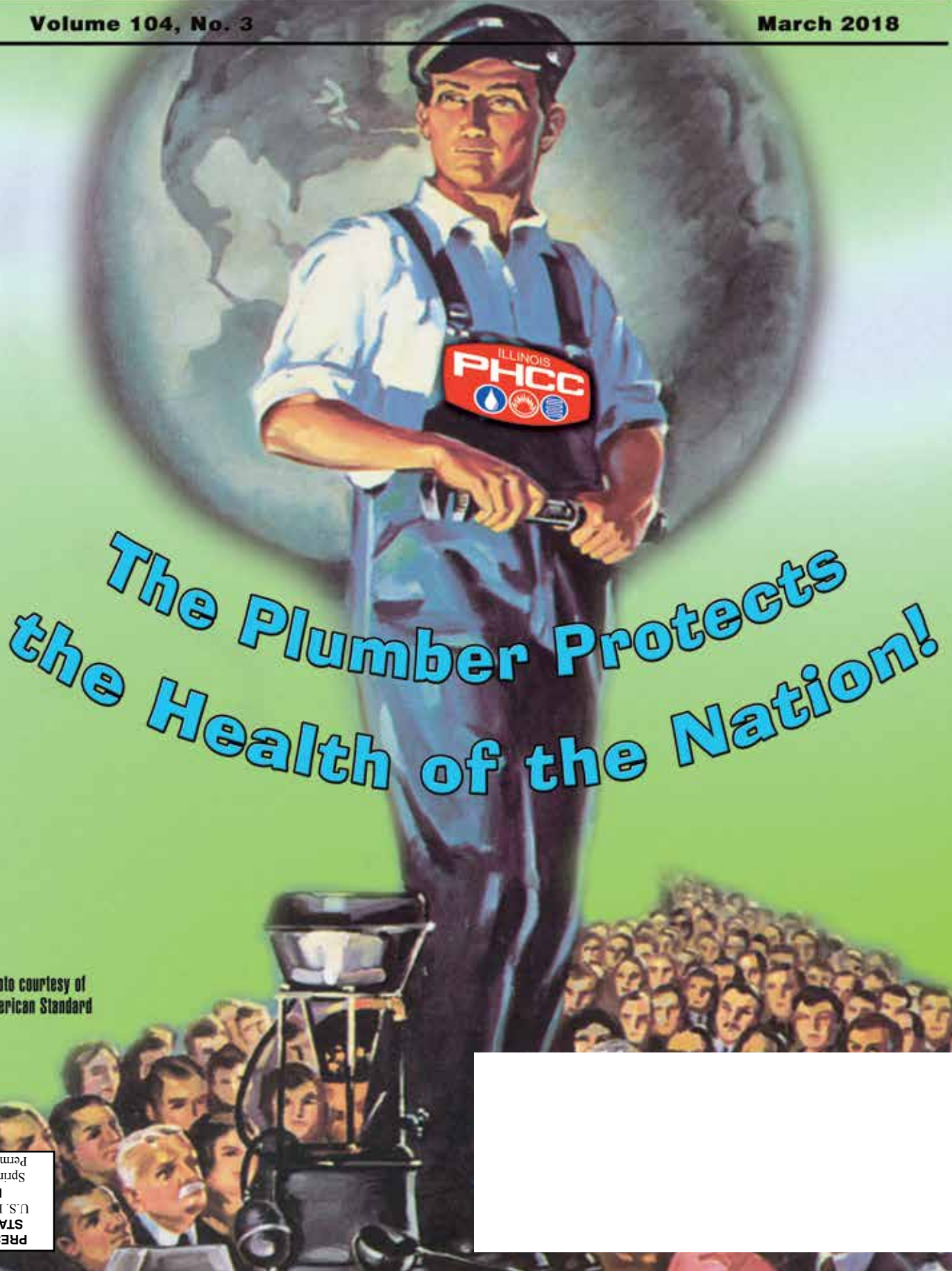


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# PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Jeff Brown  
Illinois PHCC President

## Hello again,

I hope everyone is getting through the winter well. Seems we are at that point the weather doesn't know if it wants to be warm or cold, but spring is just around the corner. Hopefully the warmth will bring some work. I'm sure everyone out there could use some.

I want to welcome everyone to the Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day. The tradeshow was completely sold out again this year. Thank you to all of our exhibitors.

Just to remind everyone, don't forget to get your

CEU's done so you can renew your plumbing license. If you haven't already, the Illinois PHCC has two classes in April so get signed up before it's too late.

Put June 8th and 9th on your calendar and plan to attend the Illinois PHCC annual meeting, installation of officers dinner, and board meeting. Details are still being worked out on the hotel, but it will be held in the O'Fallon/Fairview Heights/Collinsville area.

