



# ***NITE success story***

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(NFIC)  
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# ***NITE***

*NFIRS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT*

*TO DATE*

*753 departments have participated  
1,305 personnel have been trained*



# NITE

## History & Funding

- *The NITE (NFIRS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT) program is an Agency initiative implemented since 2005.*
- *NITE is a program to provide computers, printers, accessories and training to fire departments.*



# ***NITE***

## *Funding and implementation.*

*The majority of funding for the OSFM comes from a 1% tax on fire insurance sold in the State.*



# *Value of NITE*

- *Better information*
- *More complete and meaningful data and reports*
- *Eligibility for State and Federal grants*
- *NIMS compliant*





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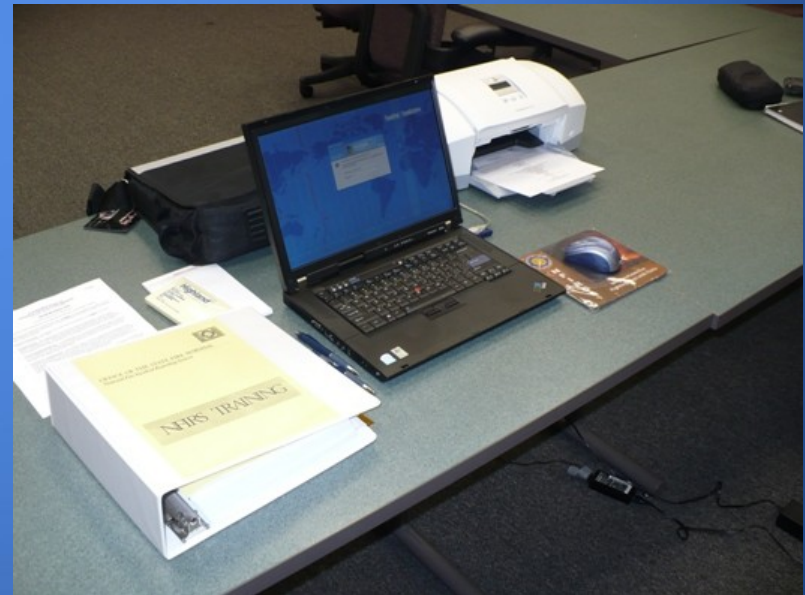
- *Initial trainings at the office, during the week*
- *The NFIRS team made a commitment to provide the training on weekends statewide.*
- *Information Services (IS) and Management Services also committed to ensuring the NFIRS team had necessary resources available.*





# What it takes?

- Procurement
  - Purchase authorization
  - Order computers, printers, etc.
  - Organize orders



# What it takes?

- Class planning.
  - Site planning and dates selection
  - Invitations to Fire Departments
  - Site technology capabilities check list
  - Staff travel arrangements, accommodations
  - Catering





# What it takes?

- NFIRS Prep work - setup NFIRS accounts, contracts, prepare manuals
- Setup and test Computers and printers
- Other supplies we provide to the Fire Departments





# Contract

- *The most important requirement is that two individuals from the FD/FPD would attend the class and agree to report monthly (electronically).*

Name(s) of attendee  
Date of training

**AN AGREEMENT between the  
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
hereinafter referred to as the Office,  
**AND**  
**SB111 – Springfield Fire Department (Springfield)**  
hereinafter referred to as Department.

This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Illinois.

This Agreement is made and entered this day, \_\_\_\_\_ by and between the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Department. In view of mutual covenants herewith contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Agreement shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall expire on December 31, 2010.
2. **TERMINATION:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notification or immediately upon failure of the Department to comply with the terms of this Agreement. Upon termination, the Department shall return all equipment and software in a condition satisfactory to the State prior to the date of termination.
3. **OFFICE RESPONSIBILITY:** In consideration of the services rendered under the terms of this Agreement, the Office shall compensate the Department by providing Training and necessary computer equipment and necessary software (hereinafter collectively "Property") as determined by the Office.
4. **PROPERTY OWNERSHIP:** The Parties agree that the equipment and software shall remain the property of the Office for the duration of the Agreement. The Office and the Department agree that at the expiration of this Agreement, the Property may be made available for purchase by the Department for a nominal cost. In the event that the General Assembly approves an amended appropriation to permit the Property to be in the form of a Grant, the parties agree to reform this Agreement.
  - a. The Department shall provide the Office with a signed and dated verification of the Property location including any State of Illinois property identification serial numbers between December 1st and December 31st of each year the Department has the equipment in its possession.
  - b. In the event the property is destroyed, the Department shall notify the Office and is responsible for the value of the Property.
5. **SCOPE OF WORK:**
  - a. The Department shall provide internet access at the sole expense of the Department.

