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## From The President

David Israel



Convention Book or something). But we all know that nothing will replace the feeling you get from hearing those names read outloud. These are the individuals that stepped up to make this organization what it is today. They were our family and friends. When that name is read it gives us that goose-bump feeling and a moment to remember and reflect on that individual. How do you replace that? (I admit I like hearing my grandfather's name read - Mr. IVFA 1952, and that I received that same honor in 2002 - forty years later); if you have suggestions, please share them with me.

By the time you are reading this in August you may have forgotten what was on the news in July. Remember HB 1005 about Nepotism and Conflict of Interest; the appointments of board members and a new president. I had to laugh when I saw it on the news. I always believed if you wait long enough what goes around comes around. With that said, everyone needs to get out there and meet and greet the people that are running for office; if you're not sure what to ask them, give our Lobbyist Larry Curl a call and he can help you out - 317-605-6669.

For those living in the districts that Representative Randy Frye and Terry Goodin serve, you need to thank them for taking the time to attend our IVFA annual business session on Friday morning and those that attended our Thursday night opening meeting. We were told that an attempt will be made to

amend HB1005 as not to penalize us for being a volunteer firefighter and also serving our communities as an elected local official. But on the same token you have to do your part and seek out your Senators and Representatives and get them to support the amendment.

**WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.** Get them to Larry Curl or to a member of the Legislative Committee - ASAP!

There are a lot of things coming down that's going to affect us one way or another - FF1-2 coming back to full circle, back to modules, EMS changes, training. We will do our best to keep you informed of what is happening.

Thank you, Linda and Charlie Baker, for coming and playing the music for us at the Convention.

Make sure you thank the vendors for supporting the IVFA conventions.

Be safe and hope to see you at the next district meeting in your area.

David Israel

## Mr. IVFA 2012



Richard "Dick" Glant

## Chinese Auction winners announced

Listed are the Chinese Auction winners:

- District 1 & 2: Fire blankets - Patti Fultz
- District 3: Kid's bunny/water bottle basket - Carol Curl
- District 4: Kid's movie night - Jill Mayfield
- District 5: Candy & movie night - Toni Sorg
- District 6: Blanket & candle - Heather Konger
- District 7: Picture - Tessa Morris
- District 8B: Stone & liberty stand - Phil Bluhm
- District 10: Snack basket - June Cahill; Miss Flame candles - Ed Stone; Arbonne - Suzie Lewis; Cooking basket - Heather Martin
- District 11A: Butterfly basket - June Cahill
- District 11B: Picture - D Stapleton
- District 12: Bath set - Rhonda Kendall; Kid's swing - Pam Cochran
- District 13B: Movie basket - Ashley Cook; Blanket & Kleenex box - Dorothy Miller
- District 14: Toy basket - Nolan Wilson; Miss Flame toy basket - Bev Harker
- District 15: Flower arrangement - Barbara Parker
- District 16: Wine basket - Lance Perkins
- District 17A: Picnic basket - Ed Stone

## Lois Boaz 2012



Pam Gerdowsky

Photos submitted by Alvin Williamson

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the IVFA 2012 Convention Host Committee for a JOB WELL DONE! For those that attended we had a really good time. (I know I had fun. The BOSS worked me pretty hard on Tuesday. But I enjoyed helping them). I would like a little feedback from the Friday night banquet. Did you like starting the festivities and then breaking for the evening meal? I know by doing it that way there weren't as many sleeping. We hear every year "why do they read all the names on Thursday opening meeting?"

We are working on trying to come up with something that would please everyone (have a program printed up or list them in the



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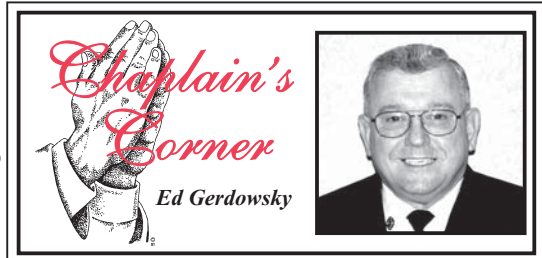
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God's blessings to all of you! Hope everyone that went to convention enjoyed themselves. I know I had a wonderful time and want to thank Rick Cannon, Paul Holcomb and committee members for working so hard to make it so enjoyable.

I want to thank you for re-electing me as your State Chaplain. I hope to do God's will and serve the organization in the way it should be recognized.

Thanks to all of my associate chaplains who help out in any way asked. Thanks also to Joann Hays who is instrumental in making the memorial service so meaningful, Brent Bush and others who helped set up and take down the beautiful cross and to Bull Smith for the bagpipes, John Ross for bell and siren, the color guard, Linda and Charlie Baker, Pete Taylor, George Buck, Tom Sellmer and Buz Koehler for picking up programs and anyone else who helped in any way. Thanks also to the people who attended the early service.

Thanks to all the newly-elected officers and the ones who had served us so well. May God grant them much wisdom as they fulfill their duties as state and district officers.

If I can be of service to you in any way, please let me know.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways  
My ways, says the Lord.  
Isaiah 55:8

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky  
June 21, 2012

*Children's faith should not be lost during summer*

For most children, school is out for the summer. However, some will be going to summer school.

In any case, Sunday school is out for the summer, and it is hoped that the faith they learned during the other nine months will not be forgotten in the course of play or study, as the case may be.

Faith is a vital part of their education, and the best way to keep it alive through the hot weather months is to take the children to the House of Worship. Then their faith will still be fresh in their minds when fall comes around and they resume their lessons in Sunday school.

No parent ever regretted bringing up his children to love, fear, honor and obey God.

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord." - Isaiah 54:13

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## From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



Let me start by thanking everyone for giving me another year to serve as your Vice-President. A year ago I mentioned that it would take more than just a few to make this great organization even greater. Many of you have done your part to help out, in many different ways, and in many different locations across the state. If you have not, you have another chance. I challenge you to see what you can do to help out.

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners from this past convention. Some of you had a wonderful surprise when your name was called, and it was even better that I got to help announce some of those surprises. My second challenge goes out to each district. We should have at least 25 nomination letters (one from each district) come in to pick from. This responsibility lies within the membership to help your District Chairperson accomplish this goal. For further information you can visit the website [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org).

I also congratulate the convention host committee, who in their first time hosting this event did an outstanding job. I tip my cap to the entire crew for all of your hard work.

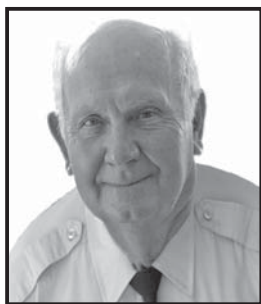
Please keep on the lookout the workings of the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education. There are several workgroups currently in place to make some improvements to training in the state. This can be accomplished from your home or station, as their meetings are streamed online via webinar. The IVFA has representation in these workgroups, so don't be surprised if you get emails asking for your thoughts with the topics at hand.

We are also working with IDHS Fire Training Director John Buckman on a special class designed specifically for the Chief Officer or those who desire to be a Chief Officer of a fire department staffed primarily with volunteers. It looks like it will be a weekend in early September, and hands-on training that can be taken back and used right away in your department. Information will be available thru the various IVFA & IDHS delivery systems.

Finally, please stay safe and keep a close eye on everyone working on scenes during this extreme heat situation. It does not take much to get overheated, especially when that initial adrenaline rush wears off.

S. Anderson

## A great gentleman is lost to the IVFA and a town



Carl Bruns

The Indiana Volunteer Fire Service and the town of Sunman have lost a great gentleman. On March 7, 2012 Carl Leslie Bruns passed away at the age of 83.

Survivors include his wife, Viola (Neukam) Bruns, Sunman; sons Byron (Carol) Bruns, Sunman, and Mark (Barbara) Bruns, Cincinnati; grandchildren Scott (Lesley), Craig (Kimm), Leslie (Alex Trakas) and Blake Bruns; and great-grandchildren Drew, Lauren, Madeline and Nolan Bruns.

Born on June 3, 1928 in Sunman Indiana, Carl was a lifelong resident of our town.

