

## ***IFSI-Connect***

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**Welcome to the first issue of the Illinois Fire Service Institute's electronic newsletter.**

The **83rd Annual Fire College** is quickly approaching and you have until May 25 to advance register. More than three-fourths of the classes have limited enrollment and ten have already filled or are close to filling. Don't delay. And remember, registering online is the easiest and best way to register. Complete details can be found at <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/courses/ifc/>

Once again this year, Fire College will feature an **Open House** on Friday evening, June 1. Those attending Fire College are encouraged to bring their friends and family to watch a liquid propane fire be controlled, to see the activation of an automobile airbag, observe how quickly a sprinkler system can suppress a fire, and much more. Attendees will also have the chance to tour the Illinois state fire academy. The Open House starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute will be hosting the **National Fire and Emergency Services Exploring Conference** from June 18 – 22 at IFSI's Champaign campus. Volunteers are still needed to help judge and monitor the contests. More than 500 Explorers are expected to participate in this year's conference. You can learn more about the Conference here: <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/courses/national-explorer/>

The **Fire Service Women of Illinois** is planning its fifth **Female Firefighters Training Weekend** for October 13 and 14 in Champaign. Four new 12-hour classes will be offered – each with a hands-on component. One class is designed for the new firefighter, while another is targeted to the more experience firefighter. "Work Smarter, Not Harder" covers how to adapt body mechanics to perform effectively on the fire ground. The fourth class focuses on performing triage during a disaster response. Mark your calendar and watch for details on the IFSI web site. A preliminary flyer can be found here <http://www.fswi.org/>

It's not too early to plan on **UPCOMING CLASSES**. Deadline for registration is typically six weeks before the start of class.

### **August 6 – 31: Basic Fire Fighting Practical Academy**

This 4-week program is intended to serve those who are already CFF-II certified by OSFM, but who would benefit from a hands-on and live-fire skills-based refresher course. The class also provides an Academy setting for firefighters who have completed the IFSI Certified Firefighter II Online program. This class is focused on providing intensive hands-on and live-fire training (not on meeting each and every CFF-II objective) so the student can actually function on a fire ground.

### **August 27 – 31: Rope Rescue Operations**

This 40-hour class is designed to prepare local responders to operate as a local member of a regional response team within the National Incident Management System (NIMS) at a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive (CBRNE) Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) event. The class covers the use of rope, rope equipment, and more.

**Complete class calendar** is available on the IFSI web site at <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/> Follow the links in the upper left hand corner for courses.

The staff at the **Illinois Fire Service Institute** is here to help you make the most of your training. Visit the web site to learn more about upcoming classes and activities. You can also find contacts here <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/information/contacts.cfm>