Until next month, everyone be safe.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 23, 2018

Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day  
Drury Lane Conference Center  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

### MARCH 24, 2018

Illinois PHCC & Auxiliary Board Meetings  
Hilton Suites  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

### APRIL 6, 2018

Illinois PHCC CEU Class  
Rend Lake College Marketplace  
Mount Vernon, IL

### APRIL 20, 2018

Illinois PHCC CEU Class  
Heartland College  
Normal, IL

### APRIL 24, 2018

IMSCA Lobby Day  
The State House Inn  
Springfield, IL

### MAY 21-23, 2018

PHCC National Leadership & Legislative Conference  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Washington, DC


### JUNE 8, 2018

Illinois PHCC Installation Dinner  
TBD

### JUNE 9, 2018

Illinois PHCC & Auxiliary Board Meetings  
TBD

### OCTOBER 9 – 12, 2018

PHCC National Convention  
Albuquerque, NM 


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# PHCC MEMBER MILESTONES

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During 2018 the Illinois PHCC will be celebrating its 125th anniversary.

Over the course of the year we will highlighting firms who may also be celebrating (or have celebrated) milestones. Is your company 50, 75, or 100+ years old? How many generations have been involved? Are there other milestones or interesting facts that you would like to share about your firm or the industry? What about other industry related organizations that you have been involved with?

Let us know and feel free to send pictures and articles that potentially may be used in an upcoming publication. 


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## PHCC NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TO ATTEND EXPO

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The Illinois PHCC is honored to have President Laurie Crigler (L & D Associates of Aroda, Virginia) in attendance at the Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day on March 23rd in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

When you see her, please introduce yourself and enjoy a conversation about industry activities, the PHCC National, and federal legislative and regulatory activities.

President Crigler will also be attending the Illinois PHCC Board of Directors meeting on March 24th at the Hilton Suites. Remember this meeting is open to all Illinois PHCC members. 

## RENEWAL TIME – DON'T DELAY!!

It is now the time of year for all Illinois licensed plumbers and apprentices to renew their licenses. Postcards containing your PIN to renew online were mailed in mid-February. Plumbers and apprentices received white postcards with black and red lettering. Please use the following email address for IDPH for all questions, online renewal RESETS, to obtain PIN #s, to update your information, etc.

[DPH.Plumbing@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.Plumbing@illinois.gov).

**Please renew immediately.  
Do not wait until April to renew!**


If you do not have your continuing education credit completed for this year, see the form in this issue of the magazine to sign up for a class.



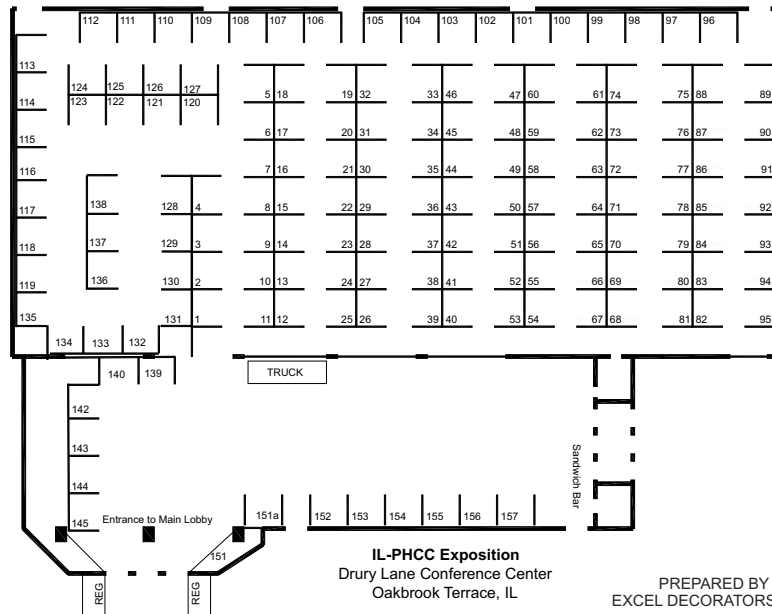
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## EMPLOYERS MUST POST OSHA FORM

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OSHA reminds employers that they must post a copy of OSHA's Form 300A, which summarizes job-related injuries and illnesses logged during 2017. Each year, between February 1 and April 30, the summary must be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees and those in certain low-hazard industries are exempt from OSHA recordkeeping and posting requirements. Go to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) for more information. 

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# ILLINOIS PLUMBING CODE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The Illinois Plumbing Code Advisory Council (PCAC) met in Springfield on February 26th.

The meeting was led by Justin DeWitt in the absence of chairman Ken McCann. DeWitt announced that the IDPH is in the process of hiring more plumbing inspectors/water quality experts. They are currently looking to add 3 inspectors and 2 consultants.

Discussions centered around potential code revisions, lead in water, legionella, and other water quality issues. IDPH has an environmental health specialist working on issues related to legionella.

