



# Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors

Summer 2011

## Message from the Board

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the 2011 Training Officer Workshop on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011! We hope you enjoyed the presentations from our keynote speaker Brian Cradell, Assistant Fire Chief, Central Valley, MT. on Street-Smart Habits for Effective Fire Training; Facial Hair & Fire Service Training by Rich Rodewald, Drill Master, Council Bluffs Fire Department; and the panelist's discussion of Current Issues for Today's Training Officer.

If you have any suggestions for future Training Officer Workshop ideas or presenters, please email the IaSFSI Board at [iasfsicontact@gmail.com](mailto:iasfsicontact@gmail.com) or any of the board members listed on the Board Contact Information pg 4.

## Raffle Tickets!

The IaSFSI is currently selling tickets for a Raffle drawing to be held at the Instructor Conference on November 12, 2011. Grand Prize is a Laptop, Projector, & Pull-Up Screen. Other prizes include Visa Gift Cards with values ranging from \$50 to \$250.

[Click Here](#) for more details!!!

## Save the Dates!

2011 Fire Service Instructors Conference – November 11-12, 2011, Ames, IA

Watch for the IaSFSI Booth at various upcoming Regional Fire Schools!!  
For dates and locations of 2011 Iowa Fire Schools, [Click here](#).

**Be sure to get your nominations in for the  
2011 Instructor of the Year Award!**

[Click Here](#) for the application.

(Due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011)

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## Our Mission Statement

*"The Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors provides effective and continuous leadership in training and education for Iowa's Fire Service."*

## Going to FDIC – The Training You Need, When You Need It

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As fire service instructors, we need to continuously recharge our batteries. Attending the FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference) did just that for me. The conference not only gave me tools to improve my department, but also helped me become a better fire service instructor and board member of the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors.

On Monday, I attended the Credentialed Live Fire Trainer workshop presented by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI). It covered acquired structures, permanent structural props, and exterior props. This full day workshop focused on how to conduct realistic training safely. The new credentialing program that ISFSI is offering will also include a live fire exercise of an acquired structure later this fall.

On Tuesday, ISFSI presented a workshop entitled Professional Development Credentialing for Today's Fire Instructor. For the first time, the ISFSI rolled out at FDIC a system that will provide orientation and direction on achieving professional credentialing at either the "Master Fire Instructor", "Professional Fire Instructor" or "Expert" level.

ISFSI membership will not only distinguish you from your peers, but also help in improving your department, supporting the development of other instructors, and increase your career opportunities.

As the week went on, Wednesday took me to three very motivating workshops. Ready Or Not, It's Time to Train, was a workshop that brought the attendees back to the basics of training philosophy. The Improving and Maintaining Good Instructors workshop focused on maintaining a high instructional level. The Fire Instructor 10 Step Program was a workshop that facilitated the instructor's evaluation of their teaching skills, methods, and effectiveness.

On Thursday, before going out to visit the equipment displays and vendors, one more workshop was on my agenda. Company Drills for Acquired Structures was a presentation that explored different ways to get the fullest drilling potential from acquired buildings without having live fires.

Throughout the four days, I had an opportunity to visit with several board members of the International Society of Fire Services Instructors. They were pleased to see how the Iowa Chapter was doing and are looking forward in setting up a display at the Iowa Fire Service Instructor Conference this November.

Someone recently told me that the FDIC was a conference that only offered advanced learning. This is not true. I found it to be designed for all levels of experience, benefiting the newcomer and experienced firefighters alike. I recommend anyone looking to recharge their batteries to consider attending next year's FDIC.

Doug Kolkman, IaSFSI Vice President

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## International Society of Fire Service Instructors

The ISFSI leads fire and EMS instructors in their efforts to reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries, increase firefighter safety, and improve the profession through education and training. ISFSI supports instructors through educational opportunities, networking, mentoring programs, leadership opportunities, instructional resources, and legislative representation. The ISFSI is your opportunity to become involved as a training developer, instructor and writer!

