



ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Illinois Fire Service Leaders:

On behalf of the entire Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, I would like to extend an invitation to attend the 48th Annual IFCA Symposium May 16-18, 2018. The Symposium Committee has worked hard to secure outstanding presenters . This is a wonderful time for networking with other leaders throughout the State. The overall goal is to provide a well-rounded professional and social experience for all attendees and I am confident this will be accomplished. You can find more information about the Symposium including registration, presentations, and other scheduled activities on our new website at www.illinoisfirechiefs.org. We look forward to a large attendance at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria for the 7th consecutive year.

As we prepare for the Symposium, the IFCA Board will be reviewing the current Strategic Plan at our Executive Board meeting on May 16th. We want to ensure we are meeting all of the needs of all Association members throughout Illinois. If you remember, our areas of focus this year are improving communications, ensuring diversity, expanding educational and training opportunities, and finally improving the overall health and safety of our Illinois firefighters. I encourage everyone to reach out to their respective IFCA Area Representatives, share your thoughts and ideas on how we as an Association, can better serve you. We are striving to hit all of our benchmarks and goals put in place in 2017 and need your input on how we are doing. As always, I am here along with the IFCA staff to assist you in any way possible.

In the upcoming InFocus newsletter we are highlighting Community Risk Reduction programs and materials available from the Vision 20/20 National Strategies for Loss Prevention. Community Risk Reduction is a critical issue in the fire service and this National Program is available as a resource in a variety of forms. I encourage everyone to go to their website at www.strategicfire.org and get involved. The motto of the Vision 20/20 Program is "Fire is Everyone's Fight", and as fire service leaders we should be doing everything possible to make our communities safer.

I look forward to meeting and talking with each of you at our upcoming Spring Symposium and encourage you to register early. It is truly an honor and I remain humbled to serve as President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.R. Christian".

John R. Christian
IFCA President



IFCA
48th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
May 16-18, 2018
Par•A•Dice Hotel
7 BlackJack Blvd., East Peoria IL 61611



IFCA SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Date	Event	Check if attending	Pre-Registration Cost	At The Door Registration Cost	Total
May 16-18, 2018	Symposium - Full Registration		\$150.00	\$175.00	
Wed., May 16, 2018 *	Attorney Forum		Inc w/Full Reg.	Inc w/Full Reg.	
Thurs. May 17, 2018 *	BB game/Dinner 1 ticket		Inc w/ Full Reg.	Inc w/Full Reg.	
Thurs. May, 17, 2018 8:00a-4:00p	Symposium – Daily Registration <i>does not include ballgame</i>		\$90.00	\$100.00	
Fri. May 18, 2018 8:00a-Noon	Symposium – Daily Registration		\$60.00	\$75.00	
<i>Spouse/Significant Other - No planned program, Registration fee Includes meals, 1 BB/Dinner Ticket</i>			\$75.00	\$75.00	
				TOTAL	

* This is for planning purposes, you are always welcome

Registration is for fire service personnel. Daily Registration does not include evening activities

*Please contact the Hotel Directly. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Symposium at the Par-A-Dice Hotel @ \$101per night + 12% tax. Advance reservations required. Call the hotel direct at 800.547.0711 or online at <http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups>. Reference group code **0516FIR** or the Illinois Fire Chiefs Assn. Deadline for hotel block rate **Apr 24 2018**.*

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Illinois Fire Chiefs Association 48th Annual Symposium Program

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

4:00-6:00pm **Registration Par-A-Dice Lobby**

6:00-9:00pm

Open Forum with Attorneys, Karl Ottosen & Stephen DiNolfo, OBKCG & D, Ltd. • Karl & Steve will moderate our open forum with an open microphone format. Bring your hot topics for discussion. Attendees will be invited to submit questions anonymously before the symposium for discussion and answers. Hospitality bar & heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

6:30-8:00am **Breakfast** (included in registration)

6:30-7:15am **5K Run/Walk**

Get your daily workout early. Join us for a 5K Run/Walk to get the day started. Meet in the lobby of the Par-a-Dice Hotel. Don't forget to pack your workout gear!

7:00-8:00am **Registration**

8:00-8:15am **Welcome**

8:15-9:15am

Unified Command • Anthony Kastros

The goal of the workshop is to provide the student with an awareness level of the key components of a functional unified command, multi-disciplinary incident, such as active shooter, hazardous material, multi-casualty incident (MCI), technical rescue, natural disaster, or terrorist act. Incident operations will become more safe, effective, and efficient, thus resulting in more civilian lives saved with less injury to our responders.

