



ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

# 2025 CALENDAR



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# A NEW YEAR OF ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

2025 is going to be an exceptional year for training at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI). We are excited for another cycle packed full of challenging hands-on training, essential classroom courses, and elite special events. IFSI is consistently updating and developing our training grounds, props, and curriculum to ensure we are offering the most relevant and innovative training and information possible.

Make this the year YOU complete training at the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

## TOP 10 INSTITUTE UPDATES FOR 2025

- 10 Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) Advanced has been completed and launched.
- 9 The Vehicle and Machinery Program is now the Common Passenger and Heavy Vehicle Rescue Program.
- 8 Respectful Entry, an alternative to Forcible Entry, is now available through the Cornerstone Program.
- 7 For the 5th year in a row, FDIC at IFSI – RIT Under Fire will take place on grounds in April.
- 6 New for 2025, IFSI will be offering quarterly "Discover IFSI" events where the general public can learn about who we are, what we do, and also about what a career in the fire service looks like.
- 5 A brand new residential burn prop was built that will allow for realistic training for basement fires.
- 4 Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Operations will be offered Spring 2025.
- 3 Two new iPUMPS training simulators will be traveling around the state.
- 2 A brand new engine will be added to the IFSI fleet in early 2025.
- 1 First Due for Fire Alarms is a new course now offered through the Cornerstone Program.



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# JANUARY 2025

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<b>19</b> WINTER FIRE SCHOOL JANUARY 18-19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <b>20</b> IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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# FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM

The IFSI Firefighting Program offers realistic, hands-on, and live fire training opportunities that meet the needs of all skill levels. Training topics range from essential skills firefighting tactics through advanced level course deliveries.

The Cornerstone Program allows IFSI to deliver no cost essential skills training at local fire departments and training facilities across the state. Courses are funded through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and available at no cost to Illinois departments and students.



## TOP 10 REASONS TO NEVER STOP TRAINING

- 10 Consistent training and education can lead to promotions within your department.
- 9 Staying up-to-date on training and certifications offers more options in portability.
- 8 Remaining a "student of the game" keeps you diligent while on the job.
- 7 Technology and techniques are constantly evolving, without current training, you will fall behind.
- 6 Training nurtures mental fortitude by teaching discipline, focus, and the ability to remain calm under pressure.
- 5 Training allows for fellowship and the exchange of ideas and tactics.
- 4 Training strengthens crew members' bonds, fostering trust and cohesion, all vital for effective teamwork in high-pressure environments.
- 3 Frequent drills build the mental toughness needed for high-pressure situations.
- 2 The community you serve depends on you to train.
- 1 Train as if your life depends on it, because it does.

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# FEBRUARY 2025



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## NFPA FIREFIGHTER I ACADEMY

The Basic Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter Academy is a 7-week resident program designed to give new firefighters the practical and cognitive training needed to operate safely and effectively on the fireground. The Academy exceeds requirements outlined by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal for entry-level firefighter training.

## BASIC OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER BLENDED (BOF)

The Basic Operations Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I Blended course is an 18-week course 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 across the state, eliminating the need for students to travel long distances to complete the training.

*Upon successful completion of these programs, students will meet OSFM, Pro Board, and IFSAC NFPA Firefighter I certification requirements.*



# TOP 10 THINGS EVERY NEW FIREFIGHTER SHOULD KNOW

- 10 Firefighting is often seen as a "brotherhood", you'll be a part of a new family.
- 9 There are no national standards when it comes to being a firefighter.
- 8 Career firefighting has many parallels to being in the military.
- 7 The process to promote within a department varies, learn your department's requirements.
- 6 You will face challenges, make sure you have someone you can talk to when you need it.
- 5 The most common schedule for a fire department is 24 hours on and 48 hours off.
- 4 Firefighting is a career that will always require on-going training. Never stop learning.
- 3 Ongoing education and training open doors for advancement in the fire service.
- 2 Stay physically fit. Regular exercise keeps firefighters physically prepared for the job's demands.
- 1 Be willing to share information and learn from firefighters from other departments.

