



IFCA Monthly Information February 2019



Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety

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

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 concept of changing the fire service from a response mode to more of a prevention focus across the board and not just related to fire incidents will help propel and change the nature of what we do. 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

Thank you. Chief – President Mark Puknaitis IFCA & Naperville FD

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

Symposium 2019 is getting closer:

Mark your calendars now for the 49th Annual Symposium – May 15-17, 2019, Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria.

IFCA Annual Conference

Please watch your email for a survey on the Annual Conference. Your input is appreciated.

10th Annual VCOE Conference –

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

Proposed Changes to the Life Safety Code

President Puknaitis has sent a letter to Fire Marshal Matt Perez supporting the proposed changes to the Life Safety Codes. The text of the letter is included with this report at the end of the document.

Tollway Reimbursement

Negotiations are ongoing. Further information will be provided when available. Questions can be directed to Chief John Christian, 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

IFCA Legislative Update:

Mark Your Calendars - April 10th is the day set for the Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day in Springfield. More information to follow.

HELP WANTED

Sub-committees have been formed within the Legislative Committee. Currently looking for individuals willing to help on the sub-committees. If anyone is interested in helping they can contact the chair of the committee.

Hiring – Bill Perkins; bperkins@mantenofire.com

Volunteer/Combination – Dave Weiss; dweiss@westmont.il.gov

Funding – Paul Mackin; pmackinnpfd@comcast.net

Inspection, Code, Public Education – Nick Asta; nasta@bcfpd.us

Pension – Tom Deegan; tfdeegan@comcast.net

Legislative watch list posted on the website. Slow going so far, not many bills assigned to committee yet. *for more info:* jbuckley@plvw.org

IFCA Web Information:

With the assistance of Maureen and Chief Larry Moran we work in keeping the site updated and current with news for you. Watch for additional and new updates! If you have any questions or would like something posted please contact me, Maureen or Larry. jbuckley@plvw.org, mgriseto@illinoisfirechiefs.org, lmoran@illinoisfirechiefs.org

VCOC Programs & News:

Recruitment/Retention Workshop

This two-day course provides chiefs and officers with the knowledge, tools and resources to begin a more successful recruitment program. You will also learn valuable tips on how to retain those quality volunteers. Even though this course is primarily set up for volunteer/combination departments, it is open to all. The course can offer valuable suggestions on other marketing strategies to attract qualified candidates. This course is offered at **NO CHARGE**. Visit www.illinoisfirechiefs.org for registration.

Scheduled Workshops

Amboy FD, March 9-10, 2019 **Rescheduled from January**

Riverton FD, March 9-10, 2019

The IFCA-VCOC will be partnering with the IAFFPD delivering a short version of R&R to the Trustees at their weekend workshops.

Feb 2 – ATS Session, Fulton IL

Feb 15-16 – IAFFPD Winter Conference, O’Fallon IL

Mar 2 – ATS Session, Champaign IL

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 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.

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

Fire Chief of the Year

Application is now available on the IFCA website. Deadline is August 9, 2019.

2019 Membership Dues:

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

Assessment & Consulting:

Be Prepared for Promotion Workshops schedule for 2019. Visit the IFCA website to register for the workshops. This series of seminars are intended to be an individual initiative and are not necessarily intended to be supported through Fire Department funding.

Workshop 1 Oral Interview	Workshop 2 – Employee Counseling, Citizen Interaction, Group Problem Solving & Writing	Workshop 3 Tactical Exercise
Mar 19, 2019 – Homer Township FPD	Mar 20, 2019 – Homer Township FPD	Mar 21, 2019 – Homer Township FPD

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

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.

IFCA Educational & Research Foundation

Scholarship Application Period Now Open - The Scholarship Competition is now open. Please encourage your personnel to apply. This year there is a requirement to have the Chief's letter of recommendation on department letterhead with signature, so it can be scanned and attach to the application. The scholarship application is an online at [2019 Scholarship Application](#).

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 Winter 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

Senior Officer Development for the 21st Century

This **FREE** two-day mini-symposium has been put together for officers to help you better understand duties and liabilities of the Chief Officer. This program is aimed at those individuals who may be new at the chief officer rank; act to support the administrative function or as a tool regardless of rank of those who aspire to be a Chief Officer someday. This program is designed as an interactive program with its success directly related to your participation. At the end of each section the students are asked not only offer their feedback on the instructors but also the relevancy of the material which then drives curriculum revisions.

