

# IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and we wish a prosperous 2018 to all!

Thank you to the almost 70 people who joined us for our holiday luncheon. Much of what we do cannot be done without the support of many people. This is certainly true for those that donated gifts for the luncheon. We sincerely thank you for those gifts, it helped make the afternoon a success. Those that donated were: Siemens, Promos911, Wilke Escondo- Elk Grove Village, Rick Marek, National Fire Sprinkler Association – IL Chapter, Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board, SDI – Andrea Barghini,

Chicago Metropolitan Fire Prevention, Palatine Fire Dept, Sal Fusco, B & F, FSCI. If anyone was missed, our apologies, and please let us know so we can properly recognize you.

The business side of the luncheon was the swearing in of the new officers of the IFIA. Pictured below are Jamie Brown, Treasurer; Bill Schmidt, Secretary; Jack Janozik, Vice President; and Dan Riordan, President. The swearing in was done by Forrest Reeder, Dan's Chief.

A tradition for several years has been for the IFIA to forgo gifts for the attendees and instead take those monies and help people through donations to charities. Shown below is Robert Morris presenting a check for \$250 to Shriners International. Earlier in the year, just after the hurricanes hit, we made a \$250 donation to those relief efforts.

Our annual Combined Conference in March is right around the corner. Register now, prior to the price increase in February. Our opening day will feature Gordon Graham, well known safety expert throughout the fire industry. Our second day keynotes will be Frank DeAngelis, the principal of Columbine High School at the time of the horrific shootings there, and Michelle Gay, the mother of a student killed at Sandy Hook school, and a co-founder of Safe and Sound School. Thursday is a day that school administrators would be very interested in. Make sure you pass this information on to them. One day registrations are available. Additionally, pass this to your police agencies you work with. We are all in this together.

Due to the success of last year's pre-conference, we are doing that once again. On Tuesday afternoon we will have Meri-K Appy and Marsha Giesler presenting a full afternoon of information on building the next generation of fire and life safety educators. This session is free to IFIA members. For those who might not be members, the cost is only \$25.

Registration for this not to be missed conference is available on our website. If you would like to reserve your rooms at the Para-a-Dice Hotel in East Peoria now, reservations can be made by calling [1-800-547-0711](tel:1-800-547-0711) and referencing code 0320FIR. They can also be made by going to <http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups> and typing in 0320FIR

For those desiring the OFSM certification of Public Fire and Life Educator, we have a class coming up in April/May. This class is taught by fire service experts, including one who literally "wrote the book" on public education. The dates are April 30, May 1, 2, 7, and 8, at the Downers Grove Fire Dept. Go to the IFIA website to register.

For those interested in Fire Inspector 1, those dates are April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2. Contact the IFIA office if you are interested in this class taught by fire inspectors, each with multiple years of expertise.

For those departments that have sent in their dues, thank you. That saves our office much work. To the remaining departments, you should have received an email. Please print that out and submit that as soon as possible. Your \$95 really helps the IFIA throughout the year.

Watch your emails. We have had one or two people who said they received some spam, supposedly from the IFIA. The exact way the email was received by this is shown below. The email obviously should be suspect by anyone. Do not open these! Should you receive anything similar, or have a question regarding an email from the IFIA, call us. We will let you know if it is legitimate or not.

“I wasn’t lucky to get hold of you by phone. Hopefully i will be lucky enough now if you will provide me with the status of this invoice asap. ”

Mark your calendars for our upcoming mini seminars. On January 26 we will have two parts. The first has to do with common mistakes you should find during sprinkler plan reviews. The second is on Autostore storage systems. These are two topics that you will want to attend.

On February 23rd we are doing something a bit different. Our mini seminar will be held at Top Golf in Naperville on Chapter 34 of the IBC. Included in your price is some practice time at the heated driving range. This would be a good time to get some practice in prior to the start of the golf season.

The IFIA congratulates Joe Rymkey on his retirement from the New Lenox Fire Protection District on over 23 years of service to the District. Well done, Joe!

