



ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Educational and Research Foundation

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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,

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