

FoodBytes

Prestigious Award For ISDH Food Protection Program

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) was recently honored by the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) during their annual Wiley Awards banquet with the Elliot O. Grosvenor Food Safety

and continues strong to this day.

Joseph Corby, AFDO Executive Director said, "The State of Indiana has plenty of reasons to be proud of the Indiana State Department of Health, Food Protection Program.

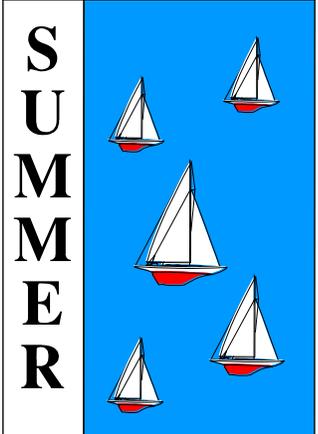


ISDH Food Protection Staff with (back row) James Howell, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Assistant Commissioner, Gregory N. Larkin, MD, FAAFP, State Health Commissioner, First Sergeant Ty Utterback, (front row) Manda Clevenger, ISDH Staff Attorney, Sarah Popovich, ISDH Enteric Epidemiologist, April Lashbrook, Deputy Attorney General

Award. This award was created by the AFDO in 2010 to acknowledge outstanding achievements made by food safety programs within State Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources Agencies, Public Health Departments or Environmental Conservation Departments in the United States or Canada. The award nomination for Indiana was for its highly successful truck inspection program started in 2006

Not only has the program demonstrated a solid and passionate means for protecting Indiana citizens, but it also participates in cooperative food safety inspection programs with other state, federal, and local agencies. AFDO is pleased to recognize this excellent food protection program."

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FDA Aseptic Food and Environmental Sampling Training

On June 19, 2012 the Food Protection Program (FPP) staff received Aseptic Food and Environmental Sampling training. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted training for the staff members.

According to the FDA, “sampling operations must be carried out using techniques that ensure the sample is representative of the lot, the sample of the product is in the same condition as it was before sampling, and that the collection technique does not compromise the compliance status of the lot (1).”

When providing samples that are admissible in court you must be sure that you have not inadvertently contaminated the sample, so the FDA has put into place guidelines for sampling technique.

The training introduces you to sampling etiquette consisting of:

- Glove application



Food Protection Program Staff Dawn McDevitt, Lisa Harrison and Andrew Miller demonstrate sampling etiquette Tyvek suits

- Use of collection tools
- Collector/assistant roles
- Controls
- Documentation

Sampling is done to identify potential or existing hazards

where food is made or stored. Not only would samples of food items be taken with aseptic sampling procedures, but also swabbing of food contact and non-food contact surfaces including floors, walls, ceilings, grates, drains and even small corners of equipment.

Sampling is very important but just as important is proper documentation. There should be a written record of all sampling. Not just the samples taken, but also what tools were used, who took the sample, the exact location of the sample and pictures as supporting documentation. Someone reading the notes should be able to trace the steps of the person collecting samples.

You may not need to put on a Tyvek suit every time you take samples; however, sample integrity is always important.

Source 1:

www.fda.gov/ICECI/Inspections/IOM/ucm122525.htm

AFDO Conference Hoosier Highlights

The 2012 Annual Educational Conference for the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) was held in Providence, R.I. on June 2-6.

This conference was filled with speakers from all over the United States and Canada, but there was also a couple of Hoosiers on the agenda.

Travis Goodman, Consumer Safety Officer, Development and Integration Branch, gave a fascinating presentation focusing on the development of websites for state food protection task forces. In addition, he spoke very highly

of a mobile application coming soon to push real-time food safety information to task force members. This would be incredibly valuable in the event of a food emergency. If you would like more information about the development of the task force website and the mobile applications contact Travis at:

travis.goodman@fda.hhs.gov

Lisa Harrison, ISDH Training Specialist, also presented “Food Safety and Defense in Transit: Indiana’s Model” at the conference during the Food Protection and Defense Committee and the

Food Committee meetings. Many conference attendees were interested in Indiana’s continued involvement with food safety while food is in transit. Included in the discussion was House Bill 1298 giving the Indiana State Police enforcement powers for the transportation of food. Lisa stressed that the Indiana Model wouldn’t be possible without all the wonderful partnerships, particularly the Indiana State Police. If you would like more information on Indiana’s model contact Lisa at:

lharrison@isdh.in.gov

Conference for Food Protection Highlights

Indianapolis hosted the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) on April 13-18, 2012. The Conference for Food Protection is a non-profit organization that originated in 1971.

