



# IFCA Monthly Information March 2020



## Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety

### Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire Service Day – March 18, 2020 – REGISTRATION OPEN

Our collective goal is to share a common theme amongst the fire service organizations and to promote fair legislation on our behalf. Use this event to help us promote issues that impact both you and the fire service. **Please extend this invitation to fellow district and municipality officials.** *The success of this day depends on your involvement and attendance.* Hotel block at President Abe Lincoln Doubletree – deadline March 3, 2020. To view the [Flyer](#) Go right to [Registration Link](#)

#### IFCA Legislation Committee Update

The legislature is now back in session for the second year of the 101st General Assembly. The legislative committee has met, and we continue to evaluate all the proposed legislation. This year we are sponsoring legislation to add the ability for Deputy and Assistant Chiefs to use audible warning devices, as a Fire Chief can do. We are also sponsoring legislation for an exemption for emergency fire vehicles from the motor fuel tax.

Please check the legislative section of the IFCA website for updated information. Watchlist <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/legislation/legislation-watchlist/>

**Area Representatives:** Our Area Representatives will be looking for help in delivering our message. We can have multiple representatives, so don't be surprised if you are asked to help us help all of us. For more info: [jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org)

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

May 13-15, 2020 – East Peoria IL

Watch your inbox and mail for information on the upcoming symposium.

Program Highlights: Open Forum with Attorneys (Ottosen, DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd); Standing on the Shoulders of Giants (Peter VanDorpe); NFIRS (Greg Hay); Officer Development (Rudy Horist); Organizational Change (Tracy Kenny); Surviving a Mayday (Micah Kiger) and Line of Duty Death (Chris Garrison).

#### VCOC Programs & News:



#### VCOC Recruitment/Retention Workshop – May 29-30, 2020 - East Peoria

No Cost to attend – Grant provided by OSFM & IFCA Educational & Research Foundation

Limited number of hotel rooms covered by grant from those traveling more than 35 miles.

“Having trouble recruiting volunteer firefighters? Some of your challenges may be in your organizations ability to retain volunteers. Volunteerism in the fire service is at an all time low. Attend this one and half day workshop where we will talk about best practices in recruitment and retention and give you some tools to take back to your organization to improve your recruitment and retention programs.” Registration: [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org)

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:dweiss@westmont.il.gov) .

#### Assessment & Consulting

For information on the IFCA Assessment & Consulting Services please contact [dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org)

### **Be Prepared for Promotion & Leadership**

SEATS AVAILABLE

2020 Spring Offering – Registration [Be Prepared](#)

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Overview/Structured Oral/In-Basket	Emp Counseling/Citizen Interaction Group Problem Solving/Writing	Tactical Exercise
Mar 18–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Mar 19–Homer Township FPD, Lockport	Mar 20–Homer Township FPD, Lockport

## **IFCA Educational & Research Foundation**

### **Scholarship Deadline Approaching – March 15, 2020**

2020 Foundation Scholarship Competition is Open. *Application period Jan 2-March 15, 2020. The application is found online at <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/foundation/scholarship/>.* Chiefs please let your personnel know these scholarships are available.

### **Fire Officer Course Offerings**

#### **Fire Service Instructor 1**

Instructor 1 Oct 19-21, 26-27 North Palos (Sta 1)

#### **Fire Service Instructor 2**

Instructor 2 Mar 23-25, 30-31 Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151)

Instructor 2 Sep 21-23, 28-29 Pleasantview FPD (Sta 151)

#### **Incident Safety Officer (ISO)**

Incident Safety Officer May 11-15 Plainfield

Incident Safety Officer Sep 21-25 Huntley

Incident Safety Officer Nov 16-20 West Chicago

#### **Company Fire Officer (CoFO) *July class - Grant Funded***

Company Fire Officer Jul 20, Aug 17-21, 31-Sep 4 Moraine Valley CC

#### **Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO) *April class – Grant Funded***

Advanced Fire Officer Apr 6, May 4-8, May 18-22 Moraine Valley CC

Advanced Fire Officer Oct 26, Nov 30-Dec 4, Dec 14-18 Elk Grove Village

#### **Training Program Manager (TPM)**

Training Program Manager Mar 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 West Chicago

Training Program Manager Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 North Palos

Training Program Manager Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2 Plainfield FPD



#### **1-Day Officer Development Seminar Class**

It's a new decade and the Foundation has updated and restructured the Senior Officer Development program. It is now a **One-day** program with topics chosen by the Host Department, so it is relevant to your department's area.