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# MARCH 2025

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Daylight Saving Begins 9	SPRING ACADEMY ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE BEGINS 10	11	12	13	14	15
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# SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Special Operations Training Program delivers essential technical rescue training that is at the forefront of national training standards. Courses offer hands-on training experiences that challenge even the most experienced students in 10 different areas:

- AGRICULTURE RESCUE
- CONFINED SPACE
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- RESPONDER INTERVENTION TEAM (RIT)
- ROPE RESCUE
- SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS)
- STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE
- TRENCH RESCUE
- VEHICULAR RESCUE
- WILDERNESS SEARCH AND RESCUE

## TOP 10 UNIQUE ASPECTS OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING

- 10 Confined Space Rescue Technician has a final scenario that lasts 1 full day.
- 9 UAS is the only drone training program in the country that is ProBoard and IFSAC approved.
- 8 The Rope Rescue curriculum created at IFSI is used by programs all over the United States.
- 7 The realistic props and training environment in the Structural Collapse program make it the premier collapse program in the nation.
- 6 IFSI partnered with General Motors to deliver Battery Electric Vehicle education to first responders across the U.S.
- 5 Several SOTP programs have developed Field Operations Guide (FOG) manuals used during course delivery.
- 4 Thanks to our partnership with Local 150 in Wilmington, Illinois, the Trench Rescue program uses live trenches in all training scenarios.
- 3 RIT Technician is the only course in the country that uses live, downed members in live-fire conditions.
- 2 WSAR Awareness is the only ProBoard recognized wilderness search and rescue course in the U.S.
- 1 Many SOTP instructors have firsthand experience in performing actual rescues as they are active or past members of rescue response teams.



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# APRIL 2025

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6	7 FDIC@IFSI <b>PIT</b> UNDER FIRE	8 FDIC@IFSI <b>PIT</b> UNDER FIRE	FDIC INTERNATIONAL: APRIL 7-12, INDIANAPOLIS, IN				12
13	14	15	16	17	18 SPRING <b>ACADEMY</b> ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE GRADUATION	19	
Easter	20	21	22	23	25	26	
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## CURRICULUM, TESTING AND CERTIFICATION (CTC)

CTC supports the development of all curriculum and the accreditation of specific course levels. By obtaining and maintaining state and national accreditation, IFSI students are assured the development and administration of evaluations are to the highest quality and are consistent with national standards. A student's certification verifies they have successfully completed an evaluation of their knowledge, skills, and abilities against the national standard.

IFSI currently holds 41 Pro Board levels and 21 IFSAC levels.



# TOP 10 REASONS TO BECOME CERTIFIED

- 10 National certification verifies successful evaluation of knowledge, skills and abilities.
- 9 Firefighters with certification help elevate the fire department and profession as a whole.
- 8 Certification signifies a commitment to training and career development.
- 7 Becoming nationally certified shows that you can match skills and knowledge against your peers.
- 6 National certification gives you the option to move to fire departments out of state if needed.
- 5 Achieving new certification levels proves you are staying up to date with current best practices.
- 4 Certifications can help lead to promotions within your department.
- 3 Certification ensures career stability and opens doors to future opportunities.
- 2 Formal, consistent coursework fosters skill development.
- 1 Rigorous curriculum ensures career progression and advancement.

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# MAY 2025

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International Firefighters' Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
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25	Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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# SPECIAL EVENTS AT IFSI

Don't miss these special training events throughout the year. Unique classes are developed specifically for these events, ensuring students receive exceptional training from highly trained and motivated instructors.

WINTER FIRE SCHOOL  
FIRE COLLEGE  
EXPLORER CADET FIRE SCHOOL  
VETERANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE

## TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENT

- 10 Fire College is considered the IFSI Homecoming, a time to reconnect and train.
- 9 Special events offer the chance for elite training using a full cache of props and tools.
- 8 The BLING! T-shirts, water bottles, coins, giveaways from vendors and partners. Free stuff is fun!
- 7 Up close and personal interactions with premier instructors from all over the state and country.
- 6 Winter Fire School prepares attendees to deal with issues that arise in snowy, icy and freezing conditions.
- 5 Explorer Cadet Fire School allows young firefighters to be fully immersed in the fire service culture.
- 4 Special events offer the courses firefighters want most – hands-on training in live fire conditions.
- 3 The bonding and friendships formed while training together can last a lifetime.
- 2 Our Veterans in the Fire Service event allows students with no experience to get a "taste" of firefighting.
- 1 Low cost special events mean you get the most "bang for your buck".

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# JUNE 2025

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**Calendar Details:**

- June 6-8:** FIRE COLLEGE (indicated by orange arrows and boxes)
- June 13:** Flag Day
- June 15:** Father's Day
- June 19:** Juneteenth
- June 19:** IFSI OFFICE CLOSED



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## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & COMMAND PROGRAMS

Promoting up through the ranks of a fire department is a common goal. IFSI leadership and command courses ensure that you get the training and preparation necessary to continue your career path development.

