



# *Illinois Fire Inspectors Association*

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

It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of Lonnie Jackson, retired Deputy Fire Chief, Village of Mt. Prospect.

Lonnie was one of the founding members of the IFIA serving as Executive Director for over 30 years. Motivated by the report of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control titled, America Burning, Lonnie became a pioneer in public fire education. He was a contributing author to the first Public Fire Education manual, IFSTA 606 First Edition, published in 1979. He also served as Vice-Chairman of the IFSTA 606 Editorial Review Committee. Lonnie was a member of the Mt. Prospect Fire Dept. when the IFIA was formed in the very early 70s – running it out of his house in Arlington Heights for many years.

At that time public education was an almost unheard-of term. Due to the work he was doing in Mt Prospect and IFSTA, he and the Mt. Prospect Fire Dept. became known nationally. He and Mt. Prospect Fire Chief Larry Pairitz were invited to groundbreaking national conferences to develop materials that have morphed over the years into the Fire and Life Safety education activities that are now normal to every fire department in the country. In addition to his work at Mt. Prospect, he spent decades with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy firefighting crews, and spent his post retirement years with the Bensenville Fire Dept.

If you ever met Lonnie, you would not forget him. His work was legendary and ground breaking. Due to his work with the IFIA, specifically with public education, the IFIA created an award in his name 2007 to recognize his achievements. It is awarded to a person who excels in public education. Lonnie is survived by his wife Carol who served as the IFIA office manager for many years, his five daughters, fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

If you'd like to leave a note on the funeral home guestbook, it can be done here:  
<https://www.lowndesfuneralhome.net/obituary/lonnie-jackson>

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Regarding Covid-19 and the IFIA, as you know the annual conference had to be cancelled. Additionally, the scheduled Fire Inspector, PFLSE class, and the April sprinkler basics seminar

were cancelled. We have hopes to reschedule those in the future, but as you would imagine, until things settle down, we cannot begin to say when that would be.

We have tentatively rescheduled the sprinkler basics class to August 28. This is planned as a full day event. Pencil that in, but stay tuned for additional details.

Our next scheduled activities would be in late May. Hopefully things will have returned to almost normal levels, but no firm decision have been made yet for that mini-seminar. With the quarantine lasting to the end of the month, any May event is not looking great, but we will take a wait and see approach for now.

We have heard nothing regarding the State Fair in August. As a result, we are still planning on participating at the Fire Service tent on Aug. 28. Your help is desperately needed for this event. It is only one day, a Sunday, and we will provide entry and parking passes.

Please stay tuned to our newsletter, weekly blasts, Facebook, and our website. As things change, this would be the way we will connect with you. Once things resume normally, we would ask you to simply support us by attending our events. One additional way to help us is to become a member of the IFIA, if you are not currently one. Membership is by department, and is only \$95. While this isolation impacts us financially, we will recover. It will just take some time, as well as your participation.

The International Code Council has announced a [Call for Committee](#) for the 2021/2022/2023 code cycle. Applications are due June 1, 2020. A brief description of each committee is included below. I have also included the committee's scope that may be of particular interest to FSMC members. [Click here](#) for details and a full description of each committee. This is a great opportunity to participate in the next development cycle of the International Codes.

### **2021/2022 Code Committees**

- ✓ 17 Code Committees, responsible for the review and evaluation of code change proposals submitted to the 2021 International Codes
- ✓ 2021 Group A Code Committees of particular interest to FSMC:
  - IBC-FS: International Building Code (IBC) Fire Safety provisions. Chapters 7, 8, 9 (partial), 14 and 26. Majority of IBC Chapter is maintained by the IFC
  - IFC: International Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code

### **2021/2022/2023 Code Interpretation Committees**

- ✓ ICC Code Interpretation Committees provide technical support for adopting jurisdictions by processing official interpretations for the International Codes. Committee Interpretations represent the official position of the International Code Council.
- ✓ FCIC: Fire Code Interpretation Committee. International Fire Code and International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

### **2021/2022/2023 Code Correlation Committee**

- ✓ The ICC Code Correlation Committee (CCC) is responsible for evaluating matters of consistency, coordination and format in the International Codes.

