



# MONTHLY BUGLE

March 2021

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## Academy Training Staff

Academy Director  
[Wade Walling](#)

Operations Director  
[Elizabeth Westfall](#)

Logistics Support Manager  
[Bill Huffer](#)

Academy Training Program Manager (districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)  
[Paul Bradley](#)

## Message from the Academy Director

One of the most critical elements in first responder training is communication. In fact, good communication that flows both ways provides a safe, reliable way to improve training objectives for a job that is inherently dangerous.

Instructor-to-student communication allows Indiana fire instructors to increase the chances of achieving safe and effective outcomes with students. I would go as far to say that communication is the number one priority to be successful in today's fire and first responder services. And yet, I still hear so many people say communication should only flow one way.

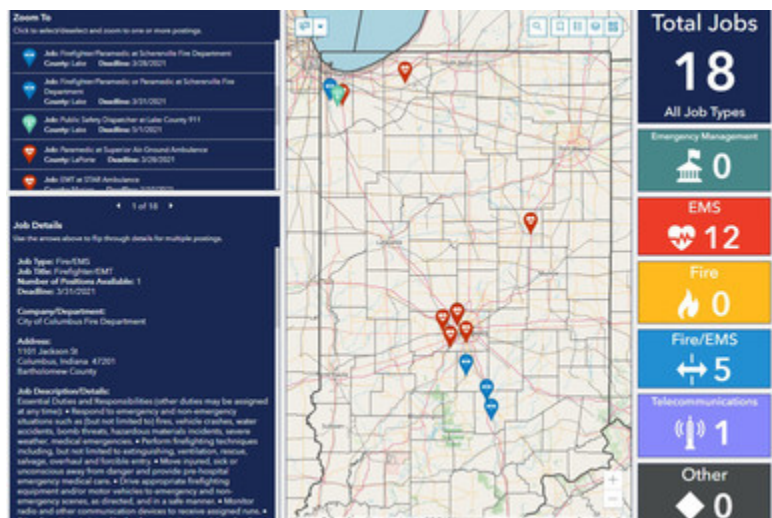
Communication is a two-way street, and it is the cornerstone of public safety. Without fluid communication, unnecessary errors are bound to occur. Always remember that being an effective communicator is just as important as knowing the course material you are teaching.

Wade Walling, Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

## Public Safety Job Postings Dashboard

Visit the new IDHS Public Safety Job Postings dashboard, designed to showcase first responder job opportunities available across Indiana!

Click [here](#) to browse for jobs or submit a new job posting.



Academy Program Manager  
(districts 5 and 6)  
[Megan Thiele](#)

Academy District Field Training  
Manager (districts 7, 8, 9 and  
10)  
[Zach Westfall](#)

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## Academy Certification Staff

Certification Supervisor  
[Donna Saine](#)

Program Coordinator  
[Regine Johnson](#)

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

Clerical Assistant  
[Teri Dearmin](#)

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## New Academy Program Manager



*Photo courtesy of Megan  
Thiele.*

The Academy is excited to  
announce Megan Thiele as the  
new Academy program  
manager for districts 5 and 6.

In addition to working as a  
program manager, Megan will  
also take over the Get Alarmed  
program and work with the  
IDHS Code Enforcement  
Section to build a community  
fire risk reduction plan for  
Indiana. Megan is already well-  
known in the Indiana fire  
service and will be instrumental  
in helping the Academy improve  
its training programs.

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## Academy Firefighter Confidence Trainer



*Photo courtesy of the [Monroe Township \(Cowan\) Volunteer Fire Department](#).*

On March 13, the Monroe Twp. (Cowan) Volunteer Fire Department and Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department came together to train with the Academy's Firefighter Confidence Trainer.

Designed as a multi-story self-contained breathing apparatus trailer, the Firefighter Confidence Trainer uses a multitude of props to provide trainees with real-life training situations.

Indiana fire departments interested in renting the Firefighter Confidence Trainer for training sessions can submit a request to the Academy via [Acadis](#).

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## Fire Department Spotlight

### Clarksville Fire Department (Clarksville, IN)

Located in southern Clark County in the town of Clarksville, the Clarksville Fire Department (CFD) is a combination fire department that includes 32 full-time and 30 volunteer members who respond from three different stations.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

- March 20-21: Executive Leadership Development 200 (ELD2-210012), Ohio Township FD
- March 22-June 21: Academy (MAND, HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2) (FBA210034), Lapel Stoney Creek Township FD
- April 7-Aug. 28: Fire Instructor I Academy (HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2), Black Township Fire & Rescue VFD

The CFD provides fire, rescue, hazmat and medical first-responder services to the town of Clarksville as well as portions of I-65 and the Ohio River.



*The CFD's fire engine 71, a 2018 Seagrave Marauder II Pumper.*

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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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