The Leadership Development and Command Program includes essential training in:

- OFFICER DEVELOPMENT
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND DECISION MAKING (LDDM)
- RESILIENCY DEVELOPMENT
- INSTRUCTOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
- NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NIMS)
- ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (ASIM)
- SCHOOL SAFETY AND VIOLENT EVENT INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (SSAVEIM)

# TOP 10

THINGS TO CONSIDER AS YOU FURTHER YOUR CAREER

- 10 True influence isn't about forcing others to follow; it's about inspiring them to lead.
- 9 Remember, as a fire chief that firefighters are more influenced by the example you set than by the words you say.
- 8 As a chief officer, your fireground tool is your brain - develop it and use it.
- 7 Leadership isn't static; it evolves with changing circumstances. Be adaptable and open to new approaches.
- 6 Present problems are preparation for future positions.
- 5 Readers are leaders and leaders must be readers.
- 4 Maintain your ability to recover from setbacks, learn valuable lessons, and continue progressing.
- 3 Review the job requirements to develop a competitive professional development plan.
- 2 Formal education and self-reflective experience are required.
- 1 As you move up in your career, remember that it becomes less about you, but rather more about your people.

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# JULY 2025

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## TECHNOLOGY BASED TRAINING (TBT)

IFSI recognizes that offering online and on-demand firefighting and EMS courses is extremely valuable. First responders have challenging schedules. By offering courses online we are making it possible for anyone, at anytime, to have access to important training needed to always continue learning.

The IFSI virtual campus continues to grow. Please check the website for a complete list of available classes.

# TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ONLINE TRAINING

- 10 There are over 35 on-demand and 15 blended courses offered at this time.
- 9 Each online course offers some level of attendance/completion certificate.
- 8 A subject matter expert and the TBT support staff are just an email away if you have questions.
- 7 EMS Continuing Education courses are offered on demand and eligible students can receive EMS CEUs upon completion.
- 6 One of our newest online courses is Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Awareness.
- 5 Fire Service Vehicle Operator is one of the most popular online courses.
- 4 Multiple awareness level courses are available online such as: Driver/Operator, Fire Investigation, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Resiliency.
- 3 "Blended" courses contain both online learning and in-person classroom or hands-on instruction.
- 2 Pipeline Emergencies – 911 Dispatcher is another new online course.
- 1 Online/On-demand courses can be registered for and accessed at any time. These courses are completely self paced.

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# AUGUST 2025

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## RESEARCH

IFSI Research provides state-of-the-art facilities for developing practical solutions to the problems and perils faced by emergency responders.

IFSI enjoys unique advantages from the close proximity of our laboratories to the live testing environments. Researchers have immediate access to equipment and human participants and can quickly measure interactions in the lab.

IFSI Research efforts focus on studies that have a direct impact on firefighters' work, health and safety.

# TOP 10

## FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

- 10 Over 50 IFSI employees are also authors with published pieces of work.
- 9 IFSI Research efforts focus on studies that have a direct impact on firefighters' work, health and safety.
- 8 As of 2024, 21 IFSI instructors have earned the Illinois Medal of Honor award.
- 7 The library maintains the IFLOOD collection database which documents the ultimate sacrifice of over 800 Illinois firefighters over the past 150 years.
- 6 IFSI Research built a mobile lab allowing them to travel across the state to collect study samples from firefighters.
- 5 As of 2024, 27 IFSI instructors have earned the Illinois Medal of Valor award.
- 4 IFSI Research launched the Illinois Firefighters Cancer Research Study in 2025.
- 3 Heat stress research became a defining component of IFSI Research in 1989, successfully combining a traditional academic study with live fire testing.
- 2 The Research lab was renovated in 2024 to allow for more in-depth study of the effect of carcinogen exposure on cancer progression.
- 1 The IFSI Library is the only library in the state dedicated to fire services.



## LIBRARY

The IFSI Library provides fire/emergency library and information assistance and services to IFSI staff, students, Illinois fire departments and firefighters, and other first responders in the successful and effective performance of their jobs.

The IFSI Library collection contains more than 14,000 books, videos, DVDs, films and CDs. The collection also contains periodicals, fire codes, pamphlets, standards, technical reports, legislation, and newsletters.

The Library maintains the Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (IFLOOD). This database documents the ultimate sacrifice of more than 800 Illinois firefighters over the past 150 years.

The library team is also tasked with keeping a record of the Illinois Medal of Honor and Illinois Medal of Valor award winners that are current or past instructors for IFSI.

