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Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board.



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Due to the resignation of Scott McBride from the Board of Directors, we had an opening on the Board. Last month the Board moved all of the officers up one position, and appointed Ryan Angelus, from the Plainfield FPD, as the Treasurer.

Our annual conference is on March 26 – 28, 2025, and there is a great line-up of speakers. On our website is a one-page flyer of the event. A full pre-conference program with class descriptions and speaker bios will be available by December. Registration for attendees and for sponsor/exhibitors is now available on our website, so sign up now for the early bird rate. If your organization is not a member of the IFIA, join now for only \$100 per department to receive the discounted member rate. Remember, if your department is a member, all of the personnel receive the benefit of member pricing for all of our education offerings during the year.

Our opening conference speaker will be the Clark County Fire Chief at the time of the Las Vegas 2017 country music festival. This case history will provide some good information that can benefit your organization, your EMA people, and emergency room directors/supervisors.

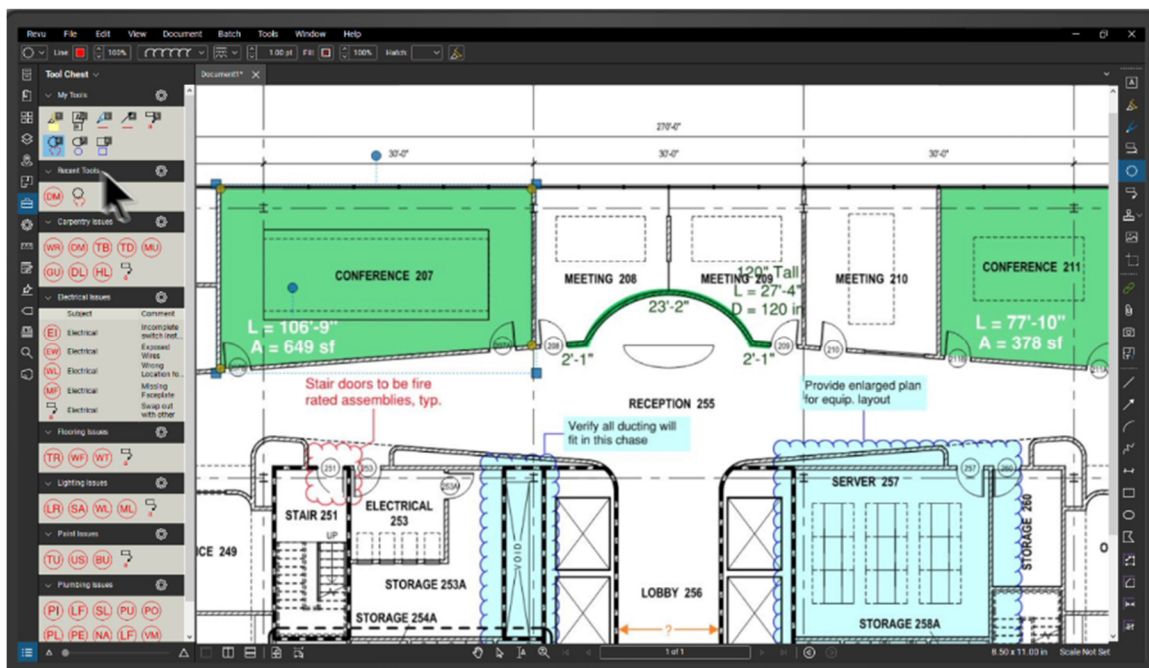
If you are a business that would like to support the education of fire inspectors and fire and life safety educators, there is a way to do that. The IFIA Board has developed gold, silver, and bronze level sponsorships. These are good for a calendar year. Specific details are available on our website.

Our next mini seminar will be on October 25th and it will be held in Palatine. The topic will be on Electronic Plan (ePlan) Reviews.

For existing Bluebeam users, this presentation will introduce Bluebeam solutions, focusing on the initial phase of the ePlan review workflow, and how Bluebeam's collaborative environment, Studio, can facilitate the review process.

If you are not a Bluebeam user, this presentation will give you an overview of electronic plan reviews, and how they can help you in your plan reviews.

If you are on the fence of doing ePlan reviews, this class may help your decision making.



Our November mini seminar will be the popular VIRTUAL Did You Know? This is a short high-level on a series of topics. Following each presentation, if you would like additional information, contact information will be provided.

In November we will be offering a PFLSE class. This is OSFM approved for certification. **Please note that scholarships are available!** A short scholarship application is available on our website.

See the IFIA website for more information and to register for the above classes.

Registration is now open for the FREE November 1<sup>st</sup> annual CRR conference in Champaign at the Fire Service institute. Registration for this can be done at [IllinoisCRR.com](http://IllinoisCRR.com).

The keynote speaker for this conference is Tom Jenkins, and he will discuss the transition to NERIS. The following flyer gives more details about this.



*4th Annual*  
**ONE DAY CONFERENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2024** > ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE  
11 Gerty Drive – Champaign, Illinois

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TOM JENKINS**  
*Senior Advisor/Research Manager for  
UL Fire Safety Research Institute on the NERIS project*

**The Change is Upon Us: The transition to NERIS**

In this presentation you will learn about the new National Emergency Response Information System and the changes and improvements it will bring to fire departments big and small. Most importantly, this presentation will include information directly related to community risk reduction efforts.

Tom Jenkins serves as a Senior Advisor / Research Manager for UL Fire Safety Research Institute on the NERIS project. Prior to joining the NERIS team, he was the Fire Chief for the City of Rogers (AR). In that capacity he led over 160 career firefighters and successfully attained accreditation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence and Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. He has served as a professor for Drury University, Northwest Arkansas Community College, Tulsa Community College, and Oklahoma State University. In 2015, Chief Jenkins was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Fire Chiefs as the Second Vice President. In 2017 and 2018, he served as President and Chairman of the Board for the IAFC.

In addition to public service, Tom is regular presenter at nearly all fire and emergency medical conferences. Chief Jenkins completed his master's in public administration from the University of Oklahoma and obtained his bachelor's degree in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He has completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy and is a designated Chief Fire Officer and Chief Emergency Medical Services Officer from the Commission on Public Credentialing. He currently serves on multiple boards and committees, including the: NFPA Standard on Organization and Deployment of Career Fire Departments Standard 1710, International Fire Service Training Association Board of Directors, PulsePoint Advisory Board, and National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Advisory Board. His service also includes appointments to the Homeland Security Advisory Council, where he served from 2020-2021 and the FEMA National Advisory Council where he has served since 2023.

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Mark your calendars. Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. All are welcome, and more information will be coming out soon. Appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available. While the event is free, if you will be attending the party just email our office so we can plan accordingly.

At this event, new or gently used winter clothing will be accepted. We will forward those items to an agency who will distribute them to those less fortunate than us. If you cannot attend, but

would still like to donate winter clothing, contact our office and we will make arrangements to pick the items up.



**48th Annual**  
**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY  
CONFERENCE**

Par-a-Dice Hotel,  
East Peoria, IL  
[IllinoisFireInspectors.org](http://IllinoisFireInspectors.org)

**Save the Date**  
**March 26-28, 2025**  
Pre-conference March 25th

**Upcoming events:**

- October 25 – Electronic Plan Reviews at Palatine
- Nov 15 - Virtual Did You Know?
- Public Fire Life Safety Educator - Nov 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, New Lenox
- Dec 5 – Holiday party



To see the latest in the State for CRR, visit their website at [www.illinoisr.com](http://www.illinoisr.com).



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