9:15-9:30am **BREAK**

9:30-10:30am

Unified Command Continues • Anthony Kastros

10:30-10:45am - **BREAK**

10:45am-Noon

IFSI Research Update • Gavin Horn

In a recent series of projects between IFSI Research, UL FSRI and NIOSH, we have developed a deeper understanding of the cardiovascular and chemical exposure risks associated with firefighting activities. This presentation will review a few of the critical results from those efforts with a focus on the impact of tactical decisions, risks for firefighters operating in different roles on the fireground and policy implication from this study as well as straightforward means to reduce exposures to these risks while operating on today's fireground.

12:00-1:30pm

IFCA Award Recognition Luncheon

Includes presentation of the 2018 Chief Fire Officer recipients. Luncheon ticket is included in your registration fee.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

1:30-2:30pm

Open Case File! 30 Years After • Chief Robert Buhs, Orland Park FPD, retired and Karl Ottosen, OBCKG&D.

This is a **30-year open fire investigation file** that will remain open until the cause and origin of 22 incidents can be determined. This presentation will take you through a seven-month time-line of incidents and investigative events to determine the cause of each as well as the action steps taken to stop the reoccurring events. You will hear about the evidence collected, the scientific investigation techniques (available at that time) that were applied and the investigative teams' efforts to objectively and thoroughly consider all the facts and possibilities to finding the cause to these incidents. Note: This is an open case file waiting for new investigative technology or the introduction/discovery of new information that will help to determine the cause and origin of these incidents.

2:30-2:45pm **BREAK**

2:45-3:30pm

Program Updates/Q & A

Illinois Fire Service Institute

OSFM

3:30-4:15pm

IFCA - How Are We Doing? Presidents, Executive Director Q&A, Open discussion on the current state of the IFCA and what are our plans for the future and what would you as a member expect for the future.

5:15pm

1st Shuttle Bus begins loading meet in lobby

5:30pm

Gates Open at Dozer Park

6:00p-10:00p

Baseball Game (one ticket included with registration, transportation provided) *Join the IFCA for an All-American Baseball dinner at the Peoria Chiefs Baseball game. Enjoy networking while watching the Peoria Chiefs host the Clinton, IA Lumberkings.*

Friday program continued on next page.

Is your neighboring Chief attending?

Invite them to join you!

Friday, May 18, 2018

6:30-8:30am

Breakfast (included in Registration)

7:00-8:00am

Registration

8:30-9:15am

The Chief Officers Role in Modern Fire Behavior - Update •
Chief Drew Smith, Prospect Heights FPD

Modern fire behavior has resulted in the biggest cultural shift of the fire service since EMS implementation in the 1970s. The latest research has involved basement fires, attic fires, and cancer risk reduction. Current discussions in the fire service involves both line and staff but what is being said and by who. Most importantly, what do the chiefs have to say? Are you a leader or manager of this discussion in your department? Will you see the results or culture shift you want? Are you up to date on the research and the opinions? Using case studies, the dialog had with other chiefs, and current initiatives at other fire departments, chief officers can develop a strategy and talking points that lead this discussion in their fire department.

9:15-9:30am **BREAK**

9:30-11:45am

West Chicago Mayday & Recovery • **Lt. Jason Day, FF/PM**
Brendan O'Leary, FF/PM **Todd Baseggio, FF/PM** **Lou Carre**

A Mayday is an event that any fire department or district could experience at any fire on any day. Mayday events are extremely stressful and typically tragic. On March 25, 2017 the members of the West Chicago Fire Protection District had a Mayday and the outcome was positive due to the immediate action of skillful firefighters involved. How will you react to Mayday in your organization? Is your department or district ready for the challenge of the Mayday as it happens and after the event? Training is a part of every department but the importance is never challenged until its time. Having realistic and functional training on a consistent basis encourages cohesiveness of a company, which is a key factor to company readiness.

Invited Presenters...



Karl R. Ottosen is a shareholder and managing partner with the law firm of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd. at the firm's Naperville office. Mr. Ottosen has over twenty-eight years of experience representing government entities. He is a frequent speaker at seminars and workshops on topics such as labor, employment, and local government law issues. You may contact Mr. Ottosen at kottosen@ottosenbritz.com.



Stephen H. DiNolfo is a shareholder with the law firm of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd. Mr. DiNolfo's practice is concentrated in the full range of litigation services. From the Naperville office, Mr. DiNolfo manages the firm's litigation practice and handles a variety of liability, employment, discipline, and labor matters for the fire service. His email address is sdinolfo@ottosenbritz.com.



