



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday April 16, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

Aurelio's Pizza, 1455 W. Lake St., Addison



1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – (8 Voting Members* Needed for Quorum)

Member	Department		Member	Department	
President Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates		Director Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	
1 st Vice President Tom Gaertner*	River Forest		Director Dave McCabe*	Aurora	
2 nd Vice President Paul Segalla*	Long Grove		Director John Christian*	Barrington	
Secretary Steve Norvilas*	North Palos		Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief		Director Drew Smith*	Prospect Heights	
Immediate Past President Andy Dina*	Warrenville		Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief		Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief		Director Steve Evans*	Winfield	
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief				

3. Secretary's Report – Secretary Norvilas

A. Approval of meeting minutes – March 19, 2025 Executive Board Meeting (Attachment A, page 3)

4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Deegan

A. Financial Statements

B. Vote to Approve Financial Statements

5. President's Report – President Wax

6. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws – Co-Chairpersons Wax & Kuryla

B. Audit – Co-Chairpersons Deegan, Kuryla, & Swanson

C. Directory/Website – Chairperson Deicke

D. Fundraising – Co-Chairpersons Deegan & Swanson

E. Home Day – Co-Chairperson Deegan

i. Date – June 5, 2025

ii. Location – NIPSTA

iii. Other – Flyer (Attachment B, page 6)

F. IFCA/Legislation – Chairperson Styczynski

G. Programs – Chairperson Styczynski

i. May 1, 2025 – “RETIREE” Meeting – Dan Ryan, Project Coordinator – Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) – “Social Security & Government Pensions”

a. Laptop

b. Projector

c. Attendee count so far?

ii. August 7, 2025 – Possibly Project Fire Buddies

H. Symposium – Co-Chairpersons Evans, Segalla, and Wax

i. 2025 Fall Symposium – September 4, 2025

a. Empress Banquets

b. Topics/Presenters (Attachment C, page 7)

c. Agenda (no business meeting)

d. 50/50 raffle charity

e. Expense Reimbursements for Presenters

I. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon – Chairperson Kenny

J. Nominating – Chairperson Friedl

K. Installment/Holiday Luncheon – Co-Chairpersons Friedl, Evans, & Kenny

i. 12/04/2025 Luncheon

L. Sick & Welfare – Chairperson Kuryla

i. Orland Park FPD Chief Michael Schofield retiring 5/2/25 (Attachment D, page 8)

- Replacement?
- ii. Roberts Park FPD Chief Jeff Ketchen retiring 5/9/25 (Attachment E, page 9)
 - Replacement?

M. Metro Chiefs Association History – Chairperson Swanson

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

9. Open Discussion

10. Future Meetings

A. Executive Board Meetings

- i. Wednesday, May 21, 2025, Aurelios's Pizza in Addison
- ii. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, Aurelios's Pizza in Addison
- iii. July 16, 2025 – NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED? (the 16th is IFCA Golf Outing)
- iv. Wednesday, August 20, 2025, Aurelios's Pizza in Addison
- v. Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Aurelios's Pizza in Addison
- vi. October 15, 2025 – NEEDS TO BE RESCHEDULED (IFCA Conference is 10/12-15)
- vii. Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Aurelios's Pizza in Addison
- viii. Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Location TBD

B. Regular Member Meetings

- i. Thursday, May 1, 2025 – Empress Banquet Hall – Retiree Meeting
- ii. Thursday, June 5, 2025 – Home Day – NIPSTA
- iii. July 2025 CANCELLED
- iv. Thursday, August 7, 2025 – Empress Banquet Hall
- v. Thursday, September 4, 2025 – Empress Banquet Hall (Fall Symposium)
- vi. Thursday, October 2, 2025 Empress Banquet Hall ???? (IFCA Conference is 10/12-15)
- vii. Thursday, November 6, 2025, Empress Banquet Hall (Board Elections)
- viii. Thursday, December 4, 2025, Empress Banquet Hall (Induction/Holiday Luncheon)

