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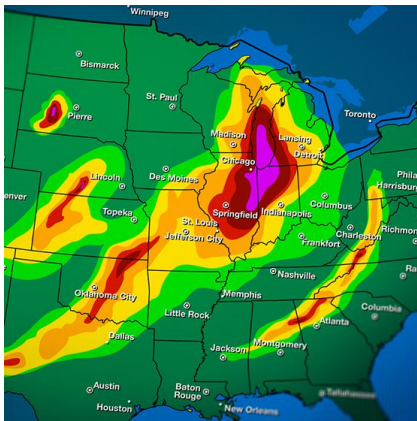
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## Tell us your preferences for our annual conference!

We need your input as we plan our next member conference, which is free to any IPWMAN member. Is your agency allowing travel? What topics would you like to hear more about? Are you interested in a training component?

Take our 3-minute survey so we know how best to plan a conference that meets your wants and needs.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)



## Get ready for wild weather

Check out these resources. Those with an asterisk provide information, and in some cases graphics, for sharing on social media

- \* [Spring Safety – Weather.gov](#)
- \* [Prepare for Spring Weather – CDC](#)
- [Storms, Floods—and Yes, Tornadoes – NACCHO](#)
- [IL Public Service Announcements – Multi-Media](#)
- \* [Preparing for Spring Rains – Ready.gov](#)
- \* [Preparing in the Case of Tornadoes – Ready.gov](#)
- [2021 Preparedness Calendar – Ready.gov](#)

# Domestic terrorism is on the rise

As public works professionals we need to continue to remind everyone who's out working in our communities to be alert and proactive when it comes to reporting anything out of the ordinary. If you see something, say something.



## TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

### IN-PERSON TRAINING

Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy

**Level One: Public Works First Responder Training Program (June 2021)**

[Course Syllabus](#)

### ONLINE TRAINING

**Weather Spotter Training**



**IDOT Work Zone Awareness Week Webinar** (April 26 from 10-11 am)

**IDOT Flagger Training**

If you don't already have an IDOT account to register, email [Barry.Kent@illinois.gov](mailto:Barry.Kent@illinois.gov).



**APWA Spotlight on Emergency Management** (June 8)

**IPWMAN Duty Officer Training**

Future sessions are in the works. If you are interested in learning more about our duty officer dream team, contact Elias Koutas at [ekoutas@palatine.il.us](mailto:ekoutas@palatine.il.us)

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## TRAINING CALENDAR

[CLICK HERE](#)

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# Shoutout to our Winter duty officers!

**Jan:** Elias Koutas (primary); Joe Cronin (secondary); Mark Runyon (shadow)\*

**Feb:** Gary Holm (primary); Kelly Kerr (secondary); Rob Hancock (shadow)\*

**March:** Vince Kilcullen (primary); Scott Sweda (secondary); Caleb Hanson (shadow)\*

\*Newly recruited duty officers who have been added to the rotation for additional training



## Refer a new member Save \$25 on your 2022 dues!

Help us add new members and increase our shared resources by referring a neighboring county, city, village or township to IPWMAN. The more members you refer who join, the more you'll save on next year's dues!

Just provide us their name(s) and contact information and we'll take care of the rest.

[REFER A MEMBER](#)



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

City of Edwardsville

City of Pontiac

Lemont Township

Village of Carbon Hill

Village of Crete

Village of Glasford

[See all members by county or region](#)



## Thanks for your service, Don

IPWMAN past president Don Wenzel retired January 15, 2021 after 38 years of service with the City of Rolling Meadows. Don served as one of the first elected regional directors, and as vice president, president and past president. While president, IPWMAN acquired and furnished its Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) trailer. Don also served as an IPWMAN liaison to the Illinois Public Service Institute (IPSI) board and as a duty officer. Thank you, Don, for your dedication to promoting the importance of public works in emergency management.

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## Leadership transitions



Thanks to all serving in the past and to those leading us into the future.

**Steve Miller**, Village of Bolingbrook, is retiring and **Aaron Howe**, Village of Hoffman Estates, will serve as treasurer.

**Scott Weber**, Village of Hanover Park, is retiring and **Chris Drey**, Village of Romeoville, will chair the operations committee.

**Roger Cruse**, Newcomb Township, is a new director for **Region 7**.

**Mark Runyon**, Village of Oswego, is a new director for **Region 11**.

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## National Public Works Week May 16-22, 2021



This year's theme is Stronger Together. Check out these resources and make your public works stories known in your community.

[How-To Guide](#)

[Downloadable Graphics for Web and Social Media](#)

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## "The Power of Public Works" Brand Video



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## Making connections

Regional director Sean Henry recently made a presentation at the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM) annual conference. This year the conference was held live virtually with 566 attendees. If you're a member of any organization who might like to learn more about IPWMAN, please contact [blstiehl@urbanaininois.us](mailto:blstiehl@urbanaininois.us) and we can discuss presentation options.

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