

# IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



Thank you goes out to many people for the conference last month in East Peoria. Thanks also to everyone that assisted in putting it together – we could not have done this without you. Of special note are the FLSE and Codes and Professional Development committees. Thanks to all that attended, thanks to all of the speakers from across the county – and one from Canada, and to the vendors and sponsors. We modified the showcase, and from all initial reports, the changes were well received. We put this conference on for the benefit of our members, and it seemed that the 160 people in attendance enjoyed themselves and learned a lot.

The OSFM is offering FREE pyrotechnics class in Rosemont. Note the attachment for details on this all day class on May 4. Some quick highlights of the class follow.

While pyrotechnics will be covered in general, the emphasis on this program is on theater, arena, entertainment, sports, and festival type events. It is open to AHJ's, Code Enforcement Officials and Venue Managers. The training will cover:

*NFPA 1126 Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience*

*NFPA 160 Standard for the Use of Flame Effects Before an Audience*

*NFPA 140 Standard for Motion Picture and Television Production, etc.*

*OSFM licensing and permitting programs and the role of the local AHJ/Code Official.*

This program will meet the training requirement in Rule 235.60 (d) for issuing permits for indoor pyrotechnics:

*d) Each local governmental authority that intends to approve permits for indoor special effects displays, indoor flame effect displays or pyrotechnic services must have at least one inspector who is knowledgeable about NFPA 140, 160 and 1126 and who has received training from OSFM in the safe setup of special fireworks and/or flame effect devices and the inspection of those displays.*

There is an attachment with information and registration information.

Home Fire Sprinkler Day will be held on Saturday May 19th at the Barrington Countryside Fire District. This will be a commemoration of the first residential sprinkler ordinance passed in Illinois, in Long Grove, a resolution on the commitment of residential sprinklers to save lives, and a side by side demonstration on residential sprinkler effectiveness.

The April 27 mini-seminar is titled "New requirements in NFPA 13 for Storage Occupancies". This seminar will discuss some of the new requirements found in NFPA 13 for Storage Occupancies. A detailed discussion on solid shelving and when in-rack sprinklers are required, high velocity low speed fans, protecting expanded exposed Group A plastics, plastic pallets, commodity classifications, alternative methods of protecting storage, ESFR sprinklers and obstructions, shelf storage, and highlighting some of the issues being discussed at the NFPA meeting in LasVegas in June that will develop the 2019 edition of the standard will be included.

Jerry Schultz will be the presenter. Jerry Schultz is a Principal at The Fire Protection International Consortium, Inc, a fire protection consulting firm headquartered out of Woodridge, IL. He is an alternate on the NFPA 13 committee and teaches the 3 day seminar on Automatic Sprinklers for NFPA. He has 39 years of experience in the fire protection field and he and his firm specialize in the storage field.

Two OSFM certification classes are being offered very soon. The PFLSE is at the end of April and beginning of May, and Inspector 2 is on Fridays in June. Contact the IFIA office if you are interested in this. Our instructors are people with much expertise in their fields.

Save the Date – July 20. The IFIA will again host a social event at the Arlington Park Racetrack in the afternoon on July 20th. We will have a tent very near the track. If you have never been to the racetrack, treat yourself and come down. It is a great time and drinks and food are included in the price.

On June 22nd we are hosting a mini-seminar in conjunction with the NFSA. The class will be on Fire Sprinklers and Existing Building Codes, and the speaker will be Jeff Hugo, Director of Codes and Public Fire Protection for the National Fire Sprinkler Association. An attachment gives more information.

For those in the NW part of the State, the OSFM is holding a FREE public school inspection class in Rockford on 05/02/2018. Check out the info on becoming qualified. Already qualified? Come back for a refresher and get an update on current codes and procedures.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

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The OSFM is offering some clarification regarding CILA Home Inspections (3-5-2018):

As of the August 24, 2017 effective date of Public Act 100-0313, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is no longer statutorily mandated to conduct inspections of Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Community-Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) containing eight (8) or fewer clients.

Per the language of the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act (210 ILCS 135), a local authority may perform a code enforcement inspection of the facility. Local authorities are not obligated to perform fire clearance inspections required by IDHS for licensing purposes. IDHS will determine if the inspection reports submitted meet their licensing requirements. Providers experiencing difficulties obtaining a fire clearance inspection should contact their IDHS licensing representative.