He was an employee and co-owner of Neddermans's Feed Mill for 47 years after which he served as Town of Sunman Utilities Superintendent for many years.

Carl Bruns put his all into the fire service in our town and through the state. He was a member of the Sunman Rural Fire Department from 1949 through February, 2012, serving as Chief for 25 years. Along the way he held many officer positions and to the last was our Communications Officer. His many achievements helped to build our department to the strength and notoriety it has today. Of recent years he took charge of our department's 911 locator system and published the news and donations letter each year.

Being the statesman that he was he also held many offices in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. Included in those positions were the following: founding IVFA District 19 Chairman from 1971 till 1981, IVFA State Vice President 1981-1982, IVFA State President 1983-1984 and Board Chairman 1985-1986. At the State Convention held in 1988 Carl was awarded the distinction of Mr. IVFA, an honor he held very high. He was awarded the Indiana Governor's award for Meritorious Service, was recognized for his 25 years as chief by the Ripley County Fire Chiefs Association, along with 50 years of service recognition from the IVFA in 1999 and a life membership.

Through the years Carl received recognition for his service to the community as well as the fire service including: IVFA President's Award in 1983; Indiana Department of Fire and Prevention and Building Safety Award 1983-85; Sunman American Legion 1984 Firefighter of the Year and Citizen of the Year; The Sagamore of the Wabash; 1985 State of Indiana Honorary Secretary; Sunman Chamber of Commerce Community Appreciation Award as well as 2002 Citizen of the Year. These are but a few of his recognized accomplishments.

He was a lifetime member of the

Sunman Community Church and inducted as a member of the Ripley County Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007. Carl also served on the Ripley County Council for four years and was extremely instrumental in the organization and implementation of the Enhanced 911 emergency service system.

During his term as chief, the fire department instituted a training program to see that all members were trained to the highest level and maintained that training and professionalism to perform their duties. In the mid-seventies he also oversaw the implementation of the first extrication unit in our area.

Carl was a man who seemed to know everyone he met from the leaders of the state government to a young firefighter from the department down the road. Not a stranger to the State Capitol, he spent many a day and night campaigning for what he stood for and believed was the best for the fire service. Many State and National Dignitaries were on a first name basis with our friend and colleague. Always the gentleman, he made you feel like you were the most important person in the room, always taking the time to help you if you had a question or concern. If he didn't know the answer he knew someone who did and made sure your needs were taken care of. A true man amongst men, we dare say we'll not see another like him in our lifetime.

Carl's favorite quotation was, "When the one Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes it, matters not only if you won or lost but how you played the game." I can assure you that Carl Leslie Bruns has met the Scorer and has been told "you have played the game well, now it is time for you to rest."

A visitation was held for Carl on the afternoon of March 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by an IVFA memorial service attended by many from throughout the state and beyond. The following day, March 12<sup>th</sup>, his funeral service was held with family and friends attending and he was laid to rest.

We will miss him as we go through this life without him, but know that a piece of Carl Bruns will be alive in everyone who had the honor and pleasure of knowing him; Rest in peace Chief Bruns.

(article submitted by Michael DiMeglio, President - Sunman Rural Fire Department)

## Chinese auction ...

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District 19: Pink garden basket - Pam Gerdowsky; Baby basket - Jim Parker; Doty's food basket - Kim Harris; Colt's gift - Susan Morphy; Cooking - Patti Fultz.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and took part in this event. All working together buying and selling tickets made this a success. We made our goal this year!!!

Thank you, Lori Parker

# Miss Flame wrap-up for 2012

Another great year for our Miss Flame program.

Congratulations to our 2012 Miss Flame Jessica Dove. We wish her the best as she represents us during her reign. Congratulations also goes to our runner-up Page Fetter. Alissa Smith was named Miss Congeniality by her peers for 2012.

We had a great group of girls this year. All of them are winners and will certainly represent your districts well. I was amazed at the talent, knowledge and leadership abilities that each displayed.

As our program continues to grow we would not be able to do all we do if we did not have the support of our members. Thanks to our District Chairmen who help in getting our candidates and continuing their support thru the year. Then there are those who contribute each year to help keep our program going forward. Year after year I have been able to rely on these: Larry & Barb Ketchem, Larry & Carol Curl, Jim & Barb Parker, Jack & Barb Kerney, Jean & EJ Smith. I also want to thank our IVFA and IVFAA officers for their gifts and support each year.

Kudos to the Convention Committee who did a great job with this year's convention. They put in a great deal of work to see that all of us had a good time as well as able to conduct our organization's business. THANKS!

I want to say a special thanks to the parents and grandparents who shared their children with us during this week. Your sacrifices and love are what makes this program a success.

It takes time and energy to put this program together each year. I have had the privilege of serving as your chairman for a number of years. Each year I look forward to working on the program, but I have had some great help. It certainly is not a one person job. I thank each of them. There is one lady who has been on this committee with me since 1988. She has always been there for me and done whatever it took to make this program a success. This year she will be leaving us due to her health. We all will miss her but I know she will always be there in spirit. Miriam Schaeckel, we love you and thank you for all you have given to this program and the fire service. You will be truly missed.

There is one more special benefactor who we owe a lot of thanks, too. We never have to ask her for help, she just says "count me in." Lonna Huffman has always been our sponsor for our Miss Flame luncheon. She has always been a great supporter of our Miss Flame program as well as the IVFA and the IVFAA. Thanks, Lonna. This year we had as our guest at our luncheon along with Lonna, the man who signs the check, Bill Dixon with McNeil & Company. He presented us with some humorous facts about the Miss Flame program. Thanks to both of you for your generosity.

It is not too soon to be thinking about getting your candidate for 2012. Some of the girls have already expressed an interest to me about next year. I hope to see each district have a representative for next year. Hopefully each girl who participates has a great experience and will have memories to keep.

Thanks again for your support.

Barb Kerney  
2012 Miss Flame chairman

## 2012 Miss Flame contestants



# Miss Flame 2012 Jessica Dove

Photos submitted by Alvin Williamson

# From the State House to the Fire House

By: Larry Curl  
IVFA Member & Lobbyist

What's HOT and what's not

Are we talking temperature or legislation because they both fit the category? As I prepare this data to share with you on legislative issues of concern it has officially hit the three digit temp and has become the hottest and driest we have seen in Indiana since 1988.

This past June was the third driest in Indiana, according to records dating back to 1930, falling only behind 1988 and 1933.

What does all that mean...

CAUTION ALERT - CAUTION ALERT - CAUTION ALERT

The same can be said about this year's political races. They are heating up to be some very hot races for many of the areas in our state. We have nearly 1/3 of our House Members that will not be returning and several Senators, meaning there will be a LOT of heavily contested races and many House Districts that will not have incumbents running. Also as you might recall this is the year of the "new districts" so you need to make sure you know your Congressional, State Senate and House Districts, they might not be the same as they have been.

I encourage each of you to seek out those who are running for office in your district and invite them to your

Department / District meetings, gatherings, functions, fundraisers, and any other social activity or event that you are hosting. As well I encourage you to attend some of their local meetings, press conferences, social events, and meet and greets. Get to know them and have a better understanding of what they stand for and support. Let them know your concerns about potential legislation that you either need or do not need. This is the year, **REMEMBER NOVEMBER.**

Your IVFA Legislative Committee, Chair - Buz Koehler, Exec - (Pres) David Israel, (VP) Steve Anderson, (TR) Bev Harker, P Pres - Tim Deckard, Larry Ketchem, Jim Parker, Jack Kerney, PR - Larry Bartlow and Larry Curl - your Lobbyist would like to hear from you about possible legislative issues and concerns that would help your department or your members provide a better service to your communities, issues like training, education, retention & recruitment, or any other topic of concern. We are addressing the 2012-2013 IVFA Legislative Agenda at the Quarterly Officers Meeting in August and your input is encouraged and always welcome. You can send me an email at [wtfcurl@comcast.net](mailto:wtfcurl@comcast.net) or contact anyone of the Legislative committee, your District Chairperson, your Public Relations Officer, or any IVFA officer and let us know what we can do to help you.

