

# IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



REMINDER. We are approaching the beginning of the new year, which means we are again sending out dues notices. Please go online to submit your dues, as these are crucial to our organization. They help maintain the office staff, which in turn allows us to more efficiently provide monthly mini-seminars as well as various OSFM certification classes. We are also becoming more active with legislation within the State – which will directly impact your job, and the dues help us to continue in those efforts. Please remit the \$95 promptly, which saves our office time. By the way, while other expenses increase, our dues have remained at \$95 for quite a many years.

Our annual holiday luncheon will be held on December 16th, at Medinah Banquets. The cost is only \$25, and you can register at our website. A highlight at this meeting and our only "business" is that we will swear in the slate of elected officers who will direct the IFIA for the next 12 months. Plan to attend this event and welcome them in. If anyone has a raffle item they would like to donate for this event, feel free to bring it. If you are unable to do that, let our office know and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

Speaking of next year, on December 8th, at 10 a.m., the Board will get together at the Evergreen Park Fire Dept, at 9000 Kedzie, to begin planning the events and initiatives that the IFIA will be involved in for the next year. ALL MEMEBERS are welcome to attend and offer your thoughts. If you cannot make this, and you have opinions on what we should, or should not, be doing, contact myself, any of the Board members, or the Office to pass you ideas along.

Don't forget to look at the attachment on surplus books. The office has acquired many books over the years. In an effort to clean house a bit, we are offering them to our membership a greatly reduced prices – most for \$25 or less. Some of these items had retail prices of \$300 - \$400. Some books are only one edition old, so they still contain a lot of very useful information. We also have some older code books. Check out the list and pick something up.

We have been made aware of several Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls. They are listed below. Feel free to share this with others.

1. Following an Additional Child Fatality, IKEA Recalls 29 Million MALM and Other Models of Chests and Dressers Due to Serious Tip-Over Hazard; Consumers Urged to Anchor Chests and Dressers or Return for Refund: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/IKEA-Recalls-29-Million-MALM-and-Other-Models-of-Chests-and-Dressers/>
2. Samsung Recalls Top-Load Washing Machines Due to Risk of Impact Injuries: <http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Samsung-Recalls-Top-Load-Washing-Machines>
3. Pier 1 Imports Recalls Glass Knobs Due to Laceration Hazard: <http://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Pier-1-Imports-Recalls-Glass-Knobs>
4. Dehumidifiers Made by Midea Recalled Due to Serious Fire and Burn Hazards; \$4.8 Million in Property Damage Reported: <http://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Dehumidifiers-Made-by-Midea-Recalled>
5. Trek Recalls Farley Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard: <http://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Trek-Recalls-Farley-Bicycles>
6. 1. Fox Factory Recalls Mountain Bike Shock Absorbers Due to Fall and Injury Hazards: <http://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Fox-Factory-Recalls-Mountain-Bike-Shock-Absorbers-Due-to-Fall-and-Injury-Hazards>
7. 2. Kikkerland Design Recalls Teapots with Stands Due to Fire Hazard: <http://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Kikkerland-Design-Recalls-Teapots-with-Stands-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Of importance to us is a recall of Kidde combination smoke and CO alarms.



The alarms says Kidde on the front. (Source: Kidde/Consumer Product Safety Commission)



The back of the alarms shows the model number and manufacture date. (Source: Kidde/Consumer Product Safety Commission)

Kidde has recalled Kidde NightHawk combination smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms because the device can fail to continue to chirp when it reaches its seven year end-of-life if the batteries are replaced. When the alarm reaches the end of its useful life it issues an end-of-life chirp every 30 seconds.

The failure may lead consumers to believe the product is still working, posing a risk of people not being alerted to a fire or CO incident, the company and the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](http://www.cpsc.gov) said on Thursday.

About 3.6 million of the devices were sold in the U.S. The recall involves alarms with model number KN-COSM-IB and manufacture dates between June 1, 2004, and Dec. 31, 2010.

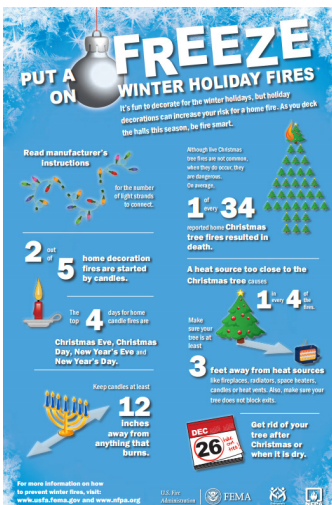
Kidde has reported no injuries in relation to the alarms. The products were sold nationwide and on Amazon.com from June 2004 through December of 2010 at a cost of between \$40 and \$65.

From our friends at the U. S. Fire Administration:

The risk of having a home fire increases during the winter months: December, January and February.

To help teach the public about winter fire hazards and ways to prevent them, The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are teaming up to promote "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires."

Each week during the campaign, USFA will share helpful, practical tips to help us make our homes and families safer. Follow #wintersafety on Twitter [@usfire](https://twitter.com/usfire) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/usfire](http://www.facebook.com/usfire)



## Join the Fight!

Have you joined Fire is Everyone's Fight?

[Fire is Everyone's Fight](http://www.fireiseveryone.com) is a national initiative to unite the fire service, life safety organizations and professionals in an effort to reduce home fire injuries, deaths and property loss. The goal is to change how people think about fire and fire prevention.

[Join the Fight](http://www.fireiseveryone.com) and use the materials to educate your communities about the importance of fire prevention.

**Check the website for the following upcoming events:**

December 8 – Planning meeting at Evergreen Park FD

December 16 - Holiday luncheon

January 27 - Mini seminar on Alternative Fire Suppression Systems – Vortex and Novec 1230

Until next month...