



Illinois Community Risk Reduction 2023 Conference Highlights



"The Illinois Community Risk Reduction Conference featured strong programming from start to finish. Conference attendees saw a variety of presentations ranging from the challenges facing the fire service today to uplifting success stories in risk reduction in both large and small Illinois communities. Congratulations to the taskforce on another successful CRR conference." --

George K. Michehl (Retired)
Deputy Fire Marshal
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The Illinois CRR conference program offered resources and presented concepts, ideas and helpful tips that can be applied in any size department. By looking at our incidents and data, we can get the buy-in needed to work together on a few practical ways to reduce the risk.

–Marvin Hill
Trustee Barrington FPD



The 3rd annual CRR conference held in Chicago on September 27, 2023 will go on record as a resounding success!

The day kicked off with code consultant expert, Michael O'Brian (Brighton, MO) who covered **Smoke Alarm Shortages, PFAS, Lithium Battery Fires and other emerging issues** impacting the fire suppression industry.

Thank you Rick Tracy, IFIA and Marvin Hill, IAFFD for developing an initiative that allows us to **recognize those implementing CRR** in their fire department.

Chief Jeff Care, Aaron Kozlowski, BC of EMS; John Koch, BC of CRR ; Latreavette McCline, MSW shared their success story which started with a conversation and transitioned to **CRR program implementation**. This session included a **Mental Health Calls & Beyond** story about picking someone up and helping them turn their life around when they are at their worst low.

Chicago Fire Department's District Chief Jonathan Zaentz and Dr. Katie Tataris presented a functional model and reasons to establish **Mobile Integrated Healthcare**.

Congratulations to and good work by **Niles FD & Colona FPD** for their exceptional outreach to their vastly different communities using the **Illinois Smoke Alarm Installation Program** to help protect members within their regions of the state.

Bob Morris, Illinois Fire Inspector Association, presented the **Sound Off Program** that creatively teaches children practical fire safety such as how to test a smoke alarm and having an escape plan that can be incorporated to any fire department CRR goals.

The CRR Dashboard development, navigation and user tips were demonstrated by Marsha Giesler, IFCA.

A review on the **Sustaining Partnerships: Building, Working**, was presented by Kevin Schott EMA Director for Montgomery County.

