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## **June 2015 Calendar of Events:**

**6/18 - Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) meeting (Rice Auditorium, ISDH)**

**6/19 - Indiana EMS Commission Meeting (One Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038)**

**6/23 - Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS) Advisory Board meeting (Rice Auditorium, ISDH)**

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#### Trauma Times Newsletter Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/36RH393>

Please be sure to fill out our survey in order to help us continue to provide the best possible product and content to you our reader.

## ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention is now on Twitter!

Follow the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention on Twitter [@INDTrauma!](#) We will still be using the hashtag #SafetyIN with our posts, but we have a new handle! Follow us, tweet us, and engage with us! We will continue to post injury and trauma data, safety tips, and upcoming events hosted by the Division and our partner stakeholders

## Indiana State Trauma Care Committee (ISTCC) Update

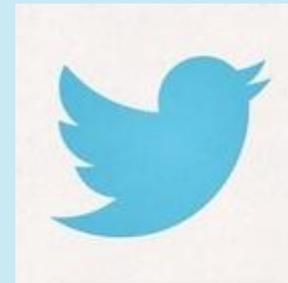
Submitted by Ramzi Nimry, Trauma System Performance Improvement Manager with the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention

The Indiana State Trauma Care Committee (ISTCC) meeting was held at the ISDH on Friday, May 22nd. The governor-appointed advisory board meets on a quarterly basis to assist the Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention with the development of the statewide trauma system. Assistant Health Commissioner Health and Human Services Commission, Art Logsdon provided a legislative wrap-up on:

- HEA1016 newborn safety incubators- a device designed to permit a person to

**6/30 District 10 Trauma Tour  
(Southern Indiana Career &  
Technical Center, 1901 Lynch Road,  
Evansville, IN 47711)**

**Social Media: #SafetyIN**



**National Safety Month:**

**1 in 20 employees has used opioid painkillers non-medically. Learn more about prescription painkiller abuse and other safety issues at nsc.org. #SafetyIN**

**Safe Boating:**

**In 2013, there were 2,620 boating injuries and nearly 1 in 4 occurred in people under age 20 #BoatSafety #SafetyIN**

**In 2013, there were 560 boating deaths and drowning was most common cause of death #BoatSafety #SafetyIN**

**Vehicular Heatstroke prevention:**

**In just 10 minutes a car's temperature can increase by 19 degrees. Take Action to**

anonymously place a newborn in the device and another to remove and take custody of it

- HEA1145 civil immunity- legal to voluntarily provide health care services and be immune from liability
- SEA406 overdose intervention drugs- allows for a broader distribution of Naloxone, which reverses the effects of opioid overdoses
- SEA166 spinal cord and brain injury fund- fund post acute extended treatment and services for an individual with spinal cord/brain injuries and facilities that offer services
- SEA461 ISDH agency bill.

Katie Hokanson, Director of the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention and Camry Hess Database Analyst, presented the division analysis on the American College of Surgeons (ACS) needs assessment tool. This tool is used to help a state or regional trauma system to conduct a needs assessment and estimate the number and location of trauma centers required for the population. Jessica Skiba Injury Prevention Epidemiologist, discussed the Indiana Injury Prevention Resource Guide, a document that will provide easily accessible and understandable data and information of specific injury problems within the state to highlight evidence-based solutions to the injury problem and enhance the skills, knowledge and resources of the injury prevention workforce.

Spencer Grover, Vice President of the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), discussed the emergency department education requirement survey results in receiving 90 responses from 109 surveys. Some of the highlights of the survey included certifications are up among physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants and that more hospitals are requiring annual CEUs. ED education survey results show the value hospital administrations have found in trauma education. Katie Hokanson presented on the 2015 Trauma Tour running June through August with locations at all 10 public health prepared districts. She also presented on the Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS) grant which the state received to monitor and track trends of violent deaths to inform and help local prevention efforts. She concluded by informing the committee of 5 rehabilitation hospitals that are submitting data which will provided well-rounded data.

