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## Message from the Director

As public safety responders, it's important for us to always remain aware of our surroundings, especially with the uncertain and sometimes volatile nature of public demonstrations taking place today. Sometimes, the misguided animosity of those who wish to do harm to first responders—not just police—can present risks as we try to do our job and protect the public.

During this challenging time in our country, we should protect one another always and work hard to remind the community of the role we serve. We are public servants helping those in need. Our professionalism and commitment to the public represents the core of what we do and why we do it. I encourage you all to focus on these guiding principles about public service and rely on those principles in the months ahead.

At the Academy, these principles will guide us as we strive to offer high-quality, innovative training to our communities. Our first responders should represent the best of Hoosiers, and our focus on education and training supports that goal.

Thank you for all you do to serve and protect.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade E. Walling".

Wade Walling, Director of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy

## NFA Cancels On-Campus Classes

Due to the continued travel restrictions and increase of COVID-19 cases, the National Fire Academy (NFA) has cancelled on-campus classes through Oct. 2, 2020. This decision will also cancel state fire training weekends and other group events.

In place of on-campus learning, the NFA will utilize the learning management system of live online sessions, off-line group work and virtual student presentations. Additionally, the deadline to reschedule classes that were cancelled due to COVID-19 has been extended through Nov. 14, 2020.

For more information, visit the NFA's [website](#).



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## Spotlight: Upcoming Training Dates

- July 16: HAZMAT 1st Responder Awareness (HMA0382), Whitestown Fire Department
- Aug. 22-23: Executive Leadership Development 100 (ELD10018), Vincennes University ICAT
- Sept. 26-27: Executive Leadership Development 200 (ELD20011), Vincennes University ICAT
- Oct. 17-18: Executive Leadership Development 300 (ELD 30005), Vincennes University ICAT
- Nov. 14-15: Executive Leadership Development 400 (ELD 40002), Vincennes University ICAT

For a complete list of upcoming training opportunities, visit the [Acadis Portal](#).

## Four Indianapolis Firefighters Injured in July 7 Fire



*Article by Rita Reith*

Battling two kinds of intense heat, four Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) firefighters sustained heat injuries while battling a blaze in a home on Indianapolis' southeast side. Three of the firefighters were transported, with one in serious condition after suffering heat stroke. One member was treated on scene and released.

The occupants of the home, who all managed to escape, told firefighters that the mother and son said they could smell smoke. After further investigation, they found fire in the garage. They grabbed the dog, fled and called 911.

*Continue reading this story at [FireEngineering.com](#).*

## Indiana Open Burning

**IDEIM**

**What you need to know about  
OPEN BURNING**

**WHAT'S ALLOWED?**

- Clean Wood
- Charcoal
- Paper
- Yard Waste

**WHAT'S PROHIBITED?**

- No Trash
- No Chemicals or Plastics
- No Tires
- No Homes/Buildings
- No Demo/Construction Debris

**RESIDENTIAL BURNING**

[www.idem.IN.gov](http://www.idem.IN.gov)

For more information on Indiana's open burning laws, visit <https://idem.in.gov/openburning/>.

## Fire Department Spotlight

### Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department

Established in 1896, the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department is one of the oldest continually operating volunteer fire departments in Indiana.



During the 1950s, the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department combined services with the Marion Township Fire Department to provide more efficient coverage for all residents. In 2003, the Rensselaer Fire Department joined with the Keener, Remington and Wheatfield Fire Departments and formed the Jasper County Firefighters Association. This association was formed so all of the departments could work closely together and provide better coverage to Jasper County.

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department is currently led by Fire Chief Kenny Haun, Deputy Chief Lenny Larson and Assistant Chief Marc Ekstron.

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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