

IFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE



Some of our Board members attended meetings this past month with various agencies. In Springfield were the OSFM and Fire Services quarterly meetings. In Palos Hills was a meeting with the OSFM on fire sprinkler licensing, and in Schaumburg was the NFSA quarterly meeting.

One of our partners, IL-AFAA, is hosting a fire alarm summit on November 9th. See their website for more information. .

In an effort to clean up the office a bit, we have several old code books and training manuals. These will be sold for \$5 - \$25. While some might be one edition old, there is still much good useful information which can be had at bargain prices. A listing should be out within a few weeks.

The 2017 Combined Conference is March 22 – 24. Our speakers have been selected and we are waiting for a couple to return confirmation letters. Once we get those back, a flyer will go out with the speakers and topics. We can say our keynote is Tim Sandelbach with Firehouse Magazine. Those who have heard him previously will know he is not to be missed.

We have a number of upcoming classes, as noted at the end of this message. One of them is the Fire and Life Safety Educator class. Right now we are short of the people needed to run this class. If you have any desire to get this State certification, register now so we do not have to cancel the class.

We have had a request from California about getting data on Viking Model 457 sprinklers. These are residential sprinklers that have had non-fire activations. Should this happen to you, please let our office know and we will forward that information.

The NFSA is hosting a class on fire pumps in Springfield. This interactive seminar will provide an introduction to the various types of fire pumps as well as an in-depth exploration of the inspection and testing process. The seminar will include a hands-on demonstration of fire pump testing and include discussion on documentation required.

The seminar is divided into two parts. The learning outcomes for each part are:

- Identify the components fire pumps and describe their function
- Identify the requirements for inspection and testing in NFPA 25 as they apply to various fire pumps.
- Apply the requirements for inspection and testing of fire pumps to an inspection and fire pump test.

AHJ registration is \$125 and can be done at NFSA.org, under training and events. The attachments have more detailed information.

Recognizing the need to formalize the code development process, and allow ICC stakeholders to provide feedback directly to the ICC Board, the ICC Board has directed staff to engage the stakeholders by announcing a "Call for Feedback" on any and all aspects of the ICC Code Development Process. This link will give you an opportunity to have ICC hear your voice.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/periodicals-and-newsroom/icc-board-solicits-feedback-on-the-icc-code-development-process/>

The Board members ask that you do what you can to support your organization by joining a committee, attending the combined conference and/or seminars, and participate in our monthly membership meetings. Our Association exists for, and because of you. Your involvement does make a difference.

2016 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT COMMEMORATES FIRE SERVICE



Since 1981, the White House Historical Association has been selling the official White House Christmas Ornaments. Each year, the ornament honors a different presidential administration. The proceeds from the sale of the ornaments benefit the mission of the Historical Association which is to preserve the structure of the White House and the history of the United States presidency. And for 2016, the Congressional Fire Services Institute is working with the association to sell the ornament to the fire and emergency services community.

American-made, the 36th annual ornament honors the administration of Herbert Hoover, who served as 31st President of the United States. It is inspired by the fire engines that responded to the 1929 Christmas Eve fire at the White House and the toy trucks presented to children by the Hoovers the following Christmas.

On December 24, 1929, President Hoover was hosting his staff and their children for a Christmas party in the Entrance Hall of the East Wing when Chief Usher Ike Hoover whispered to the President, "the Executive Offices are on fire." To prevent panic, the President ordered the Marine Band to strike up a lively tune to amuse the children. He and his aides then rushed to the West Wing in order to salvage what they could of the President's papers.

After arriving, Fire Chief George Watson gave orders for deployment of the incoming second- and third-alarm companies; then, seeing flames already breaking through the roof and skylights, he ordered a fourth alarm. One hundred and thirty firefighters from nineteen engine companies and four truck companies responded to the blaze. By 10:30 p.m., the fire was extinguished.

Chief Watson reported that excessive heat from a blocked chimney flue or defective electric wiring had caused pamphlets stored in the attic to ignite. Congress would soon pass a special appropriation to rebuild the uninsured West Wing of the White House. The following Christmas, White House staff and their children gathered again to celebrate the holidays and the Hoovers presented the children with toy fire trucks as gifts.

By purchasing an ornament from the Congressional Fire Services Institute, you will support the mission of CFSI as well, which is to educate members of Congress about the role of our nation's fire and emergency services. Information is at

October 28th is our awards banquet, November 18th will be a mini seminar and membership meeting, and December 16th is our holiday luncheon. We would like to see each and every one of you at these events so please check our website and weekly blasts for details.

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

Awards luncheon Oct 28
Mini seminar and meeting November 18
Fire Inspector 2 in October/November in New Lenox
Fire alarm plan review Oct 19 and 20 in Mundelein
Public FLSE in November in Downers Grove
Fire alarm ITM Dec 6 in Buffalo Grove
Holiday luncheon December 16

Until next month...