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A message from the outgoing President.

As we enter the holiday season, we all push out our Fire and Life Safety messages, reminding every one of the importance of safety, not only around the holiday season, but all year round.

We are also entering the end of the calendar year, for some the end of the budget year, and for others the end of a term. For the IFIA we are in the process of a change of the executive board. I would like to personally thank Michael Rons for his time and dedication to the Association, as well as all former past Presidents. The 2024 executive board set two main goals, membership and education. With the membership plan and push, proposed and implemented by Deputy Executive Director Dan Riordan, we, as an Association, were able to increase membership.

We added two chapters this year, the Will County Fire Inspectors and the Central Illinois Fire Inspectors. The second goal of education was also a success as we hosted numerous certification classes. Thanks to all the instructors and certifications team, as well as countless mini seminars, day trainings, and the always great “Did you Know”. Thanks to the Codes Committee and the FLSE Committee for their dedication to furthering the education of our members and attendees of these programs.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank the entire board for their continued dedication, volunteering their time to make the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association the great organization it

is. This starts with our Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Executive Board, Board of Directors, and continues with our members. As I transition to Past President, I believe this Association will continue to strive to be the best and help to keep all those that live, work, and visit any community in Illinois safe.

Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and always remember: Everyone Goes Home WELL!!!!

Thanks, and Humbly,

David Wheeler

Prior to the November Did You Know seminar, there was a vote to accept Dave Bricker as the new IFIA Board member, serving as treasurer. The Board will be officially sworn in at our planning meeting in December. This means that the elected Board for 2025 will consist of Jason Staidl – President, Dan Medina – Vice President, Ryan Angelus – Secretary, Dave Bricker – Treasurer, David Wheeler – Past President.

Our annual planning meeting for 2025 will be held on December 12th. If you have any thoughts on what we should do, or not do, or anything else, contact a Board member or our office. We will then take those items under advisement.

The IFIA clothing store is open again. It will close on December 16. If you want any IFIA branded clothing, check the link https://waistupstores.com/illinois_fire_inspectors_associ/shop/home

Our annual conference on March 26 – 28, 2025 is now open for registration, and we have a great line-up of speakers. Our website has a one-page flyer of the conference. A full pre-conference program with class descriptions and speaker bios should be available prior to Christmas. Attendees who sign up now will get the early bird pricing. 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 speaker will be the Clark County Fire Chief at the time of the Las Vegas 2017 country music festival mass shooting. This case history will provide some good information that can benefit your organization. Make sure you invite 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.

We will be offering a Fire Inspector 1 and 2 class next year in Romeoville. Registration can be done now on our website. Note that if you need a **scholarship** to cover the registration fee, that application is also on our website. The dates of the class are Inspector 1 - Jan 16, 23, 30 Feb 6, 13 and Inspector 2 - Sept 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2. The January class almost full, so if you are interested, sign up now.



48th Annual
FIRE & LIFE SAFETY
CONFERENCE

Par-a-Dice Hotel,
East Peoria, IL
IllinoisFireInspectors.org

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

Upcoming events:

- Jan 16, 23, 30 Feb 6, 13 – Inspector 1 Romeoville
- Jan 24 – mini seminar, topic to be announced
- Feb 28– mini seminar, topic to be announced
- March 26 – 28 – Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference
- Sept 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2 – Inspector 2 Romeoville

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