

# ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

118th Annual Conference

# Firefighter Down & Dirty

## Fire Fighting Weekend



September 19-21, 2008  
Champaign-Urbana, Illinois



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### Dear IFA Members and Illinois Firefighters:

We are proud to host a continuing tradition of offering hands-on training as part of our annual meeting and conference—a tradition that is entering its sixth year. And we'll be returning to the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Urbana, Illinois. You will once again have the chance to hone your skills with the newest fire fighting equipment and technologies—in a training environment that offers realistic scenarios. The hands-on training experience is possible through a partnership with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute, who will host the IFA at their Champaign Campus. Shuttle service will be provided between the Holiday Inn and campus.

Three **Down & Dirty** classes will be conducted, along with a **New Car Technology** class.

Two new classes being offered this year are **Leadership** and **Tactics & Strategy**—targeted toward the experienced firefighter.

Also new this year and to assure that each hands-on class has a safe student to instructor ratio, we are limiting the number of students per class. The hands-on classes are popular, so it will be necessary for you to register in advance to give you a better chance of getting the class you want. Once classes reach their maximum enrollment, no more registrations will be accepted for that class. If you wait to register on-site, you will not be able to register for hands-on classes.

For your convenience, the conference registration form is included in this packet. You may also visit our web site at [www.illinoisfirefighters.org](http://www.illinoisfirefighters.org) for a copy. We look forward to seeing you in September.

*John Swan, President*

## 2008 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Urbana, Illinois**  
**Illinois Fire Service Institute, Champaign, Illinois**

### SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, September 18th

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration at the hotel  
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Vendor set-up at the hotel

#### Friday, September 19th

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet with vendors  
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies  
Presentation of colors  
Opening Remarks President Swan  
Opening Updates Updates from the Illinois Fire Service Institute and Office of the State Fire Marshal  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Membership general business meeting  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch with vendors  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Classroom Workshops  
7:30 p.m. Burn Camp Auction

#### Saturday, September 20th

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast  
7:00 a.m. Vendors open  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Noon Classroom and hands-on workshops  
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classroom and hands-on workshops  
6:00 p.m. Cocktail hour  
7:00 p.m. Annual banquet

#### Sunday, September 22nd

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service

#### Conclusion of 2008 Conference

Parking is not available at the IFSI training grounds. Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Holiday Inn to the training grounds.

- CF** = Classroom on Friday
- CS** = Classroom on Saturday
- HS** = Hands-On on Saturday
- 6** = Minimum enrollment of six is required, or class will be cancelled and enrollment shifted to other classes.

*Per section 515.90 (2.a) of the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Center Code: "One hundred twenty hours of continuing education, seminars and workshops, addressing both adult and pediatric care. The System shall define in the Program Plan the number of continuing education hours to be accrued each year for re-licensure. No more than 25 percent of those hours may be in the same subject."*

Choose one of the following classes and register in advance to assure your spot in the class. You must attend Friday's **Down & Dirty** classes and **New Car Technology** class to be able to participate in those classes on Saturday, except for the **Down & Dirty First Line In Class**, which is a Saturday only class.

**Note:** There will be a shuttle service provided between Conference Headquarters and the Illinois Fire Service Institute's training ground for hands-on classes.

## Entry Level Class

### DOWN & DIRTY FIRE FIGHTING SKILLS **CF HS 6**

#### **Limited to 50 students**

This class will cover fire behavior, hose movement, breathing apparatus, and ladder usage, it is targeted for newer firefighters who wish to hone these skills and become proficient in their usage. Students from this class will participate in the live burn exercise as members of a fire fighting crew. Each student must have a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and a complete set of protective clothing for structural fire fighting as prescribed in NFPA 1971, 1972, 1973, & 1974.

## Intermediate Classes

### DOWN & DIRTY FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL **CF HS 6**

#### **Limited to 40 students**

This class will cover search patterns, firefighter and victim rescue and Rapid Intervention Team techniques. Students from this class will perform all rescues and RIT functions on the live burn exercise. Each student must have a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and a complete set of protective clothing for structural fire fighting as prescribed in NFPA 1971, 1972, 1973, & 1974.

### NEW CAR TECHNOLOGY **CF HS 6**

#### **Limited to 30 students**

Hybrid vehicles, multiple airbag configurations, new metal alloys, and unusual battery locations are just a few of the technologies present in growing numbers across America's roadways. This class will provide responders with an understanding of these new technologies, and how they affect operations during vehicle extrication. The focus will be on how to mitigate these new features and ensure responder safety. These technologies will become the norm rather than the exception in the near future, and only through training on their characteristics and hazards will responders be able to safely operate in or around a 21st century vehicle.

## DOWN & DIRTY FIRE FIGHTING SKILLS. THE FIRST LINE IN. **HS 6**

### **Limited to 50 students**

This class will focus on the actions required by the companies that are advancing the initial line into a residential fire. Hose line selection and movement, search techniques, proper ventilation, nozzle selection and stream application will be covered in the context of an aggressive interior attack. (Full fire fighting PPE including SCBA and spare bottle is required).

