



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

For those who receive a certificate following a class from the IFIA, a reminder on the CEUs. Our approval for the Preferred Provider CEU comes from the International Code Council. Their procedure is to give .1 hour per contact hour. So 0.1 CEU is equal to 1 contact hour of class.

On May 19, 2023, the OSFM will be putting on Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials class at the Aurora Fire Department, Station 8, 3770 McCoy Drive, Aurora. The class will cover Consumer (1.4G) Fireworks Retail Sales, Professional Display (1.3G) Fireworks, and Proximate Pyrotechnics and Flame Effects (Outdoor & Indoor). This class is FREE. To register to go: <https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/business/fireworks/form-pyrofireworks-trainingforcodeofficialsregistration> See the attachment for more details about the class.

Plan now for a two-day fire sprinkler plan review class on June 13 and 14. It will be taught by Ron Ritchey, *Great Lakes Field Services Coordinator, National Fire Sprinkler Association*, and will be held in Elk Grove Village.

This in-person program will consist of the requirements of NFPA 13, where you will be guided through an actual review of sprinkler system plans and calculations. It will discuss the importance of employing a systematic review process and identify the documents required for a complete plan review. Participants will review and discuss a submittal of the hydraulic calculations presented with the plans.

It should be noted that the ground breaking report America Burning is 50 years old this year. It is an interesting read, especially the minority report, where it is mentioned that more emphasis should be put on prevention and education efforts. This is a report that should be in every fire station. This is a link where the report can be downloaded or ordered:
<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/publications/display?pubsearch=America%20Burning>

The Codes and Professional Development Committee has scheduled a number of full day seminars and mini-seminars for the upcoming months. Visit the website periodically to view upcoming events.

The IFIA day at the State Fair is Sunday, August 20th. We need volunteers to assist with the event. Please reach out to one of the Board members, or contact the office, for further details if you are interested in participation. We are able to provide parking and gate passes for those attending. While the tent hours are from 10 – 4, if you are able to provide just a couple of hours, that would be greatly appreciated. If your department has an Explorer post, this might be a great opportunity to expose them to public education.

For those interested in participating further with the IFIA, there are a variety of committees that help support the organization. These committees include: Codes and Standards, Fire and Life Safety, Certification, Pyrotechnics, Legislative, Public School Safety, and Social. Please contact the office or one of the Board members if you would like further information or would like to participate.

Both a Fire Inspector II and Public Fire Life Safety Educator class have wrapped up. There will be a Fire Inspector I and Fire Inspector II class offered in the Fall. Registration is available on the website. If you are interested in attending a Public Fire Life Safety Educator class, please contact the office to be placed on a wait list.

We are accepting nominations for all our Fire Prevention Awards. If you know an individual or organization that is deserving of an award, please nominate them through the link on the website.

Upcoming events:

- Fire Sprinkler Plan Review - June 13th & 14th, Elk Grove Village.
- Legal Aspects of Code Administration - June 23rd, Harper College, Palatine.
- July 7 – School Inspection Updates - Virtual
- July 20 – IBC/IFC Assembly Spaces -Virtual by the ICC
- Inspector 1: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Downers Grove
- Inspector’s Day at the State Fair – August 20th
- August 11 – IFC Updates at B&F in Elgin
- Inspector 2: September 7, 14, 21, 28 and October 5th - Romeoville

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