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85th Annual Fire College materials are in the mail – registration around the corner

Catalogs for this year's Fire College (May 28 – 31) are in the mail and give readers a strong shopping list of classes to sign up for. Among the seven new classes being offered this year: "Fire Ground Search and Rescue," "Big Fire – Big Water," plus a combination class covering ethanol, anhydrous and foam. All three are hands-on classes. "Ethanol, Anhydrous and Foam – Oh My" is only offered on Saturday/Sunday. Also new this year are two wildland classes. A new EMS class is also being offered: "Critical Care Procedures for EMT-Paramedics and Intermediates." A total of 24 classes are being offered.

Registration begins March 30. Since many classes fill quickly, students are encouraged to register online beginning March 30. Early registrations received before March 30 will be returned unprocessed. Online registrations, which require a pin number, will be given priority. If the department does not have a pin number, the chief can request a pin number using the form available from the IFSI web site

(<http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/documents/forms/PIN%20AUTHORIZATION%20FORM.pdf>).

Complete details, registration information and schedule can be found on the IFSI web site at <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/ifc/>

IFSI in new location for FDIC

The Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) moves into a new area at this year's Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), scheduled for the week of April 20 in Indianapolis. IFSI's booth 127, located in the Wabash Ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center, will feature the latest information on the most extensive hands-on fire training available in Illinois. Information will be available regarding May's Fire College and June's Fire Explorer & Cadet Conference. The Wabash Ballroom is located on the north side of the main exhibit hall in the Indiana Convention Center between the two skywalks that lead to the Marriott and Westin Hotels. A map showing the location can be found on the IFSI web site at:

<http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/documents/IFSI%20booth%20location%20FDIC09.pdf>

Upcoming Classes Scheduled for IFSI's Champaign Campus
Check Out IFSI's Web Site for Complete Course Details (www.fsi.illinois.edu)

LP Burn Training – May 5 – 7

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Fire Fighting happens during three evenings in May. It is a four-hour class completely underwritten by the Illinois Propane Education and Research Council (IPERC).

Statewide WMD Response: Trench Rescue Technician – May 4 – 8

This class prepares responders to operate as a local member of a regional team at an event that involves a deep intersecting trench rescue. The class fee is \$775.

Vehicle/Machinery Operations – April 27 – May 1

This 40-hour class covers various extrication equipment and tools with an emphasis on safety, tool functions and techniques to remove victims from auto accidents. The class fee is \$400.

Vehicle/Machinery Technician – May 11 – 15

This 40-hour class takes Vehicle/Machinery Operations to the next step. Students spend hands-on time with large, heavy vehicles to practice patient removal from vehicles in various positions. Students also practice establishing a helicopter landing zone using the Incident Command System. The class fee is \$525.