For more than 85 years, the Illinois Fire Service Institute has been successfully training the men and women who are responsible for the safety of the people of Illinois. Today, the Institute offers services around the world and is recognized as a leader in firefighter training, education and research.

Our work will expand with the opening of the new Learning Resource and Research Center (LRRC), a 21,000-square-foot facility now being built on our 28-acre training grounds. Scheduled for completion in 2010, the Center will provide an extraordinary new set of capabilities that will enhance our efforts to prepare and protect firefighters and other first responders.

“The enhanced capabilities of the IT Center and the addition of an Emergency Operations Training Center allows us to increase our capacity to train firefighters, other first responders and whole communities to plan for and respond to disasters.”

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IFSI DIRECTOR
Magnifying Our Knowledge and Training Capabilities

The new Learning Resource and Research Center offers a major expansion of our training, research and communications resources. The facilities include:

**IFSI Library** is the only library in the state dedicated to fire and emergency services. Its growing collection is available to Institute staff, firefighters and other emergency responders and University of Illinois students.

**Conference Center** improves our communications and training with a 10G fiber Internet connection, live video transmission, digital recording facilities and simultaneous translation booths. This improved connectivity allows IFSI to expand our “Virtual Campus” globally – offering live courses with “blended learning” programs that combine online activities with hands-on training and saving training expenses for fire departments.

**Computer Lab and IT Center** offers computer terminals, more dynamic online coursework and information technologies for students, instructors and researchers.

**Research Laboratories** provide a state-of-the-art environment for developing practical solutions to problems faced by emergency responders. The facilities include an expanded Firefighter Life Safety Research Center and a new Fire Protection Engineering lab.

The Institute's efforts focus on action-oriented studies in health and wellness, incident management and equipment technologies. Research is carried out through IFSI’s other organizations on and off campus. Institute researchers also collaborate with dozens of University of Illinois departments on interdisciplinary studies.

**Firefighter Memorial Hall and Museum** includes meeting space, exhibits and tributes to honor our state’s firefighters. The Memorial Hall will also serve as a visual extension to IFSI’s Line-Of-Duty-Death online database.

**Emergency Operations Training Center** incorporates the most advanced technologies for simulating an actual emergency operations center and delivering National Incident Management System training. The Center enables communities to train and test their emergency plans and response capabilities – incorporating learning to make policy decisions in conjunction with hands-on response training.
Become a Partner

The new Learning Resource and Research Center offers the potential for major advancements in the Institute’s training and research efforts. It’s a commitment that requires extensive resources, and its success depends on support from corporate sponsors and private donors.

Your investment in the LRRC will help us continue improving the safety and security of emergency responders and the citizens they serve. To learn more about how you can partner with the Institute in this project, contact:

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