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The holidays are fast approaching, most of Indiana has already seen snow this season, and there is no sign of stopping anytime soon. It is important to take a minute and remind everyone that home fires occur more in winter than in any other time of year. Did you know one in every five home fire deaths involves heating equipment? As you stay warm and cozy this winter be sure to keep fire safety in mind. You also can help your local fire departments by adopting a fire hydrant this winter and keeping snow and ice five feet away from your adopted fire hydrant.

Here are some quick tips for you to remember:

1. Plug only one heating appliance into an electrical outlet at a time.
2. Make sure your vents and chimneys are free of buildup creosote, debris, dirt and dust. Don't forget to have them inspected.
3. Keep everything at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, or space heaters.



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Indiana Fire & Public Safety Training Academy is saddened to learn that Donald Abbott passed away at age 75. Don was a legend in the Indiana Fire Service.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Abbott was an Eagle Scout and served in the U.S. Army,

according to his obituary. He retired from the Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department, where he developed and managed the Command Training Center for eight years. He coordinated [Project Mayday](#), a comprehensive study of [Mayday](#) responses and incidents.

Abbott traveled the country presenting the "Abbottville" [training](#) simulator diorama, training emergency

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Upcoming Trainings

**Fire - Academy (HMA, HMO,
FFI, FF2) - FA220191**

- Dec. 5, 2022
- Wabash Fire Department

1000 N. Wabash St.
Wabash, IN 46992

**Fire - Public Safety
Leadership Development 200
- Public Safety Leadership
Development PSLD 2 -210018**

- Dec. 15, 2022
- “Izzy Edelman”
Richmond Fire/Police
Training Facility

responders in emergency incidents and disasters. He retired as a division chief from the Warren Township (IN) Fire Department after more than 20 years of service, having developed and headed the department's Special Operations Division. He was an [FDIC International](#) speaker and a *Fire Engineering* author. He was presented with the 2006 George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award from the International Society of Fire Service Instructors. He will be inducted into the National Fire Heritage Center Hall of Leaders, Legends, and Legacies Class of 2023.

Fire Department Spotlights

Vernon Township Fire Department



Check out the new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) that Vernon Township Fire Department received recently! These were desperately needed to replace their old SCBAs that were more than 18 years old. Vernon FD would like to thank Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MESFire) for new tools to keep their firefighters safe.

Ligonier Fire Department



1740 S. 8th St.
Richmond, IN 47374

EMS - Emergency Medical Technician- EMT0070

- Dec. 21, 2022
- Lutheran EMS Training Institution

2101 Dubois Dr.
Warsaw, IN 46580

On Nov. 5, 2022, the Ligonier Fire Department had an open house and dedication of their new fire station. Several people attended the dedication and walked through the station. The Ligonier Fire Department thanks the department members and the community for visiting the department's new home. This state-of-the-art fire station will serve the community of Ligonier for many years to come. There are so many nice features to this station. If you're in the area, take time and stop and visit. They certainly will let you go down the slide.



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.



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