Love the fire service? 
Want to learn something new?

Winter Fire School
8 am–5 pm Saturday, January 25
8 am–noon Sunday, January 26

Illinois Fire Service Institute
11 Gerty Drive, Champaign

Hotel accommodations
There are a number of hotels in the area and on the north side of Champaign-Urbana along I-74.

Low registration fee
$50 pre-registration before January 6, 2014
$60 beginning January 7, 2014 and at the door

Registration check-in at IFSI's Learning Resource and Research Center
Saturday: 6:30 am – 8 am. You must pick up your registration packet before proceeding to class.

Register online (beginning October 28)
www.fsi.illinois.edu
or use the enclosed registration form and fax to 217-244-6790 or mail to Illinois Fire Service Institute, 11 Gerty Drive, Champaign IL 61820. If the registration form is missing, you can download a copy from the IFSI web site.

Important Dates
Email confirmations sent: January 2, 2014
Last day to cancel without penalty: January 6, 2014
Registration fee increases to $60: January 7, 2014
Last day to advance register: January 14, 2014
Final confirmation email: January 15, 2014

Class Schedule
New this year – choose your class (see descriptions on next page)
Saturday: 8 am – Noon AND Saturday: 1 pm – 5 pm AND Sunday: 8 am – Noon
Saturday evening bonus: 7:30 pm
Love the Fire Service?
Want to learn something new? Don’t let the cold weather hinder your training.
4-hour classes – Dynamic instructors
Enroll in Winter Fire School and choose your classes in advance.
All new classes to choose from.

Bad Boys, Whatcha Gonna Do?
Given the variety of emergencies that firefighters respond to it’s not uncommon to become involved in situations where law enforcement support is seriously needed. This specially designed Winter Fire School class will provide first responders with critical information on how to manage a variety of these situations. Scenes that include finding a weapon or contraband or finding yourself in the middle of a physical confrontation will be discussed. The class will be taught by police officers who are instructors at the Illinois Police Training Institute. Firefighters, fire officers, and EMS personnel will benefit from the topics presented in this class. Plan to attend this unique law enforcement presentation and learn information that will make you a better emergency responder and also help keep you safer.
Instructors: Illinois Police Training Institute Instructors Matt Bain & Jason Norton

Fire Behavior and Smoke
No matter how much you know about fire behavior this class is a must for all fire service personnel. How to recognize what is happening around you in a burning building and then how to anticipate the fire’s next move are the foundational topics presented in this class. Learning how to observe fire and smoke conditions with an understanding how to manage each situation will be discussed. Instructors will present the importance of the fire’s relationship to the fuel package, ventilation, and the chemical reactions that are taking place. Understanding the difference in color, thickness, speed of movement, and location of smoke within a structure are important skills examined in this class.
Instructors: IFSI Instructors Shawn Bloemker and TBA

Is It Safe To Take Off My SCBA?
“We’ve all been there – the main body of fire is out, and we’re itching to take off our mask and SCBA during overhaul. And we’ve also had the headache the next day from the poison gases that we breathe in during overhaul. What about the gases that have effects that don’t show up for years to come? This course will expand the firefighter’s understanding of why, how, and how to complete atmospheric monitoring in the post-fire environment. Topics include a review of gasses that are present in smoke and during overhaul and the impact of these gasses on the body; how different styles of monitors work; how to properly monitor for the presence of these gasses, how to interpret information from the monitor to make decisions regarding the use of SCBA; which parts of monitors require maintenance; and how to properly test and calibrate monitors.
Instructor: Greg Sesny, Draeger Monitors

SCBA Training Program Development
This Winter Fire School class has lifesaving information for all fire service personnel. The class will convince you of the importance of quality SCBA training. Instructors will present guidance on how to develop an SCBA training program for new recruits and extend continuing education for all department members. The class will discuss case studies of line of duty death incidents that may have been impacted by SCBA issues or training. The developed training program techniques include setting up a true hands-on approach that can be utilized by everyone learning SCBA procedures. The programs presented will function well in career, part time and volunteer departments.
Instructors: IFSI Instructors Jason Demas & Joe McClendon

Strategy and Tactics
In this Winter Fire School offering students will obtain an understanding of the Incident Command (IC) system, strategic and tactical objectives, risk management, pre-incident planning and accountability. The class also covers personnel safety, occupancy, hazard identification, size-up, standard company functions, fire behavior and the variables of fire department responses. This class is designed for personnel responsible for commanding one to two companies at the fire or emergency scene, such as Company Officers and Chief Officers of small fire departments. Strategic and tactical priorities are discussed. Subject areas that will be covered are company officer leadership, safety, pre-fire planning, fire behavior, building construction, firefighting tactics, engine company and truck company operations, and RIT officer.
Instructors: IFSI Instructors Keith “Doc” Patterson and TBA

Wildland Fire–Small Engine Tactics & Operations
Wildland fire disasters are making news headlines across the country on a regular basis. This Winter Fire School presentation will help prepare you for the variety of wildland fire possibilities that are included in most jurisdictions. The course is designed primarily to prepare experienced firefighters, engine company officers and initial attack incident commanders in the tactics necessary to conduct both first-in and extended attack engine company operations at local wildland fire scenarios. It is also valuable for operations supervisors qualified at higher management levels who have not received training in wildfire suppression tactics. Topics presented include engine and crew capabilities and limitations, incident information sources, fire size-up considerations, tactics, and wildland/urban interface operations.
Instructors: IFSI Instructors Thomas Richter & Steve Buita

You also need to know:
• New this year – choose your classes in advance. You will receive a final confirmation email after advance registration closes.
• Free student parking is available in the IFSI lot and nearby UI lot E34.
• Lunch is on your own.

Saturday Evening Bonus 7:30 pm
Stay tuned and watch the IFSI web site for details on this bonus session.