

Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors



Fall/Winter 2015 issue

Welcome new members to the IaSFSI

Please welcome to the Society Jason Blinks, Drew Haag, Jason Hartman, Loren Jellison, Ben Kurka, John Lilburn, Criag Liscum. Alicia Thomas, Paul Warner, Kevin Wood, Curtis, Jamie Tendal, James Tendal Jr., Sshley Van Aallsburg, Matthew Van Roekel, Robert Burnette, Greg Funk, Brad Hindt, Todd Hofman, Scott Klaassen, Scott Ruden, Greg Siems, Anthony Snyder, Greg Higginbotham, Robert Hunt, Jason Johnston, Justin Kamman, Eli Kilburg, James Luzier, David Pillow, Jonathan Reed, Anthony Barber, Timothy Burns, Andrew Cooper, Bradley Crookshank, Cory Deaton, Brian Eiteman, Robert Harris, Dayton Harryman Adam Schrunk, Drew Schumacher, Hunter Udelhoven Tom Warndahl, Kelli Willett, Cory Young, Kary Borders, Bryor McMillen, Cale Heitmeier, Andrew Crooks, Angela Moore, Jesse Logan, Zachary Boyd, Kasey Miller. These students were from the Norwalk, Coggon, West Burlington Fire Departments, and Northwest Iowa Community College Instructor I classes. Your Society has grown every year as more leading professionals recognize the benefits of working together to advance the art and science of fire instruction.

Our Mission Statement

"The Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors provides effective and continuous leadership in training and education for the Iowa Fire Service Instructor."

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR 2015



Congratulations to Greg Neville (center) from the Odebolt Fire Department. Greg was awarded as the 2015 Iowa Instructor of the year.

Pictured left to right Randy Novak, Bureau Chief of the Fire Service Training Bureau, Greg Neville, Doug Kolkman, President of the IaSFSI

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Up-Dates from the International Society of Fire Service Instructors



Total ISFSI Live Fire Fixed Facility Classes in 2015 is 9. We've credentialed a total of 663 instructors since 2011

We will launch ISFSI Live Fire Instructor Acquired Structure Credential no later than January of 2016

Two additional credentials/accreditations will launch in 2016

Our PMFA grant is extended till March of 2016. We continue to deliver these 8 hour classes free of charge and have educated more than 4,000 students nationwide.

As a member of ISFSI you receive a 10% discount to FDIC 2016.



During the International Society of Fire Service Instructors' Fall Conference several hands on activities were conducted. One of those activities allow each attendee to understand flow path and proper ventilation by using these doll houses that were built.

All of the hands on activities were focused around different key points of the "Principle of Modern Fire Attack" research.

Part 2 of the Role of the Fire Service Instructor

The purpose of this segment is to describe elements of professionalism in the industry and the role of the fire service instructor.

2 Describe the **Novice to Expert** of the fire instructor service's role:

As it is described in the *Training Officer's Desk Reference* manual, never stop learning.

As an instructor, we spend a great deal of our time teaching and looking for training opportunities for our students. So much of the training officer's job is focused on providing realistic, meaningful, and relevant training.

- A simple way to get back into the saddle is to participate in some of the training that is provided by your company officers in your department.
- Attend as many conferences and workshops as you reasonably can. This is important because it will provide you with new perspectives and teach new techniques to take back to your classroom or drill ground.
- Meet with your mutual aid training officers. Chances are they are facing the same problems as you are. This is a great way to share ideas.
- There are websites from training academies, trade journals, blogs, associations that offer training materials and ideas for free.
- As an instructor there should be a desire to continue your education. It is recommended that some of the education pursued be of college level classes.
- One of the simplest ways to continue to learn is to read fire service journals and magazines.

Learning never ends, more on ways to improve on your professional development can be seen by reading the Jones and Bartlett's *Training Officer's Desk Reference*.

Committees of the Society

For the continued success of the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors we need help in the various established committees:

- Annual Conference Committee
- Membership Committee
- Rules (Constitution and By-Laws)
- Fire School Display
- History and Archives
- Long Range Planning

If you like to be part of the growth of the Iowa Society send an email of where you can best assist at iasfscontact@gmail.com

A friendly reminder that your membership with the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors expires soon, 12/31/2015

To renew your membership, go to the Society's web site www.iasfsi.org, under the Membership Tab, use PayPal to Renew/Pay Dues.



