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The Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy has a **new Facebook page** where you can get the latest information from the Academy including up-to-date information on current classes.

Academy Training Staff

Message from the Director

From all of us at the Academy, we would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays!

The Academy's mission is focused on "changing lives through public safety education, training and certifications." I believe the Academy team and each individual bring so much value to this work because they all have a servant's heart, and they enthusiastically live the mission every day.

As the team reflects on the last year, it has been a whirlwind of change and growth for the Academy. While we worked to provide Indiana's firefighters and first responders with outstanding customer service, resources, and materials, there were times our messaging could have been better. We have taken each problem we faced to heart and worked to give you real solutions to serve your needs better.

The Academy increased communications and traveled to your local IVFA, Fire Chiefs, and EMA meetings to share information, news and ideas. We partnered with you to make real change in Indiana. We have had many successes over the past year, and with 2021 coming to an end, I want to highlight all the positive changes made this year:

- We worked alongside the Indiana Fire Alliance and Indiana Fire Chief's Association to build and host the first-ever Fire Chief Executive Training Program to better serve newly appointed fire chiefs.
- We developed and implemented the Emergency Response Support training program while working with the IVFA to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteers.
- The Academy signed a 10-year land-use MOU agreement with the Department of Correction and broke ground on our hands-on training site on that property.
- We opened the new Academy certification office and classroom space at our MADE@Plainfield location.
- We granted funding, props and resources to regional training sites and local fire departments, including several forcible entry door props, smart rescue mannequins and other items needed for training.
- The Academy also developed several new leadership courses (including core values training, mitigated speech, body language and communicating with elected leaders)
- The Academy team is working with IDHS Legal and the Board of Firefighting, Personnel, Standards and

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Continuation of NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4.8 Fire Control Teams

4.8 Fire Control Team.

4.8.1 A fire control team shall consist of a minimum of two personnel.

4.8.1.1 One person who is not a student or safety officer shall be designated as the "ignition officer" to ignite, maintain, and control the materials being burned.

4.8.1.1.1 The ignition officer shall be a member of the fire control team.

4.8.1.2* One member of the fire control team shall be in the area

Education to develop a new draft version of the IAC 655 Board Rules.

We can't always predict what challenges may come in the New Year. Still, one thing our team can promise you is that we are dedicated to making a difference and will work each day to make sure that Indiana firefighters and first responders are at the center of what we do. Happy New Year!



Wade Walling
Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

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Upcoming Trainings

Public Safety Leadership Development 300 - PSLD3 - 210009
(District 1)

- Dates: 01/08/2022 to 01/09/2022
- Location: Dyer Fire Department, 2150 Hart Street, Dyer, IN 46311

National Fire Academy - F0195 - Campus Fire and Life Safety III:
Codes and Systems

- Dates: 03/02/2022 to 03/03/2022
- Location: MADE@PLAINFIELD, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168

National Fire Academy - F0636 - Building Organizational Support
for Community Risk Reduction

- Dates: 04/09/2022 to 04/10/2022
- Location: MADE@PLAINFIELD, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168

Communicating with Elected Leaders

- Date: 02/28/2022
- Location: 400 E Main St, Pittsboro, IN 46167

Fire Department Spotlight

Crown Point Fire Rescue

Led by Fire Chief Dave Crane, Crown Point Fire Rescue provides Fire, EMS, and Technical Rescue Services for Crown Point and surrounding Center Township. The department has been proudly serving the community since 1873. Crown Point Fire Rescue protects 33,000 residents in 56 square miles. Three state

to observe the ignition officer ignite and maintain the fire, and to recognize, report, and respond to any adverse conditions.

4.8.2 The decision to ignite the training fire shall be made by the instructor-in-charge in coordination with the safety officer.

4.8.3 The fire shall be ignited by the ignition officer.

4.8.4 The fire control team shall wear full personal protective clothing, including SCBA, when performing this control function.

4.8.5 A charged hose line shall be available when the fire control team is igniting or tending to any fire.

4.8.6 Fires shall not be ignited without an instructor visually confirming that the flame area is clear of personnel being trained.

Next month in the January Bugle we will cover NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions - Chapter 4.9 Personal Protective Clothing.

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.

highways and Interstate 65 cover Crown Point. Every year, Crown Point firefighters and paramedics respond to an average of over 5,200 calls for service from one central firehouse located downtown. The department is staffed by 39 career firefighters, supported by 21 paid-on-call firefighters, two chief officers, an ambulance billing specialist, and an administrative assistant. Crown Point is also the home department for one of the Academy's district program managers, Mike Parks.



Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires



Get rid of your Christmas tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

A dry tree is dangerous. It can catch on fire easily.

FEMA U.S. Fire Administration

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Here are safety tip to share with your community after Christmas:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.

- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords are not damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

To help increase awareness about holiday fire safety in your community, the U.S. Fire Administration has created [free graphics and photos](#) to use on social media. You can customize this content by adding your own messages to reach your audience.

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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