
NATIONAL FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPLORING CONFERENCE



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Wednesday June 20, 2007

NEWSLETTER

Champaign, Illinois

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Individual competitions, team competitions, seminars, Chef's demonstration of firehouse cooking, movie, TV, Illini Union bowling, billiards, food, etc.



Calling all Advisors

All advisors who were Fire Explorers as youth are requested to meet with Frank Lewis at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning for a brief interview. These interviews will be conducted at IFSI room 124. It's a time to be famous, who knows, you may be part of the closing ceremony, and it may lead to a starring role in some movie. Yeah and I have some swamp land to sell you also. This is real, we need our advisors to get some publicity for all the hard and dedication they give the youth they serve.

Opening Ceremony

How did you like the opening ceremony? Everyone I spoke to felt it was outstanding. The speakers were inspiring and the staging was great. If the closing song and pictures of the flag and Johnny Cash singing didn't send goose bumps down your spine then you need to be checked out. Frank Lewis and the Black Shirts do an outstanding job and get very little recognition. Well thanks Black Shirts, we couldn't do this conference without you. Keep up the good work.



Competitive Events

How did your team do yesterday in the events? You know, you don't have to win in the competition to come away a "winner." You are a winner for being here and trying. I saw a lot of sweat out there and a lot of good hard work and effort. It's so good to see our youth of today working so hard in something they believe in and are dedicated toward. Firefighters have always been heroes because they care. Images of 911 and the Okla. City bombing come to mind that says to each and everyone that it takes some one special to be a firefighter. So, weather you win or not it's not as important as you being here trying your best representing your department, your hometown and most of all yourself. Good luck today in the remaining events.



This week in Illinois fire history: On June 21, 1970, a freight train carrying propane tanks derailed in Crescent City, Illinois. Several of the gas tanks exploded, erupting into flames that reached several hundred feet in the air. It took more than 56 hours to extinguish the fire and more than 60 firefighters and civilians were injured. The event helped the fire service profession recognize that incidents involving LP gas and other hazardous materials required special tactics and training, and contributed to the development of modern HAZMAT response methods.

Florida Residence Hall is a Smoke free Facility

The residence halls are smoke free and anyone that smokes should go out doors please. The smoke alarms are very sensitive and can be set off very easily so please go outdoors to smoke.



Basic Leadership Principles

Colonel Royal Mortenson, USMC, speaker at Annual Fire College (part two of three)

5. Always strive to be tactically and technically proficient in all you do. The price of anything less is far too costly. Our environment is uncertain and lethal. Never let it be said that you lost a man or a woman because you failed to do your homework.
6. I will listen to and help any person, anytime. I expect my subordinate leaders to do the same, however, every member of our team must reach out and grab the "offered hand."
7. Everything I do must prepare myself and my team for mission success and survival. Our enemies must understand that they have but two choices – "make peace or die."
8. Take care of our families. Stress at home tears at the fiber of our organization.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

5:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast		<u>Building/Program</u> FAR — Dining Hall
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Teams meet at designated times-closed from 12 Noon – 1:00 PM)	<u>TEAM COMPETITIONS</u> Arson Investigation Bunker Gear and SCBA Relay CPR and Movement Ladder Raise Make & Break Paramedic Biking Competition Room Search Spinal Demobilization and Move	#2 #6 #1 #8 #4 #7 #3 #5	<u>IFSI Field</u> Arson Buildings West side of 6-story tower Circle Dr E/Rescue Rd South side of 6-story tower Auto Ave/Collapse St Circle Dr E & Circle Dr N Smoke Cans (SW of tower) Rescue Rd/Railroad Tracks
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Walk-in event - closed from 12 Noon – 1:00 PM)	<u>INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS</u> Bunker Gear and SCBA Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) Hose Race Initial size up and incident command One-person CPR Wildfire Shelter Deployment Written Examination	#15 #13 #16 #14 #9 #11 #10	<u>IFSI FIELD</u> Circle Dr W & Circle Dr N East side of 6-story tower Circle Dr S & Circle Dr W East side of 6-story tower Rescue Road & Circle Dr E Circle Dr S & Circle Dr W Room 133 IFSI Office Bldg
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Meet at designated times-closed from 12 Noon – 1:00 PM)	Drill Competition	#12	IFSI-Drive North/Fire Station
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Walk-in event – closed from 12 Noon – 1:00 PM)	<u>SEMINARS</u> Collapse Rescue Confined Space Rescue Emergency Medical Services Firefighting (in the smoke) Hazardous Materials High Angle Rescue Vehicle Extrication Water Supply		<u>IFSI FIELD</u> Rescue/Collapse City Technical Rescue Prop Tent by Technical Rescue Prop 2-Story Burn Bldg/Tent Bldg 1172 & Surroundings Technical Rescue Prop Extrication Pad & Bldg 1178 Hydrant on South Curve Drive
12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM	Lunch		IFSI
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner		FAR — Dining Hall
9:00 PM-11:00 PM	Chef's Demonstration of Firehouse Cooking		FAR — Dining Hall Pagoda
9:00 PM	Movie Recreational Opportunities		FAR—Oglesby Lounge, 1st Fl FAR—(See first page)
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Bowling, Pool, Food, etc.		Illini Union
11:15 PM	DAY CONCLUDES		