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Message from the Director

Staycation: I recently took a week off work for a staycation. I stayed home with no real plans other than the July 4 celebration we planned for family and friends. My wife had to work, so I was able to get a few hard days of nothing accomplished. I have to admit, I needed it.

You may ask yourself, why is the academy director talking about his vacation time? The answer is simple: It's important to take time for yourself to recharge. We go to work day-in and day-out and for many of us in public safety, it's hard to shut work off when we go home.

Issues come up that need addressed right away, or we are working 100 mph getting work done so we don't fall behind. Often, we become so engrossed in our daily work routine that we begin to neglect ourselves or we begin to feel overwhelmed and stressed. We may become frustrated easier and small issues appear bigger than they really are.

Sometimes we may lose perspective of what we are working to accomplish. Well, consider this as a reminder: If you haven't already taken time for yourself, you should make a plan to disconnect and relax. Do something that you love or be like me and do nothing.

The point I am making here is to take care of yourself. I have yet to meet one person at the end of their life tell me they wish they had worked more, but I have had them tell me they wish they had taken better care of themselves.

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

Wade Walling
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Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Aug. 2-3: National Fire Academy - Decision Making for Initial Company Operations, MADE@Plainfield
- Aug. 10-11: National Fire Academy - Campus Fire and Life Safety I: Risk Assessment F0193, Bloomington Fire Department
- Aug. 14-15: National Fire Academy - Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction, MADE@Plainfield
- Aug. 19-Sept. 16: Firefighter I - (FF1-210040), Mongo VFD (LaGrange)

There are still spots open for our new Fire Chief Executive Training Program on Aug. 23-27. This program is targeted to assist recently promoted fire chiefs of full-time, combination or volunteer fire departments.

This is a hybrid face-to-face and online five-day course, and 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 "Fire Chief Executive Training Program."

Training Update

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.

Chapter 4 General:

4.3.1 Required Minimum Training: Prior to being permitted to participate in live fire training evolutions, the student shall have received training to meet the minimum job performance requirements for Fire Fighter I in NFPA 1001 related to the following subjects:

- Safety
- Fire behavior
- Portable extinguishers
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Ladders
- Fire hose, appliances and streams
- Overhaul
- Water supply
- Ventilation
- Forcible entry

- Aug. 25-26: National Fire Academy - Fire Investigation for First Responders, Bloomington Fire Department
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1: National Fire Academy - Fire Investigation for First Responders, MADE@Plainfield

- Building construction

Fire Department Spotlight

Clarksville Fire Department



The town of Clarksville is located immediately across the Ohio River from Louisville, Ky., along I-65 in southern Clark County. Clarksville Fire Department provides fire, rescue, hazmat and medical first-responder protection to the town of Clarksville, including portions of I-65 and the Ohio River.

This 43-member fire department is led by Fire Chief Brandon Skaggs and Assistant Chief Dennis K. Johnson.

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.

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