



HUB-AND-SPOKE TRAINING PROPOSAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Gov. Eric Holcomb has proposed expanding the current regional training model with a significant statewide investment. Learn more at on.in.gov/nextlevel-firefighting.

How much money is involved in this proposal?

- \$24.2 million
 - \$13.1 million for training locations
 - \$10 million across five (5) years for volunteer turnout gear and SCBA
 - \$1.1 million for new training props to be used across the state

Have new training sites been selected?

No, the proposed 16 new primary training sites have not been selected. Communities that want to be considered for the new sites should submit to the [online survey](#) available on the IDHS website.

How can I get my community considered for a new proposed training site?

Please submit your information to the [online survey](#) available on the IDHS website. Officials with the Indiana State Fire Marshal office and the Fire and Public Safety Academy system will review the information and contact fire personnel directly when appropriate.

Is there anything I can do to help make this project successful?

Please show your support by contacting your local elected officials about the Hub-and-Spoke training proposal.

Has any funding or equipment been distributed?

No funding or equipment has been allocated. The proposal is still pending approval by the Indiana General Assembly. However, volunteer departments interested in benefitting from this proposed program can submit information to the [online survey](#) available on the IDHS website.

Why are only 14 existing training sites mentioned?

More training sites exist across Indiana; however, not all of them receive state support or are suitable for supplemental investments that would align with what is being proposed for the new training sites. The proposal only includes the existing primary training sites that would receive supplemental state funding to standardize equipment.

Would all volunteer firefighters receive new equipment?

Only volunteer fire departments would be eligible for replacement gear under the current proposal. Equipment would be distributed to departments based on need, and firefighters with turnout gear and SCBA that is more than 10 years old will take priority. Parameters that will be considered include assessed value of the fire territory, population, department budget and age of current equipment.

How much does it cost to provide each firefighter the right PPE?

It costs an average of \$12,000 to provide quality turnout gear and new SCBA equipment.

Who can I talk to about this proposal?

Details and processes surrounding the proposal are not established because the Indiana General Assembly has not approved it yet. Questions may be directed to your local Academy program managers or to firemarshal@dhs.in.gov. Media should contact the IDHS Public Affairs Section at pio@dhs.in.gov.

What kind of structures are being planned for the training sites?

Sites would be equipped with live fire training structures similar to those pictured below.



