

A CENTURY  
OF TRAINING & TRADITION

ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE  
2024 CALENDAR



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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



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# WINTER FIRE SCHOOL THROUGH THE YEARS

1996 – The first Illinois Fire Service Institute Winter Fire School (WFS) took place February 3-4. Over 360 students attended the 2-day training event. The initial offering of WFS focused solely on classroom training; offering 7 different courses that were held on the Champaign training grounds and the Illini Union.

2005 – Over 440 students attended the 10th Annual Winter Fire School. The weekend event consisted of classroom training in Respiratory Protection, Origin and Cause Awareness, First-in Collapse, and Company Officer Development.

2011 – The first year Winter Fire School was held entirely on the IFSI campus. Nearly 390 students enrolled in 4-hour short courses focused on the training needs of small and volunteer fire departments.

2024 – This year marks the 29th Annual Winter Fire School. WFS now offers up to 16 hours of hands-on, live-fire and classroom training. The low student to instructor ratio for all classes allows for repetitive skills applications and solid engagement with our dynamic and knowledgeable instructor team.

**Over the years, Winter Fire School has grown but the focus on high quality, relevant course offerings has remained constant.**

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# January 2024

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<b>14</b>  B I F S I OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER BLENDED ORIENTATION	<b>15</b> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>  IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  WINTER FIRE SCHOOL JANUARY 20-21 →
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Today, the Illinois Fire Service Institute campus has grown to include 28 acres. Current facilities include multiple burn props (Tower, Taxpayer, Streetscape, Single Family), a Fire Station, administrative offices, a Learning Resource and Research Center, SOTP and Technical Rescue props, Structural Collapse Training props, a vehicle and machinery training area, and a rail car training area. IFSI operates a fleet of 7 engines, 3 aerial apparatus and 82 trailers that are used to transport training props and equipment to offsite classes.



In 1965, the Illinois Department of Public Safety allocated \$125,000 from the State's Fire Prevention Fund to construct a six-story fire training tower near South First Street in Champaign. The University purchased the land in 1961, setting aside twenty-one acres for fire training as a replacement for the training tower that was torn down in 1958.



## IFSI TRAINING GROUNDS THEN AND NOW

1966 – The 42nd Annual Fire College attendees were among the first firefighters to train in the permanent, six-story fire training tower constructed near South First Street in Champaign.

1989 – After 5 years of phased construction, IFSI unveiled an improved fire training facility during the 65th Annual Fire College. Additions to the training grounds included a classroom and office building, the fire station, and two additional structural burn buildings. Enhancements to the six-story training tower were also completed.

2001 – Construction began on the first structural collapse training props. The props simulated a variety of rescue scenarios, including collapsed office and residential buildings and confined space situations.

2010 – A new 9,500 square foot prop was completed to simulate a commercial and residential firefighting "streetscape".

2011 – The Learning Resource and Research Center (LRRC) was completed and dedicated. The LRRC is home to the Library, Research Lab, Firefighter Memorial Hall, and Memorial Plaza. The building also houses classrooms, a computer lab, and an auditorium for presentations and special events.

2019 – Training began in the new SOTP prop designed to provide a realistic environment for technical rescue training in confined space, rope rescue, and hazardous materials.

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SPRING ACADEMY BEGINS



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1st Academy Class – Fall 1973



25th Academy Class – Fall 1983



50th Academy Class – Spring 1997



75th Academy Class – Fall 2009



100th Academy Class – Spring 2022



1st BOF Blended Class – Fall 2019



# NFPA FIREFIGHTER I ACADEMY

The evolution of the Academy program at IFSI began over 65 years ago when \$75,000 was given to the University of Illinois "for the operation of a Fire College and regional fire school programs to be conducted by the University." With the funds, a Firemanship Training Section was formally established.

1957 – The Firemanship Training Section was developed to deliver year-round firefighting training. One full time and eight part time instructors were hired.

1973 – The Firemanship Training Section conducted the State's first Certified Firefighter Academy. The first academy was a 200-hour class that trained 17 paid firefighters with less than 3 years of fire service experience.

1980 – The Illinois Fire Service Institute was established as the State Fire Academy at the University of Illinois.

## BASIC OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER/ NFPA FIREFIGHTER I BLENDED - BOF -

2019 – The first Basic Operations Firefighter/NFPA Firefighter I Blended (BOF) course was offered. The course was designed to give firefighters the opportunity to earn certification through a convenient, blended schedule. BOF training is delivered through instructor-supported online classrooms and during weekend practical activities. Upon successful completion, students meet state and national certification requirements. The flagship offering led to certification for 46 students.

