Marshal Matters

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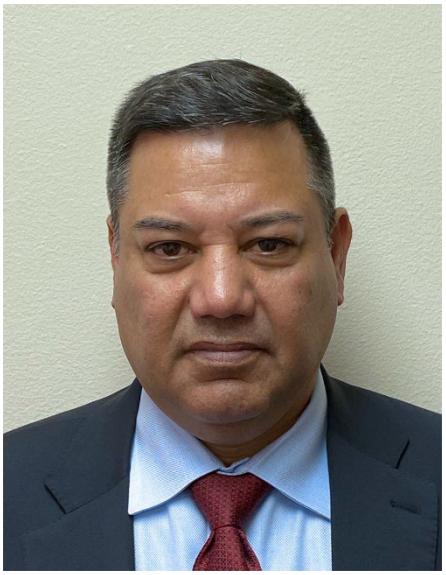
Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera



Arson Awareness Week is May 7-13 and this year's theme is Understanding and Mitigating Youth Firesetting Issues.

According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), youth firesetting is a problem throughout the United States and around the world. Fire misuse behaviors in children may be attributed to issues such as curiosity or experimentation, underlying struggles with impulse control, emotional regulation, social/interpersonal skills, childhood trauma, or other behavioral health conditions. Children observe adults using matches and lighters but may not be taught about important fire safety practices. They may also observe unsafe uses of fire in media, videos, and gaming.

I encourage parents and other family members to stress the importance of not playing with matches and leaving lighters alone. Kids are curious and talking to them about why they shouldn't play with these items can reduce the risk for an accidental fire that could impact more than just your family. I also encourage departments to reach out to the OSFM if they need a Youth Firesetter Interventionist and have members attend our classes we offer to become Certified Interventionists.

OSFM's Division of Arson currently is comprised of a Division Director, two Area Commanders, and 14 Special Agents in the field. The office staff also includes two Administrative Assistants. The OSFM has seven Accelerant Detection Canines who work with Special Agents across the state. Our newest K9 Rowan joined the team in early May. In 2022, OSFM Special Agents responded to 1,121 investigations and canine teams assisted in 213 investigations. In 2022, the OSFM's Arson Division closed 47 cases related to arson with an arrest.

A statewide Arson Hotline, (800) 252-2947, has been established so that citizens may anonymously provide information about a suspicious fire that has occurred or may occur.

Arson fires are preventable through education and awareness such as the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program. The OSFM is offering a few classes in different locations across the state. If someone in your department is interested, we highly encourage them to sign up and take the training. The more certified individuals across the state helps us to mitigate risks that could otherwise have turned into another preventable tragedy. To request help from this program you can call 1-844-689-7882 or visit the OSFM website at www.sfm.illinois.gov.

Chicago FF/EMT Jermaine Pelt Memorial

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *all residents owe a debt of gratitude to the firefighters of Illinois who selflessly risk their lives to protect people and keep our families and our property safe; and,*

WHEREAS, *every day, these men and women face great risks and often put their lives in danger to perform their duties; and,*

WHEREAS, *on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 49-year-old Chicago Firefighter/EMT Jermaine Pelt died in the line of duty; and,*

WHEREAS, *a valiant and passionate public servant, Firefighter/EMT Pelt's dedication to his community was unparalleled, having served with the Chicago Fire Department for 18 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter/EMT Pelt is survived by his parents, John and Lezzi Pelt, daughter, Jorie, and son, Jared, as well as many other family and friends;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to lower flags to half-staff from sunrise Wednesday, April 5th, 2023, till sundown Monday, April 10th, 2023, in honor and remembrance of Firefighter/EMT Jermaine Pelt, whose service shall forever be an inspiration to the people of Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this FIFTH *day of* MARCH*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* TWENTY-THREE*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* FIFTH*.*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

The OSFM honors and remembers our fallen brother Chicago FF/EMT Jermaine Pelt. On April 4, 2023, Pelt answered his alarm and died bravely in the line-of-duty.

He is survived by his parents, John and Lizzi Pelt, daughter Jorie, and son, Jared, as well as many other family and friends.

Governor JB Pritzker ordered flags be flown at half-staff from sunrise Wednesday, April 5 until sundown Monday, April 10th.

Rest Easy Brother, we will take it from here!