Prevent #Heatstroke <http://bit.ly/1gy2XPR>  
#SafetyIN

We can cut down the number of #heatstroke deaths and near-misses by remembering to ACT! Find out how <http://bit.ly/1gy2XPR> #SafetyIN

Tweens buckling up:

Don't negotiate on seat belt use. Life as a parent is full of compromises, but seat belt safety for our tweens is not up for negotiation. #TweensBuckleUp #SafetyIN

**EMS Providers and Hospitals who have submitted data to the registries**

(under the Trauma Registry Rule-update): <http://www.in.gov/isdh/25942.htm>

Dr. Larry Reed, Trauma Medical Director at IU Health Methodist Hospital, provided a PI Sub-committee update. The sub-committee is working on trying to increase the number of hospitals that are submitting to the trauma registry by utilizing mentorship among hospitals, looking at how to convey the importance to EMS providers of leaving run sheets at the hospitals and encouraging them via the EMS Commission. The sub-committee also looked at ED length of stay greater than 120 minutes or more and what can be done in decreasing decision-making times, and whether hospitals benefit from Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) and district regional development.

Dr. Gerardo Gomez, Trauma Medical Director at Eskenazi Health, provided an update from the Designation Sub-committee, which has been working on proposed revisions to the application for the Level II Trauma Center status of applications "in the process." The ISTCC approved the application and its one-year review revisions and also made the recommendation to the State Health Commissioner to utilize these documents moving forward.

Committee meeting dates for **2015**:

- a. August 21
- b. October 30
- c. December 11

To view ISDH webcasts, please use the following link for the test and to view the webcast: <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/> (look for the Trauma Care Webcast)



## June is National Safety Month

# NATIONAL **SAFETY** MONTH 2015

The National Safety Council (NSC) is celebrating National Safety Month with the theme of “What I Live For.” The event brings awareness to key safety issues. The theme for the 2015 event was inspired by the idea that everyone has something they live to see or experience, and by engaging in safe behaviors we can live for what matters to us. During the month of June, the NSC has weekly themes for specific injury topics, including prescription painkiller abuse, transportation safety, ergonomics, emergency preparedness and slips, trips and falls.

To find information and access free materials, visit:

<http://www.nsc.org/act/events/Pages/national-safety-month.aspx>

Each year in the United States, more than 2,200 children die at home and 3.5 million children go to the emergency department due to injury. Learn more with Safe Kids Home Safety Tips: <http://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/home-safety-tips-2015.pdf>



## Automotive Safety Program



*Submitted by Jody Yoder, Project Manager and State Coordinator with Safe Kids Indiana*

The Automotive Safety Program has established a network of over 100 Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations across the state of Indiana. Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations are places where parents and caregivers can make an appointment to have their child safety seat inspected by a certified child passenger safety technician. This is a free service and we encourage all parents and caregivers to schedule an appointment.

For a location near you or for more information, call 1-800-KID-N-CAR or visit [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org).



## Human Trafficking Webinar for Health Professionals

Submitted by Laura Chavez, M.P.H., CLC, CHPE, Director of the Office of Women's Health

The Office of Women's Health, courtesy of Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH), conducted a webinar on June 8th focused on human trafficking and targeted toward health professionals.

The training was approximately an hour and entailed training front line healthcare workers in how to recognize human trafficking victims.

All those who work in healthcare or health-related settings would benefit from this training and were encouraged to share this opportunity widely.

