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**EMT COMPETES IN
FINALS OF AMERICAN
NINJA WARRIOR**

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2018 MEMORIAL CEREMONY HONORS THE SACRIFICES OF FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Firefighters from across the state gathered to pay respect to their fallen comrades on Friday, Sept. 7 at the Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighters Memorial. The ceremony also included a remembrance for several firefighters from the Indianapolis Fire Department's past, who are being added to the state memorial for the first time.

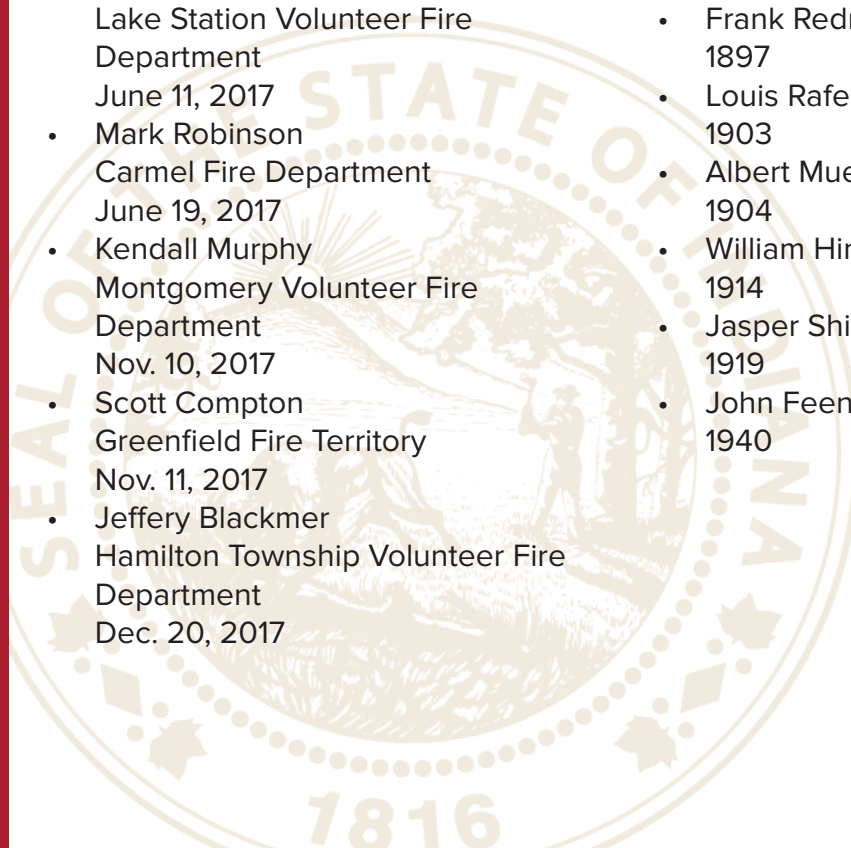
"It's all about taking some time to remember the brave firefighters who gave everything to keep our communities safe," said State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson. *"The sacrifices they and their families made will never be forgotten."*

INDIANA'S FALLEN HEROES

- Michael Payne
Prairie Township Volunteer Fire Department
Nov. 8, 2016
- David Jatczak
Lake Station Volunteer Fire Department
June 11, 2017
- Mark Robinson
Carmel Fire Department
June 19, 2017
- Kendall Murphy
Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department
Nov. 10, 2017
- Scott Compton
Greenfield Fire Territory
Nov. 11, 2017
- Jeffery Blackmer
Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department
Dec. 20, 2017

FORGOTTEN NO MORE

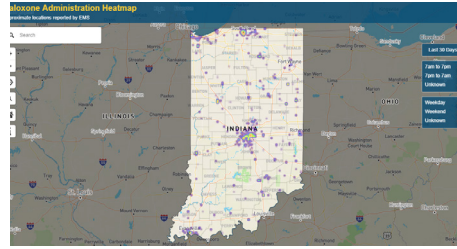
- Firefighters added from the Indianapolis Fire Department's past:
- Frank Redmond
1897
 - Louis Rafert
1903
 - Albert Muerer
1904
 - William Hinesley
1914
 - Jasper Shipp
1919
 - John Feeney
1940



NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION HEAT MAP LAUNCHES

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse has launched an online map that highlights locations where naloxone was administered throughout the state. The Naloxone Administration Heat Map compiles data collected by EMS providers dating back to Jan. 1, 2014.