Chicago Lt. Jan Tchoryk Memorial

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WHEREAS, *on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 55-year-old Chicago Fire Department Lieutenant Jan Tchoryk died in the line of duty; and,*

WHEREAS, *a valiant and passionate public servant, Lieutenant Tchoryk's dedication to his community was unparalleled, having served with the Chicago Fire Department for 26 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Lieutenant Tchoryk is survived by his wife, Natalia, son, Chicago Police Officer Dillon Tchoryk, and daughters, Grace and Olivia, as well as many other family and friends;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to lower flags to half-staff from sunrise Sunday, April 9th, 2023, till sundown Thursday, April 13th, 2023, in honor and remembrance of Lieutenant Jan Tchoryk, whose service shall forever be an inspiration to the people of Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this SEVENTH *day of* APRIL, *in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* TWENTY-THREE, *and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* FIFTH.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

The OSFM honors and remembers our fallen brother Chicago Lieutenant Jan Tchoryk. On April 5, 2023, Lt. Tchoryk answered his final alarm and died bravely in the line-of-duty.

He is survived by his wife, Natalia, son, Chicago Police Officer Dillion Tchoryk, and daughters, Grace and Olivia, as well as many other family and friends.

Governor Pritzker ordered flags to be flown as half-staff from sunrise Sunday, April 9 until sundown Thursday, April 13.

Rest Easy Brother, we will take it from here!

Joseph Mazzone & Ret. Chief Mike Kracht Memorial

The OSFM sends our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Joseph Mazzone. Joseph dedicated his career to fire investigation, launching Mazzone Investigation Service in 1983.

He was an active member of the International Association of Arson Investigators since 1972, serving two terms on the board of directors.

He also served as President of the organization's IL chapter.

He volunteered as a fireman with the Central Stickney Fire Department for 10 years and as a fireman and investigator with the Roberts Park Fire District for 35 years.

He was a member of the MABAS 21 Fire Investigation Unit

The OSFM sends our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of retired Centralia Fire Chief Mike Kracht. Chief Kracht was a proud member of the fire service for over 30 years. He retired as Fire Chief with the City of Centralia in 2012. Mike was a carpenter and recently retired from Shores Builders in 2022.

Employee Spotlight

Stefan Barnwell

Account Technician I

Where are you originally from? Springfield, Illinois

Tell us about your family? I have two sisters, one brother, three nephews, and one niece, as well as a very large extended family.

Favorite food(s)? A well-seasoned steak, medium well.

Hobbies? Exercising; I'm usually at the gym 5 days a week.

What's your favorite movie or book? My favorite movie is the sci-fi classic Back to the Future.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? Usually nothing specific; whatever the top 40 is at the time.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? I wanted to be a lawyer so I could argue professionally.

What's your favorite part of the job? Figuring out how to solve new problems.

What's something unique about you? I graduated seventh in my high school class of about 250.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? I have only been to Florida once, but so far it has been my favorite.

Where is your bucket list destination? I have always wanted visit Egypt to see the pyramids up close.

100 Club Valor Awards

State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera pictured at the Chicago Awards Ceremony.

The 100 Club of Illinois held their annual Valor Awards in Chicago, Champaign, Springfield, and Elgin. The OSFM had representative at the awards to help honor the recipients.

The 100 Club Valor Awards are presented annually to police officers, firefighters, and paramedics who, by their actions, performed above and beyond the call of duty and in the highest traditions of their respective departments.

To learn more about the 100 Club of Illinois and how you can get involved, visit their website at https://www.100clubil.org/.

OSFM Legislative Liaison Laura Bedolla and 100 Club Chief Executive Officer Caitlyn Brennan at the Elgin Awards Ceremony

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was April 9-15. Illinois Governor JB Pritzker proclaimed the week as Telecommunications Week in Illinois in recognition of the vital contributions telecommunicators make to the safety of Illinois residents and visitors.

"Telecommunicators are the unsung heroes of Illinois—dispatching emergency services and relaying critical information to first responders that saves lives," said Governor JB Pritzker. "I couldn't be prouder to honor our first, first responders this Telecommunicators week—and on behalf of the State of Illinois, thank you for your service."

This week-long event, initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California, is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.

That OSFM thanks all those who are the first to answer the call and provide those responding with the information. Thank you for what you do to help those in need and those of us who respond to help.

