MOVING FORWARD

Without question, the year 2020 was filled with unexpected challenges. Since the first suspension/postponement of training activities due to COVID-19 on 13 March and the subsequent resumption of training on 18 May utilizing risk mitigation procedures, IFSI served 12,000+ students through the delivery of nearly 450 classes. Through those deliveries, over 7,050 first responders achieved certification. IFSI implemented stringent risk mitigation policies and maintained a firm commitment to the fulfillment of our Mission. Despite the uncertain times, our team remained strong and served approximately 1,000 fire departments across the state and country.

We open the door to a new year with our continued eagerness and commitment to Helping Firefighters Do Their Work Through Training, Education, Information, and Research.
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FEBRUARY CLASSES

- **Instructor I**
  February 1 – 5 | West Chicago
- **Fire Department Incident Safety Officer**
  February 1 – 5 | Bloomingdale
- **Instructor II**
  February 8 – 12 | West Chicago
- **Fire Department Incident Safety Officer**
  February 8 – 12 | Bloomingdale
- **Fire Inspector I**
  February 13 – 14 & February 27 – 28 | Swansea
- **Fire Inspector I**
  February 22 – 26 | Champaign
- **Fire Department Incident Safety Officer**
  February 22 – 26 | Champaign
- **Instructor III**
  February 22 – 26 | West Chicago
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### FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM

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.
MARCH CLASSES

- **Engine Company Operations**  
  March 1 – 3 | Champaign

- **Truck Company Operations**  
  March 3 – 5 | Champaign

- **Search Techniques for the Fireground**  
  March 3 – 5 | Champaign

- **Fire Inspector II**  
  March 8 – 12 | Champaign

- **Fireground Company Officer School**  
  March 8 – 12 | Plainfield

- **Fireground Command Officer School**  
  March 8 – 12 | Plainfield

- **Advanced Technician Firefighter**  
  March 8 – 12 | Champaign

- **Vehicle and Machinery Operations**  
  March 13 – 14 & March 20 – 21 | Woodlawn

- **Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist (Smoke Divers)**  
  March 16 – 18 | Champaign

- **Rope Rescue Operations**  
  March 19 – 21 & March 26 – 28 | Alsip

- **Fire Investigator, Week 1**  
  March 15 – 19 | Calumet City

- **Structural Collapse Operations**  
  March 15 – 19 | Champaign

Training for the Basic Operations Firefighter/NFPA Firefighter I Blended program is funded by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) through an appropriation of agency funds. OSFM granted these funds for the purpose of supporting basic firefighter certification.
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**FIRE ACADEMY**

IFSI serves as the State Fire Academy. The 7-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.

**BASIC OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER / NFPA FIREFIGHTER I BLENDED**

The Basic Operations Firefighter / NFPA Firefighter I Blended course is an 18-week program 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.
APRIL CLASSES

- Fire Investigator, Week 2
  March 29 – April 2 | Calumet City
- Leadership Development and Decision Making
  March 29 – April 2 | Champaign
- Confined Space Rescue Operations
  April 5 – 9 | Quincy
- Fire Investigator, Week 3
  April 12 – 16 | Calumet City
- Structural Collapse Operations
  April 12 – 16 | Frankfort
- Fire Service Vehicle Operator
  April 19 | Champaign
- ICS 100 / 700
  April 20 | Champaign
- Trench Rescue Operations
  April 20 – 23 | Wilmington
- Courage to be Safe
  April 21 | Champaign
- AHA Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
  April 22 | Champaign
- Rope Rescue Operations
  April 23 – 25 & April 30 – May 2 | Alton
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations
  April 26 – 30 | Champaign
- Fireground Company Officer School
  April 26 – 30 | Champaign
- Fireground Command Officer School
  April 26 – 30 | Champaign
- Hazardous Materials Operations
  April 26 – 30 | Calumet City
**SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM**

