



# *Illinois Fire Inspectors Association*

Serving Illinois Fire Departments Since 1967

## **A Message from the Board of Directors**

**Volunteers are needed.** The IFIA day at the State Fair is Sunday, August 20th. Please reach out to the IFIA office if you are able to help, we could really use you. 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, and you would still have some time to enjoy the Fair. If your department has an Explorer post, this might be a great opportunity to expose them to public education in action.

Unfortunately, the planned IFC Updates on August 11<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Also, put on hold are the CRR classes the Fire Service Institute was to offer in Palatine at the end of August, due to some paperwork issues. Plans are in the works to offer those classes soon in the same general geographical area. More on that when plans are locked in.

Our FLSE committee will be doing a mini seminar on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Minooka Fire Prot. District, Station #1, 7901 E. Minooka Rd., Minooka, IL 60447 at 9 am. This roundtable discussion will be on programs from their departments. Learn a few tricks, share your successful (or failed) programs, and network with new and seasoned educators. This fun and exciting session will give you a few new tools for your Pub Ed toolbox. If you would like copies of a program that is being presented, please bring your own thumb drive. We would be happy to share with you!

We are asking for your assistance with some pictures. We are developing a stockpile of pictures of code violations. We will be using these in our classes, and in a new program we are working on. We are looking at basic items, not complex issues where advanced skills might be needed to spot the violation. Feel free to send them to [rmorris464@comcast.net](mailto:rmorris464@comcast.net). If you'd like to include a short line of what you feel the issue is, that might be of assistance.

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. Description of the awards can also be found there.

Our 2024 Fire and Life Safety Conference dates are March 20 – 22, 2024, with a pre-conference on the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup>. For budget purposes hotel rooms are \$105 per night. If you have ideas for topics or instructors, or any other suggestions or comments, please contact the office or a board member, as they are working on putting the program together.

The Illinois Community Risk Reduction team is having a *free* all-day meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is on a graphic following this report.

While many months away, we have reserved a room for our Holiday Party. It will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Roberto's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 483 Spring Rd, Elmhurst. The event will begin at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. Please let the office know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly.

**Upcoming events:**

- Inspector's Day at the State Fair – August 20th
- Inspector 2: September 7, 14, 21, 28 and October 5<sup>th</sup> - Romeoville
- IFIA Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference – March 19 – 22, 2024

To see the latest in the State for CRR, visit their website at [www.illinoisccr.com](http://www.illinoisccr.com).

To see the information on the upcoming CRR conference, see the following graphic.



# STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION CONFERENCE

3rd Annual

SEPTEMBER 27 | 8AM-5PM

BAUER/PLUMMER PUBLIC SAFETY  
TRAINING FACILITY  
701 N. KILBOURN AVENUE, CHICAGO

**ILLINOIS  
COMMUNITY  
RISK REDUCTION**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Chief Michael O'Brian**  
will present  
***Ok, What's Next?***

*Community leaders must explore ways to create a culture where we are a tuned responsive organization truly working collectively to solve some major impacts on our community.*

*You are invited to this FREE event hosted by the Illinois Community Risk Reduction Stakeholder Taskforce*

*Experience a full day of the newest national and state CRR updates and resources to successfully move forward with CRR for your department and community.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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### **Tentative Conference Topics Include:**

- CRR Illinois Resources
- Best Practices in CRR
- IL Smoke Alarm Programs for All Sized Departments
- Creating a Community Partnership
- Your Data and Your CRR Success
- CRR and Mental Health Calls
- A Partnership Approach to Invalid Assist Calls

*Mission: Promote the importance of Risk Reduction in Illinois by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources.*

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