CFD Cares Event

Pictured Left to Right: Carlotta Passmore, State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera. Roberto Lopez and Special Agent Mitch Kushner

Members from the OSFM attended a Chicago Fire Department Community Cares event on April 1. It was a cold and windy Chicago day, so the event was moved indoors. Those in attendance were given flyers explaining what the OSFM does and were able to take home some fire safety information, along with some fun OSFM swag! Attendees were in for a treat, as Accelerant Detection K9 GG was present. This was great chance to reach out to underserved communities which is a goal in our DEI initiative. Thanks, CFD for the invitation!

OSFM DEI

OSFM is taking significant steps toward diversity, equity, and inclusion, both externally and internally. Internally, the agency has begun to convene regularly to discuss DEI topics. The first conversation of the year occurred in March at our DEI Peer-to-Peer group meeting. This is a safe place where OSFM staff can openly discuss current DEI topics, news, and policy suggestions to improve the agency's culture. This is also a place where our staff can share their differences and an opportunity for others to learn and grow. Also, special guests are invited to appear to present their work relating to DEI.

The main framework of the conversations are grounded by data and revisiting our nation's history. Most data suggests that if employees are their authentic selves at work, this correlates to better-than-average retention along with performance due to a happier employee. Therefore, DEI has a high importance in any organization.

OSFM fully understands that many of our partners are also starting their DEI journey. OSFM Diversity Officer/ Hispanic Liaison, Roberto López, is available to connect and be a partner in this journey. Please reach Roberto at Roberto.C.lopez@illinois.gov with any questions.

IFSI Minute

AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

As we move closer to the summer months, our team is busy preparing for two annual IFSI events. The 99th Annual Fire College will be hosted June 2-4 and the 20th Annual Explorer Cadet Fire School is scheduled for July 27-23. Both events will be hosted on the main training campus in Champaign. Registration remains open for these two premier events: fsi.illinois.edu

IFSI Minute

IFSI is pleased to announce the locations for the next delivery of Basic Operations Firefighter/ NFPA Firefighter I Blended (BOF). The orientation for this no cost training opportunity is August 5.

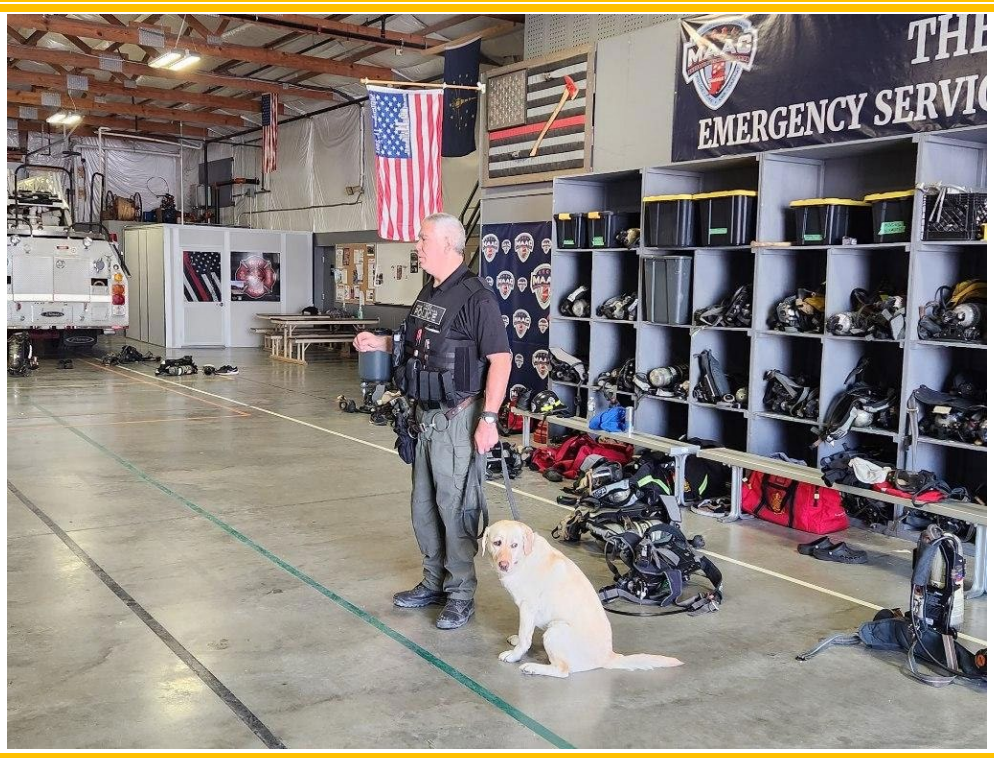
Registration is open for all training locations.

