



IFCA Monthly Information September 2020



Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

From President Greg Earle, Centralia FPD

Well I did it again NO I did not cancel anything else, But I did have my other knee operated on and everything went fine. I have made a promise to many people including my wife and Jim g3 to take it easy – I will let you be the judge of that. Ok as I near the end of my term and prepare to hand off the gavel to Don – I want to thank you for all your help and patience during this year. Next month I will say a little more about our transition but for now Thank You IFCA Membership.

This letter will explain a new step or shall I say procedure for us – Electronic Voting 2020. JB and JG3 will explain the procedure and timelines within this note and through some email blasts – please take advantage of this opportunity and take time to read the remaining news items as we are busy and moving forward with anticipation of 2021 and beyond. Thank you, again from south/central Illinois. 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)

It is here and working – MemberClicks and soon IFCA electronic voting – 2020! I would like to thank John Buckley, Mark Puknaitis and Maureen for their help with this project. The goal is to reach out to as many members as possible with news, updates information and soon the electronic vote. Voting will take place from September 09, 2020 through September 16, 2020 at 5pm CDT. Detailed Information is included within this news letter.

President Earle mentions in his section the transition to Chief Don Shoevlin. This has been an interesting time for not only our association but for everyone, once again together we will all get through this, but what will change, what will be different and what is to come. No matter what we will do it – no doubt in my mind.

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, Annual Symposium in May at the Para-Dice and Annual Conference in Peoria 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.

If you have any questions or are in need of assistance, please never hesitate to contact me via email, text or cell calls.

Jim Grady III 815-693-5865 jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org

IFCA Annual Elections

Attached to this newsletter are the positions to be elected and those submitting their nomination documents. Letters of intent & support have been received from all the candidates listed as of this date. A link to an electronic ballot will be emailed to the key contact of each active membership and all retired members next week. Currently, the intent is to have balloting open from Wednesday, September 9, 2020 through September 16, 2020. As a reminder, each active organization is allowed one vote for the presidents’ positions, directors (including VCOG) and representative for their area. Retirees will vote for the Retired Director. Links to information on those running for positions are included as part of the ballot. Please take five minutes (or less) to vote in this year’s election.

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. Calls for a return to Springfield have generally quieted down. 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 and matters that have driven recent civil unrest. However, this is 2020 and basically anything could happen between now and November. We continue to monitor Springfield activities and will work to understand which issues may impact the IFCA during the veto session.

Information Technology:

In July 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. 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.



IFSAP Seminar Opportunity

The Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals are conducting a Fall Seminar on September 24, 2020. They are inviting Chiefs to the afternoon session "Tax Levies and Other Financial Topics" at no cost. The flyer and registration information are attached. Registration Deadline – September 10, 2020.

VCOC Programs & News:

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.



Volunteer Workforce Solutions

Making a difference every day

Guide for Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Department is Now Available

The National Volunteer Workforce Solutions FEMA SAFER grant and the Council for Future Volunteer Firefighters, in conjunction with the IAFC's Volunteer and Combination Officers Section, Women Chiefs Council, Human Relations Committee and the International Diversity Executive Leadership Program, announce the release of the *Guide for Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Department*.

The guide offers ways to increase diversity, inclusiveness, and equity in eight specific areas of your department or organization. The guide is meant to be a usable, practical tool that you can sit down with and work through using the worksheets and checklists provided in the appendix.

[Download Guide Now](#)

Learn How to Use the Guide in Your Department

Join members of the Council for Future Volunteer Firefighters for a webinar on **Thursday, September 10, at 4 PM ET**. They will provide an overview of the Guide for Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Department and how you can apply it to your department or organization.

[Register Today](#)

Online Scenario-Based Diversity and Inclusion Training on IAFC Academy

Looking for a unique training that explores diversity and inclusion issues? The National Volunteer Workforce Solutions FEMA SAFER grant recently released *It's Your Turn: Scenarios for Developing Inclusive Teams* on the IAFC Academy. This free choose-your-own-adventure training takes you through three real-world scenarios at the fictional Franklin Fire Department. See if you have what it takes to make the right choices and improve the team.

