



**IFCA Monthly Information
January 2020**



Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

From President Earle

Help Needed:

We need help/representation in Area 12. Chief Kirby Crites, Lake Egypt FPD has retired. Kirby has served as Area 12 Representative since 2015. We thank him for his service to the IFCA and the IFCA Board
Area 12 covers the following counties: Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, White and Williamson
If interested contact Greg Earle cfire805@gmail.com or Al Yancey yanceya@minookafire.com

From ED Jim Grady III OSFM News

Applications for the Small Equipment Grant program are now being accepted. You may access the application at our website (<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/lam/FireDepartment/Grants-and-Loans/Pages/default.aspx>) . Applications must be postmarked no later than February 29, 2020. \$3.5 million is available for this application cycle.

Medal of Honor application for 2020 OSFM recognition in May. Deadline is February 1, 2020.

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

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

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 – PLEASE HELP US!

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> The survey will be closing soon. Please participate if you have not!

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. 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:

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

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 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:

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

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 or Jim Grady III jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org

Be Prepared for Promotion & Leadership

2020 Spring Offerings –

Register online at <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/professional-services/be-prepared-for-promotion/>

| Workshop 1 Overview / Structured Oral | Workshop 2 Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction Group Problem Solving/Writing | Workshop 3 Tactical Exercise |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Feb 5, 2020 - Addison FPD | Feb 6, 2020 - Addison FPD | Feb 7, 2020 - Addison FPD |
| Mar 18, 2020 - Homer Township | Mar 19, 2020 - Homer Township | Mar 20, 2020 - Homer Township |

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 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

2020 Foundation Scholarship Competition has begun. 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 Classes:

2020 Registration Open

Registration available: [IFCA Course Registration](#)

Classes Begin in January

TPM Class offered in Springfield – begins January 21 – **New Location!!!**

| COST | DATES | LOCATION |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Fire Service Instructor 1 | |
| \$300.00 | January 13-15, 20-21 | North Palos (Sta 1) |
| \$300.00 | October 19-21, 26-27 | North Palos (Sta 1) |
| | Fire Service Instructor 2 | |
| \$300.00 | March 23-25, 30-31 | Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151) |
| \$300.00 | September 21-23, 28-29 | Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151) |
| | Incident Safety Officer (ISO) | |
| \$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 |
| | Company Fire Officer (CoFO) <i>July class - Grant Funded</i> | |
| \$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 |
| | Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO) <i>April class – Grant Funded</i> | |
| \$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 |
| | Training Program Manager (TPM) | |
| \$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 |

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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 4th 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 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 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

Loves Park Fire Department In Cooperation with ISO Presents

ISO Grading Schedule – A guide to improving your community's Fire Protection Class.

When: One day class – Jan 30, 2020 8:30am-5pm

Where: Loves Park City Hall, 100 Heart Blvd, Loves Park IL 61111

Cost: FREE

Registration Deadline Jan 20, 2020

*To Register contact: D/C Steve Pash at
stevepash@cityoflovespark.com*

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.

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 Kirby Crites, Lake Egypt FPD
Chief Dave Schmidt, Elgin FD
Chief Phil Dimenza, Winfield FPD
Chief Robert Martin, Win-Bur-Sew FPD
Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski, Lemont FPD
Deputy Chief Greg Dreyer, Quincy FD
Marsha Giesler, Assistant to the Chief, Downers Grove FD

Promotions –

Trevor Hermann to Chief, Hampshire FPD
Kirk Kelly to Chief, East Joliet FPD

Visit the Job Opportunity section of the IFCA website. Currently we have Firefighting Testing Information for Dixon FD; Fire Chief openings for Brookfield FD, Barrington FD and the City of Beloit WI; IFSA has an opening for a part-time administrative assistant and **Marketing/Sales Rep-Chicago Water & Fire Restoration, Elmhurst IL.**

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

Dates to remember:

Jan 23-25, 2020 – Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts Annual Conference, Oak Brook IL
Feb 1, 2020 – application deadline for Illinois Medal of Honor
Feb 21-22, 2020 – IAFFPD 6th Annual Winter Conference, O’Fallon IL
March 18, 2020 – Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day (tentative)
May 12, 2020 – Medal of Honor, Springfield IL
May 13-15, 2020 – 50th Annual Symposium, East Peoria IL

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