



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

Serving Illinois Fire Departments Since 1967

A Message from the Board of Directors

Make sure you make plans for our September mini-seminar. It will be held at the Sprinkler Fitters 281 Hall in Alsip on September 23. The class will be taught by the Firestopping Contractors International Association. For information on the class, and to register, go to our website at www.IllinoisFireInspectorss.org.

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.

Due to your generosity of our fundraising event this summer, we received enough funds to award three scholarships for OSFM classes in 2023. We will be giving away one seat in the Fire Inspector 1, Fire Inspector 2, and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator classes. These will be awarded to IFIA members who are in financial need to attend these classes. *If your department is not a member, now is the time to sign up.* The application form, and the details, can be accessed on our website at <https://www.illinoisfireinspectors.org/scholarship>. Applications must be received by our office by November 1st. In order for us to keep providing scholarships, when we host fundraising event in the future, your support is needed. One hundred percent of the funds go directly into a scholarship fund.

Several IFIA members worked the Fire Safety Tent at the State Fair last month. Also working that day were members of the Northern Illinois Fire Protection Districts. The weather really cooperated with us this year and crowds in the tent were at levels seen prior to the pandemic. We hope that more IFIA members can help out in the worthy event next year.

If there is some type of training you are interested in having the IFIA provide, please contact a Board member or the Office, as the Professional Development committee is planning next year's topics.

The Board of Directors will have an opening at the end of the year. If you have an interest to serve on the Board and help fire inspectors and educators, let a Board member or the Office know. The position is a five-year commitment, working through all positions to Past President. We will be holding elections in the fall for a term to begin in January.

On November 18 – our popular Did You Know? will return. This class will be a virtual presentation, so there is no reason to miss it. This presentation gives an overview of multiple topics. Then, if you want more information, you can reach out to the instructor. Scheduled at this time are:

- a CRAIG 1300 demonstration
- pressure reducing/restricting valve review
- toxicity of combustion byproducts
- CaptiveAire hood systems
- air compressors for dry and preaction fire sprinkler systems
- Hydra-Tap for testing backflow preventers.

Make plans for our annual Fire and Life Safety Conference, March 22 – 24, in East Peoria. Complete details and registration will be available soon on our website, but some of the presentations planned are: Change YOUR Mindset, Change YOUR Community; Communicating with Candor and NOT Chaos; an Overview of Crowd Management Requirements, Hydrogen Hazards, Developing Lesson Plans; Steps to Safety™ Prevent Fire and Falls at Home; and How Hazardous Materials Use and Storage Impacts Facility Occupancy Classification.



We are finishing up details for a holiday party in early December. This will be open to our membership, so keep watching for the details on the date and location, which should be out soon.

Want to know more about CRR? Want to find out about some proven programs? On November 5th at the Decatur Hotel, there will be a *FREE* one-day community risk reduction conference. Stay tuned for more information and how to register.

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:

September 23 – mini-seminar on Firestopping.

October 28 – mini-seminar: Accessibility update

November – “Did You Know” mini-seminar

Inspector 1: Thursday: January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2nd, Romeoville

Inspector 2: Thursday: September 7, 14, 21, 28 and October 5th, Romeoville



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 5, 2022
8AM-5PM

DECATUR HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION CONFERENCE

This is a **FREE** event, hosted by the Illinois Community Risk Reduction Stakeholder Taskforce.

You are invited to a full day of the newest national and state CRR updates and resources to successfully move forward with CRR for your department and community.

Why attend this conference?

- Create, execute, and evaluate measurable CRR success
- Hear local success stories
- Learn methods and strategies to assess community risks
- Develop achievable best practices
- Interact with vendors
- Start a CRR program or bring it to the next level

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by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources.*

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