



# MONTHLY BUGLE

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## Message from the Academy Director

Going back to school in 2020 means a new reality for children across Indiana. Some of the obvious changes include increased sanitation procedures, wearing face masks and new social distancing rules. This may also include more in-depth changes like students eating lunch at their desks, modified schedules that keep students in a single classroom and complex seating arrangements on school buses.

Needless to say, this significant change impacts our children's mental health, and as first responders we have an opportunity to help them understand and cope with this crisis. As schools continue to reopen, here are a few steps first responders can perform to help students adjust to their new way of learning:

- Talk with children about the situation in a way that is easily understandable and age appropriate.
- Provide them with opportunities to discuss their experiences and ask questions.
- Be aware of the mental health resources available in your local area and refer children to them if needed.

It can be difficult to predict how children will respond to these types of traumatic events. Parents, teachers and first responders see children in different perspectives, so it is important for all of us work together and share our knowledge to help them successfully navigate the stress of this new reality.

## Training and Instructor Updates

- **Executive Leadership Development Program:** The Executive Leadership Development Program now can be delivered to fire departments. Fire departments interested in receiving the program should contact Paul Bradley at [pbradley@dhs.in.gov](mailto:pbradley@dhs.in.gov) for more information.
- **IFSTA and ResourceOne:** Indiana now is using the International Fire Service Training Association's (IFSTA) "Essentials of Fire Fighting 7th Edition" for the Mandatory and Firefighter I and II training courses, which will be available on Aug. 20. If an instructor needs a ResourceOne account and access to the IFSTA's curriculum, the instructor should first create an account on IFSTA's [website](#). After

## Academy Certification Staff

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## Upcoming Training Dates

- Sept. 9-17: HAZMAT 1st Responder Awareness (HMA0408), Kendallville Fire Department
- Aug. 18-Sept. 29: Firefighter II (FF20232), Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory
- Sept. 8-28: Driver/Operator General (DOG0140), Vincennes Township Fire Department
- Sept. 26-Oct. 24: Firefighter I (FF10275), Cannelton Volunteer Fire Department

For a complete list of upcoming training opportunities, visit the [Acadis Portal](#).



*The Academy's new HAZMAT training trailer will soon be available for training opportunities. It is designed to provide first responders with hands-on practice in responding to hazardous chemical leaks.*

## Trending News

- **National Fire Academy:** On-campus training has been suspended through Oct. 2. For more information, visit the National Fire Academy's [website](#).
- **Indiana Government Center:** The south building will re-open to the public on a limited basis on Aug. 17. An appointment must be scheduled online in order to conduct business with IDHS. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Please visit the IDHS [website](#) to schedule an appointment.
- **CDC's "Zombie Pandemic":** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created the graphic novel "Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic" as a way to demonstrate the importance of emergency preparedness in an entertaining way that people of all ages will enjoy. View the graphic novel on the CDC's [website](#).
- **Fire Prevention Week 2020 (Oct. 4-10):** "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" is the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week. The campaign seeks to educate and emphasize the important actions individuals can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen. Learn more about this campaign at the National Fire Protection Association's [website](#).



## Fire Department Spotlight

### Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department (Marion, IN)

The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department in Marion, Indiana, is located at 1513 N. Bethlehem Road in the northeastern corner of Grant County. Founded in 1960, this volunteer fire department includes 19 members who provide fire and basic life support services to the residents of Washington Township outside of the Marion city limits.



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