11. Adjournment



ATTACHMENT A

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 19, 2025 Meeting at 11:30 a.m. Aurelios, Addison, IL



1. Call to Order –Wax – Time 11:32

2. Roll Call –Voting Members* Needed for Quorum)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Att</u>
President Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	x
1 st Vice President Tom Gaertner*	River Forest	x
2 nd Vice President Paul Segalla*	Long Grove	x 1138
Secretary Steve Norvilas*	North Palos	x
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	x
Immed. Past President Andy Dina*	Warrenville	x
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief	x
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief	x
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief	x

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Att</u>
Director Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	x
Director Dave McCabe*	Aurora	
Director John Christian*	Barrington	
Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	
Director Drew Smith*	Prospect Hts	x
Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	x
Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	x
Director Steve Evans*	Winfield	x

3. Secretary's Report – Secretary Norvilas

A. Approval of meeting minutes of February 19, 2025

Motion: Styczynski

2nd: Swanson

Vote: Roll-Call Voice Ayes:11 Nays: 0 Abstain:0

4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Deegan

A. Financial Statements – Revenues/Expenditures, Account Balances, & Budget Statuses

i. Motion to approve the Financial Statements from 02/17/2025 through 03/18/2025.

Motion: Evans

2nd: Gartner

Vote: Roll-Call Voice Ayes: 11Nays:0 Abstain: 0

5. President's Report- President Wax

Director Walters is retiring in October.

Discussion ensued related to succession planning for the Executive Board and the number of Board members retiring.

6. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws – Co-Chairpersons Kuryla & Wax

No Report

B. Audit – Directors Swanson & Kuryla

No Report

C. Directory/Website – Chairperson Deicke

Web-Site is up to date with upcoming events.

Retiree members will only be listed in the directory with their name and the Department they retired from.

D. Fundraising – Treasurer Deegan & Director Swanson

The April 3, 2025 fundraiser at Pinstripes in Oak Brook has been cancelled.

E. Home Day- Co-Chairperson Deegan

Discussion ensued related to the Home Day event scheduled for June 5, 2025.

F. IFCA/Legislation – Chairperson Styczynski

Director Styczynski discussed HB3599 non-transport payment, SB2405 GMET rate and HB1098 Firefighter hiring age bill.

G. Programs- Chairperson Styczynski

At the August meeting, Project Fire Buddies will be presenting.

H. Symposium – Co-Chairpersons Evans & Wax

President Wax thanked the Symposium Committee for the presenters at the recent Symposium.

A Motion was made to reimburse the presenters for their expenses-

Motion: Evans

2nd: Swanson

Vote: Roll-Call Voice Ayes:11 Nays:0 Abstain:0

I. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon -Chairperson Kenny

The will be no regular meeting at the Luncheon and the count is at 155.

J. Nominating – Chairperson Friedl

No Report

K. Installment/Holiday Luncheon– - Co-Chairperson Friedl, Evans & Kenny

No Report

L. Sick & Welfare – Chairperson Kuryla

Huntley, Rutland Dundee and Oak Park’s Chiefs are retiring.

North Maine’s Fire Chief passed away.

Retired Chief’s from Barrington and River Grove passed away.

M. Metro Chiefs Association History – Chairperson Swanson

No Report

7. Unfinished Business

Director Evans located a box of old Metro Chief’s documents that were passed along to Director Swanson for historical purposes.

8. New Business

A Motion was made to match our donation from last year for the Operation North Pole golf outing-

Motion: Styczynski

2nd: Walters

Vote: Roll-Call Voice Ayes:11 Nays:0 Abstain:0

9. Open Discussion

April 13-19 is Telecommunicators week.

August of 2026 is Alsip Fire Department 75th anniversary.