Some time in August or September

we will be publishing another ELECTION EDITION of the IVFA newspaper. We want to let you know all the candidates running in all the districts for Federal and State Offices, share with you some talking points / concerns that you need to be asking your candidates, talking about the importance of getting the right people elected that you believe will support your issues and those things that are important to you, and holding your elected officials accountable for their vote.

I was glad to see all those who attended this year's convention and I hope you were able to gain some valuable shared information from our state elected officials that spoke to you both Thursday and Friday. I want to thank the Convention Committee for all the hard work they put in to making this a great convention and for putting up with Paul during his stressed out days, while most of the rest of us were calm, cool, and relaxed and just enjoying ourselves.

Thanks Paul, Rick and committee...

Congratulations to all the IVFA officers elected this year and to all the award winners of the many IVFA Award categories.

Please let me know if I can assist you on any legislative matters, and as always thank you for allowing me to serve as your Lobbyist.

Larry

# Miss Flame Runner-Up



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## Miss Congeniality 2012



## Alyssia Kay Smith

Photos submitted by Alvin Williamson

Muncie 2013

Did you know...

Eric Estrada from the TV Show "CHIP's" is a reserve Police Officer and patrols the required hours per year to keep the police certification in Indiana.



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Did you know...

Muncie is home to Paws Incorporated where the Garfield Comic Strips are produced?

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THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

*District 18 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011  
*District 4 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011  
*District 14 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011  
*District 17A Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010  
*District 11A Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

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**OLD ADDRESS**

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**NEW ADDRESS**

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

make a claim to replace clothing or items, you need to return the item you are wanting to be replaced.

Tom talked about the PR trailer for the I.V.F.A. is in need of coloring books. They are asking every department to call FEMA and request coloring books, then once received forward them on to I.V.F.A.

Motion was made by Wally Cook, 2nd by Jeff Burnell to give Miss Flame \$200.00. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Wally Cook, 2nd by Jeff Burnell to donate to total of \$200.00 to Hoosier Burn Camp. Motion passed.

Daren D'Ipollito talked about AFLAC critical care policy that was available for members to purchase. Please contact Daren if you have any questions.

Gary Robison talked about grants; the Safety Grants will be available in July. Check the FEMA website.

### Department Announcements

Next meeting will be in Cedar Lake July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Motion for adjournment made by Bob Sztot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Casbon. Motion passed.

### Respectfully Submitted:

Marge Baumgardner  
Pro-tem Secretary  
District 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

### ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE SERVICE MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell to call the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Chairman Tom thanked Ross Township for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll Call was taken by District 1 - 33 members and 2 guests representing 5 departments. District 2 by 6 members and 2 guests representing 2 departments.

Lt. Phil Topper of Ross Township gave department history.

Chairman Orrell introduced the guests in attendance: Gary Robison, Deputy State Fire Marshal, Jack Runion from Spencer Manufacturing, Tom Stephens, Dept. of Code Enforcement, State Fire Marshal's Office, John Kenra from Global, Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 I.V.F.A.A. Chairman, Marge Baumgardner,

District 1 & 2 Secretary, Martha Thomas, Past President of I.V.F.A.A., Daren from Provident Insurance, 50 year Gold Card members - Jerry Miller, Donald Van Meter, Bub Wise, Jake Thomas, Don Yaros, Walter Cook, Sr.

Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes made by Bob Sztot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bub Wise. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman with \$524.23 in checking.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Tom presented Gold Cards to Don Van Meter and Walter Cook Sr, also 25 year pins to Jeff Burnell, Nick Cardaras, and Wally Cook Jr.

Gary Robison from State Fire Marshal's Office presented Don Van Meter and Walter Cook, Sr. with State Presidential Medal and Certification from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Gary Robison talked about the Fireworks law at the same this year. Gary talked about the rules for stages. Very important if your community is having an event with a stage, have your inspectors get ahead of Tom Stephens at the State Fire Marshal's office if you have any questions.

Tom talked about convention will be June 14 - 16 in Elizabeth, Indiana.

Tom talked about Visitor's Day at Hoosier Burn Camp will be Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tom talked about Indiana Fire Instructors Association class on August 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tom also talked about if you

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

was held this year at the Horseshoe, south of Corydon, IN on the Ohio River. It was a beautiful hotel and the programs and activities were well attended. Along with the business meetings, Connie and I attended a Safety Seminar sponsored by Vectron.

Much helpful information was given in regards to gas safety and action necessary in case a leak is discovered in your area. We were shown the latest tools available to detect gas leaks.

Following the lecture, we were inspired by Josh Bleill, Community Spokesperson for the Indianapolis Colts. Josh, who is a Greenfield native and former Marine who served in Afghanistan, was wounded and overcame multiple obstacles recovering from his injuries, which required amputation of both his legs.

His story reminded us and brought close to home, just how precious life is, and how fortunate we are to be Americans. He is a true example of patriotism, faith and inspiration.

Josh also brought with him the famous Super Bowl Trophy which was won by the Colts in 2007. Each person attending had the opportunity to put on a Super Bowl ring, stand by the trophy and Josh and have their picture taken!! It was a privilege and thrill to meet and visit with Josh, and thank him for his courage, and also, to "bask" for a moment in the Super Bowl excitement!!

Congratulations to Jim Parker, past District 10 Chairman and former IVFA President who received the Ivan Nevil Award. Way to go Jim!! We had the honor of sitting at the banquet table with Jim, Barb and their family at the banquet.

Danielle Matthews, former Miss Flame of District 10, was the winner of the Global Award. There were several from our District who attended the Convention. Thank you for your support and attendance. Over \$2500 was raised for the Hoosier Burn Camp at the Auction; and folks left with an array of great items!

Many fish fries have been held in our district to raise funds. Fortunately, some of the early ones did not have to deal with the horrific heat and drought-like conditions. Most recently, we are experiencing record hot temperatures and record low rainfalls. The outlook for the 2012 grain crop year is very poor. In addition, we are under severe fire danger in our area as well as the entire state. Please heed the plea of the Fire Marshal's office and county fire officials in respecting their orders to refrain from all burning, until the danger passes.

In addition to fire danger to persons and property, please remember to take care of yourself, as you stay hydrated and cool, using common sense in outdoor activity and exposure to the dangerous sunrays and record high temperatures.

See you in Manilla on August 15! Stay safe and enjoy your summer!

John M Ray, District 10  
Chairman

**November  
5, 2012  
Deadline  
October 5,  
2012  
12:00 p.m.  
CST**

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We always look forward to the annual State Fire Conference, which

June. Raffle tickets are being distributed for the convention. Get yours returned in a timely manner.

IVFA has new insurance benefits available through Aflac and California Casualty Insurance Companies.

License Plate sales are down - Get your form online. The \$5.00 goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship Program and the Line of Duty Death Benefit.

New Business: New Chaplain Training will be held April 17 & 18, in the Indianapolis area. Cost \$100.00 plus \$70.00 for book. Information can be found online on the chaplain's web site.

Westville Fire Department received a clock for their new addition.

Good of the Order: TFT Firefighter Appreciation Day - June 16<sup>th</sup>

50/50 Door prize was \$39.00 won by Larry Polas and was donated back to the district.

Donations - T-Shirts and Rescue Me from TFT

Hats - Larry Polan

Springfield Twp. Pancake Breakfast - April 29; Coolspring Twp. Fireman's Ball - July 21; Lincoln Twp. Pancake Breakfast - April 1; Kingsbury Pancake Breakfast - April 29.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:28 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Sandy  
District #3  
Secretary / Treasurer

### NEXT MEETING

North Judson VFD - May 17, 2012

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT



David G. Kaufman - Chairman

District #3 Meeting  
Westville Fire Department  
March 15, 2012

Program: An informative program was presented by Senator Jim Arnold on the current legislative session. Major bills passed included: Right to Work, Smoking Ban, and the Nepotism Bill. He also spoke about the difficulties of getting legislation passed when the majority consistently vote down party lines.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 7:57 with the pledge being led by the host department chief and the prayer led by Chaplain Ron Devenport. First roll call revealed 9 departments were represented.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests present: Senator Jim Arnold, Larry Polas - Global Emergency Products, and Jesse Dove, District 3 - Miss Flame.

