CHIEF JOHN “MAC” McCASTLAND, JR.
Illinois Fire Service Institute Associate Director and Field Instructor
January 29, 1943 – October 1, 2019

“No one is compelled to train. It is simply the wise and intelligent thing to do. Likewise, no one is compelled to be wise and intelligent.” – Mac
## JANUARY CLASSES

- **Fire Department Incident Safety Officer** | **January 6 – 10** | West Chicago
- **Public Fire and Life Safety Educator** | **January 13 – 17** | Champaign
The IFSI Firefighting Program offers realistic, hands-on training opportunities for first responders that are designed to meet the needs of all skill levels. Firefighting Program courses provide students with an immersive learning experience.
### February 2020

**FEBRUARY CLASSES**

- Instructor I | **February 3 – 7** | West Chicago
- Fire Department Incident Safety Officer | **February 8 – 9 & February 22 – 23** | Swansea
- Instructor II | **February 10 – 14** | West Chicago
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 1 | **February 15 – 16** | Washington
- Fire Inspector I | **February 17 – 21** | Champaign
- Instructor III | **February 17 – 21** | West Chicago
- Rope Rescue Operations | **February 17 – 21** | Orland Park
- Fire Department Incident Safety Officer | **February 24 – 28** | Champaign
- Confined Space Rescue Operations | **February 24 – 28** | Orland Park
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 2 | **February 29 – March 1** | Washington

**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING**

IFSI offers Wildland Firefighting training throughout the year. The courses are funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and are focused on acquainting firefighters and other first responders on the skills needed to address wildfires. Please visit the IFSI website for specific class information. Contact Tom Richter [trichter@illinois.edu] to schedule a wildland training course in your area.

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The IFSI Special Operations Training Program (SOTP) delivers technical rescue and hazardous material training to first responders. Courses offer an elite and immersive training experience that challenge even the most experienced students. IFSI SOTP is recognized as a global leader in technical rescue and hazardous material training.
### March 2020

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**MARCH CLASSES**
- Engine Company Operations | **March 2 – 4** | Champaign
- Truck Company Operations | **March 2 – 4** | Champaign
- Fireground Search Techniques | **March 4 – 6** | Champaign
- Rope Operations | **March 6 – 8 & March 20 – 22** | Quincy
- Fire Inspector II | **March 9 – 13** | Champaign
- Fireground Company Officer School | **March 9 – 13** | Plainfield
- Fireground Command Officer School | **March 9 – 13** | Plainfield
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 3 | **March 14 – 15** | Washington
- Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist (Smoke Divers) | **March 17 – 19** | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations | **March 14 – 15 & March 21 – 22** | Woodstock
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 4 | **March 28 – 29** | Washington
- Leadership Development and Decision Making | **March 30 – April 3** | Champaign

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### Important Dates
- **March 1** | Daylight Saving Begins
- **March 17** | St. Patrick's Day
- **March 30** | Illinois Fire Inspectors Association – Fire and Life Safety Conference, East Peoria

**SPRING 2020 ACADEMY BEGINS**

**MARCH CLASSES**
- Engine Company Operations | **March 2 – 4** | Champaign
- Truck Company Operations | **March 2 – 4** | Champaign
- Fireground Search Techniques | **March 4 – 6** | Champaign
- Rope Operations | **March 6 – 8 & March 20 – 22** | Quincy
- Fire Inspector II | **March 9 – 13** | Champaign
- Fireground Company Officer School | **March 9 – 13** | Plainfield
- Fireground Command Officer School | **March 9 – 13** | Plainfield
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 3 | **March 14 – 15** | Washington
- Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist (Smoke Divers) | **March 17 – 19** | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations | **March 14 – 15 & March 21 – 22** | Woodstock
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 4 | **March 28 – 29** | Washington
- Leadership Development and Decision Making | **March 30 – April 3** | Champaign

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FIRE ACADEMY

IFSI serves as the State Fire Academy. The seven-week Basic Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I Academy gives new firefighters the practical and cognitive training needed to operate safely and effectively on the fireground. The IFSI Fire Academy focuses on an intense hands-on approach to firefighting, which promotes both skill competency and an understanding of the fireground.
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**APRIL CLASSES**

