



INDIANAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire & Life Safety Division

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The Indianapolis Fire Department is committed to ensuring that the City of Indianapolis is comprehensively educated on fire safety and the risk behaviors associated with fire-related incidents. Each day, we engage with citizens of all ages, providing education on fire risks, prevention strategies, emergency response actions, and overall home safety.

In addition to our daily outreach, we host several large-scale events throughout the year. We encourage you, your family, your neighbors, and anyone who may benefit to attend. Below is a snapshot of upcoming Indianapolis Fire Department events for the 2026 calendar year:

Firefighter for a Day Camp

The IFD Brian Sanford “Firefighter for a Day Camp,” taking place Monday, June 29 through Wednesday, July 1, is a three-day, hands-on program designed for children ages 6–12. The camp provides an immersive look at the life of a firefighter while teaching essential fire and life safety skills.

Hosted at the Warren Township Trustee’s Office and the IMPD Training Academy (501 N. Post Road, 46219), the camp welcomes hundreds of youth from Indianapolis and surrounding areas. Participants rotate through interactive stations including rescue simulations, CPR and first aid training, 911 emergency practice, fitness challenges, and team-based obstacle courses.

In addition to daily activities, campers receive take-home items such as camp shirts, safety-themed goodie bags, certificates, and opportunities to win prizes. The program is designed to build confidence, promote healthy habits, and strengthen community connections while improving safety awareness.

Space is limited. To register, please visit:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlBowETTe0mnGssbF9Fr6K1F-Y235eJEjENdIruarLtUNzFOVEc1NTIBN1UyMEwzSDdCWUdGNzZVOS4u>

For additional information or volunteer opportunities, contact Administrative Assistant George Callahan at (317) 954-6897.

MCPHD Safety Fest

The Indianapolis Fire Department is proud to once again participate in the annual Back-to-School and Community Resource Day by hosting its popular Fire Safety Festival.



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Families can enjoy a large-scale safety village featuring interactive games, a safety trailer, bounce houses, food, a bookmobile, and hands-on learning experiences. The event also includes a car seat giveaway and car seat check clinic to help ensure children are safe both at home and on the road.

Join us on Saturday, July 11, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Marion County Public Health Department (3838 N. Rural Street). Each school-aged child will receive a free backpack with supplies and healthy snacks. Families can also access free immunizations, sports physicals, vision and dental screenings, and birth certificates for eligible children.

Representatives from dozens of community organizations will be on site, along with assistance for health coverage enrollment. This resource-rich event is a great way to prepare for the school year while connecting with valuable services.

For more information, visit: <https://marionhealth.org/>

For volunteer opportunities, contact George Callahan at (317) 954-6897.

Indianapolis Fire Department Showcase & Fall Festival

The 6th Annual IFD Showcase and Fall Festival, taking place on Saturday, September 19, is a family-friendly event designed to introduce the community to the mission and work of the department.

Held at the Indianapolis Fire Department Training Academy, the event provides a relaxed and welcoming environment where attendees can explore careers in public safety while enjoying food, entertainment, and activities for all ages.

Guests will experience live demonstrations including rope rescues, vehicle extrication, and live fire scenarios. Firefighters, recruitment staff, and health and safety representatives will be available to answer questions and provide insight into career pathways and the hiring process.

Additional details will be shared on IFD social media as the event approaches. For volunteer opportunities, contact George Callahan at (317) 954-6897.



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Fire Safety Olympics

The Indianapolis Fire Department's "Fire Safety Olympics" is a traveling, school-based program held during Fire Safety Month in October for students in grades 1–3.

This interactive event brings firefighters and safety educators directly into schools, transforming campuses into engaging learning environments. Students participate in hands-on activities focused on fire escape planning, emergency procedures, and the importance of smoke alarms.

Combining physical activity with education, the program promotes teamwork, preparedness, and awareness while making learning fun. It also strengthens the relationship between the fire department and local schools.

To schedule your school or request more information, contact George Callahan at (317) 954-6897.

Survive Alive

Firefighters Survive Alive! is an interactive fire and life safety education program designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to prevent emergencies and respond effectively.

Using a fully immersive "village" setting—including realistic homes and a simulated street—participants engage in hands-on learning led by trained firefighters and educators. Activities include practicing fire escape plans, responding to clothing fires using "stop, drop, cover, and roll," and making emergency 911 calls.

Originally developed for elementary-aged students, the program has expanded to serve learners of all ages with developmentally appropriate instruction. Sessions combine classroom learning with real-world simulations aligned to nationally recognized safety standards.

To schedule a session or learn more, contact George Callahan at (317) 954-6897.

Also, attached to this is a list of other services provided by our FLSD team including how to access free smoke alarms, car seats, etc.