**To view ISDH webcasts, please use the following link:** <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/video/1674/>

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# Indiana Child Fatality Review Conference, June 12

*Submitted by Gretchen Martin, MSW, Child Fatality Review Program Coordinator at the  
Indiana State Department of Health*



## Save the Date!

**Indiana Child Fatality Review Conference**

Friday, June 12, 2015

Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing

8787 Keystone Crossing

Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

**Registration will open soon!**

**\$25 per person, Lunch included**

Featured presenters:

- Teri Covington, MPH, Director of the National Center for Child Death Review within the Michigan Public Health Institute
- Bradley J. Russ, Director National Criminal Justice Training Center
- Roberta Hibbard, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics and Director, Section of Child Protection Programs at Indiana University School of Medicine and Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health
- Jennifer Walthall, M.D., MD, MPH, Deputy State Health Commissioner, Director for Health Outcomes
- Maura Hanke and Gary Hanke, Parent and Grandparent who lost a child to SIDs

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## **Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) Meeting, June 18**

*Submitted by Jessica Skiba, M.P.H. Injury Prevention Epidemiologist with the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention*

The Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) will meet on June 18 from 1 - 3 p.m. EDT to hear a presentation about Beth's Legacy of Hope from Jill Castor, Injury Prevention Coordinator with Trauma Services at IU Health Methodist Hospital. Also, we will hear an update from ISDH Director of Legislative Affairs, Joey Fox. IPAC will meet again on Thursday, September 17 and Thursday, December 10 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in Rice Auditorium at ISDH.

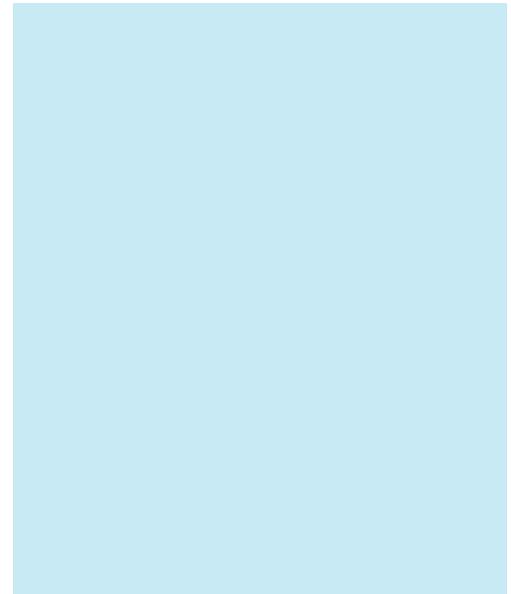
Maria Brann and her spring 2015 Health Communication Dissemination class at Indiana University- Purdue University-Indianapolis presented their final communication strategy for the Indiana Injury Prevention Resource Guide at a special meeting on April 24. While the Injury Prevention Resource Guide is still in draft form and is expected to be finalized by early summer, we were fortunate to receive their final product to effectively communicate and disseminate the finalized Guide. This project represents a great collaboration between IUPUI and ISDH, and assists in the promotion of enhancing the skills, knowledge, and resources of the injury prevention workforce in Indiana. We were

also fortunate to be able to use the webcast feature (a first for IPAC!) to record and live stream this special session. Please visit the ISDH Video Conferencing center to watch the taped session: <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/video/1617/>.

If you are interested in becoming a member of IPAC or would like more information about IPAC, contact Jessica Skiba at [jskiba@isdh.in.gov](mailto:jskiba@isdh.in.gov) or at 317-233-7716.

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## 2015 Indiana Trauma Tour Reminder





*District 7 trauma tour event Summer 2013*

Submitted by Desmyn Bryant with the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announces the 2015 Trauma Tour, which will run from June through August. ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention staff, along with local stakeholders, will hold "open house" style meetings in all 10 Indiana public health preparedness districts for Hoosiers to learn more about trauma, how state and local agencies currently respond to trauma and how a trauma system could help the state.

A traumatic injury is a severe injury or injuries requiring rapid evaluation and transport to specific hospitals with trauma care capabilities. Many don't know that injury is the #1 killer of Americans ages 1-44 and in 2013, Indiana had more than 4,409 people die from and

nearly 32,000 Hoosiers are hospitalized every year from injuries.

