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Marshal’s Minute-Acting State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson

It’s an honor to be writing my first submission in the OSFM newsletter as Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal. I came to the OSFM in July 2013 as a Fire Prevention Inspector, became Fire Prevention Division Manager in 2016, and have been the Bureau Chief of Operations since 2019. I retired from the Springfield Fire Department after 26 years, where I served as a Firefighter, and then Division Chief of Fire Safety, and finally, as the City of Springfield Fire Marshal. I also previously served as a fire and arson investigator, juvenile firesetter intervention specialist, Explorer Post Coordinator, CERT Coordinator, and a senior member of Fire Department staff.

I want to start by thanking retired Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez for his hard work and dedication to the agency. Matt’s work has made the OSFM a better place to work and has strengthened our working relationships with all of our partners. While serving as State Fire Marshal, Perez worked with the Governor’s office and legislators to increase funding for training, education, equipment, and vehicles for Illinois Firefighters. Several innovative programs were established to help the volunteer firefighters including the Blended Basic Operations Firefighter Academy conducted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute. This program is free to volunteer firefighters and allows online attendance to classes during the week and with weekend hands on training at regional training sites in order to achieve certification. I will continue to work with the Governor’s office to secure the funding for our training programs and our grants and loans.

The Illinois State Fair kicks off on Thursday, August 11th with the parade. Our fire safety tent will be open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. I want to thank our fire service partners for helping staff the tent during the fair in Springfield. We will turn around and head to DuQuoin the following week and be part of the festivities in southern Illinois. A big thank you to all of those who are signed up to help spread the fire safety message over the next few weeks.

Summer is starting to wind down, but the heat and humidity are still with us. That means many people will still be headed to a public pool or enjoying their own in the backyard. According to the American Red Cross, 69% of young children who are found drowned or submerged in swimming pools were not expected to be in or at the pool. For children younger than 5, 87% of drowning fatalities happen in home pools or hot tubs. That is a scary statistic. It’s important to keep all gates closed and the area around pools secure when you are not using them to prevent an accident from occurring. If you or your neighbors have children, talk to them about safety in and around pool areas. Let them know the pool is off limits without an adult nearby. It’s simple, put down your phone when you are at the pool and get in with the kids. It only takes a few seconds for a fun and enjoyable day to turn into a tragedy.
In Memory of Brian Morin

Storage Tank Safety Specialist Brian Morin sadly passed away on July 8th. Brian has worked in the Petroleum and Safety Division since January of 2020. He was a huge Chicago Blackhawks and Liverpool F.C. fan. Brian's biggest achievement was his family, he was the biggest fan of Denise, Matt and Sam, all their accomplishments. We know he is fishing in heaven and cheering us on from the sidelines.

“I want to thank you for all of your support you’ve shown to me over the past week and for the past two years Brian spent working for the department. As soon as we pulled up, I was overcome with emotion. Brian would have loved seeing you all. Please pass along my thanks and gratitude to all who attended last night. I was overwhelmed with the number of people who showed up to express their love and memories. It meant so much to me.” -Denise Morin-
Employee Spotlight

Jeff Rath
Fire Prevention Division Manager

Where are you originally from?  Worth, Illinois

Tell us about your family? Kids, Significant other.....  My wife is Linda and we have been married for 22 years; we have always lived in Lemont. Our kids are Nicholas (18) and Nate (15). Nicholas will be starting Illinois State next week and Nate will be getting his license in 12 days- LOOK OUT!

Favorite food(s)?  I would probably say Mexican is my “go too” but a GOOD pizza is always my weakness

Hobbies? Scouting. I have been involved in Scouting for several years and a few years ago I was one of the leaders in our troop for a 2-week trip. Along with other leaders and scouts- including my oldest son, we hiked about 120 miles through the Sangre de Cristo mountains which is part of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico. This was at Philmont Scout Ranch which is about 140,000 acres. It was a unique experience to carry EVERYTHING on your back we would need for 2 weeks!