Communications: Larry Polas - Spoke on the products that he represents and what makes Pierce Fire Apparatus the nation's largest and most prominent fire apparatus manufacturer.

IVFAA - The auxiliary is currently looking to boost their membership. The IVFA membership is eligible to join and the dues are only \$5.00 per year. With the membership, you get an additional \$3000.00 worth of insurance.

State Update: The 6 bills affecting the IVFA went well except for the nepotism bill.

The 2012 convention will be at the Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana in

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello Firefighters,  
We have now entered into the second half of the year. I hope that all of you are keeping health and in good spirits.

I don't know about you but it's been "hot and dry" - I hope this doesn't give us problems later in the year.

If you attended the convention this year we had a good time. Please remember District 8A-8B is hosting this next year (2013).

Please call your local state representative and state senators - see what they say about how they feel about the fire service and our issues. Invite them to your meetings. Remember this is "election year" - let them know you have a voice.

Many blessings to all. See you at the district meetings.

P.S. Attend your department meetings, also.

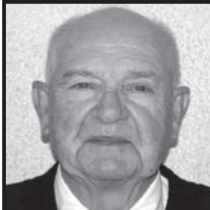
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District 8A

### Muncie 2013

Did you know...

Muncie is home to the AMA National Model Aviation Museum.

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

As I write this, we are midway into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the celebration of our Nation's Birthday celebration. How fortunate we are to see the stars and stripes waving and be able to experience the multitude of freedoms which so many have sacrificed and given the ultimate for us. I hope you take time to give thanks to our Lord and honor those who, still today, put themselves in harm's way for this privilege!

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from 11-A,

2012 convention is over. Rich Cannon and Paul Holcomb did a great job, and thanks to their committees for all of their hard work.

Our last District 11-A meeting was held at Lewis Twp. Fire Department. Thanks to Diane and Sherry for the food. Special thanks to Clay County EMA Director Bryan Husband for his program on the tornadoes that struck Henryville; his presentation was very informative.

Our next meeting will be at Posey Twp., Staunton, IN on July 15 at 1:00 p.m. Our September picnic will be at Fowler Park in Vigo County, south of Terre Haute on U.S. 41.

Jack McFarland  
District 11-A chairman

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman  
May 16, 2012  
Perrysville Fire Department

Chairman Larry Southard called the meeting to order. He appointed Larry Bartlow to record the minutes of this meeting in the absence of secretary John Davies. Pledge to the Flag was led by vice chairman John Morphy.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present: IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl and District 11-B Miss Flame Page Fetter.

Six departments with 15 members answered the roll call.

Chairman Southard introduced Lobbyist Larry Curl. He talked about events of this past Legislative session. The progress we have made and what we need to do in the future. He encouraged everyone to invite their local politician to their meetings and fundraisers. Question them on the issues facing your department and Fire Service in general. Hold the politicians accountable for their votes on the issues. Also, get any legislative proposals you might have for legislation for next year to your district chairman Larry Southard, PRWC Larry Bartlow or the Lobbyist Larry Curl, as we will start putting our agenda together in August.

Chairman Southard read the SOG proposed change. John Morphy, Perrysville Fire Department made a motion to accept the change to the SOG's as presented. Don Klinge, Fairview Park Fire Department made the second. Motion passed.

Various department events were listed.

The next district meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Sunday, July 8, 2012 at Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department in Parke County.

Submitted by  
Larry Bartlow  
Acting Secretary

## DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley- Chairman

Greetings from hot and dry East Central Indiana.

Grass and field fires have been rampant here. Multi-agency responses on many. Thankfully no major loss of property or injuries. Keep up the great effort, departments. True American heroes, each and every one of you.

The annual IVFA convention at Horseshoe Casino was great. Thanks to Districts 14 and 16 for great time. Our own (and my best half) was named the Angel Award winner for 2012, Marlene Thrawley from Dunreith VFD. Way to go! Davis Towing and Recovery from Spiceland was named as our District 13A Global Award winner. Congratulations to Richard Glant for being named Mr. IVFA and Barb Kerney, the Ollie Sandburg winner for 2012.

Our last District 13A meeting was held at Knightstown/Wayne Twp. Fire Protection Territory. Apparently 30 were in attendance and heard reports from IVFA vice president Steve Anderson about Department of Justice issues dealing with Line of Duty Deaths in relationship to Incorporated Departments who contract with two or more government agencies.

President David Israel also stopped by and talked about the upcoming local, state and federal elections and how we need to be favorable to those that are willing to help us.

Our July meeting was held at Straughn VFD on July 17th (after this article was written).

Our September meeting will be at Shirley VFD on the 11th at 19:00. This will be our annual 9/11 Memorial Service as well as to honor those 13A members who have passed on to that Fire House in the sky the past year.

Be safe out there and see you at those meetings.

Carol

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Summer is here. The heat and drought have been turned on in East Central Indiana. We need to make sure you have enough help on runs

so we can keep firefighters rehabbed.

I want to thank District 14 and 16 for hosting the convention this year, all of the award winners and a big thanks to Molly Callahan from Centerville Fire Department for representing District 13B as our Miss Flame.

Our last meeting was held at the West College Corner Fire Department; had a very low and disappointing turnout. Aflac Insurance Co. was there to present the Aflac program that is available to all IVFA members.

Our next meetings are scheduled for Webster July 12th, Williamsburg September 13th and Dublin November 8th.

I hope we can get our attendance up.

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings, District 14,

Myself and your District Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon have been busy this quarter.

We had a good meeting at Hanover Fire Department and went to Hanover for the fire department's Crusade for Children fair where they did a great job collecting money for the children. Then we went to Charlestown Founder Days festival and parade where we talked to a lot of politicians. We also helped our area fire departments on their crusade road blocks.

We also held our first IVFA convention at the Horseshoe Casino where our district and District 16 put on a great convention.

I want to thank Paul and Heather Holcomb for all that they did and the legwork; also thanks to my family, my wife Holly for taking care of the Miss Flames. Thanks to Lance Purkins and Charlie Heishman on the vendors.

Thanks to Terry Conway and Greg Durbin and all of the crew in the Hospitality Room. Thanks to Cody Roberts on taking care of our Safety Plan. Thanks to Jack Zeeks for selling chances on the fire helmet and to Terry Conway for playing auctioneer for a chair that was donated by our chainsaw wood carver Paul Moon, where we had a good battle between Tom and Bette Sellmer bidding against each other to win the chair and the helmet money and chair money went to Shannon and Scott Adkins to Supporting Heroes in memory of Keegan Adkins.

Now I want to take time to thank all of our vendors, too many to list, but I have to mention two big-time sponsors - the first is Vectren Energy for all of their support to this convention and putting on a great gas safety class, followed up by the Indianapolis Colts Championship trophy and ring and one of the greatest guest speakers, Josh Bleill of the Colts. I ask if you get a chance to hear him, you need to go.

And then we cannot forget Heather Mason and Rex and the staff from Thorntons for all that they

did to have the best ever Hospitality Room where vendors came outside and said "you won't believe this, Thorntons has hot food in the hospitality room."

So, I want to thank Thorntons for not letting us go hungry and setting to bar for the best ever hospitality room ever.

Also a big, big thanks to Sandy and the Horseshoe staff for all that they did for us, if we asked for it, it was there - so my hat goes off to all the people at the Horseshoe Casino.

So, closing - if I forgot some people, I am sorry, but thanks to all that helped us put on a great convention and we are looking forward to doing it in the future.

Rick Cannon  
District 14 IVFA Chairman  
P.S. Thanks Paul for giving me the District 16 Global Award

## DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Paul Holcomb - Chairman

Greetings All,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone in District 16 & District 14 for all their help in making this year's convention a great success, without you it would have not been possible.

