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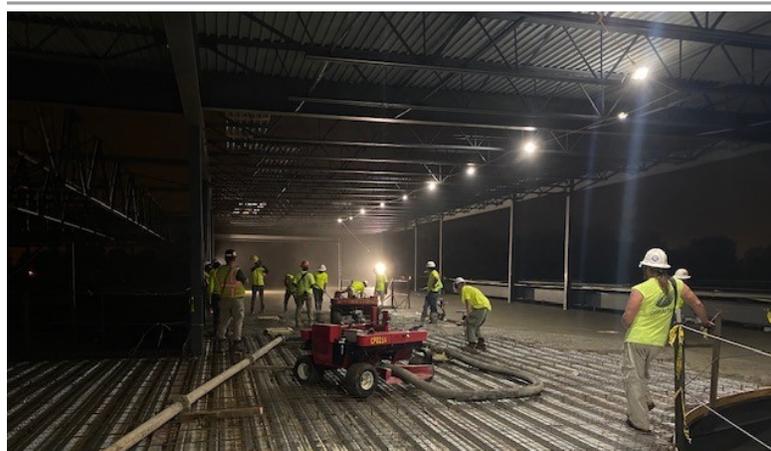
With heating season right around the corner, I ask every Indiana fire department to consider partnering with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Get Alarmed smoke alarm campaign in order to help Hoosiers who need working smoke alarms installed in their homes.

Did you know three out of five residential fire deaths result from fires occurring in properties without working smoke alarms?

According to the IDHS [Residential Fire Fatalities Map](#), Indiana has already experienced more than 50 fire fatalities in 2020, including seven children. The risk of dying in a residential fire is cut in half for homes with working smoke alarms and can ultimately mean the difference between life and death.

The Get Alarmed smoke alarm campaign has been working closely with Indiana fire departments since 2019 to distribute and install alarms across the state at no cost. These smoke alarms will be installed by members of participating fire departments and our partners from Express 911 Board Up, Michaelis and 1-800-BOARDUP. Citizens who want smoke alarms can request them through their local fire department.

The Indiana State Fire Marshal is accepting requests from fire departments to install smoke alarms in their communities. If your fire department is interested in joining, please visit the [Get Alarmed webpage](#) for more information.



Plainfield's "MADE@Plainfield" higher education project continues to make great construction progress. Created through a collaborative partnership between IDHS and six other

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Six Ways to Reduce Cancer in the Fire Service



Article by Chief Todd J. LeDuc

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 39% of men and women will be diagnosed with some form of cancer at some point during their lifetime. Based upon the findings of the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health report, firefighters have a 9% elevated risk of cancer than the general population and a 14% elevation of mortality than the general population.

The reality is that firefighters face certain health risks which require more rigorous screening for early detection and survival.

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Upcoming Training Dates

- Oct. 5-Nov. 10: Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST0162), Wabash Township VFD

organizations, MADE@Plainfield will offer post-secondary education and training for adults of all ages. The project is scheduled for completion in July 2021.

Training and Instructor Updates

- **Indiana's New Online Training Platform:** The Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy is proud to announce a new partnership with the Health and Safety Institute to offer an online training platform offering more than 200 continuing education and re-certification courses for firefighters, EMS personnel and EMTs/paramedics. All 24-7 EMS or 24-7 FIRE courses are approved by the Academy to meet continuing education and professional development requirements in Indiana. Please visit the [Academy webpage](#) for more information.
- **IFSTA and ResourceOne:** The International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) Firefighter I/II and Mandatory interactive content is now available for instructors to use as a companion to traditional learning models. The interactive content is designed to replace the lecture part of the course and allows more time to be spent on skills. It is available through your IFSTA representative. All students and instructors will need to have a ResourceOne account to use the content. A companion app also is available for iPhone.
- **Mandatory Training Program:** The Mandatory Training Program has been adjusted with the recommendation for 40 classroom hours and 52 hours of skills demonstration and practice. There are 82 required skills for completion. Recommended total hours for the course (including testing) is 103 hours.
- **Course Request WebForm:** Instructors must submit their syllabus when requesting a certification course. The syllabus must be attached to the actual course request or the process is halted until one can be produced. This may cause a delay in the course start date.
- **Updates to Vehicle Rescuer Operations Curriculum:** Emergency rule #19-180 (E), section 40 has adopted the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 2017 edition's section on Vehicle Rescuer Operations. The adoption of NFPA 1006 now requires that six rope operation job performance requirements (JPR) must be met prior to receiving certification in Vehicle Rescuer Operations. These JPRs must be conducted during a Vehicle Rescuer Operations course unless all students have Rope Operations Certification prior to taking the course. For more information, please contact your respective Academy field program manager.

Fire Department Spotlight

Rising Sun Fire-Rescue Emergency Medical Service (Rising Sun, IN)

The river town of Rising Sun is located 30 miles west of Cincinnati, OH, in Ohio County, IN. Established in 1878, this 30-member volunteer fire department responds to 175 fire/rescue

- Oct. 6-17: Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST0164), Cicero Township VFD
- Oct. 12-22: Fire Officer One (FO10139), Greensburg FD
- Oct. 13-Nov. 3: Fire Instructor One (INST10234), Versailles Fire Rescue
- Oct. 21-Nov. 3: Fire Investigator One (INVEST0028), Hamilton County Training Center

runs each year and provides fire, rescue and first responder medical services to approximately 5,800 residents and 69 square miles. Their area includes 3/4 of Ohio County within Randolph, Cass and Union townships.



Pictured above: The Rising Sun Fire-Rescue Emergency Medical Service's 1957 Howe Pumper. This apparatus still works and passes its pump test every year but is primarily relegated to parade duty.

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