To date, more than 1,000 students have successfully completed the BOF Program.

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3	4 <i>Casimir Pulaski Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Saving Begins</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>LIGHT &amp; FIGHT</b> <i>Champaign</i>
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Easter</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>LIGHT &amp; FIGHT</b> <i>Champaign</i>
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*Cyrus E. Palmer: 1925 - 1930*



*Loring Provine: 1931 - 1950*



*George H. Harper: 1950 - 1954*



*Robert Newton: 1954 - 1963*



*Wilford Eckert: 1964 - 1976*

**Engineers, architects, professors, instructors, advocates, firefighters, chiefs and colonels. These are the men that became leaders of IFSI. Without their incredible vision for the future and outstanding direction and leadership, the Illinois Fire Service Institute would not be where it is today.**



*Gerald Manigold: 1976 - 1996*



*Richard L. Jaehne: 1997 - 2012*



*Royal P. Mortenson: 2012 - 2021*



*Jim Keiken: 2022 - present*

# 100 YEARS, 9 DIRECTORS

## 1925–1930

Engineering Professor Cyrus E. Palmer served as director and chairman for six years of the Short Courses in Fire Prevention, Control, and Extinguishment. The Short Courses would be renamed Illinois Fire College in 1931. Palmer was also the structural engineer for the fire training tower built on the University of Illinois campus in 1928.

## 1931–1950

Professor Loring H. Provine chaired the planning committee for the six Short Courses before stepping in as director and chairman of the Illinois Fire College in 1931. Provine was also the architect for the fire training tower built in 1928.

## 1950–1954

Engineering Professor George H. Harper served as Fire College Director. Harper played a key role in convincing university administrators to expand the Illinois Fire College into a year-round training program. He was also an advocate for the construction of a permanent fire training campus in Champaign.

## 1954–1963

Robert K. Newton was named Fire College Director in 1954, and was given administrative responsibility for all fire training programs at the University of Illinois. Newton's academic administrative experience helped secure the program's place and reputation within the traditional university structure.

## 1964–1975

Chief Wilford J. Eckert had been a full time instructor for the Firemanship Training Section since 1960. Eckert's loyal service to key national fire service organizations greatly enhanced the national reputation of fire training at the University of Illinois.

## 1976–1996

Gerald E. Monigold was appointed to director after having been a full time fire training instructor since January 1963. Monigold led the design of IFSI's main campus during the 1980's.

## 1997–2012

Colonel Richard L. Jaehne was hired as the Director of IFSI in 1997. Under his dynamic leadership, IFSI greatly extended its presence to students throughout the state, including every Chicago firefighter.

## 2012–2021

Colonel Royal P. Mortenson was appointed to the director position in 2012. During his tenure as director, Mortenson led IFSI through a period of significant facility expansion and program growth. His strategic direction led to the creation and monumental launches of the Leadership Development and Decision Making Program, Basic Operations Firefighter Blended Program and the First Responder Resiliency Program.

## 2021–present

**Chief Jim Keiken currently serves as IFSI Director.**

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	<b>FDIC@IFSI</b> <b>RIT UNDER FIRE</b>	<b>FDIC@IFSI</b> <b>RIT UNDER FIRE</b>	<b>FDIC INTERNATIONAL</b> Indianapolis, IN: April 15-20			
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						<b>LIGHT &amp; FIGHT</b> Champaign and Cherry Valley
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# FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM

1955 – The Division of University Extension and the Illinois Firemen’s Association hosted five Regional Fire Training Schools across the state. The 18-hour classes were held once a week over 6 weeks to accommodate the schedules of both career and volunteer firefighters. The schools were a tremendous success and continued into the 1970s.

1957 – The Firemanship Training Section was established to deliver year round firefighting training. Eight firefighters from across the state were hired part time to deliver no cost training sessions at local fire departments. Training focused on 6 fundamental skills: ladder practices, hose practices, fire apparatus, fire stream, inspection, and firefighting. Nearly 200 courses a year were taught during the 1960s.

1976 – The Firemanship Training Section was reorganized as the Fire Service Institute.

1998 – The concept of hosting Regional Fire Training Schools across the state was revived and renamed the Reimbursable Program.

2001 – The Reimbursable Program was renamed the Cornerstone Program.

2009 – The Office of the State Fire Marshal began to fund the Cornerstone Program.

**Today, the Firefighting Program at IFSI continues to offer quality training to first responders across the state and country. The portfolio of courses includes more than 60 different titles, making elite training available to firefighters of all experience levels.**

**APRIL 2024**

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12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>  IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30	31	



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2024  
FIRE COLLEGE



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# 100 YEARS OF FIRE COLLEGE

The Illinois Fire Service Institute Fire College is the oldest, continuous Fire College in the nation.