The map, created through a partnership with IDHS and Indiana Management Performance Hub, provides first responders with better insight into where incidents requiring naloxone are occurring in their jurisdictions. These insights will allow public safety agencies to better deploy resources to combat the opioid epidemic. The map was officially launched on Aug. 23.



State statistics show a sharp increase in Indiana opioid deaths from 2015 to 2016. The number increased from 499 in 2015 to 757 in 2016, which is more than 11.5 opioid deaths per 100,000 Hoosiers.

“As we continue to battle the opioid epidemic from all angles, this new tool will both inform our first responders and help identify locations that have seen an increase in naloxone delivery,” said State EMS Medical Director Dr. Michael Kaufmann. “Indiana EMS

providers and first responders deliver this life-saving medication every day, and the data produced through this tool will help to guide the ongoing strategy of Gov. Holcomb’s NextLevel Recovery agenda.”

Watch Dr. Kaufmann discuss more about the map on the IDHS [YouTube page](#).

Naloxone, often referred to by the brand name Narcan, blocks the effects of an opioid overdose and can save the individual’s life. Once naloxone is administered by first responders, they report the location of the incident to IDHS.

View the Naloxone Administration Heat Map on the [Next Level Recovery website](#).

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AWARDED MEDAL OF VALOR

When David Bogemann, a Waldron volunteer firefighter, arrived at the scene of a residential fire, he was told that there was still someone inside the burning house. After hearing this information, Bogemann entered the fire and rescued the girl. For his selfless action in Sept. 2017, Bogemann received the Medal of Valor.

An additional award also was presented for another individual’s brave actions.

Damon Welch, the mayor of

Madison, Ind., presented Shawn Bennett with a Medal of Valor. In June, Bennett, who is a former volunteer firefighter, was driving when he saw a house on fire. He entered the blaze without any protective gear and rescued a woman who was still in the home.

The Medal of Valor is presented by the State Fire Marshal’s Office on behalf of the State of Indiana. Award recipients have demonstrated willingness to place their own life at risk to protect others and property.



David Bogemene accepts award from fire investigator Ross Keasling

THE IMPORTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE HEATING EDUCATION

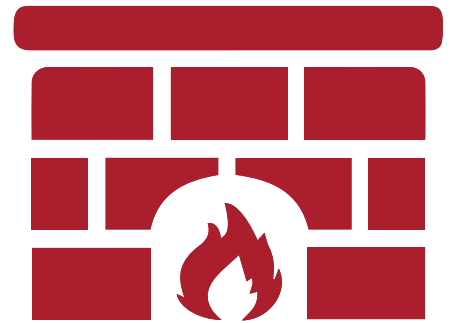
Once the weather in Indiana gets cooler, many Hoosiers turn to alternative heat sources for a variety of reasons such as saving money on heating bills. These sources of heat can be helpful tools, but pose hazards when used improperly.

Sharing safety information about these alternatives before the weather changes is vital. Between the months of October to December, 23 fire-related fatalities were recorded in 2016 and 31 fire-related fatalities occurred in 2017. These three months contributed to more than a third of each year's total fire-related fatality number. The high numbers are often attributed to unsafe alternative heating practices.

Safety precautions are not difficult to follow. A few shareable safety tips include:

- Heat sources should be turned off before leaving or going to sleep.
- With wood-burning fireplaces, use only dry, seasoned firewood to prevent buildup of creosote – a buildup on chimney walls of a flammable tar deposited from wood smoke.
- Space heaters should be kept away from loose or flammable objects (clothing, curtains, bedding and furniture). These items can catch on fire after getting caught in the heater or by simply being too close to it.
- Gas fireplaces should have proper ventilation, and all gas appliances should have a working carbon monoxide detector nearby.
- Appliances such as ovens should never be used for heating, because it can lead carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Small changes such as wearing long underwear reduces loss of body heat and can reduce the need for alternative heating sources.
- Smoke alarms can provide vital seconds to escape a home fire. All Hoosiers, especially those using alternative heating, should check their smoke alarms regularly.