A presentation was given by SCM Systems on a high voltage capacitor based system used to remove biofilm and scale (growth areas for legionella) from existing piping.

An in-depth discussion was held regarding dialysis equipment/boxes. Representatives from that industry discussed issues with the materials currently being used and requested input from the PCAC.

The PCAC was given proposed code revisions to review and discuss at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd. 📅



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# ILLINOIS PHCC THRU THE YEARS

In 2018, the Illinois PHCC is celebrating 125 years of serving contractors and the plumbing-heating-cooling-piping industry. Throughout the year we will be running articles from past Illinois Master Plumber magazines, pictures, stories of company milestones, and other items we think you will enjoy. Here is this month's "history lesson".

From the January 1918 Illinois Master Plumber:

## "First War Time Convention of State Association to be Held"

*Bloomington is going to offer a war convention to you from every angle. The location was selected as the most central possible in order that the railroads may not be too heavily burdened. The dates have also been selected for conserving the food supply of the convention city; the two big days of the convention are Meatless Tuesday and Wheatless Wednesday. This convention will mark an epoch in the history of the Association in Illinois. It is the first real war gathering that the organization has held.*

*The past year has been an eventful one in the history of the Association. Many new problems have arisen and methods of meeting them undertaken. The passage of the amended plumbing law has greatly advanced the interests of the plumbing trade as well as the cause of better sanitation.*

## "Statement of the Business Outlook for the Plumbing Trade"

*On account of World War I, nothing is foreseen that will assure us of a prosperous 1918. Conditions have changed greatly since our entry into the war and whilst there is an apparent wave of prosperity, it is only enjoyed by those who are engaged in the manufacture of munitions and various items necessary to equip a large army. The demands for metals has increased the cost of building materials to such an extent that there is practically no building operations in progress and as a consequence our business has fallen off 50%.*

## "War Revenue Law"

*The popular misconception of the War Revenue Law, recently passed by Congress is that it applies largely to big corporations. Title II, "War Excess Profits Tax" will undoubtedly effect many master plumbers and they must become familiar with its provisions. The law covers the calendar year 1917.*



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**Tuesday, April 24**

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**IMSCA Quarterly Board Meeting**

**Noon**

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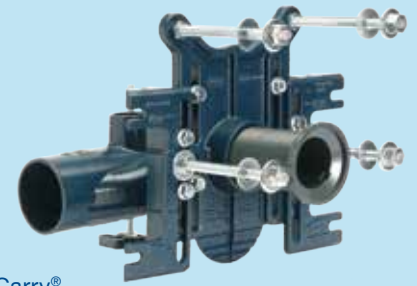
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Bev Potts

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The Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly began in mid-January. We have been monitoring and reviewing new legislation as it is introduced. There have been many bills introduced dealing with workforce development, workers compensation, IEPA, mechanics liens, procurement, prevailing wage, public utilities, energy, MBE/FBE requirements, and other construction issues. We currently have over 100 bills on our watch list. Many of these bills are vehicle bills and will be combined, amended or eliminated. We will continue to monitor these issues and provide updates as the information is available. Following are some of the bills we are watching and their current status.

## Plumbing/Piping/Trade Related Bills:

**SB 2211 (D. Harmon)** Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that: an individual who performs inspection and testing of fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must possess a photo ID card issued by the State Fire Marshal as proof of compliance with the Act; all inspections and testing of fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be recorded on an inspection report issued by the State Fire Marshal; all fire sprinkler systems must be affixed with a pre-printed label bearing specified information that shall be purchased by the licensed contractor from the State Fire Marshal; a copy of the inspection report must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal within 24 hours after completion of the inspection; the State Fire Marshal to establish a database of all persons involved in the inspection or testing of existing fire sprinkler systems or control equipment. Assigned to Senate Licensed Activities & Pensions Committee.

**SB 2596 (M. Sandoval)** Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Removes the exemption for residential fire systems from the

Act. Also provides: licensure requirements for fire pump testing contractors; a designated certified person; inspecting and testing fire sprinkler systems or fire pumps; an inspection report must include a NICET Level III certification number; a journeymen number of the person performing the inspection; or the name of the person who has received factory certified training; renewal and CEU requirements for fire pump testing contractor licenses. Referred to Senate Assignments.

**SB 2620 (C. Castro)** Amends the Capital Development Board Act to provide that the CDB shall maintain on its website links to all currently applicable State building codes. Requires State agencies that propose to adopt new building or construction requirements, or amendments to existing requirements, to report certain information to the CDB. Assigned to Senate State Government Committee

**SB 2942 (C. Rose)** Creates the Energy Performance Contracting Act. Requires each governmental unit to implement cost-effective conservation improvements and maintain efficient operation of its facilities in order to minimize energy consumption and related environmental impacts, and reduce operating cost. Includes water conserving plumbing fixtures and methods. Assigned to Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee.

