

Winter Fire School

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. February 3

8:00 a.m. - noon February 4

Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center

1001 Kilarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801
217-328-7900

Registration fee includes hot lunch

\$50 pre-registration (by January 30, 2007 5:00 p.m.)
\$60 after January 30, 2007 and at the door

Registration check-in at the Holiday Inn Hotel

Saturday: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
You must pick up your registration packet before proceeding to class.

Register early to hold your place

Use the enclosed registration form and fax to 217-244-6790 or mail to Illinois Fire Service Institute, 11 Gerty Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

Registration form is also available on the IFSI web site. Online registration is not available for Winter Fire School.

Hotel accommodations

The Holiday Inn and nearby Holiday Inn Express are offering a special rate of \$70/single and \$80/double for Winter Fire School participants. Please identify yourself as a Winter Fire School attendee when making reservations. There is a home Illinois basketball game on Saturday, so make hotel reservations early.

Bring the family. The Holiday Inn features an indoor pool, game room, fitness center, whirlpool and sauna.

Information about other area lodging is available on the IFSI web site:

www.fsi.uiuc.edu/

NOTE: Because of minimum student enrollment requirements for NFA classes, you must register for NFA classes before January 3, 2007. If minimum enrollment is not met, class will be cancelled and students will be shifted to other available classes.

Class schedule

NFA classes

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

What's the Chief Thinking...

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Short track classes -- each available three times

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon — AND
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. — AND
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon



Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Urbana
Hot buffet lunch included with registration.

Featuring:
4 NFA courses
4 short track classes
Dynamic instructors
Bonus Saturday evening session

Winter Fire School at IFSI
February 3-4, 2007

Illinois Fire Service Institute
11 Gerty Drive
Champaign IL 61820



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Winter Fire School Course Descriptions

**12
Hour
Classes**



NOTE: All National Fire Academy (NFA) classes are 12 hours (Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to noon). Because of minimum student enrollment requirements for NFA classes, you must register for NFA classes before January 3. If minimum enrollment is not met, class will be cancelled and students will be shifted to other available classes.

NFA: Arson Detection for the First Responder

This class provides a clear definition of the role of initial responder organizations, and provides essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of an intentionally set fire, preserve evidence, and properly report the information to appropriate officials. The course includes the following basic topics: fire behavior, critical observations of the first responder, fire cause, scene security and evidence preservation, legal considerations, and how to report findings properly to appropriate officials.

NFA: Training Operations in Small Departments

This class is designed to provide students with some basic tools and skills to coordinate training in a small fire/EMS organization. Content includes: leadership issues in fire service training; identifying the legal issues affecting the training function; safety considerations in training; identifying ways to justify training needs; selecting and evaluating training curriculum and materials from outside sources, among others.

NFA: Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

This course is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. The class is designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

NFA: Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface Fire Fighting

This class identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural company officers assigned to a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident. Topics covered include Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics.

**4
Hour
Classes**

Short Track Classes – Dynamic Instructors Each class offered three times over the weekend

Firefighter Tactics for Media Heat

This class will help firefighters and fire officers prepare for the “dreaded” news interview. A fire department’s performance is often portrayed in a poor light when news coverage is not handled well. Knowing when and how to deliver the proper message points are vital to local firefighters. This class covers preparing for the interview, live interview tips and how to write basic news releases.

Instructor: Keith “Doc” Patterson, IFSI Field Staff Instructor

Keith is a 32-year veteran of the Illinois fire service. He has managed media programs in both rural and suburban fire departments. He has appeared on the television program “Rescue 911” and “Investigative Reports with Bill Kurtis.” Keith operates a successful motivational speaking and consulting business. His dynamic, interactive lecture presentation style will make this class exciting and enjoyable.

Climbing the Ladder of Success

This class will help prepare you for fire department entrance and promotional activities. Since competition for department jobs can be high, it’s important to know what education and training will best suit you. This class will provide recommendations regarding how that education, training and experience can help you move ahead. Topics include how to prepare for, dress and conduct yourself during an interview.

Instructor: Craig Haigh, IFSI Field Staff Instructor

Craig is a 23-year veteran of the fire service and presently is Chief of the Hanover Park Fire Department. He has managed volunteer and paid departments, implemented paramedic services and developed a variety of courses for the fire service. He is a nationally-registered paramedic and holds a B.S. degree in Fire and Safety Engineering. Craig has served on numerous hiring and promotional panels and has presented many courses at local and state conferences. This class promises to be vital for firefighters “climbing the ladder to success.”

Instructor: Sandra Vincent Richard

Sandra will be “team teaching” this class with Chief Haigh. Sandra is the Director of Human Resources for the Village of Hanover Park and has been involved with the hiring and promotions of many village employees. She brings valuable insight to the class and presents the village-city-employer view regarding successful candidating.

Making Sense of Fire Ground Management

This class presents a portion of the Fire Ground Management program offered through the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Students will review fire scene goals, communications, division of resources and fire scene benchmarks. A tabletop exercise challenges students to apply the class materials. This class promises to be insightful and fun for firefighters and officers.

Instructor: Chief Roger Lunt, IFSI Field Staff

Roger is a 29-year veteran of the fire service and has been a IFSI Field Staff Instructor for 23 years. He is presently Chief for the Taylorville Fire Department and a Field Operations Officer for the regional Weapons of Mass Destruction Management Team. He is co-developer of the Fire Ground Management for Small Career and Volunteer Fire Departments course and was named “Instructor of the Year” by the Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors. Roger brings academics and real-life experience to this class.



Why the Maltese Cross

This class explores the history and traditions of the fire service. Students will learn why the Maltese Cross symbolizes the modern fire service and why the Dalmatian has become a traditional pet of fire departments around the country. This class also covers the origins of many procedures. This class promises to be packed with interesting facts.

Instructor: Bill Farnum, Illinois Fire Service Institute Staff

Bill’s experience comes from 25 years in the fire service. He retired from the Champaign Fire Department as a Captain and has served as Instructional Research Specialist and as the Program Director for the Unified Command Program for IFSI. His enthusiasm for fire service education and his lively presentation skills will make this a “must see” program.

Saturday Evening Bonus Session

7:00 p.m.

“What’s the Chief Thinking...”

Got something on your mind that only a Chief can address? Our panel of fire chiefs from small and large departments will answer your questions, discuss the issues and provide a view on what it takes to lead a fire department. Expect this session to be fun and informal. Attend this session and register for door prizes.