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# The Training

- Introductions
- Basic module
- Fire Module
- Structure Fire Module
- Hands-on-exercises
- Practice
- Emphasis on reporting



# NITE Successes

- 2005 12 departments trained
- 2006 188 departments trained
- 2007 553 departments trained

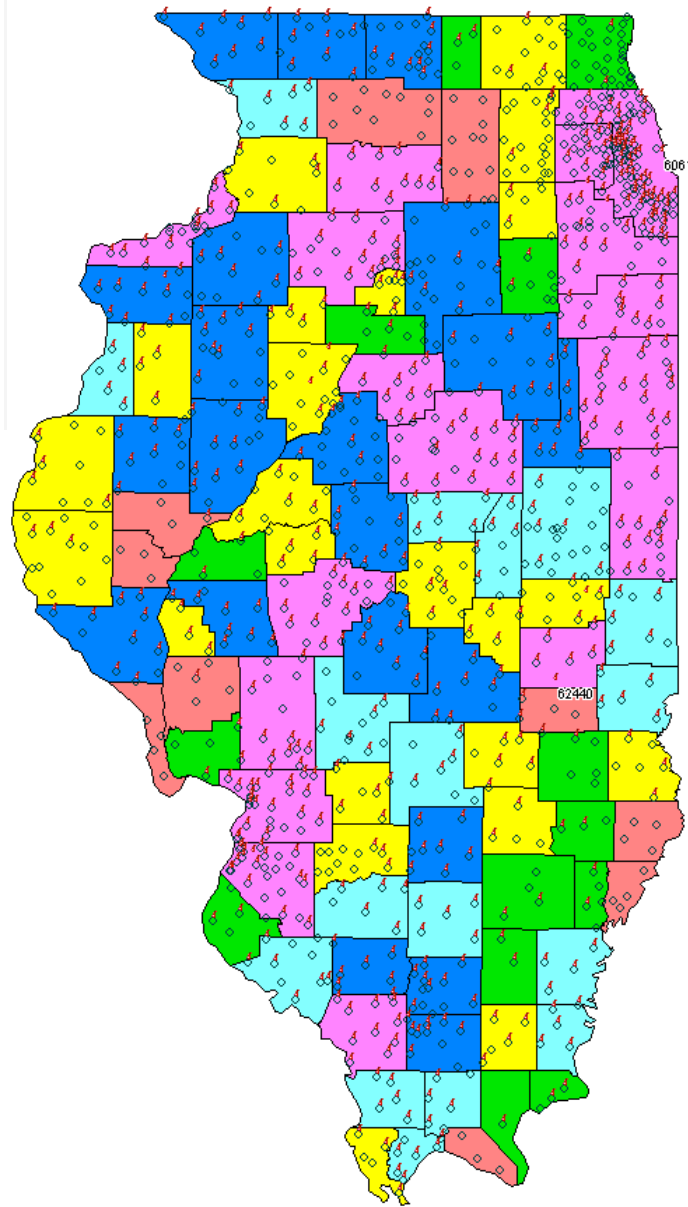
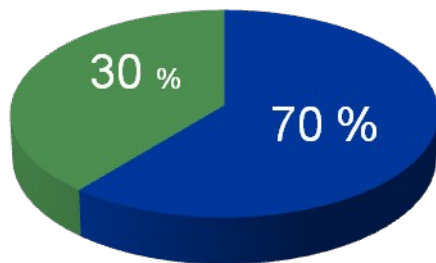
TOTAL DEPARTMENTS TRAINED TO DATE

753

*Key tips for success: Go to them. Provide ongoing support*



- Nite Grants - By ZipCode
  - Minior Fire Departments - By Zipcode
  - Counties - Nite Grants - By ZipCode.Records Number
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| ■ | 0 to 1  |
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| ■ | 3 to 4  |
| ■ | 4 to 5  |
| ■ | 5 to 9  |
| ■ | 9 to 64 |





# FY 2008



- *Renewal of \$714,200 for equipment and training grants for Fire Departments in Illinois to provide NFIRS data to the National Data Center.*



# The future of NFIRS and NITE

- We will be asking for a renewal or partial renewal in FY 2009.
- Data warehouse and better information for the Fire Service
- Quality assurance
- Onsite visits



*“As important as this initiative has been to getting timely reporting, the additional benefit of personal contact with the Fire Service is invaluable. Communication is at its highest historic level and has resulted in the development of other initiatives to ensure it is not only ongoing, but more efficient and accessible to all of the Fire Service.”*



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