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IDHS Accomplishments for 2008

The worst disaster year in the state's history happened in 2008 with 82 of 92 counties receiving a Presidential declaration.

"The efforts you've put forward are appreciated and the good that you've done to be able to help folks who have suffered by these disasters has been incredible," said Joe Wainscott, executive director at IDHS.

But the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) has completed and had many more accomplishments than response to disasters.

Throughout all of this, teamwork did prevail. "Teamwork really showed what we're made of, what our folks are made of, and we continue to work together," added Wainscott.

Accomplishments for 2008 include:

- Upgraded and modified the Emergency Operations Center.
- Plan Review and Field Inspection of Honda

Plant.

- Full involvement with the construction and inspection of Lucas Oil Stadium.
- Increased plan e-filing from 42% to 47%.
- The expedited plan review option generated an additional \$210,000 in revenue.
- Elimination of VX Nerve Gas from Newport, IN and the close-out of the CSEPP Program.
- Increased the number of contract analysts to 36 Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center employees, including a full team of task force watch officers.
- Developed streamlined grant review process, reducing process time from nearly 200 days to less than 60 days.
- 5 major Indiana plans nearing completion.
- Published administrative guidelines for



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From the Director's Chair

The end of 2008 offers us the opportunity to reflect back on the previous 12 months' challenges and accomplishments. This year has proven to be a year of change. We have seen transformation and growth in many ways at IDHS, both physically and programmatically. Due in large part to our employees, we were able to build upon our existing team and welcome new members with great talent and exciting new ideas.

Author Isadora Duncan stated, "What one has not experienced, one will never understand in print." This is especially



Bartholomew County - June 2008

true after the tumultuous year we have had in Indiana with regard to weather. This year, 2008, marks one of the worst disaster years in the state's history with 82 of 92 counties receiving a presidential declaration.



Three separate and distinct disaster periods occurred this year that resulted in presidential declarations. Flooding

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Seasonal Dangers of Home Heating



As temperatures drop and citizens take steps to warm their homes, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana State Fire Marshal urge Hoosiers to be mindful of the risks associated with home heating. Along with the colder temperatures that accompany winter, there is an elevated risk of dying from fire during this season. Statistics show the deadliest months for fires are typically December, January and February.

According to information gathered from the Indiana State Fire Marshal, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 520 home structure fires in Indiana in 2007. These fires accounted for 8% of all home fires and include fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape.

“Space heaters present a greater fire risk than central heating systems,” said Jim Greeson, Indiana State Fire Marshal. “Space heaters tend to be closer to household combustibles and the people

occupying the homes, and they tend to require a more direct role by occupants in fueling, maintenance, and operation.”

IDHS suggests following these tips for safe heating during the winter months:

- Maintain a 3 feet separation between materials that can burn and heating equipment.
- Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer’s instructions say they should be turned off.
- Do not use your oven to heat your home.

Greeson urges Hoosiers to test smoke alarms monthly and install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

For a complete list of heating safety tips, visit the [IDHS website](#).

Employee Spotlight - Carmen Spencer

Carmen Spencer has worked in the Public Assistance (PA) Program of IDHS for over one year. Her role is to administer the PA grants when a disaster is declared for our state and local infrastructure. Spencer assists citizens, local government and private entities in achieving the common purpose of preventing, protecting against, responding to, and recovering man-made or natural threats and events to people, property and the economy of Indiana.

Spencer’s favorite thing about her job is that “you are continuously on a learning curve.” There is always some new

aspects of the job to learn. Her favorite aspect of her job is assisting fellow Hoosiers through rough times.

When not working, Spencer enjoys volunteering at the Humane Society, reading and old fashion southern cooking.



Email and Internet Usage for IDHS Employees



Upon hiring into Indiana State Government, all employees sign an Information Resources use Agreement and complete related training, promising to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the Indiana Office of Technology.

