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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AWARDS **\$100,000 GRANT TO THE MICHIGAN CITY FIRE DRPARTMENT** **FOR REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY**

Michigan City, IN - Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Fire Chief Dave Lamb are proud to announce Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Executive Director Joseph Wainscott will be in Michigan City on Tuesday to present a \$100,000 grant award to the Michigan City Fire Department for the construction of a new Regional Fire Training Tower in Michigan City.

The LaPorte County Commissioners have also approved a \$10,000 contribution to the project to advance training opportunities for all county fire departments.

The Michigan City Fire Department applied for and was successful in receiving a Department of Homeland Security grant for a fire safety training tower that will serve as the training hub for the 1st District.

The presentation by the IDHS is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., and will take place, weather permitting, at the site of the new training tower on Hitchcock Road, immediately north of the Hitchcock water tower. The alternative location if it is raining will be at the Fire Department Administration Building, 2510 East Michigan Boulevard.