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Our commitment to helping departments find and providing funding sources for equipment and vehicles remains a major focus of the agency. The OSFM is proud to announce the application period for our Small Equipment Grant Program and the Fire Truck/Ambulance Revolving Loan Program are now open.

There are numerous departments across the state that have not replaced some of their emergency vehicles in several decades. Having reliable emergency vehicles helps to enhance the safety of community members and safety of those who are responding to incidents. These programs provide the opportunity for departments to purchase vehicles in an affordable manner. Applications for the revolving loan program must be electronically submitted or postmarked no later than October 31, 2022.

Equipment costs continue to increase, and departments budgets remain tight. Our Small Equipment Grant program received 373 applications, requesting around $8.4 million in funding during the FY 22 grant application period. This shows that departments continue to search for ways to update their equipment so that their personnel can operate efficiently and safely on a scene. All applications for the Small Equipment Grant Program must be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than November 30, 2022.

I can’t stress the importance of making sure you fill out the applications correctly and have all appropriate signatures required before you submit! The OSFM will be hosting two more events that will provide you an opportunity to go step-by-step through the application and ask questions. Join us on Wednesday, September 14th in Springfield and in Rochelle on Tuesday, September 20th at 7 PM. Registration information can be found in this newsletter or by visiting our website at sfm.illinois.gov.

Finally, to be eligible to apply for grants, not only from the OSFM but also at the federal level, you must be NFIRS compliant. To see if your department is compliant, you can visit our website at sfm.illinois.gov, click on the Resources tab, and select Grants and Loans. When you scroll down you will find a link that is titled NFIRS compliance. Non-compliant departments will be highlighted in red, and the month will also be highlighted in red. Remember, we will check these reports, so please don’t try to input any false or erroneous data.

September is Campus Fire Safety Month. This is the first time for many students living away from home meaning it’s more important than ever for students to understand how to create a fire safety escape plan and practice that plan. For some, they haven’t had formal fire safety lessons since elementary school. When the alarm sounds, always treat it as the real thing. Get up and follow the escape plan to exit the building and head to the designated meeting location.
Employee Spotlight

Lindsey Padget
Office Associate

Where are you originally from? I have lived in Springfield my whole life.

Tell us about your family? I am currently single and have a 15-year-old daughter named Kallie. We have a female golden retriever named Blu who is getting ready to turn 3 and a male cat named Loki who is 5.

Favorite food(s)? I love cheese, pasta, pizza, steaks and junk food. I’m not a fan of vegetables, if its green I probably won’t eat it, lol.

Hobbies? I used to play volleyball all the time but kids, getting older and life happened. I enjoy being outside when it is nice, camping, canoeing, swimming, 4-wheeling and just hanging out with friends and family. If the weather is nice, you will find me outside.

What’s your favorite movie or book? One of my favorite movies is Signs. I listened to hundreds of books on audio at my previous job, but my favorite book series is The Dresden Files.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? I like all kinds of music.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? Architect

What’s your favorite part of the job? My co-workers. Everyone here has made me feel so welcome. I am excited to learn more about what the OSFM does.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? Naples and Destin FL have been my favorite places so far. I really haven’t traveled that much, hoping to change that and start exploring more.

Where is your bucket list destination? I have only been to a few states, so I have a lot of places on my bucket list to explore. I would love to go out West and anywhere with white beaches and sunshine is okay with me.
Small Equipment Grant Program

The OSFM will award $1.5 million to eligible fire departments and ambulance services for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment. All interested departments should send an application to OSFM electronically or postmarked no later than **November 30, 2022**.

The Small Equipment Grant Program was established to provide grants of up to $26,000. A total of $2.5 million was awarded to 104 fire departments/districts and EMS providers across the state in April.

This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for the fire departments and not-for-profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The grants allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small tools and equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. In addition to firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE), applicants can also apply for personal infection control items such as masks, gowns, and gloves this application cycle. Most Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments are eligible to apply. In addition, stand-alone, not-for-profit ambulance service providers are eligible to apply.

All applicants are required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying. The OSFM will require departments to be current from August 2020 through August 2022 for this grant period.