The program's mission is to develop the knowledge skills in leadership and the support tools to grow an organization for a safe and successful future. The Senior Officer Program offers topics necessary in a new to the role and refresher for more veteran officers. Topics such as Duty, Pride, & Tradition, Officer Leadership (Buddy-to-Boss), Recruitment & Retention, Training Awareness, Fire Service Planning (Succession though Shift), Mental Health and Safety for Firefighters, Conflict Resolution, Legal Requirements, Political Advocacy, Team Building, and Preparation for the Modern Fireground.

The following Workshops are scheduled.

Charleston – February 9-10, 2019 – **deadline February 4, 2019**

Evanston – March 30-31, 2019 – **rescheduled from January**

Amboy – April 6-7, 2019 – **deadline March 27, 2019**

visit www.illinoisfirechiefs.org for registration information or email mgriseto@illinoisfirechiefs.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.*

SAVE THE DATE for our IFCA Foundation Fundraising Activities:

- ❖ For Information on the Life-Source Blood Drive Program, please contact Jeff Swanson at jeffreyswanson@gmail.com
- ❖ 3rd Annual Fishing Classic – Waukegan Harbor/Marina – May 11, 2019
- ❖ 2019 Annual Golf Outing – July 10, Lemont IL

For the Good of the Association

Illinois Fire Service Institute

IFSI needs students at the Chief and Firefighter levels for the April 1 – 5, 2019, Leadership Development and Decision Making (LDDM) Class in Champaign, IL. Visit <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu>

Don't forget to check the IFSI website for classes including Cornerstone offerings.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

The State Fire Marshal is seeking 2018 nominations for the annual Fire Prevention and Life Safety Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize extraordinary efforts in furtherance of fire prevention and life safety performed by fire departments, firefighters, and staff from the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Nominations for this award shall be made using a nomination form provided by the Office and be turned in no later than March 1, 2019. Anyone may submit a nomination.

A committee consisting of staff from the Office will review nominations and select a recipient from each nomination category:

- * **OSFM Personnel-Administration**
- * **OSFM Personnel-Operations**
- * **Fire Department/Fire Protection District/Township Fire Department**

The Office will present recipients their award at the 26th Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighting Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony being held on May 14, 2019.

A copy of the nomination form is here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/NominatlonForm.pdf#search=SFm%20Award>

Matt Perez-State Fire Marshal

Congressman Mike Bost Selected to Co-Chair the Congressional Fire Services Caucus

The leadership of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus has selected Congressman Mike Bost (IL-12) to serve as a co-chair. Congressman Bost assumes the position following the retirement of former-Congressman David Reichert at the end of the 115th Congress.

Congressman Bost previously served for two decades in the Illinois House of Representatives. The Congressman also served as a firefighter for the Murphysboro (IL) Fire Department. He graduated from the University of Illinois' Certified Firefighter II Academy in 1993 and continued to serve the Murphysboro Fire Department during his six terms as state representative. The Congressman also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1979 to 1982. Congressman Bost is currently serving his third term in the House.

Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals

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

Visit 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

Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors

2019 Annual Conference February 22-24, 2019, Paradise Hotel, East Peoria IL for information and registration visit:

<http://www.ill-fireinstructors.org>

Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

2019 Annual Fire & Life Safety Conference March 20-22, 2019, Paradise Hotel, East Peoria IL - for information and registration: <https://www.illinoisfireinspectors.org/>

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.

