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About the Cover . . .

The front cover of this issue introduces you to the new IMSA display booth that will be used when exhibiting at the NFPA Show as well as the IWCE Conference. IMSA wishes to thank Doug Aiken for the time spent staging the photos.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Summertime is finally upon us, and I do hope you’re enjoying the warmer weather, the kids being out of school, and thinking about that upcoming vacation! Speaking of that upcoming vacation, by now you should have made your reservations for our IMSA Annual Conference to be held “on the beach” in beautiful St. Pete. The Tradewinds Resort is a great place to unwind with the family while enjoying the activities at one of their pools, or soaking in the serenity while sunning out on the beach, or just winding around the resort with the swans in one of the paddleboats. Either way, I’m sure you’ll enjoy the amenities and location of this wonderful resort.

Perhaps, even some of you will be able to take some extra time before or after the conference and visit one or more of Florida’s trademark vacation destinations. There are the grand theme parks of Universal Studios, Walt Disney World, SeaWorld and Busch Gardens all within a short drive of the Tradewinds. Maybe you’re more interested in Florida’s early roadside attractions, which satiated America’s appetite for the eccentric with rare animals, flamboyant gardens, crowd-thrilling acts and human oddities. Even with the advent of our major theme parks, many of these precious bits of Florida history remain to enchant those seeking a look at the “real” Florida. These would include Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Marineland, south of St. Augustine, St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park, Silver Springs in Ocala, Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg, and Weeki Wachee Springs (aka mermaids) in Weeki Wachee. Then there’s the gateway to the “final frontier,” Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral south of Daytona Beach. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have as you plan your upcoming trip. We are looking forward to making the 2005 IMSA Annual Conference one you’ll really enjoy, and are sure you’ll return home with wonderful pictures and memories!

This edition of the Journal focuses on Fire Alarm Reporting and Public Safety Dispatching, two areas that IMSA is heavily involved in. We have representation on various national committees and provide certification for individuals serving in those critically important specialties. To those employees working in this arena I say thank you for making all of our lives a little safer through your efforts. IMSA is proud to be a partner with you in this endeavor.

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2005 IMSA Conference St. Pete – Come visit our IMSA vendors in the Exhibit Hall. To get your free day pass which is available for Monday and Tuesday, August 28th and 29th, visit the IMSA website www.IMSAsafety.org

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