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Welcome to the second issue of the Illinois Fire Service Institute's electronic newsletter.

The **83rd Annual Fire College** was a resounding success with more than 900 firefighters and first responders getting training over four days in early June. Colonel Royal Mortenson delivered the keynote address at the opening ceremonies. You can listen to his address and opening comments from IFSI Director Jaehne at <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/courses/ifc/fc07.cfm>.

Newest DHS-Approved Class: IFSI just received notice that its **Statewide WMD Response: Hazardous Materials Incident Management System** class has been confirmed by the Department of Homeland Security as an "institutionalized" class that meets DHS Grants & Training standards. The 24-hour class prepares local responders to direct and coordinate all aspects of a hazardous materials incident, from analyzing a HazMat incident, setting objectives, identifying potential action plans through completing the final termination requirements. This is the 17th IFSI class approved by the DHS, and qualifies the class for fees payment with Homeland Security funds for designated team members. No classes have yet be scheduled, but watch the web site for upcoming dates.

Look for the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) at this year's **Illinois State Fair**. IFSI will be taking their turn at manning the educational exhibit for the Illinois Fire Services Association on Thursday, August 16. There will be an auto extrication demonstration and other educational stations in the tent – designed to help the public understand the role of firefighters in their communities. The tent is located next to the Illinois Fire Museum on Central Avenue and is open each day of the State Fair, August 10 – 19.

It's not too early to plan on **UPCOMING CLASSES**. Deadline for registration is typically six weeks before the start of class.

September 10 – 14: Statewide WMD Response: Confined Space Rescue Operations

This 40-hour class prepares local responders to operate as a local member of a regional team within the National Incident Management System (NIMS) at a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive (CBRNE) Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) event. Students will learn federal and state regulations, use of specialized equipment for atmospheric monitoring, commercial entry and retrieval systems, and employment of rescuer constructed retrieval systems. Special emphasis will be given to rescuer safety, scene management, patient care and movement, and the construction and operation of retrieval systems.

September 17 – 28: Statewide WMD Response: Rope Rescue Technician

This two-week class expands on the skills learned in Rope Rescue Operations and prepares students to respond to incidents requiring high-angle rescue. The class covers the use of rope, rope equipment, hardware, construction of mechanical advantage systems, belay and safety systems, anchor systems, and patient packaging. Special consideration will be given to the policies of standard-making agencies such as OSHA, ANSI, NFPA, and others. Prerequisites for Rope Rescue Technician are Statewide WMD Rope Rescue Operations *or* Vertical Rescue I *or* Ropes and Rigging *or* Rope Rescue Operations.

Complete class calendar is available on the IFSI web site at <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/> Follow the links in the upper left hand corner for courses.

The staff at the **Illinois Fire Service Institute** is here to help you make the most of your training. Visit the web site to learn more about upcoming classes and activities. You can also find contacts here <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/information/contacts.cfm>