I also enjoy a good car show. I appreciate the nostalgia of some of these cars that will never be produced again-they are a living time capsule. I also enjoy the story behind the car and the fellowship in getting to listen to that story. We have an older truck and my boys always have called it “the time machine”!

What’s your favorite movie or book? The latest book I’ve read is Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln. However, the book Making Ethical Decisions is a short read I recommend everyone should pick up.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers?  Currently this summer it has been “NSR” Kenny Chesney’s No Shoes Radio on XM. That is where I will find my Mishka, Bob Marley, Kenny Chesney along with other summer anthems.

What did you want to be when you were a kid?  I started in the Fire Service when I was 15 years old as a Cadet. Back then I didn’t know it was possible to make it a career, but I really enjoyed it; I know it’s a Cliché, but I truly like helping people. I am fortunate to have been able to do that for the past 40 years. As I have progressed in this profession and through teaching, it has turned into helping those who help people or want to learn this profession.
Employee Spotlight

What’s your favorite part of the job? Everyone has made me feel so welcome and has been doing their best to get me up to speed. Right now, I would say that and the challenges I’m facing as I’m learning my way around OSFM.

What’s something unique about you? I’m just a person like everyone else- I just try and take the good from a situation or the lesson and learn from it.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? I would say Fort Myer’s Beach

Where is your bucket list destination? Quickly I would tell you the Virgin Islands but honestly, it’s the second destination. Our first destination would be seeing more of our United States, especially out West. Slowly, by car, “with, nowhere to go and nowhere to be-“
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?

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OSFM Grant and Loan Application Review

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:** Monday, August 29th, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** Williamson County Airport Auditorium
10400 Terminal Drive, Marion, IL 62959

**Registration Information:**
Email roger.d.branson@illinois.gov or call 217-785-4717

The OSFM plans host more trainings in the central and northern part of the state. Watch our social media pages and website for more information.
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**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
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**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
The OSFM congratulates Arlington Heights Fire Department on being awarded a Class 1 ISO rating.

The Arlington Heights Fire Department received one of the highest scores recorded at 97.21. This is the fire department’s second consecutive evaluation receiving this high honor.

ISO ratings are designed to score a fire department’s ability to protect their community, with ISO CLASS 1 ranked as the highest possible class. Currently, out of approximately 40,000 fire departments nationwide, there are just over 400 departments to hold an ISO CLASS 1 rating, with only 29 in Illinois.
Herrin Fire Department Presents

ISO Grading Class

The ISO Grading Schedule
A Guide to Improving Your Community’s Fire Protection Class

Recommended for:
Fire Chiefs, FD Officers, Training Officers, Fire Board Members, City Officials

You have had your ISO evaluation completed and have the results. Now what? This course will take an in depth look at the fire department portion of the grading schedule. If you are looking to improve your PPC score or prepare for an evaluation, this class will help you identify what is needed for that to happen.

The course is taught by Randy Downs, the Midwest Region manager. Local field representative, Rich Pruitt, will also be in attendance. This course will be a great opportunity to understand how to improve the score for your community and gain a better understanding of the ISO process.

Seats are limited to 25 so register today!
Effingham Fire Department Presents

The ISO Grading Schedule
A Guide to Improving Your Community’s Fire Protection Class

Recommended for:
- Fire Department personnel
- Building Code Officials
- Communication Center officials
- Water Utility officials
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Seats are limited to 50 so register today!
In July 2022, 988 became the national three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, linked to the current phone number of 1-800-283-TALK (8255). While 988 will be universally available to everyone in the United States, it has the potential to benefit about 39 million people annually—the estimated total number of individuals experiencing a suicidal or broader mental health and substance use crisis with means to contact 988. In comparison, about 12 million people currently call the Lifeline, its local/regional crisis centers (through their local number in addition to the Lifeline), and 911 for mental health or suicidal crises (i.e., subset serviced today) each year. This estimate does not account for potential changes to the prevalence of mental health or substance use disorders. This estimate is based on the results of a comprehensive market analysis conducted to determine the likely number of people whom 988 would most directly benefit: the addressable and serviceable populations.

