

Engaging and Educating Firefighters through Digitization of Historical Resources:



*The Illinois Firefighter
Line of Duty Deaths
Digital Image
Collection Database
("IFLODD")*

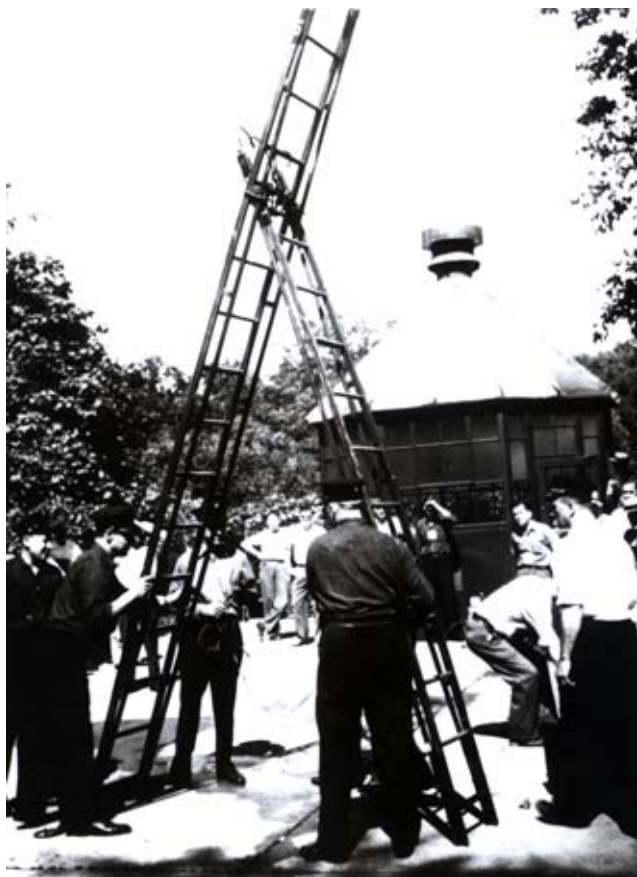
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Short Course in Fire Prevention, Control, and Extinguishment University of Illinois, June 16-19, 1925





Ladder training and gas mask demonstrations at the Illinois Fire College (ca. 1930s).



**University of Illinois
Firemanship Training
during the 1960s.**

Illinois Fire Service Institute Act

Public Act 81-1147

Effective July 1, 1980

“Assist public and private fire departments in Illinois through education, training, counseling, measurement, and evaluation services”

