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As we all work through the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought upon our lives, I wanted to reach out to keep all the members of our organization up to date with what is going on in our Association.

The IFCA continues to work to help our members with issues related to the pandemic. We have provided links on our website to many Covid-19 resources. By now I'm sure you realize that this disaster is evolving day by day and often moment by moment. Our hope is to be a resource for our members, advocating for our very diverse membership. We remain in contact with the Governor's office and legislators. Last week, we authored a letter, in partnership with the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts and Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts.

In non-pandemic news, the IFCA Executive Board met virtually last week. Originally scheduled as an in-person meeting, something the Board values, the move to a virtual setting was necessary and well received. We are continuing to enhance our abilities to host virtual meetings and possibly even future education events. During the meeting, I was very happy to appoint Chief Shawn Priddy of the Herrin Fire Department to the vacant Area 12 Representative position. After approval by the Board, this appointment took effect immediately. Welcome Chief Priddy!

The pandemic has, and will continue to have, an impact on finances for all sectors. This includes the Article 4 pension funds that saw a law passed last year consolidating the investments of these funds. Shortly before the pandemic hit Illinois at full force, the temporary investment board prescribed by this law was appointed and met. Chuck Sullivan of the AFFI was elected chairman and Brad Cole of the IML co-chair. Since that time, this board has continued to meet, appointed an executive director and defined a committee structure. We have posted a link to the consolidated fund under the Legislation, Article 4 Pension tab on our website.

I know how difficult this has been for our members. **Working together with our neighbors, supporting each other, is necessary now more than ever.** As we wade through these uncharted waters, please let me know how we can help. I am confident that we will come out of this stronger for our experience. Please stay healthy and work to keep your people healthy.

Chief Greg Earle
President