



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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Our mini-seminar training for this month will be on October 27th, and will be a tour of the Underwriters Laboratory facility in Northbrook. This training is free but is limited to the first 35 that register. Register on the IFIA website.

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.

Make your plans now. On December 7th, from 6 – 9- pm, 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. 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 to an agency 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. 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.

Membership renewals for the 2024 year will be sent out soon. If contacts for your department have changed, or you just want to make certain we have the correct names, please email the office with your current information, including their emails, before our renewals go out in about a month.

We have completed all the Fire Inspector I, II, and Public Fire Life Safety Educator courses for 2023. We are starting to put together 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.

Save the dates for the 2024 Fire and Life Safety Conference the Par-a-Dice hotel in East Peoria: 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.

For departments that have a burn door prop, this might be something to consider (see photos below). The Fire Services has had a burn door at the State Fair for many years. In an effort to “take it up a notch” we made a change this year, by adding two large graphics. One 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. If instead of Illinois Fire Service Association on it, you would like your

organization's name, that can be done as well. 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:

- October 27 – Site visit to UL
- November 17 – Did You Know mini seminar VIRTUAL
- December 7: Holiday party, Elmhurst
- IFIA Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference – March 19 – 22, 2024



47th Annual

Fire and Life Safety Conference

March 20 – 22, 2024
Par-a-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL

Save the Date

FREE
Pre-conference
for IFIA members
March 19.

Non-members \$30

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