The Local Arrangements Committee worked for two years planning and organizing this conference and it seems that their hard work paid off. Comments by those in attendance were positive with lots of talk about the city. Some attendees were amazed that the city was able to host the 2012 Super Bowl in February then be ready to host CFP by April. Some even thought that Indianapolis was one of the best locations for CFP because of the centrality of the state and the ease it was to move around the city. The Hyatt Regency downtown did a wonderful job with comfortable rooms and wonderful meeting space.

The Indiana Restaurant Association (IRA) worked tirelessly to make the CFP a success. We want to extend a heartfelt thanks for all their dedicated time, efforts and in-kind donations.

There were also many volunteers within the state who helped make the event run smoothly. Scribes, runners, registration and guest relations were all manned by volunteers from the Indiana State Department of Health, local health departments and Indiana food industry.

A successful CFP would not have been possible without all the hard work of many. Orlando, Fla. will be the host city for CFP 2014, so let's look forward to our next opportunity to make a difference in Food Safety and Defense.

Scott Gilliam, ISDH



Local Arrangements Committee Chairs



Pictured: Rich Linton, Chair, Department of Food Science, Ohio State University; Stephanie Mohn, Food Safety, Marsh; Kelly Whiting, Special Events Coordinator, Marion CPHD; Scott Gilliam, ISDH Food

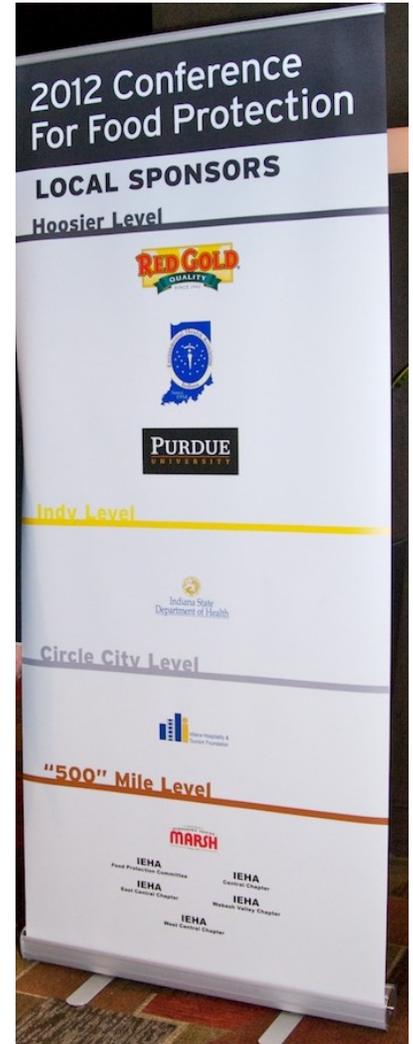
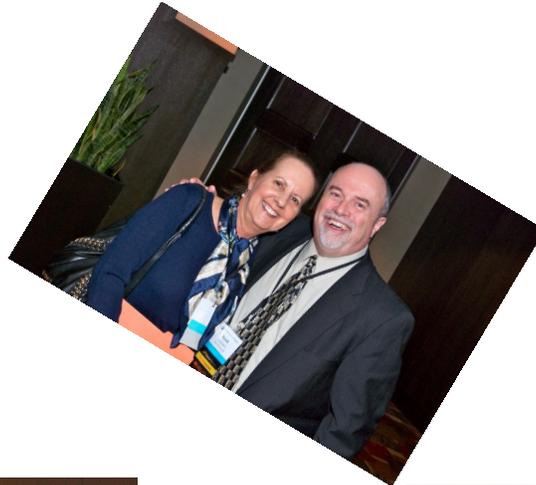


Pictured: Jeff Lineberry, ED, CFP; John Livengood, IRA; Debbie Scott, IRA; Scott Gilliam, ISDH Food Protection Director

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Epidemiologist Updates

Sarah Popovich is now the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Enteric Epidemiologist. Popovich was previously the Food Defense Program Coordinator with the ISDH Food Protection Program. In this new capacity, she coordinates enteric disease outbreak investigations, conducts and monitors case surveillance on reportable enteric diseases, prepares various reports regarding enteric disease investigations, and serves as a subject matter expert for internal and external stakeholders on enteric disease. The following is a list of the enteric diseases that she follows through surveillance and investigation:

