



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

April marked the first time we began our monthly meetings in-person. It was great being back in person. With many OSFM divisions making presentations, being in-person was very beneficial. It was interesting to see the divisions listening to everyone else, as many of them did not really know what work the other divisions actually did.

We are trying to rotate the location of our monthly classes. Let any Board member know your thoughts on this, or if you have a facility that could house around 50 people.

Dan Finnegan has retired from Siemens. He was a big supporter of the IFIA for years, in instruction, and sponsoring many of our events. To recognize him, our President's award was presented at the Illinois Automatic Fire Alarm Associations annual summit on April 27th.

We will be doing an Inspector I class in Glendale Heights in August. Openings are available, so register now on our website www.IllinoisFireInspectors.org

Our next mini mini-seminar will be May 20th in Elmhurst. It will be done by Spears, and will cover inspections and plan checking of CPVC piping. Additional information is on our website. Class size will be limited to 45 people, so register early.

The IFIA is still accepting names of individuals interested in teaching the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Fire Inspector 1 and 2 certification classes which we present. If you have an interest in teaching these classes, submit a resume to our Office at ifiafire@illinoisfireinspectors.org.

On an average, the IFIA presents two Fire Inspector I classes and one Fire Inspector II class per year. These classes rotate around the Chicago metropolitan area. Each class is five days long, eight hours each day. An instructor typically teaches only one day, and they are paid for their instruction time.

The minimum requirements to instruct are:

OSFM Fire Inspector I Class

OSFM Instructor I certification

OSFM Fire Inspector I or OSFM Fire Prevention Officer 1

Preferred certifications: OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer

OSFM Fire Inspector II Class

OSFM Instructor I certification

OSFM Fire Inspector II

Preferred certifications: OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer

In lieu of the above qualifications, you can be considered a Subject Matter Expert. In order to do so, you will need to submit your resume of qualifications and a cover letter. Your cover letter will need to provide an explanation of why your experience is equal to, or exceeds, the above requirements.

If you have any questions, you can email us at ifiafire@IllinoisFireInspectors.org

It is not too late to think about August. That is when the Illinois State Fair in Springfield is. There is a fire safety tent that is staffed by the major fire service organization in the State. The IFIA's day is Sunday, August 21st. We desperately need volunteers. The tent is only open from 10 – 4. All we would ask for is help for half of the day. We will provide gate and parking passes for you.

If you have never been to the Fair, spend a few hours at our tent, and then join your family and enjoy the Fair. Contact our office if you can help us out.

This is an interesting read if you are trying to find a way for your jurisdiction to update its codes. [FEMA recognizes the valuable role of building codes](#)

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

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) represents nearly 350 electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers at the forefront of electrical safety, reliability, and resilience, as well as efficiency and energy security. NEMA provides a forum for the development of technical standards that are in the best interests of the industry and users, advocacy of industry policies on legislative and regulatory matters, and collection, analysis, and dissemination of industry data.

They have a website with many resources. A link to their publication can be found at <https://www.lifefiresafety.org/publications/>. It will also be available on our website resources tab.



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The following are the latest recalls from the Consumer Products Safety Commission:

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

- May 20 –Mini-seminar in Elmhurst: plan checking of CPVC piping
- June 24 – Mini-seminar – IFC update
- August – Inspector 1 at Glenside
- August 21 – Fire Safety Exhibit at the State Fair
- October 28 – mini-seminar: Accessibility update
- November – “Did You Know” mini-seminar