



130TH ANNUAL

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FIREFIGHTING WEEKEND

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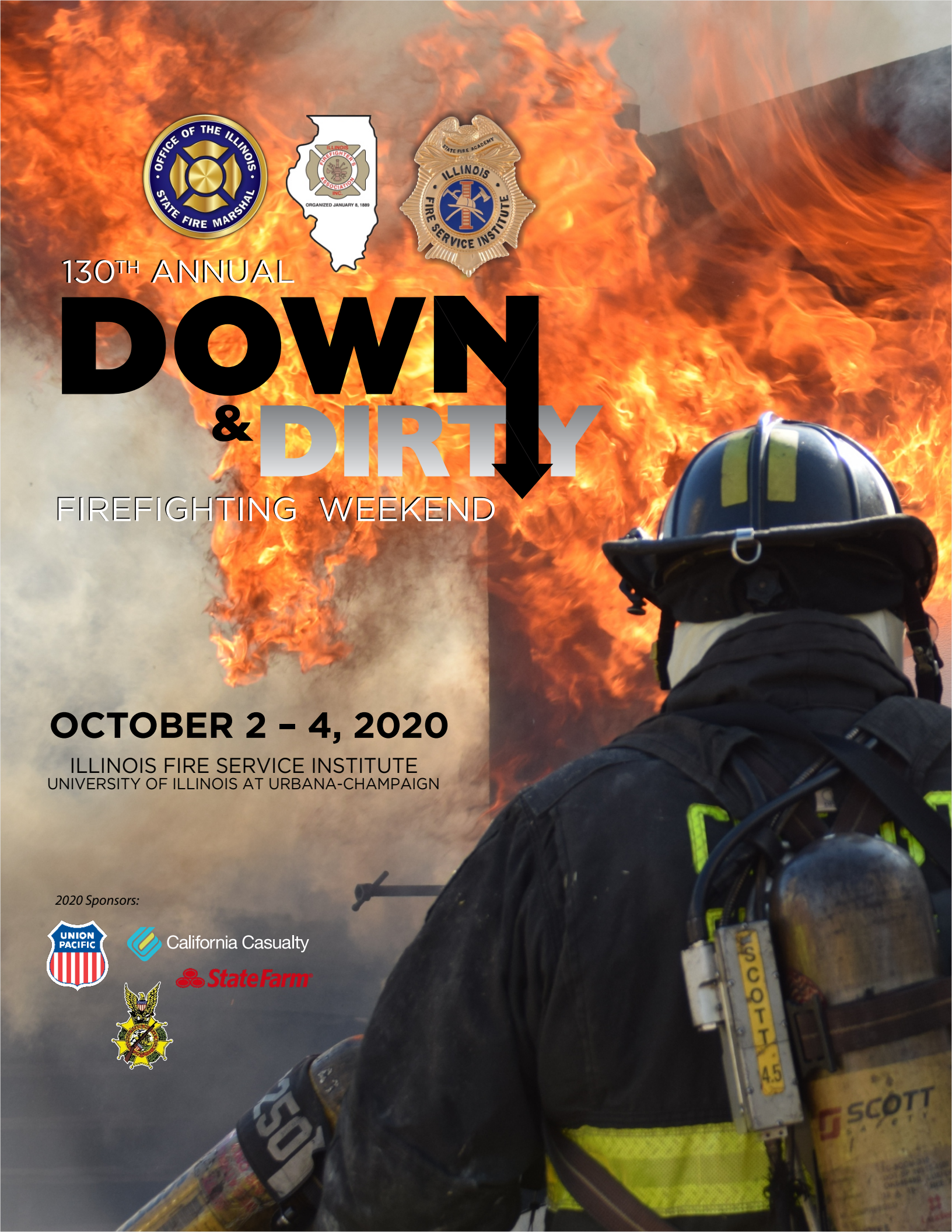
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Dear IFA Members and Illinois Firefighters,

I would like to invite you to take advantage of this unique training opportunity that the IFA is providing for your benefit. This is an opportunity for you to receive state-of-the-art training at the Illinois Fire Service Institute, your State Fire Academy, at no cost to you or your fire department in course fees. The only cost for you is the registration fee for the conference. Similar to what we have offered in year's past, we are extending a special registration fee for those departments sending multiple members. For every three registrants from the same organization, that organization will receive a fourth member free.

If you're not a member of our Association, why not? The savings alone in tuition fees would pay for your entire department's membership and you would be able to gain all the benefits of being a member. We welcome all firefighters from the state of Illinois to join our association and attend this event.

This will be our 130th Annual Conference in conjunction with the Down & Dirty Training. We would like to say thank you to our partners and sponsors and we acknowledge that we would not be able to provide this quality training opportunity without their support.

To assure the safety of all and to have an appropriate student to instructor ratio, we are limiting the number of students per class, making it necessary to register in advance for the classes.

If you have any questions about the conference and hands-on training, please contact the conference coordinator through the information listed on the back cover.

