

IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



The nomination process for filling the Board of Director's Treasurer position is now open. If you are interested and want additional information contact Executive Director Morris or President Riordan. At the November meeting the new person will be elected. It is important that you attend this meeting.

The "Codes" Committee, headed up by Craig Studer, is looking for additional members to participate in bi-monthly planning meetings. If you are interested, contact Craig at cstuder@jensenhughes.com.

The Office will be sending out membership dues invoices. The annual fee again will remain at \$95. This fee has not gone up for many years, although many of the expenses we incur have. Our goal is to provide the best education possible at the lowest rates. You help by promptly paying the invoice when it arrives.

The annual Fire and Life Safety Conference (formerly known as the Combined Conference) agenda is in place – note the attached flyer. Save the dates of March 20-22, and plan on attending. The conference will be held in East Peoria at the Par-a-Dice Casino/Hotel. We will again be doing a half-day pre-conference on Tuesday afternoon, which is free to IFIA members. The topic of that session is something we all need to know more about – "Human Behavior, in Fire". Our Wednesday conference keynotes will be two survivors from the Seton Hall fire who will talk about going from Fire Survivors to Fire Safety Educators. On Thursday we will have Sara Gura who will talk about firefighter mental health.

There is a national campaign going on that talks about closed doors protecting you from fire. In the fire service we know that to be true, but it is also one part of a bigger message. Many news shows are stating that a closed door will protect you from fire. To the general public the implication of this is that it is safe to stay in a fire, you can simply close the door. What we say is important. When talking to groups it is important to talk about the whole message. While the closed door does buy you some time, working smoke alarms, proper placement of smoke alarms, having two ways out, feeling the door, staying low in smoke, and many other fire safety points must also be said. The idea that needs to be stressed is to have a plan, and closed doors is just one part of that plan.

A reminder, that for all future OSFM certification classes, seminars, etc. offered by the IFIA, we will be requiring payment, or a P.O., prior to the beginning of the class. We have people register for classes and not pay, and in some cases not show up. That can make the difference in running a class or not. In the past we have lost money when a class runs with less than break even attendance. Thank you for understanding this needed change.

We had a nice turn out for our awards luncheon in October – thanks to all that attended. We like to recognize this year's winners. For corporate awards there was from Kankakee: Domino's, Pepsi Beverages, and Jewel Osco; From New Lenox: Dunkin Donuts

Adult Hero: from New Lenox: Jerry Reeves; from Plainfield: Lesley Ebel, Amy LaJeunesse, Karen Rabe, Kevin Marin; from Channahon: Ryan Sorg

Chief's Award: D/C Patrick Brenn from the Tri-State Fire Protection District

We have had a request from a member department regarding solar panels. If any department has SOPs on how to deal with these, please forward that to the office. we can then make them available to anyone to is interested.

If you are looking for something unique for a website, Facebook, or other social media use, consider the Bohemian Rhapsody made by the Cornwall, Ontario fire services. https://youtu.be/Ue_4Os19lpI This is just one of several they have produced. Check it out...

Earlier we mentioned our Human Behavior in Fire class at our annual conference. When we talk about human behavior panic is a word that almost always comes to mind. We'd like to reprint what we sent out in blast last month, as we feel it to be important. It is from Mike Love, and obtained from the eParade Google chat group.

Panic is an overused word that more often than not is not even the case. I used the Google Alert tool to deliver me links to news that included the word panic and I was very surprised how quickly it amounted to hundreds and maybe thousands of uses of the word panic in the news. The links were delivered daily. I was helping Robbie Robertson revise his legacy college fire science text book Introduction to Fire Prevention and I wanted to update a section of the book he wrote dealing with panic. Robbie thought I was wrong and based it on observations he witnessed as people dove out of the Winecoff Hotel Fire cut off with nowhere safely to go but to jump from the upper story windows. I can't say that the example was or wasn't panic but I think they had few precious choices - they were trapped. We learned and improved the fire and life safety protection since then and it has reduced risk. Look at the raw video of people leaving the Station Nightclub - scared, concerned, heading to the exit.

I don't think I found an instance where people actually panicked. Panic actually describes a loss of control but most of the articles contained descriptions of fear, anxiety, apprehension, urge to leave quickly, etc but not loss of control. Action was one of the reactions most often associated. They did something often to get them to safety in the face of real danger. They recognized risk and took action. Were they calm, yes frequently they were. But they were certainly scared to death. These human survival instincts include all the senses with increased intensity and emotions but it's not panic. We had it wrong for years. Science has realized we have it wrong in fact some social scientist now believe people generally act calmly when taking action to save their lives.

Could the use of the word panic be a self fulfilling prophecy? I think so. It's not a good thing to accept a negative reaction like panic as the way people will react when they are at significant risk. Using the word panic such as "Don't panic," may only just plant it in their mind. Tell people that they will be scared, their heart will pound, they will be anxious, they will aggressively seek to get out of the situation. This is not panic - it's survival instinct. It's good, it helps people be more focused, it enhances the senses, it may save their life - but it's not panic.

Let's dump the over use of the word panic.

