

OCTOBER 28-30, 2022

DOWN & DIRTY

FIREFIGHTING WEEKEND



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WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – All events will be held at IFSI unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 - 8:00am	Registration
8:00am	Opening Ceremony
9:00am	Membership Meeting
9:30am	Keynote Address
10:30am	Memorial Ceremony
11:30am	Lunch & Vendor Visits
1:00 - 5:00pm	Training

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 - 9:30am	Registration
8:00am	Training
9:00am	Chief's Round Table
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00 - 5:00pm	Training
8:00pm	Evening Auction @ hotel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00am	Training (TECC class only)
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FREE LODGING IS AVAILABLE!

See all lodging details and requirements on back page.

TRAINING LOCATION:

Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)
11 Gerty Drive, Champaign | 217.333.3800

FREE PARKING:

Event parking will be available free of charge on the IFSI training grounds.

GET FREE REGISTRATION:

Organizations registering multiple attendees will receive one complimentary registration for every 3 members registered.

NVFC INSTRUCTED COURSES:

CREATING A PSYCHOLOGICALLY HEALTHY FIRE DEPARTMENT

4 HOURS: FRIDAY, 1PM-5PM

This course from the National Volunteer Fire Council and the American Psychological Association's Center for Organizational Excellence is designed to empower fire department leadership to promote and support healthy, high-performing fire/EMS departments. Based on the framework from the Psychologically Healthy Fire Departments initiative, this course focuses on six key practices - member involvement, health and safety, member growth and development, work-life balance, member recognition, and effective communication - to facilitate member well-being and department functioning.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

4 HOURS: SATURDAY, 8AM-12PM

Many fire and EMS departments across the nation are struggling to find new volunteer members and retain their current members. This session discusses the challenges of recruiting volunteers, presents valuable research collected as part of the NVFC's Make Me A Firefighter campaign, and offers ideas to help overcome recruiting challenges. During the second half of the session, retention challenges, potential solutions, and the importance of leadership will be covered.

VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE CULTURE: ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

4 HOURS: SATURDAY, 1PM-5PM

The NVFC published the textbook *Volunteer Fire Service Culture – Essential Strategies for Success* as a guide to fire service leaders who desire to change their department's culture and attitude towards personal health and safety. This training delves into key points from the guide to reinforce the need for change and provide a roadmap for implementation of change to improve the health and safety of volunteer fire and EMS responders.

HANDS-ON COURSES:

FOUNDATIONS & ESSENTIALS OF FIREFIGHTING

12 HOURS: FRIDAY, 1-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

The Foundations and Essential Skills for Firefighting Course incorporates multiple training topics into one convenient schedule. The course will cover the usage of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), line advancement, ventilation and basic fire ground operations. Instructors will also address forcible entry and thermal imaging camera applications. Students will participate in hands-on drills and live fire scenarios that support skill development and competency. This class is appropriate for students with limited to moderate fire service experience.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA are required.

ENGINE AND TRUCK COMPANY OPERATIONS

12 HOURS: FRIDAY, 1-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

The Engine and Truck Company Operations course is designed for all skill levels. Topics include hose line advancement, searching from a line, ventilation, and getting water to the fire. Students will also focus on exterior and interior truck company operations, including ladders, ventilation, search, and forcible entry techniques. Students will work in large and small companies to test their skills in multiple operations and scenarios with a variety of smoke and heat conditions.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA are required.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

8 HOURS: SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

The Single-Family Dwelling Course is a hands-on class designed for all skill levels. Topics will include size-up, searching for the fire, advancing the primary and back-up lines, and fire suppression. The class combines a brief classroom discussion with multiple, realistic scenarios that will challenge all skill levels.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA are required.

VERTICAL ROPE AWARENESS

8 HOURS: SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

The Vertical Rope Awareness Course is a hands-on class that provides personnel with the basic knowledge at the awareness level for skills needed to perform rescues using rope systems. The class will cover the use of rope, rope equipment, knots, hardware, construction of mechanical advantage systems, belay and safety systems, anchor systems, patient packaging low angle self-rescue along with low angle litter operations.

Helmet, heavy duty long pants and long sleeve shirt, gloves and work boots are required.

COLLAPSE AWARENESS

4 HOURS: FRIDAY, 1-5PM

The Collapse Awareness Course is appropriate for all skill levels. The class is designed to deliver awareness and beginning operations level training to students with limited collapse rescue experience. Course topics will apply basic structural collapse response and rescue considerations to a realistic training environment. Experienced instructors will discuss initial size-up, building construction considerations, tool selection and usage, scene safety, basic lifting, and rescue techniques. This class will be hands-on and engaging and allow students the opportunity to practice response and rescue techniques in a controlled collapse environment.

