



Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

Dedicated to Excellence in the Fire Service

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An Invitation to the 74th IFCA Annual Conference

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association 74th Annual Conference will be held October 12-15, 2025. A change is in the air! We are going back to the way it was (with improvements!). The IFCA Conference is back in October and in Peoria, solely hosted by the IFCA. We are looking forward to spending time with you time in Peoria.

Included in this document are the program agenda, hotel information and registration information. All registrations must be entered online.

This year there will be two tracks of programs, Leadership Track and EMS Track. Attendees can attend programs in either or both tracks. We also encourage our Chief Officers to let their EMS Officers know of the program and encourage them to attend.

The Illinois Fire Mechanics Apparatus Association will be holding their conference the same week. Although they will not be having classes at the Civic Center, we have encouraged them to come and see the Exhibit Floor. Please make sure your Mechanics are aware of this conference. Information is available at www.ifama.net.

Start the conference off by attending Tired Travelers Reception on Sunday evening, 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Cotillion Room at the Pere Marquette. Monday and Tuesday Programs will be held at the Peoria Civic Center, lunch will be served on the Exhibit Floor both days. On Monday afternoon the conference is dedicated to the vendors who support the Fire Service and the IFCA throughout the year. Tuesday programs will be split into Morning and Afternoon sessions. During lunch on the Exhibit Floor and you have another opportunity to meet with the vendors.

Tuesday evening is the Annual Banquet and IFCA Awards Recognition Reception. Along with the Installation of the 2025-2026 Executive Board and the presentation of Service Pins to our members. Members eligible for their Service Pin will be notified by email. Additionally the announcement and presentation of the 2025 IFCA Awards - Fire Chief of the Year, Chief Emeritus and Jerry Burke Award - will be made.

The IFCA Conference Committee has worked hard to invite speakers who will present information on both the local and national issues that are impacting the fire service today. Please plan on attending this year's conference. Remember to bring your Officers as well!

Sincerely,

IFCA Conference Committee



Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

74th Annual Conference Program

Sunday, October 12, 2025

3:00-6:00pm

Registration - Attendee check-in, Lobby Pere Marquette

7:00-9:00pm

Tired Travelers Reception

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel - Cotillion Room

Monday, October 13, 2025 - Peoria Civic Center

7:30am

Registration

8:00-8:30am

New Member/First Time Attendee Presentation

General Session

8:30-9:00am

Welcome to the 2025 Conference

Chief Chad Hoefle, Stillman FPD, IFCA President

Presentation of Colors

Peoria Fire Department Honor Guard

Invocation

Peoria Fire Department Chaplin

Memorial Service

IFCA Funeral Committee

Welcoming Remarks

Chief Shawn Sollberger, Peoria Fire Department

Mayor Rita Ali, City of Peoria

09:00-09:45am

Keynote Address

09:45-10:00am BREAK

10:00-11:00am General Session

Chief and EMS Tracks

Bridging Generational Gaps

11:00-11:15am BREAK

11:15am-12:15pm Breakout Session

Chief Track

NERIS

EMS Track

Provider Mental Health, Wellness and Crisis Management

12:15-1:30pm LUNCH

12:15-4:00pm Exhibits Open

Evening on your own. Explore Peoria and the surrounding communities.

The Agenda and list of Speakers are tentative and subject to change.

Updates will be listed on the website.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - Peoria Civic Center

7:30am

Registration

8:30-9:30am - Breakout Session

Leadership Track

Artificial Intelligence (AI) - What is it?

EMS Track

GEMT

9:30-9:45am BREAK

9:45-10:45am - Breakout Session

Leadership Track

Wellness in Action Initiative: Description and Outcomes of Bradley University-Peoria FD Collaboration

EMS Track

Empowering Performance in Resuscitation: Using Real-time Feedback and Debriefing to Drive Improved Outcomes.

10:45-11:00am BREAK

11:00am-12:00pm Breakout Session

Leadership Track

Don't Sit Back and Wait for Things to Fall in Place

EMS Track

Overview of the IFSI Active Shooter/School Safety/Violent Event and Reunification Program

11:45am-1:45 Exhibits Open

12:00-1:30pm

Lunch with our Vendors

Lunch will be served in the Exhibit Hall

2:00-3:00pm Breakout Session

Leadership Track

Stains vs. Starch: Image, Identity & Leadership in the Fire Service

EMS Track

Emergency Medicine Physicians MD1 Health Program

3:00-3:15pm BREAK

3:15-4:15pm

Leadership Track

CRR Roundtable

EMS Track

Mobile Integrated Health

5:00pm

"IFCA Installation Banquet"

Following the banquet a *"IFCA Recognition Reception"* will be held adjacent to the banquet room until 10:00pm

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - Pere Marquette

General Session

7:30am

Registration

8:00-9:00am

Breakfast Buffet (sit down meal)

Organizational Updates

9:00-11:00am

Wellness as an Ops Plan

Conference Concludes

Hotel Information

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette, 501 Main Street, Peoria IL 61602

Reservation Numbers: 1-309-637-6500

1-800-228-9290

Please mention you are registering for the Illinois Fire Chiefs block

Online reservations:

Price **\$175.00** per night plus 15% tax

Block Cut Off: **09/21/2025**

Courtyard Peoria Downtown, 533 Main Street, Peoria IL 61602

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Online Registrations for the Pere Marquette and Courtyard

[Book your group rate for IL FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1737488951788&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink)

Or paste the following into your browser: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1737488951788&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

Staybridge Suites Peoria Downtown, 300 W Romeo B Garrett Ave, Peoria, IL 61605

Reservation Number: 1 877 238 8889

Hotel Front Desk: 1-309-673-7829

Please mention you are registering for the Illinois Fire Chiefs block

Price **\$124.00** per night plus 15% tax

Block Cut Off: **09/12/2025**

**Encourage a Neighboring Chief to attend this
year's 74th Annual Conference**

Attendee Registration

Online Registration:

<https://ilfca.memberclicks.net/conf2025>

Category	Cost
Full Registration	\$250.00
Retired Chief Registration	\$100.00
Full Guest Registration	\$100.00
One (1) Day Registration	\$130.00
Banquet Ticket Only	\$60.00

Full Registration includes This is available to Fire Service personnel only. It may not be used for vendors (please see exhibitor registration). Full Registration gives access to all programs, exhibit floor, Tired Travelers Reception, 2 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Breakfast Buffet, 2 Lunches, and 1 Banquet Ticket

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Full Guest Registration includes This is available for a spouse or significant other of a Full Registration. It may not be used to register another fire service personnel. Full Registration gives access to exhibit floor, Tired Travelers Reception, 2 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Breakfast Buffet, 2 Lunches, and 1 Banquet Ticket

One-Day Registration includes: This is available to Fire Service personnel only. It may not be used for vendors (please see exhibitor registration). One-day Registration gives access to the programs of the day, exhibit floor and planned meals for the day. Does not include banquet ticket.

Banquet Ticket is available for those who are unable to attend the conference but would like to see the installation of officers, IFCA awards presentation including service pins.