- *Amebiasis
- Botulism
- Campylobacteriosis
- Cholera
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Cyclosporiasis
- *E. coli* infections: Shiga tox-

in-producing or sorbitol negative *E. coli*

- Foodborne outbreaks
- Giardiasis
- Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis E
- Listeriosis
- Salmonellosis
- Shigellosis
- Typhoid Fever
- Vibriosis
- *Viral gastroenteritis
- Waterborne outbreaks
- Yersiniosis

*Disease/conditions not reportable

Popovich will become a regular contributor to FoodBytes, providing information on enteric diseases, foodborne outbreak information, or any hot topics in

enteric epidemiology. She has a rich background of food safety and defense which will help with understanding of outbreak investigations. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Sarah if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Her contact information is the following: spovovich@isdh.in.gov

Sarah Popovich, ISDH Enteric Epidemiologist



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Scott Gilliam, Program Director, was present at the award ceremony in Providence, R.I. to accept the award. "It was with great pride and humility that I accepted this award for all the hard work that our program staff and many other partners have put in to it to make it a successful model that other states can use. We could not have accomplished this without the ongoing partnerships with the Indiana State Police, local health departments, FDA, USDA



Elliot O. Grosvenor Food Safety Award presented to Indiana State Department of Health

and DNR. This is an prime example of an integrated food safety initiative that crosses all levels of government, Gilliam said.

The Food Protection Program plans to continue working with their partners to assist with implementation of the new law created by House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1298, which happens to be the first of its kind in the country.

Scott Gilliam, ISDH

Indiana Food Transportation Training

Thirty-three participants from local health departments in north-east Indiana recently met to discuss House Enrolled Act 1298 (HEA 1298), Transportation of Food, and participated in a workshop on conducting truck inspections.

Captain Hans Schmidt, Sgt. Rich Kelley and Trooper Ashley Kelly of the Indiana State Police (ISP) Motor Carrier Division presented the history behind problems that they had encountered during routine traffic stops of trucks transporting various food items. They frequently encountered instances where the refrigeration units had been turned off causing the food to decay from the heat inside of the trucks and emit foul odors. They showed pictures of a truck load of food that was contaminated with maggots and flies feeding on spoiled seafood. Prior to the passage of this legislation, ISP was limited in being able to enforce food safety issues and health departments were limited in being able to stop and detain trucks transporting food. Other problems encountered by health departments included the expense of disposing of the adulterated food. The ISP and the Indiana State Department of Health Food Protection Program worked together to address and resolve the issues facing both agencies. Sgt. Kelley stated that Indiana is the first to have passed legislation of this kind in the continental United States. Since this legislation has been enacted, ISP has been

contacted by several other states interested in using it as a template to pass similar legislation. The ISP has testified and worked with other federal agencies regarding regulations involving food transportation. In the future, the ISP will contact local health departments when they encounter possible food safety issues. The local health department representative will assist in evaluation of the food and if determined necessary, embargo and/or dispose of food.

Andrew Miller, ISDH, shared with the audience, a presentation of his experiences with the Indiana Food Transportation Assessment Project (IFTAP). These projects are a joint effort conducted by the ISDH, local health departments, and the Motor Carrier Division of the ISP typically at weigh stations during routine safety checks. Andrew shared frequently observed problems which included improper food temperatures, cross-contamination issues, and food from unapproved sources. He shared ways that some companies are disguising delivery trucks in order to avoid detection.

The afternoon session involved how to conduct an inspection of



trucks transporting food. The equipment requirements and forms were reviewed as well as how to cite violations that might be observed. The training familiarized staff in where to obtain information to complete the forms and sharpen their skills in citing violations.

The training provided an opportunity for health departments and area ISP staff to network, ask questions, and to familiarize staff with what to expect when contacted by the ISP. By working together, our two agencies will lead the way in enforcing regulations to assure our food supply is safe during transport. This is a great opportunity we have to influence public health in these types of food safety issues.

Dawn McDivitt, ISDH

IFTAP Information

Indiana Food Transportation Assessment Project's (IFTAP) are conducted by ISDH Food Protection staff and our partners. Local health departments (LHD) are always welcome to participate.

House Enrolled Act (HEA)1298

gives the Indiana State Police more authority to conduct inspections of trucks containing food products and as a result LHDs will become more involved with food safety in transit.

If you are interested in partici-

pating on IFTAPs that may be scheduled in your area or if you would like to receive training for IFTAP contact your field representative for more information. This is a great way to receive training for your LHD.