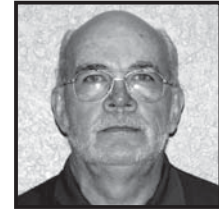
I would also like to thank all of the vendors who attended the show and sponsored events during convention. Along with that I would like to thank Thorntons for the excellent hospitality room they provided for our members.

It had been a long road for all of us that were involved in the convention and it is now time for a well deserved break until our "next" bid for convention.

Also if any of the departments in District 16 have any events or fundraisers that are coming up, please let me know so I can help get the word out for you. And if you have something that you would like to have our Miss Flame attend, please get in contact with me also.

Paul Holcomb  
IVFA District 16 chairman  
2012 Convention chairman

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A,  
May 3rd I attended the meeting of the Richland-Taylor VFD at Scotland.

May 14th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Highland Twp.

May 17th IVFA District 17A meeting was held at the Madison Twp. VFD (Odon). IVFA state treasurer Bev Harker was in attendance and led a discussion on items that the IVFA is working on pertaining to the fire service.

Many thanks to Madison Twp. for hosting our meeting. Good meeting and a special thanks to Chief Greg Clark and his crew for the meal.

May 19th I attended a pancake breakfast at the fire department in Bucksln.

June 2nd I presented Ed Schuessler, chief of Patoka Twp. VFD a clock for their new station. A great looking station which is a great addition for their area. Thanks to Jack Kerney, past president of the IVFA and Barb Kerney, past president of the IVFAA for their attendance.

June 7th I attended the Richland-Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

June 13th thru 16th I attended the IVFA state convention at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth. First, I would like to congratulate all those elected for the coming year, next all those who received awards, good job!

I would like to say that I really appreciated the vendors who were on hand and presented a wide range of items.

District 17A Miss Flame Ashley Dugger, Richland-Taylor VFD represented our district well, good job!

District 17A's next meeting will be July 25th at the Freelandville FD. An insurance representative is scheduled to be on hand.

Sam Emery  
District 17A chairperson

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,  
Congratulations to all those involved in making this year's convention a great success, good job.

Congratulations to Jack Voitschild of the Schawswick VFD for being District 17-B 2012 Global Award winner.

Sorry to report we've had two deaths in our district within the last couple of months. Jeffery Chandler of the Shoals VFD in May, and William A. Brown of the Fruitdale VFD in June.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 8th, food 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m., at Ellettsville FD in Monroe County. We will hold our yearly elections at this meeting and have a couple of guests on the agenda.

Remember to get your IVFA dues paid on or by July 31.

Hope to see you at our August meeting.

Steve Nolan  
District 17-B chairman

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**November  
Deadline is:  
October 5  
12:00 p.m. CST**



**DISTRICT 18 REPORT**



**John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman**

Greetings from District 18, The last meeting of the District 18 was held on 17 May and was hosted by the Luce Twp. VFD. Fifty-four members representing 17 departments answered roll call. We were joined by guests that included, Jack and Barb Kerney from the Central Office.

My congratulations to Paul Holcomb, Rick Cannon and all of their staff for an outstanding Convention. The programs, the food, and the **Hospitality Room** were all great. The recipient of the District 18 was kept secret at the Convention so that it could be presented at the District meeting in July. Our winner was Adam Vaal of the Jasper Fire Dept. Adam is an outstanding Firefighter, Fire Instructor, friend, and is most deserving of this award. My congratulations to all of the State Award winners, and to our new Miss Flame. All of the young ladies did such a wonderful job. I can't imagine how the judges picked just one winner. Congratulations to the **parents** of these young ladies; you all have much to be proud of. I am also very proud of our own District 18 Miss Flame Kami Knies.

Congratulations to Mitch Haas of Ferdinand (Dist. 18) in being awarded one of the Bridgeport Scholarships. My thanks as always to State Chaplain Gerdowsky for allowing me to be a part of the Memorial Service. The recent severe weather conditions have prompted burn bans and "red flag" warnings within our District. Please remember, even a "grass fire" is still a FIRE!! Remember also that during these conditions that "rehab" should be a critical consideration during extended operations. Also remember that a "mutual aid" call for manpower may be a smart call when operations under less severe conditions might not warrant it. Don't take things for granted, stay alert, stay safe, and stay alive.

Until next time-  
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"

*John C. "Bull" Smith  
Dist. 18 Chairman*

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT**



**Ed Scheele - Chairman**

District 19, First, I thank Paul, Rick and committee for putting on a very wonderful convention at Horseshoe Casino. Everyone had an excellent time.

I also thank Tatijana Marsee for representing District 19 in the state Miss Flame contest. You have represented us very well and we are proud to have you as our Miss Flame.

I also congratulate past IVFAA chairperson Pam Gerdowsky on

receiving the Lois Boaz Award. Also, congratulations to Ben Sieverding on receiving the district Global Award, to Richard Glant on receiving the Mr. IVFA Award and to the Angel Award recipient and to our state Miss Flame.

This will be my last letter as district chairman, as I have taken on new endeavors with the IVFA as PR Southeast.

When your departments have special events, I still like to be included in your festivities, if I can possibly make them.

As of July 26th we will have a new chairman. I am looking forward to working with Rick and Paul in your districts as much as possible. Both of you are excellent chairmen and I am sure we will have a good chairman in 19.

If anyone needs to contact me, my e-mail and phone numbers are still the same.

Again, thank you to my many friends that have made my 10 years as chairman very enjoyable.

*Ed Scheele  
District 19 chairman*

**DISTRICT 21 REPORT**



**Don Fultz - Chairman**

Here are the District 21 meetings for the year:

August 27, 2012 at Kempton, IN 46049 - at their fire station, 103 W. College Street - same start time.

November 26, 2012 at Clarks Hill, IN 47930 - at their new station, if completed, across the street from their old station at 11749 Silver Street - same start time.

*Public Relations trailer travels near and far*

The IVFA Public Relations trailer has been busy so far this season. We started out in April going to Lawrence County for the Ride the Spectrum for Autism event. Thanks to Steve Nolan and his crews for manning the trailer.

From there it went to the HERO Event in Lebanon. To Jackson Twp./Matinsburg VFD for their fish fry, back to Greensboro VFD for their annual poker run, then back down south to the IVFA convention.

We left the convention on Saturday morning and traveled to Marion for the Grant County 4-H Fair, where members from Grant County promoted fire safety in their communities. After the Grant County Fair, the trailer went straight to Richmond for the Wayne County 4-H Fair. The Wayne County Firefighters Association manned the trailer and had a great time walking with people about the burn bans and fireworks.

It is scheduled to go to Clark County for two weeks in July, then a quick trip to Delphi, the Mooreland Free Fair in early August, then the

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**Sound a Bit Corny?  
Then Pop on In to the  
BucCornEar Festival  
in Brown County**

Avast, ye scurvy scallywags! Hoist ye sail, ye trade winds are blowin' to Helmsburg on October 12 and 13, 2012 for the First Annual BucCornEar Festival and Parade. 'Tis time to get on board for some strategizing—smartly now, mates, we don't want to weigh anchor without you!

Jackson Township Fire Department, located in northern Brown County, announces this annual event in conjunction with the celebration of National Fire Prevention Week held every October. A hybrid of three themes: popcorn, pirates and fire prevention, the festival will promote awareness of fire prevention, raise funds for the department and offer residents and visitors a unique fun filled family experience. Master Popologist (JTFD Board Member), Mike Bube, and the host committee have organized a full line up of activities for the two day festival.

Friday's events include a Kernel Queen Competition, corn husking, vendors, carnival games and entertainment. Encamped in the pirate village will be the **Pirates and Buccaneers of the Resurrection** a historical reenactment group. They will be on deck throughout the festival and on Saturday participate in the pirate vs firefighter challenge.

Be there Saturday for the Helmsburg Parade, Popcorn King Competition, and world recording setting competition, vendors, carnival games and more. The grand finale on Saturday evening will be the cutting edge performance by Indiana's own **Blue Monkey Side Show**. The Sideshow is a professional, traditional, vaudeville sideshow with a modern edge and a humorous twist. Perfect for every type of audience, entertaining to all ages, and unlike anything you have ever seen. This will be a unique entertainment experience; unmatched and unduplicated by anything you have ever seen before.