Additional information including the application can be found here: [https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/iam/FireDepartment/Grants-and-Loans/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2lKJADTq30x027VLZUazoBZVynRWD91meoygszVGPng61et5NSFhblXc](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/iam/FireDepartment/Grants-and-Loans/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2lKJADTq30x027VLZUazoBZVynRWD91meoygszVGPng61et5NSFhblXc)

Completed applications should be submitted to:

Office of the State Fire Marshal
Small Equipment Grant Program
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
Fire Truck & Ambulance Revolving Loan Program

The application period for the Fire Truck and Ambulance Revolving Loan Program. The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program (FTRL) and Ambulance Revolving Loan Program (ARLP) are designed to assist departments or cities in purchasing emergency vehicles that they may not be able to afford. Applications must be electronically submitted or postmarked no later than October 31, 2022.

Under the FTRL program, fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments may apply for up to $350,000 in low interest or no interest loans for purchase of a fire truck or brush trucks. The loans must be repaid within 20 years. Approximately $10.5 million is available for this application period.

Under the ARLP program, units of local government (city, town, village, township, fire department, fire protection district) and not-for-profit ambulance service providers can apply for no interest or low interest loans for purchase of ambulances of up to $200,000. These loans must be paid back in 10 years. Approximately $2.7 million is available for loans this application period.

Applications and Eligibility criteria are available here: https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Iam/FireDepartment/Grants-and-Loans/Pages/default.aspx
Marion Grant/Loan Application Review

The OSFM hosted a Small Equipment Grant and Revolving Loan Application Review Seminar at the Williamson County Airport in Marion on August 29th. Departments from across southern Illinois attended to learn more about the application process and some common errors that occur which could cause for an application to become ineligible.

OSFM staff were on hand to answer any questions and Les Albert went step-by-step through each question highlighting some important items that applicants should pay attention to while filling out the application. If you missed this event, no worries the OSFM will be hosting two more events.

Wednesday, September 14th: OSFM Headquarters in Springfield

Tuesday, September 20th: Lee/Ogle Fire Protection District in Rochelle.

Registration information for these two events is on the next two pages or you can visit our website at sfm.illinois.gov. We hope to see you!
The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal will be hosting a Small Equipment Grant and Loan Application process review. This review will focus on the application process, step by step review of the application, and some of the issues causing your application to become ineligible during the review progress which could prevent your department from receiving a grant.

**When:** Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL 62703

**Registration Information:**  
Email roger.d.branson@illinois.gov or call 217-785-4717
OSFM Small Equipment Grant and Loan Application Process Review

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal will be hosting a Small Equipment Grant and Loan Application process review. This review will focus on the application process, step by step review of the application, and some of the issues causing your application to become ineligible during the review process which could prevent your department from receiving a grant.

**When:** Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District
223 Powers Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

**Registration Information:**
Email roger.d.branson@illinois.gov or call 217-785-4717
OSFM Bloomingdale Public School Inspection Class

WHEN
September 21, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Class size restricted to first 25 individuals that register

WHERE
Bloomingdale Fire Department
179 Bloomingdale Rd
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
*Parking is located on south side of station*

Additional Information
https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS
(any one of the following)
OSFM Fire Officer I, II
OSFM Company Fire Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Officer
OSFM Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer
NFPA/ICC(OSFM Fire Inspector I
See link for Info on Tier 2 Program

REGISTER
Send the following info to
Kensie.Proctor@illinois.gov
- your name,
- your department name,
- a copy of your qualifying certificate
- signed letter from Chief
- a list of public schools (with addresses) in your district

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER?
Kensie.Proctor@illinois.gov
or 217-785-4714 or 217-606-9808
OSFM Des Plaines Public School Inspection Class

WHEN
September 22, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Class size restricted to first 40 individuals that register

WHERE
Des Plaines City Hall, Room 101
1420 Miner St.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
‘Parking information will be sent with registration confirmation’

Additional Information
https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS
(any one of the following)
OSFM Fire Officer I, II
OSFM Company Fire Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Officer
OSFM Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer
NFPA/ICC/OSFM Fire Inspector I
See link for Info on Tier 2 Program

