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2007 Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminars

This years 2007 seminars have been completed. 5 seminars were conducted across the State by the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Firefighter Training System. This past weekend about 100 firefighters attended the Greensburg seminar. Chief Scott Chasteen, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association 1st Vice-President welcomed the attendees on behalf of IFCA President Bill Newgent. Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana President Tom Hanify provided information about the legislature and updates on the status of fire service legislation.

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association President Larry Ketchem spoke about the needs of the volunteer firefighters located across this State in large and small communities.

State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson provided the keynote address and brought the house down with his wit and humor. Marshal Johnson spoke about the need for a SAFE Fire Service that takes care of each other and needs of the State for a statewide mutual aid program.

Chad Abel, Division of Chief of Training for the Fishers FD and President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association spoke to the attendees about the need for Standard Operating Procedures. Chief Timm Schabbel of the Clay Fire Territory spoke about the status of the Staewide mutual aid system sponsored by the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association.





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More on the leadership seminars: IDHS Executive Director Eric Dietz spoke to the attendees on the relationship between the fire service and the homeland security community. IDHS Director of Training Joe Wainscott provided an update on the firefighter training system.

Chiefs and Instructors should be watching the IDHS website for further updates on the training system.

Gary Robison, IDHS Grants Manager and NFIRS coordinator spoke on the availability of grants and the need for reporting emergency responses and community events.

Chief John Buckman and Chief Gene Konzen spoke on the Labor Management concept and retaining and recruiting volunteers. Chief Konzen closed out the day with the Strategy of Safety and responsibility of the Chiefs in keeping the firefighters safe in their daily duties.

Attention: All Fire Departments, Firefighters, Friends of the Fire Service and Friends of Governor Daniels

Saturday - May 5th, 2007

Spencer Indiana

Owen Valley Community Fire Department

8:00am thru 12:00pm

District 7 Firefighter Training System kickoff event. The event will include demonstrations of props and live burn training trailer utilizing some of the Indiana Firefighter Training System assets purchased through the District 7 firefighter training council.

Governor Mitch Daniels is scheduled to arrive at the Owen Valley Community Fire Station around 9:30am and tour the facility, observe firefighters performing skills using extrication tools, forcible entry tools, ventilation tools and a live burn training trailer.

In addition at 10:30am a ceremony will occur where Governor Daniels, IDHS officials, the State Fire Marshal and District 7 representatives will designate the District 7 training center.

We are encouraging fire departments to bring fire trucks, rescue squads and other fire service vehicles to put on display. This is an opportunity for the District 7 and 8 fire departments to show Governor Daniels some of the equipment that protects Hoosiers.

You are invited to attend and visit with the firefighters and Governor Daniels.

Questions about the event. Call the Owen Valley Volunteer Fire Department or Indiana Firefighter Training System / Chief John Buckman at 317-417-3695.