IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE

My term as President is coming to an end, and it has been a great learning experience for me. Thank you for allowing me to be your President. I ask you to support your new slate of officers. There is much work to be done, and these individuals will need your support to do the best work for the IFIA.

Ed Dunne

The Christmas holiday is just around the corner. One way to promote fire safety is through the "Keep the Wreath Red" Program. Everyone needs to educate their residents on how to be fire and burn safe during this holiday season. If you don't have this program in your community, look it up. It is a great program.

One of the attachments this month is a flyer that can be used to spread the fire safety message this holiday. You can personalize this by simply adding your department logo at the top, and your name at the bottom. This is a Word document, so any of the material can be modified to fit your particular area.

Our annual Awards Luncheon was a huge success. We had more than 80 people attend this traditional event. Without Fire Department support, we would have no program. A big thank you goes out to the committee members and office staff for their hard work at making this program a huge success.

This year's recipients are:

Dick Arthur:
- Rick Marek, Palatine Fire Department, Retired.

Commendation:
- Cindy Wilson, Channahon and Minooka Fire Protection District
- Mark Taylor and Ryan Kinkade, Berwyn.

Fire Chief:
- John Petratkis, Channahon Fire Protection District

New Horizon:
- Alex Poyner, Elburn and Countryside Fire Protection District
- Ryan Angelus, Plainfield Fire Protection District

Youth Hero:
- Zanarhia Lawrence
- Jordan Abraham

Corporate:
- Meijer Store in Berwyn
- Kidde
- Plainfield School District #202
- Will County Center for Community Concerns
- W.R. Meadows

Special Recognition
- Dearhaven Child Care and Learning Center

Our holiday party is right around the corner, on December 15th. Come and enjoy the company of your peers in a non-business atmosphere. To register go to our website. Also, this is the time when the new slate of officers will be sworn in. Wish them luck in the new adventure. For those that might not know, a new Board member is signing up, voluntarily, for a 5 year commitment.

Our annual planning meeting is coming up. It will be on December 14th at the Addison Fire Department, on Addison Road. Everyone is invited. The meeting will begin at 10 am. At this meeting we set the calendar for next year's activities for the IFIA. Come and support your organization, but more importantly, let your voice be known as to the direction and activities YOUR Association should be taking, or not be taking, in the future. The IFIA exists to help you do your job better. To do that, we need to your opinions.

Our annual Combined Conference in March is right around the corner. Our opening day will feature Gordon Graham. Our second day keynotes will be Frank DeAngelis, the principal of Columbine High School at the time of the horrific shootings there, and Michelle Gay, the mother of a student killed at Sandy Hook school, and a co-founder of Safe and Sound School. 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. Additionally, pass this to your police agencies you work with. This information may be of great interest to them.

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 and Marsha Giesler presenting a full afternoon of information on building the next generation of fire and life safety educators. This session is free to IFIA members. For those who might not be members, the cost is only $25.

Registration for this not to be missed conference is available on our website. If you would like to reserve your rooms at Para-a-Dice Hotel and Casio in East Peoria now, hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-547-0711 and referencing code 0320FIR. They can also me be made by going to http://www.paradicecasino.com/groups and typing in 0320FIR.

As we have mentioned previously, the State Fire Marshal has enacted rules for continuing education hours for the Fire Inspector 1 certification. For anyone that had this certificate prior to summer of 2017, your recertification year is 2021. For everyone who receives this certification in the future, your recertification will be four years from when the certificate was issued. The certification requirements were modeled after the fire investigators. It needs to be noted that the IFIA mini seminars and the annual conference **WILL** count towards those needed hours.

Kidde continues to work to clarify which extinguishers are impacted by the recall. Please share the attached Recall guide as you see fit. Check out the attachment for more details.

If you have an interest in becoming a youthful firesetter interventionist, contact the OSFM. There are still classes available for this.

If you attended last month's "Did You Know" seminar, the PowerPoints used in those presentations are available on the IFIA website.

For those desiring the OFSM certification of Public Fire and Life Educator, we have a class coming up in April/May. The dates are April 30th, May 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th, at the Downers Grove Fire Dept. Go to the Inspectors website to register.

See the attachment for the latest monthly update of the ICC goings on.

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

Norco Bicycles Recalls Children's Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Norco-Bicycles-Recalls-Childrens-Bicycles

OshKosh Recalls Baby B'gosh Quilted Jacket Due to Choking Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/OshKosh-Recalls-Baby-Bgosh-Quilted-Jacket-Due-to-Choking-Hazard

Smart Balance Wheel Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Recalled by Salvage World Due to Explosion and Fire Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Smart-Balance-Wheel-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Recalled-by-Salvage-World-Due-to-Explosion-and-Fire-Hazards

Drone Nerds Recalls Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Due to Fire and Explosion Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Drone-Nerds-Recalls-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Due-to-Fire-and-Explosion-Hazards

Go Wheels Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Recalled by Four Star Imports Due to Fire and Explosion Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Village Mart: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Go-Wheels-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Recalled-by-Four-Star-Imports-Due-to-Fire-and-Explosion-Hazards-Sold-Exclusively-at-Village-Mart

iHoverspeed Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Recalled by Simplified Wireless Due to Fire Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/iHoverspeed-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Recalled-by-Simplified-Wireless-Due-to-Fire-Hazard

iLive Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Recalled by Digital Products Due to Fire Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/iLive-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Recalled-by-Digital-Products-Due-to-Fire-Hazard

Tech Drift Recalls Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Due to Fire and Explosion Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Tech-Drift-Recalls-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Due-to-Fire-and-Explosion-Hazards

Sonic Smart Wheels Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards Recalled by Dollar Mania Due to Explosion and Fire Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Sonic-Smart-Wheels-SelfBalancing-ScootersHoverboards-Recalled-by-Dollar-Mania-Due-to-Explosion-and-Fire-Hazards

Precision Shooting Recalls Archery Crossbows Due to Injury Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Precision-Shooting-Recalls-Archery-Crossbows-Due-to-Injury-Hazard

Arctic Cat Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles Recalled by Textron Specialized Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Arctic-Cat-Recreational-Off-Highway-Vehicles-Recalled-by-Textron-Specialized-Vehicles-Due-to-Fire-Hazard

Wholesale Fireworks Recalls Fireworks Due to Violation of Federal Standards; Explosion and Burn Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Wholesale-Fireworks-Recalls-Fireworks-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Standards-Explosion-and-Burn-Hazards

Bush Hog Recalls Riding Lawn Mowers Due to Laceration Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Bush-Hog-Recalls-Riding-Lawn-Mowers-Due-to-Laceration-Hazard

Until next month…

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

December 15	Holiday luncheon
March 21-23	IFIA Combined Conference in East Peoria
April/May	PFLSE course