

# Winter Fire School

# February 4 - 5, 2006

**Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center**  
1001 Kilarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801  
217-328-7900

**Registration fee includes lunch**

\$35 pre-registration (by January 30, 2006 5:00 p.m.)  
\$50 after January 20, 2006  
Plus activity fee for some hands-on classes (see registration form)

**Registration check-in at the Holiday Inn Hotel**

Saturday: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
You must pick up your registration packet before proceeding to class.

**Class locations**

All NFA , short track and honor guard classes will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel.  
All hands-on classes will be held at IFSI campus.

**Hotel accommodations**

The Holiday Inn offers special rates for Winter Fire School participants. Please identify yourself as a Winter Fire School attendee when making reservations. Information about other area lodging is available on the IFSI web site:

[www.fsi.uiuc.edu/](http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/)

**Register early to hold your place at Winter Fire School**

Use the enclosed registration form and fax to 217-244-6790 or mail to Illinois Fire Service Institute, 11 Gerty Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

**NOTE: Because of minimum student enrollment requirements for NFA classes, you must register for NFA classes before January 4, 2006.** If minimum enrollment is not met, class will be cancelled and students will be shifted to other available classes.

## Class schedule

*NFA classes*

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

*Illinois' Response to Hurricane Katrina*

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*Developing an Honor Guard Team*

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

*Short track classes*

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon — AND  
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. — AND  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

*Hands-On classes*

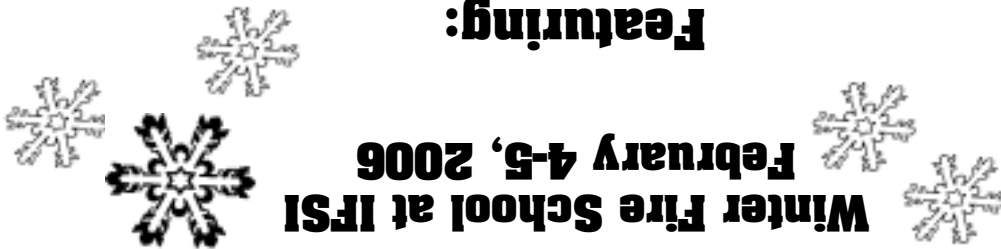
Saturday 8:00 a.m. check-in (at Holiday Inn)  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (at IFSI)  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Noon



**Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Urbana  
Lunch included with registration.**

**Featuring:  
4 NFA courses  
4 short track classes  
NEW Hands-on classes**

**Winter Fire School at IFSI  
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skills during the  
February freeze**



# 12 Hour Classes

## Winter Fire School Course Descriptions



**NOTE: All National Fire Academy (NFA) classes are 12 hours (Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to noon). Because of minimum student enrollment requirements for NFA classes, you must register for NFA classes before January 4. If minimum enrollment is not met, class will be cancelled and students will be shifted to other available classes.**

**NFA: Prevention and Mitigation Advocacy for Small Departments** (2nd in a series of Small Community Fire Prevention courses.)

This course stresses fire prevention and mitigation awareness, advocacy, and motivation. Participants learn about successful prevention-oriented approaches, from analysis of the challenges to identification of resources needed to bring about change, and how a department's culture of power, influence, negotiation, and coalition building relates.

**NFA: Training Operations in Small Departments**

This course is designed to provide participants with basic skills to coordinate training in a small fire/EMS organization, which may include conducting training drills and coordinating training with a larger city or State training function. Topics include leadership issues, legal issues, safety considerations, promoting training internally, justifying training needs, conflict resolution, selection of training curriculum and materials, and effective delivery and evaluation.

**NFA: Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO)** (formerly MCTO:Tactics)

This course is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. STICO is designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

**NFA: Shaping the Future**

This course on management will cover the skills and techniques midlevel managers need to provide leadership for their departments. The course focuses on identifying opportunities or problems, including environmental scanning, paradigm shifts, and reframing problems accurately, and is designed to discuss group problem-solving techniques and the need to quantify, justify, and communicate decisions in order to implement them effectively. Also covered are topics on resistance to change, overcoming resistance, and evaluating change through all stages of implementation.

