



# IFCA Monthly Information February 2020



## Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety

### Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire Service Day – March 18, 2020 – REGISTRATION OPEN

Our collective goal is to share a common theme amongst the fire service organizations and to promote fair legislation on our behalf. Use this event to help us promote issues that impact both you and the fire service. **Please extend this invitation to fellow district and municipality officials.** *The success of this day depends on your involvement and attendance.* Hotel block at President Abe Lincoln Doubletree – deadline March 3, 2020. **To view the [Flyer](#) Go right to [Registration Link](#)**

#### IFCA Legislation Committee Update

The legislature is now back in session for the second year of the 101st General Assembly. The legislative committee has met, and we continue to evaluate all the proposed legislation. This year we are sponsoring legislation to add the ability for Deputy and Assistant Chiefs to use audible warning devices, as a Fire Chief is able to do. We are also sponsoring legislation for an exemption for emergency fire vehicles from the motor fuel tax.

We have many other bills we are supporting and some we oppose. As new bills are being introduced, we are continually evaluating them and will take a position as needed. Please check the legislative section of the IFCA website for updated information.

Area Representatives: Our Area Representatives will be looking for 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)

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

Watch your inbox and mail for information on the upcoming symposium. Mark your calendar May 13-15, 2020, East Peoria FD.

#### 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:**

IDOL

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

**VCOC Mini-Symposium – May 15-16, 2020 East Peoria**

### 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).

### Assessment & Consulting

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

### Be Prepared for Promotion & Leadership

2020 Spring Offering – Registration [Be Prepared](#)

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Overview/Structured Oral/In-Basket	Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction Group Problem Solving/Writing	Tactical Exercise
Mar 18–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Mar 19–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Mar 20–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

### ***IFCA Educational & Research Foundation***

**2020 Foundation Scholarship Competition is Open. Application period Jan 2-March 15, 2020. The application is found online at <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/foundation/scholarship/>.** Chiefs please let your personnel know these scholarships are available.

### Fire Officer Course Offerings

#### Fire Service Instructor 1

Instructor 1 Oct 19-21, 26-27 North Palos (Sta 1)

#### Fire Service Instructor 2

Instructor 2 Mar 23-25, 30-31 Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151)

Instructor 2 Sep 21-23, 28-29 Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151)

#### Incident Safety Officer (ISO)

Incident Safety Officer Feb 10-14 Tinley Park

Incident Safety Officer May 11-15 Plainfield

Incident Safety Officer Sep 21-25 Huntley

Incident Safety Officer Nov 16-20 West Chicago

#### Company Fire Officer (CoFO) *July class - Grant Funded*

Company Fire Officer Jul 20, Aug 17-21, 31-Sep 4 Moraine Valley CC

#### Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO) *April class – Grant Funded*

Advanced Fire Officer Apr 6, May 4-8, May 18-22 Moraine Valley CC

Advanced Fire Officer Oct 26, Nov 30-Dec 4, Dec 14-18 Elk Grove Village

#### Training Program Manager (TPM)

Training Program Manager Mar 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 West Chicago

Training Program Manager Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 North Palos

Training Program Manager Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2 Plainfield FPD



#### **1-Day Officer Development Seminar Class**

**February 23, 2020 – Harlem Roscoe FD – No Cost - [Register Now](#)**

It's a new decade and the Foundation has updated and restructured the Senior Officer Development program. It is now a **One-day** program with topics chosen by the Host Department, so it is relevant to your department's area. Harlem-Roscoe topics - Laws, Regulations & Standards - Standard Operating Procedures; Conflict Resolution; "Leadership for Fire Department Officers (Buddy to Boss)"; Recruitment and Retention.

Watch for more information on upcoming classes:

April 4 – Amboy FD

June 24 – Barrington-Countryside FPD

### **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 depart 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.