One area that has been a focus of the board is to try to close the gaps in training. One area of significant concern is the conducting of live fire training. Even with a standard (NFPA 1403) we are seeing near misses, injuries and even deaths in our training under live fire conditions. In researching the instructor programs across the world we found that not a lot of formalized training programs existed. The areas where these existed there is no desire of the ISFSI to take those over. Our focus became clear in that we wanted to bridge the gap where there were not programs available and offer a program where instructors could get credentialed at various levels and aspects of live fire training. In the fall of 2010 ISFSI traveled to the Connecticut Fire Academy to pilot the newly created Live Fire instructor program. Later in the fall a second pilot program was conducted at the Ohio Fire Academy.

During the process ISFSI has work intricately with Jones and Bartlett in the production of the Live Fire Training text which was released officially in December of 2010. ISFSI is conducting instructor training programs and will be conducting a "Training the Trainer" program June 3-4, 2011 at the Ohio Fire Academy. This group will become ISFSI Live fire Instructor Trainers and will be pivotal in conducting these training programs across the world.

*Philip Oakes, Western Region  
Director of the International  
Society of Fire Service Instructors  
will be the keynote speaker at the  
2011 Instructor's Conference.*

ISFSI has many more opportunities for members to be involved. We have a host of committees who are working on anything from text book reviews to test bank creation to authoring text books to being guests on the Voice Pod cast to just about anything you can think of. The key to this is you just have to ask to be involved. We have opportunities for everyone and would love to get each member more involved.

As you can see ISFSI has been extremely busy. I would challenge you these things:

- If you are a member get engaged with the organization. Don't wait to be asked to do something. Ask what you can get involved with! It is not what we can do for you but what you can do for the organization to have a positive impact on the World's fire service.
- If you are not a member then I strongly encourage you to become one. The benefits of being a member are substantial and will have a substantial impact on your career in the fire service whether career or volunteer.

I look forward to working with the Iowa Instructor Society as we are working diligently to revitalize our State Chapters. Please feel free to contact us and visit the new ISFSI website at [www.isfsi.org](http://www.isfsi.org).

Doug Cline, Vice President of The International Society of Fire Service Instructors

## Instructor's Standing Orders

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1. Conduct all training, business, maintenance and operations with the SAFETY and SURVIVAL impact that each action and decision carries.
2. All PPE will be utilized by students and instructors as identified in the Drill Safety Plans. YOU and YOUR students are not permitted to be exposed to any products of combustion. All smoke kills. Now or later.
3. Proper REHAB, fitness, stretching and physical/ mental health of students and instructors will be monitored and promoted at all times.
4. Any injury, accident, near-miss or damage to personnel, equipment, apparatus or facilities must be reported immediately to the Lead Instructor and Director of Training after treatment has been initiated and the situation secured.
5. Conduct all training evolutions and classroom sessions according to stated objectives and references and utilize all proper documentation for every training session. Forward all completed documentation through proper channels and return the training area to its proper condition.
6. Go the extra distance required to ensure that each student understands why, not just how things are done, how each step and minute in training can keep them safe and promote teamwork in everything we do.
7. Be accountable. Be Decisive. Be the Expert.
8. Pay attention to detail. Even the smallest job is important. Everything makes a difference.
9. You are empowered to **STOP UNSAFE ACTS, CONDITIONS, CONDUCT,** and **IMMEDIATELY** control conduct in speech or actions that do not portray **PROFESSIONALISM.**

*Submitted by Forest Reeder, Eastern Regional Director of ISFSI, Battalion Chief/Director of Training & Safety with the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, Direct of Training for Southwest United Fire Districts*

## Tips & Tricks of Members

We are out of tips & tricks!!

This section is designed for members to submit tips and tricks they have found while teaching. Don't be shy! This is your opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with your fellow members.

Please submit your ideas to [iasfsicontact@gmail.com](mailto:iasfsicontact@gmail.com).

## New E-Mail Address or Mailing Address?!?!?!?

Help the IaSFSI keep you up-to-date on the current events and happenings in the Iowa Fire Service by letting us know if you have a new email address or have moved!

Please e-mail your new contact information to [iasfsicontact@gmail.com](mailto:iasfsicontact@gmail.com)

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# RAFFLE

## Grand Prize

Laptop, Projector, Pull-Up Screen

**\$1**  
Per Ticket

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Drawing to be held at the Instructors Conference  
on November 12

*Tickets may be purchased from any ISFSI Board Member*

[www.iasfsi.org](http://www.iasfsi.org)

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**