Appropriate Use:

- The purpose of the equipment is to conduct official state government business. Occasionally, it is permissible to visit websites for personal use, but this must be done before or after work hours and the websites are appropriate.
- Sending and receiving occasional personal email at work is allowable if email is occasional, appropriate and kept to a minimum.

Inappropriate use:

- Using email to say something negative about anyone is a bad idea. It often gets forwarded to them, poisoning your relationship and undermining team building and future cooperation efforts.

Keep in mind that email messages are not private. They may be examined by supervisors at any time. If IDHS receives a public records request for them, they generally must be provided.

Prohibited Activities

- Commercial activity (eBay, Amazon, eHarmony, etc.)
- Support of any political party or candidate.
- Downloading or distributing any offensive jokes, comments, messages, etc. “Offensive” is in the eye of the recipient.
- Disabling virus protection or adjusting Internet security settings.
- Violating copyright or intellectual property laws.

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from January-March prompted the declaration of 21 counties in Northern Indiana. Spring storms caused significant damage in central and southern Indiana and resulted in 50 counties being declared disaster areas. The final declaration period came in September when 38 counties were determined to be disaster areas due to severe flooding in Northwest Indiana and wind damage in Southern Indiana.



Crawford County - September 2008

Using available estimates, the financial impact to Indiana from disasters in 2008 tops \$1.9 billion. FEMA continues to maintain a presence in Indiana at the Joint Field Office in Indianapolis, and continues to work very closely with our folks in the emergency response and recovery division. At the peak, nearly 400 FEMA employees were located in the Hoosier state.

Indiana's recovery efforts during 2008 occurred not only in three time periods, but in three distinct focus areas. The first was immediate recovery for individuals. The state stood up 53 "one-stop-shops" or disaster centers with Federal and State agencies. In total, 1,514 state employees played a role in the "one-stop-shops." More than \$21 million in disaster food stamps and \$1.1 million for short-term housing was distributed at these locations.

The second focus was providing safe and suitable housing assistance to those displaced from their homes. The state partnered with FEMA to provide repair or rental assistance to 20,143 homes or

apartments and placed 80 temporary mobile homes in areas where housing was needed. The state also provided funding for first month rental or security deposits to 275 renters totaling approximately \$400,000. An estimated 500 homes (\$70 million in total value) susceptible to chronic flooding are in the process to be bought-out with the cooperation of local government.

The third and final focus point was public infrastructure recovery. The state partnered with FEMA to enroll 861 local units of government in the FEMA public assistance program. The state helped expedite the payment of FEMA public assistance funds. We are especially proud of the dedicated employees who helped make all of this possible.

We have all heard the phrase, "all disasters are local." It was proven to be especially true in 2008, as we depended on our local partners to have the right personnel and capabilities to respond effectively and manage emergencies well. It is their responsibility to be organized with their own planning, training and exercise efforts while it is our role at IDHS to offer assistance and support. Our intention is to assist efforts to develop and promote local relationships among first responders in all 10 districts. This exercises a cost-effective method for improving response times and backup support during future disasters.

In November, IDHS conducted the Pandemic Response Indiana Defense Exercise (PRIDE). Volunteers were recruited from across Indiana to help assist in the training of emergency responders in District 6 and District 10. The exercise also helped test policies and procedures from IDHS, Indiana State Department of Health and the Board of Animal Health. PRIDE spanned a two-day period and provided an opportunity for the general public to understand the need for an emergency preparedness plan.



P.R.I.D.E. - November 2008

Much of 2008 was also spent notifying Hoosiers of the importance of fire safety and prevention. We continue to see how a troubled economy disturbs people's lives in so many different ways. Even before it was clear that our economy was about to take a serious dip, we were concerned about a possible spike in heating-related fires because of the tremendous increase in energy costs. We remain committed to fighting hard during these winter months to educate the citizens of Indiana about the risks and dangers associated with alternative heating. While we brace for the inevitable hardships that come with an economic downturn, it is important that we not forget the increased risk of fire.