1925 – The first Fire College was originally titled, “The Short Course in Fire Prevention, Control, and Extinguishment”. The inaugural event took place on June 16 and over 200 students from across the US attended the program. Training consisted entirely of demonstrations and lectures by engineering professors and industry representatives, but did not feature any instruction from actual firefighters.

1931 – The 7th Annual program was renamed the “Illinois Fire College”. Unlike national trends where enrollment in colleges and universities declined throughout the US during the Great Depression, attendance at the Illinois Fire College nearly doubled during the 1930s.

1939 – Over 540 firefighters completed training at the 15th Annual Fire College.

1965 – Fire College moved to a 4-day schedule that ran Thursday through Sunday.

1974 – During the 50th Annual Fire College a parade of historical and contemporary fire apparatus drove through the University of Illinois campus and the general public was also invited to view firefighting demonstrations.

1980 – Fire College began to evolve and focus more exclusively on hands-on training.

1999 – To commemorate the 75th Fire College a memorial plaque was unveiled. The plaque would later be placed on the John Bardeen Engineering Quad on the University of Illinois campus, the original site of the annual fire training event.

**Fast forward 100 years and the main focus of Fire College continues to be superior training for all first responders. Fire College is now a three-day event offering a wide variety of courses allowing students to engage in live-fire, hands-on, and classroom training programs that challenge all skill levels.**

**MAY 2024**

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# MOVING FORWARD AND TRAINING THE FUTURE

## EXPLORER CADET FIRE SCHOOL

2004 – IFSI hosted the first statewide Explorer Cadet Hands-On Training Fire School. The 3-day training event was held July 30-August 1 for students ages 15-20. Over 168 students and their chaperones took part in the hands-on training.

2021 – Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Explorer Cadet Fire School event was modified to a 1-day offering. Despite uncertain times, over 175 explorers, cadets and chaperones completed the intense training.

2023 – The 20th Annual Explorer Cadet Fire School was a 4-day event that hosted 200 students. Explorers/Cadets selected basic, intermediate or advanced training to engage and challenge their skill level.

*In addition to hosting the Annual Explorer Cadet Fire School, IFSI also offers Explorer Cadet field training days throughout the year. These training days are held at various locations throughout the state. The elite, hands-on training is offered at no cost to the students and allows for exposure to a fire service career.*

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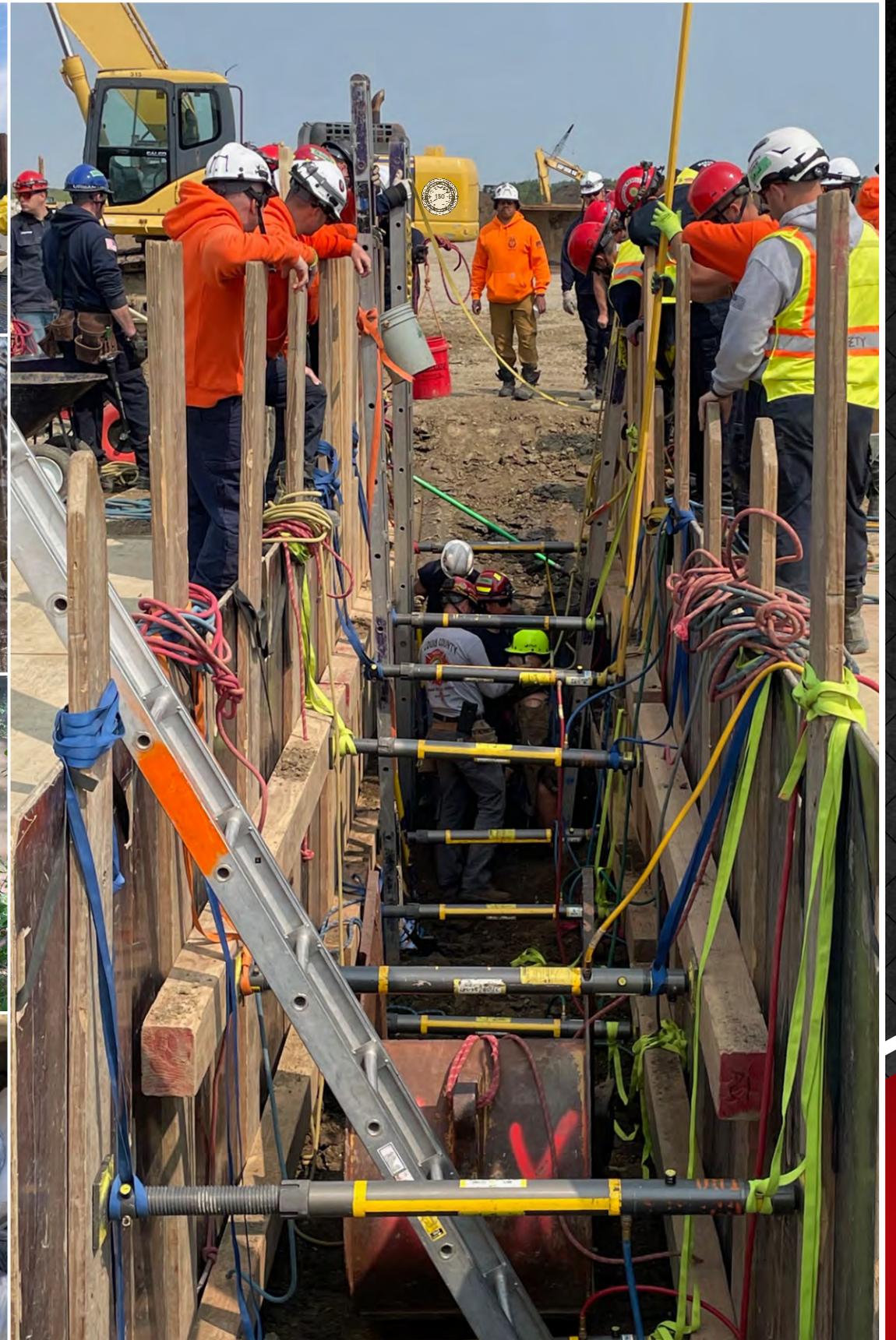
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# SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM - A TIMELINE -