Working smoke alarms alert you to a fire and give you a better opportunity to act. Promote exit drills in the home, tell people to get out when the alarm activates, then stay out and call 9-1-1 from as safe location.

The IL NFSA chapter is offering a "rough inspection for fire sprinkler systems" class on Wednesday November 14th. The class will be held at the New Lenox Fire Protection District. For more information please go to the NFSA website, or see the attachment.

- Low Frequency SounderSmoke Alarms
- Inspector Recertification
- Similarities between the IFC, IPC and the IPMC
- Illinois Accessibility Code Update
- After Event Check List
- NFPA 13D Update
- Variable Speed Fire Pump and Jockey Pump Controllers
- Requirements for Refueling at Electric, Natural Gas and Hydrogen Stations

December 21st is our holiday meeting. At that time we will be swearing in new Board Officers which were elected at the November meeting. Make sure not to miss either of these meetings.

The OSFM is holding a FREE public school inspection class in Paris, IL on January 10, 2019. On **January 16th** they will be offering that class in Peoria, IL. Interested? Check out the info on becoming qualified. Already qualified? Come back for a refresher and get an update on current codes and procedures.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

The most recent Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls are listed below:

AAA Innovations Recalls Promotional Cooler/Grills Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/AAA-Innovations-Recalls-Promotional-Cooler-Grills-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

UberScientific Recalls Topical Anesthetic Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Closure Requirement; Risk of Poisoning: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/UberScientific-Recalls-Topical-Anesthetic-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Closure-Requirement-Risk-of-Poisoning>

Walmart Recalls Camp Axes Due to Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Walmart-Recalls-Camp-Axes-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Marker Recalls Kingpin Ski Bindings Due to Fall Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Marker-Recalls-Kingpin-Ski-Bindings-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Recalls Decorative Pineapples Due to Laceration

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Cracker-Barrel-Old-Country-Store-Recalls-Decorative-Pineapples-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard>

Briggs & Stratton Recalls Portable Generator Fuel Tank Replacement Caps, Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Briggs--Stratton-Recalls-Portable-Generator-Fuel-Tank-Replacement-Caps-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Cooper Lighting Recalls Solar/Battery Powered Light Fixtures Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Cooper-Lighting-Recalls-SolarBattery-Powered-Light-Fixtures-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Abond Group Recalls TubeEZ Baby Bath Support Seats Due to Drowning

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Abond-Group-Recalls-TubeEZ-Baby-Bath-Support-Seats-Due-to-Drowning-Hazard>

Gold Recalls Eddie Bauer Infant Carriers Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at

Target: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Gold-Recalls-Eddie-Bauer-Infant-Carriers-Due-to-Fall-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Target>

Kikkerland Recalls Wireless Charger Bedside Pockets Due to Fire and Burn

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Kikkerland-Recalls-Wireless-Charger-Bedside-Pockets-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazard>

Flushmate® Recalls Flushmate II 501-B Pressure-Assisted Flushing Systems Due to Impact and Laceration Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Flushmate-Recalls-Flushmate-II-501B-PressureAssisted-Flushing-Systems-Due-to-Impact-and-Laceration-Hazards>

Hydrolevel Recalls Controllers for Slant/Fin Boilers Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Hydrolevel-Recalls-Controllers-for-Slant-Fin-Boilers-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Vista Railing Systems Recalls ProBuilt Aluminum Posts Due to Fall

Hazard:<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Vista-Railing-Systems-Recalls-ProBuilt-Aluminum-Posts-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Brookstone Wireless Speakers Recalled Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/brookstone-wireless-speakers-recalled-due-to-fire-hazard>

Yvolve Sports Recalls Electric Skateboards Due to Fall Hazard; New Instructions and Warning Labels Provided:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Yvolve-Sports-Recalls-Electric-Skateboards-Due-to-Fall-Hazard-New-Instructions-and-Warning-Labels-Provided>

Huish Outdoors Recalls Buoyancy Control Devices (BCDs) Due to Drowning

Hazard:<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Huish-Outdoors-Recalls-Buoyancy-Control-Devices-BCDs-Due-to-Drowning-Hazard>

Shimano Recalls Bicycle Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Shimano-Recalls-Bicycle-Helmets-Due-to-Risk-of-Head-Injury>

Pacific Cycle Recalls Adult Men's Mountain Bicycles Due to Fall

Hazard:<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Pacific-Cycle-Recalls-Adult-Mens-Mountain-Bicycles-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Waupaca Elevator Recalls to Inspect Elevators Due to Injury

Hazard:<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Waupaca-Elevator-Recalls-to-Inspect-Elevators-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Haier America Recalls Top-Mount Refrigerators Due to Fire

Hazard:<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Haier-America-Recalls-Top-Mount-Refrigerators-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

CB2 Recalls Pendant Lights Due to Fire and Shock Hazards:<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/CB2-Recalls-Pendant-Lights-Due-to-Fire-and-Shock-Hazards>

Iplay Recalls Infant Rattles Due to Choking Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/i-play-Recalls-Infant-Rattles-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

Nov 16th	Did You Know mini seminar
Dec 21st	Holiday Luncheon
Mar 20 – 22	Combined Conf in East Peoria