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or 217-785-4714 or 217-606-9808

WWW.SFM.ILLINOIS.GOV/
OSFM Lake Forest Public School Inspection Class

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS
(any one of the following)
- OSFM Fire Officer I, II
- OSFM Company Fire Officer
- OSFM Advanced Fire Officer
- OSFM Fire Prevention Officer
- OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer
- OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer
- NFPA/ICC/OSFM Fire Inspector I
See link for Info on Tier 2 Program

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- your department name,
- a copy of your qualifying certificate
- signed letter from Chief
- a list of public schools (with addresses) in your district

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER?
Kensie.Proctor@illinois.gov
or 217-785-4714 or 217-606-9808

WHEN
October 4, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Class size restricted to first 40 individuals that register

WHERE
Lake Forest Station 2
1111 S. Telegraph Rd.
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Additional Information
https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx
OSFM Romeoville Public School Inspection Class

WHEN
January 18, 2023
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Class size restricted to first 60 individuals that register

WHERE
Village of Romeoville Fire Department
18 Montrose Drive
Romeoville, IL 60446

Additional Information
https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS
(any one of the following)
OSFM Fire Officer I, II
OSFM Company Fire Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Officer
OSFM Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer
NFPA/ICC/OSFM Fire Inspector I
See link for Info on Tier 2 Program

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The OSFM helped kick off the 2022 Illinois State Fair by participating in the twilight parade. Staff members and the kids always look forward to this event. The photo above shows all the smiles, and everyone is dry. Mother Nature had a trick up her sleeve halfway through the parade as the sky opened up with a downpour drenching a majority of the group. We pressed on and had a great time as always!
The 2022 Illinois State Fair is in the books, and it was another successful year in the Illinois Fire Service Association Fire Safety Tent. The OSFM would like to thank all the organizations listed below who help to staff the tent providing life saving information to fairgoers.

Friday, August 12th – Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts
Saturday, August 13th – Illinois Professional Firefighters Association & International Association of Arson Investigators-IL Chapter
Sunday, August 14th – Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (with Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals)
Monday, August 15th – MABAS
Tuesday, August 16th – Chicago Fire Department
Wednesday, August 17th – Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois
Thursday, August 18th – Illinois Fire Service Institute & Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors
Friday, August 19th – Illinois Fire Safety Alliance
Saturday, August 20th – Illinois Firefighters Association
Sunday, August 21st – Illinois Fire Inspectors Association & Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts

A big shout out to Doc Patterson and his special guests who put on shows daily to help teach kids in a fun way about fire safety. The OSFM Arson Division also had Special Agents on hand and provided canine demonstrations. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2023 Illinois State Fair!
Illinois State Fair
OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE FIRE MARSHAL
2022 FALL SEMINAR SERIES

No-Cost Training Opportunity
The Fall Seminar Series will be focused on chiefs and training officers wishing to stay current on OSFM topics, including:

- OSFM Agency Updates
- NFIRS/CRR
- Qualified School Inspector (QFO) Reminders/Mobile Eyes
- JCAR Rule Updates
- PSE WebAccess Portal Training
- Recertification
- Vector Solutions Basic & Advanced Breakout Sessions
- Individual Department Assistance

Staff members from the OSFM’s Division of Personnel Standards & Education and the Division of Fire Prevention will be in attendance each day to present, answer questions, and offer department-specific assistance.

Registration & Attendance
Registration will begin at 8:00am with the seminar beginning at 8:30am and concluding by 5:00pm. Food will not be provided. Breaks will be built into the agenda allowing attendees the opportunity to have lunch off site.

Minimum attendance for each seminar is 20 registrants. Each venue has a maximum capacity and is noted on the registration form. In the event a seminar date is canceled, a notification will be sent to the email address provided at the time of registration.

