

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FALL OF 2011

Another summer has rapidly gone by, it has been ten years since we were attacked on 9/11, I know that none of us have forgotten, however I'm sure we all know or have met some who have. Fall is coming to a close and the Holidays are upon us. Let me at this time on behalf of myself and the entire board wish for all of you to have a joyous and safe Holiday season.

Winters in the northeast again will bring an extremely deadly and destructive fire season; the days between now and the middle of January have historically been those days. I know all of you will be engaged in prevention and investigation of many of these events and still many more of you remain actively engaged as firefighters, let your skills, training and education assist you.

Our AGM is again at Bally's in Atlantic City March 14, 15 and 16, 2012. Please make every effort to attend. All the forms you need as well as the schedule of events and speakers is right here on the website. Our AGM has, without question, become one of the best in the country and next year will be no different.

The regions have been busy running 80 hour classes and seminars and I feel confident our new burn lab will be fully operational by the dates of the AGM.

I recently met the new executive director of the International, Ms. Deborah Nicht, and I am encouraged by her energy. Speaking of the International, their Training and Education Committee has been busy creating new classes along with several new certifications and don't forget to always check in with **cfitrainer.net**, now up to over 140 hours of **free tested training**. If you are not a member, please check it out.

In closing I hope you choose to attend the AGM in AC, the itinerary has something for all of us, we are about quality training and we will mix in a good dose of information sharing and hospitality.

Stay safe,

Barry M. Grimm

President NJ IA

You are reflected most by your reports your training your education and your experience