

IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



For all future OSFM certification classes, seminars, etc. offered by the IFIA, we are requiring payment or a P.O. prior to the beginning of the class. We have been getting an increase of people registering for classes and not showing up. In some cases that makes the difference in running a class or not. In the past we have lost money when a class runs with less than break even attendance. Additionally, when members register and don't pay, it takes several months of phone calls and emails to collect payment.

With the lead time we give for our OSFM certification classes or seminars, there should be ample time for invoices to be processed or P.O.s issued. If there are any extenuating circumstances, one can always contact our office.

We are not aware of other groups where one can attend an event having not made payment in advance. Unfortunately, history has made us take this step. Thank you for understanding this needed change.

The Codes committee is looking for additional members, especially AHJs. If you are interested, please contact Craig Studer or the IFIA office. This committee meets once every two months, and is responsible for the monthly mini-seminars and for speakers for the Fire and Life Safety Conference.

The Board of Directors is looking for nominees for Treasurer in 2019. If interested submit a letter of interest and also a letter from your fire chief to the IFIA office. This position has four years as an elected Board member, and one year as Past President.

The annual Fire and Life Safety Conference (formerly known as the Combined Conference) is beginning to take shape. Save the date of March 20-22 and plan on attending. The conference will be held in East Peoria at the Par-a-Dice Casino/Hotel. Due to popularity, we will also be doing a half-day pre-conference on Tuesday afternoon. This is free to IFIA members. Our two conference keynotes will be for Wednesday, two survivors from the Seton Hall fire who will talk about going from Fire Survivors to Fire Safety Educators, and Thursday we will have Sara Gura to talk about firefighter mental health. Expect more details next month.

We are offering a Fire Inspector II class on October 15-19. We are trying something different with the next this class. This class will be for five consecutive days, and we will host the class at the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, located in Oak Forest. Register on our website, or contact the IFIA office if you are interested in attending.

Remember, our instructors are people with extensive expertise in their fields, some of who teach and have received recognition at national levels.

The National Fire Sprinkler Association is offering two classes: **Sprinkler System Plan Review** in New Lenox on October 29 - 30, 2018, and **Rough & Final Inspections for Fire Sprinkler Systems** in New Lenox on November 14, 2018. See the attachments for additional information.

The IFIA has three fire sprinkler trailers that are available for use. They can be rented by any Illinois fire department. To secure any of them just contact our office at 224-387-3340. If you have never used them a short review of the operation is required. The rental of any unit is \$150, **however, if you are a current member of the IFIA we will reduce the rental price to \$50.** To become an IFIA member department, for only \$95, contact our office at 224-387-3340.

There are some new job openings with the OSFM. They are for a Storage Tank Safety Specialist- DuPage or Kane County, a Public Service Administrator-Option 8B, Assistant Director of the Boiler & Pressure Vessel Safety Division-Springfield Office, and a Boiler Safety Specialist-Lee, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, DeKalb, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Cook, DuPage, Lake & Will Counties. See this link for detail on these jobs.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Pages/Employment-Opportunities.aspx>

SAVE THE DATES.

- **October 26th is our Fire Prevention Awards luncheon. If you wish to nominate someone from your community or department the documentation is required ASAP.**
- **November 16th is our “Did You Know” mini-seminar consists of multiple short topics.**

The presentations are:

- **Low Frequency Sounders**
 - **Smoke Alarms**
 - **Inspector Recertification**
 - **Similarities between the IFC, IPC and the IPMC**
 - **Illinois Accessibility Code Update**
 - **After Event Check List**
 - **NFPA 13D Update**
 - **Variable Speed Fire Pump and Jockey Pump Controllers**
 - **Requirements for Refueling at Electric, Natural Gas and Hydrogen Stations**
- **December 21st is our holiday meeting. At that time we will be swearing in new Board Officers.**

The ICC 2021 Code Proposals Public Comment Hearings will take place October 24th - 31st in Richmond, Virginia. While there are many important proposals the National Association

of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) is prepared to take action on, there are three issues it considers to be of particular importance, "Valet Trash", "Tall Wood Buildings", and "Exterior Wall Fire Spread". NASFM has developed Position Statements for each of these including the issue, background, and recommended actions. Please see the corresponding link below for each of the detailed statements.