Per statutory language, local fire authorities may conduct code enforcement inspections utilizing the code adopted by the OSFM. The OSFM has adopted the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Life Safety Code (2000 edition) as the minimum standard for fire prevention and life safety to be applied and enforced throughout the State of Illinois. OSFM does not have the resources available to provide training, checklists or other assistance to locals for the purpose of conducting CILA inspections.

IDHS continues to send requests for inspections to the OSFM. While OSFM is not mandated to conduct these inspections, these requests are being compiled by the agency. Once Fire Prevention personnel have completed statutorily mandated work, and as resources allow, these inspections will be scheduled and conducted. However based on current resources and availability, OSFM has no predicted time frame available for these inspections.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) CILA sites, IDHS Day Training (DT) sites, and most IDHS Medicaid / Mental Health (MMH) sites were not impacted by the amendments of Public Act 100-0313 and will continue to be inspected by OSFM Fire Prevention.

Until such time as any legislation is passed to amend the statutory language of the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act to reinstate the mandate that OSFM conduct fire clearance inspections of DHS CILAs, OSFM will maintain the position as described above.

Our friends from the Society of Fire Protection Engineers announce their annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. It will be held at the Tinley Park VFW Post at 17147 Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park. The date is May 24, and it is from 5 – 10 pm. Tickets for fire service personnel are \$40.

Payment in full is required to hold all reservations. Online reservations and credit card payments can be made at [www.chicagosfpe.clubexpress.com](http://www.chicagosfpe.clubexpress.com)

As always, they ask that each attendee bring a door prize for the after dinner raffle.

The most recent Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls are listed below:

Woodstream Recalls Mosquito Magnet Traps Due to Injury

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Woodstream-Recalls-Mosquito-Magnet-Traps-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

InSinkErator(r) Recalls SinkTop(tm) Switch Accessory for Garbage Disposals Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/InSinkErator-Recalls-SinkTop-Switch-Accessory-for-Garbage-Disposals-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

MAAX Spas Recalls Hot Tubs and Swim Spas Due to Fire Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/MAAX-Spas-Recalls-Hot-Tubs-and-Swim-Spas-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Radio Flyer Recalls Electric Wagons Due to Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Radio-Flyer-Recalls-Electric-Wagons-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Cameron Company Recalls Children's Tents Due to Laceration Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Home Depot: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Cameron-Company-Recalls-Childrens-Tents-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Home-Depot>

Southwire Recalls Wi-Fi Switches Due to Fire Hazard <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Southwire-Recalls-Wi-Fi-Switches-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Louis Garneau Recalls Bicycle Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Louis-Garneau-Recalls-Bicycle-Helmets-Due-to-Risk-of-Head-Injury>

Handi-Craft Recalls Dr. Brown's Lovey Pacifier & Teether Holders Due to Choking Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Handi-Craft-Recalls-Dr-Browns-Lovey-Pacifier-Teether-Holders-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

Briggs & Stratton Recalls Riding Mowers Due to Risk of Injury: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Briggs--Stratton-Recalls-Riding-Mowers-Due-to-Risk-of-Injury>

Kidde Recalls Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms Due to Risk of Failure to Alert Consumers to a Fire: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Kidde-Recalls-Dual-Sensor-Smoke-Alarms-Due-to-Risk-of-Failure-to-Alert-Consumers-to-a-Fire>

SpeeCo® and Woods® Recall 4-Way Wedge Accessory for Log Splitters Due to Impact Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/SpeeCo-and-Woods-Recall-4-Way-Wedge-Accessory-for-Log-Splitters-Due-to-Impact-Injury-Hazard>

H-E-B Recalls Halogen Lightbulbs Due to Laceration and Fire Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/H-E-B-Recalls-Halogen-Lightbulbs-Due-to-Laceration-and-Fire-Hazards>

Primo Recalls Beverage Dispensers Due to Burn Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Primo-Recalls-Beverage-Dispensers-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

Until next month...

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

April/May	PFLSE - Downers Grove
April 27	Mini seminar and meeting
June	Inspector 2
June 22	Mini seminar and meeting
July 20	Arlington Park