This information is courtesy of the Illinois Department of Human Services. To learn more about this program visit their website: https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=143815
All members of the OSFM’s Fire Prevention Division attended an annual training event held at the OSFM headquarters in Springfield in July.

The Division of Fire Prevention conducts inspections of buildings for compliance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2015 edition). While concentrating efforts on state licensed day care, state-licensed group homes, and educational occupancies, OSFM fire prevention inspectors also help ensure safety through the initial inspection of aboveground tanks holding flammable and combustible liquids, liquefied petroleum gas installations, and hotel/motel occupancies.

The division is responsible for enforcing the Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act, Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act, Pyrotechnic Operator and Distributor Licensing Act and the Furniture Fire Safety Act. The Division of Fire Prevention also inspects buildings and exhibits at all county fairs and the state fairs in Springfield and DuQuoin.

The Technical Services Division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal serves to support other operating divisions within the agency as well as the fire service and regulated public with technical and engineering expertise. The division is managed by the Fire Prevention Division Manager and staffed by a variety of personnel including engineers and fire protection specialists.

Personnel in this division perform plan reviews, recommend code interpretations, represent the agency on state and national code committees and task forces, assist other divisions of the OSFM with continuing education of inspection personnel and make presentations to the public and the regulated community relative to technical issues. Technical Services also provides expert advice in the agency’s rulemaking processes for a variety of subjects including Life Safety Code enforcement, aboveground tanks holding flammable or combustible liquids regulation, liquefied petroleum gas (LP-Gas) storage regulations, and a myriad of other fire prevention and petroleum and chemical related issues. The work of the Technical Services Division is conducted from both the OSFM’s Chicago and Springfield offices.
OSFM Public School Inspection Class

WHEN
August 23, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Class size restricted to first 30 individuals that register

WHERE
McHenry Township Fire Protection District
3610 W. Elm Street
McHenry, IL 60050

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 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

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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
OSFM Public School Inspection Class

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

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS
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Bartlett Touch-A-Truck

Staff members from the OSFM attended a Touch-A-Truck event in Bartlett on July 14. The crew talked to kids about fire safety and handed out some OSFM swag! Special Agent Mitch Kushner and K9 GG were also on hand.

Special Agent Kushner found his new patrol car.... the Wienermobile!!! The crew enjoyed getting a photo in front of the world-famous vehicle. Thanks to everyone who stopped by during the event.

Left to Right: Mitch Kushner & GG, John Brohan, Steve Szatkowski, Scott Johnson, and Bob Capuani.
Special Agent Mitch Kushner and K9 GG visited the Greater Round Lake Fire Department to teach them more about the OSFM Accelerant Detection Canine Program. SA Kushner conducted a few demonstrations to show them how GG works at a scene and how she can detect accelerants. This is a great learning tool to show how a K9 can assist in helping provide clues to a source of a fire and if accelerant could have been used to start a fire.

To learn more about our program visit: https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Arson/Pages/Arson-Canine.aspx
IFSI Minute

AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

Summer 2022 has been very busy for the Illinois Fire Service Institute. In June, we hosted our two annual summer training events, Fire College and the Explorer Cadet Fire School. It was a refreshing kickoff to the summer training season as we welcomed nearly 600 students and chaperones to the Champaign training grounds.

IFSI also welcomed 10 new members to the Illinois fire service in June as we completed the Spring/Summer Fire Academy. Congratulations to the graduates and we wish them well in their new careers.

LIBRARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE STATE

The IFSI Library is proud to offer a fire literacy program that will strengthen ties between Illinois firefighters and their communities. Through ALA’s American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries, IFSI is offering the Children Fire Safety Literacy Reading and Discussion Program. The program can be implemented by Illinois fire departments, using history, biography and fiction to teach children in their community about fire safety. Multi-language resources are available and can be shipped through the Interloan library system.

BACK TO SCHOOL IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR FIRE SAFETY

Free resources can be shipped to your department. Books for various grade levels are available in multiple languages.

Contact Diane Richardson to order materials: drichar@illinois.edu

SAVE THE DATE

Registration for the 2022 Veterans in the Fire Service Day opens in late August. Complete program details are available online.