Space is still available for food, information and craft vendors. Parade participants will decorate or include item in their entry that deals with the themes of the parade: popcorn, pirates or fire prevention. Vehicles can include: truck, car, float, bicycle or motorcycles and walking groups are permitted. Make a wearable item from popcorn and you will be able to enter the Kernel Queen competition!! And if you think you make the best popcorn in Indiana—then the King of Popcorn contest is for you!

Vendor, Kernel Queen, Popcorn King and Parade applications can be picked up at the station or requested via email at [buccornear@gmail.com](mailto:buccornear@gmail.com). Anyone interested in participating in this event contact Festival Chairman, Mike Bube at 812-988-8561 or contact the station at 812-988-6201. Visit our BucCornEar Festival Facebook page and for a detailed schedule and fees visit our website at <http://buccornear.webs.com>.

Jackson Township Fire Department  
4831 Helmsburg Road  
Nashville, Indiana 47448  
812-988-6201

Glenn R Elmore, Chief



(see schedule of events on page 8)

**Public Relations  
Director  
Southwest  
Jim Abrams**



Had a wonderful Convention in New Albany!

Congratulations to all the award winners and our new Miss Flame!

I attended a Memorial Service for Fruitridge volunteer firefighter William Austin Brown. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and department.

I attended the quarterly meeting of IVFA in May in Indianapolis.

Hope to see you at all of the July meetings.

Sincerely, Jim Abrams, PRSW

**Public Relations  
Director  
Northeast  
Jean Smith**



I just returned home from the 2012 IVFA convention held in Elizabeth at Horseshoe Casino. Congratulations to convention chairmen Rick Cannon, District 14 and Paul Holcomb, District 16, and to all of their committees for holding a wonderful convention. If you didn't attend, you missed a good time and a lot of hospitality, especially the hospitality room sponsored by Thornton's.

Congratulations to Mr. IVFA Richard Glant, Bremen Fire Department - District 5, Ollie Sandburg Barb Kerney, McCutchanville Fire Department - District 15, Angel Award Marlene Thrawley - District 13A, Lois Boaz Pam Gerdowsky - District 19.

Congratulations to Jessica Dove, 2012 Miss Flame - District 3, Pleasant Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.; Page Fetter, 2012 Miss Flame first runner-up - District 11B, Rosedale Vol. Fire Dept., and Alyssia Smith, 2012 Miss Congeniality - District 4, Carlisle Vol. Fire Dept.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Have a safe summer.

Jean Smith

Public Relations Northeast

Muncie 2013

Did you know...

Muncie has a Garfield Statue trail.

**PR trailer . . . - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7**

wheels get a chance to rest for a week or so. Home Depot in Fishers has requested the trailer for their annual Fire Safety Day as well. Several other dates are penciled in and awaiting final confirmation.

If your department wishes to use the trailer, contact your district chairman or myself and we will get it to you.

Stay safe and see you soon.

Carol Thrawley

PR/Public Education Chairman

765-545-0981 Cell

cthrowley@gmail.com



**Festival & Parade ~ Schedule of Events  
Pop on In ~ You'll Grin Ear to Ear**

Time	Description	Location
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 12, 2012</b>	<b>FREE POPCORN FRIDAY</b>
2:00pm	Parking and Gates Open	Check Parking Signs - Lions
3:00pm	Vendors and Games Open	Festival Grounds
	<u>Activity Sign Up</u>	Registraton Booth
	Kernel Queen	
	Popcorn King	
	Sea Chanty Contest	
	Popcorn Eating Contest / Popcorn Toss	
	Prize Registration	
	Pick up Treasure Hunt Map / Survey Cards / Game Tickets	
3:30pm	Announcements	Main Stage
4:00pm	Fire Safety Presentation - Smokey Bear	Main Stage
5:00pm	Kernel Queen Fashion Show	Main Stage
5:30pm		
6:00pm	Entertainment	Main Stage
6:30pm	Pirate Play and photo shoot	Main Stage
7:00pm	Bagged Popcorn Toss	Main Stage
7:30pm	Popcorn Eating Contest	Main Stage
8:00pm	FigTree Fellowship Radio Players Present: "Treasure Island"	Main Stage
9:00pm	Announcements and reminders	Main Stage
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 13, 2012</b>	<b>Saturday Extravaganza</b>
8:00am	Parking and Gates Open	See Signs - Lions
9:00am	Parade line up	Helmsburg Road
9:30am	Announcements and National Anthem	Main Stage
10:00am	<b>BucCornEar PARADE</b>	
	Vendor Area and Games Open	Festival Grounds
	<u>Activity Sign Up</u>	
	Popcorn Eating Contest	
	Sea Chanty Contest	
	Corn Husking Contest	
	Costume Contest - Putn on the Pirate	
	Prize Registration	
	Pick up Treasure Hunt Map / Survey Cards / Game Tickets	
11:00am	Introductions	Main Stage
	Fire Safety with Smokey and Sparky	
noon	Putn on the Pirate - Costume Contest	Main Stage
	Pirate Sea Chanty Contest	
1:00pm	Corn Husking Contest	Main Stage
1:30pm	<b>Pirates of the Resurrection vs Firefighters Peaceful Valley Pirates</b>	
2:00pm	Brown County Show Choir	Main Stage
2:30pm	Fire Prevention Demonstration	
3:00pm		
3:30pm	Pirate Play and Photo Shoot	
4:00pm	Popping Demonstrations by Master Popologist Mike Bube	
4:30pm	Popcorn Eating Contest	
5:00pm	Fire Prevention Demonstration	
6:00pm	Popcorn King Announcement and Prize Presentation	
7:00pm	<b>Blue Monkey Sideshow</b>	
9:00pm	Final Announcements	
	Grand Prize Drawing	

**Open All Festival Hours:**

- Pirate Encampment
- Carnival Games
- Photo Gallery
- Pirate Store - Get your souvenirs here!!
- Vendors

**Plan now for the . . .  
2013 IVFA CONVENTION  
JUNE 12 THRU JUNE 15  
MUNCIE, INDIANA**

Pirate Attire Encouraged!  
Adults - Fill out your survey cards to enter for GRAND PRIZE Drawing!!  
Make sure to pick up your tickets and entry forms!  
Visit the Buck-An-Ear Booth!

**TREASURE HUNTERS!!  
AHOY MATIES — YER BOOTIE AWAITS  
VISIT THE VENDOR BOOTHS TO PICK UP YOUR CLUES!!**

Hourly Prize Drawings - Main Stage  
MUST Be PRESENT to WIN

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Activities:</b>          | <b>Games:</b>      |
| Face Paintng                | Aye Aye Matey      |
| Caricature Drawings         | Pirate Hook        |
| Pillory & Pirate Photo Area | Duck Float         |
| Popcorn Cannon              | Walk the Plank     |
| Pirate Plunge               | Treasure Hunt      |
| Pirate Village              | Corn Cob Toss      |
| Popcorn Eating Contest      | Par for the Corpse |
| Sea Chanty Contest          | Captain's Wheel    |
| Corn Husking Contest        |                    |
| Costume Contest             |                    |



**BEWARE  
as you  
Enter the  
PIRATE  
VILLAGE**





# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
MAY 5 & 6, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Israel at 1:00 P.M.

President Israel called on Vice President Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Executive Board spoke to Chaplain Gerdowsky and we are going to allow him to bring in an Associate Chaplain to the quarterly meetings. This meeting we have Pete Taylor with us.

President Israel called for the reading of the minutes of the February 2012 meeting. District 13-A Chairman Carol Thrawley made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. District 19 Ed Scheele made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel welcomed District 8-A Bill Pape back.