We continue to be grateful for your support in the fulfillment of our mission.
Helping Firefighters Do Their Work Through Training, Education, Information, and Research.

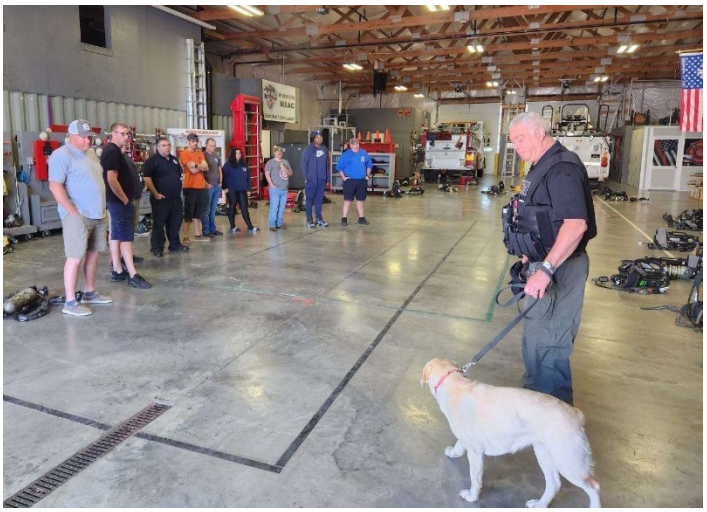
IFSI Spring Academy Graduation

OSFM's Bureau Chief of Operations Dale Simpson was on hand to deliver a message at the Spring 2023 Academy Commencement at the Illinois Fire Service Institute on Friday, April 14. The OSFM congratulates and welcomes our newest brothers and sisters to the fire service! Stay Safe!

Valparaiso K9 Training



Special Agent Mitch Kushner and Accelerant Detection K9 GG conducted a K9 training demonstration in Valparaiso, Indiana on Saturday, April 15 at a class for new investigators in northern Indiana. Thanks for inviting the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office over the state line to showcase our amazing special agents and K9's.



YFSI Taylorville Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Taylorville Fire Department is pleased to announce they will be hosting a
Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 & Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Tuesday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Taylorville Fire Department
202 W. Main Street
Taylorville, IL 62568

Registration: To register, please visit
https://sfm.illinois.gov/about/divisions/arson/yfsip/yfsip-class-registration.html

This class is limited to **25 students** due to the COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of $100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
Arson Division – YFSIP
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

For further information, contact Jeff Pride at 217-622-7486, or via email at jeff.pride@illinois.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Taylorville!

YFSI Buffalo Grove Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Round Lake Fire Protection District is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

Date & Time: Monday, May 8, 2023 & Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Monday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Village of Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center
2007 N. Civic Center Way
Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Registration: To register, please visit
https://sfm.illinois.gov/about/divisions/arson/yfsip/yfsip-class-registration.html

This class is limited to **25 - 30 students** due to the COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of $100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Round Lake!

YFSI Salem Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Salem Fire Protection District is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

This is a weekend class

Date & Time: Saturday, October 14, 2023 & Sunday, October 15, 2023

Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Salem Fire Protection District
303 S. Broadway
Salem, IL 62881

Registration: To register, please visit
https://sfm.illinois.gov/about/divisions/arson/yfsip/yfsip-class-registration.html

This class is limited to **25 students** due to the COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Salem!

Hoffman Estates Public School Class

OSFM

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION CLASS

WHEN

June 7, 2023
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Class size restricted to first 30 individuals that register

WHERE

Hoffman Estates Fire Department, Station 24
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
Onsite parking is available

Additional Information

https://sfm.illinois.gov/about/divisions/fire-prevention-and-building-safety/public-school-inspection-program.html

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

(any one of the following)
OSFM Fire Officer I, II
OSFM Company Fire Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Officer
OSFM Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer
NFPA/ICC/OSFM Fire Inspector I
See link for Info on Tier 2 Program

REGISTER

Send the following info to SFM.FirePreventionAA@illinois.gov

- your name,
- your department name,
- a copy of your qualifying certificate
- signed letter from Chief
- a list of public schools (with addresses) in your district

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER?