UNIQUE NO COST TRAINING EVENT

VETERAN’S IN THE FIRE SERVICE

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 22 & 23

FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU
IFSU will also host the 2022 MABAS Dispatchers In-Service Training days in September. Registration is open for this no cost training opportunity.

![Image of fire scene with firefighters]

**DISPATCHERS HANDS-ON IN-SERVICE TRAINING**

**SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 – REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1**

*Space is limited, register early!*

**Tentative Training Schedule Includes:**
- Orientation
- Firefighter 101 (RPE, Breather Gear, SCBA)
- Frigidular Operations
- Technical Rescue Training (Confined Space, Collapse)
- Hazardous Materials
- SHERM (School Safety and Health Risk Management)
- "All Hands on, Live-fire training events are voluntary"

**NO COST TO ATTEND**
Learn what takes place from the moment the call is taken to what happens on the scene of the incident.

**UNIQUE, ONE-OF-A-KIND TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

- Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided
- No Registration Fee to Attend
- Lodging Available at the State Rate
- Continuing Education Hours Available

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*Helping Firefighters Do Their Work Through Training, Education, Information, and Research.*
Each year the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) presents awards to nominated individuals, groups, firefighters, life safety educators, and others for their tremendous efforts in promoting fire safety and burn prevention within their community. Award recipients are highlighted at the annual Fire Prevention Week Luncheon, held in October.

Below is the nomination criteria for each award category:

**Corporate Responsibility Award:** This award is given to a corporation that has responsibly gone above and beyond the norm by providing fire safety or burn prevention education to the public.

**Life Safety Award:** This award is given to an individual, fire department, or organization that has achieved a pattern of excellence through a fire safety or burn prevention program they developed, implemented, and has resulted in positive life safety results amongst their constituents.

**Special Recognition Award:** This award is given to an individual who has established a pattern of fire safety and prevention efforts within their community.

**Wayne Luecht Memorial Award:** This award is granted to an individual who has established a pattern of excellence through a Fire Safety or Burn Prevention Program that has benefited the public outside of their jurisdiction. A person has also excelled in his or her duties while leading the Fire Service to recognize Public Education as an important tool. An individual who has been judged by their peers to possess the qualities and superior work ethics that others strive to emulate.

Nominations can be submitted at any time but must be received by the IFSA no later than August 15th to be considered for the current year. Scan the QR Code to complete the nomination online. Additional information can be found at www.ifsa.org/FPWL.
THE ILLINOIS FIRE SAFETY ALLIANCE’S
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK LUNCHEON
PRESENTED BY NORTHERN ILLINOIS FIRE SPRINKLER ADVISORY BOARD

Join hundreds of members from the fire service and beyond at the 81st annual Fire Prevention Week Luncheon, hosted by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

The Fire Prevention Week Luncheon will include a keynote presentation, gourmet lunch, networking, and a special gift for each attendee. The event also highlights and honors those who have gone above and beyond in fire safety and burn prevention, as each year the IFSA receives nominations and presents awards for various categories.

TAKING THE CAPE OFF: HOW TO LEAD THROUGH MENTAL ILLNESS, UNIMAGINABLE GRIEF & LOSS
Chief Patrick Kenny will share his personal story and put forth a call to action to stand up and face these challenges head-on, by examining the myths and stigmas. He will share leadership mental health strategies and tactics and discuss the complications that arise of being a cape wearer whether in your work, family, or personal life.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER
Patrick J. Kenny has been a member of the fire service for over 39 years, and before retiring in January 2021 served as the Fire Chief in Hinsdale and Western Springs, Illinois. He has been a Chief Officer for over 25 years and a speaker in multiple countries on Mayday for Mental Health for more than a decade. He is the international best-selling author of Taking the Cape Off: How to Lead Through Mental Illness, Unimaginable Grief and Loss and has articles published in the areas of mental health, leadership, fire safety, and fire code challenges. He was awarded the Fire Chief of the Year in 2004 by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. He was awarded the Fire Engineering/International Society of Fire Service Instructors George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award for 2020-2021.

