

Election of officers will occur at the mini-seminar this month. The Board has presented the following slate: David Wheeler – President; Scott McBride – Vice President; Jason Staidl – Treasurer; Dan Medina – Treasurer. If anyone has an interest to run as a floor nomination, you will have an opportunity to do so.

The final mini-seminar of 2023 will be our popular virtual “Did You Know” seminar. This seminar will include a variety of topics and presenters, each lasting about 15-20 minutes. This is the best way to get a high-level view of many topics. If you find one of particular interest, you will be given the instructors contact info to follow up with. The seminar will be on November 17th. Details on the topics can be found on the website, where you can also register for the class.

Make your plans now to join us on December 7th, from 6 – 9- pm, when the IFIA will be having a holiday party. This is a good time to get together outside of work and enjoy the season. Appetizers will be provided, and there will be a cash bar. If you will be attending the party, contact the IFIA so we will have an idea of attendees. The location is Roberto’s Italian Restaurant, in Elmhurst.

Recognizing that there are many not as fortunate as us, we will be collecting new or gently worn winter clothing – coats, gloves, hats, etc. to be donated for distribution. If you would like to make a clothing donation, and cannot attend the holiday party, simply contact the IFIA office and we will make contact with you to get the clothing



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***IFIA ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY***

The IFIA will be collecting new or gently used winter clothing to give to those less fortunate. Donations will be accepted at our holiday party. If you are unable to make the party, and would like to donate, contact a Board member or the IFIA for assistance.

Please come out and join your fellow Fire Inspectors and Fire & Life Safety Educators for a great holiday party. We will be serving food and soft drinks, and a cash bar available. We will also have some fun door prizes!

Location:
Roberto's Italian Restaurant
483 Spring Road, Elmhurst

PARTY TIME: 6 PM TO 9 PM

The Board will be holding an annual planning meeting on December 7th. If there are any items you feel the IFIA should do, or change, contact a Board member or our office.

Membership renewals for the 2024 year are beginning to be sent out. Please include all of the personnel you would like listed. We know that many have changed positions or retired, so we will use the list of names you provide to supersede what we now have.

Did You Know?

According to the School Safety Drill Act 105 ILCS 128, Sec. 35, a fire department is required to report to the OSFM when there is a fire in a school.

Sec. 35. Reporting and recording mechanism for fires. The Office of the State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with the State Board of Education, shall create a reporting and recording mechanism concerning fires that occur in schools located in this State. The recording system shall be based in the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Source: P.A. 94-600, eff. 8-16-05.)

The form to report those fires is:

<https://sfm.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/sfm/sfmdocuments/documents/schoolfirereportform.pdf>

We are starting to put together OSFM certification courses for 2024. If you are interested in being put on a waitlist, or if your department is interested in hosting a course, please contact the office.

The 2024 Fire and Life Safety Conference will be held at the Par-a-Dice hotel in East Peoria on March 20-22. There will be a “pre-conference” the afternoon of March 19th. This will be free to IFIA members. The early bird cost of the full conference is only \$350. You can sign up now on our website.

For departments that have a burn door prop, this might be something to consider (see photos below). One wrap would go on what would be inside of the room door. The other graphic is seen when the door is opened into what would be the hallway. If this is something that you feel would be useful to you, contact GZ Sign Designs in Roselle at (630) 307-7446 and ask about the two fire door graphics, they are reasonably priced. The wraps shown below are for a 36” door. If instead of Illinois Fire Service Association you would like your organization’s name, that can be changed easily. These graphics are basically are what are used on car wraps. You simply peel of the backing and smooth the graphic to the surface.



Upcoming events:

- November 17 – Did You Know mini seminar VIRTUAL
- December 7: Holiday party, Elmhurst
- IFIA Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference – March 19 – 22, 2024
- Inspector 1 - Romeoville, Thursdays Jan 4 – Feb 1
- Inspector 2 - Romeoville, Thursdays Sept 5 – Oct 3



Save the Date

47th Annual

Fire and Life Safety Conference

March 20 – 22, 2024

Par-a-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL

FREE
Pre-conference
for IFIA members
March 19.
Non-members \$30

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