10. Future Meetings

- A. **Next Exec Board Meeting-** April 16, 2025 Aurelio's - Addison
- B. **Next General Meeting –** May 1, 2025 Empress Banquet Hall, Retiree
- C. **Administrative Professional Luncheon-** April 3, 2025

11. **Adjournment**

Motion: Walters

2nd: Segalla

Vote: Roll-Call Voice Ayes:10 Nays:0 Abstain:0

TIME: 12:24



ATTACHMENT B

ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE HOME DAY

Join us at the 19th annual "Home Day"! This year Home Day will be hosted by Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA). Come and experience what the funding for Disaster Preparedness has proudly provided!

You will have the opportunity to introduce yourself to over 150 fire service leaders and the managers of 20 fire equipment manufacturers who represent roughly 100,000 employees in the State of Illinois. Illinois Fire Service representatives will also give an overview of what this funding has meant to the fire service. Equipment acquired with funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant over the past 20 years will be on display. This event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois, which has partnered with the Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) and the Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association (FEMSA). The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association has also formed alliances with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), and Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI).

Thursday, June 5 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy

2300 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, IL 60026



Lunch

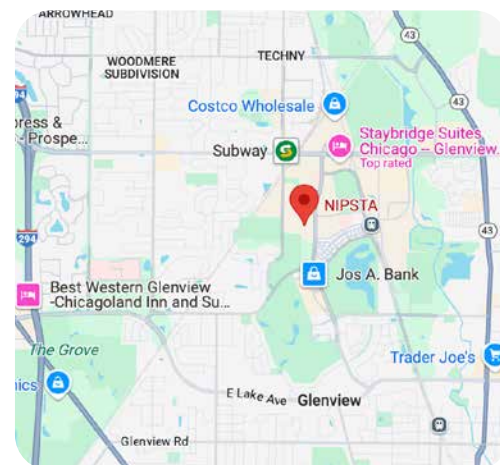
- Served FREE for All Elected Officials & Staff
- \$25.00 for All Other Attendees

Schedule

- 10:00 am – 11:00 am Registration & Vendor Displays
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Lunch & Speakers
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Facility Tour, Demos & Vendor Displays

Invited Speakers

- James Rivera, Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
- Chad Hoefle, President, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA)
- Jill Ramaker, Director, NIPSTA
- Glenn Ericksen, CEO, Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)
- Jim Keiken, Director, Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)
- TBD, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



Register at www.metrochiefs.org

For questions contact: Barb Pearlman, 630-735-3558 or barbpearlman@darley.com



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ATTACHMENT C

Symposium Topic Ideas

- John Rukavina – FLSA, FMLA, others
- IFSI Research Status – Past, Current, Future – Andy Dina Contact
- Walmart storage building in Indiana (problems shutting down system or risers prematurely)
- Solar Panels – John Mehalek, IBEW/NECA instructor, 708-389-1340, jmehalek@ejatt.com
- Optimal Recovery – Workers Comp Process – Injury Management
- Marketing FDs for recruitment
- NFPA Update
- Explorer Programs
- Hoffman Estates Chief Fire Inspector Craig Solick, on Board of Directors of IL Fire Inspectors Assn. & OSFM's Consumer Fireworks Review Committee – topics: indoor & outdoor pyrotechnics, inflatables, carnival rides, special events – What Chiefs need to know

ATTACHMENT D

Please Join Us in Celebrating Fire Chief/ Administrator Michael Schofield's Retirement



*Wishing Chief Schofield a healthy and happy retirement after 48 years of
dedicated service to the Orland Fire Protection District*



Friday, May 2, 2025
Open House
12 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
OFPD Admin. Board Room
9790 W. 151st Street, Orland Park



Happy **RETIREMENT**

Congratulations on your retirement Chief! Thank you for the many years of selfless dedication you have given to the fire service.

JEFF KETCHEN

Fire Chief - RPFPD

Cake & Coffee

May 9, 2025

2pm - 4pm

**Roberts Park FPD
8611 S Roberts Rd
Justice, IL**

