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Message from the Administrator

Let me start by thanking all Indiana first responders and public safety officials for their continued hard work and dedication during this pandemic. It is because of you and your calling to help people in need that I am honored to be counted among Hoosier first responders.



The Academy has been forced to make significant adjustments to its training curriculum due to social distancing and quarantine requirements. As things slowly begin reopening according to the [Back on Track Indiana plan](#), the Academy also will be loosening some of its restrictions on face-to-face training, skills and testing.

Because the continuation of this training is vital to Indiana public safety, fire training and testing will continue to be held. Additional guidance is below. Because each training and testing site is unique, the Academy staff will closely monitor sites to reduce the risk of exposure to participants.

Guidelines:

- Class or testing group is limited is 20 individuals.
- All participants will be screened for illness prior to event, following established criteria.
- Sanitation of the site and equipment will be carefully planned and executed according to CDC guidelines.

Please reach out to your Academy district program manager if you have any questions: (D1-3) pbradley@dhs.in.gov; (D4-6, 9) pmellencamp@dhs.in.gov; (D7,8,9) ewestfall@dhs.in.gov.

Thank you.

Wade Walling, Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

Funding Opportunities

Regional Training

Program Coordinator
[Regine Johnson](#)

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Training Dates & Locations

Register for certification classes in [ACADIS](#). Register for FLASHOVER classes [here](#).

- May 16: Emergency Medical Responder (FR47-01-20), Shawswick Fire Department
- May 17 & June 27: Fire Behavior and FLASHOVER Recognition & Survival, MAAC
- May 20: Fire Officer 2 (FO20044), Evansville Fire Department Training Site
- May 22: Driver Operator Aerial, Muncie Fire Department
- May 30: Vehicle Machinery Rescue Ops. (VMRO0059), Putnam County Training Site
- June 1: Driver Operator Pumper, Crawfordsville
- June 8-12: Rope Rescue Operations & Technician, MAAC
- June 13: Fire Investigator, Lafayette Training Center
- June 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 27 & 28: Vehicle Rescuer Operations & Technician (VMRO0062), MAAC
- June 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30; July 11, 14: Fire Officer I (FO10018), MAAC
- June 15: Instructor Development, Decatur County Sheriff's Office

The Regional Public Safety Fund – Local Training Support Grant **application period closes tonight, May 15, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.** The NOFO is available on the [IDHS website](#).

New funding opportunities for FY2021 will be announced in the coming months.

NOTE: This funding model has been adopted to provide an equitable allocation process for public safety training across Indiana. It addresses the need to support the true training needs of all districts while also ensuring a consistent, quality training process for Indiana first responders.

Questions on accessing iGMS should be directed to Beth Clark, bclark@dhs.in.gov.

Specialty Training

The Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy offers financial assistance through the Regional Public Safety Fund [to support regional training opportunities](#) intended for first responders seeking state certification and continuing education. Specialty Training Support is designed to provide assistance to agencies wanting to enhance continuing education.

The funds awarded will be distributed within the fiscal year of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Application period is open from May 8, 2020, to June 15, 2020. [More information](#) is available.

Eligible applicants include:

- District fire training councils
- Career fire departments
- Combination fire departments
- Volunteer fire departments
- Non-fire affiliated EMS agencies

PPE Guidance for First Responders

The safety of first responders is critical to this fight against COVID-19. The Indiana EMS section at IDHS has issued a variety of guidance documents to help first responder properly use PPE, identify potential COVID patients and otherwise protect themselves.

The EMS and first responder guidance can be found [here](#).

Fire Department Spotlight

Connersville Fire Department

Established in 1848, the Connersville Fire Department (CFD) is located in east central Indiana and covers approximately 8 square miles inside Fayette County. This full-time department provides fire, rescue, hazmat and BLS protection to more than 17,000 residents across more than 40 square miles from its three stations. Staffed with 28 full-time members, the CFD uses nine firefighters per shift to protect Connersville facilities, including six



schools, several nursing homes and medical facilities. Members of the CFD joined the International Association of Firefighters in 1973 and formed Local 2205. Local 2205 remains strong and is responsible for the high quality of firefighters that make CFD the great department that it is today.

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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