



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Matt Perez for his years of service as Fire Marshal, as he begins his new retirement life. He was a friend of the Fire Service, and was instrumental in getting the Life Safety code updated to the 2015 edition.

We had Steve Hrustitch, the project manager for Vision 20/20, in for three days at the end of June. We had a good turnout for CRR data collection, followed up by him presenting at our June monthly meeting. Those that were able to attend gained a lot of good information, and are able to collect data for the CRR community risk assessment project.

We really need help assisting with the fire inspector's day at the State Fair on August 21st. We will provide gate and parking passes for those attending. Tent hours are from 10 – 4. You do not need to work the entire time. We are only asking for a few hours to assist in promoting fire safety, and then you have the opportunity to enjoy the other attractions at the State Fair. Just let our office know that you can assist the Board.

We have just begun the process of scheduling speakers and topics for our annual Fire and Life Safety conference in March of 2023. If you have any ideas of topics or speakers that would be beneficial to educators or code enforcers, make sure you let our office know.

The Board of Directors has decided to begin a scholarship program for our Fire Inspector 1 and 2 and Fire and Life Safety Educator classes. In order to do that, our Social Chair, Sam Giordano, suggested a popcorn fundraiser. So, for four days in July, we will be sending out links that you can use to purchase popcorn. The bags average \$10 a piece, and *50% of the funds will go directly into the scholarship program*. None of the funds go into the general fund.

The Board has sampled the product and it is very good. Anything that you order will be delivered directly to your door about two after placing the order. So, please consider having some good tasting popcorn, and at the same time funding the scholarship program to certify those people who are financially unable to attend OSFM certification classes.

Our awards program is a year-round program. Throughout the year we accept nominations for anyone who is deserving recognition for going above and beyond. It is also possible to nominate civilians or businesses. Check out our webpage for awards and descriptions. Awards will be presented in the Fall.

Make plans now for July 21. We have the ICC presenting a full day VIRTUAL seminar on high piled storage. Details and registration are available on our website.

There are still openings for our Inspector I class in Glendale Heights in August. Remember that the instructors used are subject matter experts in code enforcement, in some cases for decades. Register now on our website www.IllinoisFireInspectors.org

Make sure you checkout our Friday blasts. There is always some new information. For example, there are some relevant fire and life safety topics that can be easily used for used education efforts.

To see the latest in the State for CRR, visit their website at www.illinoisr.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.

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

July 21 – IFC high piled storage class – all day VIRTUAL

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



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