



# *Illinois Fire Inspectors Association*

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## **A Message from the Board of Directors**

Due to conflicts at Medinah Shriners, our May meeting has been moved back one week to May 31<sup>st</sup>. The topic will be on An Introduction to Performance-Based Fire Protection Design and Fire Dynamics Applications. We will see you then.

A reminder for those with ICC certifications, as mentioned at last month's meeting, the ICC has approved us for issuing Preferred Provider CEUs for our classes, and the Fire and Life Safety Conference. Remember that if you have an ICC certification you are required to get 50% of your continued points through preferred provider classes.

We are planning for the future and are looking to expand our instructor base for the Fire Inspector 1 and 2 classes. These are the classes that are needed to obtain certifications from the OSFM. If you are interested in teaching, or would like additional information, please contact our certification chair, Jamie Brown, at [james.brown@illinoisfireinspectors.org](mailto:james.brown@illinoisfireinspectors.org).

The Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition is hosting a Home Fire Sprinkler Day at the Alsip Fire Department, 11900 S. Laramie Avenue, on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 a.m. until noon, at which time a lunch will be provided. See attachment for additional details and how to register for this free event.

A clarification from the ICC regarding Fire Inspector 1 and the "challenging" the ICC Inspector certification. In order to obtain the ICC certification, if you have a Fire Inspector certificate it must also be a Pro Board certification. You will only have this year to do this, as they will not be offering this option in 2020.

NOTICE: There is a door barricade company that is stating in their advertising that "The Illinois State Senate passed a bill in early April that will allow schools to add barricades to classroom doors, making it the fourth state in the Midwest to allow barricades, for an extra measure to help ensure student safety." That statement is not completely accurate. The Senate has passed that bill, but it still NOT law. It still must be passed by the House and signed by the Governor. The OSFM is against this as it now stands. When this gets introduced into the House the IFIA will be working with the OSFM for language that would be acceptable, including that the device must be approved by the local AHJ. We will keep you updated on this as it progresses.

Save the dates! For those looking for OSFM Inspector 1 and/or 2 classes, they will be held this fall in New Lenox. Inspector 1 will be August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Inspector 2 will be October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Check the website or contact the office to register.

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After many years, some of the IFIA's sound equipment is getting a bit tired. We would like to acquire some wireless lapel or skull mics/receivers. If you know any agency that might be willing to donate a couple of units, or substantially reduce their price, we would certainly appreciate it. The donation is a charitable contribution for them as we are a 501(c)3 organization. Contact Executive Director Bob Morris with any questions.

Your help is needed. The IFIA day at the State Fair is August 18. We are asking for one day of your time. This is a chance to talk about fire safety to a great deal of people. **We will provide gate and parking passes, and we will even provide lunch.** The tent is open from 10 – 5. If you can provide even a few hours of time, that would make a big difference. If you happen to be a country music fan, the grandstand act that night will be Reba McEntire, so help make a difference at the fire safety tent and see a great show later that night. Contact our office if you can make it.

The committee to plan the next Fire and Life Safety Conference will meet soon, so if you have instructors or topics that you would like to have considered, contact one of the Board members or the office.

The annual awards luncheon has been moved up one month, so if you plan on nominating any individuals for recognition, that too has been moved up. Awards and descriptions are on the IFIA website. The deadline for submission is the beginning of August.

An opportunity for some FREE continuing education from Fox Valley Fire and Safety and Notifier.

During an emergency, reliable communication is critical. Staying informed with clear radio transmissions between first responders inside a building and emergency personnel outside the building is a necessity. The solution is Emergency Radio Communication Enhancement Systems (ERCES) Bi-Directional Amplifiers (BDA).

**Join us to gain valuable knowledge, CEU Credits, and Lunch:**

- The life safety benefits of BDA Systems for Firefighters and Building Occupants (1 CEU)
- ERCES Code Compliance:
  - 2009 International Fire Code (*IFC – Section 510*)
  - NFPA 1221 (*2016 Edition*)
  - IBC 201 (*Section 916*)
- How other AHJ's have adopted ERCES codes in their jurisdictions
- Additional Code Requirements and Product Overviews (1 CEU):
  - Low Frequency/Intelligibility/Candela
  - Wireless Applications – New Construction/Existing Construction

**When:** Thursday, May 16, 2019

**Where:** Fox Valley Fire & Safety – 2730 Pinnacle Dr., Elgin, IL 60124

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Presenters:**

Dave Tamulevich & Christa Poss – Notifier  
John Holba & Doug Hoferle – Honeywell Fire Systems