- Confined Space Operations | April 6 – 10 | Champaign
- Advanced Technician Firefighter | April 6 – 10 | Champaign
- Structural Collapse Operations | April 13 – 17 | Frankfort
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 5 | April 18 – 19 | Washington
- Fire Apparatus Engineer | April 20 – 24 | Champaign
- Trench Rescue Operations | April 21 – 24 | Wilmington
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 6 | April 25 – 26 | Washington
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations | April 27 – May 1 | Champaign
- Fireground Company Officer School | April 27 – May 1 | Champaign
- Fireground Command Officer School | April 27 – May 1 | Champaign
- Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations | April 27 – May 1 | Orland Park

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The Basic Operations Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I Blended course gives firefighters the practical and cognitive training needed to operate safely on the fireground. The 18-week course is delivered through a unique and flexible schedule format featuring 9 practical weekend sessions and online learning. Students complete the coursework through an instructor supported online classroom. Practical weekend sessions are offered simultaneously across the state, eliminating a need for students to travel long distances to complete the training. Upon successful completion of all course requirements, students will also meet Illinois OSFM, Pro Board, and IFSAC NFPA Firefighter I requirements for certification.
### MAY CLASSES

- HazMat Awareness and Operations | May 4 – 8 | Champaign
- Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician | May 4 – 8 | Champaign
- Trench Rescue Operations | May 5 – 8 | Wilmington
- Hazardous Materials Rescue Technician | May 11 – 15 & May 18 – 22 | Orland Park
- Leadership Development and Decision Making | May 11 – 15 | Oak Forest
- Structural Collapse Rescue Technician | May 11 – 15 | Champaign
- Rope Rescue Technician | May 11 – 15 & May 18 – 22 | Quincy
- Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician | May 18 – 22 | Champaign

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**June 2020**

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**June Classes**
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations  | June 15 – 19  | Orland Park
- Engine Company Operations   | June 23 – June 25  | Plainfield
- Truck Company Operations   | June 23 – June 25  | Plainfield

**96th Annual Fire College**
- June 23 – June 25
- Plainfield

**18th Annual Explorer Cadet Fire School**
- June 15 – 19
- Orland Park

**Visiting IFSI Online**
Visit IFSI online at [www.fsi.illinois.edu](http://www.fsi.illinois.edu) for a complete course listing and to register for classes.

**Events**
- Father's Day
- Crescent City Train Derailment, Crescent City: 1970

**Calenders**
- May
- July
IFSII RESEARCH

The Illinois Fire Service Institute is a leader in life safety research. The Institute focuses on action-oriented studies that have a direct impact on first responders’ work, health, and safety. IFSI Research carries out projects on the Champaign training grounds, on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus, and at partner facilities across the country.
### JULY CLASSES

- Fire Investigator, Week 1  |  **July 6 – 10**  | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Technician  |  **July 10 – 11 & July 18 – 19**  | Streator
- Fire Investigator, Week 2  |  **July 20 – 24**  | Champaign

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TECHNOLOGY BASED TRAINING

IFS I online courses provide training opportunities for first responders who need flexible scheduling options. Students complete training through online, virtual platforms with the support of a dedicated distance learning team. Select blended online courses require attendance for practical sessions at the Champaign training grounds, regional training centers or local departments.

Visit the IFSI website for monthly course start dates.

Current Online/Blended Course List:

- Advanced Fire Officer (AFO) – Phase 1 BLENDED
- Basic Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I / Module A ONLINE
- Basic Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I / Module B ONLINE
- Basic Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I / Module C ONLINE
- Basic Operations Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I / BLENDED
- Company Fire Officer (CoFO) – Phase 1 BLENDED
- Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations BLENDED (1072 – 4, 5, 6.2, 6.6)
- Hazardous Materials Awareness (HMA) – NFPA ONLINE
- Instructor I BLENDED
- Instructor II BLENDED
- Instructor III BLENDED
- Rope Rescue Operations – Level I BLENDED

On Demand Online Programming:

- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Fire Origin and Cause Awareness
- Fire Service Vehicle Operator (FSVO)
- OSHA Hazardous Materials Awareness
- OSHA Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher
- Technical Rescue Awareness (TRA)
- Traffic Incident Management Awareness (TIM)

ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM:

Week 4

During this week you will be wrapping up your Online Chapters and Quizzes and preparing for your Final Presentations.

This week, there are two (2) Chapters to cover; however, there are no Quizzes to take this week. There are two (2) Homework Assignments due.

The Online Classroom will close before you give your Final Presentations and you will no longer have access to any materials.