New Office for ISDH Food Protection

The Food protection program (FPP) now has a new home. Effective May 4, 2012, the FPP relocated to 2525 N. Shadeland Avenue, Suite 10B, E3, Indianapolis, IN 46219. We are housed with the ISDH Entomology Laboratory and the Indoor Air Program in the same suite. Our new

telephone number is (317) 351-7190. After calling you will be prompted to dial a specific extension. Please dial 255 to speak with our secretary Judy Blythe. The FAX number is (317) 351-2679. E-mail addresses and website information were not affected by the move. Normal business hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Parking is available in front of the IDEM building. You will notice a sign for ITT Technical Institute when you pull into the parking lot. *To find our office simply come in the front entrance of IDEM, walk through the building, turn right and walk South in the alley to Suite 10B (on your left). Due to building security our interior door is locked so please ring the buzzer when visiting. You will be asked to identify yourself and then you will be allowed to enter. When visiting our office, please do not park vehicles in the alley be-

tween the buildings as parking is restricted in this area. Visitors are welcome to come and check out our new home.

*Scott Gilliam &
George Jones, ISDH*

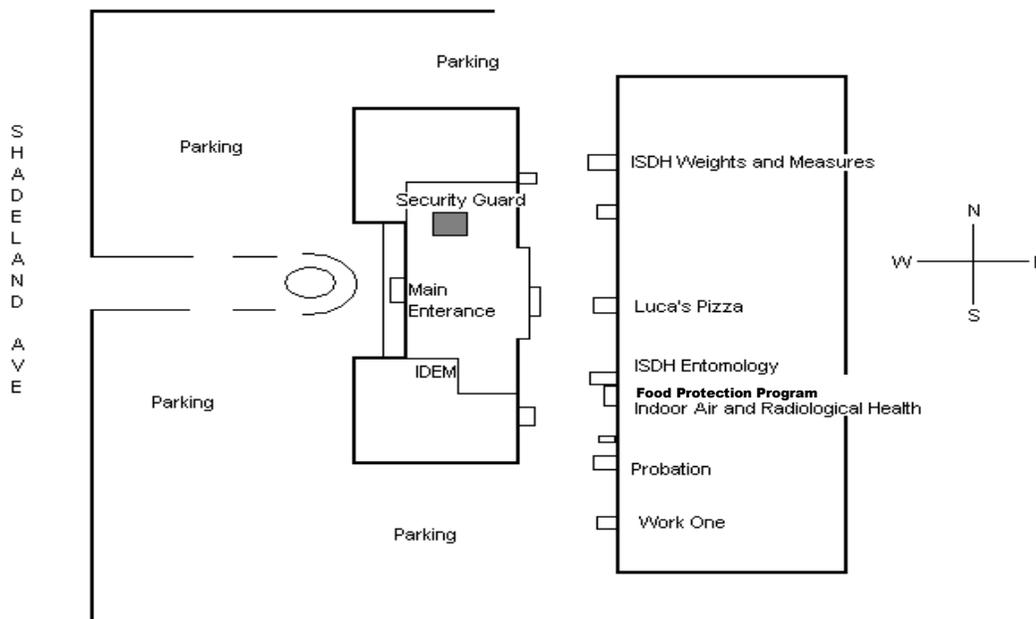


IDEM and ISDH Office front doors



ISDH Food Protection, Entomology Laboratory and Indoor Air Program Office

*Map to new office building off of Shadeland Avenue



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Did You Know?

Indiana Food Transportation Assessment Project (IFTAP) inspections are done several times a year by ISDH FPP Staff. Weigh stations and empty parking lots around the state are perfect places to find us looking into trucks bound for retail and wholesale establishments in Indiana or just traveling through our great state. While most trucks are in full compliance with food safety rules, some just aren't. Here are some of the statistics we have collected since 2006 when we first started the IFTAP:

Trucking Statistics

- 73% of all goods are shipped by truck
- 90% of all US foods are shipped by truck
- Truck traffic is expected to double by 2020

IFTAP Statistics Thru 2011

- ISDH has inspected 388 trucks
- 25 trucks were empty upon inspection
- 32 trucks were found in violation
- 24,794 pounds of food has been discarded because of food safety violations
- 180 trucks were found secured

Partnerships

- Indiana State Police
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service

- USDA Animal and Plant Inspection Service
- FDA
- Local Health Departments

For more information concerning IFTAP contact: food@isdh.in.gov