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.
MAY CLASSES

- **Trench Rescue Operations**
  May 4 – 7 | Wilmington

- **Advanced Fire Officer, Phase 2 - Week 1**
  May 3 – 7 | Champaign

- **Hazardous Materials Operations**
  May 3 – 7 | Champaign

- **Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician**
  May 3 – 7 | Champaign

- **Confined Space Rescue Operations**
  May 10 – 14 | Champaign

- **Rope Rescue Technician**
  May 10 – 14 & May 17 – 21 | Quincy

- **Leadership Development and Decision Making**
  May 10 – 14 | Orland Park

- **Hazardous Materials Technician**
  May 10 – 14 & May 17 – 21 | Orland Park

- **Fire Apparatus Engineer**
  May 10 – 14 | Champaign

- **Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician**
  May 17 – 21 | Champaign

- **Advanced Fire Officer, Phase 2 - Week 2**
  May 17 – 21 | Bloomingdale
### NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

NIMS offers incident management to organizations throughout the State of Illinois. The program focuses on advanced training for the eight command and general staff positions and the development of incident action plans to support preparedness, response and recovery activities at the local and state level.
JUNE CLASSES
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations
  June 14 – 18 | Orland Park
- Engine Company Operations
  June 21 – 23 | Plainfield
- Truck Company Operations
  June 23 – 25 | Plainfield

SPECIAL EVENTS
FIRE COLLEGE
EXPLORE CADET FIRE SCHOOL
VETERANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE
WINTER FIRE SCHOOL
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

IFSI offers affordable, hands-on training experiences throughout the year. Each year, special event programs like Winter Fire School, Fire College, Explorer Cadet Fire School and Veterans in the Fire Service Day bring over 1,000 students to the Champaign training grounds. The diversity of these programs allows IFSI to serve students from across the state and country.
JULY CLASSES

- Fire Investigator, Week 1
  June 28 – July 2 | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Technician
  July 10 – 11 & July 17 – 18 | Woodlawn
- Fire Investigator, Week 2
  July 12 – 16 | Champaign
- Fire Investigator, Week 3
  July 26 – 30 | Champaign
**IFSI 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.
AUGUST CLASSES

- **Rope Rescue Technician**
  August 2 – 6 & August 9 – 13 | Orland Park

- **Command and General Staff Functions for Local Incident Management**
  August 23 – 27 | Champaign
PARTNERSHIPS

IFSI is proud of our sustainable relationships with industry and corporate partners. These partnerships assist with our delivery of essential, realistic, and hands-on training necessary for the unconventional hazards of the fire service industry. IFSI programs deliver training using the most current tools and equipment, much supported by our successful partnership programs.
SEPTEMBER CLASSES

- Confined Space Rescue Technician
  August 30 – September 3 | Orland Park
- Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist (Smoke Divers)
  September 8 – 10 | Plainfield
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 1
  September 11 – 12 | Rockton
- Vehicle and Machinery Technician
  September 13 – 17 | Orland Park
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 2
  September 18 – 19 | Rockton
- Fireground Company Officer School
  September 20 – 24 | Plainfield
- Fireground Command Officer School
  September 20 – 24 | Plainfield
- Fire Investigator, Week 1
  September 20 – 24 | Orland Park
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations
  September 25 – 26 & October 2 – 3 | Fairview Heights
- Fire Investigator, Weekend 3
  September 25 – 26 | Rockton
- Rope Rescue Technician
  September 27 – October 1 & October 4 – 8 | Marion
- Advanced Technician Firefighter
  September 27 – October 1 | Champaign
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SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND EDUCATION

IFSI delivers customized training and education throughout the country and world. Our elite instructional staff serve as subject matter experts for the development and execution of top-quality contract programming. We collaborate with program participants throughout the development process in order to meet and exceed all training objectives.
OCTOBER CLASSES

