



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

We received notice that Mario Tristan retired in May. He was a member of the IFIA for decades, and served as President in 2007. We wish him well with his new endeavors on the east coast.

Unfortunately, while this does not apply to most people, we need to remind everyone of our refund policy. We recognize that it takes some time to process payments for our events, so we allow people to attend even though payment has been invoiced, but not yet received. Most other organizations do not do this. However, we have had recent occasions where people did not show up, left mid-class, etc., and did not pay for the class.

There are times where we decide to run or not run a class based on the number registered. Not attending and not paying then puts us in a money losing situation, which is not good for the IFIA.

Our policy, which is on the website, states any registration cancelled less than seven days from the start of the class will be assessed 50% of the class cost. Any no-show will be assessed the full cost of the class.

Individuals who do not pay, will not be allowed further registrations until payments are received.

We feel that we have been very generous with our policy of letting people attend classes at the last minute, prior to actual payment being received. We hope everyone understands our need to have this policy.

There is a two-day fire sprinkler plan review class on June 13 and 14. It will be taught by Ron Ritchey, Great Lakes Field Services Coordinator, National Fire Sprinkler Association, and will be held in Elk Grove Village.

This in-person program will consist of the requirements of NFPA 13, where you will be guided through an actual review of sprinkler system plans and calculations. It will discuss the importance of employing a systematic review process and identify the documents required for a complete plan review.

Also in June is a Legal Aspects of Code Administration class at Harper College in Palatine. Linda Pieczynski, a former assistant state's attorney and former municipal prosecutor in DuPage County will be the instructor. Her classes are always well received, so register early.

Again, in Palatine, there are several 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.

For further Information and registration on these classes, and many more, go to our website www.IllinoisFireInspectors.org.

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.

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.

Upcoming events:

- Fire Sprinkler Plan Review - June 13th & 14th, Elk Grove Village.
- Legal Aspects of Code Administration - June 23rd, Harper College, Palatine.
- July 7 – School Inspection Updates - Virtual
- 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

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