For more safety tips about alternative heating, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.



2018 NATIONAL CERT CONFERENCE

The 2018 National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) conference in Florida brought in speakers from around the country with valuable lessons learned from real-world tragedies and catastrophic events. Speakers also educated attendees on the history and importance of CERT programs at the local level.

The CERT program was developed in California in 1986 by the Los Angeles Fire Department. The program became standardized and was taught around the country.

In Indiana, CERT programs often are considered neighborhood assistance after a disaster.

However, in coastal states around the U.S., members serve a much larger role and assist in daily operations.

Topics discussed included the response to Hurricane Irma, as well as two discussions on the 2017 Fort Lauderdale Airport shooting event and the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla.

At the national level, CERT falls under the FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Division. Currently, CERT programs operate in all 50 states, as well as the Tribal Nations.

Four representatives from Indiana attended the conference. Below are some of the notable items they learned from speakers.

HURRICANE IRMA

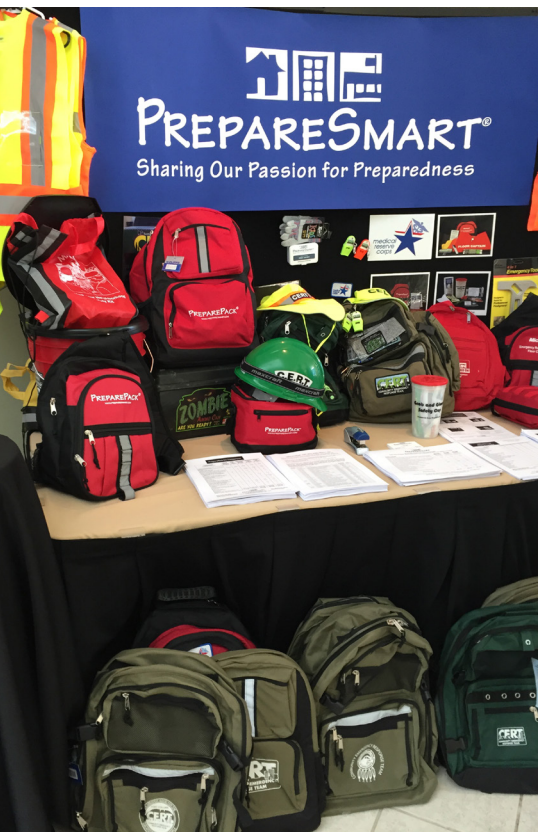
- Deploy members as often as possible, and keep them regularly involved.
- Include CERT in planning.
- CERT members assisted with damage assessments and amateur radio communications, conducted documentation, as well as staffed phone banks and food pantries.

FORT LAUDERDALE AIRPORT SHOOTING

- Forward thinking, unified command is vital.
- Fort Lauderdale Airport plans to implement a CERT on site.
- CERT members assisted with family support, interpretation services, sorting recovered items and more.

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

- Educate teachers and students on Stop the Bleed.
- A strong recovery plan is important.
- Immediately request chaplains and mental health support.
- Notify responders about funerals and memorials for victims before the media.
- CERT members were needed for documentation and to manage students and parents arriving on scene. They also assisted with traffic control, talked to family members and assisted with the walking wounded.





EMT COMPETES IN AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR FINALS

American Ninja Warrior: crazy obstacle courses and extremely fit athletes. Many people have seen the popular TV show and thought “how in the world do they do that?” Well, what started out as a way to have fun and stay active turned into a huge opportunity for a Fort Wayne EMT to compete in the national spotlight on the show.

Michael Bougher competed in the Indianapolis regional qualifier of American Ninja Warrior, which aired on June 18. After qualifying first out of 110 competitors, Bougher moved on to the city finals with 29 others. The difficulty increased in the city finals, with an addition of the Cane Lane section which required competitors to hang from and move a cane across

two suspended tracks. Though Cane Lane got the best of him, Bougher finished sixth and advanced to the national finals in Las Vegas.