In previous years, the ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention staff toured all 10 preparedness districts and gathered information and again this year, we think we have new and improved developments to share about different ways we can prevent injuries in Indiana.

Prior to each trauma tour event, there will be a 1-hour refresher training on the trauma registry. The refresher training will include a quick overview of the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention's website, including where to find registry training resources and educational opportunities. It will also include step by step instruction on how to enter a patient case (incident) correctly into the registry and what is required. If you would like to sign up for the Registry Refresher just visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V5ZT9VQ>.

The Trauma Tour kicks off with its first stop in:

**Stop 1: District 10** (Knox, Daviess, Martin, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Crawford, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer and Perry counties)

Date: Tuesday, June 30 from 2-5 p.m. (Central)

Location: [Southern Indiana Career & Technical Center](#)

1901 Lynch Road

Evansville, IN 47711

[Sign up for the District 10 Event!](#)

**Stop 2: District 1** (Lake, Porter, Netwon, Jasper and LaPorte counties)

Date: Tuesday, July 7 from 2-5 p.m. (Central)

Location: [Crown Point Community Library](#)

122 North Main Street

Crown Point, IN 46307

[Sign up for the District 1 Event!](#)

**Stop 3: District 7** (Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Vigo, Clay, Owen, Sullivan and Greene counties)

Date: Tuesday, July 14 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [Landsbaum Center for Health Education](#)

1433 North 6 1/2 Street

Terre Haute, IN 47807

[Sign up for the District 7 Event!](#)

**Stop 4: District 6** (Howard, Grant, Blackford, Jay, Tipton, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette and Union counties)

Date: Thursday, July 16 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [IU Health - Ball Memorial Hospital](#)

2401 West University Avenue

Muncie, IN 47303

[Sign up for the District 6 event!](#)

**Stop 5: District 3** (LaGrange, Steuben, Noble, Dekalb, Whitley, Allen, Miami, Wabash, Huntington, Wells and Adams counties)

Date: Tuesday, July 21 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [Public Safety Academy](#)

7602 Patriot Crossing

Fort Wayne, IN 46816

[Sign up for the District 3 event!](#)

**Stop 6: District 9** (Decatur, Franklin, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Scott, Jefferson, Ohio, Switzerland, Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties)

Date: Tuesday, July 28 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [Mid America Science Park](#)

821 South Lake Road

Scottsburg, IN 47170

[Sign up for the District 9 event!](#)

**Stop 7: District 4** (Benton, Warren, White, Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Montgomery and Fountain counties)

Date: Thursday, July 30 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [YWCA](#)

605 North 6th Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

[Sign up for the District 4 event!](#)

**Stop 8: District 2** (St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall, Kosciusko, Pulaski and Fulton counties)

Date: Tuesday, August 4 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [EMS Education Building](#)

403 East Madison Street

South Bend, IN 46617

[Sign up for the District 2 event!](#)

**Stop 9: District 8** (Monroe, Brown, Bartholomew, Lawrence, Jackson, Orange and Washington counties)

Date: Tuesday, August 11 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [Columbus Learning Center](#)

4555 Central Avenue

Columbus, IN 47203

[Sign up for the District 8 event!](#)

**Stop 10: District 5** (Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, Johnson and Shelby counties)

Date: Thursday, August 13 from 2-5 p.m. (Eastern)

Location: [Eskenazi Health](#)

Outpatient Care Center, 1st Floor

720 Eskenazi Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46202

[Sign up for the District 5 event!](#)

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## Fireworks Reporting

*Submitted by Jessica Skiba, M.P.H. Injury Prevention Epidemiologist with the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention*

