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2009 Calendar is in the Mail and on the Web

It's time to start planning your training for 2009. The new wall calendar is in the mail to every fire department in Illinois. The calendar provides a good overview of what and when classes are available. Want your own copy? You can download a printed version of the calendar from the IFSI web site at <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/documents/calendar/2009.pdf>. As always, a complete, up-to-date calendar is available online.

Registration Open for Winter Fire School

Registering online is still the best way to register for Winter Fire School, which is scheduled for January 24 – 25, 2009 in Champaign. The 2009 program offers a robust selection of classes that includes four NFA classes and nine short track classes. Early registration for the NFA classes is encouraged – unless we have the minimum number of students by December 19, we will have to cancel those classes and shift students to another class. The fee for Winter Fire School remains a low \$50 and includes Saturday lunch. A special Saturday evening bonus is presented by Mike Deckelmann and discusses civilian fatal fires. To register online, click on <http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/content/courses/wfs/>

New Ethanol Class Online

Our new **Ethanol Awareness Online** course is now available on the IFSI website. You can sign up for this free class, then go through the modules, look at the videos, take a short test, and print out your certificate.

Four Online Classes Begin in Early January

Start your new year out with advancement in your education. Four online classes start on January 5 and provide the groundwork for more advanced and hands-on classes:

- **Fire Origin and Cause**
- **Fire Service Vehicle Operator**
- **Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts**
- **Statewide WMD Response: Technical Rescue Awareness**

Tactics & Strategy II still has Seats Available for January 26 – 30, 2009

The Tactics & Strategy II class is designed for the Fire Officer who is responsible for commanding a fire or emergency scene involving multiple companies. The class covers strategic concepts in fire fighting, duties and responsibilities of command officers, incident command system, multi-company operations, among other subjects. The fee for the 40-hour class is \$225.

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