President Israel called for the treasurer's report. Treasurer Harker reported that Jeff Hayes had called her wanting our donation; she told him that she needed a receipt before issuing a check. Jeff Hayes did send a receipt to her. Treasurer Harker suggested if we do this next year just to make it a donation. We received a donation from TR Downey Insurance of a \$100.00 to Bridgeport Scholarship Fund in Carl Bruns' memory. Everything is pretty well in line for this time of year. Checked in on interest rates for CDs; would have to tie our money up for years. Will check with an Investor to see if there is anything out there paying interest that does not put our money at risk. Treasurer Harker has written a letter to Chase Credit Card to see about getting us a signature card. Past President Jim Parker made motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

California Casualty Insurance - Have been some issues; they have corrected them. Some members are saving money and some are not. If you have problems, please get the name of the person and let President Israel, Tonya or Jess know. If there are any problems with any of the partnerships we have, please keep it positive and let President Israel know.

Provident - Darren, Bryan and Lona are splitting our district meetings up and will be visiting them to promote the new benefit. President Israel turned contract over to Attorney Lora this past Thursday. The dates have been pushed back to align with our dues cycle as not to miss anyone that might want to apply under the 90 day free sign up.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - Thanked everyone for the cards, calls, emails and prayers during his last knee surgery. All dues packets have been mailed out. Received more returned packets back this year than usual. Have gotten most of the addresses corrected and re-sent out. Emailed reports to officers this time so I could travel lighter. Deceased report went out April 24, bad addresses report went out April 30 and not paid report was sent out May 1. The word must be getting out about just calling Central Office and using your credit card to get IVFA license plates as they have picked up. 900 license plates we have to sell to pay back the 3 - \$1,500 scholarships we provide each year. President Israel asked about certificates. Chairman of the Board Koehler and Jack Kerney have already spoken about this and it will be taken care of. Jack Kerney stated that if there is any kind of a report you would like to have let them know.

Awards: Vice President Anderson reported every District has a Global Award winner. They met and selected an Ollie Sandburg winner. Everything else is good.

Angel Award: Diane Harrison - the committee met this morning. We have selected a winner.

Memberships and Marketing: Diane Harrison - Discussed the speaker's bureau, looked into grants that could possibly help departments with membership cost. Discussed with Clothing Claims Committee Chairman Lloyd Wright that a notification letter needs to be sent to the member and/or the chief when a claim has been denied and keep a record of denied claims and reasons denied. We have been told a department dropped out because of a clothing committee. At our 1:00 Speaker Bureau meeting with the Past Presidents we divided districts up; our goal is to contact 2 to 3 departments by our August meeting. Try to set up a meeting with them; let the District Chairmen know of the meeting so they can attend. Right now we are going to concentrate on 1 to 3 years out of Association. Have been given permission that if it is a grave marker and Bible issue that it can be taken care of.

Public Relations & Education: Carol Thrawley - FDIC a lot of people went through. Nine officers helped man the booth; 164 entered to win the helmet. The booth space is free but we have to pay for tables, chairs, bunting and electricity. It was just a little under \$900.00 and electricity was \$117.00. Would like to purchase chairs, bunting and tables. Treasurer Harker asked if we were allowed to bring in our own. Lobbyist Larry Curl said it's the only tradeshow that he knows of that you can carry your stuff in. IERC in September will be setting up; it will be free as Convention 2012 is allowing I-Chiefs to set up free. California Casualty will be sharing the booth with us and will supply the door prize. Passed around artwork for banners they would like to purchase. Also will be adding "Like Us" on Facebook to it. Trailer rules submitted to the Executive Board for approval. Have an inventory list. The Trailer damage has been repaired. Applying for a Home Depot grant for \$5,000 to purchase fire-related items that they sell. Announced schedule for trailer that he has this far. If you would like to use the trailer just let him know. Hero's competition will be using our water ball equipment. Everything is out of Bill Camp's storage. Need to find

some place to store game equipment; will be temporarily stored at Dunford Fire Department. We would like to see the Association come up with a breast cancer awareness shirt. Please go on FEMA website and order coloring books.

Supporting Heroes Gala: Jack Zeeks encouraged everyone to attend The Gala to honor the families of Fallen Heroes. They also have a candlelight ceremony the week after Thanksgiving. Jack encouraged everyone to become a member of Supporting Heroes.

Supporting Heroes: Eric Johnson - Presented 13-A Miss Flame Jennifer Dubaz "Heroes Supporting Heroes" award. Discussed PSOB; they are for people serving government. A unit of government or an instrument of government in essence is an extension of that government. If your department contracts with 2 townships since they are not acting sole as an extension of that government; not acting sole for one township; Department has to be considered a public safety entity and that unit of government has to accept the responsibility. The problem is that the people that deserve the protection are not getting it. The issue is the rules, they have been reviewing it. They need some kind of documentation of departments that are affected, so they can see that this is a widespread issue. Past President Jack Zeeks asked if it would be helpful if President David Israel would write a letter, but it has to contain substance that there is a problem. Eric Johnson thought that a spreadsheet would work great.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith: Anyone needing the use of logo just send an email. They also have sewn on patches available.

Editor's Assistant: Chairman Jim Bradford: Absent.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel - Question was brought up this morning what if no one bids. President Israel said the State Convention Committee would put it on. Discussed Miss Flame Flowers - it's the host committee's responsibility.

Convention 2012 Chairman Rick Cannon / Paul Holcomb: Still have coins available. We are ready to go. Everything is in the paper.

Convention 2013 Chairman Scott Harrison: Looking at doing their own convention book. Ad solicitor Mitch Parish has checked with Pam at Printco and she gave her approval. They will be working with Pam and Mitch if they decide to do their own.

Convention 2014 Chairman Larry Bruner, District 12 will be bidding.

Clothing Committee: Lloyd Wright - Pass.

Training Committee: Steve Anderson is working with John Buckman to put on a 2 1/2 day class. Friday 6 p.m. Camp Atterbury 24 students per class, lodging will be free. Registration will be \$25 - \$30.

The Association will match the registration fee. This will be for tee-shirts and help set off meal expenses. IDHS will provide the instructors and hand-outs. Possible date of August 31, September 1-2, 2012. It was brought up that was a holiday weekend. Steve said that the date might be changed; they had not realized it was a holiday weekend. Will evaluate and tweak the class and maybe be able to offer it throughout the state. Look at a location that would offer more lodging. Anyone having any topics they think would be good to have, let Steve know. Asked if anyone had tried to get on webinars? Steve has tried and hasn't been able to get on the webinars.

Board of Firefighters Standard and Education: Jack Kerney - Could not attend meeting at Westfield do to his injury. Public Hearing will be June 14, 2012, 9 a.m. They will be discussing Instructor 1 and Instructor 2 - 3 recertifications after they have expired. There will be a fee attached.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Mitch Parish - Pass.

Legislative Committee: Larry Curl - Discussed Bells Across America; encouraged everyone to get involved in the project. 1005 is now law and there is something we can do about it. A) Find an author to propose legislation to exempt volunteer firefighters from the bill. B) Every meeting we have, to invite candidates for offices. Larry Curl is going to prepare talking points and ask them how they voted and ask them to explain why they did or didn't support it. Hold them accountable for their vote. C) Going to put out another paper about candidates and voting records October time-frame. Need to start working on legislative agenda. The legislative committee came up with novelty lighters, 1005, road closures and an exemption for higher education for our members. Ask at our meetings if anyone has any ideas or problems that legislation would help.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

President Israel - Attended 5 District meetings, 3 memorial services, 2 legislative functions, 2012 Convention meeting, met with Michelle Baxter, American Income Life to sign the renewal, Washington DC trip and toured the tornado hit areas of Henryville and surrounding areas.

Vice President Anderson - Has been working with District 10 taskforce, been to 7 county chiefs meetings, 2 fundraiser, meeting with DHS.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - Attended 2 district meetings, 6 memorial services, 1 chaplain class, 1 breakfast and a chaplain training class.

Secretary Harrison - Attended 3 county meetings and 2 fundraisers

Treasurer Harker - 4 district meetings, 1 county meeting, thanked everyone for allowing her to represent the IVFA at Washington DC

Sergeant at Arms Bush - Pass.