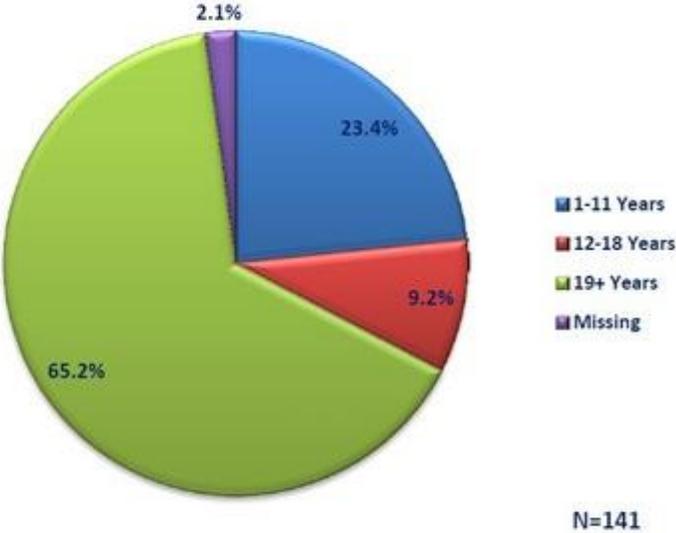
All hospitals and private medical practices are mandated by law to report firework injuries

and deaths to the ISDH to be published in an annual report per Indiana Code 35-47-7-7. Injury reports must be completed within five business days after examination of the injury. The 2015 Indiana Firework-Related Injury Report will be assembled and published this fall. The reporting cycle for 2015 runs from Sept. 13, 2014 through Sept. 12, 2015. Forms can be found at <http://www.state.in.us/isdh/19042.htm#Fireworks>.

The law requiring reporting can be found at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title35/ar47/ch7.html>.

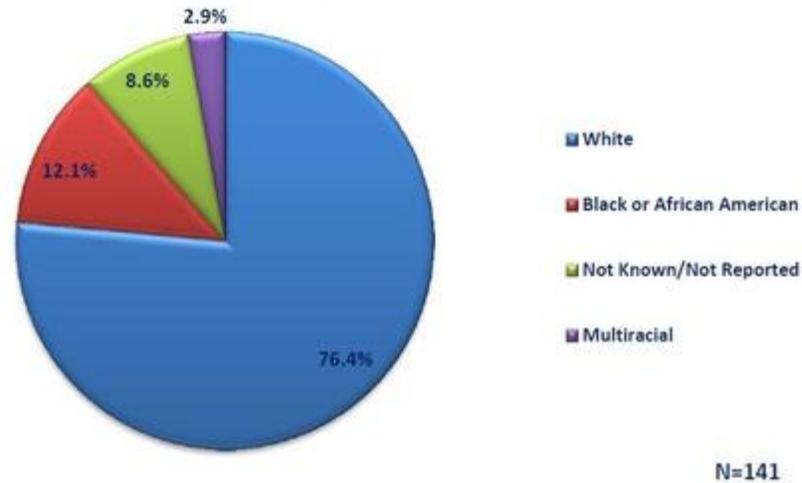
Questions can be directed to 317-233-7716

**Figure 2. Firework-related injuries by age group, Indiana, 2014\***



\* 2014 reporting cycle includes cases from Sept. 13, 2013-Sept. 12, 2014.  
Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention

Figure 4. Firework-related injuries by race, Indiana, 2014\*



\*2014 reporting cycle included cases from Sept. 13, 2013-Sept. 12, 2014.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention

## Blue Sky Project Letter



Michael R. Pence  
Governor

Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH  
State Health Commissioner

May 29, 2015

Dear Colleague:

Since November 2013, hospitals have been required by state law to report trauma cases to the State Department of Health's Trauma Registry. We have now developed a faster and easier way for you to do that and we invite you to take a look.

