

# IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



Given the very recent and ongoing events in Texas, we would be remiss if we did not offer our thoughts to those in Texas that are affected by hurricane Harvey. It is our hope that each person offers what they can in an effort to help those afflicted by this disaster.

It is hard to believe it is already September and we are ready to begin our usual activities following a nice summer. We hope everyone had time to spend with their family. Enjoy the rest of what summer has to offer.

The IFIA is hosting two outstanding classes in September. On the 12th we have a Solar Plan Review Class. With Solar energy becoming more and more popular, this class should have a lot of important information. While this is important to the fire service, it is important that the electrical inspectors attend to learn more about this subject as it will be them doing the majority of the approvals. Make sure to pass this information on to them. On the 15th we begin our mini seminars and monthly meetings. We start off with How NFPA 70 and its Revisions Affects Code Officials. Presenting will be Harry Ohde, Assistant Training Director at IBEW 134/NECA Technical Institute. The presentation will provide information that will keep you up-to-date on code revisions that could create design and installation issues that need to be identified in plan review or at on-site inspections. Discussions will include fire alarm system wiring and configuration, electrical services, power wiring, electrical equipment clearances and other topics that relate to issues that code officials and inspectors face daily. If you have not signed up yet, please do.

If you missed our annual golf outing on August 23rd, you missed a gorgeous day to play. The golf course at Silver Lake was in excellent shape, the dinner was very good, and everyone had a great time. A big thank-you to Mike Madden from IL-AFAA and Fran Lundin of our Social Committee for all their hard work putting this golf outing together.

The Annual Awards luncheon is just around the corner. It will be held on October 27th at Medinah Banquets. It is not too late to get your nominations in. There are many categories to nominate those people in your organization that are going above and beyond their routine job. You can check the IFIA webpage for the types of awards and for a nomination form.

The IFIA day at the State Fair was August 20th, and what a beautiful day it was. We had approximately 26 volunteers that worked. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that helped that day. It could not have been done without you. This was also the first time that we teamed up with the Northern Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts. This combination of groups seemed to work very well.

The OSFM is hosting Public School Inspection classes in multiple locations. This is a FREE class. If you choose to inspect schools in your jurisdiction, this course is required.

Friday, September 22 at 8:30 am – Palatine, IL (Cook County)  
Palatine Village Hall  
200 E Wood St  
Meeting Room B  
Palatine, IL 60067

Tuesday, September 26 at 9:00am – Carterville, IL (Williamson County)  
John A. Logan College  
700 Logan College Road  
Hancock Center, Room F118  
Carterville, IL 62918

Wednesday, September 27 at 9:00am – Cahokia, IL (St. Clair County)  
St. Louis Airport Fire Dept  
6100 Archview Drive  
Cahokia, IL 62206

Thursday, September 28 at 9:00am – Springfield, IL (Sangamon County)  
OSFM Office  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

Wednesday, October 25 at 9:00am – Oglesby, IL (LaSalle County)  
Illinois Valley Community College, room CTC 124  
815 N Orlando Smith Road  
Oglesby, IL 61348

Friday, November 3 at 9:00am – Geneva, IL (Kane County)  
Geneva Fire Department  
200 East Side Drive  
Geneva, IL 60134

To register, please send an email including:

- Your name
- Department name
- A list of all the public schools in your jurisdiction and their addresses
- A signed letter from the department Chief stating that you are allowed to take the class and will be conducting public school inspections in your area after you've taken the class
- Tier 1 Inspectors should send a copy of your qualifying certificate (any of the following): OSFM Fire Officer I, OSFM Fire Prevention Officer I, OSFM Fire Inspector 1, NFPA Fire Inspector I, or ICC Fire Inspector 1
- Tier 2 Inspectors will have their credentials confirmed on the system.

All materials needed for the class must be downloaded and printed out (or uploaded to a computer or tablet) from the OSFM webpage.

Further information about Tier 2 options and links to class materials are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

Contact Katherine Nunes ([Katherine.Nunes@illinois.gov](mailto:Katherine.Nunes@illinois.gov) or 312-814- 8959) with any questions or to register.