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Firefighter Training



Fire Investigation Training



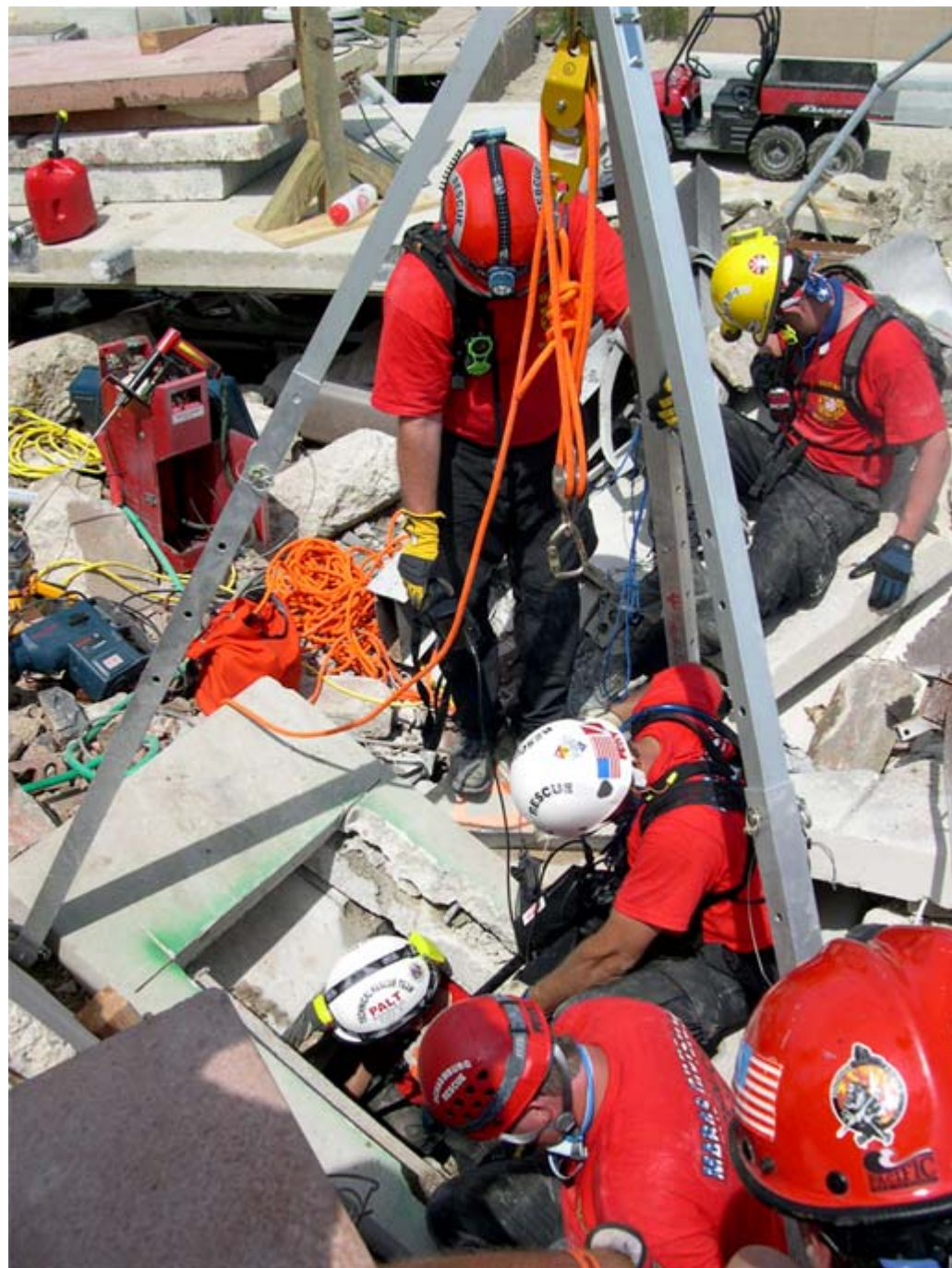
Automobile Extrication Training



Vertical Rescue Training



Structural Collapse Rescue Training



Hazardous Materials Training



Agricultural Rescue Training



Homeland Security Training



IFSI: FY2007 Training Statistics

- 1,294 classes
- 55,049 students
- 652,942 student instructional hours
- 22,087 class hours
- 349 locations
- 90% (1,006) of Illinois Fire Departments
in 98% (100) of Illinois counties

IFSI Mission Statement

*Helping Firefighters Do Their
Work Through Training,
Education, Information, and
Research*

Illinois Fire Service Institute Library



IFLODD: The Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database

WELCOME TO
IFLODD
ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATHS
DIGITAL IMAGE COLLECTION DATABASE

LEST WE FORGET




Photo by: Scott Beveridge/Observer-Reporter

Enter or select your search data in the fields below. You can narrow your search by selecting additional fields. All fields are optional. [Click here to Browse All Records](#)

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME:

AGENCY: TYPE OF FIREFIGHTER:

RAMP: GENDER: Male Female

AGE RANGE: YEAR OF DEATH:

Only retrieve records with images
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Today's Line of Duty Deaths
January 11

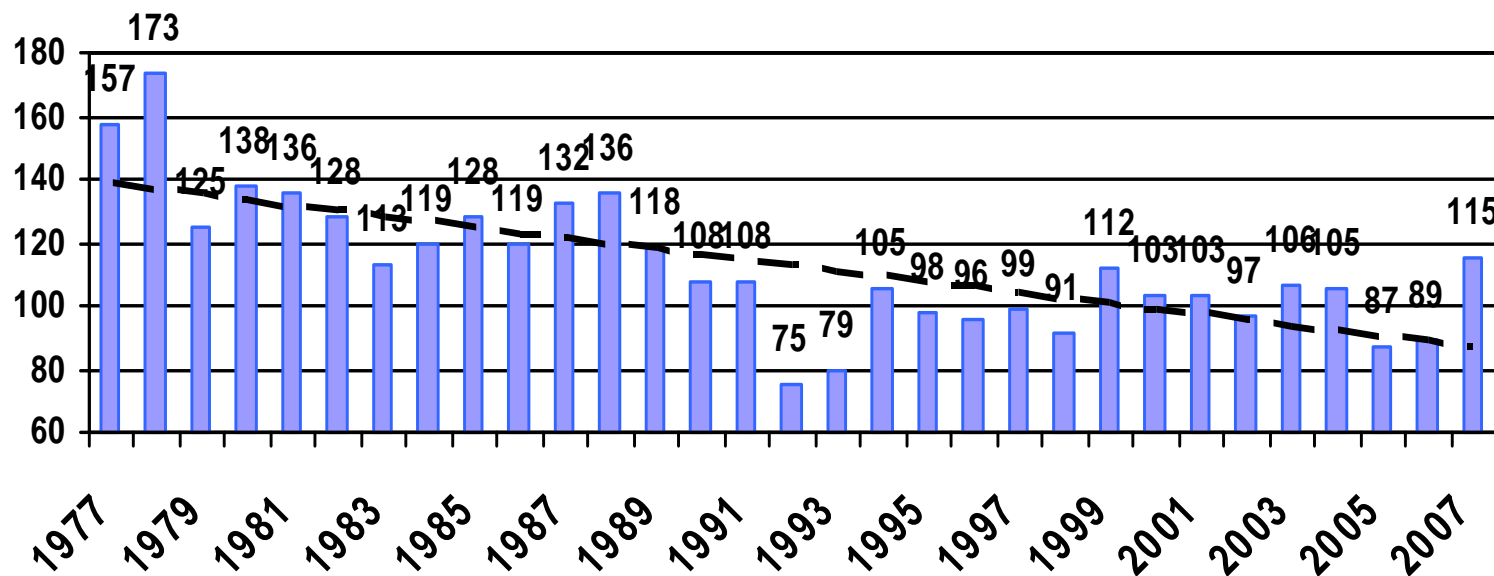
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1946
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- [Herbert Reiss](#)
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1934
- [John Ryan](#)
[Chicago Fire Department](#)
1918
- [Richard Sweeney](#)
[Chicago Fire Department](#)
1877