- **Fire Investigator, Week 2**  
  October 4 – 8  |  Orland Park

- **Trench Rescue Technician**  
  October 4 – 8  |  Wilmington

- **Leadership Development and Decision Making**  
  October 4 – 8  |  Champaign

- **Advanced Breathing Apparatus Specialist (Smoke Divers)**  
  October 5 – 7  |  Champaign

- **Fire Investigator, Weekend 4**  
  October 9 – 10  |  Rockton

- **Hazardous Materials Technician**  
  October 11 – 15 & October 18 – 22  |  Champaign

- **Structural Collapse Technician**  
  October 11 – 15  |  Champaign

- **Fire Investigator, Weekend 5**  
  October 16 – 17  |  Rockton

- **Fire Department Incident Safety Officer**  
  October 18 – 22  |  Champaign

- **Trench Rescue Technician**  
  October 18 – 22  |  Wilmington

- **Fire Investigator, Week 3**  
  October 18 – 22  |  Orland Park

- **Fire Investigator, Weekend 6**  
  October 23 – 24  |  Rockton

- **Instructor I**  
  October 25 – 29  |  West Chicago

- **Structural Collapse Technician**  
  October 25 – 29  |  Champaign
STUDENT RESOURCES

The Illinois Fire Service Institute offers a vast array of student support resources to include a full-service library. The IFSI library is among the top three fire service dedicated libraries in the nation and houses a collection of over 65,000 books, articles, and reference materials.

The IFSI Curriculum and Testing, Class Support, and Technology Based Training units provide student assistance with: registration and class enrollment, regional and on-site testing, course curriculum questions, and online class guidance. IFSI students are fully supported by our dedicated staff whether enrolled in an in-person, online, or blended training program.
NOVEMBER CLASSES

- Inspector I
  November 1 – 5 | Orland Park
- Fire Apparatus Engineer
  November 1 – 5 | Champaign
- Fire Service Vehicle Operator
  November 1 | Champaign
- ICS 100 / 700
  November 2 | Champaign
- Courage to be Safe
  November 3 | Champaign
- AHA Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
  November 4 | Champaign
- Search Techniques for the Fireground
  November 3 – 5 | Champaign
- Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician
  November 8 – 12 | Champaign
- Vehicle and Machinery Operations
  November 8 – 12 | Champaign
- Instructor II
  November 8 – 12 | West Chicago
- Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist
  November 9 – 10 | Orland Park
- Vehicle and Machinery Technician
  November 13 – 14 & 20 – 21 | Quincy
- Inspector II
  November 15 – 19 | Orland Park
- Instructor III
  November 15 – 19 | West Chicago
- Confined Space Rescue Technician
  November 15 – 19 | Champaign
- Fireground Company Officer School
  November 15 – 19 | Champaign
- Fireground Command Officer School
  November 15 – 19 | Champaign
- Hazardous Materials Operations
  November 15 – 19 | Champaign
The 2022 training schedule is now available online: fsi.illinois.edu.

Plan ahead and register for your upcoming training programs. Be sure to check the website frequently as additional course options are consistently added to the training schedule. IFSI will continue to offer a full spectrum of elite training opportunities across the state and country throughout the year.
DECEMBER CLASSES

• Public Fire and Life Safety Educator
  November 29 – December 3 | Orland Park

• Fire Department Incident Safety Officer
  November 29 – December 3 | Bloomingdale

• Instructor I
  November 29 – December 3 | Champaign

• Instructor II
  December 6 – 10 | Champaign

• Fire Attack and Suppression Techniques (FAST)
  December 6 – 10 | Champaign

• Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician
  December 13 – 17 | Champaign

#WEAREIFSI

IFSI is a family of over 650 field instructors and support staff professionals. Each passionate about supporting our mission and serving the men and women of the fire service. We take great pride in what we do. WE ARE IFSI.
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Located in Champaign, the main IFSI campus offers a 28-acre training ground with class-A live fire props and training equipment. Courses are delivered on campus, at state regional training centers, and local fire departments across the United States and internationally.

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