1962 – The first course offered in the Special Operations Training Program (SOTP) was Specialized Technical Rescue.

1963 – Structural collapse courses were first launched by the Firemanship Training Section. The first collapse training deliveries took place in Danville and Rockford and reached 129 students.

1971 – IFSI offers the first Hazardous Materials training course titled "Hazardous Chemical Class". Nearly 60 students were enrolled in the course.

1979 – The Illini Emergency Medical Services program (IEMS) was founded in 1979 as a registered student organization of the University. In 2016, IEMS became a program of IFSI. IEMS offers non-transport emergency medical services during major University of Illinois events.

1986 – The first course in the Rope Rescue Program was held August 18-22 in Champaign. The course was titled "Vertical Rescue" and 23 students completed the training.

1996 – Saving Our Own was introduced at IFSI by FDNY firefighters that were also field staff instructors. The course was designed to teach firefighters how to rapidly rescue trapped or injured firefighters during an emergency. The first Saving Our Own course offered took place November 23-24 in Elgin with 22 students in the class. The course quickly became a model for firefighter rescue techniques and helped spur national interest in rapid intervention teams.

**Today, the Special Operations Training Program continues to offer elite technical rescue training in:**

- Agriculture Rescue
- Confined Space Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
- Responder Intervention Team
- Rope Rescue
- Small Unmanned Aircraft System
- Structural Collapse
- Trench Rescue
- Vehicular Rescue
- Wilderness Search and Rescue

**JULY 2024**

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← FIRE-RESCUE INTERNATIONAL Dallas, TX: August 14-16 →



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# A LEGACY OF STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships have played a major role in the success and growth of IFSI since the very beginning.

**1926** – The planning committee for the Short Course in Fire Prevention collected donations from local businesses and individuals throughout Champaign-Urbana to build a temporary wooden forty-foot training tower.

**1937** – Relationships with radio stations such as University of Illinois' WILL and Chicago's WGN allowed Fire College lectures to be broadcasted to out of town firefighters who were unable to attend Fire College.

**1952** – The Fire Instructors Training Conference was created and funded by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

*These are just a few examples of how IFSI has relied on businesses and organizations that are willing to share their resources to further IFSI training capabilities. Today, our partnerships continue to have an immediate impact on training first responders. Partner support makes it possible for IFSI to train more first responders and to ensure that they have access to the most up-to-date facilities, props, and equipment.*

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 Director of Corporate Relations,  
 Development and Community Engagement

**AUGUST 2024**

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# September 2024

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8	9  <b>ACADEMY</b> ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE FALL ACADEMY BEGINS	10	11	12	13	14
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LIGHT & FIGHT <i>Champaign</i>						
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IFA DOWN & DIRTY FIREFIGHTING WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 27-29						



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# LEADERSHIP AND COMMAND PROGRAMS

Early stages of the Leadership and Command Program began over 70 years ago when a need to offer instructor training became apparent. Since its inception, the program has grown to include essential training in:

- Officer development
- Leadership Development and Decision Making
- National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)
- Incident Command Systems (ICS)
- Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM)
- School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management (SSAVEIM)

1952 – The Division of University Extension and the Illinois Firemen’s Association hosted the Fire Instructors Training Conference at the Illini Union. This was the first training event outside of Fire College offered by the University.