At the national finals, 97 competitors raced through the obstacle course during Stage One to compete for a chance in the season finale. The Fort Wayne native made it through two obstacles before falling, ending his run at becoming the next American Ninja Warrior Champion.

“I loved every second of competing on American Ninja Warrior,” Bougher said. “Obviously I wish I would’ve done better in the finals, but that won’t discourage me from continuing to train. I’m already

planning to compete in the regional event in 2019.”

Bougher started training to compete on American Ninja Warrior almost three years ago. Originally hoping to get involved in parkour, a sport that involves getting from one point to another in the most efficient way by running, climbing and jumping, Bougher decided to give the competition a try after his local gym discontinued parkour training. Making it up the famed Warped Wall on his first try, he was hooked.

Throughout his training, the community surrounding ninja warrior has been his favorite part.

“The ninja warrior community

views it as if we are competing with each other as a group, to beat the course,” Bougher said. “Everybody wants each other to do well. It’s such a tight-knit community, everyone is extremely helpful and friendly.”

Classic City Center (CCC), a 48,000 square foot gym in Waterloo, Ind., is where Bougher calls his training home. Ninja warrior is still fairly new in Fort Wayne, and CCC is the only gym in the area with a program. The next closest program is in Indianapolis. Bougher trains at CCC several days a week and even teaches a class for children on Monday nights.



Though ninja warrior has grown into a big part of his life, it is not his full time job. He serves as a certified EMT for Securitas at a factory in Fort Wayne.

In addition to responding to medical emergencies, he is tasked with making sure everyone inside is safe and following rules. He performs security duties, checks door locks, responds to alarms and ensures safety for employees.

Certified as an EMT for three years now, Bougher became interested in the profession in high school after one of his teachers recommended him for an EMT class. He immediately fell in love with it and wanted to pursue it as his career.

“I enjoy serving and helping others in any way that I can,” Bougher said. “I don’t want to stop at just being an EMT. Eventually, I want to advance my skills even further and be a certified paramedic.”

Outside of being an EMT and training and competing in ninja warrior, Bougher also

serves as volunteer firefighter at Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department and is a member of the Indiana National Guard. In the Guard, he is a “35 Fox,” or military intelligence analyst, in civilian language.

How does he manage all of these different responsibilities? “I usually don’t sleep a lot,” he said.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Members of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) elected State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson to be vice president at the association’s annual meeting on Aug. 13, 2018.

Greeson, appointed Indiana State Fire Marshal in 2008 by Governor Mitch Daniels, has served on the board of directors for the NASFM since 2013. Read more about Greeson on the IDHS website.

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES 2018 AWARD WINNERS

The Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC) has presented its annual awards, honoring the best and brightest among Indiana first responders and public safety officials. Award recipients may be nominated by other emergency responders, as well as individuals they may have assisted.

“Recognition of extraordinary work is often a missed piece within the emergency response community,” said Douglas Randell, division chief of emergency medical services with Plainfield Fire Department

and coordinator of the 2018 awards. “Peers understand the difficult work that these responders face every day, and these awards are an important way for individuals that go above and beyond to be recognized.”

The IERC serves as the annual gathering for firefighters, emergency medical services (EMS), law enforcement, emergency management agencies, hazardous materials professionals, special operations personnel and telecommunicators. It includes educational sessions,

innovative presentations and discussions about some of the most pressing issues facing the emergency response community in Indiana.

The IERC was planned by the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety Medical. For more information visit indianaerc.org.

Recipients for each award are on the next page. More information on each award recipient can be found online at dhs.in.gov/4168.htm.





