



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

We had our popular Did You Know seminar last month. The only difference this year was that we were forced to go virtual with it. Regardless of that, it was very good. We had eight different people present on a wide variety of topics. Thank you to all that presented or attended the event.

Just prior to that seminar was our monthly meeting. At this meeting the officers for next year were elected. The decision was to keep the same Board in place for one more year. The officers are James Brown from New Lenox, Jay Atherton from Palatine, Mike Rons from Schaumburg, and Mary Kay Ludeman from Plainfield.

Due to the need to do so much virtually, the IFIA needed to acquire a platform for meetings and seminars. We looked at several different products comparing prices and features. When everything was factored in, we choose the Go To Webinar product. They brought the price of the product down considerably, gave us many nice features some of which were doing polling of attendees, having videos and documents available for download, and the ability to see how long people attended the meeting. Last month's meeting was the first real use of this and with eight speakers, things went well. As we learn more, things will only improve. Please hang in there as we work to provide a good product for you. If you have any concerns please contact us.

Our annual Fire and Life Safety Conference will be held in March next year. However, due to rising concerns about the Corona virus, and waiting as long as we could, we chose to cancel the in-person event to do a virtual conference.

We know that sitting at a computer for most of day is difficult, so we are only going to do three-hour sessions. The "conference" will be Monday – Friday. We will start at 0900 to allow you to answer phone calls and emails prior to the sessions, and end a noon so you can conduct your routine business for the remaining day. The plan will be a general session on Monday, followed by two days of Fire and Life Safety programs, and that will be followed by two days of code enforcement programs.

The topics for the conference will be What's the Big Deal About CRR?, Motivating for Behavior Change – Why Don't People Do What We Want Them To Do?, Effective Social Media, Vision 20/20 and IL Model, Solar Plan Review, Fire Pumps, Flammable Refrigerants, and Update to NFPA 72.

The dates of the conference will be March 22 – 26, 2021. We will have three pricings. One for the full event – Best Value, a three-day code *or* FLSE fee, and a daily fee. The three-day fee

would be best for educators who might not have the need for code enforcement topics. Mark this down now and plan to attend.

For those that had rolled the registration into 2021, thank you. We will refund you the difference from last year to what you choose for 2021. Stay tuned for more details as they develop. A Save the Date with much more information will be out very soon.

There are only a few openings in our Fire Inspector 1 class in Romeoville in January. Romeoville has assured us that they can provide proper distancing so the class is going on at this point. Contact the office if you have an interest in this, or have any questions on the class.

The Board is holding our annual planning meeting on December 17th. We will look at things for 2021. If you have any input and things we should do, should not do, or ways to improve, please contact a Board member or the IFIA office.

The International Code Council has begun its 2024 code development process and confirmed its Committee Action Hearings will leverage a virtual model for participants. Taking place April 11 through May 5, 2021, all interested parties are encouraged to participate as modern and innovative building codes and standards affect the safety and sustainability of all our buildings and communities.

[International Code Council goes virtual for the 2021 Committee Action Hearings](#)

The following are the latest recalls from the Consumer Products Safety Commission:

Coulter Ventures Recalls Rogue Home Timers Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Rogue Fitness: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Coulter-Ventures-Recalls-Rogue-Home-Timers-Due-to-Fire-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Rogue-Fitness>

Walker Edison Recalls Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Walker-Edison-Recalls-Chests-Due-to-Tip-Over-and-Entrapment-Hazards>

Target Recalls Toddler Boots Due to Choking Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Target-Recalls-Toddler-Boots-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

Alliance Outdoor Products Recalls Climbing Treestands Due to Fall Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Alliance-Outdoor-Products-Recalls-Climbing-Treestands-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

YETI Recalls Rambler Travel Mugs with Stronghold Lid Due to Injury and Burn Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/YETI-Recalls-Rambler-Travel-Mugs-with-Stronghold-Lid-Due-to-Injury-and-Burn-Hazards>

Kohl's Recalls Three-Wick SONOMA Goods For Life Branded Candles Due to Fire and Burn Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Kohls-Recalls-Three-Wick-SONOMA-Goods-For-Life-Branded-Candles-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards>

Ring Recalls Video Doorbells (2nd Generation) Due to Fire Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Ring-Recalls-Video-Doorbells-2nd-Generation-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Quality Bicycle Products Recalls Salsa Cycles Cutthroat Bicycles Due To Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Quality-Bicycle-Products-Recalls-Salsa-Cycles-Cutthroat-Bicycles-Due-To-Injury-Hazard>

Arena North America Recalls Swim Snorkels Due to Choking Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Arena-North-America-Recalls-Swim-Snorkels-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

Fire Pit Tables Sold Exclusively at Big Lots Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Manufactured by Sunjoy: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Fire-Pit-Tables-Sold-Exclusively-at-Big-Lots-Recalled-Due-to-Fire-Hazard-Manufactured-by-Sunjoy>

Bolek's Craft Supplys Recalls Wintergreen Essential Oil Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirement; Risk of Poisoning: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Boleks-Craft-Supplys-Recalls-Wintergreen-Essential-Oil-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Packaging-Requirement-Risk-of-Poisoning>

Crock-Pot 6-Quart Express Crock Multi-Cookers Recalled by Sunbeam Products Due to Burn Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Crock-Pot-6-Quart-Express-Crock-Multi-Cookers-Recalled-by-Sunbeam-Products-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

Santa Cruz Bicycles Recalls Bicycles with Aluminum Frames Due to Fall Risk: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Santa-Cruz-Bicycles-Recalls-Bicycles-with-Aluminum-Frames-Due-to-Fall-Risk>

Towsleys Recalls 3-in-1 Qi Wireless Chargers, Power Banks and Travel Chargers Due to Fire Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Towsleys-Recalls-3-in-1-Qi-Wireless-Chargers-Power-Banks-and-Travel-Chargers-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

RH Recalls Wine Barrel Chandeliers Due to Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/RH-Recalls-Wine-Barrel-Chandeliers-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Lidl US Recalls Powerfix Steel Shelving Units Due To Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Lidl-US-Recalls-Powerfix-Steel-Shelving-Units-Due-To-Tip-Over-and-Entrapment-Hazards>

Eco Baby Spoons and Forks, Eco Feeding Spoons, and Eco Placemat Feeding Sets Recalled Due to Choking Hazard; Made by Herobility: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Eco-Baby->

[Spoons-and-Forks-Eco-Feeding-Spoons-and-Eco-Placemat-Feeding-Sets-Recalled-Due-to-Choking-Hazard-Made-by-Herobility](#)

ADCO Recalls Candles Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Dollar Tree:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/ADCO-Recalls-Candles-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards-Sold-Exclusively-at-Dollar-Tree>

Huffy Recalls Torex Ride-on Toy UTVs Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Walmart:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Huffy-Recalls-Torex-Ride-on-Toy-UTVs-Due-to-Injury-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Walmart>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

March 22 - 26 Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference

May 3-5, 10 & 11– Fire and Life Safety Educator class – Downers Grove