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The Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy has a **new Facebook page** where you can get the latest information from the Academy including up-to-date information on current classes.

Academy Training Staff

Message from the Director

The International Fire Chiefs Association has released three updated reports (below) that are worth the read. You can also download these reports on the Academy's [website](#) under Recent Updates.

1. [Fire Service Women of Vision and Leadership](#)
2. [Updated Lavender Ribbon Report - Reducing Exposure to Carcinogens](#)
3. [Updated Yellow Ribbon Report - Behavioral Wellness](#)

Staffing Update:



The Academy would like to welcome Chuck Gunter as the Program Manager for District 6 & 9. Chuck is a Lieutenant with the Greensburg City Fire Department and has been in the fire service since 1994. Chuck holds many fire certifications such as Instructor II/III, Fire Officer IV, Swift Water Tech, Rope Rescue Tech, Confined Space Tech, HAZMAT Tech and is an active EMT. Chuck will be a great asset to the Academy and the Fire Service in this role.

Megan Thiele will continue to be the Program Manager for Districts 4 & 5.

Zach Westfall will continue to be the Program Manager for Districts 7, 8 and 10.

Donna Saine has moved into a new position within IDHS and is no longer working at the Academy.



The Academy would also like to congratulate Nichelle (Shelly) Elliot for being named the new Fire Certification Supervisor. Shelly has been in fire certifications for over 14 years and has considerable experience in the Academy's fire certifications. If you need fire certification assistance, please reach out to her. Email: nelliott@dhs.IN.gov Cell Phone: 317-518-3545.

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Academy Certification Staff

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[Nichelle Elliot](#)

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Continuation of NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions Chapter 4.7.7 - 4.7.14

4.7.7 All instructors shall be qualified by the AHJ to deliver live fire training.

4.7.8 Additional instructors shall be designated when factors such as extreme temperatures or large groups are present, and classes of long duration are planned.

4.7.9 Prior to the ignition of any fire, instructors shall ensure that all protective clothing and equipment specified in this chapter are being worn

IDHS/IDEM collecting PFAS foam from Indiana fire agencies

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will launch a program to collect Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) foam from Indiana fire agencies. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, evidence has shown exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse health outcomes in humans.

The PFAS initiative focuses on protecting firefighter safety. 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.**

In 2020, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1189, prohibiting the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS for training purposes ([Read relevant Indiana Code](#)). The new collection and disposal program allows Indiana to protect Hoosier firefighters and the environment.

Minimizing exposure to Class B firefighting foam will have a big impact on the health of firefighters across Indiana.

To better understand how much PFAS- containing AFFF firefighting foam is present in Indiana, all fire service organizations are asked to voluntarily complete the survey below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and collaboration regarding this joint initiative.

Note: Only one representative from each fire agency should complete the survey.

[Click here for additional information about PFAS and the program.](#)

Complete the Survey Now

Acadis Update

Acadis Production will be taking an outage December 2nd, 2021 (Thursday) to upgrade the database and the application to version 4.21.1.5

This outage will affect all areas of Acadis.including:

- Acadis Suite (admin side)
- Acadis Portal (user side)
- Acadis online testing/exams
- All other related functionality

The outage is scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. EST and will last until midnight.

according to manufacturer's instructions.

4.7.10 Instructors shall take a personal accountability report (PAR) when entering and exiting the structure or prop during an actual attack evolution conducted in accordance with this standard.

4.7.11 Instructors shall monitor and supervise all assigned students during the live fire training evolution.

4.7.12* Awareness of weather conditions, wind velocity, and wind direction shall be maintained, including a final check for possible changes in weather conditions immediately before actual ignition.

4.7.13 Training Instructors on How to Use Specialty Props.

4.7.13.1 The instructors and the safety officer responsible for conducting live fire training evolutions with a gas-fueled training system or with other specialty props (such as flashover simulator) shall be trained in the complete operation of the system and the props.

4.7.13.2 The training of instructors and the safety officer shall be performed by an individual authorized by the gas-fueled training system and specialty prop manufacturer or by others qualified to perform this type of training.

4.7.14 Training Instructors on How to Develop a Ventilation-

Controlled Evolution. The instructors and safety officers responsible for conducting live fire training evolutions with flow path and ventilation-controlled conditions shall be trained in means to develop the evolutions as specified in 4.13.7

Next Month in the December Bugle we will cover NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions- Fire Control Teams Chapter 4.8 - 4.8.6.

Please make sure any individuals who manage or run activities that involve Acadis (i.e., Online Testing) are notified of this outage.

Upcoming Trainings

[Click Here for the Academy Training Schedule](#)

The full schedule for the 2022 Public Safety Leadership Development Course can be accessed [here](#).

Fire Department Spotlight

Carmel Fire Department:



The City of Carmel Fire Department (CDF) is led by Fire Chief David Haboush. CFD has 13 civilian staff working behind the scenes, and 171 uniformed firefighters that respond from six stations covering an area of 52 square miles. CFD's frontline fleet responds to nearly 9,000 emergencies a year. With nearly 1/3 of the Firefighters being Paramedics, CFD excels in providing excellent medical care to over 100,000 full time residents. Carmel Fire has a great working relationship with the city government, and council. Although Carmel continues to grow at record pace, the department is given the tools to continue to grow and evolve exceeding the communities expectations.



The Carmel Fire Department is responsible for providing emergency fire, medical, tactical rescue and hazardous materials service to the City of Carmel and Clay Township. Carmel is bordered by the White River to the east; Michigan Road and the

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.

county line to the west; 96th Street to the south and 146th Street to the north.



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 firecertifications@dhs.in.gov