Fire Instructor of the Year
Ross Elmore, Petersburg Fire Department



Dispatcher of the Year
Shift Days A, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications

NOT SHOWN

EMS Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year (Fire Department-based)
Fishers Fire Department

Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year
Craig Zollars, White River Township Fire Department (Greenwood)



David J. Edwards Memorial Award, Primary (EMS) Instructor of the Year
Kelly Russ, Indianapolis EMS



EMS Officer of the Year
Gary Kleeman, Harrison County Hospital EMS



EMS for Children Award
Chris Thomas, Trans-Care Ambulance Service (Terre Haute)

EMT-Basic of the Year
Samantha Slinger, Harrison County Hospital EMS



Medical Director of the Year
Scott Sinnott, Project Swaddle Medical Director, Franciscan Alliance (Lafayette)

Paramedic of the Year
Darren Forman, Crawfordsville Fire Department



EMS Basic Life Support Provider of the Year (Non-Fire Department-based)
Knox County EMS

Ambulance Provider Public Relations Award
inHealth (Valparaiso)

Firefighter of the Year
Thomas Marvel, Carmel Fire Department

Fire Chief of the Year (Volunteer)
Randy Sizelove, Summitville Fire Department

Fire Chief of the Year (Career)
Mike Connelly, Evansville Fire Department



EMS Basic Life Support Provider of the Year
Evansville Fire Department



Fire Officer of the Year
Tim Tully, Crown Point Fire Rescue



EMS Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year
AMR Evansville

WHAT'S NEW IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/ INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY?

IDHS recovery staff continues to work with Public Assistance (PA) applicants across the state in an effort to restore properties to pre-disaster conditions following the flooding event from Feb. 14-March 4. A total of 28 counties are being assisted across the state, with more than \$14.8 million in funds being returned to the state.

As this work continues, IDHS recovery staff encourage potential future PA applicants, which include state, tribal and local governments as well as essential private non-profit organizations, to request login credentials to the FEMA Grants Portal in advance of other disaster occurrences. Having this information ahead of time

will simplify the request for public assistance (RPA) process, both for applicants and for state personnel that process these requests.

To request FEMA Grants Portal login credentials:

- Contact IDHS Public Assistance Staff at PA@dhs.in.gov with “FEMA Grants Portal Access Request” in the subject line.
- Include the name, job title and contact information of the primary point of contact for the organization requesting access.
- In the following days, the organization contact will receive an email with a username and a temporary

password. The password will need to be changed during the first login.

- Once the user logs in and updates their password, the user should have access to upload documents specific to their organization, such as organization insurance policies, bylaws and tax documents, saving time for when other disaster-specific documentation needs to be uploaded in the future.

For questions about the FEMA Grants Portal or about the PA process, please visit in.gov/dhs/Paprogram, or contact IDHS Public Assistance Staff at PA@dhs.in.gov.



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FIREFIGHTERS BATTLING MASSIVE BLAZE

The Kendallville Fire Department responded to a fire at the condemned McCray Refrigerator industrial complex. The department spent the next 17 hours fighting the blaze.

Throughout the process the Fire Department was assisted by the Kendallville Police Department, Noble County Sherriff Department and Avilla Police Department to establish a perimeter and manage evacuations. Their involvement allowed the firefighters to focus on extinguishing the fire. Parkview Noble Emergency Medical Services also checked on each firefighter's condition before and after their shift.

Additional support came from 18 other fire departments from the surrounding towns, cities and counties.

"I think this fire showcases the amount of training that firefighters do," Fire Chief Mike Riehm said. "It's also a great testimony for the district concept established in 2004, which I believe was a major improvement for public safety.

It laid the groundwork for bringing people together, bringing resources together, bringing training together and building relationships with other communities, which helps improve the response to incidents."

Firefighters also received assistance and support from the community. Citizens, local businesses and churches provided food and water for firefighters throughout the day.

"We're a fairly small community of 10,000, and when something major happens our community comes together and supports those who are in need," Riehm said. "It truly shows we are a caring community and we encourage one another."

The fire also damaged the roof of one nearby historic building, which caught fire when burning embers were carried by the wind.

The June 4 fire is still under investigation.



Kendallville Fire Department

- 3 Engines
- 1 Tower truck
- 2 Pumper tankers
- 1 Grass truck
- 4 Command units
- 1 UTV

18 fire departments on scene to lend mutual aid. There were 42 pieces of equipment and 135 firefighters manning that equipment.

- 6 Aerials
- 11 Engines
- 2 Rescues
- 10 Tankers
- 1 Grass unit
- 1 UTV
- 1 D-3 Command / communication bus
- 10 Command units

Approximately 5 million gallons of water was used to fight this fire.