SFM.FirePreventionAA@illinois.gov
or 217-785-4714 or 217-606-9808

Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training Aurora

Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials

May 19, 2023, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Aurora Fire Department, Station 8
3770 McCoy Drive
Aurora, Illinois 60504

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal along with the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association and Strictly FX will provide a day long training program for fireworks, pyrotechnics and special effects for the **Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Code Officials** and **Venue Managers**. Product display demonstration is included. Lunch on your own with lots of local options.

Training includes a review of State and Federal regulations including: IDNR, OSFM, ATF, DOT, OSHA, CPSC, NFPA standards and industry best practices.

Morning Session: **Retail Sales and Outdoor Professional Displays**

Consumer (1.4G) Fireworks Retail Sales

Commonly referred to as "backyard" fireworks sold at retail outlets year-round and roadside stands.

* NFPA 1124 Retail Sales
* Products & Packaging
* Warehouse/Storage
* Fireworks Emergencies
* Illinois Rules for Retail Sales
* Novelties

Professional Display (1.3G) Fireworks

Products used by professional fireworks display companies & typically discharged for community events.

* Types of Displays
* Display Site Venues
* License and Permits
* NFPA 1123 Overview
* Fallout Zones & Weather
* Illegal Sale, Use, & Storage
* Safety Equipment & Set-Ups
* Emergency Response Guidance
* Transportation

Afternoon Session: **Indoor, Proximate Audience, Flame and Special Effects**

Proximate Pyrotechnics and Flame Effects (Outdoor & Indoor)

Permit and compliance requirements for products and effects in the entertainment industry at indoor venues (theatres, concerts, arenas) or outdoor venues (stadiums, amphitheaters, roof tops) where the audience or performers are within 75 feet.

This training meets the OSFM rules for AHJ's that issue permits for indoor and proximate pyrotechnics.

* NFPA 1126 & 160 Overview
* Pre & Post Show Planning
* Safety Requirements
* Storage Requirements
* Types of Devices
* APA Proximate Pyro. Check-list
* Fire Detection
* Life Safety Systems
* Illinois Licensing and Permit Rules

Registration & Contact Information

Online Registration:
https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/business/fireworks/form-pyrofireworks-trainingforcodeofficialsregistration

For more information:
Contact the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Pyrotechnics-Fireworks Division via email at SFM.Pyrotechnics@illinois.gov.

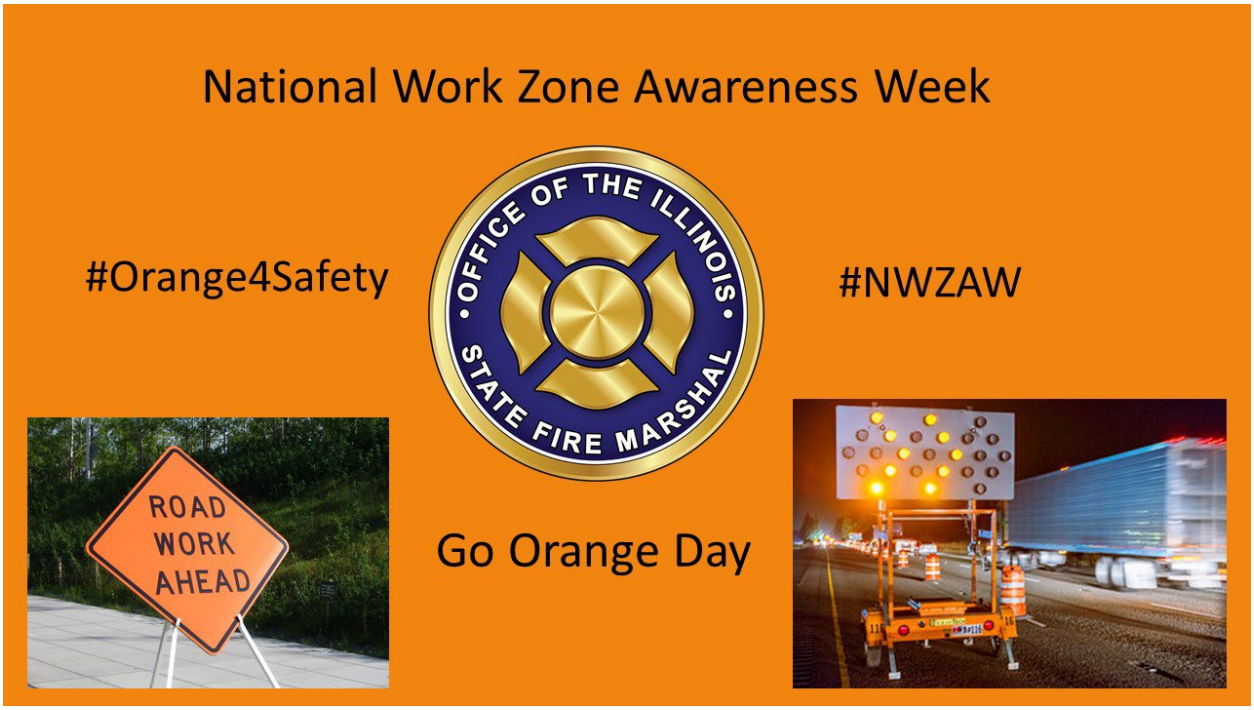
There is no charge for this training program. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