**SB 3031 (C. Weaver)** Energy Conservation Code, as adopted by the CDB, shall also apply to certain State facilities. Provides that new State-funded building construction and major renovations of existing State-owned facilities must be designed to achieve, at a minimum, the LEED Silver. Assigned to Senate State Government.

**SB 3080 (H. Steans)** Amends the Environmental Protection Act and others. Provides every community water system shall create a plan to remove all known lead service lines within 10 years from the completion of the plan. Requires

IDPH to adopt rules for lead replacement that require an expedited timeline for high risk facilities and communities within 18 months. Creates the Statewide Advisory Council on Lead in Drinking Water and requires specified community water supplies to create water system advisory councils tasked with various duties related to lead in drinking water awareness. Assigned to Senate Public Health Committee.. Assigned to the House Executive Committee.

**SB 3198 (J. Mulroe)** Amends the School Code to provide that a duty of regional superintendents is to inspect the energy conservation measures of schools under the Code; in provisions concerning school energy conservation and savings measures, provides that qualified providers need to be licensed as required (reinforces that plumbing must be done by those licensed under the Illinois Plumbing License Law); provides for guaranteed energy savings contracts to be subject to performance reviews. Assigned to Senate Executive Committee.

**HB 5044 ( M. Unes)** Amends the Environmental Protection Act and others. Provides every community water system shall create a plan to remove all known lead service lines within 10 years from the completion of the plan. Requires IDPH to adopt rules for lead replacement that require an expedited timeline for high risk facilities and communities within 18 months. Creates the Statewide Advisory Council on Lead in Drinking Water and requires specified community water supplies to create water system advisory councils tasked with various duties related to lead in drinking water awareness. Referred to HouseRules.

**HB 5740 (L. Parkhurst)** Creates the Jobs Creation Task Force, consisting of 8 members. Provides that the Task Force shall review each regulated occupation (regulated by the Dept. of Financial & Professional Regulation) every 5 years;

shall review any proposal to license a new occupation; prepare an annual report to submit to the General Assembly and DFPR regarding each regulated occupation the Task Force reviews. Provides that the Task Force shall seek and consider public input when considering any reports recommending the elimination of a license or a change to a regulated occupation. Referred to House Rules.

**HB 5810 (F. Hurley)** Amends the Building Code Violation Notice Posting Act to provide that a police officer or firefighter who, while in the performance of his or her duties, believes that a building or structure may be an unsafe structure shall immediately notify the designated building official. Other provisions. Referred to House Rules.

### Other Construction/Business Related Bills:

**HB 4268 (A. Thapedi)** Amends the Home Repair and Remodeling Act by changing language in the home repair consumer rights brochure informing consumers of their right to obtain a sworn statement from their contractor listing subcontractors and amounts paid or due to them. Other provisions related to contractors and payment to subs. Assigned to House Real & Personal Property Law Subcommittee.

**HB 4324 (E. Welch)** Creates the Wage Lien Act. Provides that a lien exists on an employer's property for the amount of unpaid wages owed to an employee. Includes provisions concerning exemptions; enforcement; other claims; successor obligations; and construction. Assigned to House Labor & Commerce Committee.

**HB 4363 (S. Wojcicki Jimenez)** Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females,

and Persons with Disabilities Act. Provides that any contractor awarded a contract under the Act shall be required to make periodic reports to the contracting State agency on all expenditures made to achieve compliance. Allows a contracting State agency to have access to a contractor's books and records for compliance purposes. Other provisions. Assigned to House State Government Administration Committee.

**HB 4513 (M. Conyears-Ervin)** Amends the Illinois Procurement Code to provide that any project under a construction contract shall require at least 10% of man-hours be performed by individuals who reside in areas of poverty. Referred to House Rules.

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**SB 950 (P. Althoff)** Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides for executive agencies, CMS, and CDB to enter into guaranteed energy savings contracts. Requires guaranteed energy savings contracts to result in energy or operational cost savings within 20 years. Requires contractors to reimburse the State for any shortfall of guaranteed energy savings projected. Assigned to the Senate Subcommittee on Governmental Operations.

**SB 2279 (L. Murphy)** Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the State of Illinois shall not enter into a contract if there is not an appropriation for the funding of the contract. Assigned to Senate State Government Committee.

