

# Indiana Firefighter Training System Accomplishments

October 2005 – January 2008

## Funding

- First time the State has supported firefighter training at the local level.
  - Year 1 - \$1,000,000
  - Year 2 - \$2,000,000
- All Districts have State funding in place to conduct training.
  - Mandatory Training
  - Firefighter I/II
  - Survival Training
- All Districts have Federal grant funding in place to conduct training.
  - Funding Source – Federal Homeland Security Funds
    - Hazardous Materials Awareness Training
    - Hazardous Materials Operations Training
    - Technical Rescue Awareness level training.
- Infrastructure Grant.
  - 6 Districts received funding to build training infrastructure
    - Fund Established at \$2,300,000
      - Terre Haute (D7)
      - South Bend (D2)
      - Anderson (D6)
      - Auburn (D3)
      - Lafayette (D4)
      - Fishers (D5)
  - \$600,000 distributed
  - Additional Grant cycles established for 2008
- Purchased Mobile Hazardous Materials Training platform
  - \$470,000 Federal Homeland Security Funds
- Purchased Mobile Live-Fire Training platform
  - \$465,00 State Firefighter Training Funds
- Disaster Relief Fund Created by Legislation
  - \$1,000,000
    - Support local communities and response agencies reimbursement process.



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## Training Program

- Fire Chief Leadership Training
  - Year 1 – 6 courses / 500 attendees
  - Year 2 – 5 courses / 600 attendees
  - Year 3 – 3 planned 2008
- Instructor Development Clinic
  - Improve Professional Status and Capability
  - Improve Administration skills
  - Year 1 – planned 2008
- Recruit Level Training
  - Developed Indiana Mandatory Curriculum that includes Instructor Guide, Student Manual, Skill Examination sheet and Driver Safety DVD.
    - Provided free of charge upon request.
    - 4000 copies of Student manual printed and distributed
    - 1250 copies of Instructor curriculum printed and distributed
- Improved Testing and certification processes
  - Test scores average rose for Firefighter I/II 4 points.
  - Test scores average rose for Mandatory 15 points.
    - Test score average for Mandatory 84.2% - 1/1/2008.
  - 2006 - 2007 over 31,000 Firefighter certifications were approved
- Deliver National Fire Academy advanced level training courses.
  - 353 students attended 13 courses
- Created a standard set of Fire Apparatus Specifications
  - 2008 / develop a QPA for these specifications / allow local communities to purchase off this QPA at considerable savings to the local taxpayers.
  - Allow State agencies to purchase from this QPA to provide opportunity to expand the capability of the money being used from State grants.



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## Training Program cont.

- Firefighter I/II
  - Purchase textbooks and Instructor materials for Firefighter I/II training.
  - Purchased textbooks for First Responder (EMS) training.
    - Assist local Fire Chiefs by providing assistance in training for emergency medical responses.
      - 70% of fire departments emergency responses are to EMS events.
  - Purchased textbooks and Instructor curriculum materials for Hazardous Materials training.
  - Web based training program with Jones and Bartlett Publishers
    - Free licenses provided to firefighters to assist the classroom training sessions.
  - Training props funded for each District.
    - Props for forcible entry, search and rescue, ventilation, wall breach skills built by each district.
- Firefighter Fire Service Safety Initiative
  - Designed to provide officers firefighters with information and support to help them do their job safer.
    - Posters developed and mailed to each Fire Department in the State
    - Streaming video training under development in partnership with the Indiana Fire Instructors Association.
    - Quarterly newsletter distributed electronically.
    - Banners designed and developed to be placed at Fire Departments and conferences.
  - Mayday Training program distributed.
    - Training curriculum designed to teach Firefighters how to react in a “Mayday” situation.
  - Courage to be Safe training initiative.
    - Program developed by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
    - Funding provided by State Firefighter Training Funds
      - Deliver 30 courses in partnership with the Indiana Fire Instructors Association



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- Firefighter Survival and Rescue Training curriculum and training props built for each District.
  - Portable props built for each district
  - Fund provided through State grant to conduct the training.
  - Curriculum designed to teach firefighters how to survive the worst possible situations they might encounter.
  - Train-the-Trainer conducted
    - 58 Instructors trained in the delivery of Survival and Rescue curriculum
- Technical Rescue Awareness training curriculum developed and delivered.
  - Over 800 firefighters have attended 40 courses delivered in each district
- Web-based training curriculum and learning management system under development.



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## Leadership

- Lead Legislation
  - Legislation to eliminate the requirement for certification at the mandatory level before Firefighter I/II
    - Allows for many career firefighters to not have to take a duplicate course of instruction.
  - Create infrastructure fund
    - Took a Fire Marshal loan fund that was dormant and transferred funds to appropriate use.
- Organization of Fire Organizations in the State
  - Continuous communications established
    - Monthly meetings with Fire Service Organizational Leadership
    - Regular attendance at meetings / conferences and conventions
  - 2005 – conducted 12 summits in various parts of the State
  - 2006 – conducted 6 summits in various parts of the State – partnership with the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association
  - 2008 – conduct a career firefighter summit / partnership with the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana
  - Development of State Fire Leadership Advisory Committee
    - Indiana Fire Chiefs Association
    - Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association
    - Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana
    - Indiana Fire Instructors Association



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## Outreach

- Retaining and Recruiting Volunteer Seminars
- Coordinated a Volunteer Firefighter Day at the State Fair.
  - Fire Departments from around the State brought apparatus and personnel to Indianapolis for display and interaction with the public.

## Grant Accomplishments

- Assisted 386 of Indiana's Fire Departments in obtaining \$ 32,084,467.00 in obtaining Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) from Federal DHS / FEMA to obtain critical emergency response equipment, training and public education programs enhancing their ability to provide emergency service to Indiana communities.

Year	Indiana Departments	Indiana Grants
2005	158	\$16,602,571
2006	126	\$14,447,860
2007** not completed	102	\$10,033,650

- *Indiana is limited to 3% of the available funds as set by the AFG program.*
- *The total amount of funds disbursed annually has been decreased by the AFG program*
- \$1.5 million dollars of Federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds were provided to Indiana Fire Service departments to establish 10 Mass Casualty Response team to enhance the Fire and EMS communities ability to respond to large scale incidents. These teams can deploy and support the emergency responders in any community when needed. The teams can provide a surge capacity of 300 injured people.