Watch for more information on upcoming classes:

April 4 – Amboy FD – registration is being taken through Blackhawk Firefighters Association <https://www.facebook.com/ilbffa>

Interested in hosting – contact DC Tim Leidig, West Chicago FD. [tleidig@wegofpd.org](mailto:tleidig@wegofpd.org)

★ Mark Your Calendars – **Annual Foundation Golf Outing July 8, 2020, Gleneagles Golf Club, Lemont IL.** Information and raffle tickets will be mailed soon. The Foundation appreciates the effort made to sell the raffle tickets to your friends and family. The scholarship program benefits the fire service personnel throughout the state.

### **Fundraising**

The fundraising committee has added two exciting events to include other popular outdoor sports while assisting in increasing funds raised for the Foundation's scholarship program.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Classic will take place in May/early June annually. The Fishing Classic is a charter boat event catching Salmon and Trout on Lake Michigan. Boats departs from the Waukegan Harbor in the early morning and return mid-day for

lunch to wrap up a great day on the water.

Our newest event, the Clay Bird Classic, is a shotgun-shooting event, which debuted on September 21st in Elburn. The Clay Bird Classic offers the option for either Trap or Sporting Clays competition with lunch afterwards. We intend to host the Clay Bird a few times per year, the fall in Elburn, and the spring in Frankfort. We are currently exploring a downstate Illinois event, too. Both events have created an opportunity for fun, camaraderie, and enjoying a great day outside not to mention providing over \$6,000.00 to the scholarship funding for our Illinois Firefighters!

Watch [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org) and follow our social media, Facebook and LinkedIn, pages for event details.

### Shopping?

The IFCA Foundation is registered with AmazonSmile. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://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)***

Chiefs – Please pass the following information on to your Administrative Professionals. IFSAP has two outstanding educational opportunities coming up that would benefit them and your department.

**Annual Conference:** April 22-24, 2020, Champaign IL. Program includes

- Legal Open Forum;
- Three Breakout Sessions at IFSI. All attendees will attend the 3 sessions on a rotating basis – Leadership Development & Decision Making, Morals & Ethics; Fire Service Research and Your Fire Academy and Fireground Simulations & Decision Making (FG Sim Ex)
- Real Colors Workshop Program

IFSAP will also conduct their annual meeting, election and installation of officers at the Annual Conference. Limited number of scholarship opportunities are available. Deadline for Scholarship applications – March 13, 2020. Deadline for Conference Registration March 25, 2020. For registration and more information visit: [www.ifsap.org](http://www.ifsap.org)

*Did you know there is a State of Illinois Certification for your support personnel?* IFSAP will be offering their 2020 IFSAP Executive Support Personnel Certificate course September 2-November 24. This 13-week program provides an opportunity to network with others in your field and give you a better understanding of many aspects of the fire service. Classes meet weekly at various fire stations throughout the Chicago Metro area. Topics include: Fire Service I & II; Fire Service Statutes & Related Laws & Standards; Fire Officer I Management; Fire Behavior I & II, Oral & Written Communications; Group Dynamics; Public Education/Fire Prevention; Emergency Medical Systems; Technical Communications. Successful completion of the program a certificate from IFSAP will be awarded to use towards the completion of the Fire Service Executive Support Certification from OSFM. Cost for the class is \$350.00. Deadline for applying is March 31, 2020. For prerequisites and registration information visit [www.ifsap.org](http://www.ifsap.org)

## ***Our Partners***

### **OSFM**

#### **State Fire Marshal Life Safety Award – Deadline Extended March 16, 2020**

After due consideration by our executive team, we are extending the deadline to submit nominees for the State Fire Marshal Life Safety Award.

All nominee applications must be received by close of business on **Monday, March 16, 2020**.

Applications can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/NominationForm.pdf#search=life%20safety%20award>

Previous nominees will also be considered so please resubmit your applications if you desire to do so.