**SB 2621 (J. Mulroe)** Amends the Mechanics Lien Act to provide that a subcontractor shall, within

90 days after the completion of the work under the contractor's contract with the owner, (rather than 90 days of the sub's last date of furnishing labor/material) serve a notice of lien. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**SB 3052 (J. Mulroe)** his bill is an initiative of IMSCA and amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act to prohibit the withholding of a retainage from progress payments or final payments in excess of 5%. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Contact the Illinois PHCC office with questions/comments on any legislation or regulatory activity. 📞

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Cost \$60.95/Code Book**

(includes tabs, Plumbing License Law, Plumbers Licensing Code,  
Plumbing Contractor Registration Code and  
Lawn Irrigation Contractor & Lawn Sprinkler Code)

# \_\_\_\_\_ of code book(s) X \$60.95

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail form with payment to:**

**Illinois PHCC  
821 South Grand Avenue, West  
Springfield, IL 62704**

**Make checks payable to the Illinois PHCC.**

**There will be a \$40.00 service charge for any checks returned due to insufficient funds.**

**Questions? Contact the Illinois PHCC at [bev@ilphcc.com](mailto:bev@ilphcc.com) or [shelly@ilphcc.com](mailto:shelly@ilphcc.com)**

**(217) 522-7219**



The distracted driving epidemic continues to wreak havoc on our nation's highways. In 2016, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported more than 2,000,000 injuries. Worse yet, they counted 37,461 deaths related to motor vehicle traffic crashes on U.S. roadways. The death toll is rising 5 – 8 percent annually and there is no end in sight. †

## How would a death or disabling injury affect your life? Your business? Your employees?

What are you doing to keep your employees safe? Such a significant number of these crashes are preventable, as our societal "need" to stay socially connected seems to have no boundaries.

**We can all make a difference.** Our mission at Federated Insurance is, "As a mutual insurance company, we believe our value is measured by the success of our clients. It's Our Business to Protect Yours®." We have seen this growing trend and its negative impact, and we are taking it seriously.

- 2015 Federated introduced and delivered *The Point of No Return* and *Drive S.A.F.E.* risk management materials to petroleum and petroleum transportation clients focusing on tanker rollover and driver behavior.
- 2016 Federated introduced and delivered *Please Make It Home Safe* and *What's Important to You?* materials to clients and association partners to educate and offer resources on the epidemic of distracted driving.
- 2016 Federated partnered with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and over 30 other Minnesota businesses to speak out against distracted driving during Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April.
- 2017 Federated introduced and delivered *Drive S.A.F.E.* materials to all clients and association partners. Drive S.A.F.E. was implemented to raise awareness of the main factors (speed, attention, fatigue, emotion) that lead to car crashes, and specifically provide risk management techniques to address these alarming trends.
- 2017 Federated Insurance partnered with local NBC® Affiliate KARE 11 on their #EyesUp campaign to stop texting and driving by encouraging high school-aged drivers to pledge to not drive distracted.

We understand that changing the behavior of drivers is not a one-time effort, but a true cultural and behavioral shift. To help our business owners make an impact, we are introducing a *Drive S.A.F.E.R (reinforce)* initiative in 2018. The objective is to reinforce the Drive S.A.F.E. message with the additional employee training provided.

Nothing is more important behind the wheel than the task of driving. We hope you will join us in this effort to help protect those you love and work to eliminate distractions behind the wheel. They're not called accidents anymore for a reason.

Federated's Drive S.A.F.E.R initiative begins April 2018. Contact your local marketing representative for more information. To find your local representative, visit [federatedinsurance.com](http://federatedinsurance.com).

†SOURCE: NHTSA. 2016 Quick Facts, DOT HS 812 451. October 2017.  
<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812451>



# Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association

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Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

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Last Middle First

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Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality  County  State  Private

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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I.P.I.A.  
c/o Jay Defrates  
1509 Ogden Ave  
Downers Grove IL 60515

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# 5 STRATEGIES TO CONTACT UNRESPONSIVE CONSUMERS

By Brian Eggert, IC SystemCollections

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As a small business owner, it's all about the personal relationships. You pride yourself on building a good rapport with your clients, while providing a superior service or product they can't get anywhere else. So when it's been more than a month and the client still hasn't responded to the invoice you sent, it can be a touchy situation. On the one hand, you need cash flow to keep your doors open. On the other, the thought of having to escalate this to a collection agency makes you shudder, because it runs counter to the helpful, nice-guy persona you've worked hard to build. So how should you contact unresponsive consumers? When a good customer goes silent, follow these steps to let them know that payment is due without undermining that great relationship.

- 1. Do some digging:** Anyone can overlook a bill. But once the second bill is mailed and you still don't hear anything, it's time to flag that silent account and try to make contact. Take a deeper look at the account details. Your job at this stage is to see if you can uncover underlying problems that need addressing.
- 2. Establish contact:** Pick up the phone and call the client. Smile, be warm and simply state the facts: The invoice was sent last month and payment for the service is now due. Then, pause and listen. If they didn't forget to pay, you may be entering a larger discussion. In that case, listen to the client's concerns, repeat what you heard back to the client and offer a solution.
- 3. Try alternative contacts:** If your mailed notices have gone unanswered and you haven't been able to reach them by phone, check the records to see if you have any alternative means of reaching the client, such as a mobile phone or email address. When leaving an email or a voicemail, don't launch into specific details.

