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Message from the Director



With 2022 coming to a close, now is the time to look back at our accomplishments and consider the goals and challenges for the year ahead. 2023 will bring big changes for the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy. After much contemplation and careful consideration, I have decided to accept the position of Fayette County EMA Director and will be leaving IDHS on Dec. 31, 2022.

I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and talented team at the Academy, and I will always cherish the memories and experiences we have shared. I know Academy staff are well equipped to continue the forward progress that we have started.

Leaving the Academy Director position has been one of the hardest choices I have ever made but I am excited for the opportunity to take on new challenges and serve the community in a new capacity. I am confident the Academy will continue to thrive and make a positive impact under the leadership of my successor.

I will always look back on my time here with fondness and gratitude, and I hope to stay in touch with you in the future.



Wade Walling
Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

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Fire Department Spotlight: Santa Claus, Indiana

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Fire Training Curriculum Update Coming in 2023

The Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy will publish an updated revision to three certification courses at 5 p.m. EST on Jan. 2, 2023. The revisions will be sent to all active instructors holding these certifications.

The courses affected by this update are:

- Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)
- Rope Rescue Operations (RRO)
- Rope Rescue Technician (RRT)

New course documents will be available in Acadis under the Instructor Material for each course listed above. The old curriculum documents will be deactivated at 5 p.m. EST on Jan. 2, 2023.



The magical town of Santa Claus in southern Indiana. This Spencer County town is a Christmas wonderland any time of the year and will certainly make you believe in Christmas. This all-volunteer fire department was founded in 1974 and runs around 200 calls a year. Santa Claus FD provides fire and rescue to 18 square miles in portions of Carter, Clay and Harrison Townships. Its area includes the Holiday World Amusement Park, Lake Rudolph Campground, Christmas Lake Village and the Town of Santa Claus. Each apparatus is named for one of Santa's reindeer.



Tricks of The Trade – Man vs Machinery Tool Modifications by Mark Gregory

Any of the three courses requested before the 5 p.m. EST deadline will be based on the old curriculum and tests will be based on the old curriculum. If a course is requested after the deadline, the curriculum and test will be based on the new curriculum and course documents.

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.



"Firefighters are "the true jack of all trades" and real world McGyver's. We are presented with some of the most difficult entrapment situations a human being can encounter and must use everyday tools available to us and sometimes, tools we have created or modified for case-specific responses. This article will discuss some of the tool variations I have come across throughout my career and tips that

you can employ to keep your rescuers on their "A" game."

Mark Gregory, who is a 32-year veteran of the fire service below. He has been a member of the FDNY for 28 years and is currently the Captain of Ladder 176 "The Tin House Truck"

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Acadis Portal Updates

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is implementing a Portal User Agreement Certificate to assist in the maintenance of Acadis accounts. This new process will identify inactive accounts that need to be deactivated.

Each individual with an account will be issued a Portal User Agreement Certificate. The certificate will have a two (2) year renewal cycle. Individuals will be responsible for logging in every two (2) years from the issue date and renewing the certificate to keep their account active.

90 and 30-day reminder emails will be sent to the email address on file in Acadis. Accounts that have not been renewed 90 days after the expiration will be deactivated. Individuals whose accounts are deactivated will no longer have access to records or the ability to register for training.

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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