



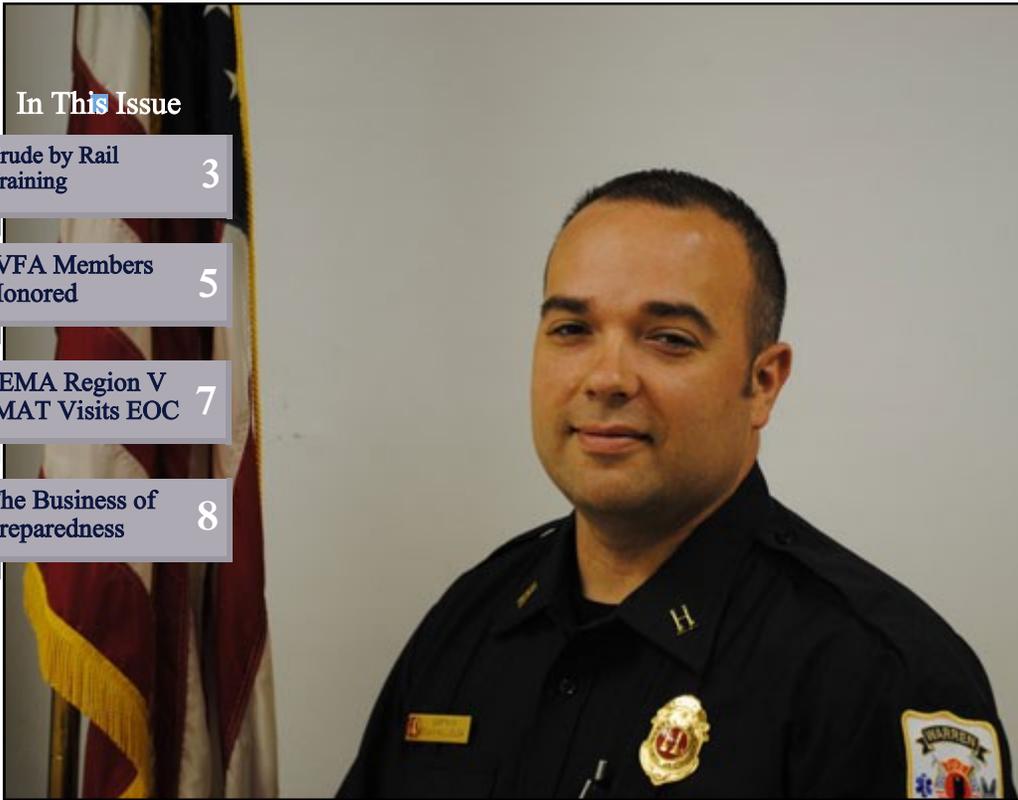
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Warren Township/South Bend Firefighter 1st Hoosier to Receive National Award

Captain Sean Killelea of the Warren Township Fire Department has been announced as the winner of the 2015 Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award. He is being honored for his role in rescuing firefighter Matt O'Donnell and the attempted rescue of Assistant Chief Jamie Middlebrook, both of the New Carlisle Fire Department.

Captain Killelea is the first Indiana firefighter to receive the award. The presentation will be at the opening ceremony of FDIC International on April 22, 2015.

On the evening of August 5, 2014, the New Carlisle Fire Department responded to a reported commercial fire in Willis Township, Indiana. There was heavy fire on arrival, and a defensive attack was initiated.

Middlebrook and O'Donnell stretched a 2½-inch hose to try to protect numerous acetylene cylinders. They were not aware that the fire was in the truss space above the ceiling. The truss system failed, trapping Middlebrook and injuring O'Donnell.

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James Greeson, Indiana
State Fire Marshal

Warren Township Fire Department's Squad 18 responded as mutual aid. Squad 18 Captain Sean Killelea and Firefighters Jay Pendergrass and Aaron Carsten were assigned to staff an attack line in the ongoing defensive

Meet Dr. Michael Olinger, Indiana's New Medical Director EMS

Dr. Michael Olinger has been appointed to the position of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director for the State of Indiana. He is now working with Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson in the EMS Section of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS).