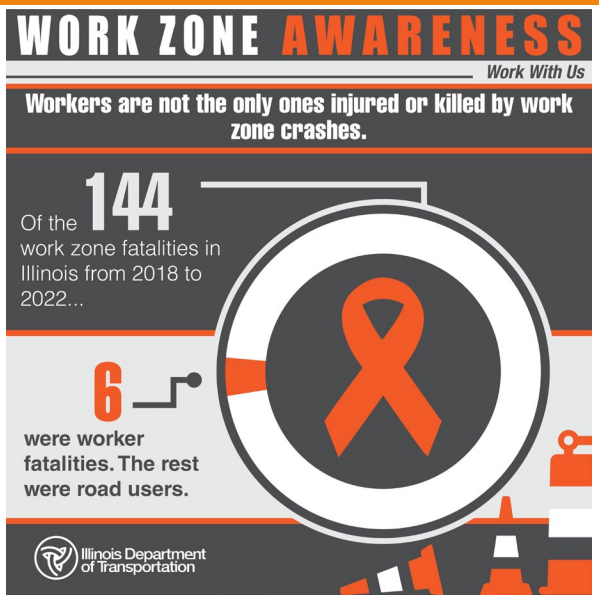
National Volunteer Week

April 16 through April 22, 2023, was National Volunteer Week with April 20 being World Volunteer Day. President Joe Biden issued a proclamation this year and the first line reads: This week, we honor the selfless spirit of Americans who volunteer, and we sound the call for more Americans to seize opportunities to serve their communities.

This is very true amongst the volunteer fire service community in Illinois which makes up around 70 percent of the total fire service in the state. Do you have what it takes? Check out your local department and see if you have any skills that they could use. You would be amazed at what things they could use help with.