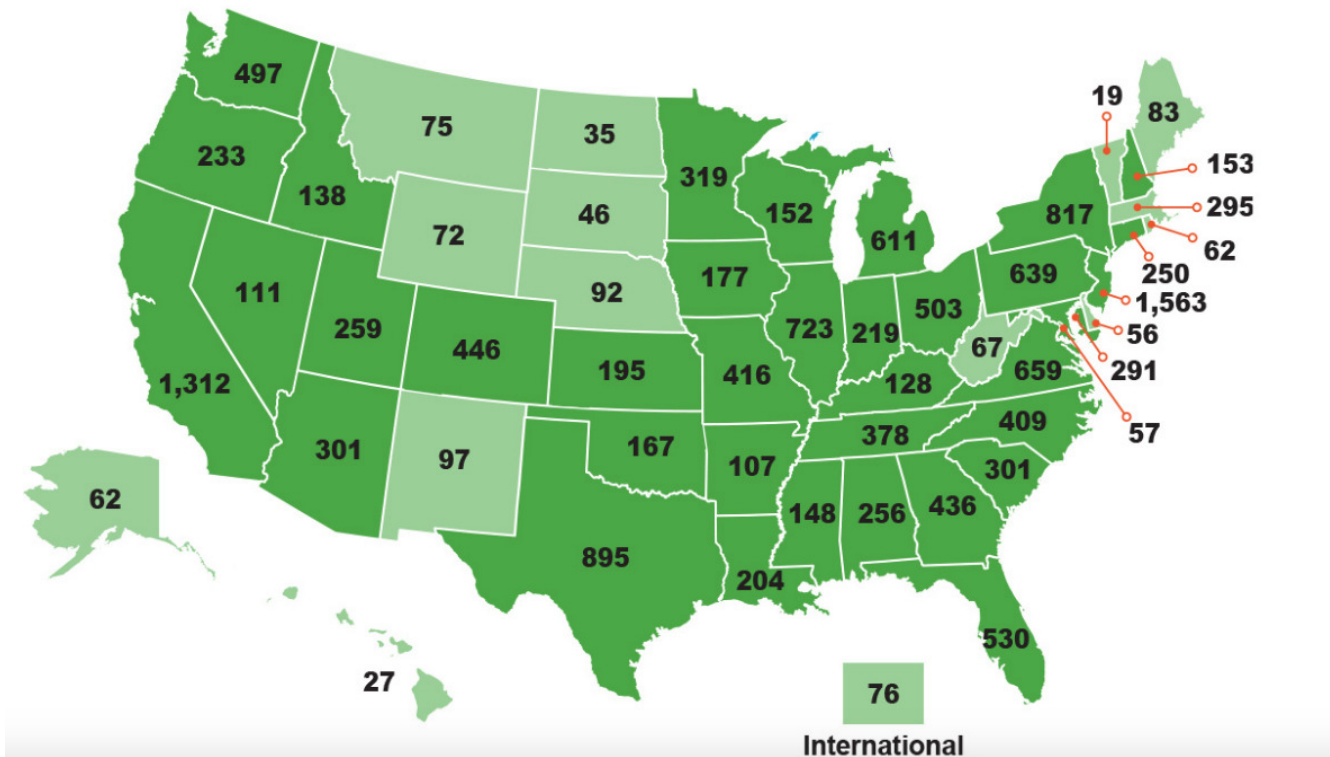
RSVP to: [DebChin@FoxValleyFire.com](mailto:DebChin@FoxValleyFire.com)

From the Tim Schmitz at the ICC: I'm sending you the link to the 2018 ICC Annual Report:  
<https://www.iccsafe.org/annual-report-2018/>

Please take a moment to review the good work all of you have done to keep the mission of ICC moving forward. Below is a snapshot of all of our Online Government Consensus Voters by State.

## Code Development Process

The 2018 code development cycle marked the first successful application of the electronic voting devices for the Online Government Consensus Vote. The map below reflects the total number of governmental member voting representatives within each state.



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

**Amerex Group Recalls Infant Fur Jackets Due to Choking Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Amerex-Group-Recalls-Infant-Fur-Jackets-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

**Ocean Reef Recalls Neptune Space Integrated Diving Masks Due to Injury Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Ocean-Reef-Recalls-Neptune-Space-Integrated-Diving-Masks-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

**Spector & Co. Recalls Power Bank Chargers Due to Fire Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Spector--Co-Recalls-Power-Bank-Chargers-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

**Quality Bicycle Products Recalls Bicycles Due To Injury Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Quality-Bicycle-Products-Recalls-Bicycles-Due-To-Injury-Hazard>

**Matco Tools Wireless Chargers Recalled by Professional Tool Products Due to Burn Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Matco-Tools-Wireless-Chargers-Recalled-by-Professional-Tool-Products-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

**Vivitar Recalls Hot/Cold Massage Balls Due to Burn Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Target:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Matco-Tools-Wireless-Chargers-Recalled-by-Professional-Tool-Products-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

**Marpac Recalls Sound Machines Due to Burn Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Marpac-Recalls-Sound-Machines-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

**DICK'S Sporting Goods Recalls Hunters' Tree Stands Due to Fall Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/DICKS-Sporting-Goods-Recalls-Hunters-Tree-Stands-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

**Specialized Recalls Bicycles with Steerer Tube Collars Due to Fall and Injury Hazards:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Specialized-Recalls-Bicycles-with-Steerer-Tube-Collars-Due-to-Fall-and-Injury-Hazards>

**Target Recalls Wooden Toy Vehicles Due to Choking Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Target-Recalls-Wooden-Toy-Vehicles-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

**Tekno Products Recalls Tuff Smoke-Less Grills Due to Fire and Burn Hazards:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Tekno-Products-Recalls-Tuff-Smoke-Less-Grills-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards>

**Go Couture Recalls Children’s Loungewear Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Go-Couture-Recalls-Childrens-Loungewear-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standard>

**Bodum Recalls Stove Top Espresso Makers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Bodum-Recalls-Stove-Top-Espresso-Makers-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards>

**Flying Tiger Copenhagen Recalls Toy Train Carts Due to Choking Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Flying-Tiger-Copenhagen-Recalls-Toy-Train-Carts-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

**Viessmann Recalls Boilers Due to Carbon Monoxide Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Viessmann-Recalls-Boilers-Due-to-Carbon-Monoxide-Hazard>

**Kids II Recalls All Rocking Sleepers Due to Reports of Deaths:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Kids-II-Recalls-All-Rocking-Sleepers-Due-to-Reports-of-Deaths>

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

May 31 – IFIA mini sem and meeting **ONE WEEK LATER**

An Introduction to Performance-Based Fire Protection Design and Fire Dynamics Applications

June 28 – IFIA mini sem and meeting

Mass Timber Provision of the I-Codes by Ray O’Brocki

July/August – No membership meeting.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Inspector 1 New Lenox

August 18 – IL State Fair Day

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Inspector 2 New Lenox