Someone else who uses the account could be reading or listening and that could be an invasion of privacy.

- 4. Step up the number of contacts:** If mailed notices, the phone call and other means of contact haven't worked, increase the frequency of your attempts to reach the client. It's best to try a combination of methods — alternate between mailed notices, phone calls, and emails. Of course, check your contract with your customers before calling or emailing, just to make sure you're allowed to reach out that way.
- 5. The final stretch:** If the unpaid invoice is 60-90 days or older, it's time to turn to a collection partner. However, it's important to do all you can to avoid "surprising" the client. At least 15 days before it goes to collections, be sure and state in the mailed notices that the account will be handled by your collection partner if payment does not arrive by a specific date. Be sure and include the amount due and all the info they need to re-establish contact. Collection agencies are not just for larger firms. IC System's foundation is in small- to medium-sized businesses, and we can help whether collections is needed on an ongoing basis or just for that occasional bad debt.

**Need collection help?**  
**Call us at 1-800-279-3511**  
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IC System is the recommended collection provider of the Illinois PHCC. Contact IC System or the Illinois PHCC office for more information, or visit [www.icsystem.com](http://www.icsystem.com). 

# WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

What's wrong is obvious to a licensed plumber who has earned a license and has the knowledge to install plumbing according to plumbing code requirements. What we see in the picture is a job not done by a licensed plumber. The water meter is just sitting on a shelf, and there is no valve on the outlet side. The manifold is attached to the wall with two pieces of romax wire. The installation consists of one 3/4" line, one 1/2" line, and six lines equivalent to 3/8" supplies. The six lines, according to the plumbing code Table D can supply the following plumbing fixtures.



be of metal or other material strong enough to support piping when full.

## Section 890.920 Vertical Piping

**f) Plastic Pipe.** Hangers and straps shall not compress, distort, cut or abrade the piping and shall allow free movement of the pipe. Wire pipe hooks shall not be used to support plastic pipe. Restraining joints and expansion

joints shall be installed as required.

## Section 890.930 Horizontal Piping

**f) Plastic Pipe.** Hangers and straps shall not compress, distort, cut or abrade the piping and shall allow free movement of the pipe. Wire pipe hooks shall not be used to support plastic pipe. Restraining joints and expansion joints shall be installed as required.

## Section 890.1210 Design of a Building Water Distribution System

**a) Design and Installation.** The design and installation of the hot and cold water building distribution systems shall provide a volume of water at the required rates and pressures to ensure the safe, efficient and satisfactory operation of fixtures, fittings, appliances and other connected devices during periods of peak use.

## Section 890.1190 Water Supply Control Valves and Meter

a) A full-port shut-off valve shall be located near the curb or property line and immediately inside the building, on the inlet and outlet side of the water meter. When located underground, this valve shall be in a stop box or meter vault. (See Appendix I. Illustration H.)

We had no winner this month. Watch for our next contest photo and send in your comments for a chance to win a free registration to an Illinois PHCC CEU class. 🏆

### Section 890. TABLE D

Minimum Water	Distribution Pipe Size
Drinking fountain	3/8
Lavatory	3/8
Water closet (tank type)	3/8

The plumbing code does allow for other fixtures to be supplied by a system such as the one shown in the picture, as long it is engineered and approved by the Department. Each water distribution system, other than those which meet the plumbing code must be approved in writing by the Department prior to installation.

The following code sections cover the violations shown in the picture.

### Section 890.120 Definitions

”Pipe Diameter”: The distance measured from the inside wall of a pipe (passing through the center of the pipe) to the opposite inside wall. Any referenced pipe diameter or pipe size shall mean the nominal size or diameter.

### Section 890.910 Hangers Anchors and Supports

**b) Material.** Hangers, anchors and supports shall



# IPEA-IDPH 6 Hour Continuing Education Conference

**Friday May 11, 2018**

**Radisson Hotel Normal**

**8 Traders Circle**

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**Meet and Greet Reception Thurs Evening May 10**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print legible or type name as it appears on plumbing license: First Middle initial Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

IPEA Member: Yes No If yes, circle: Western Great Lakes Central

Employer: Check box and list the applicable city, town, etc.

