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Curriculum Update

The Academy will be updating curriculum to the most recent standards. Subject matter experts (SME) interested in working with the Academy to develop the State fire training curriculum should email their respective Academy program manager with their interest.

1. Committee Chair – Discipline-specific IDHS coach
2. SME Committee Teams -- Members will be from different geographical locations
 - 1 SME Northern Indiana
 - 1 SME Central Indiana
 - 1 SME Southern Indiana


Testing Portal Coming Soon

The [Acadis Course Testing](#) portal is now located on the [Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy](#) website and will soon be on the Acadis homepage. This gives students easier access to the course testing portal from the Academy website or from the Acadis homepage.

The “*Course Testing*” portal hyperlink is located under Fire Certification section of the Academy webpage.

Expand the “*Course Registration and PSID Numbers*” by clicking the “+” on the right side of the page.

Course Registration

- [Browse and Register for Courses](#)
- [Course Testing Login](#) 
- [IFSAAC Certification Application](#)
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- [Prerequisite List](#)

You will also find the Academy’s prerequisites list and other helpful information links

IFSTA Policy Update

To improve the security of chapter tests and quizzes, the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) now requests that fire departments limit their instructors with access to ResourceOne downloadable curriculum content to four (4) per department.

These four (4) instructors are allowed to share course content as needed with other instructors, but IFSTA will not provide access to more than four instructors per department. For more information, contact IFSTA/Fire Protection Publications Representative John Konrad at konradj@osufpp.org.

Regional District Fire Training and Instructor Update Meetings

Beginning in May, the Academy will host quarterly virtual district fire training and instructor update meetings for district coordinators, fire training councils and Academy fire training instructors.

After the initial meeting, the Academy will hold one meeting per quarter per region. The date of the meeting will always be on the 15th of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Eastern. This will allow the Academy to communicate with those in Indiana’s fire

- 1 SME who is from career fire department
- 1 SME who is from a volunteer fire department
- 1 SME from the Instructors Association

C. SME volunteers will have a 120-150 day turnaround time for the update process

service who cannot attend meetings during the day and provide a predictable meeting schedule.

All Academy program managers, the logistic manager, Academy certifications supervisor, Fire Training district coordinators and Academy leadership will be in each meeting to provide consistent information across the state.

Questions for discussion during the meeting should be sent to the appropriate Academy district coordinator and/or Academy program manager a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting date to allow staff sufficient time to provide the best answer possible.

Initial meeting dates and rotation schedule

District propane tanks

The Academy is in the process of purchasing one 1000-gallon propane tank per district. This will help solve the issue who can refill the tank and get reimbursed.

If the state ever changes vendors we can still get the tanks refilled and if a local fire department is using the propane for local trainings then they can have the tanks refilled with the vendor of their choice.

1. District Fire Training Council will decide which training site will house the tank
2. Academy district coordinators should work with their Academy program manager to complete this project.

Fire Training Districts 1, 2 & 3 – May 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. EDT.

Rotation:

- July 15, 2021
- October 15, 2021
- January 15, 2022
- April 15, 2022

Fire Training Districts 4, 5 & 6 – May 20th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. EDT.

Rotation:

- August 15, 2021
- November 15, 2021
- February 15, 2022
- May 15, 2022

Fire Training Districts 8, 9 & 10 – May 27th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. EDT.

Rotation:

- September 15, 2021
- December 15, 2021
- March 15, 2022
- June 15, 2022

A Teams Meeting invite will be sent to the Fire Training district coordinator and the Academy program manager so they can forward to the District Fire Training Council, representatives and instructors

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Contact the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy at
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