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Academy Training Staff

Message from the Academy Director

When you were a new recruit in the fire service, did you have an instructor who positively influenced you? Was it because of their passionate attitude, subject matter expertise or the way they motivated you to become a better firefighter?

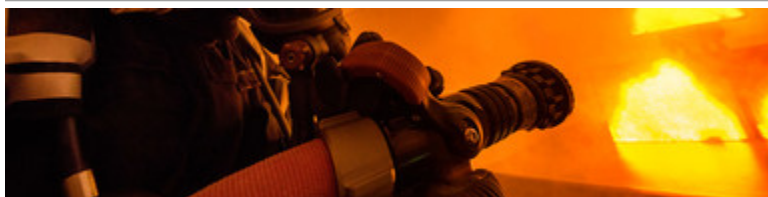
As the Academy begins onboarding new fire service instructors, these are the qualities we are looking for in our applicants. There are a limited number of instructor positions available, so we want to choose the most passionate and qualified candidates to train our Indiana firefighters.

If you have Fire Instructor II or III certification and are willing to travel the state to teach fire service training, please consider applying. Take the wisdom and experiences you've gained as a firefighter and use it to motivate, coach and mentor Indiana's future fire service members.

Prospective applicants should submit their resume to Elizabeth Westfall, Academy operations director, at ewestfall@dhs.in.gov.

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

Wade Walling, Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy



Live Fire Required for Firefighter I/II

It has been brought to the Academy's attention that some instructors are simulating live fire training for Firefighter I/II

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Holiday Cooking Safety

For many Hoosiers, the kitchen becomes the heart of the home during the holiday season. Cooking fires, however, are the [number one cause](#) of home fires and injuries in the United States.

To keep the holidays festive and safe, local fire departments should spread the word about kitchen safety in their communities. A few common tips include:

- Never leave cooking unattended, as it it one

certification courses. While this may be helpful to prepare students for live fire training, they are required to have actual live fire training and testing.

It is not acceptable for an instructor to use fire simulation equipment in place of live fire training. Instructors are expected to train students in real-world conditions so they can better prepare them for their jobs. Not having live fire training can cause an entire class to retake Firefighter I/II in part or in its entirety.

Academy staff are currently reaching out to instructors who have simulated live fire training and are working with them to have students re-trained using live fire. If you have trouble finding locations to hold live fire training, please contact your Academy program manager:

- Districts 1, 2 and 3 - [Paul Bradley](#)
- Districts 4, 5 and 6 - [Phil Mellencamp](#)
- Districts 7, 8, 9 and 10 - [Zach Westfall](#)



Academy Appreciates Fire Service Equipment Generosity

The Indiana fire service has a long-standing tradition of loaning gear, training props, equipment, tools and fire apparatuses that are necessary to conduct firefighter training throughout the state. The Academy appreciates the continued support of local fire departments providing these needed items.

The Academy is currently attempting to purchase firefighter training equipment, but must choose between earmarking training funds for firefighter training consumables and paying instructors or using some of those funds to purchase training equipment. While the Academy is using every option possible to obtain training equipment, it must continue to rely on the generosity of local fire departments.

The Academy cannot pay for or replace the cost of damaged equipment, tools and props. Academy instructors do their best to maintain equipment, but accidents can happen. This is why it is important for fire departments to determine if they should loan firefighting gear and equipment during state-funded courses.

of the leading causes of kitchen fires.

- Keep flammable objects at least three feet away from the stovetop.
- Never attempt to use a stove or stovetop while sleepy or under the influence of alcohol.

For more cooking safety tips, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Nov. 10, 2020-March 23, 2021: Academy (HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2) (FA0014), Auburn Fire Dept.
- Dec. 1-31: Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST0166), Mount Etna Fire Dept.
- Dec. 2, 2020-Jan. 9, 2021: Fire Inspector II (INSP20014), MAAC Training Center

Again, the Academy appreciates the continued support!

Fire Department Spotlight

Winchester Fire Department (Winchester, IN)

Established in 1897, the Winchester Fire Department (WFD) is a combination fire department that provides fire, rescue and BLS services to more than 5,000 residents in the town of Winchester, located 90 miles northeast of Indianapolis in central Randolph County. The WFD is composed of 26 members (including two full-time personnel who are on duty at all times) and responds to more than 300 emergency runs each year.



The Winchester Fire Department's Engine No. 6.

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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