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_  State: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Plumbing License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois Certified Inspector: Yes No

**I will attend the Thursday Evening Meet and Greet Reception YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\$20.00 companion fee for Thursday Evening Meet and Greet Reception.**

**Companion Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Deadline for submittal of the registration form and appropriate fee is May 2, 2018. Seating is limited.**  
**No application shall be accepted after this date. You must present your 2018 plumbing license at sign in.**

**The fee is \$95.00, make checks payable to the IPEA. Submit completed form to:**

**JohnKunich  
Building Safety  
City of Urbana Community Development Services  
400 South Vine ST. Urbana, IL. 61801**

**For more information contact Garry@ (309) 434-2461 or www.ipea1.org  
Radisson Hotel reservation deadline is April 10, 2018. Reference IPEA  
Conference. Call (309) 862-0303 for room rates.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE May 2, 2018**



## Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

### Inspector Application for Membership

Please print or type

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Plumber's License Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

Please answer the following questions:

Are you also a contractor? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, you do not qualify for this membership category)

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the IPIA? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the IPEA? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$40.00

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Investment period is January 1 through December 31. Please send completed form and check payable to Illinois PHCC, 821 South Grand Avenue, West, Springfield, IL 62704.

**QUESTIONS....1.800.795.7422**

# ILLINOIS PHCC PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1. Name of the Scholarship Fund shall be the "Illinois PHCC Assn. Past President's Club Scholarship Award".
2. Scholarship is established through dues income to Past President's Club.
3. A scholarship shall be awarded to an individual who has been nominated by a member of the Illinois PHCC Past President's Club who has been a member in good standing for the past two years.
4. Applicant must have the following qualifications:
  - a. Applicant must be a member of the senior class or graduate of a secondary school.
  - b. Pursue or desire to pursue courses of study such as may prepare them to serve or to advance the interest of the plumbing-heating-cooling industry.
5. The President of the Past President's Club shall be the Chairman and appoint two members to assist him in selecting the Scholarship Winner.
6. In no case shall more than one Scholarship be awarded to any one applicant, but the Scholarship Committee may award more than one scholarship at their discretion.
7. Scholarships shall be awarded at an event of the Illinois PHCC in June 2018.
8. The Executive Director shall be directed to inform the applicant who will be awarded the Scholarship.
9. Applicants not winning the award may be eligible to apply the following year.
10. The Scholarship money shall be made payable to the school of the applicant's choice. If the winner has changed schools since applying, he or she shall notify the IL PHCC Executive Director immediately.
11. If a recipient should drop out of school during the year, the balance of the award should be returned to the Past President's Club.

Application must be received in the Illinois PHCC office no later than June 1, 2018.

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## IL PHCC PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Phone No. - Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Member of the Past President's Club \_\_\_\_\_

What career do you intend to follow? - Give full details in letter form. (In addition to the letter, it would be helpful to have a short video of the applicant explaining why they are applying and their goals for the future. This is optional, but if you choose to do so, email it to bev@ilphcc.com.)

What school do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to enroll? \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholastic Data

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Rank In Class \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In what activities have you participated: Attach list.

1. Fill out application completely and mail to IL PHCC Past Presidents Club, 821 S. Grand Ave., West, Springfield, IL 62704.
2. Enclose reference letters from three people, not related to you, who know you personally, attesting to character and other pertinent information.
3. Enclose a letter from principal giving complete transcript of grades, activities, rank and number in class and scores on one of the following tests: PSAT, SAT or ACT.
4. A wallet size picture of you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

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# PHCC MEMBERS CAN ACCESS NEW SAFETY PROGRAM TOOL OFFERED BY FEDERATED INSURANCE

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Thanks to PHCC Corporate Partner Federated Insurance, members of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) now have access to customizable tools to start building a company safety program.

The “Management Commitment and Employee Involvement” safety resources – accessible at [www.phccweb.org/CompanySafetyProgram](http://www.phccweb.org/CompanySafetyProgram) – offer guidelines, training, checklists, logs and other valuable resources related to hazard prevention and control, safety and health planning, and other construction-specific safety topics (such as eye protection, electrical and tool safety, material handling, etc.). In addition, a section on workplace analysis offers employers forms and reports on construction site inspections, vehicle accident reporting, risk tolerance and more.

“PHCC members can customize these basics of a safety program to begin building a company program that fits their needs,” says PHCC President Laurie Crigler. “Not only will this formalized process help them comply with laws and regulations, it also sends a positive message to their employees that ‘we’re a culture that cares about our employees, and here’s how we do it.’”

Recognizing that industry segments may not have the same safety requirements as others, Federated developed the resources to be modified and adapted for an individual contractor’s needs. “This sample introductory

program, extracted from a comprehensive safety program available to Federated clients, is a great starting point,” says Dave Szymanski, First Vice President and Director of Association Risk Management Services for Federated Insurance. “January 2018 marked the 30th anniversary of our partnership with PHCC—perfect timing to provide this complimentary safety resource to these professional p-h-c contractors who are dedicated to the safety of society and their employees.”

The PHCC Insurance, Safety & Risk Management Committee was a resource during the development of this new PHCC member benefit. “This offering is another example of the teamwork between our two organizations,” says committee member Nathan S. Oland, Federated Senior National Account Executive. “PHCC’s Insurance, Safety & Risk Management Committee does a great job of prioritizing our partnership resources based on the needs of their members.”