Dr. Olinger graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1983 and did his internal medicine internship at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Denver. He completed his postgraduate training in emergency medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, in 1987. He was the former chief medical director of Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services and the Indianapolis Fire Department from 1991 until his appointment as the state's new EMS medical director at the end of 2014. Dr. Olinger has served as emergency medicine faculty at level-1 trauma centers for more than 25 years and is currently practicing emergency medicine at Indianapolis-based Eskenazi Hospital. He will retire from that post soon.

His career in emergency medicine and trauma has been varied, primarily through his work with the Indiana Task Force 1 (IN-TF1), a federal urban search and rescue team made up of Indiana responders and civilians. Since its inception in 1993, Dr. Olinger has

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operations. Command rescinded the assignment and instructed them to follow the hoseline already advanced into the building to respond to a call for two firefighters trapped inside the structure following a collapse.

Squad 18 followed the hoseline up to the edge of the collapse, where visibility decreased and heat increased. The east wall of the collapse was fully involved in fire. Killelea and his crew battled horrific circumstances, including deteriorating conditions as the building began to come down around them. They were surrounded by fire and collapse and, at one point, were forced to take cover under a truck in a barn to avoid being trapped. Killelea and his crew located O'Connell and

pulled him to the door with the help of New Carlisle Engine 191.

Middlebrook, however, was pinned under the roof system. After the fire was sufficiently reduced, heavy equipment was used to remove the roof system from the chief's body, which was then transported to an ambulance.

"Captain Killelea's deep commitment to his fellow man was made evident through his selfless actions last August," said James Greeson, Indiana State Fire Marshal. "His courage provides a high standard that we, his fellow Hoosiers and fellow firefighters, should strive to emulate."

Killelea has been in the fire service

since 1999, beginning as a volunteer with Clay Township Fire Department. In January 2012, he became a full-time firefighter with Warren Township (South Bend, Indiana) Fire Department.

The Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award, presented by the Courage and Valor Foundation, was named in honor of the late Fire Department of New York Deputy Chief Ray Downey, who lost his life in the attacks on the World Trade Center in Manhattan. One individual is chosen by an independent committee and honored each year for showing exemplary courage and valor in a rescue operation.

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served as its medical director. He has also been a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Medical Working Group for the Urban Search and Rescue Program from 1994-2004, chairing the group from 2004-2006. He also served as the chief medical officer for the Blue Incident Management Team, a national team, on FEMA's urban search and rescue deployments. Additionally, Dr. Olinger currently is the Senior Medical Director for the Indy Racing League, holding that position since 2006.

Dr. Olinger has been on many nationally known, highly visible deployments. Some of them include:

- The Oklahoma City Murrah Building bombing in 1995;
- Hurricane Marilyn, Puerto Rico, 1995;
- The DeBruce Grain Elevator Explosion, Wichita, KS, 1998;
- The World Trade Center Incident 2001;
- The Atlanta (1996) and Salt Lake City (2002) Olympics;
- The recovery of the Space Shuttle

Columbia's crew in Texas, February 2003; and

- Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, 2005.



Teaching and lecturing have also been a big part of Dr. Olinger's career, as he found ways to give back and share his knowledge and experiences with others. He is a professor of clinical emergency medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine and has also taught at Butler University,

Ball State University and the University of Colorado.

Dr. Olinger lectures on a wide array of topics, everything from drug-testing procedures in motor sports, the consequences of building bombings, blast injuries and crush syndrome, to remembering 9/11 and the medical effects of a weapon of mass destruction (WMD). He also speaks on his many deployment experiences, as well as workshops asking healthcare workers how prepared they are for situations like domestic terrorism, WMDs, hospital preparedness and surge capacity, and mass casualty triage.

"We are excited to have Dr. Olinger in this new position," said State Fire Marshal Greeson. "His experience and knowledge will be a great advantage to the state of Indiana, and will increase the quality of our emergency medical services statewide."