1955 – The first Officer Training Program was offered at five regional training schools.

2005 – The National Incident Management System (NIMS) program was developed to coordinate emergency preparedness and incident management among various federal, state and local agencies.

2016 – Curriculum and planning was completed for Leadership Development and Decision Making (LDDM). The pilot delivery of LDDM took place in March with 32 students completing the course. This important training was designed to institutionalize high quality leadership in the fire service.

2017 – IFSI made the decision to include First Responder Resiliency Awareness curriculum in all IFSI courses 24 hours or greater in duration. In the program’s initial phase, over 70 courses included mental health information.

2020 – Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) and School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management (SSAVEIM) were developed to improve incident management and coordination among law enforcement, emergency management, fire, EMS responders, and school personnel during active shooter events.

## SEPTEMBER 2024

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## NOVEMBER 2024

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# October 2024

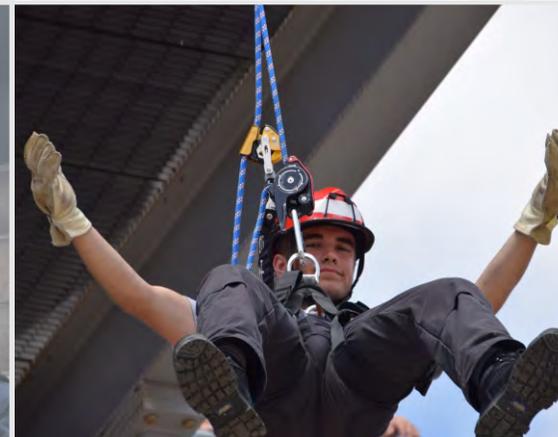
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← FIRE PREVENTION WEEK →						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
LIGHT & FIGHT Champaign						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						LIGHT & FIGHT Cherry Valley and Marion
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		



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# OUR STUDENTS

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Throughout our century long history, IFSI has been a dynamic learning institution for first responders. We would like to thank each and every student that has entrusted IFSI for training and fire service education.



**OCTOBER 2024**

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**DECEMBER 2024**

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# November 2024

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3 <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
		← FIRE FUSION Charleston, SC: November 5-7 →				LIGHT & FIGHT Champaign
10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						VETERANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE NOVEMBER 23-24 →
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30
VETERANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE NOVEMBER 23-24				IFSI OFFICE CLOSED		IFSI OFFICE CLOSED



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## WE ARE IFSI

Our greatest resource has always been our people. IFSI instructors are among the top fire service professionals in their field. The hard-working, exceptional IFSI staff are dedicated to achieving our mission. Our past, present and future successes are made possible by the team of individuals that make up IFSI.



### NOVEMBER 2024

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### JANUARY 2025

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22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	25 <i>Christmas</i> IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> IFSI OFFICE CLOSED				



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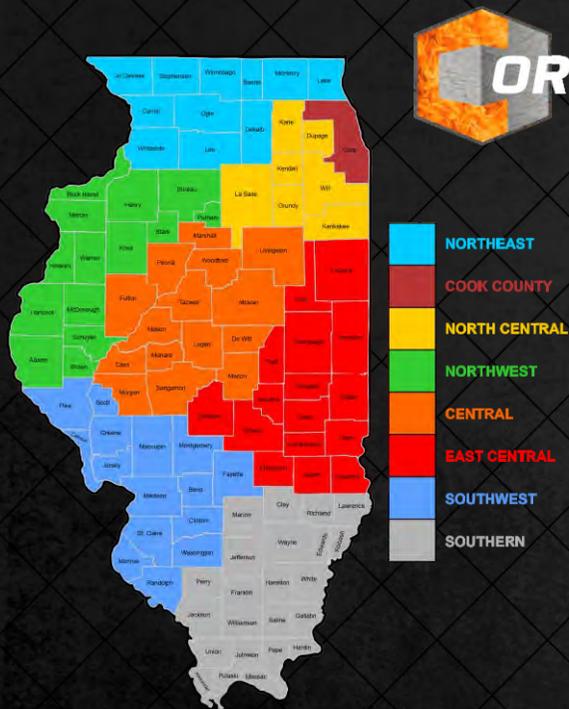
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