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Many Indiana fire instructors are familiar with the lead instructor and lead evaluator documents associated with each certification course offered by the Academy. These documents have changed through time and now come in various formats depending on the discipline you are teaching. We realize this is a problem, and, in the coming months, you will begin to see a new format and documents with each course when it is updated and released. Academy staff continue to work diligently to update our firefighter training curriculum documents with subject matter expert committees from across Indiana. As we finalize the formatting with each curriculum, we hope those involved in firefighter training will see a marked improvement over the old documents.

To make things easier for everyone, the Academy will no longer refer to these documents as the lead instructor and lead evaluator documents. The new documents will simply be referred to as “course documents” and will replace the old documents in Acadis. We will do three things as we roll out the latest and updated curriculum. One, we will set a sunset date for the old curriculum and old documents that will stipulate the last date those documents may be used. Second, we will have a start date for the new curriculum and *course documents* to take effect. Finally, we will post a 20–30 minute online training in Acadis for instructors that will allow them to remain current with any curriculum changes. We are doing this because these documents need to be standardized to reduce confusion and make training better for instructors. We hope the new formatting will better serve the Indiana fire service.

Wade Walling
Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

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Instructor/Proctor/Evaluator Update:

- New variance and reciprocity documents on the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education website: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/boards-and-commissions/firefighting-personnel-standards-and-education/> located under **Policies and Forms**
- The Academy has identified an issue with the swift water certification due to the Board of Firefighting Personnel

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Standards and Educations (education board) 2022 emergency rules.

Until the surface water curriculum committee has selected and implemented the curriculum statewide, we have identified a temporary solution.

educations board's rule 655 IAC 1-2.1-106 swift water rescuer-operations

Sec. 106. (b) The minimum training standards for swift water rescuer-operations certification shall be as set out in Chapter 18, Section 18.2 of that specific document titled NFPA 1006, standard for technical rescue personnel professional qualifications, 2021 edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.(c) The candidate shall have been certified as:

- (1) a technical rescuer-awareness;
- (2) a rope rescuer-operations; and
- (3) surface water operations.

To host a swift water operations course, students must be certified in surface water. The workaround the Academy has identified is to request a variance not to take the surface water cognitive/written exam and to have the surface water certification issued to your student(s) through a variance during a swift water course. However, during the swift water course, the instructor must teach the JPRs skills for surface water set out in chapter 17 NFPA 1006, 2021 edition, and the lead evaluator must test the Job Performance Requirements (JPR) skills for surface water and then submit those skills with your swift water course. The exact process will be used for the swift water technician course.

Upcoming Trainings

The Academy has released one (1) new online training in Acadis and has a second training to be released later this month.

1. Online LMS Training - INDOT-IDEM Spill Response (live now)
2. Online LMS Training Building Codes for Firefighters (will release end of September, 2022)
 - , All Hazards Operations Section Chief (L958)
 - Sept. 27, 2022
 - MADE@Plainfield, Plainfield, IN 46168
 - All Hazards Public Information Officer (L952)
 - Oct 3-7, 2022, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - 3500 North Harlan Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711
 - ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
 - Oct.17-19, 2022

- Lafayette Fire Department, 2070 S. 500 E. Lafayette, IN 47902
 - Driver/Operator Pumper
 - Oct. 17-31, 2022
 - District 4 Lafayette Training Center, 2070 South 500 East, Lafayette, IN 47905
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Fire Department Spotlight

Brown County Volunteer Fire Department

Led by Fire Chief Nick Kelp and incorporated in 1954, the Brown County Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD) was the first fire department in Brown County, Indiana. With an average yearly run volume of 600-700 emergency calls, BCVFD is the first response for the town of Nashville and Washington Township. BCVFD also serves most of the Brown County State Park, Yellowwood State Forest and covers 102 square miles of land and water.



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.

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