Visit page 6 to read Q and A from the new Indiana EMS Medical Director.



14 Fire Departments Gathered for Crude by Rail Training

On March 24, 112 Lake County firefighters from 14 fire departments gathered in the Highland Fire Department firehouse to learn more about safety related to crude by rail transportation and derailments. The class closed out the first day of a three-day series for area firefighters.

“With the frequency of shipments through Lake County, we felt that it was important to reach out and ask for the training that would help protect our local firefighters,” said Chief Bill Timmer, Highland Fire Department, which hosted the evening class. “These incidents are bigger than anything most of us will deal with on a daily basis, and knowing how to mount a safe response is incredibly important.”

The session, run by Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Hazmat Specialists Stan Capobianco and Larry Hamby, focused on assessing train derailment situations and planning a strategy for addressing the incident as first responders. Also included in the presentation were incident command concepts and specific fire

suppression strategies for crude-related derailments.

Capobianco and Hamby presented the class five times over three days, to provide ample opportunity for interested firefighters to attend. Also included in the training were key community partners, including railroads and area refineries as well as state and federal agencies. Over the three days, nearly 200 individuals were able to attend a session.

“What impresses me is the gathering of agencies,” said Chief Joe Kruzan, Schererville Fire Department. “It’s one thing to work together, but another to learn together. This illustrates how we would handle an incident – as a team. That’s what spells success.”

IDHS has made the crude by rail training available to fire departments around the state. To date, roughly nine classes, reaching more than 500 first responders, have been held throughout the state.

“This training is timely because of the amount of crude passing through

Indiana,” said State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, who attended the session. “A large amount is transported without incident, but we need to plan and train so that we are prepared in the event a derailment or emergency does occur. These incidents are bigger than any one department or agency. I encourage communities to build those relationships beforehand, and break down barriers that might make working together more difficult. Don’t wait until the worst happens.”

Fire departments interested in hosting a training event can contact IDHS HAZMAT Specialists Stan Capobianco (scapobianco@dhs.in.gov, Southwest Indiana), Michael White (mwhite@dhs.in.gov, Southeast Indiana) or Larry Hamby (lhamby@dhs.IN.gov, Northern Indiana) for more information.

► What's Going On

IDHS Response to Kokomo's Lawsuit

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) has filed a response to a suit filed by the City of Kokomo.

Kokomo filed on January 26, 2015, against IDHS regarding the violations on up to eight parcels included in the city's baseball stadium project. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines require that properties in the program remain open space, or that projects obtain FEMA approval prior to construction.

IDHS filed a defendant's answer on March 12, denying allegations

presented against the agency, and filed an additional counterclaim requesting that Kokomo be compelled to bring the city's baseball stadium project into compliance.

In an action separate from the court filing, IDHS has appealed directly to FEMA with the FEMA regarding the more than \$6.1 million in hazard mitigation grant awards that were suspended on February 25. The dollar figure could be higher if the suspension continues.

IDHS has requested that FEMA reinstate the hazard mitigation grant program for those communities in

Indiana that remain compliant with the program. The currently suspended awards would fund property acquisition projects, safe rooms, multi-hazard mitigation plan updates and a bridge project to avoid or lessen flooding issues.

FEMA determined in late 2014 that the Kokomo baseball stadium was not in compliance. As the grantee, IDHS has been working with the City of Kokomo and FEMA to resolve compliance issues.

2015 Annual Indiana GIS Conference May 12-13

Indiana Geographic Information Council's 2015 Annual Indiana GIS (Graphical Information System) Conference will present a program of hands-on and classroom workshops, presentations, networking opportunities and vendor exhibits.

Join more than 300 of GIS professional for two days filled with presentations ranging from applications and analysis techniques, to community and historical mapping.

The 2015 Annual Indiana GIS Conference is slated for May 12 and 13, 2015, in the heart of downtown Bloomington at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave., Bloomington, Ind.