Please make sure that all of your Quizzes and Assignments are complete and that you have downloaded all necessary materials for the Final Test.

Your Assignments for the Week are:

- **CHAPTER 12: Scheduling and Resource Management**
  - Chapter 12 PRESENTATION: Scheduling and Resource Management
  - Chapter 12 PRESENTATION NOTES
  - Chapter 12 QUIZ - There is not a QUIZ for Chapter 12

- **CHAPTER 16: The Learning Process Never Stops**
## AUGUST 2020

### AUGUST CLASSES
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 1 | **August 1 – 2** | Herrin
- Fire Investigator, Week 3 | **August 3 – 7** | Champaign
- Rope Rescue Technician | **August 3 – 7 & August 10 – 14** | Orland Park
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 2 | **August 8 – 9** | Herrin
- Command and General Staff Functions for Local Incident Management | **August 17 – 21** | Champaign
- Rope Rescue Operations | **August 21 – 23 & August 28 – 30** | O'Fallon
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 3 | **August 22 – 23** | Herrin
- Confined Space Rescue Technician | **August 24 – 28** | Orland Park
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 4 | **August 29 – 30** | Herrin
- Vehicle and Machinery Technician | **August 31 – September 4** | Orland Park

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**SEPTEMBER CLASSES**

- Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialists (Smoke Divers) | September 9 – 11 | Plainfield
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 5 | September 12 – 13 | Herrin
- Advanced Technician Firefighter | September 14 – 18 | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations | September 19 – 20 & 26 – 27 | Fairview Heights
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 6 | September 19 – 20 | Herrin
- Fire and Arson Investigation, Week 1 | September 21 – 25 | Orland Park
- Fireground Company Officer School | September 21 – 25 | Plainfield
- Fireground Command Officer School | September 21 – 25 | Plainfield

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**SEPTEMBER 2020**
PARTNERSHIPS

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OCTOBER CLASSES

- Fire Arson and Investigation, Week 2 | October 5 – 9 | Orland Park
- Trench Rescue Technician | October 5 – 9 | Wilmington
- Leadership Development and Decision Making | October 5 – 9 | Champaign
- Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist (Smoke Divers) | October 6 – 8 | Champaign
- Fire Department Health and Safety Officer | October 12 – 16 | Champaign
- Structural Collapse Rescue Operations | October 12 – 16 | Champaign

- Trench Rescue Technician | October 19 – 23 | Wilmington
- Fire Arson and Investigation, Week 3 | October 19 – 23 | Orland Park
- Fire Department Incident Safety Officer | October 19 – 23 | Champaign
- Instructor I | October 26 – 30 | West Chicago
- Structural Collapse Rescue Technician | October 26 – 30 | Champaign

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NOVEMBER 2020

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NOVEMBER CLASSES
- Engine Company Operations | November 2 – 4 | Champaign
- Truck Company Operations | November 2 – 4 | Champaign
- Inspector I | November 2 – 6 | Orland Park
- Fire Apparatus Engineer | November 2 – 6 | Champaign
- Search Techniques for the Fireground | November 4 – 6 | Champaign
- Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician | November 9 – 13 | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations | November 9 – 13 | Champaign
- Instructor II | November 9 – 13 | West Chicago
- Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist I | November 12 – 13 | Orland Park
- Inspector II | November 16 – 20 | Orland Park
- Instructor III | November 16 – 20 | West Chicago
- Confined Space Rescue Technician | November 16 – 20 | Champaign
- Fireground Company Officer School | November 16 – 20 | Champaign
- Fireground Command Officer School | November 16 – 20 | Champaign
- Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations | November 16 – 20 | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Technician | November 16 – 20 | Effingham

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DECEMBER 2020

**DECEMBER CLASSES**
- Public Fire and Life Safety Educator | November 30 – December 4 | Orland Park
- Fire Department Incident Safety Officer | November 30 – December 4 | West Chicago
- Instructor I | November 30 – December 4 | Champaign
- Fire Department Health and Safety Officer | December 5 – 6 & December 12 – 13 | Swansea
- Instructor II | December 7 – 11 | Champaign
- Fire Department Health and Safety Officer | December 7 – 11 | West Chicago
- Fire Attack and Suppression Techniques (FAST) | December 7 – 11 | Champaign
- Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician | December 14 – 18 | Champaign

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