As we move forward focusing on the tasks at hand, we hope to continue relying upon support from our federal, state and local partners. It is imperative that we remain flexible and ready to take on additional challenges and meet new goals. I am tremendously proud of the progress we have made this year, but I also know that our mission has just begun. I look forward to more progress in 2009 as we continue to work to keep our fellow Hoosiers safe.



Newton Co. Winter Storm - December 2008



EMA Spotlight



Carroll County - Emergency Management Agency

Carroll County is a rural area where agriculture is king. The population of 26,000 is scattered among the larger towns of Burlington, Flora, and (county seat) Delphi, and numerous smaller towns. Delphi is a transportation hub, with State Road 25, State Road 18, US 421, and Norfolk-Southern Railroad all intersecting. Delphi has historical precedent in transportation leadership, too, having been part of the Wabash and Erie Canal system, a hub for Intra-Urban railroad, and having one of the first airports in the state.

On January 1, 2008, Dave McDowell took the EMA reins from former Director Justin Darling. Both had been Indiana State Troopers, with McDowell serving as Darling's field training officer early in Darling's career.

McDowell was born in Carroll County, and graduated from Carroll High School in 1981. After attending Indiana University and graduating in 1985, McDowell went to Texas, where he was a Dallas Police Officer for 5 ½ years, serving as patrolman, communications officer, defensive tactics instructor, field training officer, and member of the Dallas Police Pistol Team, which won numerous national championships. McDowell was Texas State Champ in his shooting class for two years. Looking for a change, he returned to Indiana, where he became a state trooper.



Carroll County - January 2008

With I.S.P., McDowell served as a firearms trainer, field training officer, undercover detective, corporal, and road trooper. During this time period, he earned black belts in Ju-Jitsu and Kenpo Karate.

Trained by Executive Security International, McDowell provided security consulting services to customers that included Saudi royalty and corporate entities. His security planning efforts led to the discovery of online FEMA training, at which time he reconnected with Darling. When Darling left to become Delphi chief of police, McDowell was his replacement.

Five working days after taking over as Director, McDowell was faced with the floods of 2008, which did millions of dollars worth of damage in Carroll County, and destroyed McDowell's own home and belongings. Carroll County avoided loss of human life only by the heroism and resourcefulness of its citizens, who boarded fishing boats and canoes, and went into the freezing water to rescue their friends and neighbors.

Sleeping on a cot in his office, McDowell coordinated FEMA, Red Cross, and nongovernmental organization (NGO) responses for several weeks, only to be hit by floods again in February.

Throughout 2008, McDowell worked to upgrade the County's flood warning system, and clean up the damage. He enlisted Purdue students to clean up debris, and won a Natural Resource Conservation Service grant to clean up the various islands of the Tippecanoe River. After much work, he found funds for the acquisition of three outdoor



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sirens to be placed along the Tippecanoe River. Funds for the sirens were obtained through a unique partnership with the Eel River Tribe of Indiana, which allowed McDowell to bypass state hurdles, and directly access federal funds.

Future plans for the EMA include the upgrade of aging fire protection gear, the outfitting and training of citizen river rescue crews and increased citizen education efforts.

McDowell is divorced, but with his partner of 15 years, Vivian Reeves, has raised a stepdaughter (Aleshia) and two stepsons (Marcus and Russell). His youngest stepson, Russell, a decorated combat Marine, died in September. McDowell included the following link to Russell's website for those interested. www.memorialsolutions.com/sitemaker/sites/clappe0/obit.cgi?user=russell-reeves

Former IIFC Ops Commander receives meritorious service award

A former Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC) Operations Commander was presented a State of Indiana meritorious service award. IIFC Executive Director, Monte McKee presented the award to Sergeant Robert F. Hipple, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD).