[Take the Course Today](#)

This message is sent on behalf of the [Volunteer Workforce Solutions program](#)

[International Association of Fire Chiefs](#)

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Volunteer Firefighter Alliance FREE Fire Prevention Materials

Dear Fire Department,

The Volunteer Firefighter Alliance is a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing Fire Departments, schools, and at-risk groups with education materials for their communities. To date we have distributed over 1 million pieces of fire prevention materials to thousands of fire departments and organizations.

We would love to be able to assist your department by providing you with [free fire prevention materials](#).

We currently have 8-page fire safety activity books and Junior Firefighter badge cards

We will send these out at **no cost** to your organization. Just fill in your organization's information and quantity needed at:

WWW.FREEFIREPREVENTION.COM

Once the information is submitted you should receive your materials by mail in 10-14 days.

While visiting the VFA website, please check out our other programs that can assist you and your department.

Robert Brian Kesterson

Volunteer Firefighter Alliance

1-866-280-0441

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Our mailing address is: 3121 Circle Drive, White Pine, TN 37890

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
Overview/Structured Oral/In-Basket
Sep 30–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

Workshop 2
Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction
Group Problem Solving/Writing
Oct 1–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

Workshop 3
Tactical Exercise
Oct 2-Homer Township FPD, Lockport

2021 Winter Offering –

Workshop 1
Overview/Structured Oral/In-Basket
Mar 23–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

Workshop 2
Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction
Group Problem Solving/Writing
Mar 24–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

Workshop 3
Tactical Exercise
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

VCOS Symposium in the Sun November 2020

IFCA Educational & Research Foundation



Registration Open - Fall Clay Pidgeon Shoot at St. Charles Sportsman's Club, Elburn IL on October 17, 2020. Registration information attached. Also available at www.illinoisfirechiefs.org

Blood Drive - Help us Meet Our Goal –

The Mount Prospect Fire Department recently held a two-day blood drive to support the IFCA Foundation Scholarship Program through Vitalant.

Day One they exceeded the 30-pint goal to qualify but Day 2 they ended up short by 8 pints. If we can get 8 people to donate blood before September 11, 2020 and use the Mount Prospect code of MP98 - your donation will count towards the overall count and support the Scholarship Program.

To schedule an appointment, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org. When you arrive on site please use the code MP98. Thanks for considering.

If your department would be interested in participating in the Blood Drive Program please contact Jeff Swanson at jeffreyaswanson@gmail.com

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 1	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	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.

Upcoming Sr. Officer Seminar – Oak Forest FD

Oak Forest FD will be hosting a Sr. Officer Development Seminar on October 21, 2020 at South Suburban College. Topics include *Conflict Resolution; Leadership for Fire Officers (Buddy to Boss); Training Awareness Standards & Mandates and Surviving the*

Modern Fireground. For further information and registration go to www.illinoisfirechiefs.org

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 Representatives for your Area

Area Retired

Director

Chief Tom Deegan

Schiller Park FD (retired)

847.812.1823

tfdeegan@comcast.net



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.

Per the IFCA By-Laws - for all positions other than the Retired Director, one vote is cast per department in good standing.

President

Chief Don Shoefflin, 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
Chief Keith Krestan, Lisle-Woodridge FPD

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
Chief Ed St. Louis, Bourbonnais FD

Area 8

Deputy Chief Steve 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

Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals Fall Seminar

Friday, September 25, 2020

Empress Banquets - 200 E. Lake Street Addison, IL 60101

11:00am Lunch (1 Hour)

12:00pm Tax Levies & Other Financial Topics

*By James Howard, CPA

1:00 pm Break (15 Minutes)

1:15-2:00pm Open Discussion

** ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ALICIA PAVONE AT (630) 910-2216 OR
SHARON SZYNALSKI AT (708) 385-6902 x 238**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Need to easily understand and determine your tax levy and find out how the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) or tax cap will affect your extension? This class will help Illinois' Fire Districts understand and calculate their tax levies to realize available sources of revenue. This class will cover tax levy terms, critical dates and filings as well as basic modeling to predict what tax monies will be received based on the tax cap.

