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Registration Kicks Off for 84th Annual Fire College

Registration for Fire College was robust when it opened up on March 31. The most popular classes are already filling up. Students are encouraged to register online and early to help assure they get the classes they want. Thirty-two classes are being offered this year with 70 percent of those providing hands-on training. The brochure and registration information for Fire College is posted on the IFSI web site at <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/courses/ifc/>

Top Notch Leadership Class Scheduled for Fire College

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from three inspiring and established leaders -- sharing their knowledge and experience that you can take back to your department! Tap into the real-world leadership experiences of Deputy District Chief (ret) Ed Enright of the Chicago Fire Department, Chief of Operations (ret) John Norman from the New York Fire Department and Colonel Royal Mortensen (USMC). The 12-hour class is being offered twice during this year's Fire College, with 60 seats available for each session. Reserve your spot early.

Twenty-Four Graduate from Firefighter II Academy

Twenty-four students from all corners of Illinois graduated on April 4 from IFSI's Certified Firefighter II Academy. The new graduates are serving on 15 departments from Johnston City in the south to Calumet City in the north and from East Moline in the west to Danville in the east. Chad Johnson of St. Joseph, Ill. was awarded the Howard "Doc" Eskridge Academic Excellence Award for the highest grade point average in the class. Chad will serve on the Urbana Illinois Fire Department.

It's not too early to plan on **UPCOMING CLASSES at IFSI's Champaign Campus.**

April 28 – May 2: Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist – “Smoke Divers”

Six openings remain for this 40-hour class that emphasizes the safe and efficient use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This program emphasizes core skills such as: donning, doffing, shifting, dumping, emergency procedures, and buddy-breathing. Following demonstrated mastery of these core skills, the student will work in real and simulated fire conditions while performing functions where self-contained breathing apparatus are essential, including fire ground search, air conservation, self rescue, and firefighter rescue techniques. Students must be a member of a recognized fire department or fire brigade. This class is intended for experienced firefighters with a minimum of three years experience. The course fee is \$700.

April 28 – May 16: Emergency Medical Technician: Basic

This three-week class meets all of the IDPH requirements for state certification as an EMT/B. Students will complete the required 120 hours of classroom material and 20 hours of clinical

during the three-week period. Textbooks and workbooks will be provided. The course fee is \$725.