## Two new classes this year for the more experienced firefighter

### TACTICS & STRATEGY **CS**

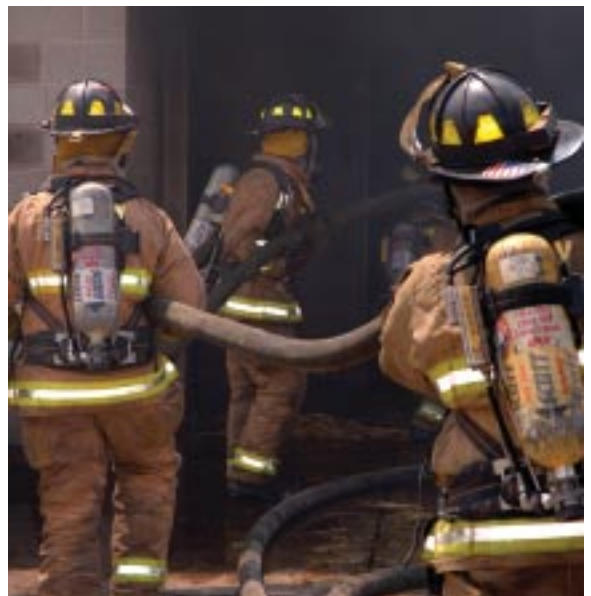
#### **Limited to 50 students**

This class is designed for the Fire Officer who is responsible for commanding one to two companies at the fire or emergency scene, such as Company Officers and Chief Officers of small fire departments. Subject areas which will be covered are: company officer leadership, safety, pre-fire planning, fire behavior, building construction, fire fighting tactics, engine Company and truck company operations, RIT officer, and tactical exercises.

### LEADERSHIP **CS**

#### **Limited to 50 students**

Regardless of your position on the fire department, people look to you to lead. From the public to your firefighters, people look to you to set the example, set the pace and move your organization forward. Tap into the leadership experiences of fire chiefs from throughout the state to learn how to apply the lessons they learned in their careers to help move yours forward.





## Easy to Register

Use the enclosed conference registration form to register for the conference. A separate form is enclosed for registering for the hands-on workshops. If you need extra copies visit our web site at

[www.illinoisfirefighters.org](http://www.illinoisfirefighters.org)

## Conference fees:

### Advanced registration for conference

Advanced **PAID** registrations must be received by **September 2, 2008**

Conference fees (if received between August 1 and August 15).....	\$50
Non IFA members.....	\$75
Conference registration (received between August 15 and September 2).....	\$75
Non IFA members.....	\$100
Conference registration (received after September 2 and at the door).....	\$100
Non IFA members.....	\$125

A check for the full amount of Conference registration must be included with registration papers to be valid. IFA will not invoice for registration or accept purchase orders. If your department requires a receipt for CASH TRANSACTIONS, we will provide receipts at the door.

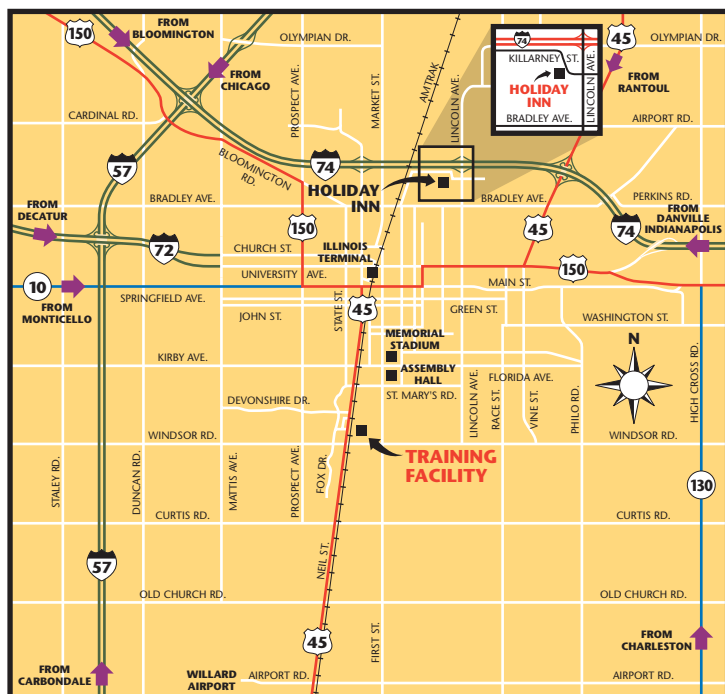
Conference fees include lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Attendees are encouraged to register early, as hands-on classes have limited enrollment.

On-site registration is limited to classroom workshops only.

Hotel reservations can be made by contacting: Holiday Inn and Conference Center (217-328-7900). A block of rooms has been reserved at \$75 for single and \$85 for double (plus 5% city and 6% state hotel taxes). **Please mention the IFA or Illinois Firefighter's Association when making reservations.**

**Shuttle service to and from the Holiday Inn and IFSI's training ground will be provided.**



## IFSI hands-on classes participation requirements

### SCBA Policy

- SCBAs must be in working order.
- SCBA bottles must have a current hydro-static test date.
- No non-current hydro-static dated bottles will be allowed in class.
- Students must have their own equipment. **NO SHARING ALLOWED.**
- Loaner Protective Clothing or SCBA **WILL NOT BE** available.
- IFSI **WILL NOT** provide repair services for SCBAs.

### Facial Hair Restrictions

Facial hair, except mustaches, is not permitted in live-fire training or toxic area where breathing apparatus may be utilized.

### Age Requirement

**You must be 18 years** or older to register for **hands-on** training.

### Consumption of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs

Any indication of the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs by participants during any of the hands-on training classes will result in denial of participation in the activities. Instructors will have full discretion in enforcing this policy.



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Send registration form & payment to:

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