove Village
	<b>Training Program Manager (TPM)</b>	
\$300.00	January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18	Springfield FD
\$300.00	March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27	West Chicago
\$300.00	August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	North Palos
\$300.00	October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2	Plainfield FPD

**\* Grant Funded Class** If you register for a grant funded class and cancel within 1 week of start date or drop after the class begins you will be required to pay for the cost of the class (\$1000.00)

Registration available: [IFCA Course Registration](#)

**Fundraising**

The fundraising committee has added two exciting events to include other popular outdoor sports while assisting in increasing funds raised for the Foundation’s scholarship program.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Classic will take place in May/early June annually. The Fishing Classic is a charter boat event catching Salmon and Trout on Lake Michigan. Boats departs from the Waukegan Harbor in the early morning and return mid-day for lunch to wrap up a great day on the water.

Our newest event, the Clay Bird Classic, is a shotgun-shooting event, which debuted on September 21st in Elburn. The Clay Bird Classic offers the option for either Trap or Sporting Clays competition with lunch afterwards. We intend to host the Clay Bird a few times per year, the fall in Elburn, and the spring in Frankfort. We are currently exploring a downstate Illinois event, too.

Both events have created an opportunity for fun, camaraderie, and enjoying a great day outside not to mention providing over \$6,000.00 to the scholarship funding for our Illinois Firefighters!

Watch [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org) and follow our social media, Facebook and LinkedIn, pages for event details.



**Holiday 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.

## ***IFCA Partnerships***

### **Illinois Fire Service Institute**

Please visit the Institute's website for upcoming training opportunities <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/>  
Visit our website for a flyer on IFSI's Basic Operations. [Basic Operations FF](#)  
[IFSI 2020 Winter Fire School information is available at the IFSI website – check it out!!](#)

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

### ***National Firefighter Registry Website Now Active***

Reprinted: [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://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.

#### ***ALL FIREFIGHTERS.***

***All Firefighters structural and wildland, career and volunteer, active and retired should participate in the NFR. This includes Firefighters who have never received a cancer diagnosis, previously had cancer, or currently have cancer.***

Participation in the NFR is voluntary **HOWEVER** by providing vital information about their own health and work experiences, Firefighters who register for the NFR will play a critical role in helping to better understand the health risks our profession faces.

#### **DETAILS HERE:**

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

### ***Retirements***

Chief Joe Leone, Addison FPD  
BC Randy Hoyt, Palatine FD  
BC Doug Dowell, Palatine FD

### ***Promotions –***

Randy Hovind to Chief, Galesburg FD

Visit the Job Opportunity section of the IFCA website. Currently we have Firefighting Testing Information for Litchfield FD and Dixon FD; McHenry Township FPD is seeking applications for Career Lieutenant; Tri-Comm Dispatch is looking for an Executive Director and IFSA has an opening for a part-time administrative assistant.

<https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/resources/job-opportunities/>

### **Dates to remember:**

Dec 5, 2019 Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Holiday Luncheon, Addison IL  
Dec 12, 2019 IFSAP Annual Awards Luncheon, Bevedere Events & Banquets, Elk Grove Village, IL  
Jan 23-25, 2020 – Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts Annual Conference, Oak Brook IL  
Feb 21-22, 2020 – IAFFPD 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Conference, O'Fallon IL  
May 12, 2020 – Medal of Honor, Springfield IL  
May 13-15, 2020 – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, East Peoria IL

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