# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## PARTNERSHIPS

Your investment in community safety

The Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) serves as the oldest continuous fire training institution in the United States. Since 1925, first responders from across the state and the world have relied on IFSI to deliver top-quality training, education, and research.

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## The Importance of Partnerships

Today's firefighters and first responders are consistently facing new challenges in their public service efforts. They are being called upon to deal with a host of unconventional hazards and rescue situations and to adapt quickly to new equipment and technology.

To prepare for these challenges, all first responders need intensive and continuous training in settings that replicate reallife situations.

Each year, over 60,000 students count on the Illinois Fire Service Institute to prepare them for challenges they will face.

## You can play an important role in delivering this vital training by partnering with the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Your support makes it possible for IFSI to train more first responders and to assure that they have access to the most upto-date facilities, props, and equipment. IFSI delivers practical, hands-on training and education which requires extensive resources.

### **Examples of typical training expenses include:**

- Average training cost per firefighter, per hour: \$16
- Bunker gear for one firefighter: \$2,000
- Average training costs for 10 firefighters per year: \$2,760
- A late model auto for training in passenger rescue: \$20,000

## All gifts and donations are fully tax deductible.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute is part of the University of Illinois Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and will provide full support documentation for any donations received.

## The Power of Partnerships

The Illinois Fire Service Institute has developed many strategic partnerships which allow for the sharing of resources and expertise with leading educators, researchers, manufacturers, corporations, and professional associations. IFSI is proud to be an academic and public-service unit of the University of Illinois, one of the premier research universities in the nation.

#### Partnership with IFSI has many benefits.

As a partner of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, you will be supporting the expansion of programs that will help protect residences, businesses, farms, transportation corridors and other infrastructure in your community, and across the country.

Your partnership will have an immediate impact on the quality and scope of the training and research efforts at the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

## The Levels of Partnerships

There are 5 different levels of partnership available:

Copper Level	\$50 – \$4,999
Bronze Level	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Silver Level	\$10,000 - \$14,999
Gold Level	\$15,000 - \$19,999
Titanium Level*	\$20,000 or more

\*Commitment of giving for at least five consecutive years

In addition to monetary donations, there are other ways to provide support.

- Gifts In Kind
- **Employee Programs**
- Directed Gifts to specific regions or programs

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# **Four Ways to Give**

### The IFSI Fund

The IFSI General Fund supports training, education and instructional services. These services meet the wide-ranging and evolving needs of first responder. The fund directly supports training in the areas of basic and advanced firefighting, technical rescue, and leadership and professional development for students and instructional staff. Additionally, this all-purpose fund supports the acquisition and maintenance of state-of-the-art training props and equipment that provide students with hands-on, realistic, and immersive training experiences.

## The Agriculture Rescue Training Fund

The Agriculture Rescue Training fund directly supports specialized courses in agricultural rescue. This fund supports training in the areas of; grain bin rescue, fires on the farm, agriculture rescue techniques, anhydrous ammonia emergencies, and ethanol awareness. This program is used by first responders in urban and rural areas.

To discuss a customized investment in the Illinois Fire Service Institute training education and research programs, contact:

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## The Firefighter Life Safety Research Fund

The Firefighter Life Safety Research Fund is used to exclusively support human and equipment applied research on modern hazards, rescue situations and other factors that affect the health and safety of firefighters. The fund allows the IFSI Research team to drive new research efforts, acquire specialized research equipment, and directly impact firefighter life safety and reduce risk on the fireground.

### **Learning Resource and Research Center**

The Learning Resource and Research Center Fund is used to support the IFSI Learning Resource and Research Center (LRRC). The LRRC is home of the IFSI Library, Research Department, Firefighter Memorial Hall, and IFSI Memorial Plaza. Contributions to this fund support general facility maintenance and improvements or are applied to the purchase of a Memorial Plaza Paver Brick in recognition or remembrance of a selected individual or organization.

# **Other Giving Options**

## Gifts in Kind

The hands-on courses offered at IFSI require constant repair and replacement of burn buildings and other props. Your donation of construction materials, vehicles and other equipment or supplies will help maintain a safe, up-to-date training environment.

## **Online Donation**

Visit our website, www.fsi.illinois.edu and click on "Giving" in the top menu.

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