Our annual Combined Conference is just around the corner. If you are doing any budgeting, now might be the time to include this conference. Our opening day keynote will be Gordon Graham. Our second day keynote will be Frank DeAngelis. Frank was the principal of Columbine High School at the time of the horrific shootings there. This incident changed the way that police respond to active shooting incidents. Following Frank will be Michelle Gay. Following the tragic loss of her daughter, Josephine, in the Sandy Hook School tragedy, Michele co-founded Safe and Sound Schools as a national resource for school safety. She will share personal experiences and professional perspective on reunifying a school community in the aftermath of crisis. Thursday is a day that school administrators would be very interested in. Make sure you pass this information on to them. One day registrations are available. We have attached a one page flyer giving an overview of these two talks. We would highly encourage you to present this to each of your schools as you go in for fire inspections or to conduct fire drills.

Registration for this not to be missed conference is open now on our website. If you would like to reserve your rooms at Para-a- Dice Hotel and Casio in East Peoria now, reservations can be made by calling 1-800- 547-0711 and referencing code 0321FIR. They can also be made by going to <http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups> and typing in 0321FIR.

Due to the success of this year's pre-conference, we are doing that once again. On Tuesday afternoon we will have Meri-K Appy for a full afternoon of information.

If you would like to present a class for the March 2018 Conference, or know of someone who would, submit a request at <http://tinyurl.com/ja7hmq8>. Submissions will be reviewed at the end of the month.

For departments toward the lower half of the State, the Paducah Fire Department is hosting its 6th annual conference on October 20 and 21. Attached is a flyer giving the details of this conference, which looks to be very interesting. Some of you may recognize Paducah, as they have sent several people to our combined conference in Peoria for several years.

On September 15, the Illinois Electronic Security Association is hosting a day at the races at Arlington Park racetrack. All are invited to attend. Details are on an attached flyer.

On October 24 th , the MABAS Division 12 Training Officers are offering a free one day class on the ISO Grading Schedule and how it can improve your community's rating. This will be held in Glendale Heights. See the attached flyer for details on this class.

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

Dan Post Boot Company Recalls Safety Boots and Shoes Due to Injury Hazard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Dan-Post-Boot-Company-Recalls-Safety-Boots-and-Shoes>

Laura Ashley Girl's Dresses Recalled by Pastourelle Due to Choking Hazard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Laura-Ashley-Girls-Dresses-Recalled-by-Pastourelle>

BRIO Recalls Baby Rattles Due to Choking Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/BRIO-Recalls-Baby-Rattles>

Kawasaki Recalls All-Terrain Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Kawasaki-Recalls-All-Terrain-Vehicles>

NVIDIA Recalls European Plug Heads Sold with Power Adaptors Due to Electric Shock Hazard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/NVIDIA-Recalls-European-Plug-Heads-Sold-with-Power-Adaptors>

Polaris Recalls Scrambler All-Terrain Vehicles Due to Crash Hazard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Polaris-Recalls-Scrambler-All-Terrain-Vehicles>

Meijer Recalls Children's Swimsuits Due to Choking Hazard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Meijer-Recalls-Childrens-Swimsuits>

Sweet Bamboo Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Sweet-Bamboo-Recalls-Childrens-Pajamas>

Fred's Recalls Charcoal Grills Due to Fire Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Freds-Recalls-Charcoal-Grills>

RH Recalls Furniture Due to Injury, Laceration Hazards:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/RH-Recalls-Furniture>

Richie House Children's Robes Recalled by Belle Investment Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard; Sold Exclusively at Amazon.com: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Richie-House-Childrens-Robes-Recalled-by-Belle-Investment>

Academy Sports + Outdoors Recalls Crawfish Kits with Strainer Due to Fire Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Academy-Sports- Outdoors-Recalls- Crawfish-Kits- with- Strainer>

Nutrillife Recalls Bottles of Hydrogen Peroxide Due to Fire, Burn Hazards:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Nutrillife-Recalls- Bottles-of- Hydrogen-Peroxide>

Arc'teryx Recalls Ski Mountaineering Boots Due to Fall Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Arcteryx-Recalls- Ski-Mountaineering- Boots>

Dr. Martens Vegan Boots Recalled by Airwair Due to Chemical Exposure Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Dr-Martens- Vegan-Boots- Recalled-by- Airwair>

Dr. Brown's Natural Bottle & Dish Soaps Recalled by Handi-Craft Company Due to Risk of Bacteria Exposure: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Dr-Browns- Natural-Bottle- Dish-Soaps- Recalled-by- Handi-Craft- Company>

Hallmark Recalls Plush Baby Stacking Toys Due to Choking Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Hallmark-Recalls- Plush-Baby- Stacking-Toys>

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

Sept. 12 – seminar on solar plan review

Sept. 15 – monthly mini seminar and meeting

Until next month...