The conference will include:

- Networking – Meet with other Indiana GIS professionals and leaders in the GIS industry

“*All disasters and emergencies are local. Local data and GIS are the best resources for helping you respond to these events. We all recognize the importance of accurate digital maps and data in the safety and support of first responders. The Indiana GIS Conference is a great place for you to meet your local government GIS Coordinators and experts around Indiana.*”

Phil Worrall, IGIC Executive Director

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- Hands-on and classroom workshops – Get in-depth instruction and hands on experience taught by GIS experts.
- Presentations – Learn new techniques and how GIS is changing the state.
- Vendor booths and sponsorship opportunities – Display products and services .

To register, go to the Indiana GIS Council website, at igic.org and click on the conference link at the top of the page. View the program, make hotel reservations and nominate an outstanding project or colleague for an excellence in GIS award.

What's Going On

IVFA Members Honored for 50 Years of Service

This year, 70 members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association reached the milestone of a Gold Membership card, representing 50 years of service. On Monday, March 16, 20 of these members made the trip to Indianapolis to be recognized by the

State of Indiana for their years of service. In a ceremony that took place in the Statehouse, each of the 20 members in attendance met with State Fire Marshal James L. Greeson and Indiana Governor Mike Pence, and were presented their Gold Membership cards.

“It is fitting that Governor Pence, the Indiana House of Representatives and the State of Indiana would recognize these firefighters and their families for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of Indiana,” said Greeson.



See Something, Say Something Put Into Action at Purdue University

January 20, 2015, was a day like any other at Purdue University until, suddenly, a student's odd behavior caught the eye of an alert campus employee.

A worker at the France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center observed a male student enter the center, look around, drop a bag next to a juice bar inside, then turn around and run out of the building.

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Joe Romero, IDHS

The employee did what good training dictates – ***if you see something, say something.***

Officials immediately closed the recreational center and alerted the Purdue University Police Department, which then got the FBI and Tippecanoe County bomb squad involved. Members of the bomb squad put on their protective gear

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Q and A with Indiana's new EMS Medical Director

During last year's legislative short session, House Bill 1336, required the executive director of IDHS to appoint a state EMS medical director to oversee all medical aspects of the state EMS system. The EMS Commission had 30 days to approve the appointment, which it did. This legislation also established the qualifications and duties for the new EMS medical director. Dr. Michael Olinger is the new EMS Medical Director. (See accompanying article for biographical information on Dr. Olinger on pages 1 and 2.)

Q: Are you all settled into your new position of Emergency Medical Director for the State of Indiana?

A: I'm getting there. I have had to transition out of other obligations, specifically my emergency medicine practice at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis.

Q: Do other states have this position?

A: Many states do have EMS medical directors, but not all. I think all states

should.

Q: What does having this position mean for states and specifically for Indiana?

A: A person in this position can play a big role in promoting unity and consistency of procedures among all the medical directors in a state. Medical directors in Indiana, like in most states, tend to operate in silos. Hopefully, an EMS medical director can help promote more sharing, especially in the area of best practices

Q: What are some of your goals for the position?

A: As a doctor, it's all about patient outcomes. Oftentimes, our EMS personnel work for more than one agency and protocols and procedures may vary from employer to employer. It can be stressful and confusing for our emergency medical professionals to have to think, "What uniform do I have on right now and what is the proper protocol I'm supposed to do when out with this agency?" One of my big goals for this new position is to be the catalyst for bringing unity

and acceptance of best practices throughout the state. I realize it will take a while and work will probably have to start on a regional basis, but I believe consistency and the most current protocols based on science will have a definite benefit to patient outcomes. My eventual goal is the establishment of a comprehensive, robust database of protocols so we can all work off the same page.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

A: Indiana has really been good to me. I moved here in 1991 and have gotten to know many great people in the medical field. I hope to meet with the medical director in each district to try to regionalize the protocols for the eventual goal of a statewide way of doing things. I have been fortunate to have had many unique and meaningful experiences in my career and I am eager to put them to use in my new position.