Enter or scan the link below to register.

https://bit.ly/3QDOi41

September 15
Romeoville Fire
Academy
Romeoville

September 16
NIPSTA
Glenview

October 22
Marion Fire Dept.
Marion

October 26
Illinois Fire Service
Institute
Champaign

November 12
Par-A-Dice Hotel
East Peoria
OSFM staff are all smiles as they prepared for the Du Quoin State Fair Parade on August 26. Everyone was dry from start to finish during this parade as Mother Nature made up for drenching everyone in Springfield.
AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

The fall training season is here, and the Illinois Fire Service Institute Team is ready! In just a few short months, we will execute the delivery of three special events, the largest resident Academy class, BOF training at three site locations, seventeen Special Operations Training Program classes, six Leadership Development and Decision-Making offerings, twelve Instructor Program courses, four Fire Ground Officer classes, PLUS multiple no-cost offerings, twelve Instructor Program courses, four Fire Ground Officer classes, PLUS multiple no-cost classes across the state through the Firefighting/Careerstone Programs. It will be a busy fall!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Registration for the 5th Annual Veterans in the Fire Service Day event is now open. This is a unique personal and professional development program designed for US Armed Forces Veterans who have also served, are serving, or may be interested in serving as a member of the fire service. The Veterans in the Fire Service Day will offer two training schedules for students (Future and Current). The program is available at no cost to participants and includes housing and meals. See the promotional flyer for complete details.

IFSI will also host the 2022 Illinois Firefighter’s Association Down & Dirty Firefighter Weekend in late October. Registration is also now open for this hands-on training event.

Complete program details and registration for both events: FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU

NO COST TRAINING:

IFSI offers no cost, essential skills training across the state. These training programs are supported through the Cornerstone Program and are scheduled through one of the eight IFSI Regional Representatives. Classes are consistently added to the class schedule, so we encourage departments and students to frequently check the IFSI website for training opportunities in your area of the state.

A reminder that TEAM IFSI resources remain available to Illinois departments and students. TEAM IFSI is a no cost, formal training program that connects local departments with presentations, skill sheets, drill plans, and supporting video materials. These resources support the delivery of quality and effective training.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION.
UNIQUE, NO COST TRAINING

VETERAN'S IN THE FIRE SERVICE

OCTOBER 22 & 23
IFSI TRAINING GROUNDS, CHAMPAIGN

IFSI Veterans in the Fire Service Weekend
An Opportunity for Firefighters Past, Present, and Future

This annual event is a unique, personal and professional development program designed for US Armed Forces Veterans who have also served, are serving, or may be interested in serving as a member of the fire service.

The Veterans in the Fire Service Weekend will offer two training schedules for students: future firefighters and current firefighters.

We are proud to offer a First Responder Resiliency course. First responder resiliency matters, and this course will seek to remove the stigma surrounding the discussion of mental health, trauma, and suicide.

TWO DAY CHALLENGING TRAINING EVENT

- NO COST TO ATTEND
- PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- INCREASED ESPRIT DE CORPS FOR VETERANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE
- MEALS AND LODGING ARE PROVIDED

All Veterans (whether currently in the fire service or looking into a future with the fire service) will benefit from a day of hands-on, live fire training activities. Students will engage with an elite group of IFSI instructors who will introduce essential firefighting skills while participating in rigorous training rotations.

IFSI encourages attendees to network and share professional and personal experiences. The program allows ample time for discussing the parallels of the fire service and the US Armed Forces throughout the special event.

Loafer firefighting personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) will be available to students. Advance reservations for gear are preferred.

REGISTER ONLINE: FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU

An Opportunity for Firefighters Past, Present and Future
State of Illinois CRR Conference

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 5, 2022
8AM-5PM
DECATUR HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION CONFERENCE

This is a FREE event, hosted by the Illinois Community Risk Reduction Stakeholder Taskforce.

You are invited to a full day of the newest national and state CRR updates and resources to successfully move forward with CRR for your department and community.

Why attend this conference?

- Create, execute, and evaluate measurable CRR success
- Hear local success stories
- Learn methods and strategies to assess community risks
- Develop achievable best practices
- Interact with vendors
- Start a CRR program or bring it to the next level

MORE DETAILS TO COME → ILLINOISCRRC.COM

Mission: Promote the importance of Risk Reduction in Illinois by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources.

info@illinoisfirechiefs.org
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION – ASSESSMENT

This course will focus on the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) steps involved in identifying and prioritizing risks, and the processes required for conducting a risk assessment in preparation for prevention and mitigation planning.

