



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

For some of our older members, retired Wauconda Deputy Chief Bill Glade died last month surrounded by his family. For many years he was instrumental in putting together our public education conferences in Galena. In addition, he was an instructor with the College of Lake County.

The Board of Directors have been busy representing the IFIA at a number of events during the past month. We were at the NFPA Conference, Illinois Fire Service Conference, and NIFSAB's Open House. A lot of good contacts were made at these events and we hope to bring some of ideas the saw back to our membership.

A *virtual* class on the 2018 IBC/IFC Assembly Spaces will be held on July 20th. This is a full day seminar conducted by ICC that will cover the requirements applicable to assembly spaces. This is a great way to earn ICC continuing education credits. Registration is on our website.

The IFIA will be hosting a social gathering on July 20th. It will be a good time for all to relax and talk outside of the confines of "business". The All-American Rejects will be playing in Elk Grove Village as part of the Mid-Summer Classic Concert Series. This will be by the Elk Grove High School. A location to meet will be forthcoming.

Our FLSE committee will be doing a mini seminar on August 25th at the Minooka Fire Prot. District, Station #1, 7901 E. Minooka Rd., Minooka, IL 60447 at 9 am. This roundtable discussion will be on programs from their departments. Learn a few tricks, share your successful (or failed) programs, and network with new and seasoned educators. This fun and exciting session will give you a few new tools for your Pub Ed toolbox. If you would like copies of a program that is being presented, please bring your own thumb drive. We would be happy to share with you!

We are asking for your assistance with some pictures. We are developing a stockpile of pictures of code violations. We will be using these in our classes, and in a new program we are working on. We are looking at basic items, not complex issues where advanced skills might be needed to spot the violation. Feel free to send them to rmorris464@comcast.net. If you'd like to include a short line of what you feel the issue is, that might be of assistance.

In Palatine there are two free CRR classes. On August 29th there is a one-day CRR Awareness class. On August 31-September 1 there is a two-day Community Risk Reduction Assessment class. This 16-hour course will provide simple and easily understood guidelines for fire

departments and/or other agencies to conduct a risk assessment of their community. Registration can be done at the Illinois Fire Services Institute website.

There will be a Fire Inspector I and Fire Inspector II class offered in the Fall. Registration is available on the website. If you are interested in attending a Public Fire Life Safety Educator class, please contact the office to be placed on a wait list. The Inspector 1 class is almost full, so sign up if that is of interest to you.

The IFIA day at the State Fair is Sunday, August 20th. We need volunteers to assist with the event. Please reach out to one of the Board members, or contact the office, for further details if you are interested in participation. We are able to provide parking and gate passes for those attending. While the tent hours are from 10 – 4, if you are able to provide just a couple of hours, that would be greatly appreciated. If your department has an Explorer post, this might be a great opportunity to expose them to public education in action. Contact our office if you will be able to help us out.

We are accepting nominations for all our Fire Prevention Awards. If you know an individual or organization that is deserving of an award, please nominate them through the link on the website. Description of the awards can also be found there.

Our 2024 Fire and Life Safety Conference dates are March 20 – 22, 2024, with a pre-conference on the afternoon of the 19th. For budget purposes hotel rooms are \$105 per night. If you have ideas for topics or instructors, or any other suggestions or comments, please contact the office or a board member.

If you'd like to know more about fire doors, there is a free online class on **Fire Door Systems - A Guide to Code Compliance**. The date and time is September 19th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Registration can be done at this link <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7c5f41d4-c04a-4c56-9321-983895111e64@c6e9757d-2bab-4dea-ab79-3c01888f63b5>

The Illinois Community Risk Reduction team is having a *free* all-day meeting on September 27th. Additional information is on a graphic following this report.

While many months away, we have reserved a room for our Holiday Party. It will be on December 7th at Roberto's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 483 Spring Rd, Elmhurst. The event will begin at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. Please let the office know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly.

Upcoming events:

- July 20 – IBC/IFC Assembly Spaces -Virtual by the ICC
- Inspector 1: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Downers Grove
- Inspector's Day at the State Fair – August 20th
- August 11 – IFC Updates at B&F in Elgin
- Inspector 2: September 7, 14, 21, 28 and October 5th - Romeoville
- IFIA Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference – March 19 – 22, 2024