### **IFIA**

*Last Chance – 2020 Annual Life & Safety Conference - March 18-20, 2020*, East Peoria IL. Visit [www.illinoisfireinspectors.org](http://www.illinoisfireinspectors.org) for additional information and registration. Program includes The American Fire Culture (Dr. Burton Clark); First 12 minutes (Tom Polera); View at 30,000 feet: Today, Tomorrow & Beyond (Tonya Hoover); multiple breakout sessions having to do with FLSE & CODES.

## ***For the Good of the Association***

**US Fire Administration**

The fiscal year 2021 application period for the newly revised Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program at the National Fire Academy is open and will close on April 15. The EFO Program provides senior officers enhanced knowledge on management and leadership problems facing fire and EMS departments.

The EFO Program has moved from a four-year program to 24 months, blending online learning with on-campus courses. Students are grouped into cohorts and move through the program together, finishing up with individual graduate-level thesis projects. For more information: [EFO Program](#)

Details about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) are changing rapidly and it's easy to get information overload, but first responders need to be prepared to encounter possible cases. The immediate risk to the U.S. is still considered low; however, the potential public health threat globally and to this country is high.

The virus presents as a respiratory illness with mild to severe symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath. It is spread via respiratory droplets with close contact, like the flu.

The CDC has released interim guidance to help fire and emergency medical services. You can watch the webinar "[What EMS and 911 Need to Know About COVID-19](#)" provided by [ems.gov](#).

#### **IAFC – Coronavirus Resources**

As Fire and EMS agencies prepare for and deal with the Coronavirus, the IAFC has established a Coronavirus Resources webpage that will provide links to the latest information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of EMS.

Additionally, the IAFC provided the live Esri GIS/Johns Hopkins University 2019-nCoV Tracking Dashboard on this site as well. Data sources populating the map are the official data from the WHO, CDC, and the National Health Commission (NHC) and Dingxiangyuan of China.

The goal from the IAFC is to make it relatively easy for you to access current information quickly and easily.

**Check it out:**

<https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/coronavirus-resources-for-fire-chiefs>

#### **50 U.S. Fire Departments Will Receive \$500 For Local Home Fire Sprinkler Education**

***The deadline to apply is March 6, 2020.***

February 3, 2020, Frankfort, IL – As part of its ongoing nonprofit safety education mission, the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) is inviting all U.S. fire departments to apply for new stipend awards that will increase local awareness of home fire sprinklers. With generous underwriting from State Farm, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), 50 qualifying departments will receive \$500 to enhance their local outreach. For more information visit:

<https://homefiresprinkler.org/2020-stipend/>

Cook County EMRS Training Opportunities Available. Visit [EMRS Training](#)

#### ***National Firefighter Registry Website Now Active***

Reprinted: [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://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.

#### ***ALL FIREFIGHTERS.***

***All Firefighters structural and wildland, career and volunteer, active and retired should participate in the NFR.***

***This includes Firefighters who have never received a cancer diagnosis, previously had cancer, or currently have cancer.***

Participation in the NFR is voluntary **HOWEVER** by providing vital information about their own health and work experiences, Firefighters who register for the NFR will play a critical role in helping to better understand the health risks our profession faces.

#### **DETAILS HERE:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry.html>

**Retirements**

Chief Jim Arie, Barrington FD  
Chief Terry Valentino, Rolling Meadows FD

**Promotions/Appointments**

Chief Jeff Moxley, Rolling Meadows FD

**Dates to remember:**

March 7, 2020 – IAFFPD CTE Sessions – IFSI, Champaign IL  
March 18, 2020 – Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day, Springfield IL  
March 18-20, 2020 – Illinois Fire Inspectors Life Safety Conference, East Peoria IL  
March 28, 2020 – IAFFPD CTE Sessions – Cherry Valley IL  
April 22-24, 2020 – IFSAP Annual Conference, Champaign IL  
May 12, 2020 – Medal of Honor, Springfield IL  
May 13-15, 2020 – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, East Peoria IL  
May 29-30, 2020 – VCOC Recruitment/Retention, East Peoria IL  
June 18-20, 2020 – IAFFPD 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Peoria IL  
October 11-15, 2020 – IFCA 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Peoria IL

**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](http://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](https://eagle-engraving.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=133_134). Check out the "NEW" variety of apparel – Tall sizes now available.

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