Registration Form
Friday, September 25, 2020
Empress Banquets - 200 E. Lake Street Addison, IL 60101
11am to 2pm

\$20 / Member Attendee via Zoom

\$20 / Chief Member Attendee via In-Person (Lunch Included)

Member Name: _____

Dept/District: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate whether you are choosing the Virtual or In-Person Option:

Virtual (\$20.00)

In-Person (\$20.00) Chief

Please note any topics you would like to see discussed during the Open Discussion section of the seminar:

Note: Please complete a separate registration form for each attendee. Registrations forms can be combined for payment purposes onto one check.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IFSAP

Mail a copy of your registration form or your online confirmation page along with payment to:

Britta/South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District
1090 W. Spring Street, Station 21
South Elgin, IL 60177

IFSAP Fall Seminar
September 25, 2020

Keeping you safe!

The IFSAP 2020 Board of Directors want to keep you safe and healthy.

We will be implementing the following safety procedures per the CDC guidelines for the day of the seminar:

1. For those members attending the seminar in-person, you will be emailed a short survey of COVID-19 related questions approximately 1 week prior to the seminar. Please fill this out email back as soon as it is received.
2. We will be taking temperatures at the door.
3. All attendees will be seated at least six feet apart.
4. All attendees will be required to wear a mask upon arrival. While seated, your mask can be removed.
5. There will be hand sanitizer throughout the facility for all to use.

If you have been exposed to a known case of COVID-19, please stay home!



2020 Illinois Fire Chiefs

Educational and Research Foundation

2nd Annual Northern Fundraising Top Gun-Clay Bird Classic

Hosted by: St. Charles Sportsman's Club
44W471 Keslinger Road, Elburn Ill 60119

DATE: October 17, 2020

TIME:

- **Sporting Clays:** 10am Registration, 11am Shooting
- **Trap:** 11am Registration, 12pm shooting
- **BBQ/Raffle:** 1:30pm

Questions; contact Jeff Swanson at 815-302-4948 or email at chiefswanson@outlook.com

Please Note: Before Registering for this Event, ensure that all participants who are Illinois residents and will travel with a weapon have and can present a valid Illinois Firearms Owners Identification Card at registration. All Shooters MUST have eye and ear protection to shoot. All Ammo will be provided. ONLY provided ammo can be used. If you are shooting any gauge ammo other than 12 ga. please email Jeff Swanson once you register.

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED AT THE SPORTSMANS CLUB.

Come shoot with us to raise funds for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Educational & Research Foundation. This event will help to support the IFCA Foundations Grant and Scholarship program.

We are looking for Shooters, Sponsors, and donations of raffle items for our 2nd Annual Northern Clay Bird Classic Fundraiser. Families are welcome to join the event.

- Each Shooter will receive an Event Hat (Pre-registration and payment required by September 25, 2020 to receive Hat).
- Exciting Raffle Items and 50/50 Raffle.
- Gatorade and Water provided
- BBQ Meal after at the Sportsman's Club on-site.

Event Notes: You are welcome to bring your own golf cart or hand cart for sporting clays range, if not, there is a lot of walking. Spectators are welcome to join, be sure to register them for the lunch if they want to eat. You must sign a waiver and have your FOID or CCL Card on your person at the time of the event. You may want to bring a backpack and rain gear.

Lunch only \$20.00

Experienced Shooter \$85.00

Includes: All ammo and clay targets with 25 shots on 16 yard Trap range, 25 shots on 20 yard Trap range.

Pro Shooter \$110.00

Includes: All ammo and clay targets for 12-15 stations with 75 round Sporting Clay range.

