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Message from the Academy Director

Many of our Acadis online training programs are currently malfunctioning and temporarily unavailable for use due to the discontinuation of Adobe Flash Player at the end of 2020. The Academy is working diligently to update these training programs to become compatible with Adobe's new HTML5 format.

Many programs are being rebuilt from scratch, while others will be discontinued entirely. Due to licensing agreements, both the "Thinking Firefighter" series and "ISFSI Modern Construction Considerations" training courses will not be republished.

Please direct any questions regarding our online training programs to Elizabeth Westfall, academy director of operations, at ewestfall@dhs.in.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade E. Walling".

Wade Walling, Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

IERC Request for Proposals



The Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC) is now accepting speaking proposals for IERC 2021. The conference will take place Sept. 15-18, 2021, at the Sheraton-Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing and brings together leading experts in all facets of fire, EMS, law enforcement and emergency management industries.

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Feb. 18-May 22: Fire Investigator I (INVEST1-210033), MAAC Training Center
 - Feb. 22-June 1: Academy (HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2) (FA210031), Walnut Creek Training Center
 - Feb. 22-March 20: Fire Instructor I (INST1-210255), Terre Haute Fire Dept.
 - March 2-May 15: Academy (HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2) (FA210033), Johnson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Interested candidates are asked to [submit proposal topic outlines by March 6, 2021](#) to be considered by the conference committee. Please forward this link to others that may have an excellent class to present! Any questions can be addressed to Dale Henson at dhenson@indfirechiefs.org or 1-877-733-1850.

There's 'An Eye on the Flame' in the February 2021 Hoosier Responder



IDHS Chief Fire Investigator Clayton Kinder (center) working with a local department at a fire scene.

This month's Hoosier Responder cover story, "An Eye on the Flame," discusses the work of the IDHS Fire Investigations Section and how its fire investigators are ready to support local fire and police departments across Indiana at a moment's notice.

Click [here](#) to read the story!

Fire Department Spotlight

Saint Bernice Volunteer Fire Department (Saint Bernice, IN)

The Saint Bernice Volunteer Fire Department is located in the town of Saint Bernice along IN-71 near the Illinois state line in central Vermillion County. The 15 members of this all-volunteer department provide fire protection service to the southwest corner of Helt Township and portions of Edgar County, Illinois.

The Saint Bernice Volunteer Fire Department's fire engine 76, a rebuilt 1970 Ward LaFrance Ambassador, was previously used as engine 17 in the 1991 Kurt Russell film "Backdraft."



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The Saint Bernice Volunteer Fire Department's fire engine 76, a 1970 Ward LaFrance Ambassador.

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