



When you read this the 4th of July Holiday will be long gone. Hopefully everyone had a very safe, fun, uneventful holiday weekend. With summer here, let's not forget to remind everyone of the dangers that come with it: grilling fires increase during summer months, swimming pools are open, active, and kids are out of school and can dart out from everywhere. Please remind your friends, family, and community to be diligent in keeping everyone safe.

June 22 – 25 was the NFPA Annual Conference held at McCormick Place in Chicago. Monday the 22nd was Illinois Day sponsored by NIFSAB. State Fire Marshal Perez was in attendance and was introduced to the crowd. The NIFSAB event was well attended and attendees got sessions from NFPA 25, Legal Aspects, and ICC Updates among other topics. Several plaques were presented to communities who recently adopted residential sprinklers.

The conference training sessions were very well attended. Everything from Mobile Food Truck Regulations to Community Risk Reduction were presented. Wednesday afternoon and Thursday were the NFPA Technical Committee Hearings for proposed code changes. There was one major issue during the Thursday hearings that IFIA was active on. As you all know, there was a proposed change to NFPA 72, chapter 26 (remote station monitoring) that proposed to allow listed central stations to perform remote station monitoring BUT remove the approval of the AHJ. IFIA opposed this code change and there were two Certified Amending Motions filed to challenge that proposed change. CAM 72-8 was submitted and restored the AHJ approval/authority and left the language for listed central stations. CAM 72-9 was to return the section back to the language in the 2013 Edition of NFPA 72. After testimonies on 72-8 the floor vote overwhelmingly approved CAM 72-8. IFIA supported this CAM and felt it was a good compromise. Once approved, CAM 72-9 was removed from consideration. While this motion passed, the issue of Fire Districts/Fire Departments and remote monitoring is far from over.

During NFPA several presentations were attended by some of our members that led to the possibility of having them presented to IFIA at our Annual Conference. As planning for the 2016 Conference is beginning we will be reaching out to those presenters to see if we can't get them for East Peoria. As a side note, 2016 will be the 40th Anniversary of the "Pub Ed" Conference for IFIA. We hope that we can reach out to past members who may not be active anymore and get them to attend. I'm sure the Committee will plan something special for such a great accomplishment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1) Sunday, July 19th, will be the first (hopefully annual) IFIA Day at the Ballpark. We have purchased tickets for the Kane County Cougars game and are selling them for \$10/ticket (\$11/face value seats). For tickets, please contact our Office and they will send out the tickets once payment is received.
- 2) August 23, 2015 is the IFIA day at the State Fair. We are looking for help in staffing the Fire Services tent on that day. Departments with Explorers are welcome to bring them with to help us at the tent. Please let the Office know if you are coming down.
- 3) October 8th is the Annual Fire Safety Alliance Fire Prevention Luncheon. It will be held at Bobek's Banquets in Woodridge. Please contact the Fire Safety Alliance for more information.
- 4) October 23rd is our Annual Awards Luncheon. If you know of someone deserving of an award please go to our website and fill out the appropriate application.
- 5) SAVE THE DATE!!! Friday December 18th is our Holiday Party, and swearing in of the new Board of Directors.

Be safe, have great summer. We look forward to seeing everyone at our summer events. Enjoy the summer break, our next membership meeting will be September 18th