Online Registration required at <https://illinois-fire-chiefs-clays.perfectgolfevent.com/>

Visa, MC, American Express, Discover; registration fee is non-refundable

Premiere Sponsor – Limit 1	\$3,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo recognition on event signage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event Advertising, Marketing Materials and Event Program and Event Hat. • Display your corporate banner at event. • Podium recognition at event with opportunity for remarks. • Promo table at event (optional). • Social Media and Website Recognition. • Registration for 5 person Team. 	
Cooler/Giveaway Sponsor - Limit 1	\$1,500.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each shooter will receive a take home cooler with your company logo on it. • Registration for 2 shooters • Social Media and Website Recognition 	
Sporting Clay Range Sponsor – Limit 1	\$1,500.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo recognition on event signage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event program, and range signs. • Recognition as corporate sponsor at event. • Social Media and Website Recognition. • Registration for 2 shooters. 	
Station Sponsor – Limit 2 – 16 & 27 Yard Trap Sponsor	\$1,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Logo/Name on signage. • Company Logo/Name on event Flyer. • Social Media Recognition. • Registration for 1 shooter. 	
BBQ Sponsor – Limit 2	\$750.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Logo/Name on signage at event BBQ • Social Media Recognition. 	
Beverage Sponsor – Limit 2 (Water/Gatorade)	\$500.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Logo/Name on Signage at event drink locations. • Social Media Recognition. 	
Ammunition Sponsor – Limit 3	\$500.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Logo affixed to Ammunition Boxes. <i>(Company provides Artwork for labels)</i> • Social Media Recognition. 	
Gun Safety Flyer Sponsor – Limit 1	\$300.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All shooters will receive a gun safety flyer at registration featuring your logo and company name. • Social Media Recognition. 	

Sponsorship deadline October 2, 2020
Online Registration required at
<https://illinois-fire-chiefs-clays.perfectgolfevent.com/>



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Dear Business Owner,

Please permit us to introduce the ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION. The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) 36-3051900 not-for-profit corporation, incorporated on December 20, 1978, and amended May 20, 1980 to operate as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Educational & Research Foundation's mission is to provide Fire Officer Certification courses, educational scholarships and grants for under-graduate, post-graduate, and vocational education, training, and research. In 1983, the IFCA Foundation Scholarship Program awarded its first scholarships and through 2019 has awarded 2558 scholarships totaling \$1,877,725. This program originally began with memorial gifts dedicated in honor of deceased Fire Service personnel and those supportive of the Fire Service. Intended as a vehicle for expressing a lasting and continuing remembrance of loved ones that will have long-lasting returns through the education and training of these future Fire Service leaders. Scholarships are designed to permit individuals within the State to further their formal education, certification and training through attendance at approved courses. As the program, evolved funds were donated by individuals, organizations, businesses and through our annual IFCA Foundation Golf Outing & Raffle. <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/foundation/about-us/>

Over the past years we have seen a decline in golf attendance resulting decrease in revenue. To supplement our fund raising events we began a fishing tournament held each spring from Waukegan Harbor and we added the 1st Annual Top Gun event last year.

This year the Pandemic has devastated our fund raising endeavors as we cancelled both of these events. We did launch an online T-shirt program to help with fundraising while we were not allowed to meet in person.

With the re-opening of the State, we plan to continue in the sportsman's event style and we are scheduling our 2nd Annual Top Gun Outing. This event will be on October 17, 2020 at the St. Charles Sportsman's Club in Elburn. We will have two levels of shooters shooting 16 yard and 27 yard trap or the sporting clays course. Each bracket will have a top-gun/best score. We are very excited about this event and the opportunities ahead of us.

We are hoping to partner with your business to spread the word to potential attendees or sponsors. We offer various levels of sponsorship from premier event sponsor to raffle prize donor to heighten community involvement. The attached flyer lists the available sponsorship opportunities; additionally any items donated for the raffle are welcome.

We ask that you assist us by sharing this with your contacts and/or posting in your establishment.

Thank you, we appreciate your support.

Sincerely Yours,

Jeffrey A. Swanson

Jeffrey A. Swanson
Foundation Director, Retired Fire Chief

Andrew O'Donnell

Andrew O'Donnell
Foundation President, Retired Fire Chief