Each attendee will receive a one copy of Chief Kenny’s international bestselling book, “Taking the Cape Off: How to Lead Through Mental Illness, Unimaginable Grief & Loss.”

Sponsors:

Date | Time: Thursday, October 13, 2022 | 10:00am - 1:30pm
Location: Bobak’s Signature Events
6440 Double Eagle Drive
Woodridge, IL 60517
Registration: $40.00/person ($400/table of 10)
Register with QR Code or at www.IFSA.org/FPWL
Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts

2022 Edition Text of Laws Now Available

This text is a compilation of those state laws which most directly apply to fire protection districts and the Illinois fire service in general. The book includes the Fire Protection District Act, Open Meetings, Freedom of Information Act, Municipal code, Vehicle code, and numerous other Acts as amended through Public Act 100-576 of the 102nd General Assembly.

Each IAFPD member district will receive one complimentary copy which will be mailed if it was not picked up at the conference held in Champaign in June.

You can order additional copies online HERE. You must log in to get member pricing. Online order pricing includes shipping. Call for discounted shipping on multiple book orders. You may order by phone by calling IAFPD 217-525-6620.
The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has many activities planned during the 2022 Illinois State Fair. Several organizations will be present helping to spread the fire prevention and safety message.

OSFM Fire Safety Tent is located on the corner of Main and Central Avenue featuring games, prizes, popcorn and a variety of exhibits, along with activities and demonstrations for all ages. Activities will include: “Stop, Drop and Roll”, kitchen safety, fire safety game kiosks, colossal smoke alarm station, trivia safety wheel, 911 dispatcher station, fire pole, fire engine displays, auto extrications demos and much more. Fire personnel from different organizations and agencies will be on hand to answer any questions. Keith “Doc” Patterson will be present with a puppet show spreading the fire safety and prevention message. Check in at the tent to find out about show times.

**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
Illinois State Fire Museum

Illinois Fire Museum will be open 10 AM to 5 PM daily during the fair. Take a step back in time and explore the history of the fire service. Artifacts housed inside the museum include an antique hand-operated pumper, a hand-pulled hose cart, and a ladder wagon with bronze horses at the ready, along with many other pieces of vintage firefighting equipment. Admission is free and open to fairgoers.
The OSFM is excited to be a part of the DuQuoin State Fair! We will have a fire safety tent set up to help educate fairgoers about fire safety. The fire safety tent will be open from Noon to 9 PM Monday through Friday and Noon to 9 PM on the weekends.

Stop in and visit with us and find a few fun items for the kids!
Pool Safety Awareness

According to the American Red Cross, 69% of young children who are found drowned or submerged in swimming pools were not expected to be in or at the pool. For children younger than 5, 87% of drowning fatalities happen in home pools or hot tubs.

Each day, approximately two children under 15 years old die from drowning. Children ages 1–4 have the highest drowning rates, and most happen in swimming pools. Drowning can happen anytime, particularly when children gain unsupervised access to pools. Fatal drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury death behind motor vehicle crashes for children ages 1–14 according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Pool chemicals, like chlorine, are needed to protect swimmers’ health. However, mishandling pool chemicals can cause serious injuries. Pool chemical injuries lead to about 4,500 U.S. emergency department visits each year, and over one-third of these preventable injuries are in children or teens.

The USA Swimming Foundation, in collaboration with the CPSC’s Pool Safety campaign, between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2019, reported at least 150 children younger than age 15 fatally drowned in swimming pools or spas, which is up by two drownings from 2018. The U.S. Swimming Foundation statistics show formal swimming lessons reduces the likelihood of childhood drowning by 88%.

Below are some simple steps to keep children safer in and around the water:

- Install a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate around all pools and spas.
- Check to make sure the gate is locked or closed when leaving the pool or spas.
- Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls, and toys after leaving the pool.
- Always ensure children swim with an adult or buddy.
- Designate an adult Water Watcher to supervise children at all times around the water. Stay off your phone, put your book down, and pay attention to whoever is in or around the water!
- Never leave a child unattended in or near water.
- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults.
- Teach children to stay away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Ensure any pool or spa has drain covers that comply with federal safety standards. If you are unsure, ask your pool service provider about safer drain covers.
- If you are installing a new pool, hot tub, or spa, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirement for these types of installations.
- Empty or flip over inflatable pools when you are finished using them for the day.

