

Illinois Fire Service Institute Fund



Meeting new challenges

Firefighters and other first responders face rapidly changing challenges in their work for the public. Today's firefighters must quickly adapt to new equipment, new technologies and other advancements in the science of fire fighting. They're also being called upon to deal with a host of unconventional hazards and rescue situations.

This new working environment demands intensive and continuous training. Dealing with acts of terrorism is a new frontier that requires instruction in many specialized techniques, including those for responding to collapsed buildings. Advancing automobile technologies have necessitated changes in the methods used to extricate victims from autos. Firefighters continue to be exposed to new hazardous materials that require special handling skills.

To prepare for all these responsibilities, firefighters need practical, hands-on instruction in settings that replicate real-life situations. Hands-on training is the signature of IFSI, and it's a commitment that requires extensive resources. We also have a critical need for conducting more research on the best ways to employ new technologies and protect first responders and the public.

Your help is critical

You can play an important role in delivering this essential training. The Illinois Fire Service Institute has established a special fund to allow Fire Service alumni and other donors to provide unrestricted support that will help the Institute provide this innovative instruction and service.

The development of specialized courses and additional hands-on training facilities will require far more resources than are currently available. Training through the Institute has been traditionally supported by the Fire Prevention Fund, not with the University of Illinois general funds nor the state's General Revenue dollars. Other funding comes from student fees, grants and gifts. Our ability to respond to all of the new fire service challenges will depend on supporters like you.

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Benefits to you and your community

Annual funding from the IFSI Fund could be used for various items, such as:

- * Innovative new courses and curricula
- * Development of new props for hands-on training
- * Expansion of training facilities, including additional regional locations to reach firefighters and first responders near their home areas
- * New library and burn facilities
- * Support for new research initiatives

As an annual supporter of the IFSI Fund, you'll be the beneficiary of expanded programs that will result in safer communities. You'll be kept informed of the progress of the Fund's activities through the semi-annual newsletter. You'll also receive the annual calendar and a window decal that declares your support for the programs offered by IFSI.

All contributions to the IFSI Fund are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

IFSI offers you the opportunity to define the level of support you're willing to provide each year:

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For more information on how you can help, contact:

Harry Clore at 217-244-6359

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