The intent is to provide simple and easily understood guidelines for fire departments and/or other agencies to conduct a risk assessment of their community, with the goal of developing a local CRR program.

SEPTMBER 28 – 29
201 E. Edwards
LITCHFIELD, IL

NO COST TO ATTEND

REGISTER ONLINE: FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU

For more information, contact:
John High
217.300.0560 | jhigh@illinois.edu
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OCTOBER 25 – 26
711 Penfield
BEECHER, IL

NO COST TO ATTEND

REGISTER ONLINE: FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU

For more information, contact:
John High
217.300.0560 | jhigh@illinois.edu
Happy 78th Birthday Smokey Bear

Smokey Bear turned 78 years young on August 9th. Smokey reminds everyone that, only you can prevent wildfires. Show your commitment to making a difference. Sign the pledge to help stop the spread of wildfires here: [https://smokeybear.com/](https://smokeybear.com/)
Back to School Event in Springfield

Members attended a Back-to-School event in downtown Springfield hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Staff handed out fire safety information and SA Brown and Canine Sasha visited with attendees.
Stop On Red Week

**National Stop on Red Week.**
August 7-13

#StopOnRed2022

National Stop on Red Week serves as an important reminder of the dangers in transportation and the responsibility we all hold to #StopOnRed. Together, we can build safer streets and save lives. National Stop on Red Week was observed from August 7-13, 2022.

Created by the Federal Highway Administration, National Stop on Red Week aims to educate drivers about the dangers of red-light running and to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes. Red-light running causes countless injuries and fatalities every year, with a large number of those deaths being innocent pedestrians, cyclists and passengers in vehicles hit by the red-light runner.

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**Ten Reasons to Stop on Red**

1. It is 100% preventable. Just STOP ON RED
2. In 2020, 928 people died and 115,741 were injured due to red-light running
3. In 2020, the U.S. witnessed the largest number of motor vehicle deaths since 1924.
4. One in three Americans know someone who has been injured or killed in a red-light running crash.
5. Between 2008-2020, an estimated 10,355 people were killed in red-light running related crashes.
6. On average, three people died each day in red-light running related crashes in the U.S. in 2020.
7. Over half of the deaths in red-light running crashes are pedestrians, bicyclists and occupants in vehicles other than the vehicle running the red light.
8. The most common type of urban crashes involve drivers who run red lights, stop signs and other traffic controls.
9. 86% of AAA’s 2019 surveyed drivers say it is extremely dangerous to speed through red lights.
10. Red-light running can be fatal.

Additional Stop on Red Week Links & Resources

Download shareable graphics [here](#StopOnRed2022)

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In 2020, 928 people were killed and 115,741 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running.

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Back to School Bus Safety

School Bus Safety Tips:

How motorists can keep kids safe around the school bus.

- When driving in neighborhoods with bus stops, schools and school zones, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Slow down. Look for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- Remember, children do not easily estimate vehicle speeds and often misjudge when it is safe to cross the street when a vehicle is approaching.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Obey the “flashing signal light system” that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions.
- Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop areas indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing. The extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Source: NHTSA
Home Electrical Fires

Be fire smart
with electricity in your home.

47,000
There are approximately 47,000 home electrical fires each year.

Half
Half of all home electrical fires involve home wiring or lighting equipment.

December and January
Peak months for electrical fire deaths are December and January.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.

Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.

For more information about electrical fire safety, visit usfa.fema.gov and nfpa.org/public-education.
The OSFM congratulates Arlington Heights Fire Department for receiving their ISO Class 1 rating! Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson presented a recognition plaque to Fire Chief Lance Harris.
Shout Outs/Kudos

Left to Right: Deputy Chief Jason Staidl, Special Agent Kushner, Canine GG, and Fire Chief Brian McMahon

Special Agent Mitch Kushner and Canine GG attended the Central Stickney Fire Protection District Open House on August 21. Thanks for all that you do for the OSFM!

Left to Right: Deputy Chief Jason Staidl, Special Agent Kushner, Canine GG, and Fire Chief Brian McMahon

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