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## Message from the Director

Everyone you talk to is busy these days. With family, work and life in general, it seems like there is always a million things that have to get done. Trust me, I understand this all too well. Where do we find time to get what we need to do accomplished and keep our commitments?

Commitment to training and showing up to class when others count on you to be there is important. Other students depend on you to be there so their course is not cancelled. The instructor depends on you to be there so they can continue with their planned event. The Academy understands and respects student's decisions when they must withdraw from a course for things they cannot control, but doing so in timely manner is the right way to do it.

Recently the Academy hosted a National Fire Academy (NFA) Decision Making for Initial Company Officer course where only four out of the 16 students showed up. The course was cancelled shortly after the start time. One student drove more than two hours just to be sent back home, and another missed out on overtime to better themselves professionally. The instructor flew in the night before, stayed at a local hotel and the NFA paid for a class that was cancelled at the very last minute.

The Academy's commitment to the Indiana fire service is this: We will continue to host NFA courses and do our best to bring you the best firefighter training and education that we can. The Academy will not cancel a course even if it was planned months ago unless the minimum student threshold is not met. If a course is cancelled, you will get an email to let you know it is cancelled. You can always check your student Acadis portal to see if the class is still listed in your upcoming, ongoing and unconfirmed training section.

I am asking you to do your part as well. If you sign up for a course, keep your commitment to be a part of the training. I genuinely appreciate Indiana's firefighters and their commitment to professional development and the Academy stands ready to help you with the training you need.

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## Fire Chief Executive Training Program

There are few spots left for our new Fire Chief Executive Training Program Beta course on Aug. 23-27. The course shows a current waitlist due to booking hotels, but if you are willing to drive each of the 5 days, we will be happy enroll you into the course until the final cutoff date. Lunch will be provided each day. Final cutoff for registration is August 20.

This program is targeted to assist recently promoted fire chiefs of full-time, combination or volunteer fire departments. Students will learn from multiple instructors, elected officials and peer fire chiefs from across the state.

Date: Aug. 23-27

Times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Location: Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy, MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN, 46168

Register for this course through the Acadis Portal by searching

## MADE@Plainfield Grand Opening



The MADE@Plainfield Fire and Public Safety Academy location is now open and operational. All Academy certifications staff and our Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Coordinator have moved to our new home. The parking is free, and our office is easy to find just off of State Road 267 in Plainfield. Our Academy office is located in Room 136.

Should you need in-person certification help you will need to go to:

MADE@Plainfield Higher Education Building  
Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy  
1610 Reeves Road, Rm. 136  
Plainfield, IN 46168



### Upcoming Training at the Academy's MADE@Plainfield location:

- Aug. 23-27: FCETP210002 - Fire Chief's Academy
- Oct. 4-5: F0193 - Campus Fire and Life Safety I: Risk Assessment
- Oct. 26-27: F0194 - Campus Fire and Life Safety II: Public Education
- Nov. 6-7: F0635 - Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction
- March 2-3, 2022: F0195 - Campus Fire and Life Safety III: Codes and Systems
- April 9-10, 2022: F0636 - Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction

## Training Update

### Upcoming Training Opportunities

- **District 1:** Oct. 20-Nov. 10: Fire Instructor II. Course number: INST2-210007
- **District 5-** Sept. 14-Dec. 21: Fire Academy (HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2). Course number: FA210076
- **District 7:** Aug. 19-Sept. 16: Firefighter II Course number: FF2-210056

Each month, the Fire and Public Safety Academy will provide training updates from the NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, 2018 Edition. These updates will serve as a reminder for the different requirements associated with live fire training.

NFPA 1403 Chapter 4

**4.3.2.1 Fire Dynamics.** All participants shall have received training for the following:

- The conditions necessary for flashover to occur
- The components of fire and definition of a fire
- The three mechanisms of heat transfer — conduction, convection and radiation

**4.3.2.2 Health and Safety.** All participants shall have received training for the following:

- The components of their protective clothing and equipment required for use during operational evolutions
- The capabilities and limitations of their protective clothing and equipment

### Public Safety Jobs Dashboard



Check out all the current openings on the [IDHS Public Safety Jobs dashboard](#). If your department is hiring and would like to promote the job, submit your information below the dashboard.

## Fire Department Spotlight

### Bellmore/JUGA Fire Department



The Fire Department is led by Fire Chief Jason Games.

The Town of Bellmore is located 80 miles west of Indianapolis along US-36 in southwest Parke County. Although commonly known as Bellmore FD, the department was originally chartered in 1947 (and is still considered by the state) to be JUGA FD. JUGA is an acronym for the Township's they originally protected: Jackson, Union, Greene and Adams. The department's response district has drastically changed, as they no longer cover Adams,

and only cover the southern half of Greene and the northern half of Jackson Townships.

This all-volunteer department now includes 27 members who respond to 210 runs each year. Bellmore VFD provides Fire, Rescue and Medical first-responder protection to nearly 66 square miles and 2,500 residents. However, with seasonal tourism their population can swell to nearly 20,000.

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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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