

Dear Associate Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide you with information on meeting sponsorships for the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois for the year 2024.

As we enter our 51st year, we have much to celebrate and reflect upon. The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois has been at the forefront of advocating for the fire service and ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities. Throughout the years, our association has played a vital role in shaping policies, providing training opportunities, and fostering collaboration among fire departments.

As the newly elected president, I am committed to continuing this legacy of excellence and innovation. Our association will remain dedicated to staying ahead of the curve and adapting to the ever-changing landscape of the fire service. We will strive to provide our members with the most relevant and up-to-date information, resources, and programs.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our associate members (business partners and vendors). Your sponsorship of our meetings and symposiums has been instrumental in the success of our programs. We value the partnerships we have built, and we are grateful for your continued support. Without your support it would be challenging to provide the high-quality programs and events that our members have come to expect. We are grateful for your commitment and dedication to the fire service and your willingness to help offset the costs associated with our programs.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our business partners and vendors for their continued support. Your contributions make a significant difference in the success of our association, and we look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.

I encourage all of our members to take advantage of the opportunities provided by our association. You are always welcome to attend our meetings, participate in our training programs, and engage with fellow fire service professionals. Together, we can continue to raise the bar and ensure the highest level of service to our communities.

As a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to showcase your products and services to a diverse group of fire service professionals from across the Chicago Metropolitan Area. Our meetings attract fire chiefs, assistant chiefs, training officers, and other key decision-makers in the fire service industry. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with potential customers and build brand awareness.

We offer two sponsorship opportunities to accommodate different budgets and marketing objectives. Our sponsorship levels include:

Regular luncheon meetings: Sponsorships for regular luncheon meetings are \$250.00. The sponsorship of a regular meeting includes a table (provided by the banquet hall) for display of handouts and information. The sponsor will also be allowed to speak for up to five minutes during the meeting. Regular meetings have one sponsor.

Symposiums: Sponsorships for symposiums are \$500.00. These events tend to have a greater number of attendees, including Chief Officers, Training Officers, and Union Executives. Multiple sponsors will be allowed for these events. This sponsorship includes the opportunity to set up a single table (provided by the banquet hall) for the display of handouts and information, if desired. You will be acknowledged multiple times during the event. You may also provide signage indicating your sponsorship of the event in addition to the table display. Please note that there will be no presentations by sponsors at these events.

If you are interested in reserving a sponsorship for any of our events in 2024, please contact our sponsorship coordinator, Retired Chief Tom Deegan, at 815-812-1823 or <u>tdeegan@metroparamedics.com</u>. He will be happy to provide you with more information and assist you with the reservation process.

Thank you for considering a sponsorship with the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to the opportunity to partner with you.

Sincerely,

Andrew Dina President Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois