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Fall Newsletter in the Mail and on the Web

The IFSI fall newsletter is in the mail and also available for downloading from the IFSI web site. In this issue you'll see the plans for the new Learning Resource and Research Center. The newsletter also has updates from the regional reps and the Cornerstone program. There is also a recognition page that salutes our corporate partners for their support. Click here to access the newsletter <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/documents/newsletter/2008-fall.pdf>

Also in the Mail

IFSI's latest "Down & Dirty" DVD set on "**Fireground Support & Aerial Operations**" were recently distributed free to every fire department in Illinois -- thanks to support from the Illinois Firefighter's Association and Underwriters Labs. In addition to four discs of videos, there is a disc with a PDF downloadable **270-page Study Guide**. We suggest you look at the Study Guide before viewing the videos, then go out and practice.

The Results are in!

Just released (and also available on the IFSI web site) is the "*Firefighter Fatalities and Injuries: the Role of Heat Stress and PPE*" report that is a result of a year-long research project at IFSI. Funded by a grant from the Fire Prevention and Safety Program, the research outlines the relationships between heat stress, PPE, firefighter gait and cardiovascular response. You can request a hard copy from Sue Blevins with the Firefighter Life Safety Research Center, (which is part of IFSI) by calling 217-265-6564 or you can download a copy from the IFSI web site by clicking on the QUICK LINKS at bottom of IFSI's home page.

New Ethanol Class Online

Our new **Ethanol Awareness Online** course is now available on the IFSI website. You can sign up for this free class, then go through the modules, look at the videos, take a short test, and print out your certificate.

Also on the Web

IFSI has produced five short videos explaining foams in relation to E-10, E-85, and E-95 ethanol fuels. These videos can be viewed on our website.

Watch for the 2009 IFSI Wall Calendar

The 2009 printed calendar will be mailed in mid-November this year, but many 2009 classes are already on the IFSI web site. It's not too early to plan on upcoming training. Here are some classes coming up in Champaign – check the web site for details:

October 27 – 31: **Fire Prevention Principles**

October 31 – November 2 and November 7 – 9 (class is held over two weekends): **Statewide WMD Response: Hazardous Materials Operations**

November 3 – 7: **Vehicle/Machinery Operations**

November 4 – 7: **Truck Company Operations**

November 8: **Saturday Light & Fight**

November 10 – December 5 (3 week class): **Emergency Medical Technician**

And mark your calendar for *Winter Fire School*, which will be held January 24 – 25, 2009 and features four NFA classes and nine 4-hour short track classes.

So What do You Think?

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