

48th Annual

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY CONFERENCE

Par-a-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL

March 26-28



The Illinois Fire Inspectors Association invites you to attend our 48th Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference, which will include classes for Code Enforcement personnel and Fire and Life Safety Educators.

Agenda

PRE-CONFERENCE - Tuesday, March 25

Free for IFIA members, non-members \$50

Youth Firesetter Update

Dale Smith and Keith "Doc" Patterson

This presentation introduces participants to the Office of the State Fire Marshal's newly appointed Youth Firesetting Intervention Coordinator Dale Smith, and Keith "Doc" Patterson of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, as they outline the strategic plans for the YFSI program.

The course will also cover the recent revisions to the YFSI curriculum, undertaken by the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The curriculum enhancements are aligned with the latest National Fire Protection Association standards and reflect operationally tested best practices.

Early Registration and Hospitality Bar

Early registration will be available Tuesday evening from 7-10 pm. Light snacks and hospitality bar will be provided.

CONFERENCE - Wednesday - Friday, March 26-28

Wednesday, March 26

Las Vegas Mass Shooting-A Case Study

Greg Cassell, Chief (Ret.) Clark County Fire Department

This presentation will cover many aspects of the Route 91 Harvest Festival, Mass Shooting that took place on the Las Vegas "Strip" on October 1st, 2017. Those in attendance will gain some insight ranging from how the attack was launched, to the response by law enforcement, fire, EMS, and hospitals to this heinous act of violence that resulted in hundreds of people injured and 60 dead. Attendees will also hear, in detail, how this night of tragedy led to the development of a new industry standard that uses local or regional response resources to assist hospitals that have been overrun by patients from a hostile mass casualty incident.

Changing and Creating a Culture

Nate Rice, Division Chief Peoria Fire Department

This presentation will look at the Vision 20/20 Project that took place in the Peoria Fire Department and the culture that was created from this project. The presentation will focus on the highlights of the on-site training and how this changed the perspective of Community Risk Reduction within the Peoria Fire Department. Attendees will also gain a perspective of the culture change of Community Risk Reduction within the department and the new strategic efforts of the Peoria Fire Department to enhance CRR within the city of Peoria. The presentation will also discuss sustainability of CRR culture within the department and how to champion CRR within their own agencies.

Vendor Showcase - Wednesday Evening

Network with vendors throughout the day and enjoy a hospitality bar, live music, and a raffle at the conclusion of the day.

Exhibitor registration and sponsorships are available and can be made on our website, IllinoisFireInspectors.org.

Thursday, March 27

Leading with Impact: Crafting Your Brand and Enhancing Communication as a Fire Inspector

Mike Wallace

Join us for an engaging session focused on leadership and professional development. This presentation will explore the essential elements of personal branding and effective communication within the fire services sector.

NERIS: What You Need to Know

Tom Jenkins

The National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) is changing the data landscape of the fire service. In this presentation, learn about the transformation that this system will catalyze for the fire service, and get your questions answered regarding how your local department will utilize it.

Breakout sessions scheduled to date:

Using AI for messaging, IFC Chapter 11, Serving the Blind Community, NFPA 72 Update, FLSE Roundtable, Plastic Hazards, Dust Hazard Analysis

Fees

Before February 18

Full Conference - \$350 M | \$450 N**

Daily Rate:

Wed./Thurs. - \$175 M | \$225 N
Fri. - \$100

M = IFIA Member, N = Non-Member

**Full non-member conference fee includes an IFIA membership for 2026 for your department.

After February 17

Full Conference - \$450 M | \$550 N**

Daily Rate:

Wed./Thurs. - \$225 M | \$250 N
Fri. - \$100

Hotel

A block of rooms have been reserved with Par-A-Dice Hotel at a rate of \$111 for single/double occupancy. Includes \$6 daily resort fee, excludes taxes.

The cost of the hotel room is not included in the registration fee. To make a hotel reservation please contact the hotel directly by phone or website. Payment for the hotel must be paid separately and sent directly to the hotel.

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