- ✓ The composition of the CCC is limited to ICC Governmental Member Voting Representatives

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Also, note the attached document which is the March ICC update.

**NOTICE: UL Warns of Counterfeit UL Mark on Fire Sprinklers.** This link will take you to the UL site for pictures and additional information. <https://www.ul.com/news/ul-warns-of-counterfeit-ul-mark-on-fire-sprinklers-20pn-01>

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

**Joules USA Recalls Children's Pajamas and Robes Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard; Burn Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Joules-USA-Recalls-Childrens-Pajamas-and-Robes-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standard-Burn-Hazard>

**ECHO Recalls Backpack Blowers and Replacement Shoulder Straps Due to Laceration and Impact Hazards:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/ECHO-Recalls-Backpack-Blowers-and-Replacement-Shoulder-Straps-Due-to-Laceration-and-Impact-Hazards>

**Kichler Lighting Recalls Ceiling Fans Due to Injury Hazard:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Kichler-Lighting-Recalls-Ceiling-Fans-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

**Yamaha Guitar Group Recalls Digital Wireless Equipment for Electric Guitars Due to Fire and Injury Hazards:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Yamaha-Recalls-Digital-Wireless-Equipment-for-Electric-Guitars-Due-to-Fire-and-Injury-Hazards>

**American Honda Recall of Portable Generators Due to Fire and Burn Hazards:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/American-Honda-Recall-of-Portable-Generators-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards>

**Boyer Recalls Six Brands of Sodium and Potassium Hydroxide Due to Failure to Meet Child-Resistant Packaging Requirement; Injuries Reported:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Boyer-Recalls-Six-Brands-of-Sodium-and-Potassium-Hydroxide-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Packaging-Requirement-Injuries-Reported>

**Novartis Recalls 100 mg Sandimmune and Neoral Prescription Drug Blister Packages Due to Failure to Meet Child-Resistant Packaging Requirement; Risk of Poisoning:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Novartis-Recalls-100-mg-Sandimmune-and-Neoral-Prescription-Drug-Blister-Packages-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Packaging-Requirement-Risk-of-Poisoning>

**Belle Chemical Recalls Drain Cleaner Product Due to Violation of FHSA Labeling Requirement:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Belle-Chemical-Recalls-Drain-Cleaner-Product-Due-to-Violation-of-FHSA-Labeling-Requirement>

**Belle Chemical Recalls Sodium Hydroxide and Potassium Hydroxide Products Due to Failure to Meet Child-Resistant Packaging Requirement and Violation of FHSA Labeling Requirement:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Belle-Chemical-Recalls-Sodium-Hydroxide-and-Potassium-Hydroxide-Products-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Packaging-Requirement-and-Violation-of-FHSA-Labeling-Requirement>

**Children's Tool Kits Recalled by Grizzly Industrial Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban and Toy Safety Requirements:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Childrens-Tool-Kits-Recalled-by-Grizzly-Industrial-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Lead-Content-Ban-and-Toy-Safety-Requirements>

**Hawthorne Hydroponics Recalls Grower's Edge Vaporizers Due To Burn, Shock and Fire Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Hawthorne-Hydroponics-Recalls-Growers-Edge-Vaporizers-Due-To-Burn-Shock-and-Fire-Hazard>

**Thule Recalls Thule Sleek Car Seat Adapters Due to Fall Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Thule-Recalls-Thule-Sleek-Car-Seat-Adapters-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

**Crate and Barrel Recalls Glass Pitchers Due to Laceration Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Crate-and-Barrel-Recalls-Glass-Pitchers-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard>

**C3 Manufacturing Recalls Perfect Descent Climbing Systems Climbing Belay Devices Due to Fall Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/C3-Manufacturing-Recalls-Perfect-Descent-Climbing-Systems-Climbing-Belay-Devices-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

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

July & August – summer break for routine monthly meetings.

Aug 23 – IFIA State Fair day

Aug 28 - Sprinkler basics