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***IFCA Monthly Information***

***June 2021***

***Diversity, Communications, Training, Education, Safety***

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| [***Illinois Fire Chiefs Association***](http://www.illinoisfirechief.org) |
| ***From President Don Shoevlin, Harlem-Roscoe FPD;***  Welcome to good old summer and the positive direction in our fight against the pandemic. My wish and hope are that it continues in the direction it has over the past month. It was fantastic to see the turnout at our 50thSymposium last month. Congratulations to all the graduates of the Chief Fire Officer class. It appears the state will continue its path of having strong future leaders. Thank you to Eric, Tim, and the symposium committee team for an outstanding return event. Events seem to be heating up with our fire service partners for which I will be in attendance and honored to be representing the Chief’s Association. Next large items on the radar will be the return of the IL State Fair and our annual conference. The conference committee has dug in and working hard to make that strong comeback we expect. In closing if I can be of any assistance as the IFCA President please do not hesitate to contact me. Stay safe. |
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| **From Chief Jim Grady III (retired) IFCA-ED:**  The 2021 Symposium was great, we had just under 200 attendees that enjoyed excellent speakers, great fellowship and a new addition “Bean Bags Tournament” Once again, I would like to thank the committee.  For their hard work and follow through. Eric Norlin, Tim Leidig, Tom Kruger, Joe Henning and Maureen, once again great job! I need to mention the Hotel Manager Jodi, here and the staff did a wonderful job, you would never know they were shorthanded, they ran their butts off making sure everyone had fun, food and provided a great atmosphere.  IFSI News: Jim Keiken has been named IFSI Director following the retirement of Colonel-Director Royal P. Mortenson. It is safe to say that the Institute is in great hands with Jim and the entire IFSI Team. Royal and Jim did a great job making sure that a succession plan was in place and that the Institute will continue to bring forth programs for many.  The IFCA-education research Foundation has planned our annual golf outing for July 7th, 2021. Further on in the news there is more detailed information.  **Congratulations to Chief-Director Al Yancey of the Minooka FPD as he retained his position as VCOS Director with the International Association of Fire Chiefs Association.**  I would also like to thank VCOC Co-Chairs Jason Parthun and Matt Shronts for taking on the assignments assisting Dave Weiss and Al Yancey.  Within the newsletter you will see information related to the IFCA Executive Board election for 2021-2022.  We have openings for Area Representatives. Please refer to Chief Greg Earle’s article for additional information.  Reminder: Accounts Payable departments have updated our contact information so that **all payments** are remitted to:  **PO Box 4424, Lisle IL 60532** for both the **Illinois Fire Chiefs and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Educational & Research Foundation**.  PO Box 7, Skokie IL 60076 will remain for all mailings and non-billing correspondence.  The PO Box in Mundelein IL will be closed.  Invoices and Registration forms for remittances for dues, conferences, classes and misc. are being updated to reflect the PO Box 4424 for payment.  Maureen will work directly with me and all Foundation items as well as committees producing flyers, mailers and new materials. Now understand all accounting will be processed through James Howard and Governmental Accounting, but Maureen is our direct liaison to Governmental Accounting and MemberClicks as she has the Information and knowledge, we will all need. Maureen will work hand in hand with Cathy Hojek who is assigned to the IFCA along with additional members of James’ team.  This is being done to become more efficient and timelier in all areas of the IFCA TEAM. Much more to be out in the monthly news and in The Gong.  If you need anything, please never hesitate in calling, texting or emailing me. Honored to serve the IFCA.  Jmg3 [jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:jgrady3@illinoisfirechiefs.org)  **75th IFCA CONFERENCE October 17th – 20th, 2021 Peoria Illinois**  Watch for upcoming information. Plans are underway for the Annual Conference. |