Helmet, gloves, eye protection, ear protection, work boots and work clothes are required.

CLASSROOM COURSE:

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

4 HOURS: FRIDAY, 1-5PM

This Alternative Fuel Vehicles Course introduces students to new technologies not encountered in the past that can impact rescue efforts. Topics covered include hybrid or electric driven vehicles, alternative fuel systems, dangerous drive train components, hazardous mechanical and hydraulic systems, plus more. Rescue challenges associated with air bags and their deployment and detonation systems, pre-tension systems and other passive restraint devices throughout the passenger compartment are also discussed. Methods of construction, vehicle body components and their materials of construction offer challenges not found at accident scenes in the past.

CERTIFICATION COURSE:

TACTICAL EMERGENCY CASUALTY CARE/ RESCUE TASK FORCE TRAINING

16 HOURS | FRIDAY, 1PM-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM &
SUNDAY, 8AM-12PM

The Tactical Emergency Casualty Care/Rescue Task Force Training (TECC/RTF) Course is an EMS-based class designed for all skill levels. The class covers topics that decrease preventable deaths from active shooter, hostile, or mass casualty events. The TECC program includes discussions, table top, and full immersion exercises. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive TECC certification from the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).

REGISTRATION: FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU | PAYMENT: ILLINOISFIREFIGHTERS.ORG

Register online through IFSI at fsi.illinois.edu. The Illinois Firefighter's Association will process conference payments. Once registration materials are submitted, you will receive a direct link to the IFA event payment page.



CONFERENCE FEES & REGISTRATION DATES:

Before September 30, 2022: IFA Member: \$50 | Non-Member: \$75
Payment must be received before 5:00pm on September 30 to receive the advance rate.

After September 30, 2022: IFA Member: \$100 | Non-Member: \$125

Last day to cancel registration for a full refund: October 14, 2022

*Organizations registering multiple attendees will receive one complimentary registration for every three members registered.

IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE:

Mail the Registration Form to:

Illinois Fire Service Institute
Attention: IFA Weekend
11 Gerty Drive | Champaign, IL 61820

Or Fax to:

(217) 244-6790

Additional forms are available for download at fsi.illinois.edu or illinoisfirefighters.org

Send Payment To:

Illinois Firefighter's Association
Kerry Federer, Secretary/Treasurer
PO Box 77 | Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Payments can also be processed over the phone by calling Kerry Federer at (618) 830-3961.

Conference Questions? Contact: Joe Mandarino

Conference Director
(708) 935-2893 | Corky2700@aol.com

IFA FREE LODGING REQUIREMENTS:

Conference attendees may receive up to 3 nights of hotel accommodations for FREE. The Illinois Firefighter's Association (IFA) has received a grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal to cover a portion of the hotel rooms for the annual Down & Dirty Conference. **Funded hotel rooms in the IFA/IFSI block are limited and available to registrants on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Lodging Details:

- The IFA will pay for hotel room and hotel room taxes only.
- Registrants may reserve rooms only after registering for the conference.
- Rooms must be booked in the attendees' name and a personal credit card is required to cover incidental expenses.
- Individuals must mention the Illinois Firefighter's Association/IFSI block to receive the accommodation. Rooms not included in the IFA block will be subject to the current hotel rate.
- One attendee per room.
- Individuals must attend all registered training, for the room expenses to be covered by IFA.

Room Coverage Eligibility:

- Thursday night accommodations will only be covered for registrants who attend the annual meeting on Friday morning.
- Friday night accommodations will only be covered for registrants who attend the Friday afternoon session and/or Saturday sessions.
- Saturday night accommodations will only be covered for registrants who attend all Saturday sessions.

Illinois Firefighter's Association Conference Hotel: Eastland Suites – Urbana 217-367-8331

Other area hotels offering free lodging accommodations:

Best Western/University Inn – Urbana	217-328-4400
Candlewood Suites – Champaign	217-398-1000
Holiday Inn – Champaign	217-398-3400
Homewood Suites – Champaign	217-352-9960

HANDS-ON COURSE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

SCBA: SCBA must be NFPA compliant and in working order. Only SCBA with current hydrostatic dated cylinders will be allowed. Students must provide their own equipment. No sharing is allowed. Loaner equipment and repair services will not be available.

FACIAL HAIR: Facial hair that crosses the jaw line is not permitted in courses where breathing apparatus will be used. **No exceptions.**

AGE: Students must be 18 years of age or older and a member of a fire department in order to participate in the hands-on training.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS: Any indication of the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs by participants during any hands-on training will result in denial from the program. Instructors will have full discretion to enforce this policy.