EMS QUANDRY: SERVICE ANIMALS AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

Many people see service animals as a pet. However, the law considers service animals as an extension of the disabled person and, therefore, the service animal has the same rights as the person the animal is assisting.

When treating a person who works with a service animal, EMS crews must allow access to the service animal and even transport the service animal with their owner. An EMS provider may ask only if the service animal is required because of a disability and what type of

assistance the service animal provides. Additional questions or verifications are not permitted. Many service animals wear a special vest identifying the animal as a service animal and this should be accepted. But it is not required by law as an identifier.

The primary reason for exclusion would be if the service animal is hostile or uncontrolled and the owner cannot regain control.

While there is no specific information in federal law

regarding emotional support animals, Indiana law does provide a definition. Emotional support animals present a challenge as the animals may provide support for a medically-recognized mental condition. However, the only accommodation Indiana Code provides is protection relating to housing matters. Therefore, it is recommended that EMS providers develop policies on whether they will or will not recognize emotional support animals for transport of a patient.

LEARN MORE

SERVICE ANIMALS

- [ADA guidance on service animals](#)
- [Indiana Code 16-32-3-1.5 and 16-32-3-2](#)

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

- There are no federal statutes that cover emotional support animals.
- Emotional support animals are not addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- [Indiana Code 22-9-7-6](#)



HAZMAT EXERCISE BRINGS COMMUNITY'S FIRST RESPONDERS TOGETHER

Multiple agencies combined forces to simulate a hazardous emergency environment at the Pace Dairy of Indiana factory in Crawfordsville, Ind.

The Pace Dairy Hazmat responders, Crawfordsville Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Franciscan Health Crawfordsville worked together to practice all of the agencies' emergency plans in a one-day exercise. The exercise was held in August.

Montgomery County EMA Deputy Director Brian Campbell, who helped Pace Dairy develop the exercise, said this event will help all participants in a variety of ways.



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“Planning for potential hazards and emergencies, and exercising those plans makes all of our community partners better prepared to successfully handle any potential issues,” Campbell said. “This leads to a stronger relationship between community partners such as public safety, hospitals and industry.”

As part of the exercise, the Crawfordsville Fire Department set up a decontamination station that participants went through after leaving the hazardous zone. The fire department also acted as EMS and transported a “patient” to the Franciscan Health Crawfordsville hospital, where the health personnel implemented the hospital’s decontamination plan.

The Pace Dairy Hazmat Response Team worked on simulated anhydrous ammonia lines and valves. The team also wore Level-A hazmat suits, which is the highest level of protection from hazardous materials.

Approximately 30 professionals from various agencies directly participated in the exercise. Campbell encourages other community partners to collaborate and develop similar exercises.

“Exercising emergency plans is the only way to truly know if those plans are practical, as well as finding out the strengths and weaknesses of a plan,” Campbell said.

2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL FEDERAL AWARD **\$6,874,800**

STATE AWARD **\$3,077,883**

IDHS SALARIES **\$2,391,073**

IDHS PROJECTS **\$686,810**

NON FUNDED STATE-PROJECTS **\$1,559,336**

SUB-RECIPIENTS (EMA SALARIES & LOCAL PROJECTS) **\$3,796,917**

LOCAL SALARY REIMBURSEMENT **\$3,000,000**

AWARDED-LOCAL COMPETITIVE PROJECTS **\$796,917**

NON FUNDED-LOCAL COMPETITIVE PROJECTS **\$1,024,721**

\$600K+ MORE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS!

LOCAL APPLICATION STATS

37 local applications approved

\$796,917 funds approved, supporting local projects

CYBERSECURITY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

October is National Cybersecurity Month and in our ever-connected world, anyone can be a target. Due to the field work and sensitive information emergency responders work with, they are a tempting target for cyberattack. Public wireless networks pose a threat, as most are unsecured. Unsecured networks make it easier for criminals to use the network to access connected devices. In addition to public networks, traveling and field work can lead to devices being left out in the open for any thief to take.

