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## Message from the Administrator

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### Academy Training Staff

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The first half of 2020 has certainly been a challenge. Indiana first responders have worked tirelessly through the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to excel in their mission of serving the people of Indiana. And now during Indiana's longest public health emergency we are experiencing a new challenge of how to help those affected by the protests happening across the state. As director of the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy, I am proud of the great work you are all doing. I have seen firsthand how professional and caring our Hoosier first responders are, especially during the challenging climate we are experiencing during our shifts. On behalf of the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy staff, we thank every first responder for their tireless dedication and for demonstrating integrity, teamwork and professionalism. Indiana is a better state because of first responders like you who are committed to serve.

Sincerely,

Wade Walling  
Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

## Civil Unrest in Indiana

Civil unrest may occur as a period of social upheaval, following sporting events or during periods of heightened community tension. Fire and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel will be called to respond to these incidents, placing themselves at higher than anticipated levels of risk. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Highway Transportation Administration (NHTSA) Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) worked together to compile these best practices to assist you as you respond to civil unrest incidents in your community.

You can [view these best practices online](#) or download them from the EMS.gov [preparedness page](#) under "additional resources." You can also just click on the image to the right!



# Training and Instructor Updates

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## Academy Certification Staff

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- The Academy will be sending PIOs updated local training information from June 15 through July 15.
- A list of upcoming training courses can be found in the resources section.
- New Academy website updates are coming soon.
- The Academy now has access to shipping containers to be used for fire training and training support. For more information on how to request them for use, see the attached "Container Request Guidelines" document in the resources section.
- As of April 1, 2020, the Hazmat Awareness and Operations course material has transitioned over to IFSTA's Hazardous Materials for First Responders 5th Edition curriculum.
- All course planning templates can be found on IFSTA's ResourceOne. If an instructor needs a ResourceOne account and access to the IFSTA's curriculum, they should follow the instructions in the attached "ResourceOne Access Instructions" document found in the resources section.

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## Resources

- [Upcoming Training Dates and Locations](#)
- [ResourceOne Access Instructions](#)
- [Container Request Guidelines](#)

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## Fire Department Spotlight

### Topeka Fire Department

Topeka is located 43 miles northwest of Fort Wayne in southern LaGrange County. This volunteer fire department provides fire and rescue response services for the town of Topeka and both Eden and Coolspring Townships. Operating from its single station, the Topeka Fire Department protects approximately 78 square miles and nearly 8,000 residents.



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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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