



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

Serving Illinois Fire Departments Since 1967

A Message from the Board of Directors



This is your last chance to sign up for our annual Fire and Life Safety Conference in Peoria from March 20 – 22. We have over 100 people registered so far.

Don't miss this great conference. In addition to the educational sessions, there will be great opportunities for networking, which you can carry for the rest of your career. Go to the Illinois Fire Inspectors website at www.illinoisfireinspectors.org for information on the conference and to register.

Prior to the conference, we will again be doing a half-day preconference on Tuesday afternoon. This is **free** to IFIA members. The non-member cost is only \$25. The topic of that session is something we as inspectors and educators need to know more about – “Human Behavior, in Fire”.

The IFIA is looking to acquire a couple wireless lapel and handheld mics. If you know anyone who has any that they would be willing to donate, we would certainly appreciate it. The donation can be a charitable contribution for them, as we are a 501(c)3 organization. Contact Executive Director Bob Morris with any questions.

To all of our members, thanks for supporting the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association. More and more we are becoming an integral part in helping advance the State to be one of the forefront in fire prevention and public education. We are working on a few pieces of legislation and we are also being asked for our input as an Association from lawmakers. This means that we are gaining more credibility throughout the state by being a strong voice for the advocacy for safety legislation. YOU can help us. Occasionally we will ask for your support for or against a particular bill that is being introduced. When asked, if you would take just a few minutes and contact your local representatives, or file witness slips, we have been told that those actions make a huge difference.

Have you ever thought about sharing your knowledge to new fire inspector? The IFIA is looking to add instructors for the Fire Inspector 1 and 2 classes. These are the classes that are needed to obtain certification from the OSFM. Please contact our certification chair, Jamie Brown, at james.brown@illinoisfireinspectors.org, if that is of interest to you.

Our annual Fire Prevention luncheon is being moved to the very end of September as a lead into the busy month of October and the related fire prevention activities many fire departments do. What that means for you is that we need your nominations for individuals and agencies you would like to recognize that made a difference for your prevention/education efforts, one month earlier. Check out our website for award descriptions and to nominate someone.

Ask the Expert. Do you have a question that you are having trouble getting an answer on? If so, check out our website. There is a spot to ask questions to two people who have a great deal of fire safety expertise. Their answers are not “official” from NFPA, ICC, or any company, but it may provide you with direction to the question(s) you are dealing with.

The OSFM is holding a FREE public school inspection class at the McHenry Fire Station on [April 5th, 2019](#) . Interested in inspecting public schools in your community? Check out the info on becoming qualified. Already qualified? Come back for a refresher and get an update on current codes and procedures.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

Question should be directed to Debbie Wickenhauser at 217-785-4714 or Debbie.Wickenhauser@illinois.gov

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

Fisher-Price Recalls Children’s Power Wheels Barbie Campers Due to Injury Hazard:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Fisher-Price-Recalls-Childrens-Power-Wheels-Barbie-Campers-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>

DeWALT Recalls Drills Due to Shock Hazard:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/DeWALT-Recalls-Drills-Due-to-Shock-Hazard>

Dell Recalls Hybrid Power Adapters Sold with Power Banks Due to Shock Hazard:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Dell-Recalls-Hybrid-Power-Adapters-Sold-with-Power-Banks-Due-to-Shock-Hazard>

Delta Electronics Recalls Solar Inverters Due to Fire and Impact Hazards:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Delta-Electronics-Recalls-Solar-Inverters-Due-to-Fire-and-Impact-Hazards>

Target Recalls Toddler Boots Due to Choking Hazard:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Target-Recalls-Toddler-Boots-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

PurpleAir Recalls Power Supply Units for Air Sensors Due to Fire and Burn Hazards:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/PurpleAir-Recalls-Power-Supply-Units-for-Air-Sensors-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards>

CVB Recalls LUCID Folding Mattress-Sofas Due to Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability Standard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/CVB-Recalls-LUCID-Folding-Mattress-Sofas-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Mattress-Flammability-Standard>

Academy Sports + Outdoors Recalls Turkey Fryer Due to Fire Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Academy-Sports-Outdoors-Recalls-Turkey-Fryer-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Shearwater Recalls Diving Transmitters Due to Drowning Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Shearwater-Recalls-Diving-Transmitters-Due-to-Drowning-Hazard>

SRAM Recalls Bicycle Gear Hubs Due to Crash and Injury Hazards:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/SRAM-Recalls-Bicycle-Gear-Hubs-Due-to-Crash-and-Injury-Hazards>

Crate and Barrel Recalls Holiday Milk Bottles Due To Laceration Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Crate-and-Barrel-Recalls-Holiday-Milk-Bottles-Due-To-Laceration-Hazard>

Harbor Freight Tools Recalls Propane Torches Due to Burn Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Harbor-Freight-Tools-Recalls-Propane-Torches-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

Harbor Freight Tools Recalls 12V Rechargeable Flashlights Due to Overheating and Burn Hazards:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Harbor-Freight-Tools-Recalls-12V-Rechargeable-Flashlights-Due-to-Overheating-and-Burn-Hazards>

Biotouch Recalls Topical Anesthetic Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Closure Requirement; Risk of Poisoning:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Biotouch-Recalls-Topical-Anesthetic-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Closure-Requirement-Risk-of-Poisoning>

Clinical Resolution Laboratory Recalls Topical Anesthetic Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Closure Requirement; Risk of Poisoning:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2019/Clinical-Resolution-Laboratory-Recalls-Topical-Anesthetic-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Closure-Requirement-Risk-of-Poisoning>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

March 19 - Fire and Life Safety Conf. pre conference
March 20 – 22 – Fire and Life Safety Conf. in East Peoria
April 22 – 24, 29, 30 – PFLSE in Downers Grove
April 26 – mini-sem and meeting