Illinois Firefighters Association, Inc.
Office of President

John L. Swan

FREE LODGING IS AVAILABLE!

See all lodging details and requirements on back page.

TRAINING LOCATION:

Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)
11 Gerty Drive, Champaign | 217.333.3800

FREE PARKING:

Event parking will be available free of charge in a University of Illinois lot. Shuttle service between the designated parking location and the IFSI training grounds is available for the duration of the two-day program.

GET FREE REGISTRATION:

Organizations registering multiple attendees will receive one complimentary registration for every 3 members registered.

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

***All events will be held at IFSI unless otherwise noted.**

Friday, October 2

6:30am-8:00am	Registration
8:00am-9:00am	Opening Ceremony
9:00am-9:30am	Membership General Business Meeting
9:30am-10:30am	Keynote Address
10:30am-11:30am	Memorial Ceremony
11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch & Vendor Visits
1:00pm-5:00pm	Training
7:00pm-9:00pm	Myths and Realities

Saturday, October 3

6:30am-9:30am	Registration
8:00am-12:00pm	Training
9:00am	Chief's Round Table
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-5:00pm	Training
8:00pm	Evening Entertainment & Benefit Auction @ Eastland Suites Hotel

HANDS-ON COURSE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

SCBA: SCBA must be NFPA compliant and in working order. Only SCBA with current hydrostatic dated cylinders will be allowed. Students must provide their own equipment. No sharing is allowed. Loaner equipment and repair services will not be available.

FACIAL HAIR: Facial hair that crosses the jaw line is not permitted in courses where breathing apparatus will be used. **No exceptions.**

AGE: Students must be 18 years of age or older and a member of a fire department in order to participate in the hands-on training.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS: Any indication of the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs by participants during any hands-on training will result in denial from the program. Instructors will have full discretion to enforce this policy.

2020 COURSES:

12 HOURS EACH | FRIDAY, 1-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM

FOUNDATIONS OF FIREFIGHTING

The Foundations of Firefighting Course was developed for new firefighters. The class is designed to safely place you on the working fire grounds. The course will cover the usage of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), line advancement, ventilation and basic fire ground operations. Material covered will result in your safety as an effective firefighter for your department.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA is required.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR FIREFIGHTING

The Essential Skills for Firefighting Course incorporates multiple training topics into one convenient schedule. Class topics include forcible entry, RIT training and thermal imaging camera applications. Students will participate in hands-on drills with both inward and outward swinging doors as well as multiple types of tools and locks. Live fire scenarios will address the tactical and strategic operations related to downed firefighters and the operation of the thermal imaging camera.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment, SCBA, and ear protection is required.

ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS – LONG LEAD OUTS

The Engine Company Operations – Long Lead Outs Course provides the opportunity to hone your skills at making the long stretch. When your pre-connected hose line is not going to reach, what is your plan, is it the most efficient method, have you and your crew trained and drilled on making the long leadout? This class allows repeated opportunities to manufacture lines off the rear hose bed to reach the tactical objective. Increasing your proficiency at building lines will result in getting water on the fire as quick as possible.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA is required.

AGRICULTURE RESCUE TECHNIQUES

The Agriculture Rescue Techniques course will teach first responders and rescue personnel the principles and guidelines for safe response to agriculture related incidents. Subject matter covered includes tractor rollovers, grain auger entrapments, farm machinery entrapments, emergencies related electrical malfunctions, and chemical exposure incidents. Confined space and how it relates to incidents that involve manure pits and grain bins will be covered as well. Students will learn extraction methods, machinery stabilization, lock out/tag out of hazardous systems, patient assessment, and packaging. Pre-planning along with site visits will be encouraged with local farmers, agriculture machinery dealerships, repair shops, and commercial chemical dealerships.

Required equipment/gear: Turn out gear or coveralls, helmet, gloves, eye protection, ear protection, steel toed shoes.

THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA: APPLICATION FOR SEARCH AND RIT OPERATIONS

The Thermal Imaging Camera: Applications for Search and RIT Operations course provides in-depth training on the use of thermal imaging cameras on response scenes. Class topics include basic camera function, search techniques, fire behavior, and RIT operations. Students will engage in multiple live fire training scenarios that will connect the usage of the fireground tool to primary and secondary search techniques, RIT operations, and victim removal using webbing. This new course will challenge all skill levels.

NFPA compliant personal protective equipment and SCBA is required.

CERTIFICATION COURSE:

TACTICAL EMERGENCY CASUALTY CARE/ RESCUE TASK FORCE TRAINING

16 HOURS | FRIDAY, 1PM-5PM & SATURDAY, 8AM-5PM & SUNDAY, 8AM-12PM

The Tactical Emergency Casualty Care/Rescue Task Force Training (TECC/RTF) Course is an EMS-based class designed for all skill levels. The class covers topics that decrease preventable deaths from active shooter, hostile, or mass casualty events. The TECC program includes discussions, table top, and full immersion exercises. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive TECC certification from the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).



