



## **ILLINOIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARSON PREVENTION ARSON AWARDS PROGRAM**

Illinois Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (IACAP) is a 300 plus member organization consisting of individuals from the Insurance Industry, Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire Service and other concerned parties that, since its inception in 1979, has been dedicated to fire prevention and the prosecution of arson cases.

One of the tools used by IACAP to assist in the investigation and prosecution of arson cases is the Illinois Arson Awards Program. The Illinois FAIR Plan Association provides funds for cash awards that are paid to citizens who provide information that lead to the arrest and prosecution of arson cases.

While authorities are not eligible for cash awards, they receive plaques in recognition of their contributions. The citizens receive awards ranging from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 for their cooperation with authorities in investigating arson crimes.

If anyone would consider the efforts of an authority or citizen deserving an arson award, a nomination form may be requested from Gordon Balsano at Illinois FAIR Plan Association. PO Box 81469 Chicago, IL. 60681-0469. Gordon can be reached at 1-312-861-0385 ext 232.

IACAP also provides posters to promote public awareness of the Illinois Arson Awards Program. Citizen participation is essential in bringing offenders to justice. These posters are supplied free of charge and may be obtained by contacting Gordon Balsano at the offices of the Illinois FAIR Plan Association, P.O. Box 81469, Chicago, IL 60681-0469, phone number (312) 861-0385 Extension 232.

IACAP holds quarterly educational and business meetings including presentations on recent activities in arson prevention. Additionally, an educational seminar is conducted each year.

If you would be interested in becoming an active member of IACAP you may obtain an application from Kevin McMahan, IACAP Secretary, by mailing your request to him at Allstate Insurance Company, P.O. Box 5600, Woodridge, IL. 60517. 630-972-7266.