

(Roger D. Lunt, Deputy Director)
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Winter Fire School [January 29 – January 30, 2011]

The entire 2011 Winter Fire School will be held at IFSI's expanded facilities.

The 2011 Winter Fire School will offer classes in the areas of; fire officer leadership, lessons learned (FEMA), building construction, fire explorer training, vehicle fires and vehicle extrication awareness, and S-133 wildland fire fighting. In partnership with the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFD) the Winter Fire School will host the IAFD Administration Training Session. This training is specifically designed for fire protection district officials and officers. Go to <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu> or contact Eddie Bain, WFS Director for additional information.

Cornerstone Program

While delivered at no fee to you, Cornerstone classes are a partnership between the host and attending departments as well as IFSI. Your contribution is your time and willingness to share the training opportunity with your neighbors. To get the most out of the limited funds available please ensure

maximum attendance possible. Contact your IFSI Regional Representative to schedule a class.



Northwest Region: Ray Palczynski, 563-468-8385
Northeast Region: Randy Schlichter, 847-343-4039
Chicago Metro Area: Jim Streu, 630-605-5278
East Central Region: Greg Fisher, 217-244-1220
Central Region: Les Lockwood, 217-855-5546
Metro-East Region: John Nichols, 618-973-2059
Southern Region: Les Albert, 217-714-6500

10-for-1

Many of the IFSI classes offer a 10-for-1 benefit to the successful student. This means that for each hour completed; the student receives credit in up to 10 state or national level achievement areas.

Those areas are:

1. Firefighter / Police Officer State certification
2. State Continuing education requirements
3. Annual national regulatory requirements; e.g., CFR 1910.120 (HAZMAT), 1910.134 (ASCBA) and 1910.146 rescue).
4. Dual certificates with IFSI and the National Fire Academy
5. Meet interagency training requirements
6. Meet grant performance requirements
7. Meet National Incident Management System (NIMS) & National Response Plan (NRP) training
8. Meet current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards
9. College Credit Equivalency
10. Pro Broad Certificate

New props at IFSI

Streetscape is a 25 sea-land container prop designed to simulate a city block that has already proven to be a valuable training prop. The prop provides over 9,000 square feet of hallways, stairways, storage rooms, and residential and commercial properties within a three level structure. This is not a live fire prop, however, it does offer challenging firefighter and officer level training opportunities for basic and advanced skills.



Rail Road Derailment Prop

We have received another rail tank car. This rail car has been placed on the tracks alongside our other cars and will be specifically utilized by the Special Operations Training Program. We are just beginning to design a Rail Road Derailment Prop. Obviously this prop is a work in progress and we will keep you posted.

Trench Prop provides students the opportunity to develop trench rescue shoring skills in a controlled environment. The prop enhances the level of instruction for the trench program and allows skills to be developed by the students prior to completing rescue scenarios in a "live trench". While still in development, the benefits of this prop have already been realized for the Trench Operations. The prop offers linear, T's, L's, and U trench designs of various widths and at 8 to 16 foot depths.



Library

Don't forget to benefit from the IFSI Library. It offers extensive resources to Illinois fire departments and firefighters, other emergency responders, FSI Staff, University of Illinois students; as well as the general public. It is one of the top three fire service libraries in the United States. <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu>

Research

Our Research Program focus is driven by the needs of the Fire Service and First Responder communities as determined by surveys conducted locally by IFSI as well as national research agendas outlined by the National Fallen Firefighters Association and the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism. Go to <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu> to review research data in the areas of Firefighter Health and Safety, Incident Management Technology and Tools and Equipment.

IFSI hosted the Firefighter Cardiovascular Health and Safety Research Summit 2010. Scientists, Researchers, Doctors, State Training Directors, and Fire Chiefs from across the nation attended this summit. The summit held to goals; (1) to identify policy and protocol implications of current firefighter

cardiovascular research findings, (2) to determine methods of effectively implementing the lessons learned from research. The focus of these goals was to provide the highest positive impact on fire ground fatality trends. The Summit was funded in part by a Department of Homeland Security Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

On Line Blended Learning.

Fire Apparatus Engine is now a blended learning class, and Instructor I will soon be available in the blended learning format. Blended Learning is done by completing “classroom” sessions on the computer, and then coming to IFSI or a designated site for the practical application sessions. These should enable more people to access classes, and save much of the travel expense. We also offer a number of on-line, and “blended learning” classes. Go to <http://www.fsi.illinois.edu> for more information about the online classes.

College Credit

Effective July 1, 2010, IFSI students have the option to receive college transcript credit through Parkland College for many IFSI classes. The credit can then be used toward a degree from Parkland College, any Illinois community college, and some four year schools. Details are available on the IFSI website, or you can contact IFSI Assistant Director Brian Brauer with questions.