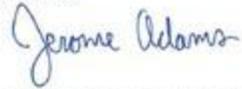
This process, deemed the "Blue Sky Project" by State Health Commissioner Greg Larkin in 2011, uses the technology of Application Programming Interface (API) and data already collected in your hospitals' Electronic Medical Record and minimizes the need to re-enter that data, saving you time and money. Katie Hokanson is our Trauma Director and she is able to facilitate the process of your facility reporting trauma cases to the Registry. Katie can be reached at [khokanson@isdh.in.gov](mailto:khokanson@isdh.in.gov) or by calling (317) 234-2865.

Last year my predecessor, Dr. William VanNess, wrote you regarding the importance of collecting trauma data from all hospitals in Indiana to improve the statewide trauma system. As of March 1, 2015, 75% of Indiana hospitals with Emergency Departments are reporting on a regular basis.

Currently, our Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention analyzes trauma data that hospitals submit and produce a report that shows those hospital's role in trauma, compares it with all trauma cases occurring within the hospital's district, and compares those facilities with all trauma cases reported in the state. Copies of these statewide reports can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/25581.htm> .

A fully functioning trauma system only works when all of the components work together. The development of a statewide trauma system is a long, multi-step process. If yours is a hospital that regularly reports trauma data, we thank you for partnering with us to improve Indiana's trauma system. If you're not yet a regular data reporter, we encourage you to take a look at our new "Blue Sky" option to ease the data reporting process.

Sincerely,



JEROME M. ADAMS, MD, MPH  
STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER



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## Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children - Healthcare Providers in the Emergency Department

*Via Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children*

## **Healthcare Providers in the Emergency Department**

Children make up 20% of all emergency room visits in non-pediatric hospitals. Having the proper training and education is critical to providing optimal care for children.

Some things to consider when determining if your emergency department providers have the proper training and education are:

- Age-appropriate interactions and interventions with all ages of children
- What assures that a physician/nurse is 'competent' to care for children in the ED?
- Does your ED conduct baseline and periodic evaluations for all ED clinical staff, including physicians, nurses and mid-level practitioners to include pediatric competency?
- Are physicians required to perform a minimum number of pediatric sedations to maintain competency?
- Are staff required to take part in periodic chart reviews of pediatric patients to assure consistency with evidence-based practice?
- Do ancillary staff (RT, lab, x-ray, etc) have the necessary skills and comfort level to care for children?
- Are all staff trained to provide services to children consistent with the services offered by the hospital overall?

Some general competency guidelines for educational and competency requirements:

- Nurses and physicians should have current certification in pediatric life support techniques;
- All should know the location of carts and equipment for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and mock codes should be conducted on a regular basis;
- Instruction on the use of cardio-respiratory monitors and their alarm settings for pediatric patients should be provided on an ongoing basis; and
- If pediatric patients are provided with monitors that feature electrocardiogram

readouts, appropriate training should be provided.

For more details and other guidelines for incorporating pediatric education and training into your hospital's policies please [click here](#).

Information provided

by [http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/PRP\\_Resources/Physicians\\_Nurses\\_Other\\_ED\\_Staff.aspx](http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/PRP_Resources/Physicians_Nurses_Other_ED_Staff.aspx)

## Trauma Staffing Changes and Division Staff - Desmyn Bryant and John O'Boyle

The Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention is pleased to announce the addition of a new intern and new staff member:

Desmyn graduated from Indiana University (Bloomington) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a focus in Community Health. She is currently an intern with the Division of Trauma and Injury prevention to complete her degree. She also works for the Indiana Fever (WNBA) as the Assistant Director of Basketball Operations.

