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## Message from the Director

October is fire safety month, and it signals the beginning of the heating months. October also is a time to celebrate Halloween. Did you know that for each year from 2017 to 2019, an estimated average of 9,200 fires were reported to fire departments in the United States over the three-day period surrounding the Halloween holiday? These fires caused an estimated annual average of 25 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$117 million in property loss. What causes the most Halloween fires? According to the US fire Administration, “the leading causes of residential Halloween fires were cooking (49%); heating (12%), careless acts (8%); and electrical malfunctions (8%)” As we march forward into the heating season and celebrate Halloween, lets help our communities by being active participants in fire safety and prevention. Below are the top Halloween fire safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric
- Teach children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms are working.

Wade Walling  
Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

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**IDHS/IDEM collecting PFAS foam from Indiana fire agencies**

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## NFPA 1403 Chapter 4.7.1 – 4.7.6.2

### 4.7 Instructor-in-Charge and Instructors.

**4.7.1** The instructor shall meet  
the minimum job performance

requirements for Fire Instructor  
I in NFPA 1041.

**N 4.7.2** The instructor-in-charge  
shall meet the minimum job

performance requirements for  
Fire Instructor II in NFPA 1041.

**4.7.3** The instructor-in-charge  
shall be responsible for full

compliance with this standard.

**4.7.4** It shall be the  
responsibility of the instructor-  
in-charge to

coordinate overall fireground  
activities to ensure correct  
levels of safety.

**4.7.5** The instructor-in-charge  
shall assign the following

personnel:

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](#)

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## Upcoming Trainings

Each month, the Fire and Public Safety Academy will provide training updates from the NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, 2018 Edition. These updates will serve as a reminder for the different requirements associated with live fire training.

- Fire - Academy (HMA, HMO, FFI, FF2) - FA210089 (District 9)
  - Dates: 11/10/2021 - 04/13/2022
  - Class Location: VERSAILLES VFD 113 S. Washington St. P.O. Box 434 Versailles, IN 47042
- ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents - 20211107 (District 1)
  - Dates: 11/07/2021 to 11/14/2021
  - Location: MAAC Training Center 4203 Montdale Park Drive Valparaiso, IN 46383
- ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – 20211129 (District 5)

1. One instructor to each functional crew, each of which shall not exceed five students
2. One instructor to each backup line
3. One additional instructor for each additional functional assignment

**4.7.6** The instructor-in-charge shall provide for rest and rehabilitation

of participants operating at the scene, including any

necessary medical evaluation and treatment, food and fluid

replenishment, and relief from climatic conditions. (See

*Annex D.*)

**4.7.6.1\*** Instructors shall be rotated through duty assignments.

An instructor shall not serve as the ignition officer for

more than one evolution in a row.

**4.7.6.2** Assignment rotation, rest, and rehabilitation shall be

provided for instructors.

**Next Month: Continue NFPA 1403 Chapter 4.7** Instructor-In-Charge and Instructors. 4.7.7-4.7.14

## 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

- Dates: 11/29/2021 to 12/01/2021
- Location: MADE@Plainfield 1610 Reeves Rd Plainfield, IN 46168
- ICS 400: Advanced ICS Command & General Staff - 20211204 (District 1)
  - Dates: 12/04/2021 to 12/05/2021
  - Location: MAAC Training Center 4203 Montdale Park Drive Valparaiso, IN 46383
- Public Safety Leadership Development 100 - PSLD 1-210007 (District 2)
  - Dates: 01/22/2022 to 01/23/2022,
  - Location: Warsaw Fire Department- Warsaw Fairgrounds
- Public Safety Leadership Development 200 - PSLD 2 - 210014 (District 1)
  - Dates: 12/11/2021 to 12/12/2021
  - Location: Dyer Fire Department, 2150 Hart Street Dyer, IN 46311
- Public Safety Leadership Development 300- PSLD3-210009 (District 1)
  - Dates: 01/08/2022 to 01/09/2022
  - Location: Dyer Fire Department, 2150 Hart Street Dyer, IN 46311
- National Fire Academy - F0195 - Campus Fire and Life Safety III: Codes and Systems
  - Dates: 03/02/2022 to 03/03/2022
  - Location: MADE@PLAINFIELD, 1610 Reeves Rd Plainfield, IN 46168
- National Fire Academy - F0636 - Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction
  - Dates: 04/09/2022 to 04/10/2022
  - Location: MADE@PLAINFIELD, 1610 Reeves Rd Plainfield, IN 46168

## Fire Department Spotlight

City of Bedford Fire Department

your information below the dashboard.



Fire Chief John Hughes leads the City of Bedford Fire Department. The City of Bedford is located 75 miles SSW of Indianapolis along IN-37 in central Lawrence County. Established in 1892, this career department includes 37 fulltime members and one Office Manager. Bedford Fire responds to approximately 600-700 runs each year and provides fire and rescue protection to 15,000 residents and 12.5 square miles in the City of Bedford. Bedford also provide extrication rescue response to the entire 56 square miles of Lawrence County.



Recently, Academy Program Manager Megan Thiele attended a fire prevention event at the Bedford Fire Department. The well-attended event included distinguished guests Bedford Mayor Sam Craig, State Senator Eric Koch, and Bedford School Superintendent Dr. Ty Mungle. However, the most distinguished guests were the 5th grade students who were honored for winning the poster contest that represented the US Fire Administration's 2021 Fire Prevention theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". This fire prevention and safety poster contest has been challenging Bedford students in grade 5 to create safety posters for over 50 years. The winners are honored by the City of Bedford and the fire department. The staff of the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy would like to congratulate the winners. Great Job!



(Bedford Fire honors Bedford students in grade 5 who created posters for U.S. Fire Administrations 2021 theme “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”)

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