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and immediately X-rayed the bag, which showed the presence of batteries and wires. They then carried the bag to the west side of the building, where police detonated a charge of high-pressure water into the bag. Some of the parts were connected, but in a way that would not cause harm, according to officials. But the fact it was harmless wasn't

known until the high-pressure water disrupter was used.

Police found the student hiding between cars in the parking lot west of the recreational center. He was taken into custody for questioning.

The initial report came into police at 3:10 p.m. The center was re-opened just before 6:30 p.m.

"This situation at Purdue University is a perfect example of how efficiently and safely things go when all the various responders work well together," said IDHS Planning and Assessment Division Director Joe Romero. "And it's a great reminder for all of us that if you see something, say something."

Here are a few quick reminders in the event of a called-in bomb threat:

- Stay calm and be observant;
- Use a different phone to call 911. Do not put the caller on hold, try to transfer the caller or hang up the phone the call came into;
- Try to remember the exact wording the caller used;
- Try to ask questions to determine the location of the bomb, the time it is going to explode, the type of bomb, a description of the bomb's appearance, what will cause the bomb to explode and why it was placed;
- Record the exact time the call came in; and
- Write down any description of the caller's voice. Is it male or female? Is there any type of accent? Any other descriptors like a stutter, a lisp, a fast or slow manner of speaking, a raspy voice, excited delivery or excessive laughing, etc.?

FDIC International Conference in Indianapolis to Include 8 Hoosier Speakers

From April 20-25, a global fire instructors conference in Indianapolis will feature eight Hoosiers as presenters.

The Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), billed on the conference's website and social media as the world's largest fire training-based conference, will take place in the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium and will include the following speakers from Indiana:

- Blair Blanch of the Purdue University Fire Department.
- John Buckman of the Indiana Fire Training System.
- Pedro Caceres of Wayne Township Fire Department in Indianapolis
- Charlie Fadale of Fishers Fire Department.
- Brian Kazmierzak of Penn Township Fire Department in South Bend.
- John Shafer of Greencastle Fire Department.
- Todd Taylor of Wayne Township Fire Department in Indianapolis.
- Steve White of Fishers Fire Department.

Classes will cover a range of topics from effective leadership to heavy vehicle extraction, and everything in between. For more information on FDIC or how to register, visit fdic.com.

According to the FDIC Facebook page, the conference was founded 85 years ago. The 2014 conference was the largest ever with more than 30,000 in attendance from 55



FEMA Region V IMAT Visits Indiana

The FEMA Region V Incident Management Assistance Team met with Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) on Wednesday, March 18.

The FEMA team heard presentations from emergency operations center (EOC) management, logistics, operations, planning, public information and the Indiana National Guard (INNG). Tours included the EOC and at least one other location, where emergency response vehicles are stored and maintained.

The information covered was EOC capabilities, Emergency Management Assistance Compact, district response task forces, IDHS advance planning, INNG integration and the role of public information for outreach and risk communication.

“*As the leadership of the FEMA Region V IMAT recently turned over, it was great opportunity to meet with the new team, introduce state and federal staff to one another, and brief the federal team members on Indiana's SEOC organization, field architecture, and key resource needs.*”

Brad Thatcher, IDHS

Shelby County Gives Service Award to County EMA Director



The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce has honored Mike Schantz, Shelby County Emergency Management Director, with a customer service award.

Schantz received the Golden

Pineapple Customer Service award for 2014.

Schantz, a lifelong Shelby County resident, knew from an early age that public service was his passion. He became the Shelby County Emergency Management Director in 2008, and believes his homeland security training and background in public safety have provided the foundation needed for excellent customer service to the citizens of his county.

The Golden Pineapple Customer Service Award is based on consistent outstanding customer service given by an individual employee or business/service establishment in Shelby County.

