

As we move into 2024, the IFIA swore in a new Board in December, in Oak Lawn. They are, L – R, Dan Medina, Scott McBride, David Wheeler, Jason Staidl, and Michael Rons. The entire IFIA Board of Directors wish you all a great and safe 2024.



In 2024 we look forward to expanding membership, and already we have six new memberships; expanding our educational offering to our members; and increasing our associate members and their participation in making Fire Prevention and Fire and Life Safety a priority in the state of Illinois.

Membership renewals for the 2024 have been sent out. For those organizations that cannot submit invoice until the new year, *now is the time to renew*. Please include all of the personnel you would like listed. We know that many have changed positions or retired, so we will use the list of names you provide to supersede anything we now have.

Our first certification class, in partnership with Romeoville Fire Academy, is full at 35. While this class is full, if you have an interest in any of the classes we offer, contact the office to be on a waiting list, so we will know the demand.

Regarding the classes that we offer, **please note that scholarships are available!** You can fill out an application, that is on our website, now!

We are continuing to look for high quality instructors to teach our certification classes, including Inspector 1 & 2 as well as Public Fire & Life Safety Educator. Contact the office if you have an interest in that.

Note some of upcoming seminars. The January one will be virtual, and will be on the summary review of the fire alarm requirements found in NFPA 72 and the I-Codes. Additional information and registration is available on our website.

In February, we will be partnering with Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 and the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Initiative, to run a free morning class. It will be regarding the new 2024 fire sprinkler contractor licensing act requirements. See the attachment for more information and to register.

The 2024 Fire and Life Safety Conference will be held at the Par-a-Dice hotel in East Peoria on March 20-22. There will be a “pre-conference” the afternoon of March 19th, which is free to IFIA members. The early bird cost of the full conference is only \$350. You can sign up now on our website.

A full program with class descriptions and speaker bios is now on our website.

The Board has developed way for companies to become a sponsor of the IFIA. These are good for a calendar year. The details for the various levels are listed below.

Join our current Gold level sponsors 1-800-Boardup, and the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board.

Sponsorship levels:

a. Bronze

- i. \$500 – \$749 donation.
- ii. Recognition on the website.
- iii. Recognition in the weekly blasts.
- iv. Recognition in the pre-conference program for our annual conference.
- v. Recognition in the on-site program for our annual conference.
- vi. Certificate of recognition.

b. Silver

- i. \$750 - \$999 donation.
- ii. Recognition on the website.
- iii. Recognition in the weekly blasts.
- iv. Recognition in the pre-conference program for our annual conference.
- v. Recognition in the on-site program for our annual conference.
- vi. Certificate of recognition.
- vii. Eligible for ½ price booth at our annual conference.
- viii. A quarter page ad in on the on-site program for our annual conference.

c. Gold

- i. \$1,000 and above donation.
- ii. Recognition on the website.
- iii. Recognition in the weekly blasts.
- iv. Recognition in the pre-conference program for our annual conference.
- v. Recognition in the on-site program for our annual conference.
- vi. Certificate of recognition.
- vii. Eligible for free booth at our annual conference.
- viii. A half page ad in on the on-site program for our annual conference.

Upcoming events:

- Virtual mini-seminar – January 26
Summary of the Fire Alarm Requirements in NFPA 72 and the I-Codes
- Fire sprinkler contractor licensing act requirements seminar – February 21st,
Sprinkler fitter’s local 281 training center in Alsip
- IFIA Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference – March 19 – 22, 2024
- Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, Huntley – April 8-10 and 15-16
- Inspector 2 - Romeoville, Thursdays Sept 5 – Oct 3

Save the Date

**47th Annual
Fire and Life
Safety Conference**

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

FREE
Pre-conference
for IFIA members
March 19.
Non-members \$30

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