



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

Serving Illinois Fire Departments Since 1967

Dear Chief/Fire Prevention Manager:

We are at the time of the year that the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) sends out our annual membership renewal letter. Again, we request your support by renewing your memberships to the IFIA. We exist because of, *and for you*. The IFIA provides classes that are designed to improve your code enforcement and fire and life safety services. No other organization in the State of Illinois provides these types of services, and we can only do this through your membership, participating in our various committees, and providing input on scheduled training opportunities.

The following are a sample of benefits of being a member of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association.

Education. Not just certifications, but regular training provided by experts in their industry. Our annual Fire and Life Safety Conference, with relevant topics in fire and life safety education, and fire prevention and code enforcement are good examples of this. Depending on the topic, many of these presenters come from across the county.

The Fire Inspector I and II, and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator OSFM certification classes are offered throughout the year, and are taught by instructors who work in the field and are subject matter experts. Many of the IFIA has instructors manage their own Fire Prevention Bureaus and have experience at the national level. In addition, membership gives reduced class registration fees and priority seating for these classes.

Our ongoing monthly training can be used for continuing education to maintain your various fire prevention certifications. Many of these training sessions are held virtually to accommodate members outside the Northern Illinois region.

As a member of the IFIA, your department receives a 20% discount on all JENSEN HUGHES ACADEMY online training classes, a valuable tool in recertifying fire inspector's certifications. This is available through our website.

If you have a code related question and need an interpretation, you can ASK AN EXPERT. Members of our "Codes and Professional Development Committee" will give you guidance on where to find the answer to your question. The "ASK AN EXPERT" resource can be found on the IFIA website.

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Legislative Representation. The IFIA represents its membership on issues regarding fire and life safety. We are members of the OSFM's Fire Advisory Council and the Illinois Fire Services Association. We support legislative changes that would benefit the fire service at the State and National levels.

National Association Involvement. Organizations such as Automatic Fire Alarm Association, International Code Council, National Fire Protection Association, and the National Fire Sprinkler Association are samples of organizations that the IFIA participates in to ensure that our mission to provide effective fire prevention services is maintained. Through these relationships the IFIA is able to access national experts that can assist our membership and support the IFIA mission.

Weekly, we communicate with our membership through e-mail distributions. This correspondence provides relevant information regarding fire prevention issues, upcoming training, and other information designed to assist anyone's fire prevention operation.

Membership is by department/jurisdiction, so by becoming a member, *any* member of your organization has the ability to attend training and participate in committees (Fire and Life Safety/Codes and Professional Development). These groups help steer the activities of the IFIA.

Your membership will give your organization access to all these services, but more importantly your membership allows the IFIA to continue to move forward to provide and support effective life safety services.

Please complete the information on the link that was sent, www.illinoisfireinspectors.org/membership, so we can have your most recent information.

Sincerely,

Michael Rons

President