There is a new animated timeline for fires and sprinklers! Check it out. Hopefully it will enhance your safety messaging. <https://homefiresprinkler.org/home-fire-sprinkler-timeline-video/>

As we have mentioned previously, the State Fire Marshal has enacted rules for continuing education hours for the Fire Inspector 1 certification. For anyone that had this certificate prior to summer of 2017, your recertification year is 2021. For everyone who receives this certification in the future, your recertification will be four years from when the certificate was issued. The certification requirements were modeled after the fire investigators. It needs to be noted that the IFIA mini seminars and the annual conference **WILL** count towards those needed hours. The IFIS is a source where you can receive those documented hours, almost on a monthly basis.

There was a question raised about mobile fueling at the last Fire Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. The FAC is a body of the major fire service organization within the State that meet quarterly to advise the OSFM on various issues. The northern region fire prevention manager provided the following information:

Mobile Fueling is permitted at the following locations in Illinois without a PERMIT from us:

- 1) Agricultural sites for agricultural equipment;
- 2) Construction sites for refueling construction equipment used only at the construction site;
- 3) Sites used for the refueling of police, fire or emergency medical services vehicles or other vehicles that are owned, leased or operated by the State, a unit of local government, a school district, or any agency of the State and that are not normally accessible to the public;

Mobile Fueling is permitted at sites used for commercial vehicle fleets but only in Cook, Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage and Will Counties AND they have to have a PERMIT from us. There are currently 8 vendors that have a PERMIT to fuel these fleet operations in the 6 counties and this has not changed in the last 7 years. I am not aware of any issues.

If Chicago is seeing more then maybe it is due to all the road and building construction going on in Chicago. These do not require a permit and there may be more vendors providing these services than the eight

we are aware of. Also, there could be some locations where fleet operations receive Mobile Fueling without a Permit. Fueling is done at night and there is no way of us finding out unless someone contacts us. We occasionally have a local fire inspector catch someone but these are far and few in between and also resolved quickly.

Another notice from the OSFM: For several years, the OSFM Fire Prevention Division has provided life safety code enforcement inspections for Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Community-Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) containing eight (8) or fewer clients.

Recent amendments to the IDHS Community-Integrated Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act (210 ILCS 135) (Act), (See also: Public Act 100-0313, which became effective August 2017), eliminated the OSFM's statutory responsibility to conduct these inspections. While we are no longer statutorily obligated to conduct such inspections, the OSFM will nevertheless continue to conduct CILA inspections if specifically requested to do so by the IDHS. This interagency assistance will be subject to the availability of OSFM Fire Prevention inspectors and other Fire Prevention Division statutorily mandated priorities.

Each fire department in the State receives emails from an OSFM email account. All inspections done by the OSFM are sent to the fire department following an inspection. This is one way to know what inspections the OSFM conducts in your town.

If you were a NFPA member prior to January 1 of this year, make your plans to attend the NFPA conference in June in Las Vegas. The technical committee voting, which we believe will occur on June 14th, could affect much of what many towns do now for fire alarm monitoring. Language is being proposed in NFPA 72 that removes an AHJ's approval process when it comes to alarm monitoring. The IFIA is opposed to any language removing the AHJ from this decision making process. The IFIA Board of Directors is ready to defend the AHJ approval of alarm monitoring. We will need support from everyone in the Illinois fire service.

More from the OSFM: For individuals looking for a fire prevention inspector job with the OSFM note the following:

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal Fire Prevention Division is looking to increase the ranks of Fire Prevention Inspectors.

Application opportunities will soon be available to qualified individuals who live in or are willing to relocate to the following counties: Champaign or Coles, Kane or McHenry, and Madison.

The job specifications for the Fire Prevention Inspector position are here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/work/sitepages/jobtitledetails.aspx?ItemID=52983>

To see **all** current job postings, and the application procedures to apply for a State Job, click here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/work/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested individuals can submit applications for any position, anytime, even if there are no current postings available. Applications will be retained by CMS for 1 year.

For help with the applications process, and/or to ensure accuracy and completeness of the application prior to submitting to CMS, contact the Division of Fire Prevention.

