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Register online for Winter Fire School

It's never too early to start planning your 2010 training schedule. Make plans to attend IFSI's Winter Fire School, scheduled for January 23 – 24, 2010 in Champaign, Ill. Eight new four-hour classes on a variety of topics are being delivered by dynamic presenters. Winter Fire School also features a Saturday Evening Bonus session – "Small Towns, Big Fires." The \$50 registration fee includes Saturday lunch.

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

2010 Calendar on the Web

An abbreviated version of the 2010 printed calendar is now on the IFSI web site – making it easy for you to begin planning next year's training. The calendar is color-coded by class category – for example: red for fire fighting, orange for rescue, green for officer classes – making it easier to identify the classes you are looking for. New on the calendar this year are entries of Illinois fire fighting events, such as the June 21, 1970 LP Train Derailment in Crescent City and the November 13, 1909 Mine Disaster in Cherry, Illinois. The printed catalog is in the mail to Illinois fire departments. Watch for your department's copy.

Spots Available in Upcoming Champaign Campus Classes

December 7 – 11, 2009: Management I

This 40-hour class is designed to provide the Fire Officer, who is in charge of a single fire company or station, with information and skills in supervisory practices and personnel management. Subject areas covered will include: the role and function of the Company Fire Officer, basic management principles and concepts, leadership, motivation, order giving, discipline, and conflict resolution. The class fee is \$225.

December 14 – 18, 2009: Management II

This class expands upon what is learned in Management I and covers basics of communications, report writing, interpersonal communication, group dynamics, coaching and counseling skills, and performance appraisal. The class fee is \$225.

January 25 – 29, 2010: Tactics and Strategy II

This 40-hour class is designed for the Fire Officer who is responsible for commanding a fire or emergency scene involving multiple companies. Subject areas which will be covered are strategic concepts in fire fighting, duties and responsibilities of command officers, incident command system, plus much more. The class fee is \$225.

Two NFA Classes Coming in March

IFSI is hosting two Friday-Saturday National Fire Academy (NFA) classes at the Champaign campus on March 26-27, 2010. The two 2-day classes are Strategy & Tactics for Initial

Company Operations and Courtroom Preparation & Testimony for First Responders. The classes are offered at no charge. Complete details and course descriptions are on the IFSI web site at <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu>.