### Developing an Honor Guard Team (12 hours)

Presenting the colors of the United States, standing as Honor Guard at a deceased brother's or sister's funeral, or marching proudly in a local parade are all tasks that emergency workers are often asked to fulfill. Does your department have any protocols or procedures to support these most important requests? What should you wear and how should you execute these endeavors? This class will present you with basic information to help you respond in an honorable and worthy manner to community requests for these most endearing efforts.



**The next three classes will be conducted at the IFSI campus. All students must, however, register and check in at the Urbana Holiday Inn by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. These hands-on classes will start at 9:00 a.m. at IFSI. You are responsible for your transportation to and from IFSI. Your class will meet at IFSI for all 12 hours of the course. Your lunch on Saturday will be provided at IFSI.**

**Tool Care and Operation** (limited to enrollment of 60) Activity fee underwritten by tool manufacturers.

We have grown to depend on the strength and power provided by modern rescue tools. But are you taking good care of this life saving equipment? In this new, "hands on" class you will learn from tool manufacturers the recommended procedures for keeping your equipment in top working condition. Technicians will be on hand to help you inspect and service your own rescue equipment. Please indicate on the registration form which tool manufacturers are of interest to you.

**Emergency Medical Basics Refresher** (limited to enrollment of 25) \$40 activity fee.

Emergency medical calls may represent a significant number of requests for your fire department. This class will help you review life-saving basics and practice what you learn. Based on DOT curriculum you will be able to review and update EMT-B skills. Topics will include airways, splinting, bandaging, patient medical and trauma assessment and case studies. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) have been applied for.

**Self Contained Breathing Apparatus: New & Review** (limited to enrollment of 50) Students must bring their own turn out gear, SCBA and spare air cylinder PLUS are encouraged to bring an extra high-pressure "O" ring and mask (in case of damage to the unit). \$40 activity fee.

The SCBA is the most significant piece of personal protective equipment. Learning or reviewing how to use the unit, manage "in-service" emergencies, and overcoming potential problems is the focus of this "hands-on" class. The class is for the recruit, candidate, Explorer/cadet or even the "dinosaur" with the desire to be safe and competent with an SCBA.

## Short Track Classes – Each class offered three times

# 4 Hour Classes

**Electrical & Natural Gas Emergencies**

The utilities that we depend on for fuel and power can represent serious dangers even when smaller incidents occur. This course will help you better understand how to handle electrical and natural gas emergencies. The properties and hazards of these basic utilities will be presented along with recommended procedures to mitigate possible dangers. Emergency responder and bystander safety will also be presented and emphasized.

**Respiratory Protection – Program Management**

Operating and maintaining a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) program can be a complicated task. Many departments have limited understanding of which requirements apply to them and how to develop an SCBA program. This class will discuss SCBA requirements and recommend ways to manage you department's efforts. Information on annual fit testing, maintenance, cleaning, SCBA testing and records will be presented. You will NOT need to bring an SCBA to this class.

**Emergency Spanish Language Communications** (**NOTE: Only available Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning**)

Many of the communities we serve as emergency responders have developed very diverse populations. When attempting to help non-English speaking patients, the exchange of basic information can be very difficult. This course is designed to equip you with very basic Spanish speaking language skills to help communicate during emergencies. A combination of words, phrases and hand signs will be utilized to help you work through this language barrier.

**Fire Officer Leadership**

Real fire and emergency service leadership is often a skill that is best learned from experienced fire company officers. What process should you use to make decisions and how do these decisions transform into leadership style? This class will present insight from experienced officers regarding fire ground and emergency scene organization and management. The major topic areas range from tactics to ethics.

**Saturday Evening Bonus Session - Urbana Holiday Inn  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday**

**Illinois' Response to Hurricane Katrina**

Hurricane Katrina slammed the southern coast of the U.S. with unparalleled force. How did the Illinois emergency services respond and support the life-saving efforts when the call from Louisiana went out to the nation? Come and hear from those who responded by traveling to Louisiana and providing their skills and knowledge. Hear from leaders who know and understand the emergency "mutual aid" concept and learn how your department and community can prepare to provide support to others and to receive help should a disaster strike your community.

**ANOTHER BONUS:** Drawing for special prizes -- must be present to win.