FRIDAY EVENING COURSE | 7PM - 9PM
LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS

MYTHS & REALITIES: FOG NOZZLE VS. SMOOTH BORE NOZZLE

The Myths and Realities: Fog Nozzle vs Smooth Bore Nozzle class will focus on one of the most historic debates in the fire service. Instructors will address the use of the fog nozzle or the smooth bore nozzle during fire attack, the benefits of specific usage, and safety measure comparisons. The course will explore different hose stream selection for the fire attack and the pros and cons of each choice.

REGISTRATION: [FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU](https://fsi.illinois.edu) | PAYMENT: [ILLINOISFIREFIGHTERS.ORG](https://illinoisfirefighters.org)

Register online through IFSI at fsi.illinois.edu. The Illinois Firefighter's Association will process conference payments. Once registration materials are submitted, you will receive a direct link to the IFA event payment page.



CONFERENCE FEES:

Before September 1, 2020: IFA Member: \$50 | Non-Member: \$75
Payment must be received before 5:00pm on September 1 to receive the advance rate.

After September 1, 2020: IFA Member: \$100 | Non-Member: \$125

**Organizations registering multiple attendees will receive one complimentary registration for every three members registered.*

IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE:

Mail the Registration Form to:

Illinois Fire Service Institute
Attention: IFA Weekend
11 Gerty Drive | Champaign, IL 61820

Or Fax to:

(217) 244-6790

Additional forms are available for download at fsi.illinois.edu or illinoisfirefighters.org

Send Payment To:

Illinois Firefighter's Association
Kerry Federer, Secretary/Treasurer
PO Box 77 | Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Payments can also be processed over the phone by calling Kerry Federer at (618) 830-3961.

Conference Questions? Contact: Joe Mandarino

Conference Director
(708) 935-2893 | Corky2700@aol.com

IFA FREE LODGING REQUIREMENTS:

Conference attendees may receive up to 3 nights of hotel accommodations for FREE*. The Illinois Firefighter's Association (IFA) has received a grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal to cover a portion of the hotel rooms for the annual Down & Dirty Conference. Rooms in the IFA/IFSI block are limited and available to registrants on a first-come, first-served basis.

The details:

- The IFA will pay for hotel room and hotel room taxes only.
- Registrants may reserve rooms only after registering for the conference AND must attend all training, for the room expenses to be covered by IFA.
- One person per room is preferred.
- Rooms must be booked in the attendees' name and a personal credit card is required to cover incidental expenses.
- Thursday night accommodations will only be covered for registrants who attend the annual meeting on Friday morning.
- Friday night accommodations will only be covered for registrants who attend the Friday afternoon session and/or Saturday sessions.
- Saturday night accommodations will only be covered for registrants who attend all Saturday sessions.
- Must mention the IFA/IFSI block to receive the accommodation. Rooms not included in the IFA/IFSI block will be subject to the current hotel rate.

Hotels with free lodging accommodations:

Illinois Firefighter's Association Conference Hotel:
Eastland Suites 217-367-8331

Other area hotels offering free lodging accommodations:

Best Western/Monticello	217-762-9436
Best Western/Savoy	217-356-1824
Best Western/University	217-328-4400
Best Western Plus	217-355-5566
Candlewood Suites	217-398-1000
Comfort Suites	217-328-3500
Country Inn & Suites	217-355-6666
Courtyard by Marriott	217-355-0411
Holiday Inn-Champaign	217-398-3400
Radisson	217-328-7900
Rodeway Inn	217-384-8000
Residence Inn	217-398-0000

COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & PROCEDURES

The safety, health, and wellbeing of our students, instructors, conference attendees and staff is at the forefront of concern when planning for any training event. Due to COVID-19, the following protocols will be enforced during the Down and Dirty Firefighting Weekend.

- Any student, instructor, conference attendee or staff member should stay home and contact your health care provider immediately, if you have any of these symptoms: fever, scratchy throat, shortness of breath, chest pain, unexplained chills, repeated shaking with chills, sudden muscle pain unrelated to exercise, headache, or a loss of taste or smell.
- All students, conference attendees and staff will be required to complete a health screening each day while attending IFA activities. This screening will include the completion of a brief COVID-19 specific health questionnaire and temperature evaluation. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- Students, conference attendees and staff will be required to wear a face covering except when:
 - A person is alone in their office, classroom, restroom, or vehicle.
 - A person is indoors and able to maintain 6-foot social distance between individuals.
 - A person is outdoors or in an open air environment and able to maintain an appropriate distance of 6-feet between individuals.
 - A person is donned in appropriate personal protective equipment for training purposes.
- All students, conference attendees and staff will be required to comply with the following standardized IFSI health and safety protocols, to include:
 - Maintain 6-foot social distancing when possible.
 - Wash your hands regularly. Hand washing stations will be available indoors and on the training grounds.
- **All IFA conference participants (students, vendors, and attendees) must provide their own face coverings.**