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Academy Training Staff

Message from the Director

I want to discuss solar and green energy home fire suppression this month. Did you know the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) has added a firefighter safety training course on "Photovoltaic Systems?" This is now available at: <https://training.fsri.org/course/003-photovoltaic-systems>. In this course, you will examine the hazards associated with photovoltaic systems and essential safety considerations related to suppression, ventilation and overhaul operations on the fireground.

Indiana State Fire Marshal Thacker and I have taken this course. I found that it provides valuable information that firefighters should know before fire suppression efforts on solar and green energy homes. This course took me less than one hour from start to finish, and there is a test after the training is complete. One of the great things about this course is this training is free and online. However, you will need to create a free account to take the training. Once you pass the test, you can download your certification. If you would like it added to your Acadis portal, please email your certificate to firecertifications@dhs.in.gov.

Wade Walling
Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

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Upcoming Trainings

Fire Marshal Interchange/Roadshow Course—Course Number NT210167

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- May 7, 2022
- MADE@Plainfield 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

Public Safety Leadership Development Block 100—Course Number PSLD 1- 210008

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- May 13, 14, & 16, 2022

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NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4.11 Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

4.11.1* Basic life support (BLS) emergency medical services shall be available on site to handle injuries.

4.11.1.1 For acquired structures, BLS emergency medical services with transport capabilities shall be available on site to handle injuries.

4.11.2 A parking area for an ambulance or an emergency medical services vehicle shall be designated and located where it will facilitate a prompt response in the event of

- Tri-Township Fire 601 Hamburg Way Sellersburg, IN 47172

National Fire Academy Courses

The National Fire Academy is hosting a **2-day virtual** offerings of the Executive Skills Series in May thru August. More information can be found by selecting the link below for dates and descriptions.

S0520 [Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities \(fema.gov\)](#)

S0521 [Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change \(fema.gov\)](#)

S0522 [Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations \(fema.gov\)](#)

S0523 [Executive Skill Series: Exercising Leadership Ethically \(fema.gov\)](#)

F0321 - Incident Command for Highrise Operations

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 7-8
- MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

F0142 - Residential Sprinkler Plan Review

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 22-23
- MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

F0633 - Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- July 19-20
- MADE@Plainfield 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

F0634 - Youth Firesetter Program Manager

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- August 16-17
- MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

The U.S. Secret Service and Indiana State University are hosting a presentation on [Behavior-Based Approaches to Preventing Targeted Violence](#).

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- August 8

personal injury to participants in the evolution.

4.11.3 Written reports shall be completed and submitted on all injuries and on all medical aid rendered.

Next month we will cover NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4.12 Water Supply.

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.

- Indiana State University, Hulman Memorial Student Union, 550 Chestnut St., Terre Haute, IN 47809

To register contact Travis.Behem@indstate.edu with email name, organization name, address, and contact number.

Fire Department Spotlight

Rockville-Adams Township Fire Department



Rockville is located 75 miles west of Indianapolis along US-36 in central Parke County. The Rockville-Adams Township fire department was established in 1871 as the Rockville Fire Company. It was reorganized in 1906 by Chief Lewis Wallace Brown at the request of the Town Council. Fire Chief Jim Veach leads Rockville-Adams Fire, and the fire department has 17 members, with one member on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Assistant Chief Josh Sorrels is the fire department's chief inspector and building commissioner, Monday through Friday. The Rockville-Adams Township Fire Department provides fire and rescue protection to 80 square miles, including Rockville and Adams Township.

PFAS



March 16: [Governor Holcomb](#) joined State Fire Marshal Thacker in Greensburg to discuss The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) program to collect Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) foam

from Indiana fire agencies.

The state will remove and properly dispose of PFAS material from any agency that requests it. **This is a free service with no additional requirements for fire agencies.**

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.

Contact the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy at
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