IFLODD, the Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database, documents the ultimate sacrifice of more than 700 Illinois firefighters over the past 150 years. Providing access to this history memorializes the firefighters, increases awareness of their sacrifice, and supplies contemporary firefighters with valuable "lessons learned" from the various deaths.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute Library partnered with fire departments and organizations, historical societies and fire museums, and public libraries throughout Illinois for this FY 2007 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant project, entitled "In Memory of Our Heroes: Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths." Funding was awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a Division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

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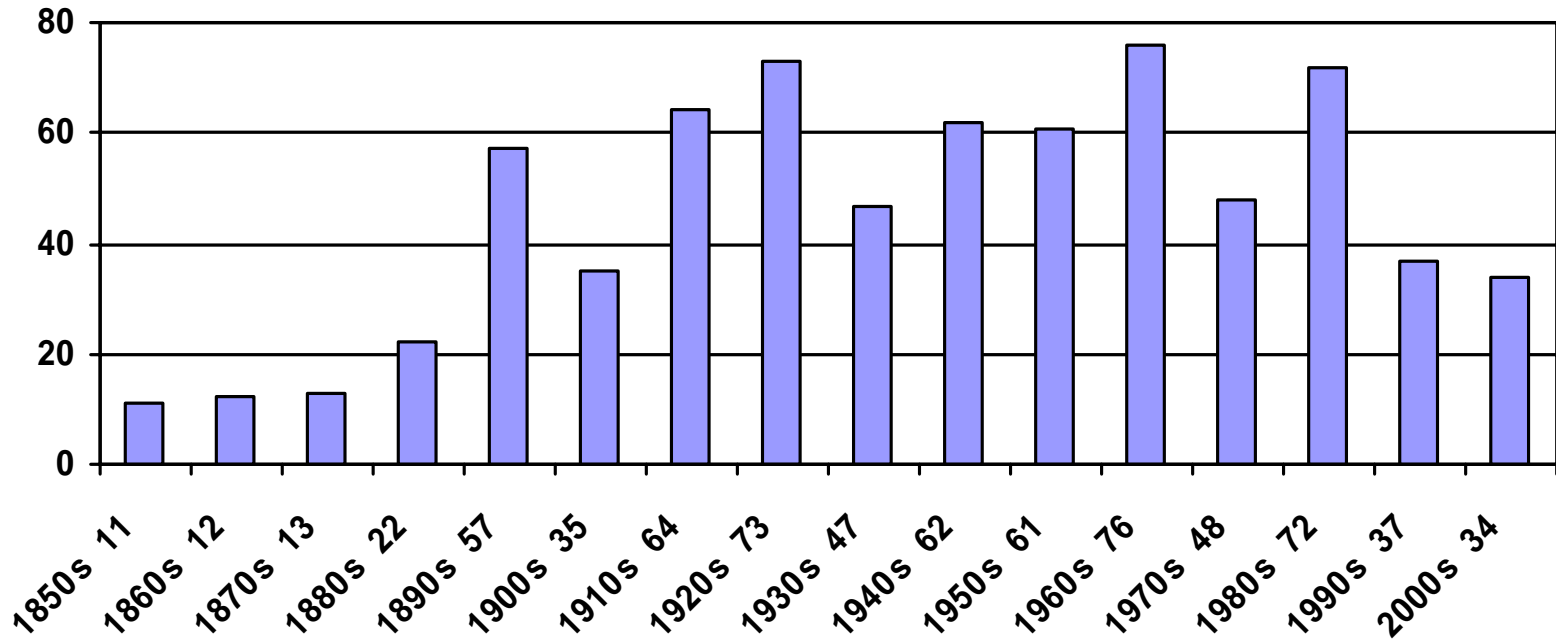
U.S. Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths 1977-2007



Source: *NFPA Journal July/Aug 2007*

Note: NFPA study excludes the 343 FDNY firefighters killed on September 11, 2001.

Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths 1857-2008



“Lest We Forget: Enriching the Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (IFLODD) in Support of Innovative Firefighter Training, Education, and Research”

- implement innovative search capabilities within IFLODD to better serve fire service instructors, researchers, firefighters, and general public users
- partner with additional Illinois fire departments, museums, and libraries to collect new digital images and oral histories for the database
- develop educational tools and create exhibits both online and for the new Illinois Firefighter Memorial Hall

IFSI' Learning Resource and Research Center



Scheduled Completion: January 2010

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