IDHS Practices during Statewide Tornado Drill

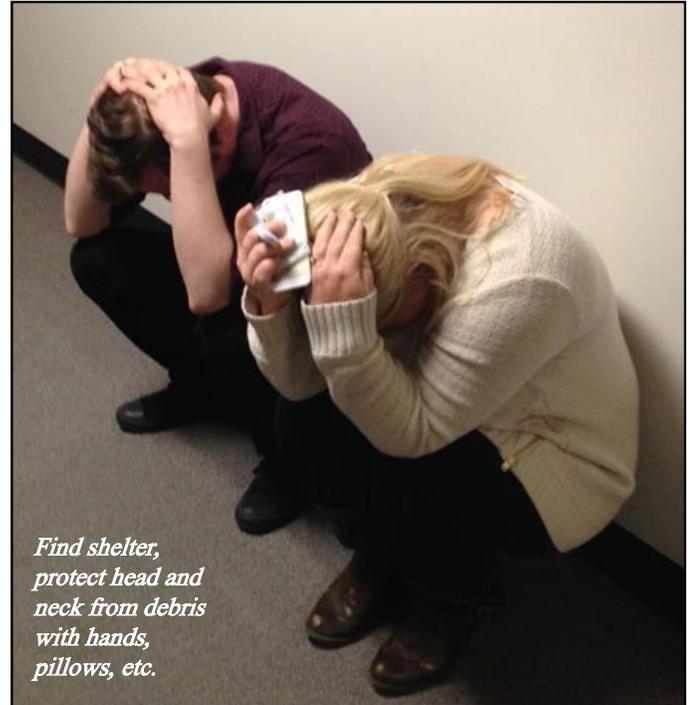
IDHS participated in Indiana's statewide tornado drill on Thursday, March 19. The drill aided IDHS in practicing its severe weather action plan.

The statewide tornado drill was an opportunity to update employees on new procedures and for IDHS employees to become aware of what to do in case of a tornado.

Some safety tips to share with citizens regarding severe weather at work and at home are:

- Make sure that preparedness kits are portable.
- Know and review all safety and evacuation plans.

- Stay away from doors and windows.
- Basements, inner rooms and storm cellars provide optimal protection.
- Purchase a weather radio and have more than one way to get weather alerts.
- Listen to the radio, watch television reports or monitor websites and social media for weather updates and further instructions.



Enhancing the Cycle of Preparedness

Those who work in the field of emergency management are familiar with the cycle of preparedness, which includes planning, preparation, exercise and assessment. Entities around the state of Indiana have been working through this cycle, and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is working to provide new tools to enhance the process.

“One of the most basic questions when readying an area for disaster is: How do we respond better and recover faster when faced with a disaster,” says Joseph Romero, Director of Planning and Assessment at IDHS. “This is a question we have been wrestling with for years. Until recently, there had been no assessment of statewide hazards to guide this process.”

While many counties have been assessing hazards and operational gaps for some time, there has been no consistent mechanism or criteria utilized across the state, which makes comparing hazards from county to county difficult.

In the near future, IDHS will unveil two new online tools to assist in the implementation of this new assessment process. The first is an online hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA) tool, which will provide standard criteria that counties can use to evaluate 30-40 hazards that might impact their area, allowing them to focus on the items that could cause the most harm.

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An online core capability assessment tool will also be unveiled, allowing communities to assess their level of planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise for each major hazard likely in their area, identifying needs to be addressed in the coming years. Once needs are assessed and prioritized, grant dollars can be directed to operation gaps that need the most attention, better preparing the agencies for future incidents likely in the area.

“This process and these tools will allow the State of Indiana to implement data driven, needs driven, hazard based grant funding,” said Romero. “IDHS will be able to better evaluate grant applications and to invest grant dollars into improving local and state capabilities in the areas where it will matter most.”

Mission

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security will provide statewide leadership, exemplary customer service, and subject matter expertise for the enhancement of public and private partnerships and the assurance of local, state and federal collaboration to continually develop Indiana's public safety capabilities for the wellbeing and protection of our citizens, property and economy.

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