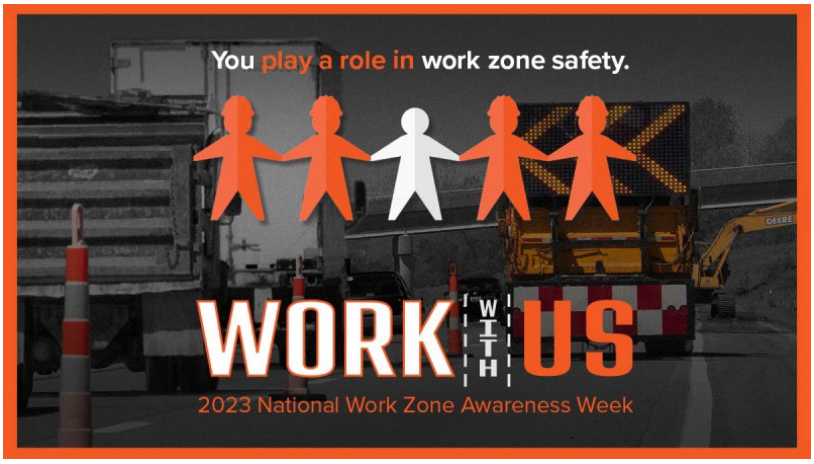
National Work Zone Awareness Week



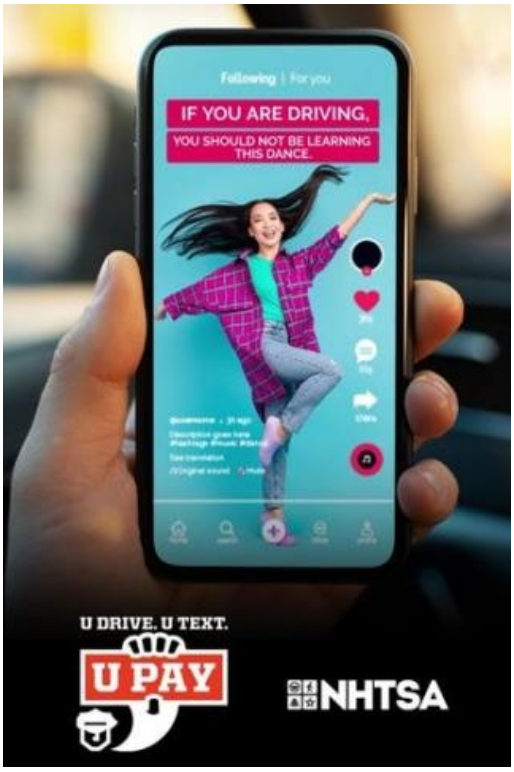


National Work Zone Awareness Week was April 17-21 with this year's theme of, "You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us."

In 2021, 956 people died in work zones, according to the NHTSA FARS data. Also in 2021, 108 highway worker occupational fatalities occurred in road construction sites, based on BLS data. In 2021, 778 drivers and their passengers died in work zones (based on NHTSA FARS data), making it all the more important for drivers to slow down and stay focused while approaching and passing through a roadway work zone.



Distracted Driving Awareness Month



April was Distracted Driving Awareness Month. According to the NHTSA, distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 3,522 lives in 2021. If you are headed out for the weekend, put your phone down and just drive! If a message can't wait, pull over or designate a person in the car (not driving) to text or reply. Since 2007, drivers 16 to 24 years old have been distracted by devices at higher rates than other drivers, but we're all at risk for distracted-driving crashes.

At least eight people a day are killed in distracted driving crashes. Handheld and hands-free phone calls and texts, emails, social media, passengers, snacks, and even built-in vehicle touchscreens are just some of the distractions fighting for your attention on the road.

Here's a simple way to think about it: if something requires your hands, your eyes, or your attention while you're driving, it's a distraction. Distracted driving isn't just risky for you, it can be deadly for every nearby driver, pedestrian, bicyclist, and worker.

Pledge to avoid distracted driving and help everyone around you get home safe.

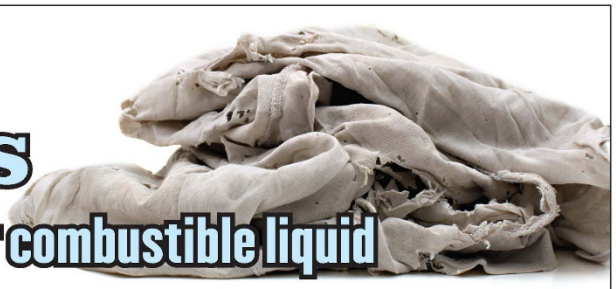
Take the Pledge

- I will make our roads safer for everyone by avoiding all forms of distracted driving.
- I will speak up when others are distracted to protect myself and all other road users.

Oily Rags Safety

Safety with Oily Rags

wet with flammable or combustible liquid



Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. But wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully. The same is true of the liquids themselves.

How can rags start a fire?

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up. That is why a pile of oily rags can be dangerous. As the rags dry, the heat is trapped. The heat builds up and finally causes a fire. Be aware that this does not happen with water-based finishes.

How can liquids start a fire?

Vapors from flammable and combustible liquids can ignite, causing a fire. There are many commonly used flammable liquids. Gasoline, lacquers, and nail polish are just a few examples. There are many commonly used combustible liquids. Paint thinner, kerosene, and oil-based paints and stains are some examples.