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John graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public and Environmental Affairs and a minor in Criminal Justice. He worked at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) as a special agent for nearly 25 years

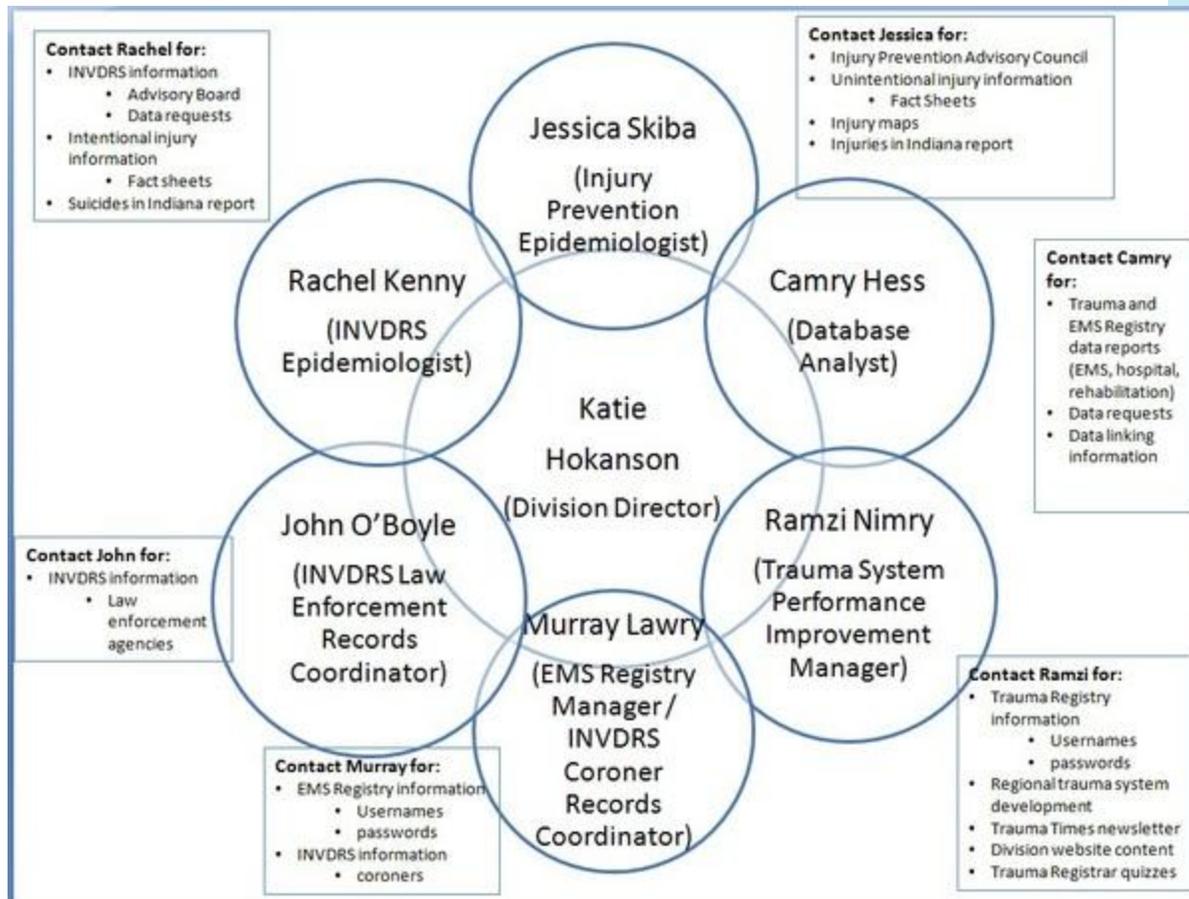
prior to joining ISDH.

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**Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. — State Health Commissioner**  
**Jennifer Walthall, M.D., M.P.H. — Deputy Health Commissioner**  
**Arthur L. Logsdon, J.D. — Assistant Commissioner, Health and Human Services**

**Katie Hokanson — Director**  
**Jessica Skiba, M.P.H. — Injury Prevention Epidemiologist**  
**Murray Lawry, M.P.A. — EMS Registry Manager**  
**Camry Hess, M.P.H. — Database Analyst Epidemiologist**  
**Ramzi Nimry — Trauma System Performance Improvement Manager**  
**Rachel Kenny — INVDRS Epidemiologist**  
**John O'Boyle — INVDRS Law Enforcement Records Coordinator**

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