### **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.

## ***Our Partners***

### **Illinois Fire Service Institute**

**Congratulations** to IFSI for their 2019 Re-accreditation by the [National Professional Qualification Board](#) (Pro Board®)!

At their recent conference on Friday, 24 January 2020, in West Palm Beach, Pro Board's Committee on Accreditation unanimously voted in favor of the recommendation made by Larry Preston (Pro Board site team leader) who presented the teams' findings to the board. All levels were approved as submitted.

A HUGE thank you to all programs for the hard work and dedication required to achieve this accomplishment!

### **OSFM**

Applications for the Small Equipment program are now being accepted. You must access the application from the OSFM website. Application Link: [Small Equipment Grant](#). Applications must be postmarked no later than February 29, 2020.

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

### **US Fire Administration**

The fiscal year 2021 application period for the newly revised Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program at the National Fire Academy is open and will close on April 15. The EFO Program provides senior officers enhanced knowledge on management and leadership problems facing fire and EMS departments.

The EFO Program has moved from a four-year program to 24 months, blending online learning with on-campus courses. Students are grouped into cohorts and move through the program together, finishing up with individual graduate-level thesis projects. For more information: [EFO Program](#)

### **IAFC – Coronavirus Resources**

As Fire and EMS agencies prepare for and deal with the Coronavirus, the IAFC has established a Coronavirus Resources webpage that will provide links to the latest information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of EMS.

Additionally, the IAFC provided the live Esri GIS/Johns Hopkins University 2019-nCoV Tracking Dashboard on this site as well. Data sources populating the map are the official data from the WHO, CDC, and the National Health Commission (NHC) and Dingxiangyuan of China.

The goal from the IAFC is to make it relatively easy for you to access current information quickly and easily.

**Check it out:**

<https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/coronavirus-resources-for-fire-chiefs>

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Illinois Fire Investigators Annual Conference**

February 21-23, 2020 - Peoria IL

There is still time to sign up. Please pass this information on to those who may be interested in attending this great learning and networking opportunity. For more information visit: <https://www.cifia.org/conference/>

### **2020 Fire Alarm Code & Technology Summit**

Join us for a day of networking with subject matter experts and peers in the fire alarm industry! Learn more about your local codes and standards and meet new colleagues to exchange ideas and knowledge.

Thursday, February 27, 2020 8:00am - 4:30pm

Medinah Shriners Hall - Addison, IL

*\$75/person - PRE-PAY event ONLY, no walk ins will be permitted!* [Register Here](#)

### **50 U.S. Fire Departments Will Receive \$500 For Local Home Fire Sprinkler Education** *The deadline to apply is March 6, 2020.*

February 3, 2020, Frankfort, IL – As part of its ongoing nonprofit safety education mission, the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) is inviting all U.S. fire departments to apply for new stipend awards that will increase local awareness of home fire sprinklers. With generous underwriting from State Farm, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), 50 qualifying departments will receive \$500 to enhance their local outreach. For more information visit: <https://homefiresprinkler.org/2020-stipend/>

Cook County EMRS Training Opportunities Available. Visit [EMRS Training](#)

### ***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 Chris Sewell, Flossmoor FD

### **Promotions/Appointments**

Derek Hagerty to Chief, Sandwich FPD  
Christopher Courtney to Chief, Palos FPD

**Dates to remember:**

Feb 21-22, 2020 – IAFFPD 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Conference, O’Fallon IL  
Feb 21-23, 2020 – Illinois Society of Fire Instructors Conference, East Peoria IL  
Feb 21-23, 2020 – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Conference, Peoria IL  
March 18, 2020 – Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day, Springfield IL  
March 18-20, 2020 – Illinois Fire Inspectors Life Safety Conference, East Peoria IL  
May 12, 2020 – Medal of Honor, Springfield IL  
May 13-15, 2020 – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, East Peoria IL  
May 15-16, 2020 – VCOC Mini-Symposium, East Peoria IL

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