Hipple served on a planning committee to institute the IIFC during 2004 and 2005. Due to his contributions in the planning effort, the IIFC was created by Executive Order 04-06 and Senate Bill 247 on March 20, 2006. Sgt. Hipple was named Operations Commander in the IIFC and served for two years.



Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, IIFC Executive Director Monte McKee, Sergeant Hipple, Indianapolis Director of Public Safety Scott Newman, and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Mike Spears.

Currently, Sgt. Hipple is serving in the crime analysis unit at IMPD.

Employee Spotlight - Janice Lee

Janice Lee is in charge of special projects at the



Indiana Department of Homeland Security. She has been at IDHS for about 5 months and enjoys the challenges and variety her position provides.

Lee enjoys traveling, the Indianapolis Colts and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite food is Italian and she says she enjoys her job here at IDHS.

IDHS Accomplishments for 2008

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grant programs administered by IDHS.

- Implemented the use of the Acadis certifications database for all Indiana emergency first responders.
- Awarded \$1.6M in Fire Training Infrastructure grants to local fire departments and provided nearly \$2M for fire training.
- State Pan-Flu Exercise - Full Scale
 - Recruited nearly 300 volunteers to serve as actor victims

– Nearly 1,000 total participants

- Implementation of the statewide SMART Triage Tag Program.
- IDHS reduced the vacancy rate from 21+% in December 2007 to less than 5%.
- Recognized by the Indiana Department of Administration for exceptional efforts to engage Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in State Contracting.

"Moving forward in 2009, I urge each of

you to sweat the small stuff, there is power in doing even the little things well," said Wainscott.

As far as expectations in the coming year, Wainscott urges employees to "master the basics." He explained that our most public mission is that of emergency response and recovery, but our most challenging mission is prevention and preparedness. "We must be the best at these missions or nothing else we do matters."

Employee Spotlight - Julia Diane R. Fox

Julia Diane R. Fox has been the EMS Preparedness and Training Manager at IDHS for 7 months. Fox manages the EMS preparedness training program which encompasses providing education to certified emergency response personnel on topics such as mass casualty, Incident Command System training for EMS, triage, weapons of mass destruction, and hazardous materials. She also serves as the state EMS training officer and manages the EMS education program which regulates Indiana certified training

institutions and the primary instructors who conduct EMS courses. Fox enjoys the opportunity to meet and provide EMS education to the persons who are on the front lines protecting Hoosiers.

In her spare time, Fox enjoys taking spontaneous road trips, spending time outdoors with her family, golfing and watching sports with her super-competitive husband. She loves sushi and anything with goat cheese on it.

Fox is married to a very supportive husband who is a civil engineer and serves as a Lt. Col in the Air Force

Reserves. Fox and husband Dale have two children, Coleman, age 30 months and Emma Grace, age 20 months.



Winter Safety Tips for the Home

Every home should have a disaster supplies kit: a battery-operated radio, flashlight, matches, extra batteries and an extra set of house and car keys. Have an ample supply of wood for the fireplace and plenty of nonperishable foods that can be eaten without heating. Keep bottled water and juices on hand in case your power and water supplies are interrupted.



Other things to consider for your home during the winter months include:

- Remove dead tree branches. Ice and snow, combined with winter winds can cause limbs to snap and break and could do damage to your home.
- Clean gutters. Snow and ice can build up quickly, especially if your gutters are clogged with debris. When thawing begins, water from melting ice has nowhere to drain and can back up under your roof and eaves, causing water damage to walls and ceilings.
- Check your homeowner's insurance policy to make sure coverage is adequate for the type of winter weather in your area. Learn what is excluded from the policy.

- Make sure auxiliary heaters and fireplaces are adequately maintained and serviced. Many fires related to auxiliary heating sources are preventable through simple maintenance. Do not use kerosene in a non-approved container or in your home and be sure to keep alternative heat sources from flammable materials (walls, curtains, etc.).
- During the winter, drain pipes if your power goes off or if you plan an extended stay away from home.
- If well water is used, the pump's electric switch should be shut off and the pressure tank and system should be drained.

