



# **Illinois Fire Inspectors Association**

Serving Illinois Fire Departments Since 1967

Dear Fire Prevention Manager,

We are at the time of the year when we send out our annual membership renewal letter. We know that due to the Covid issues budgets will be impacted, however for only \$100, we ask that you continue your membership to the IFIA. We exist because of, and for you. The services mentioned below are designed to improve your code enforcement and fire and life safety services. No other organization in the State of Illinois provides these types of services. We can only do this through your support in the low annual dues, and by attending the monthly training opportunities.

The following are a sample of benefits of being a member of the IFIA.

**Education.** Not just certifications, but regular training provided by experts in their industry. Our annual Fire and Life Safety Conference, with tracts in fire and life safety education and code enforcement is a good example of this. Many of these speakers come from across the county.

The Fire Inspector 1 and 2, and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator OSFM certification classes are offered throughout the year, and are taught by instructors who work in the field and are subject matter experts. Some of these presenters teach at the national level.

Our ongoing monthly training can be used for to maintain your OSFM Fire Inspector 1 certification. It is also able to be used for NFPA and ICC certifications.

As a member of the IFIA, your department receives a 20% discount on all JENSEN HUGHES ACADEMY online training classes, a valuable tool in recertifying fire inspector's certifications. This is available through our website.

If you have a code related question and are having difficulty with an answer, you can ASK AN EXPERT. Members of our "Code and Professional Development Committee" will give you an "unofficial" answer to your question. This is done by simply filling out information on our website.

**Legislative Representation.** The IFIA represents its membership on issues regarding fire and life safety. We also have a seat at the OSFM's Fire Advisory Council, are a part of the Illinois Fire Services Association. We support legislative changes that would benefit the fire service at the State and National level.

**National Association Involvement.** Organizations such as Automatic Fire Alarm Association, International Code Council, National Fire Protection Association, and the National Fire Sprinkler Association, are a sample of organizations that the IFIA participates in to ensure that our mission to

provide effective fire prevention services is maintained. Through these relationships the IFIA is able to access to national experts that can assist our membership.

We provide weekly email blasts with announcements of legislation of interest to the Fire Prevention community, of upcoming training opportunities, and other timely items that might be of interest to the membership.

By becoming a member, which is by Department, any member of your organization has the ability to become a member of the Fire and Life Safety Committee or the Codes and Professional Development committee. These groups help steer the activities of the IFIA.

Your membership will give your organization access to all these services, but more importantly your membership allows the IFIA to continue to move forward to provide and support effective life safety services.

We have fire prevention and life safety education experts who provide effective community risk reduction practices, and would be willing to assist you, if needed.

Please complete the form and return it to the IFIA office or visit our website at [www.illinoisfireinspectors.org/membership](http://www.illinoisfireinspectors.org/membership)

Sincerely,

*James Brown*

President