Message from the Director

A Reminder for Indiana Fire Instructors: if you are teaching a Firefighter Academy course with Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, you will need the supplemental material provided by IFSTA or Chapters 11 & 12 in IFSTA’s Hazardous Materials for First Responders 5th Edition curriculum. Or you can reach out to John Konrad (john.konrad@osufpp.org) at IFSTA to access the newly created course titled "Indiana FFI&II curriculum with Hazmat 5th Edition added."

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IDHS Updates EMS Certification Audit Process

EMS audits randomly occur upon renewal of EMS certifications and licensures through the Acadis Portal system. When audited, an individual will be alerted at the time of electronic renewal through the system. The individual then has three business days to submit the appropriate Report of Continuing Education.

Please note that the certified individual must have all continuing education complete and the Report of Continuing Education complete BEFORE submitting the electronic renewal. This way the audit only requires the verification to be submitted.

Forms and guidance on acceptable continuing education can be found here.

What has changed?

The new system will be automated for better tracking and efficiency in processing the audits. Automated emails will come from "IDHS Administrative Services". Entry in the system may take up to one business day and then the explanatory email will be dispatched. The individual will have three business days from when the actual instructions email is sent.

The new email will include an "Open Update Form" link at the bottom of the email. This link allows the audited individual to submit the Report of Continuing Education form and any supporting documents (generally copies of attendance where
Continuation on National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4.12 Water Supply.


4.12.1 The instructor-in-charge and the safety officer shall determine the rate and duration of waterflow necessary for each individual live fire training evolution, including the water necessary for control and extinguishment of the training fire, the water supply necessary for backup line(s) to protect personnel, and any water needed to protect exposed property.

4.12.2 Each hose line and backup line(s) shall be capable
4.12.3 Backup line(s) shall be provided to ensure protection for personnel on training attack lines.

4.12.4 A minimum reserve of additional water in the amount of 50 percent of the fire flow demand, determined in accordance with 4.12.1, shall be available to handle exposure protection or unforeseen situations.

4.12.5* Except under the conditions of 4.12.5.1, separate water sources shall be utilized for the supply of attack lines and backup lines in order to preclude the loss of both water supply sources at the same time.

4.12.5.1* A single water source shall be sufficient at a training center facility where the water system has been engineered to provide adequate volume for the evolutions conducted and a backup power source or backup pumps, or both, are in place to ensure an uninterrupted supply in the event of a power failure or malfunction.

4.12.6 There shall be room provided around all props so that there is space for all attack line(s) as well as backup line(s) to operate freely.

Next month we will cover NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4.13 Fuel Materials.
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