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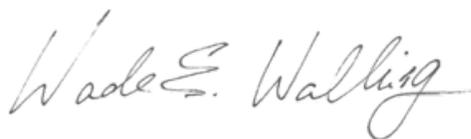
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Message from the Academy Director

The Indiana State Fire Marshal and Academy staff currently are working with local fire departments to report their NFIRS data through [ImageTrend](#), a data collection and analysis system that captures fire and EMS data. According to the current ImageTrend data collected so far, EMS incident run reporting was at 92% during February 2021, while fire department incident run reporting was at 48%.

The Academy program managers also have been training local fire departments and answering questions regarding the ImageTrend software, which will be given to Indiana fire departments free of charge. Academy program managers also can help fire departments solve any ImageTrend issues and answer questions about reporting fire and EMS incident run data. To find out who your fire department's Academy program manager is, please visit the [Academy Contact Map](#).

Lastly, we will be providing monthly ImageTrend fire and EMS report data in the left sidebar of each Monthly Bugle edition so that you can keep track on our progress along with us.



Wade Walling, Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

Celebrating Indiana's Telecommunicators



This week is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and the Academy wants to thank all of Indiana's emergency telecommunicators for the crucial work they do as first responders.

Learn more about the work of an emergency telecommunicator by reading the [latest issue of the Hoosier Responder](#). Also, please take a moment to visit the [IDHS Public Safety Telecommunicators](#)

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ImageTrend Run Data

Below are the ImageTrend fire
and EMS run report data for
March 2021:

- [Fire Departments](#)
- [Emergency Medical Services](#)

IFSTA Policy Update

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

These four instructors are
allowed to share course content
as needed with other
instructors, but the IFSTA will
not provide access to more than
four instructors per department.

For more information, please
contact John
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[Week webpage](#) and read the stories of actual Indiana emergency
telecommunicators working on the job.

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)



Fire departments across the U.S. are increasingly called upon to respond to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fires, which include brush, grass, forest and other types of outdoor fires. [According to the U.S. Fire Administration](#), more than 46 million residences in 70,000 communities in the country are at risk for WUI fires.

During the month of April, the U.S. Fire Administration is drawing attention to these types of fire risks and providing [resources and information](#) to help communities learn about WUI, the risks they present and what can be done to prevent them.

Please use these resources and help improve Indiana's resilience to WUI fires.

Fire Department Spotlight

Indianapolis International Airport Fire Dept.'s Station 1 (Indianapolis, IN)

Located near the new mid-field terminal at the Indianapolis International Airport, Station 1 was completed in late 2007 and now serves as the fire department's headquarters. In February 2021, the Indianapolis Airport Authority named Fred Pervine as the new airport fire department chief.

Station 1's front bays are home to its fire rescue vehicles and allows quick access to the airport's terminal and primary roadways. Station 1's rear bays contain the crash rigs and provide direct access to the northern taxiway and runways.



The Indianapolis International Airport Fire Department's fire engine 999, also known as "Milton the Monster."

The Fire and Public Safety Academy is dedicated to providing outstanding customer service and delivering professional fire and public safety training, education and certification to Indiana's first responders in support of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's mission of protecting the people, property and prosperity of Indiana.

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