For more information regarding Fire Prevention Inspector positions, please contact:

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

Woolino Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Violation of Federal Flammability

Standard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Woolino-Recalls-Childrens-Pajamas-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standard>

IKEA Reannounces Recall of MALM and Other Models of Chests and Dressers Due to Serious Tip-over Hazard; 8th Child Fatality Reported; Consumers Urged to Choose Between Refund or

Repair: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/IKEA-Reannounces-Recall-of-MALM-and-Other-Models-of-Chests-and-Dressers-Due-to-Serious-Tip-over-Hazard>

Omega Pacific Recalls Carabiners Due to Risk of Injury or Death: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Omega-Pacific-Recalls-Carabiners-Due-to-Risk-of-Injury-or-Death>

Plycem Recalls Allura Decking Due to Fall and Injury Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Plycem-Recalls-Allura-Decking-Due-to-Fall-and-Injury-Hazards>

Natural Solutions for Life Recalls Synodrin Pain Relieving Cream Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Closure Requirement: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Natural-Solutions-for-Life-Recalls-Synodrin-Pain-Relieving-Cream-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Closure-Requirement#<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Natural-Solutions-for-Life-Recalls-Synodrin-Pain-Relieving-Cream-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Closure-Requirement>>

Flos Recalls Pendant Light Fixtures Due to Impact Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Flos-Recalls-Pendant-Light-Fixtures-Due-to-Impact-Injury-Hazard>

Toys "R" Us Recalls Clay Craft Kits Due to Risk of Mold Exposure; Sold at Babies "R" Us and

Toys "R" Us: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/ToysRUs-Recalls-Clay-Craft-Kits-Due-to-Risk-of-Mold-Exposure-Sold-at-BabiesRUs-and-ToysRUs>

Libbey Glass Recalls Bourbon Glasses Due to Laceration Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Libbey-Glass-Recalls-Bourbon-Glasses>

West Elm Recalls Table Lamps Due to Shock Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/West-Elm-Recalls-Table-Lamps-Due-to-Shock-Hazard>

Westinghouse Portable Generators Recalled by MWE Investments Due to Fire

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Westinghouse-Portable-Generators-Recalled-by-MWE-Investments-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Ravin Crossbows Recalls Arrow Nocks Due to Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Ravin-Crossbows-Recalls-Arrow-Nocks-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Dream On Me Recalls Crib & Toddler Bed Mattresses Due to Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability

Standard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Dream-On-Me-Recalls-Crib-Toddler-Bed-Mattresses-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Mattress-Flammability-Standard>

Pier 1 Imports Recalls Decorative Glass Pumpkins Due to Laceration

Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Pier-1-Imports-Recalls-Decorative-Glass-Pumpkins-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard>

Hunter Fan Recalls Ceiling Fans Due to Impact Injury Hazard; New Instructions

Provided: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Hunter-Fan-Recalls-Ceiling-Fans-Due-to-Impact-Injury-Hazard-New-Instructions-Provided>

Todd Snyder Recalls Sweatshirts Due to Violation of Federal Flammability

Standards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Todd-Snyder-Recalls-Sweatshirts-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standards>

Brompton Bicycle Recalls Bicycles Due To Fall Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Brompton-Bicycle-Recalls-Bicycles-Due-To-Fall-Hazard>

Wohali Outdoors Recalls Children's Sleepwear Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard; Sold Exclusively at Bass Pro Shops: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Wohali-Outdoors-Recalls-Childrens-Sleepwear-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Bass-Pro-Shops>

Matrix Fireworks Recalls Fireworks Due to Violation of Federal Standard; Explosion and Burn Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Matrix-Fireworks-Recalls-Fireworks-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Standard-Explosion-and-Burn-Hazards>

Monte Carlo Recalls Ceiling Fans Due to Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Monte-Carlo-Recalls-Ceiling-Fans-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Superior Importers Recalls Mattresses Due to Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability Standard; Sold Exclusively at Amazon.com: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Superior-Importers-Recalls-Mattresses-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Mattress-Flammability-Standard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Amazoncom>

Rocky Mountain Bicycles Recall Mountain Bicycles Due to Crash Hazard Recall Date: December 27, 2017  
Recall Number: 18-069

Western Gas Recalls to Inspect Propane Gas Due To Fire and Burn Hazards Recall Date: December 28, 2017  
Recall Number: 18-073

Until next month...

**Check the website for the following upcoming events:**

January 26	mini seminar and meeting
February 23	mini seminar at Top Golf in Naperville on Chapter 34 of the IBC
March 21-23	IFIA Combined Conference in East Peoria
April/May	Inspector 1
April/May	PFLSE course