Dates to remember:

Feb 8-9, 2019 – Sr. Officer Development for the 21st Century, Charleston IL

Feb 15-16, 2019 - IAFFPD Winter Symposium O'Fallon Illinois

Feb 22-24, 2019 –2019 ISFSI Conference, East Peoria IL

Mar 2, 2019 – ATS Session, Fulton IL

Mar 9-10, 2019 – Recruitment/Retention Workshop, Riverton IL

Mar 9-10, 2019 – Recruitment/Retention Workshop, Amboy IL – *rescheduled from January*

Mar 20-22, 2019 – IL Fire Inspectors - 2019 Annual Fire & Life Safety Conference, East Peoria IL

Mar 30-31, 2019 – Sr. Officer Development for the 21st Century, Evanston IL – *rescheduled from January*

Apr 6-7, 2019 – Sr. Officer Development for the 21st 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 - 3rd Annual Fishing Classic – Waukegan Harbor/Marina

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

May 15-17, 2019 – IFCA 49th Annual Symposium, East Peoria IL

Sep 14-15, 2019 – 10th Annual VCOCC Conference, Normal IL

Oct 13-16, 2019 – 69th 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.



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January 24, 2019

Office of the State Fire Marshal
Attn: Cathy Stashak
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 4-600
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Ms. Stashak,

On behalf of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, I would like to provide the following as comment on the Fire Marshal's intent to update the Life Safety Code that protects the residents of our State.

We sincerely applaud the Fire Marshal's effort to update a code that was adopted in 2002. The Life Safety Code is essential to the fire service and a very important tool used on a daily basis by fire departments throughout our State. It is our view that this update is overdue and we appreciate the efforts of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to correct this situation.

Our organization, through a vote of our Executive Board would like to officially support the changes proposed to 41 Ill. Admin. Code Section 100, currently in a public comment period. The change from the NFPA Life Safety Code (LSC 100) 2000 version to the 2015 version is a very important step. We feel these changes will enhance the safety of our residents and urge the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to quickly adopt these changes.

While we are fully supportive of the change to the more current code, we feel there are criteria in the 2015 version of the Life Safety Code that were excluded and would be beneficial in providing greater safety for fire and other hazards to our residents. While we appreciate and understand the decision to exclude part of the 2015 Life Safety Code or rely upon the 2000 version of the code, adopting an intact code would be more preferable. We would like to appeal to the Office to consider strengthening this code in the future and work to minimize these alterations to the code.

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association looks forward to continue working with the Office of the State Fire Marshal to improve the safety of all Illinois residents and visitors.

Very truly yours,

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

Mark Puknaitis
President





MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

1,000 SPOTS FOR \$20 EACH
(10) SELECTED FOR GIVEAWAYS FROM OUR SPONSORS

LIVE DRAWING ON DINGES FIRE COMPANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE
 ONCE ALL SPOTS ARE FULL

PROFITS WILL BE EVENLY SPLIT
 BETWEEN THE FAMILY OF LINE OF DUTY DEATH LT. ERIC HOSETTE
 AND CRITICALLY INJURED FIREFIGHTER ADAM CAIN











On Saturday, January 5th, firefighters from the Clinton Fire Department were battling a fire at a grain bin facility when an explosion occurred. The explosion resulted in the death of Lt. Eric Hosette and critically injured firefighter Adam Cain.

Dinges Fire Company, along with the help of several sponsors, are hosting a memorial fundraiser in honor of the sacrifice made by Lt. Hosette and FF Cain. The profits will be evenly split between the Hosette family and Adam Cain. **Our goal is \$10,000 per family.**

We are selling 1,000 spots at \$20 each. (10) people will be selected for giveaways from our sponsors in accordance with the drawing list below:

- 1st Draw - Leatherhead Metals Helmet Front and Vanguard MK-1 Gloves - DFC
- 2nd Draw - Particulate Hood - PGI, Inc.
- 3rd Draw - Smoothbore Nozzle - TFT
- 4th Draw - Helmet (your choice of color) - Bullard
- 5th Draw - Midwest Area Fire Academy Registration (up to \$200) - Illinois FireNuggets
- 6th Draw - (1) Set of Irons - Fire Craftsmanship
- 7th Draw - 7/8 Smoothbore Nozzle - Elkhart Brass
- 8th Draw - Streamlight Vulcan 180 - DFC
- 9th Draw - 36" "MANCAVE" Sign - Leatherhead Metals
- 10th Draw - FDIC Full Conference Pass (does not include HOT class) - FDIC, Intl.

To register please go to: dingesfire.com

Stay tuned to DFC for updates on spot availability and drawing date.

Questions: Please contact Jeff Bryant Sr. - jbryant9962@gmail.com, or Jeff Bryant Jr. - jrafd591@gmail.com