Anthony Kastros is 31-year fire service veteran. He is currently a Battalion Chief with the Sacramento (CA) Metropolitan Fire District. Chief Kastros responded to New York on 9/11 as a Task Force Manager on FEMA CA Urban Search & Rescue Task Force 7. He is author of the Fire Engineering series, Mastering the Fire Service Assessment Center, Mastering Fireground Command - Calming the Chaos, and Mastering Unified Command - From Hometown to Homeland. He is founder of Trainfirefighters.com, teaching command, leadership and assessment center preparation. He was the FDIC International Keynote Speaker in 2013.



Gavin Horn has served as the director for the IFSI Research program at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), a department within the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 2004. In that same year, he received a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. IFSI Research studies focus on firefighter health and safety, first responder technology development and material testing. Gavin also serves as a firefighter/engineer with the Savoy (IL) Fire Department.



Robert M. Buhs is the Executive Director of the Illinois Public Risk Fund since 2014 providing oversight to the Funds day-to-day operations. The Illinois Public Risk Fund is the largest self-insured risk pool in Illinois serving over 700 members. Bob retired as the Chief/Administrator of the Orland Fire Protection District (OFPD) after 27 years of full time service and 13 of those years as a Chief Officer. After retiring from the OFPD, Chief Buhs was appointed as the Executive Director of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association serving until 2014. Bob has been actively involved in the fire service for over 45 years. Bob has obtained numerous State of Illinois certifications including Chief Fire Officer Designee, a bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University in Fire Service Management and a master's Degree in Public Administration from Governors State University.



Drew R. Smith, EFO, CFO, LP is the Fire Chief of the Prospect Heights (IL) Fire District. He has been a member of the fire service for 40 years, the past 29 as a chief officer. He has served in volunteer, part-time, private, and municipal career departments. He has served as department training officer, regional firefighter academy director and executive committee, regional technical rescue team director for 20 years, and chair of the MABAS-IL Statewide Technical Rescue committee. He is a community college faculty member. Chief Smith holds multiple state certifications in firefighting, technical rescue, hazardous materials, officer, and Instructor/Training Program Manager. His experiences include the formation of a new fire department, implementation of paramedic transport ambulances into existing fire departments, transitions from volunteer to career staff, the implementation of a first aerial apparatus into fire departments, and the formation and operation of two recruit fire academies. He is a member of several state and national fire service organizations including the IAFC and IFSI. He has presented at FDIC numerous times over the past 26 years.

*Watch for an email from Survey Monkey.
Submit your questions
for the Attorney's Forum.*

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Visit www.illinoisfirechiefs.org

The IFCA Annual Symposium Provides:

- ◆ **Valuable Information**
- ◆ **Ever Popular - Attorney Forum**
- ◆ **Current Topics**
- ◆ **Great Networking Opportunities**
- ◆ **Evening Event - Baseball**

Don't miss it!
May 16-18, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

Legislative Day

April 11, 2018 - Springfield IL

Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance

April 13-15, 2018 - Roscoe IL

25th Annual Medal of Honor Ceremony

May 8, 2018 - Springfield IL

2nd Annual Fishing Classic

June 2, 2018 - Waukegan Harbor/Marina

2018 Annual Foundation Golf Outing

July 11, 2018 - Lemont, IL

9th Annual VCOC Conference

September 8-9, 2018 - Bloomington/Normal IL

68th Annual IFCA Conference

October 14-17, 2018 - Peoria IL

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Not an IFCA Member, Why You Should Be:

If you want current, relevant information about your job, pending legislation updates, networking with professionals, or just want to discuss an issue with an advisor, you need the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) is a professional fire service organization dedicated to **bring excellence to the fire service**. IFCA is a participatory, member@run coalition of fire chiefs and officers from municipal fire departments, fire protection districts, industrial fire brigades, government fire agencies, volunteer and paid members, large and small organizations, new and old members. Every part of the State of Illinois is represented. Past presidents have been from volunteer, as well as full-time departments. Membership is open to all Illinois fire chiefs and officers. Associate memberships are available to all who have an interest in the fire service, or who wish to support the Association in its endeavors to elevate the fire service. You can contact the IFCA office for an application or visit our website www.illinoisfirechiefs.org

How We Can Help You Succeed

Using the strength of our membership, IFCA advocates on behalf of the fire service and our citizens. Our legislative committee creates and supports legislation beneficial to the protection and safety of the citizens of Illinois. In partnership with other organizations, we helped in the creation and passage of legislation for residential smoke detectors, school sprinkler systems, and numerous other bills to improve the fire service. Throughout the year, the Executive Board and our committees represent our Association at local, county, regional, state and Federal meetings pertaining to the fire service and EMS. This proactive approach means we have a say in the beginning of the process rather than responding retroactively.

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Outstanding Presentations



Baseball Outing



Chief Fire Officer



5K Walk/Run



Open Forum w/Attorney's



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