If you are interested in participating on a committee or contributing content for the monthly newsletter, or a monthly article in the Firefighter News contact the Iowa Society by emailing at iasfscontact@gmail.com.

A quick disclaimer, usually Alicia Ver Huel, who recently left the Fire Service Training Bureau to pursue a new career path, took care of our memberships. She's the one that sent out renewal notices and received dues payments. Since she is no longer involved with the Society, we are communicating to all of our members through our website, emails, and Facebook of your membership statuses. Take advantage of our on-line payment options.

2016 Officers of the IaSFSI

Doug Kolkman, President-dougekolkman02@gmail.com

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2015 Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4:45pm on Friday, October 9th, 2015 by President Doug Kolkman.

The following appointments were made:

- Parliamentarian – Randy Novak
- Election Committee – J. Maulsby
- Audit Committee – Tony Westendorf, Tom Craighton

Secretary Report – J. Maulsby

- A copy of 2014 business meeting minutes was distributed.
- Membership is currently at 213.
- Motion was made by Dale Duncan, seconded by Tom Craighton to approve the 2014 Minutes.
Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report – Mike Beck

- As of Oct 9th – Balance was \$6,005.89
- Audit committee submitted an approval of the treasurers' records.
- Motion was made by Dale Duncan, seconded by Evan Bachtell to approve the Treasurer Reports.
Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

- Audit Committee – Tom Craighton gave a verbal statement that after completing the audit of the IaFSI 2015 financial records, "Everything is fine."
- Election Committee – J. Maulsby read the names that have been submitted for each of the open board positions.
 - Vice President – Pat Daly, Jerry Wiser, Jerry Eslick
 - Directors x2 – Al McCune, Rich Rodewald
 - Secretary – Josh Fevold

J. Maulsby then asked for nominations from the floor.

Hearing none, motion by Cliff McFarland, seconded by Evan Bachtell to cease nominations. Motion Passed.

Motion by Cliff McFarland, seconded by Randy Novak to cast unanimous ballot for the Director and Secretary nominees. Motion Passed.

Voting for Vice President was tallied with Jerry Eslick being appointed.

Motion by Joe Zittergruen, seconded by Evan Bachtell to destroy ballots. Motion Passed.

Old Business – Firefighter articles in the newspaper are good up to January. Need 6 months worth.

Mentoring Program – Doug visited with several members about the program and about the mentoring responsibilities.

New Business - None

For the Good of the Order

Scott Meinecke expressed a thank you to the board for their past and on-going work.

A motion to adjourn the 2015 IaSFSI meeting was made by Rich Rodewald, seconded by Evan

Membership Benefits

- **Be first to receive the Society's newsletter before it is available to the rest of the instructors on our website.**
- **The Society is providing a mentoring service. If a new or seasoned instructor would need guidance, we will assign you a mentor to help you with any instructing issues.**
- **Join the International Society of Fire Service Instructors at a reduce membership fee by choosing the dual membership option**
- **Receive a 10% discount on tuition from Columbia Southern University**
- **Networking/Information sharing with other Society Members**

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Mentoring Program

The mentoring program is a service that we will provide to any instructor who may need help with their instructing. Upon request we will assign a mentor who can help with any concerns.

The minimum requirements for any mentoring position shall be:

- Be a current IaSFSI member.
- Be a field instructor for the FSTB for at least 5 years.
- Be a state certified Instructor 2.
- Be Firefighter 2 certified.
- Actively teaching for at least 10 years.
- Minimum of 90 hours of teaching.
- Minimum of 45 hours of evaluating.
- Minimum of 10 hours of proctoring.
- The instructor has not received any un-satisfactory evaluations.
- Completion of orientation training on the Mentoring Program developed by the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors.

The mentor's responsibilities include:

- Meet with the instructor-in-training before each class session
- Complete the Instructor Evaluation form at the end of each session with the instructor-in-training. Forward the completed reports to the board of the IaSFSI.
- Assist the instructor-in-training with any student issues.
- Responsible for the use and adherence to all safety policies and procedures.
- Guide the instructor-in-training through the process of completing a successful class

If any Society member who meets the minimum requirements and desires to assist another instructor in their professional development, send your resume to iasfscontact@gmail.com