



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

With the end of fire prevention month coming to an end we are all preparing for the start of the holiday season just about at

our door steps. The Board would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. We try to bring you the latest information regarding technology and new products that are out there pertaining to our field. A lot of this information also pertains to the building department of the municipality we cover; if you want to pass our classes along to your building department that would be great, where they can be up-to-date on what's out there. We hope to continue to bring you many classes to help you a long in fire prevention. Don't forget that this all counts as continuing education towards your State certification for Fire Inspector I.

Dues notices are out. Please help the IFIA by promptly paying the invoice. If for any reason you did not get one, please contact our office. The dues have not been raised in many years, and that is what helps the organization fulfill its duties to help you.

Plan now for the popular "Did You Know" November mini seminar. This is where multiple speakers will present 15 – 20 minute overviews of a variety of topics. If you would like additional follow up, they will be there after the talk for any follow-up.

If you are unable to attend this seminar, plan to attend the meeting/lunch, as the election of officers for the upcoming year will take place.

December 20th is our holiday luncheon, so mark your calendars now to attend. This is a good time to relax and enjoy everyone's company. It is also the time where the newly elected officers of the IFIA will be sworn in.

For those looking for additional training – at any hour of the day, we have a link on our website to the Jensen Hughes Academy. IFIA members can receive a discount on classes. You simply pick the topic of interest and log in anytime of the day.

If you know of anyone looking to be a Fire Prevention Inspector 1 with the OSFM, there are openings in Cook and Kane counties. The selected candidate will be required to live in Cook or Kane County within 6 months of hire, no exceptions.

For additional information, contact
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With the recent adoption of the 2015 Life Safety Code by the OSFM, they will be offering some free training classes. See the attachment for more specifics.

Our annual (since 1976) Fire and Life Safety Conference will be held March 18 – 20 in East Peoria. Put this in the budget now. Our keynote is Burt Clark, PhD, on the American Fire Culture in 21st Century. On Thursday we have Tom Polera to talk about a community education training program for active shooter events.



Our pre-conference – which is free to IFIA members, will be on Community Risk Reduction, and the presentation will be by Beverly Walker.

There is an attachment with a simple rundown of all of the proposed topics. Registration is available on the website now, and you can also begin to reserve your room at the Par-a-Dice Hotel now through the methods below.

Room Reservations for Conference can be made by calling 1-800-547-0711 and referencing code **0317FIA** or by going to <http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups> and typing in **0317FIA**.

One of our speakers will be Steve Hrustich. Steve is the new project manager for Vision 20/20. Plan to attend and personally meet him. See the following article for more information about Steve and Vision 20/20.

A change in Vision 20/20 leadership.

Since its inception in 2007, The Vision 20/20 Project, a collaboration of leading national fire safety organizations, has been led by Project Manager Jim Crawford. During his tenure, Vision 20/20 has grown from a conceptual, grass-roots effort into a leader in the field of Community Risk Reduction and has served as a platform for bringing together individuals and organizations to focus on the complex issues of CRR. After 12 years of leading this project, Jim is retiring, and following a national search, Stephen Hrustich from Gwinnett County, Georgia will be assuming the role of Project Manager effective January 1, 2020.

Stephen has over 34 years of experience in the fire service, most recently as the Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal overseeing the Community Risk Reduction division of Gwinnett County Department of Emergency Services, and prior to that he was the fire chief of the Endicott and Johnson City Fire Departments in New York. Hrustich holds a master's degree in Executive Fire Leadership and Emergency Management, is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's

Executive Fire Officer program and is a credentialed Chief Fire Officer and Fire Marshal by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

“The future for The Vision 20/20 Project is bright,” said Hrustich, “but this is only possible because of the incredible work that Jim did in bringing together people to focus on making CRR a major presence in the fire service. His leadership and vision is what made Vision 20/20 a reality and we are going to continue to build on his legacy and this strong foundation into the future.”

The Vision 20/20 Project has a history of significant accomplishments, and most recently was awarded a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to hold the sixth [National Model Performance in CRR Symposium](#) (February 18-20, Murfreesboro, Tennessee), which has grown into a premier gathering of international experts to learn and share best practices in Community Risk Reduction. This Symposium is being done in partnership with a number of leading fire safety organizations, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Code Council, the International Fire Marshals Association, the International Fire Service Training Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the United States Fire Administration. Other activities under this grant will include a continued focus on expanding the use of CRR in the fire service across the nation.

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

E&E Recalls Bedroom Dressers Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/E-E-Recalls-Bedroom-Dressers-Due-to-Tip-Over-and-Entrapment-Hazards>

Ridgewood Recalls Four-Drawer Dressers Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Kmart:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Ridgewood-Recalls-Four-Drawer-Dressers-Due-to-Tip-Over-and-Entrapment-Hazards-Sold-Exclusively-at-Kmart>

VIQUA Recalls Solenoid Valve Kits for UV Water Treatment Systems Due to Electrical Shock Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/VIQUA-Recalls-Solenoid-Valve-Kits-for-UV-Water-Treatment-Systems-Due-to-Electrical-Shock-Hazard>

IKEA Recalls Infant Bibs Due to Choking Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/IKEA-Recalls-Infant-Bibs-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

Ronson Brand Tech Torch Recalled by Zippo Due to Fire Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Ronson-Brand-Tech-Torch-Recalled-by-Zippo-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Federal Cartridge Recalls Blackhawk Gun Holsters Due to Injury Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Federal-Cartridge-Recalls-Blackhawk-Gun-Holsters-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

November 22 Did You Know Mini seminar and meeting

December 20 Holiday luncheon

March 18 – 20, 2020, with the pre-conference on the 17th, for our annual Fire and Life Safety conference in East Peoria.