**A Message from the Board of Directors**

We remind you that on November 20, we will be having our popular Did You Know seminar. The line up for the event is shown below. We encourage all members to log on at 0800 for a short meeting as we need to do an annual election of officers. Our meeting will then follow at 0815. WE have some really interesting topics for you.

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| 8:00 |  |  | **Membership Meeting** |
| 8:15 | Dan Finnegan | Siemens | Update on New UL Smoke Alarm Requirements |
| 8:35 | Terry Victor | Johnson Controls | Remote Inspections |
| 8:55 | Rick Tracy | Palatine FD | 911 Enhanced Requirements |
| 9:15 | Scott McBride | Roselle FD | Sprinkler Maintenance Issue-Case Study |
| 9:35 | Mike Joanis | NFSA | Intervals for Testing Fire Sprinklers |
| 9:55 |  |  | **BREAK** |
| 10:10 | Mike Toika | Addison FPD | Flammable Refrigerants |
| 10:30 | Rich Ray | Cybor | Sprinkler System Tests |
| 10:50 | John Rothenberger | Fox Valley | Fire Extinguisher Review |

We have a new book in our office, Live Fire Instructor. It is from Fire Protection Publications and lists for $72. If you are interested, we will sell it for $50. Just contact the office.

Please note the following from the OSFM encouraging local fire departments to work closely with the schools to perform these fire drills.

**Fire drills in public schools that fall under the authority of the Illinois State Board of Education please see the following: The umbrella organization for the Regional Offices of Education (ROE) is the Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents (IARSS). IARSS is telling their ROE’s and school districts to work with their local fire departments. IARSS has advised the ROE’s that if students are present in the schools fire drills should be run by having the students evacuate one classroom per exit route to identify their meeting place and when they return another class for that exit route performs the same task.  The law states that one drill needs to be witnessed by the local fire official, but the ROE’s are preferring at this point in time to have all fire drills be witnessed by the local fire department, if possible.**

**105 ILCS 128/20-Fire Drill Requirements**

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| (105 ILCS 128/20)     Sec. 20. Number of drills; incidents covered; local authority participation.     (a) During each academic year, schools must conduct a minimum of 3 school evacuation drills to address and prepare students and school personnel for fire incidents. These drills must meet all of the following criteria:         (1) One of the 3 school evacuation drills |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | shall require the participation of the appropriate local fire department or district. | |
| (A) Each local fire department or fire district |
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| (B) Each school administrator or his or her |
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| (C) The school administrator or his or her |
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| (D) If the fire official does not select one of |
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We are working hard on our 2021 conference, and should have a great deal to report to you next month. The conference is planned for March.

We have talked to the OSFM regarding recertifications, and there has not been any extension of deadlines to recert for any certification. However, if you have an extenuating circumstance, such as being deployed in the military, you can request an extension from the OSFM.

Don’t forget that the IFIA has two bookcases full of NFPA, IFSTA, Delmar, Jones and Bartlett, and Thompson books that we are looking to get rid of to free up some space. Some of these are current editions, some only one edition old, and some quite old – going back to the 80s. While the majority are fire related, there are many EMS books.

The cost of the books starts at $3. If you are interested in any of these books, arrangements can be made to pick them up at the office. If desired, we can ship them to you, with the only additional cost being whatever the shipping fee is.

We’ve done our best to indicate if this book is current or one edition old, but if that is a factor for you, do your diligence to confirm that information.

The following are the latest recalls from the Consumer Products Safety Commission:

**Petzl Recalls Safety Ropes Due to Fall and Injury Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Petzl-Recalls-Safety-Ropes-Due-to-Fall-and-Injury-Hazard>

**STIHL Recalls to Repair Mini-Cultivator Attachments Due to Laceration Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/STIHL-Recalls-to-Repair-Mini-Cultivator-Attachments-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard>

**Harbor Breeze Kingsbury Ceiling Fans Recalled by HKC-US Due to Impact and Laceration Injury Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Lowe’s Stores:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Harbor-Breeze-Kingsbury-Ceiling-Fans-Recalled-by-HKC-US-Due-to-Impact-and-Laceration-Injury-Hazards-Sold-Exclusively-at-Lowes-Stores>

**CB2 Recalls Bordo Dining Tables Due to Injury Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/CB2-Recalls-Bordo-Dining-Tables-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

**Endliss Technology Recalls Trianium Battery Phone Cases Due to Burn Hazard; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Endliss-Technology-Recalls-Trianium-Battery-Phone-Cases-Due-to-Burn-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-on-Amazon-com>

**Prestone Products Recalls Antifreeze Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirements; Risk of Poisoning:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Prestone-Products-Recalls-Antifreeze-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Packaging-Requirements-Risk-of-Poisoning>

**Bed Bath & Beyond Recalls SALT Lounge Chairs Due to Fall Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Bed-Bath-and-Beyond-Recalls-SALT-Lounge-Chairs-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

**CB2 Recalls Trace Bookcases Due to Risk of Collapse; Injury Hazard to Consumers:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/CB2-Recalls-Trace-Bookcases-Due-to-Risk-of-Collapse-Injury-Hazard-to-Consumers>

**Jakks Pacific Recalls to Repair Morfboard® Skate & Scoot Scooters Due to Fall Hazard:**<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Jakks-Pacific-Recalls-to-Repair-Morfboard-Skate-Scoot-Scooters-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

**Crate and Barrel Recalls Danish Tall Bookcases Due to Risk of Collapse; Injury Hazard to Consumers:**<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Crate-and-Barrel-Recalls-Danish-Tall-Bookcases-Due-to-Risk-of-Collapse-Injury-Hazard-to-Consumers>

**Schneider Electric Recalls Surgeloc™ Surge Protection Devices Due to Fire Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Schneider-Electric-Recalls-Surgeloc-Surge-Protection-Devices-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

**Porter World Trade Recalls Ron Jon Surf Shop Sippy Cup Due to Violations of Federal Lead Content and Phthalates Bans:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Porter-World-Trade-Recalls-Ron-Jon-Surf-Shop-Sippy-Cup-Due-to-Violations-of-Federal-Lead-Content-and-Phthalates-Bans>

**Mueller Austria Recalls Onion Choppers Due to Serious Laceration Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Mueller-Austria-Recalls-Onion-Choppers-Due-to-Serious-Laceration-Hazard>

**Check the website for the following upcoming events:**

Nov 20 - Did You Know seminar and meeting

March - Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference

May 3-5, 10 & 11– Fire and Life Safety Educator class – Downers Grove