

6TH ANNUAL

FIRE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

Vendor Registration Packet

ATTENDEE PRICING:

Three Day

Member - \$350

Non-Member - \$450

Two Day

Member - \$300

Non-Member - \$400

One Day

Member - \$175

Non-Member - \$225

Sponsor/Vendor pricing available in vendor packet

FULL BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Visit www.greatwolf.com/illinois
or call (844) 485-9653

Group Code: 2611FIRE

Cutoff date for reservations: 10/1/2026

Room Rate is \$109.99 (+resort fees) and includes up to 4 Water Park Wristbands



GREAT WOLF LODGE

1700 NATIONS DRIVE
GURNEE, IL 60031

NOVEMBER 1 - 4, 2026

0800 - 1600

ABOUT NIFIA:

The purpose of this Association is twofold: to advance the knowledge and capacities of its membership in the sciences of fire prevention and fire investigation, through mutual cooperation and communication of information; and to assist its membership in efforts to promulgate and promote fire safety awareness and practices by the public, toward the goal of prevention of any loss of life and property from fire.



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Dear Valued Partner,

Last year the Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (NIFIA) held our fifth annual Three-Day Fire Prevention Symposium on November 3rd, 4th and 5th at Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee. The event was an overwhelming success thanks, in large part, to the many great exhibitors and sponsors. There were over 130 attendees who learned from various speakers and interacted with over 25 exhibitors. We truly appreciate the support we received from both the public and private sector members of the fire and life safety community. Feedback provided to NIFIA was overwhelmingly positive on the quality of the speakers, facilities, and vendor exhibits.

We are planning the sixth annual event to be held on November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, once again at the Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee. Our mission is to build on last year's successes and make the 2026 symposium bigger and even better. To accomplish this goal, we will once again need the support of our partners in fire prevention to provide sponsorships and exhibits. Please consider joining us in making the 6th Annual NIFIA Fire Prevention Symposium another rousing success. With your help, this symposium will be an annual highlight for fire prevention, professionals seeking opportunities in education and networking. See the attached flyers for details.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you in 2026.

Regards,

Michael Weaver
President



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Fire Prevention Symposium

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Sponsorship Levels	Donation Amount	Poster Location	Program Advertisement	Select
Symposium	\$2,300	Opening Ceremony & Registration	Full Page	☐
White Oak Mixer	\$2,000	Mixer	Three-Quarter Page	☐
Drink Ticket	\$1,700	Mixer	Three-Quarter Page	☐
White Oak Rooms	\$1,400	White Oak Rooms I, II, or III	Half Page	☐
Three Day Lunch	\$1,100	Meal Room	Half Page	☐
Three Day Breakfast	\$900	Meal Room	Quarter Page	☐
Kickoff Reception	\$700	Reception Room	Quarter Page	☐
Three Day Break	\$500	Break Area	Quarter Page	☐

*Sponsors are not automatically Exhibitors. Please select both if you would also like an Exhibitor table.

Exhibitor Levels	Cost
Monday & Tuesday	\$500
Wednesday Add-On	\$100
Wednesday Only	\$300

(Includes Exhibitor Table, Breakfast & Lunch for One Person, Kickoff Reception for One Person, and Logo on Exhibitors Page in Program)

ADD-ONS:

- ☐ \$125 - Additional Person (Each - Per Day) Meal Tickets Included _____ Persons for _____ Days
- ☐ \$100 - Additional Kickoff Reception Ticket (Each) Food & Drink Tickets Included _____ Tickets
- ☐ \$100 - White Oak Mixer Ticket (Each) Food & Drink Tickets Included _____ Tickets

Company: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Checks, Venmo, Zelle, or Credit Card Accepted

If paying Electronically, check the payment method below and email completed form to nifiaevents@gmail.com

Once the form is received, you will be emailed an invoice with online payment information. Include the invoice number on the payment.

- ☐ Venmo (@NIFIA)
- ☐ Zelle (nifiaboard@gmail.com)
- ☐ Credit Card (Link Provided with Invoice)

If paying by check, please mail check (payable to NIFIA) and completed form to:

Lake Forest Fire Station No. 2
ATTN: Josh Hucker
1111 Telegraph Road
Lake Forest, IL 60044

nifiaevents@gmail.com

NIFIA 6TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Monday, November 2nd

0630 - 0800 | Breakfast & Registration

0800 - 0830 | Opening Remarks

Honor Guard
NIFIA President Mike Weaver
Lake County Chiefs
Gurnee Mayor

0830 - 0900 | OSFM Updates

0900 - 0930 | Break & Exhibitors

0930 - 1200 | General Session

Overview on the future of fire prevention. Presented by Chief Michael O'Brien (Brighton Area Fire Authority), Meredith Hawes (NFPA), and Sarah Carter (ICC). Speakers will present topics on fire prevention, codes, and the future.

1200 - 1300 | Lunch

Vendor Lunch begins 1130

1300 - 1600 | Classes

Site Plan Review

Sarah Carter

Interactive session on the foundations of plan review with the 2024 IFC

Batteries: What is Next in the Code

Chief Michael O'Brien

Dive into all things batteries and IFC/IBC implications

Codes & Standards

Meredith Hawes

What NFPA resources can do for you & Safety doesn't happen by chance!

1430 - 1500 | Break & Exhibitors

1600 | Kickoff Reception

NIFIA 6TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 3rd

0630 - 0800 | Breakfast & Registration

0800 - 1200 | Morning Classes

Plan Review

Bill Clayton

*Commercial plan review
with IBC/IFC
requirements*

Fire Sprinklers

NFSA

*High-piled storage
plan review*

Fire Investigation

Craig Whyte

*From leak to blast:
Investigating natural gas
explosions and fire events*

0900 - 0930 | Break & Exhibitors

1200 - 1300 | Lunch

Vendor Lunch begins 1130

1300 - 1600 | Afternoon Classes

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1400 - 1430 | Break & Exhibitors

1600 | White Oak Mixer

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Wednesday, November 4th

0630 - 0800 | Breakfast & Registration

0800 - 1200 | Morning Classes

**Multi-Family
Construction**

Bill Clayton

*Overview of IBC
requirements for
multi-family dwellings.*

Fire Pumps for the AHJ

Eric Williams

*Gain practical knowledge
of fire pumps
(special feature: temporary
fire pump trailer on site)*

Fire Investigation

John Ortlund

Steve Newton

*Fatal Fires: The coroner's
role and the importance
of multidisciplinary
collaboration*

0900 - 0930 | Break & Exhibitors

1200 - 1300 | Lunch

Vendor Lunch begins 1130

1300 - 1600 | Afternoon Classes

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family dwellings*

Public Ed. & CRR

Countryside FPD

*Class description to be
released soon*

Fire Investigation

John Ortlund

Steve Newton

*Fatal Fires: The coroner's
role and the importance
of multidisciplinary
collaboration*

1400 - 1430 | Break & Exhibitors