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| **Upcoming IFCA Elections**  The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association will be electing officers to serve on the Associations’ Board of Directors for 2021-2022. The election will be held online like last year.  Position’s open for election this year are President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President, Two (2) Directors for Two Year Terms and Two (2) Directors for One-Year Term; Area Representatives for Areas One through Twelve. Area Five’s Representative will be appointed on recommendation by the Fire Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department.  Historically the position of President and 1st Vice President has been filled by the move up of the 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President, but the positions are open to other candidates. Job descriptions of the various positions are available through the IFCA office or on the IFCA website at [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinois.firechiefs.org).  ***The IFCA office has received letters of intent to run from the following individuals. If you are interested in running for office, please send your letter of intent; short bio and a letter of support* *from your supervisor to:* Immediate Past President Greg Earle** at [cfire805@gmail.com](file:///C:\Users\Maureen%20Griseto\Datto%20Workplace\Personal%20Documents\documents\Backup\Association-General\2020-2021%20Board\Hot%20Sheet\8-June%202021\cfire805@gmail.com) ***by August 15, 2021, to ensure you are on the ballot.***  **President** – Chief John Kachanuk, Havana FD  **1st VP** – Chief Richard Mikel, Elk Grove Village FD  **2nd VP** – Chief Tom Styczynski, Alsip FD  **Directors (Two Year Term) – *vote for 2***  Chief Chad Hoefle – Stillman FPD  Chief Brian Lambel – Wilmette FD  **Directors (One Year Term) – *vote for 2***  Chief Mick Humer, Normal FD  Chief Tracy Kenny, Broadview FD  **Great Lakes Division State Representative – IAFC Three-year Term**  Division Chief Matt Knott – Rockford FD  **Area Representatives (up to 4 individuals for each area)**  *Area 1*  Chief Sid Aurand – Dixon Rural FPD  *Area 2*  D/C Nick Asta – Barrington/Countryside FPD  Chief Rudy Horist – McHenry Township FPD  *Area 3*  D/C Craig Hanson – Batavia FPD  Chief Krestan – Lisle-Woodridge FPD  *Area 4*  Chief Brian Kolosh – South Holland FD  Division Chief Paul Macaluso – Palatine FD  *Area 5*  Chicago representative appointed by Chicago Fire Commissioner  *Area 6*  Chief John Knapp – East Peoria FD  *Area 7*  Open  *Area 8*  Chief Rich Evans, Jr. – South Jacksonville FD  *Area 9*  Chief Chuck Lauss – Urbana FD  *Area 10*  Open  *Area 11*  Open  *Area 12*  Chief Shawn Priddy – Herrin FD |
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| **50th IFCA Symposium:**  The 2021 Symposium was by all indications a success, the atmosphere created was one of ‘getting back together’.  The presentations went well, the Bean-Bag tournament went great and all in all things were well received. We had several suggestions for future topics and presentations, we will be publishing a list for you to review and offering your input for ideas. Once again thank you – Oh I forget to mention we had 200 attendees overall – our largest number of attendees to ever be on site at our annual symposium. |
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| |  | | --- | | **Legislation by IFCA-JB;**  As we put together this legislative article for the June Hot sheet, the Illinois General Assembly should have concluded the Spring Session. Unfortunately, business was not completed, and the General Assembly did not adjourn. It is believed that the legislators will return later this month. This session has been extremely active and the IFCA has been involved in more legislative initiatives then we have ever been before. We will highlight just a few of the major initiatives and will have a more detailed review coming up in the Gong which is scheduled to arrive in your mailbox near the end of June.  Here are a few of the major pieces of legislation that we were involved in:  ***HB220 – Labor Supervisor*** This bill would expand the definition of Company Officer to include a firefighter who is responsible for multiple companies, stations or an entire shift. Effectively, this would include all shift commanders – the rank really does not matter – as being eligible to join the union. We worked very aggressively to stop this legislation, and, in the end, it was not called for a hearing in the Senate. We committed to the sponsor that we would work with AFFI to attempt to find compromise language.  ***HB351 – Injury Reporting*** This is an AFFI initiative that follows up on legislation passed in 2019 involving secondary employers of full-time firefighters. The information that is required to be reported is the same, however it now needs to be additionally reported to the Illinois Department of Insurance. Despite our efforts, this bill passed and heads to the Governor for his signature.  ***HB2860 – Chief Vehicle Equipment*** This is a follow up to legislation from 2019 that will allow Deputy/Assistant Fire Chiefs to respond in personal vehicles with sirens (lights were allowed in the previous legislation) under the same rules as fire chiefs. We introduced this language, it passed unanimously in both chambers, and we expect the Governor to sign it.  ***SB561 – Firefighting Foam*** The IFCA worked on this legislation for the last two years. The original bill intended to ban the use of all firefighting foam containing PFAS, we were able to work together to find language that protects the use of foam for emergencies while implementing a gradual phase out. We will have more information on this bill and the impact in the Gong. This bill will be sent to the Governor for his signature.  Chip and I want to make sure to thank everyone for all your help and support over the past four months. We have reached out to many of you for assistance on certain issues, often more than once. We also want to thank the legislative committee for all their work, the Presidents for their support and Chief Grady for keeping us on our toes.  **IT Update MemberClicks ---**  We continue to work to keep our membership database updated. It is very important that your organization information is correct, including the information on those members within your fire department or fire district. To update your information, log in to our [members website](https://ilfca.memberclicks.net/login#/login). It may also be accessed from the “Member Login” button on our public [website](https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/).  Over the summer, we hope to add more functions to the member only section. If you have not logged in and checked out the Member Documents, take a look! If you know of other documents that would be helpful, let Executive Director Jim Grady know and we will see if they can be added. | |
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| **VCOC Programs & News:**  **Congratulations to Chief Al Yancey on his successful re-election as a Director for the VCOS section of the IAFC!!**  **IFCA - VOLUNTEER/COMBINATION COMMITTEE**  **Webinar Opportunity OFFICER DEVELOPMENT**  Making It Work - By Chief Rudy Horist  WHEN: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, TIME: 6:00-7:30pm  One hour PowerPoint presentation followed by 30-minute Q & A discussion session.  COST: FREE  REGISTER ONLINE: <https://ilfca.memberclicks.net/web621>  **VCOS Fire Equipment collection:**  If you are doing end of the year cleaning of closets and storage areas don’t forget - 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. |
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| **Assessment & Consulting**  For information on the IFCA Assessment & Consulting Services please contact: [dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:dslivinski@illinoisfirechiefs.org) |
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| **Fire Chief of the Year**  **Application period is open** to nominate this year’s candidates for Illinois Fire Chief of the Year. Applications are due August 6, 2021. For information and application go to: <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/fcoy/>  It is the intent of the association to recognize as its Fire Chief of the Year a Fire Chief or Chief Officer who has made significant and ongoing contributions to the Fire Service in Illinois or has made outstanding contributions to the Fire Service at the National Level. If you are aware an individual who is deserving of recognition, please consider completing the application for Fire Chief of the Year. |
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| **Fire Chief Emeritus**  **Application Period Open -** Chief Emeritus status is an honorary title for retired chief officers recognizing the type of meritorious service they provide to the community, fire service profession, and the Illinois Fire chiefs Association. The title of Chief Emeritus will be reserved for any retired chief officer from the state of Illinois who has had a distinguished career, regardless of paid, paid-on-call, or volunteer, and whose significant contributions set him/her apart from their peers.  Nominations may be made by individuals, organizations, or colleagues. While not mandatory, Chief Emeritus status is more meaningful when the agency from which the chief is retiring from also supports the nomination. Applicants should submit, when possible, a letter from a high-ranking officer from the applicant’s agency, or a neighboring chief officer, indicating their support.  **Completed applications must be mailed *(postmarked July 31, 2021)* to:**  **Chief Joseph C. Holomy, Ret.**  **Chairman Chief Emeritus Committee**  **1000 Oakridge Court**  **Effingham, IL 62401**  or  **Email chiefholomy@hotmail.com**  For further information and the application go to the Illinois Fire Chiefs website [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org) |
