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Mandatory Instructor Note

Testing – we receive many calls in Indianapolis about mandatory testing and how the test questions are validated. Mandatory test questions are validated to insure that they are pertinent and appropriate to the material covered by active instructors. The Mandatory test questions are also validated to the objectives at the beginning of each chapter/module. Instructors should review the objectives for each module and make sure that they cover the material in depth in the classroom to assist the student in understanding what they must know.

Instructors should use the Instructor outlines provided with each curriculum. The test questions are validated to the student manual and instructor guides. **MANDATORY TEST QUESTIONS ARE NOT VALIDATED TO THE POWERPOINT.** If an instructor is using only the mandatory powerpoint slides provided for each curriculum you are not covering all of the material that may be on the written test.

Fire Chief Leadership Seminar – April 28th Greensburg Learning Center Course Content. Presentations by President Bill Newgent – Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and President Larry Ketchem – Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assn. along with President Tom Hanify – Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana.

Roger D. Johnson – Indiana State Fire Marshal will deliver the keynote address on The Indiana Fire Service State of the State Address. IDHS Director of Training Joe Wainscott will update attendees on the Indiana Firefighter Training System. IDHS Executive Director Eric Dietz will also make a presentation. Discussion on the progress on developing the State Fire Service Mutual Aid System by Chief Tim Schabbel. Developing Standard Operating Procedures presentation by Division Chief Chad Abel of Fishers Fire Department. Grants and Incident Reporting Presentation by Gary Robison / Manager of Grants and Risk Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Developing a Labor Management Partnership by Chief William Dale Henson of Decatur Township Fire Department. Retaining and Recruiting Volunteer Staff Chief John M. Buckman III IDHS – Firefighter Training System. Safety Strategies for the Fire Chief by Battalion Chief Gene Konzen of Wayne Township Fire Department.

Division Chief Joel Thacker of White River Township Fire Department will close out the leadership seminar with a program on the Strategies and Tactics of Leadership.

Don't miss this final 2006 opportunity. Visit the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association website to register.



IDHS / IFTS / DNR and the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association (left) shared a booth at the recently concluded FDIC in Indianapolis. The booth was a popular stopping place for Hoosier firefighters. Special thanks to the IDHS staff who volunteered to help staff the booth.



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IN SAFE Fire Service Initiative



IDHS Executive Director Eric Dietz (pictured on the left) kicked off the press conference announcing the SAFE Fire Service Initiative. The Indiana Firefighter Training System in cooperation with Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, Indiana Fire Instructors Association and the Indiana Firefighters Association will unveil the Indiana Safe Fire Service Initiative.

The Indiana Safe Fire Service Initiative is modeled after the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation 16 Life Safety Initiatives designed to reduce line of duty death and injuries that occur to firefighters. Chief Bill Newgent,

President of the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association says "it is time to assist Indiana's chiefs, officers and firefighters do their job safer, this program will give the tools to a Chief to ensure that "Everyone Goes Home".

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation "Whistle Stop" tour bus will join Indiana officials for the announcement.

The "Bus" contains names of over 3100 names of firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1981.

A whistle-stop tour is an expression used to refer to political campaigns, especially in the United States after World War II, where candidates covered a vast amount of territory in a train, at a fast pace, in order to bring their message to the public. The most famous whistle-stop train tour in U.S. history was Harry Truman's 1948 re-election whistle-stop when he traveled 30,000 miles over the Midwest and western United States aboard his train, Magellan. Many observers credit his re-election to this whistle-stop tour. National Fallen Firefighters Foundation President Ron Siarnicki (left) points to a name of an Indianapolis Firefighter while Chief Jim Greeson is watching.

