

IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



It is with sadness that we announce the death of Dick Arthur last month. Dick was a founding member of the IFIA and served a president for several years. It is in his name that one of our original awards is given annually for excellence in fire prevention. Rest in peace.

October is a busy month for us. Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8th-14th, is a busy time for many fire departments. Strike while the iron is hot and get the fire safety message out as often as you can. Stay safe. Everyone Goes Home.

The Board owes our membership an apology. Last month we had two classes scheduled in the same week. We had a great turn out for our class on solar panels, and our resulting mini seminar later in the week suffered a bit in attendance. We heard your comments and will try hard to not let that happen again.

Our Awards Luncheon is on October 27th at 11am. Enjoy a nice lunch and support those members who have gone above their normal job in the name of fire safety.

The fire services legislative summit is on Oct. 27th in Springfield. Members of the Board will be represented. If there are any issues that you feel the IFIA should be moving forward on, notify the office or call Mike ASAP.

Our annual Combined Conference is getting closer. The committee met last week and selected the remaining speakers for the program. Once they confirm dates and times, we will let you know the remaining topics.

Our opening day keynote will be Gordon Graham. Second day keynotes will be Frank DeAngelis and Michelle Gay. They will be talking about the horrific school tragedies of Columbine High School and Sandy Hook School and the recovery process that follows. Frank was the principal of Columbine High School at the time of the shootings there, and Michelle, whose lost her daughter Josephine at Sandy Hook. Michele co-founded Safe and Sound Schools as a national resource for school safety. She will share personal experiences and professional perspective on reunifying a school community in the aftermath of crisis. Thursday is a day that school administrators would be very interested in. Make sure you pass this information on to them. One day registrations are available for only \$175.

Registration for this conference is on our website. If you would like to reserve your rooms at Paradise Hotel and Casino in East Peoria now, reservations can be made by calling 1-800-547-0711 and referencing code 0321FIR. They can also be made by going to <http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups> and typing in 0321FIR.

Due to the success of this year's pre-conference, we are doing that once again. On Tuesday afternoon we will have Meri-K Appy for a full afternoon of information.

The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance is hosting their 77th annual Fire Prevention Week Luncheon. It will be held on October 19th, starting at 10am. The keynote speaker is Salvatore J. Cassano. He was

Commissioner of the Fire Department of New York from 2006-2010, and will discuss what FDNY went through following 9/11.

A Fire Inspector II class will be at the New Lenox FPD. The dates for the class are on Wednesdays November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

The OSFM now has rules in place for requiring recertification hours every four years, similar to the investigators. At this point, Fire Inspector 1 will need 100 points every four years. If you have a Fire Inspector 1 certificate already, your recert date will be in 2021. For anyone getting the certificate in the future, your date will be four years from the time of the certificate being issued.

For fire and life safety educators, a PFLSE class will be held in Downers Grove on April 30, May 1, 2, 7, and 8.

If you are still looking to inspect public schools, and you have not gone through the required OSFM class, there are two being offered this month. This is a FREE class.

Wednesday, October 25 at 9:00 am – Oglesby, IL (LaSalle County)
Illinois Valley Community College, room CTC 124
815 N Orlando Smith Road
Oglesby, IL 61348

Friday, November 3 at 9:00 am – Geneva, IL (Kane County)
Geneva Fire Department
200 East Side Drive
Geneva, IL 60134

To register, please send an email including:

- Your name
- Department name
- A list of all the public schools in your jurisdiction and their addresses
- A signed letter from the department Chief stating that you are allowed to take the class and will be conducting public school inspections in your area after you've taken the class
- Tier 1 Inspectors should send a copy of your qualifying certificate (any of the following): OSFM Fire Officer I, OSFM Fire Prevention Officer I, OSFM Fire Inspector 1, NFPA Fire Inspector I, or ICC Fire Inspector 1
- Tier 2 Inspectors will have their credentials confirmed on the system.

All materials needed for the class must be downloaded and printed out (or uploaded to a computer or tablet) from the OSFM webpage.

Further information about Tier 2 options and links to class materials are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention- and-Building-Safety/Pages/School-Inspection- Program.aspx>

Contact Katherine Nunes (Katherine.Nunes@illinois.gov or 312-814- 8959) with any questions or to register.

For departments toward the lower half of the State, the Paducah KY Fire Department is hosting its 6th annual conference on October 20 and 21. Attached is a flyer giving the details of this conference, which looks to be very interesting. Some of you may recognize Paducah, as they have sent several people to our combined conference in Peoria for several years.

The CPSC is looking for incidents involving hoverboards. They ask that you preserve the product and report the incident to them. Attached is a document with contact information.

The most recent Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls are listed below:

Smith Recalls Ski and Snowboard Helmets Due to Risk of Head

Injury: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Smith-Recalls-Ski-and-Snowboard-Helmets>

Studio Fun International Recalls Slap Bracelets Sold with Children's Storybooks Due to Laceration

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Studio-Fun-International-Recalls-Slap-Bracelets-Sold-with-Childrens-Storybooks>

Target Recalls Room Essentials 4-Drawer Dressers Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment

Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Target-Recalls-Room-Essentials-4-Drawer-Dressers>

Southwire Recalls Globe and Snow Globe Stake Lights Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Southwire-Recalls-Globe-and-Snow-Globe-Stake-Lights>

DEMDACO Recalls Infant Bib and Bootie Sets Due to Choking

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/DEMDACO-Recalls-Infant-Bib-and-Bootie-Sets>

John Deere Recalls Lawn Tractors and Service Part Transmissions Due To Crash

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/John-Deere-Recalls-Lawn-Tractors-and-Service-Part-Transmissions>

Fireworks Over America Recalls Fireworks Due to Burn, Fire, Impact

Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Fireworks-Over-America-Recalls-Fireworks>

Renthal Recalls Motorcycle Clip-on Handlebars Due to Crash

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Renthal-Recalls-Motorcycle-Clip-on-Handlebars>

Delta Recalls Strollers Due to Fall Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Delta-Recalls-Strollers>

Pro-Tec Recalls Multisport Helmets Due to Risk of Head

Injury: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Pro-Tec-Recalls-Multisport-Helmets>

Saber Grills Recalls Grills and LP Regulators Due to Fire and Burn

Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Saber-Grills-Recalls-Grills-and-LP-Regulators>

DICK'S Sporting Goods Recalls Resistance Tubes Due to Injury

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Dicks-Sporting-Goods-Recalls-Resistance-Tubes>

Skip Hop Recalls Nightlight Soothers Due to Shock

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Skip-Hop-Recalls-Nightlight-Soothers>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

Until next month...

October 27 Awards Luncheon

November Fire Inspector 2 course

November 17 Mini seminar and membership meeting

December 15 Holiday luncheon
April/May PFLSE course