When responding to an emergency or going into the field, responders should follow a few key guidelines to protect data and their devices. Always lock mobile devices and close laptops. Only use a public wireless network when absolutely necessary and never



share personal or sensitive information over an unsecured network. And if there is a software update, don't delay what could be an important security patch.

When securing devices, develop a strong password strategy. The best way to create a memorable and strong password is to take a favorite phrase or quote and add symbols and numbers to it. Aim for passwords that are at least 12-15 characters long. Passwords like **1DHSi\$theBest** or **Hoo\$ierR3sponder!sGreat** are hard to guess and would take a lot of time and effort to crack by brute force. Some services even allow the use

of spaces, which can help strengthen the password and the memorability. There are at least 5 billion compromised accounts online, which is why it's important to never use the same password more than once. Finally, if possible, back up your passwords with Multi Factor Authentication or MFA. MFA comes in the form of texts, emails, authenticator apps and physical devices. MFA works with your account and your password and provides an additional layer of protection when logging in.

Learn more!
[Cybersecurity While Traveling](#)

QUICK TIPS

- Always lock mobile devices and close laptops.
- Only use a public wireless network when absolutely necessary.
- Never share personal or sensitive information over an unsecured network.
- If there is a software update, don't delay what could be an important security patch.
- When securing devices, develop a strong password strategy.

On Oct. 1, the [Indiana Cybersecurity Strategy](#) was unveiled via the state's new [Cybersecurity Hub site](#). This strategy outlines tactics and initiatives from all sectors, public and private, to protect themselves from the growing threat of cyberattacks.

INDIANA
CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN



September 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

OBSERVED: OCT. 1-31, 2018

Today, nearly every Hoosier uses the Internet daily. With more and more personal information being shared and housed online, it is important to educate Indiana residents about why cybersecurity is needed. This annual event strives to raise awareness about why and how to stay safe online.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OBSERVED: OCT. 7-13, 2018

This year's campaign theme "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to inform individuals about easy steps to follow for preventing fires. Consider sending photos from local Fire Prevention Week activities to pio@dhs.in.gov or tagging the agency on Twitter or Facebook, for inclusion on the IDHS social media feeds.

For more information about fire prevention, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw/index.html>.

GREAT CENTRAL U.S. SHAKEOUT

OBSERVED: OCT. 18, 2018

IDHS partners with the Great Central U.S. Shakeout, teaching Hoosiers to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake drill. Indiana is near two major fault lines, and preparedness for this natural disaster is vital. For southern Indiana emergency responders, this is an excellent opportunity to visit area schools for education.

For more information about earthquake safety, visit dhs.in.gov/2792.htm.

AMERICA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

OBSERVED: OCT. 21-27, 2018

America's Safe Schools Week, created by the National School Safety Center, encourages education and law enforcement policymakers to help keep schools safe for children. Sharing safety information with families in your community is one way to participate in the event.

For more information visit, <http://www.schoolsafety.us>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

OBSERVED: OCT. 31, 2018

On this day, children are twice as likely to die from a vehicle accident as any other time of the year. Safety hazards stem from dark costumes, low visibility conditions and children walking into traffic. Contemplate sharing safety information before the Halloween celebrations or trick-or-treating begins.

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

OBSERVED: NOV. 11-17, 2018

IDHS partners with the National Weather Service to prepare Hoosiers for winter weather before it occurs. This annual event strives to spread information about how everyone can stay safe during cold winter weather.

COOKING SAFETY

OBSERVED: ALWAYS, BUT ESPECIALLY AROUND THE HOLIDAYS

Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and fire-related injuries. Additionally, Thanksgiving Day has the most reported incidents of a home fire. Help Hoosiers practice caution before preparing any meal this holiday season with safe kitchen (and deep fried turkey) tips.

HOLIDAY DECORATION SAFETY

OBSERVED: ALL HOLIDAY SEASON

Hoosiers across the state will soon deck their homes with holiday decorations. Festive decorations are pretty, but can be dangerous if caution is not practiced. Encourage everyone to review safety tips before they start decorating.

For more information about cybersecurity, halloween safety, winter weather awareness, cooking safety and holiday decoration safety, visit GetPrepared.in.gov

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