RAGS WET WITH PAINT AND STAIN

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. At the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry.
- Hang the rags outside or spread them on the ground. Weigh them down. Do this so they do not blow away. Make sure they are not in a pile. Keep them away from buildings.
- Put dried rags in a metal container. Make sure the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution. This will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Keep them out of direct sunlight. Keep them away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on disposing of them.

LIQUIDS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame. Do not smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel. Never use it as a cleaner. Never use it to break down grease. Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Store gasoline ONLY in a container that is sold for that purpose. Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use. NEVER store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in an outbuilding, a detached garage, or a shed outdoors.

FACTS

- An average of 1,700 home fires per year are caused by instances of spontaneous combustion or chemical reaction
- An average of 900 home fires per year are started when oily rags catch fire or are ignited.

NFPA NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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Shout Outs/Kudos

Left to Right: Special Agent Linda Hacker, Special Agent Mike Poel and Special Agent and Acting Arson Division Manager Jeff Pride. After 18 years of service to the OSFM, Special Agent Mike Poel is retiring. Thanks for your years of tireless dedication to the OSFM and to the people of Illinois. Enjoy your well-deserved rest!

OSFM Retirements:

Simony Weyforth, Administrative Assistant II/Arson – Retired March 31st, 20 years 8 months of service

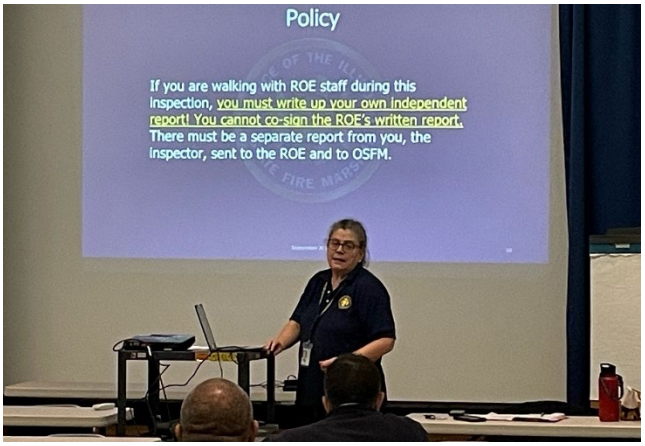
Mark Marinaro, Fire Prevention Inspector II/Fire Prevention – Retires April 30th, 6 years of service

Mike Poel, Arson Investigator I/Arson – Retires April 30th, 18 years of service

Shout Outs/Kudos

Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera participated in a state-wide exercise, Operation Power Play on Wednesday, April 27. SFM Rivera is pictured with members from MABAS-Illinois at the state EOC. This exercise was designed to help enhance cooperation between public and private partners to provide support to the residents of Illinois.

OSFM's Cathy Stashak taught a Public School Inspection Class at the Springfield office on April 18. Cathy is the best in the business and has taught numerous classes this year with a few more coming up.



OSFM New Hires:

Bobby Mayberry, Elevator Inspector/Elevator Safety – Started March 6th

Stefan Barnwell, Account Technician I/Fiscal – Started April 1st

The OSFM wants to thank these employees for their service to the agency:

- Emily Kaylor, Office Associate/Fire Prevention
- Carrie Leitner, Technical Advisor III/Legal
- Matt Sebek, Deputy General Counsel/Legal
- Bob Maxey, Account Technician II/Fiscal

Kids' Corner

WORD SEARCH

We hope you are never in a fire, but if you are, you will be glad that you are prepared!

- ☐ AMBULANCE
- ☐ E.D.I.T.H.
- ☐ EMERGENCY
- ☐ ESCAPE
- ☐ EXIT
- ☐ FIREFIGHTER
- ☐ LADDER
- ☐ PLAN
- ☐ PRACTICE
- ☐ PREVENT
- ☐ SMOKE
- ☐ WINDOW

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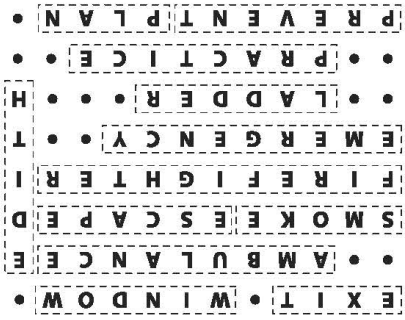
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