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Deadline to Advance Register for Winter Fire School is Friday

Students have until this Friday (January 16) to advance register for Winter Fire School. After Friday, registrations will be accepted at the door. Students can choose to attend up to three different 4-hour short track classes, such as “Rural Water Supply,” “Forming the Attack Team on Scene” or “Fire Sprinkler Systems.” Registering online is still the best way to register for Winter Fire School, which is scheduled for January 24 – 25, 2009 in Champaign. The fee for Winter Fire School is \$60 and includes Saturday lunch. A special Saturday evening bonus is presented by Mike Deckelmann who discusses civilian fatal fires. To register online, click on <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/courses/wfs/>

IFSI Email Addresses are Changing

As part of the University of Illinois, the Illinois Fire Service Institute is changing the extension on personnel email addresses. Simply substitute “uiuc” with “illinois” for the email addresses. Don’t panic, the former addresses will continue to work. Example: username@fsi.uiuc.edu is now username@fsi.illinois.edu.

**Upcoming Classes Scheduled for IFSI’s Champaign Campus
Check Out IFSI’s Web Site for Complete Course Details**

Certified Firefighter II Academy – March 9 -- April 17

There is still space available in the Spring Firefighter Academy, which is only offered twice a year. The course covers topics required for certification, as well as incorporating a fire department atmosphere into the training. The program emphasizes developing the skills and knowledge necessary for entry-level personnel to become functioning members of a fire company. Students must be members of a recognized fire department or fire brigade. The cost for the six-week program is \$2,500.

Statewide WMD Response: Confined Space Rescue Operations – March 23 - 27

The scope of this course is to prepare local responders to operate as a local member of a regional team within the NIMS at a CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive) WMD Event requiring statewide response that has resulted in the need for a permit required confined space rescue. The fee for the 40-hour class is \$725.

Statewide WMD Response: Confined Space Rescue Technician – April 6 - 10

This course includes simulated rescue evolutions requiring a mixture of all three disciplines, challenging the responder to deal with rescuing the rescuer in a contaminated atmosphere. Special emphasis is given to rescuer safety, tactical scene management, patient care, decontamination and the construction and operation of retrieval systems. The fee for the 40-hour class is \$725.

Fire Apparatus Engineer – April 13 – 16 and 21 – 24

The Fire Apparatus Engineer course is designed for firefighters who are assigned to operate fire department apparatus in the normal course of their duties. The eight-day class occurs over two weeks. The class tuition is \$425.