



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

We hope this message finds you happy and healthy. What a year!! The Board of Directors has had many challenges this year.

The certification classes are going well this year. Our Fire Inspector 2 class which is going on now has 12 students registered. Also, for the first time, we are partnering with the Romeoville Fire Academy to offer classes. We will begin this with Fire Inspector 1 in January.

The Fire and Life Safety Educator class will be offered in May of 2021 at Downers Grove. If you might be interested in this class, let the IFIA office know by signing an interest form on the website so we can plan accordingly. Billing will not occur until registration is done closer to the class. If you desire a Basic Fire Prevention Officer certification from the OSFM, this class is needed.

We are doing a raffle with prizes of a 49" LG TV, a Yeti cooler, and the Cup Pro cutting board (as seen on Shark Tank). The drawing will take place on October 15th. Tickets are limited to 100, and are only \$20 each. Tickets can be obtained at the IFIA website. Have you purchased a ticket yet?

We are exploring the different ways to still hold our annual Fire and Life Safety conference in March. We know the attendance will be down from previous years, but are attempting to do an in-person conference at East Peoria. However, in the event of last-minute restrictions, such as what happened this year, we are looking to present the conference virtually as a last resort. How all of that will look is something that we are looking at. Stay tuned.

Stay tuned for our mini seminar on October 23rd. It will be on Kitchen systems. Also, we are in the final stages of the popular Did You Know seminar. That will be held November 20th.

Typically, elections for officers for the IFIA are held each fall. Given this unusual year, and that fact an officer resigned last year, the Board is presenting the suggested slate of officers for 2021. Their decision was to keep the existing Board in place for one additional year. Those officers would be President James Brown, New Lenox Fire Prot. Dist.; Vice President Jay Atherton, Palatine Fire Dept; Secretary Mary Kay Ludemann, Plainfield Fire Prot. Dist.; and Treasurer Michael Rons Schaumburg Fire Dept. If you have any thoughts on this, would like to nominate a person for the Board, or have any questions, please email our office at ifiafire@illinoisfireinspectors.org. If anyone is curious, many years ago an existing Board was kept in for a second term due to the good work that was being done.

Again, “typically”, we would have held our Fire Prevention luncheon in September. It was at this luncheon that we would recognize people deserving of awards. Instead of waiting a year to present the awards, we presented the awards to them personally in September. The two awards this year were for Corporate and New Horizons. New Horizons is given to an individual who has had under three years on the job and has made significant achievements in their organization. That award went to Jackie O’Hara of the Manhattan FPD. The Corporate award went to Chicago Dough Pizza of New Lenox, for the years of support they have shown to New Lenox FPD.



Pictured with Jackie O’Hara is IFIA president Jamie Brown and Executive Director Robert Morris.

Don’t forget that the IFIA has two bookcases full of NFPA, IFSTA, Delmar, Jones and Bartlett, and Thompson books that we are looking to get rid of to free up some space. Some of these are current editions, some only one edition old, and some quite old – going back to the 80s. While the majority are fire related, there are many EMS books.

The cost of the books starts at \$3. If you are interested in any of these books, arrangements can be made to pick them up at the office. If desired, we can ship them to you, with the only additional cost being whatever the shipping fee is.

We’ve done our best to indicate if this book is current or one edition old, but if that is a factor for you, do your diligence to confirm that information.

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

WHILL Recalls WHILL Personal Electric Vehicles Due to Crash and Injury Hazards:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/WHILL-Recalls-WHILL-Personal-Electric-Vehicles-Due-to-Crash-and-Injury-Hazards>

Cycling Sports Group Recalls Front Racks for Cannondale Treadwell Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Cycling-Sports-Group-Recalls-Front-Racks-for-Cannondale-Treadwell-Bicycles-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Royal Gourmet Recalls Deluxe Gas Grills Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Wayfair.com: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Royal-Gourmet-Recalls-Deluxe-Gas-Grills-Due-to-Fire-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Wayfaircom>

MWE Investments Recalls Westinghouse Portable Generators Due to Fire Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/MWE-Investments-Recalls-Westinghouse-Portable-Generators-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Monoprice Recalls Ethernet Cables Due to Fire Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Monoprice-Recalls-Ethernet-Cables-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

RH Recalls Industrial Three-Panel Mirrors Due to Injury Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/RH-Recalls-Industrial-Three-Panel-Mirrors-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Pedego Recalls Electric Bikes Due to Fall Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Pedego-Recalls-Electric-Bikes-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Caravan Global Recalls Chairs Due to Fall and Injury Hazards; Sold Exclusively at H-E-B Stores: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Caravan-Global-Recalls-Chairs-Due-to-Fall-and-Injury-Hazards-Sold-Exclusively-at-H-E-B-Stores>

Specialized Bicycle Components Recalls Sirrus Bicycles with Alloy Cranks Due to Fall and Injury Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Specialized-Bicycle-Components-Recalls-Sirrus-Bicycles-with-Alloy-Cranks-Due-to-Fall-and-Injury-Hazards>

Kobalt Cordless Electric Chainsaws Sold Exclusively at Lowe's Stores Recalled Due to Laceration Hazard; Distributed by Hongkong Sun Rise Trading: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Kobalt-Cordless-Electric-Chainsaws-Sold-Exclusively-at-Lowes-Stores-Recalled-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard-Distributed-by-Hongkong-Sun-Rise-Trading>

Kobalt Cordless Electric Pole Saws Sold Exclusively at Lowe's Stores Recalled Due to Laceration Hazard; Distributed by Hongkong Sun Rise Trading: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Kobalt-Cordless-Electric-Pole-Saws-Sold-Exclusively-at-Lowes-Stores-Recalled-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard-Distributed-by-Hongkong-Sun-Rise-Trading>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

Oct 23 - Kitchen systems seminar and meeting

Nov 20 - Did You Know seminar and meeting

Feb 17 - School safety round table full day

March 24 – 26 Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference

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