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As the Fire and Public Safety Academy Administrator, I have the opportunity to ensure Indiana's firefighters and first responders have the highest quality education, training and skills required for today's first responders. These opportunities allow our first responders to continue their important job of protecting the great people and property across Indiana. As the Academy continues to expand, this newsletter will be a source of information for the entire public safety community to stay informed about the many different initiatives and trainings happening throughout the state. I look forward to working with all first responders as we continue to expand the Academy's capabilities.

Wade Walling, Fire and Public Safety Academy Administrator

New Homeland Security Director

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb appointed Stephen Cox as the new executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security on Jan. 6. Read Cox's full bio on the [IDHS website](#).



As he continues to take on his new role as executive director, Cox offered his comments about the state of the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy:

"I am excited to work with the Fire and Public Safety Academy to put first responders first and further professionalize fire and public safety training in Indiana."

Acadis updates

A couple new features were recently added to the Acadis portal to assist both instructors and students. To better help identify new courses added to the list, a new course indicator was added to any new training posted within the last 30 days. The blue indicator will show on the left side of each new course under the "available trainings" tab.

In addition to the new course indicator, instructors now have the ability to email all students signed up for their class under the "my class assignments" tab.

Anyone with questions regarding the Acadis portal should email [Elizabeth Westfall](#).

Academy Certification Staff

Certification Supervisor
[Donna Saine](#)

Program Coordinator
[Regine Johnson](#)

Fire Certifications Technician
[Nichelle \(Shelly\) Elliot](#)

Clerical Assistant
[Teri Dearmin](#)

Events to Remember

- March 20-22 and 27-29 - [2020 Dubois County Fire School](#)
- March 30-31 - [USFA Indiana Weekend \(contact Elizabeth Westfall for more information\)](#)
- April 20-25 - [FIDC International](#)
- September 9-12 - [Indiana Emergency Response Conference](#)

New Academy Logistic Support Manager



The Logistical Support Manager is a key position for the success of the Academy's training resources in support of the district, regional and local trainings. Bill Huffer will oversee the logistics to support fire and public safety training throughout Indiana. Huffer will work with scheduling, maintenance, inventory, inspection and transportation of the Academy's mobile and portable training assets and props.

Mobile Live Fire Training

The mobile live fire trainer has been an important resource for firefighters in Indiana. More than 2,500 firefighters were trained in the first year the trainer was on the road. The trainer creates smoke to reduce visibility and enhance the training opportunity. The fiery interior can reach temperatures of 800 degrees, which creates a realistic fire/heat scenario. The interior also has movable walls that create several configurations for search and rescue training. The second story can be used to simulate a second story search or a basement fire scenario. For more information on the mobile live fire trainer, visit the [IDHS website](#).



Upcoming National Fire Academy Indiana Weekend

Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy (NFA) is March 30-31, 2020. A list of available courses for Indiana students is located in the Acadis portal. Please login to the Acadis student portal to register. Attendees will also need to fill out the NFA short form located here: [National Fire Academy Short Form Application](#). Once filled out, send a scanned copy to Wade Walling at WWalling@dhs.in.gov or Elizabeth Westfall at EWestfall@dhs.in.gov.

Attendees will need their FEMA SID number to fill out FEMA's short form application. The FEMA SID will serve as your unique identifier and be used to maintain the record of FEMA trainings attended.

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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