



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

We wrapped up another excellent Fire and Life Safety Conference last week, thanks to all those who attended or sponsored the event. We will begin working on the 2024 Conference in June, following the NFPA conference. If you have any suggestions, please share them with one of our Board members, or you can contact our office at ifiafire@IllinoisFireInspectors.org.

The first in-person mini-seminar of the year will be on April 28th in Elk Grove Village. The topic will be Mass Timber Construction. The 2021 International Building Code allows for mass timber construction. These buildings are in neighboring states and it will only be a matter of time before they come to your jurisdiction. Registration and further information can be found on the website. While this is of interest to the fire service, make sure you invite you local building official(s).

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

The Public Fire Life Safety Educator class beginning in April is currently full. If you are interested in attended a future class, please contact the office to be placed on a wait list. Inspector I and II classes are scheduled for the Fall in Downers Grove and Romeoville, respectively. Registration information is on the website.

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 some public education activities.

The office has approximately 200 smoke alarms. We have decided to give small amounts to fire departments to carry on their vehicles. Then, should you go to a home that does not have any smoke alarms, you will be able to install one of the ones carried on your vehicle, and immediately reduce a risk. This is not meant to be a smoke alarm campaign, but rather a method to handle an immediate need you come across. We do not have a good way to ship this, so you will need to pick these up, or make arrangements to acquire them. If you are interested in this, contact our office with your department and contact information.

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.

To see the latest in the State for CRR, visit their website at www.illinoisr.com. For those on Facebook, they have a page on there as well for you to follow. Enter Illinois Community Risk Reduction in the search box.

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

Fire Inspector II- Apr 5,12,19,26, May 3, 2023 in New Lenox, IL

FLSE: April 24 – 26 and May 1 – 2, Downers Grove

Inspector 1: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Downers Grove

Inspectors Day at the State Fair – August 20 – eligible for ICC credits

Inspector 2: September 7, 14, 21, 28 and October 5th, Romeoville



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