For more information on winter weather safety tips, visit our website at: www.in.gov/dhs.

Health Risks for Winter Storms

Hazardous conditions due to snow and ice are a major concern for Hoosiers. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security issues the following information in preparation for expected severe weather.

- People, pets, and livestock are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia during winter storms.
- Those at risk are primarily either engaged in outdoor activity (shoveling snow, digging out vehicles, or assisting stranded motorists), or are the elderly or very young.
- Use of generators, kerosene heaters and alternative forms of heating may create other hazards such as fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Remove wet clothing. Working up a sweat shoveling your driveway or trying to dislodge a vehicle can cause hypothermia.

For more information on health risks during winter storms, visit the IDHS website at: www.in.gov/dhs.

Citizen Corps Program Update

Alan D. Scott is new to IDHS, but not to the Citizen Corps program. Scott has more than 20 years of experience in emergency services. He came to IDHS in October and has several goals, dreams and aspirations for the program he has taken over.

Scott hopes to promote personal and family preparedness and promote citizen participation in local emergency response. He plans to interface with all county emergency management directors and educate them on the way CCP can augment local preparedness and response components. He plans to develop new CCP councils and

components, and promote ongoing support of local CCP councils.

Prior to joining IDHS, Scott spent three years in Public Health Preparedness, over 20 years in volunteer management and 11 years in biomedical research. He has been a fire service instructor and spent approximately 10 years working on a Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He has more than 20 years experience in amateur radio emergency communications and over 30 years as a faith community representative. Scott earned his Ph.D. in philosophy in 2008.

Scott is highly motivated to support the

effectiveness of the Citizen Corps State Council and put Indiana "on the map" of CCPs across the nation. For more information on CCP, you can visit the [IDHS website](http://www.in.gov/dhs) or [FEMA's CCP website](http://www.fema.gov).



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Calendar of Events



6 Jan
Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
IGC South - Conference Center Room B
302 W. Washington St. - Indianapolis, IN

7 Jan
Counter-Terrorism and Security Council (CTASC)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Indiana State Library - Authors Room #203
140 N. Senate Avenue - Indianapolis, IN

9 Jan
Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
IGC South - Conference Center Room D
302 W. Washington St. - Indianapolis, IN

12 Jan
Emergency Response Commission Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

IGC South - Conference Center Room 1
302 W. Washington St. - Indianapolis, IN

13 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
ISP Post 14
5921 State Road 43 N. - W. Lafayette, IN

14 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
Marshall Co. Building - 2nd Floor
112 W. Jefferson St. - Plymouth, IN

15 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
Public Safety Academy
7602 Patriot Crossing - Fort Wayne, IN

16 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
Wayne Co. Admin Building
401 E. Main St. - Richmond, IN

20 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
INDOT District Office
185 Agricola Lane - Seymour, IN

21 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn
3300 US Highway 41 South - Terre Haute, IN

23 Jan
EMA Workshops
9:00 a.m.
IGC South - Conference Center Room 22
302 W. Washington St. - Indianapolis, IN

New IDHS Employees



WELCOME!

Emergency Response & Recovery

Brett Overmyer, Deputy Logistics Chief
Susan Shearer, Public Assistance
Program Coordinator

Executive

Alan Scott, Citizen Corps Program
Manager

Fire & Building Safety

Clifford McDaniel, Inspector
Erica Hunt, Code Official
Heather Chunn, Secretary
Jeffery Bond, Inspector
John Gettler, Code Official
Mark Shaver, Code Official
Megan Hawk, Secretary

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Vicki Biddle, Grants Secretary

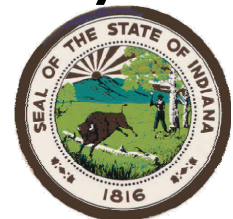
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