Take the Pool Safety Pledge by visiting: [www.poolsafty.gov/pledge](http://www.poolsafty.gov/pledge)
Pool Safety Awareness

Be there for those who need you
KEEP SUMMER FUN BY KEEPING KIDS SAFE

- Supervise
  Never take your eyes off children in and around water.

- Use Barriers
  Fences, self-closing/self-latching gates and secured doors with alarms can prevent young children from wandering into the pool.

- Avoid Entrapment
  Suction from a pool’s drain is so powerful it can trap an adult underwater.
  Check for broken or missing drain covers.

- Learn to Swim
  To stay safe in the water, all family members should learn to swim well.

- Know How to Respond
  Get training in basic water rescue skills, first aid and CPR.
  Have rescue equipment and a phone by the pool.

Portable Pools
Fence Them! Cover Them! Put Them Away!

Pool Safely: Simple Steps Save Lives provides simple safety tips for keeping children and families safe around all pools and spas. Practicing these tips can help reduce the number of drownings and near-drownings among young children.

Portable pools vary in size and height, from tiny blow-up pools to larger designs that hold thousands of gallons of water. They are easy to use, affordable and fun for the family. But portable pools can be deadly and present a real danger to young children.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that from 2011 to 2013, submersion fatalities associated with portable pools averaged 19 deaths each year for children 4 and under.

For more tips on how to stay safe around the water, visit poolsafer.gov.

Flip inflatable kiddie pools to prevent rainwater buildup that children could fall into.
Barn Fire Safety Checklist

Mrs. O’Leary’s Cow may have gotten a bad rap but the folktale reminds us fire safety is an important part of farm life. People, animals, and property are in danger when fire breaks out on the farm. Inspect your barn and outbuildings for fire hazards to reduce the risk of tragic loss.

✓ Heat lamps and space heaters are kept a safe distance from anything that can burn.
✓ Heaters are on a sturdy surface and cannot fall over.
✓ Electrical equipment is labeled for agricultural or commercial use.
✓ All wiring is free from damage.
✓ Extension cords are not used in the barn.
✓ Lightbulbs have covers to protect them from dust, moisture, and breakage.
✓ Damage is identified quickly and repairs are completed with safety in mind.
✓ Dust and cobwebs around electrical outlets and lights are removed.
✓ Oily rags are stored in a closed, metal container away from heat.
✓ Feed, hay, straw, and flammable liquids are stored away from the main barn.
✓ The barn is a smoke-free zone.
✓ Exits are clearly marked and pathways are clear.
✓ Fire drills are held frequently with everyone who uses the barn.
✓ Workers are trained to use fire extinguishers.
✓ Everyone in the barn knows personal safety is the first priority if a fire breaks out.
✓ Hazard checks take place on a set schedule.

Required Equipment

The following safety equipment may be required by local building codes and will help protect your barn. Install and maintain:

- ABC-type fire extinguishers near every exit and within 50 feet from any point in the barn.
- Fire alarm system
- Sprinkler system
- Carbon monoxide detection system

Talk with your local fire department to address safety concerns unique to your farm.

Go to www.nfpa.org/farms to learn more about fire safety on the farm.

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On my way back to Mattoon from Charleston this morning I came across what appeared to be a 2–4-year-old girl wandering down the edge of the road (6th and Lincoln) in the rain. I stopped my vehicle in the roadway and tried to keep her from wandering into Lincoln Avenue. She wouldn’t come to me, so I just directed her towards the parking lot of the bank. I called 911 and reported a lost child. I stayed with the little girl until an officer arrived on scene.

Tony Nichols

Fire Prevention Inspector Richard Anderson visited Peach Tree Day Care.
Drawing a Dalmatian
by ed emberley

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