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| **2021 State Fair – Volunteers Needed**  The Illinois State Fair is back and the committee is looking for volunteers to staff the Fire Tent. The IFCA/IFSAP Day is Sunday, August 15, 2021. To sign up visit the IFCA website [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org). |
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| ***IFCA Educational & Research Foundation*** |
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| **It’s On!!!!!! Get Ready To Play**  **IFCA Foundation Golf Outing 2021 - July 7, 2021**  **Gleneagles Golf Club, Lemont IL**  Even with the pandemic the Foundation was able to award 74 scholarships in 2020 and 80 scholarships this year. To keep the scholarship program going and hopefully growing, your support is needed for the 2021 Golf Outing. There isn’t a lot of time, the brochures and raffle tickets are in the mail. Please consider participating in the event this year. Golf Registration is open. Registration is only through the following website: <http://www.illinoisfirechiefsgolf.com> Golfer Registration ends June 24, 20221. ***Please join us.***  **IFCA Foundation Fundraising Updates**  **Upcoming Blood Drives**  Cary Fire Protection District - June 26  Gurnee Fire Department - June 19  Mount Prospect, July 1  Mundelein Fire Department - July 3  **IFCA Foundation Fishing Classic**  The event has been rescheduled for *Friday,* July 16 at 11:00am at the Waukegan Harbor. $150/person 6 to a boat. |
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| **Fire Officer Course Offerings - *Upcoming Fire Officer Courses***  ***To register*** [***https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/fire-officer-courses/***](https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/fire-officer-courses/)  **Fire Service Instructor 1**  Nov 1-3, 8-9, 2021 - Pleasantview  **Fire Service Instructor 2**  August 2-4, 9-10, 2021 – West Chicago  **Incident Safety Officer (ISO)**  Sep 20-24, 2021 - Elk Grove Village  Nov 15-19, 2021 – Pleasantview  **Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO)**  Nov 1, Nov 29-Dec 3, Dec 13-17, 2021 - Plainfield  **Training Program Manager (TPM)**  Sep 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, North Palos FPD  Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13 – Elk Grove Village  For additional class dates visit [www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/education](http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/education) |
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| **Officer Development Seminar Class**  *It is a new decade, and the Foundation has updated and restructured the Senior Officer Development program. It is now being offered as a* ***one or two-day*** *program with topics chosen by the Host Department, so it is relevant to your department’s area.*  *Interested in hosting – contact DC Tim Leidig, West Chicago FD.* [*tleidig@wegofpd.org*](mailto:tleidig@wegofpd.org) |
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| **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. |
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| ***Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP)*** |
| Congratulation to Kristin Wexell as she was formally recognized at The IFCA Administrative of The Year 2020 on May 19th.  I also would like to acknowledge the Administrative Professionals that completed the Executive Support Program. They formally were recognized and graduated on May 19th also; Kellie Beranek, Lisa Cominsky, Shelia Douglas, Lisa Gabor, Heather Hurley, Michele Kowalczyk, LeToy Hannah, Kristine Moran, Dawne Mroz, Jamie Nixon, Lisa Norton, Cali Reavy, Marlene Thoma  ***Just a little bit About Us;*** The Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP) was founded in September 1980, when a group of ten secretaries from across the State of Illinois gathered for the purpose of determining the educational needs of the Fire Service Secretary. IFSAP has since developed into a professional organization built around the Fire Service and the needs of the administrative support staff that operate within it. Our belief is that it is necessary and advantageous for us to network, share ideas and train together whenever possible.  Is your Administrative Professional a member of this group??? Please visit [www.ifsap.org](http://www.ifsap.org) for more information and membership application. |
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| ***For the Good of the Association*** |
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| **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>. Check out the “NEW” variety of apparel – Tall sizes now available. |
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