# SEPTEMBER 2025

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	FALL <b>ACADEMY</b> ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE BEGINS					
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## OUR STUDENTS – WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

IFSI is honored to serve nearly 60,000 students each year. Our students truly are the reason we work so hard to provide the best training in the state and country. We will continually strive to provide the most up-to-date props, curriculum, and courses to meet the needs of all students. Thank you for trusting IFSI with your training and education needs.

# TOP 10 THINGS STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IFSI

- 10 Great group of instructors who instructed flawlessly, stayed engaged and were fun to work with. – *Confined Space Awareness and Operations*
- 9 This course was extremely beneficial for the firefighters who are expected to be senior members and move up into the officer position occasionally. The time spent on radio communication and tactics was especially beneficial. – *Advanced Technician Firefighter/NFPA Firefighter II*
- 8 Great course to take to become more proficient on handling & moving hose to the fire. – *Engine Company Operations*
- 7 Basic operations but very well taught for the new hire all the way up to command level. – *First Due for Fire Alarms*
- 6 The course is essential for first responders, giving them the tools and the repetition to be ready to respond quickly and efficiently in a worst-case scenario. The simulations added a new dimension to the content and gave opportunities for police and fire to work together on complex concerns. – *ASIM Advanced*
- 5 Dave is an extremely passionate instructor for this course matter and driven. – *Grain Bin Rescue Awareness*
- 4 An absolute career saver. – *Leadership Development and Decision Making*
- 3 Any person that is in a command position should absolutely take this class. It is a very humbling class that gives you the best preparation for a mayday event. – *RIT Chief*
- 2 ISFI has done an outstanding job with classes. I leave confident with the skills learned. - *Vehicle and Machinery Operations*
- 1 Awesome. One of the best classes I have ever taken. 99% of that is because of the instructors. – *Search Techniques for the Fireground*



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# OCTOBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 5-11						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					FALL <b>ACADEMY</b> <small>ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE</small> GRADUATION	
26	27	28	29	30	Halloween	31



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## SEPTEMBER 2025

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# PARTNERSHIPS MATTER

IFSI relies on generous businesses, corporations and organizations that are willing to share their resources to further IFSI training capabilities. Our strong partnerships have an immediate impact on training first responders. The support from our partners ensures that IFSI has access to the most up-to-date facilities, props, tools, and equipment. We promise to continue to nurture and grow these important relationships knowing that it will allow us to reach and train more first responders.



# TOP 10 REASONS TO BE A CORPORATE PARTNER WITH IFSI

- 10 Increased brand exposure with direct access to 60,000+ fire service professionals.
- 9 Charitable tax benefits.
- 8 Real-time feedback and evaluation of tools and technology from SMEs.
- 7 Research opportunities.
- 6 Opportunity to test new equipment for efficacy.
- 5 Partnership benefits the American fire service industry.
- 4 Targeted gifting is available through four unique funds.
- 3 Gift-in-kind options that have a direct connection to training activities.
- 2 Collaboration on new technology.
- 1 Access to a 28-acre training ground and multiple live-fire props for product testing.



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Daylight Saving Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Veterans Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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VETERANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE NOVEMBER 22-23	28	29	30	Thanksgiving	IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	IFSI OFFICE CLOSED



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DECEMBER 2025

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IFSI is made up of an incredible team of dedicated staff and instructors. Every member of the team works diligently year-round to make sure all students have access to vital, life-saving training. The IFSI team consists of more than 800 staff and instructors. You may know these people as firefighters, EMTs, subject matter experts, business professionals, but here are some things you probably didn't know.

# TOP 10 WE ARE IFSI

## RANDOM FACTS ABOUT IFSI INSTRUCTORS & STAFF

- 10 Stacy Corray, Facility Operations Specialist, is a retired Champaign County Sheriff.
- 9 Our in-house photographer, Katrina Mann doubles as a Class Support Specialist. She works many hours capturing photos and faces of IFSI. She is extremely talented and has no formal photography training.
- 8 Program Manager, DeAngelo Cooke is a huge Disney World fan and goes multiple times a year.
- 7 The 1991 movie Backdraft, is loosely based on family members of IFSI Instructor Bobby Hoff.
- 6 Carol Anderson, Class Support Operations Manager, was an All-American women's basketball player for Western Illinois University from 1981-85 and finished her 4-year career as the third highest scorer in WIU history.
- 5 Deputy Director, JP Moore is a world-ranked handball player.
- 4 Instructor Matt Goodner caught an emu in July 2024 that had been on the loose for 2 years.
- 3 Instructor George Healy (Deputy Chief for the FDNY) was headed to Disney for a family vacation when he came upon a car that had caught fire after an accident on the interstate. Healy instantly reacted and pulled the victim from the burning car. He stated "I'm a New York City firefighter; that's what New York City firefighters do."
- 2 The Bletscher family has two generations of Dave Bletschers, junior and senior, that are both firefighters and IFSI employees.
- 1 Tim Lash, Director of IT, plays guitar in his band called Hum. Their latest album is titled "Inlet", give it a listen!