- [Valet Trash](#)
- [Tall Wood Buildings](#)
- [Exterior Wall Fire Spread](#)

The valet trash topic is becoming prevalent in the country and is something you very well may need to address in your own jurisdiction.

It is important that you review each issue and take the time to either vote in person at the Proposed Code Hearings, or with an electronic vote in cdpACCESS. If you have any questions please contact Jon Narva, NASFM Director of External Relations at Jon@NarvaAssociates.com.

If you are a member of the ICC, you have access to the Technical Opinion Service – an exclusive benefit of ICC membership. The Technical Opinion Service on the International Codes is an exclusive benefit of ICC Membership, and provides prompt and reliable information to assist in the application of the ICC family of codes. See the attachment for the details on how this service can benefit you.

The most recent Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls are listed below:

Rust-Oleum Recalls Countertop Coating Due to Violation of Federal Lead Paint Ban:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Rust-Oleum-Recalls-Countertop-Coating-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Lead-Paint-Ban>

Hawthorne Hydroponics Recalls Humidifiers Due to Fire and Shock Hazards:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Hawthorne-Hydroponics-Recalls-Humidifiers-Due-to-Fire-and-Shock-Hazards>

Lester Electrical Recalls Links Series Chargers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Lester-Electrical-Recalls-Links-Series-Chargers-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards>

TJX Recalls Barstools Due to Fall Hazard; Sold at HomeGoods, Marshalls and T.J. Maxx Stores:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/TJX-Recalls-Barstools-Due-to-Fall-Hazard-Sold-at-HomeGoods-Marshalls-and-TJ-Maxx-Stores>

**Emerson Tool Company Recalls RIDGID Wet/Dry Vacuums Due to Shock Hazard;
Sold Exclusively at Home Depot:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Emerson-Tool-Company-Recalls-RIDGID-Wet-Dry-Vacuums-Due-to-Shock-Hazard-Sold-Exclusively-at-Home-Depot>

Jimco Recalls Bistro Chairs Due to Fall Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Jimco-Recalls-Bistro-Chairs-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

**Cost Plus World Market Recalls Daybeds Due to Violation of Federal Mattress
Flammability Standard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Cost-Plus-World-Market-Recalls-Daybeds-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Mattres-Flammability-Standard>

**Gas Ranges and Wall Ovens Recalled by Prizer-Painter Stove Works Due to Burn
Hazard:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Gas-Ranges-and-Wall-Ovens-Recalled-by-PrizerPainter-Stove-Works-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

Weeplay Kids Recalls Children's Coveralls Due to Choking Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Weeplay-Kids-Recalls-Childrens-Coveralls-Due-to-Choking-Hazard>

Kaz Recalls Stinger Insect Zappers Due to Shock Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Kaz-Recalls-Stinger-Insect-Zappers-Due-to-Shock-Hazard>

NEMO Equipment Recalls Stargaze Recliner Chairs Due to Fall Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/NEMO-Equipment-Recalls-Stargaze-Recliner-Chairs-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Woodcraft Recalls Clip-

On Adapters for Motorcycle Handlebars Due to Crash Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Woodcraft-Recalls-Clip-On-Adapters-for-Motorcycle-Handlebars-Due-to-Crash-Hazard>

CFMOTO Recalls All-Terrain Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/CFMOTO-Recalls-AllTerrain-Vehicles-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

**Boy Scouts of America Recalls Neckerchief Slides Due to Violation of Federal Lead
Content Ban**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Boy-Scouts-of-America-Recalls-Neckerchief-Slides-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Lead-Content-Ban>

Until next month...

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

Oct 15 – 19	Inspector II
Oct 26th	Awards Luncheon
Nov 16th	Did You Know mini
Dec 21st	Holiday Luncheon
Mar 20 – 22	Combined Conf in East Peoria