



Stay Up-To-Date on the Latest at the MAAC

This is the first newsletter of 2018 for the MAAC so a little reflection is in order. The groundbreaking and start of construction was in September of 2016, with the completion of phase 1 in December of 2016. Phase 2 started in the spring of 2017 and finished just before the Grand Opening in September of 2017. The MAAC started hosting limited classes in the Apparatus Bay in May of 2016 with regular classes starting in the new classroom expansion in August of 2017. You can see more photos and details about the MAAC at our website. We'll also soon add the capability to register for the MAAC courses directly.



Thank you,

Ward Barnett

Academy Director, The MAAC

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Training Sessions & Hours

In the short time frame of 2017 the MAAC has hosted 195 training sessions with **over 20,000 hours** of student contact hours. We look forward to more training sessions throughout 2018 as more and more agencies schedule programs at the MAAC.



A partnership with Porter County Career & Technical Education Center

We have been working with the Porter County Career & Technical Education (PCCTC) in the development of a Fire & Rescue program that will be for Porter County High School Junior and Senior Students in the fall of 2018. We have been very encouraged by the response from the four open houses at the MAAC.

[Fire and Rescue Program](#)

Ongoing Construction

We are moving forward with three student canopies (Pond Area, Burn Area, Forcible Entry Area). Each canopy area will have a set of bleachers for students and instructors and also provide lighting for training at night. We will also be doing paving around the Burn Building and Flashover Unit once spring arrives. We have also been building and acquiring various pieces of furniture for the 2-story house and the 4-story structure. The furniture will add a level of realism to the training structures. We also have many smaller projects that we continue to work on with many of these projects based on feedback from students and instructors using the facility.



Burn Building



To date we have completed over 60 burns in the Burn Building. We are continuing to develop our processes as we learn how to utilize the building with the various burn scenarios that we can accomplish in the building. We have also started to look at adding some additional doors in the building to give it more flexibility in its use. We hosted a 2 day in-house NFPA 1403 Live Burn for Fixed Facilities in November to orientate Fire Instructors to the capability of the Burn Building and also start the Task Book process for Instructors to become qualified to use the Burn Building in Support of Department and District classes. We have additional NFPA 1403 Classes schedule for 2018.

Increased Collaboration

We continue to be encouraged by the number of law enforcement agencies that are using the facility. We have received very positive feedback from the various agencies and have been able to implement a few of their ideas. One such idea came from a concern of using sims-munitions in the 2-Story House and its potential to break the windows. We came up with an idea of removable wooden covers for the windows with a few covers that have Plexiglas built into the covers. In the 2-Story House we have also built a series of drug hiding spots for the K9 Dogs. We have a few more styles to install but it seems the dogs are enjoying them.



Road Extension Progress

The City of Valparaiso has started the process of surveying the proposed Montdale Park Drive road extension from AMKUS Rescue Tools to State Road 325. We have no definitive timeline to share yet but the process has started and we are excited about having the road completed

Scheduling the Facility

If you would like to schedule the use of the facility you can look at the online calendar at



<http://www.maacfoundation.com/book-the-facility/>. Complete the Facility Use Request Form and submit it directly on our website. We will contact you when we have added your request to the calendar or need further clarification on your request before posting it.

[Book the Facility](#)

Upcoming Classes

Propane TtT for Instructors **March 1st, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

This program is for certified Instructors that would like to lead their department in training on the various Propane Props that are specific to the MAAC. We will review the MAAC instructor requirements and PowerPoint Slides before moving to the Propane Props and walking through the operation and controls for each prop. We will then conduct multiple evolutions on each prop and discuss teaching points on options around the use of the props. Full PPE and SCBA is required and an extra bottle is required.



Propane Fire Training Night Burn **March 6th, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

This program consists of fighting the various Propane Props. The class will have a short classroom session on properties and tactics of Propane fires with the rest of the time spent on the field. Full PPE and SCBA with extra bottle is required.

Propane Fire Training Night Burn **March 8th, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

This is a repeat class offering of the March 6th class.

NFPA 1403 Live Fire Instructor **April 7th & 8th, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

This course is a combination of classroom and field activities including live burns to give Instructors the knowledge and skills to meet the NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions as it pertains to the Live Fire Fixed Facilities at the MAAC. It is intended for state certified Instructor I or II/III's that are also designated by the Fire Chief and/or Training Officer as the Department's Instructor(s) for live fire training evolution at the MAAC. Prerequisites: Certified Firefighter I/II, Current Instructor I or II/III, Physical Ability to participate in all activities including Live Fire, Written Approval from sponsoring Fire Chief or Training Officer. Full PPE and SCBA with extra bottle is required.

EMS In-Service, "Street drugs" - April 18th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lutheran Air will be conducting the In-Service on street drugs. EMS CE's 2 hours.

Know Your Smoke, Dangers of Smoke Exposures **April 21st, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

This training program is sponsored by the Fire Smoke Coalition, Inc.: The following topics

are included: Fire Smoke: Perceptions, Myths and Misunderstandings, Atmospheric Monitoring: The Process, PPE Exposure: Care & Maintenance, Pre-hospital HCN (Hydrogen Cyanide) Assessment and Antidotal Treatment, Burn/Smoke Practical focused on atmospheric monitoring will conclude the day. Full PPE & SCBA required to participate. EMS CE's 3 hours.

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