# DECEMBER 2025



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21	22	23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas 25	26	27
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28	29	30	New Year's Eve 31			
	IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	IFSI OFFICE CLOSED	IFSI OFFICE CLOSED			



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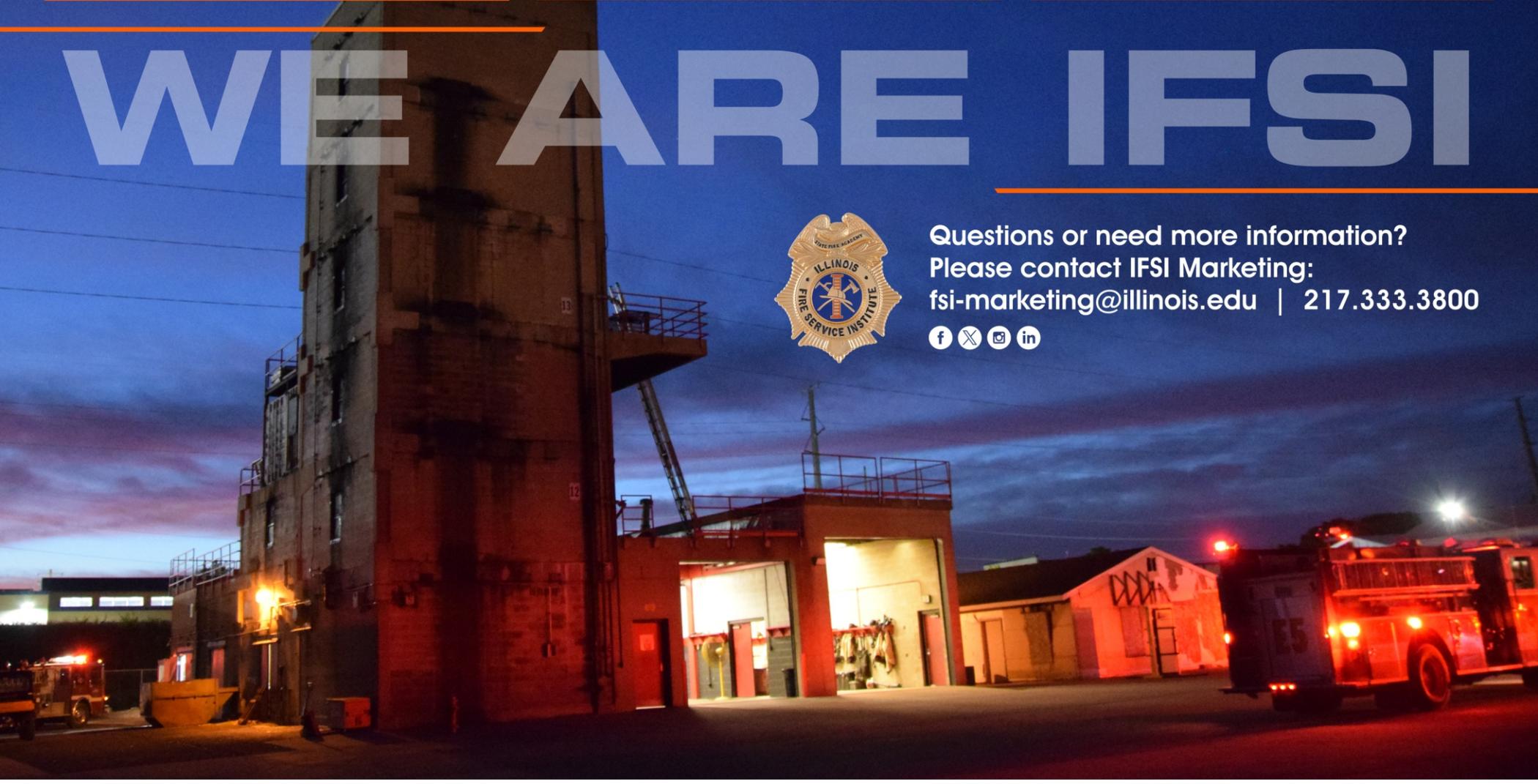




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