For additional information, contractors can connect with Federated Insurance by using the “Locate Your Representative” on the company’s home page or by calling Federated’s Client Contact Center at 888-333-4949. Clients of Federated also can access additional safety programs by clicking the client access links provided at [www.phccweb.org/CompanySafetyProgram](http://www.phccweb.org/CompanySafetyProgram) [Federated Shield Network (FSN) log in required].



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# PHCC ILLINOIS

## AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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1. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$500.00 or more but not to exceed \$2,000.00 and shall be given by the Illinois Auxiliary each year in June, as funds are available, to those who desire to further their education.
2. The applicant must be at least a freshman in college having completed one full semester with at least 8 credit hours of study. Seniors in high school may NOT apply.
3. No person may receive more than one award from Illinois Auxiliary during his or her academic career, and there cannot be more than two awards per family per year. A permanent list of recipients will be kept in the scholarship files.
4. In addition to the completed application form, the applicant must submit the following:
  - A handwritten letter including personal data, family size, explanation of need for scholarship monies, and career plans. Include information about participation in high school, college, and community activities as well as work experience. Knowledge of and/or working experiences with plumbing industry may be included, but not necessary.
  - Three letters of recommendation.
    - One letter must be from a sponsor, who is a member in good standing of Illinois PHCC Auxiliary.
    - The other two letters must be from people who are not relatives, but know the applicant personally and can attest to the applicant's character and provide other pertinent information. Knowledge of parents would not necessarily qualify them for having knowledge of applicant.
  - Photo of the applicant.
  - Official transcripts—see details on application form.
5. **The deadline for submitting application is May 23, 2018.**
  - Application must be postmarked no later than this date and include all the information required. If it is incomplete, application materials will be discarded and applicant will not be considered for a scholarship. Applicants may resubmit the following year.
  - The scholarship committee will have the final decision in awarding these scholarships. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me using the information listed below:

*Please Send Completed Applications To:*

*Gail McWilliams*  
*2707 Holcomb Dr.*  
*Urbana, IL 61802*  
217-384-5121 e-mail: [jgmcw@comcast.net](mailto:jgmcw@comcast.net)

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# PHCC ILLINOIS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ~2018~

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE CHECK SHOULD BE SENT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF SPONSORING AUXILIARY MEMBER: (Sponsor cannot be a parent, guardian or spouse.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLASTIC DATA:**

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Number in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ CUM GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College Attending & Career Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Dean or Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP:**

Application must be complete with the items listed below for consideration. Please read Scholarship Rules.

1. Completed application above.
2. Small photo stapled to application.
3. Three letters of recommendation as follows:
  - A. One letter of recommendation from sponsoring Auxiliary member.
  - B. Two letters of personal recommendation from people not related to applicant.
4. Personal HANDWRITTEN letter—cursive not required. State request and list curricular activities you participated in high school and college.
5. Original copy of high school and college transcripts. These can be sent under separate cover. **\*\*Note\*\*** high school transcript is required for all graduates from 2006 to current.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent, Guardian or Spouse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**GOOD LUCK!**

**DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP IS MAY 23, 2018**

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# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ANNOUNCES SEXUAL HARASSMENT HOTLINE

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The Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) announced the creation of a toll-free sexual harassment hotline to provide resources to the public, including referrals to counseling and legal services. The hotline, and accompanying website, will also allow for the reporting of sexual harassment allegations in both private and public places of employment.

In establishing and maintaining the hotline, IDHR enlisted the support of The Chicago Lighthouse, which provides employment opportunities to the blind, visually impaired, disabled, and Veteran communities. Staff at The Chicago Lighthouse were trained by IDHR management on legal definitions of sexual harassment and resources available for reporting it, including filing of a charge of discrimination.

“This hotline will allow for a more centralized process for the public to find necessary resources

and assistance in the filing of sexual harassment complaints,” said IDHR Acting Director Janice Glenn. “I am proud to establish this partnership with The Chicago Lighthouse to provide essential information to those who are facing sexual harassment. Through this service, our agency can better enforce laws that protect Illinois residents and prevent acts of sexual harassment.”

The Sexual Harassment Hotline Call Center can be reached Monday through Friday with the exception of state holidays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 877-236-7703. By statute, all communications received by the Department via the hotline or accompanying website are confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. For more information, please visit <https://www.illinois.gov/sexualharassment>.

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<input type="checkbox"/> **September 23, 2017 – 8:00 am-12:00 pm	America’s Best Value Inn, Vandalia, IL	\$50.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> **November 3, 2017 – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Rend Lake College Marketplace, Mt. Vernon, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **January 12, 2018 – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	*Heartland College, Bloomington/Normal, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **February 23, 2018 – 1:00 pm-5:00pm	*Heartland College, Bloomington/Normal, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **March 23, 2018 - 9:00 am -1:00pm	Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	\$35.00

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