Chairman of the Board Koehler: Reported he had attended 2 county

meetings, 2 memorial services.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

PRNW - Jim Bradford - Absent.  
PRNE - Jean Smith - Attended 5 district meetings, 3 fundraisers.

PRWC - Larry Bartlow - Attended 4 district meetings, 1 memorial service, 1 awards banquet.  
PREC - Don Cushman - All district meetings except 1, 1 fundraiser.

PRSW - Jim Abrams - Attended 3 district meetings, 2 county meetings and 3 memorial services.

PRSE - Al Williamson - Attended 2 district meetings, worked FDIC, attended the Washington DC trip.

EMS - Dave Kaufman - rules have made some major changes IVFA, I Chiefs, not supporting this rule due to the major cost that will be involved.

SOG's Bylaws - Koehler - Will wait till Sunday morning; the Bylaws committee will need to meet after this meeting.

Bridgeport Scholarships - Bev Harker - Committee met last night; had 19 applications and 1 was disqualified. Have selected the winners.

License Plate - Bev Harker - Bureau sent out a report of how many plates were sold; we were not on the list so she called them.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Parker - Pass  
Mitch Parish - Pass  
Richard Grant - Pass  
Jack Zeeks - Pleasant Run Fire Fly 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.

Buz Koehler - Pass  
Associate Chaplain Pete Taylor released us.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT

District 1 - Tom Orrel - Ross Township Station 4, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Chief George Stall of Griffith retirement party.

District 2 - Paul Watland - Pass  
District 3 - Dave Kaufman - Pass

District 4 - Terry Smith - Pass  
District 5 - Don Kissinger - Absent

District 6 - Jerry Sprague - Pass  
District 7 - Walt Reiter - Program on methanol gas.

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## IVFA MEMORIAL FLAGS

Order From:  
**JACK GILES**  
District 11B  
Sergeant-At-Arms

Home Phone  
765-653-4823  
Cell Phone  
765-720-5967

ONE-SIDE  
**\$10.00**

TWO-SIDES  
**\$15.00**

SHIPPING  
**\$3.00**

## MOVING?

SEND OLD ADDRESS  
ALONG WITH NEW ADDRESS TO:  
IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 4797 - EVANSVILLE, IN 47724  
**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT CALL  
RENSELAER PRINTCO  
WITH ADDRESS CHANGES!**

## Quarterly meeting . . .

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District 8A – Bill Pape – Pass  
 District 8B – Lloyd Wright – Has flyers on Tri State Engine show.  
 District 9A – Leighann Ellis – Thanked everyone for Washington DC trip.  
 District 9B – Randy Denton – Absent  
 District 10 – John Ray – Pass  
 District 11A – Jack McFarland – Absent, will have a program on Henryville.  
 District 11B – Larry Southard – Pass  
 District 12 – Larry Bruner – Pass  
 District 13A – Carol Thrawley – June 9, 2012 Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a poker run; Raffling a candle warmer for Supporting Heroes.  
 District 13B – Jeff Beihl – Pass  
 District 14 – Rick Cannon – Pass  
 District 15 – Harry Logan – Pass  
 District 16 – Paul Holcomb – Pass  
 District 17A – Sam Emery – Pass  
 District 17B – Steve Nolan – Pass  
 District 18 – John Smith – Asked if anyone is having problems with narrow banding. If you are experiencing any problems with it, please send him an email stating what problem is and what brand it is.  
 Lobbyist – Larry Curl – stated that this is something we need to track.  
 District 19 – Ed Scheele – Thanked everyone who participated in Carl Bruns' funeral.  
 District 21 – Don Fultz – Had a death that was a Mormon.  
 By-Laws/SOG's – Buz Koehler – SOG District 4 Terry Smith February 16, 2012.  
 Damaged Clothing request change.  
 Proposed Standard Operations Guidelines additions to the Standard Operating Guidelines  
 7. Damaged Clothing – No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance damage of eye glasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to seventy five dollars (\$75.00) except in the case of hearing aide in connection with eyeglasses where a maximum allowance is limited to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).  
 Addition reads as follows:  
 Hearing aide not connected to glasses where a maximum allowance is limited to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).  
 District 4 Chairman Terry Smith spoke on why his district felt the change was needed. Take it back to your district meetings and we will vote on it in the August meeting.  
 Clothing Claims Chairman – Lloyd Wright reminded everyone that when turning in a claim that we must have the article that is damaged. Past President Jim Parker suggested that it might be hard to do this with a hearing aide because of their size; if lost it will be very hard to find. Have member and/or Chief write a letter stating that he/she does wear one.  
 Committees at convention:  
 Credentials – Diane Harrison, Larry Bartlow, Jack Kerney, Jean Smith, Al Williamson and Jim

Abrams.  
 Mileage – Bev Harker, Don Cushman, Richard Glant and Buz Koehler.  
 Elections – Jack Zeeks.  
 Discussed putting IVFA newspaper on the IVFA web site. District 18 Chairman John Smith suggested get the facts on cost, etc. and report back at next meeting. All members will still receive the paper. There were no objections to do this.  
 American Income Life – Michelle Baxter – Benefit raised to \$3,500.00. She prepared a flyer for us to have out in the field. List summary of benefits and commonly asked questions. If a minor is a member of the IVFA they are covered but under 17 they will not receive a yellow card. If there are any problems out there, please let Michelle know so it can be resolved. It is 24/7 coverage.  
 Provident Insurance – Lona Hoffman – Our 90-day guarantee enrollment period will be from May 1, to July 31, 2012. New members sign on automatic issue. They will be attending district meetings to promote the Aflac Insurance. Lona Hoffman's cell is number 317-840-2262. Rates are for IVFA, IVFAA members only. Once you get a policy you are locked in to that payment. They will also be at convention. As soon as a member fills out the enrollment form get it to Lona because their coverage starts.  
 District 3 Dave Kaufman – Shared information with us on narrow banding. The key point is wide band will receive narrow band but narrow band may or may not receive a wide band receiver.  
 Lobbyist Larry Curl passed around a signup sheet for 1 Am Responding at no cost to the Association if you want to participate, please put your information on the signup sheet.  
 Duracell Batteries – Offering a program for fire departments to receive free batteries. 1-800-551-2355.  
 Vice President Steve Anderson reported IVFAA needing 2 more people to join to hit the 1,000 membership mark. Asked if anyone received an email from the State back in November wanting your department roster and email addresses. They were going to notify people of their upcoming certification expirations. He did his department but has not heard anything back from State, was wanting to see if it was a statewide problem or just his department.  
 Next meeting August 4 and 5, 2012; please book your rooms early and make sure you get a confirmation number.  
 Heroes Event May 12, 2012, kids coming in on 11<sup>th</sup>, anyone wishing to help let District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley know.  
 Drawing was held for helmet from FDIC Kenneth Geiger District 8A White River Volunteer Fire Department.  
 Past President Jim Parker made motion to adjourn. District 13B Jeff Beihl seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.  
*Respectfully submitted*  
 Diane Harrison, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting  
 Crowne Plaza  
 Indianapolis Airport  
 May 6, 2012

Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler called the meeting to order. He called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. WCPA Larry Bartlow made motion to accept minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.  
 Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to give \$1,000 for Miss Flame's gifts for convention District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Past President Jim Parker made motion to purchase 2 - 6 foot tables and 1 - 4 foot table, 4 director chairs and 2 regular chairs, bunting. District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell seconded motion. Past President Jim Parker wanted to amend his motion. District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell withdrew his second. Past President Jim Parker added to his original motion not to exceed \$1,000.00 District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote, 1 nay. These items will be stored in trailer.

Large banner for booth 8x8 display approximately \$710.00 and a second banner approximately \$385. Includes banner, frame and artwork. Will also have "Visit us on Facebook" and the symbol for the smart phones. District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague made motion to purchase banners but not to exceed \$1,200.00 District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Bev Harker wanted to make us aware that we budgeted \$2,000.00 for website already; spent \$3695.00 and we had the unexpected bill of \$3,645.00 from the FDIC 2 years ago, and we will no longer be getting our credit card royalties which we budgeted \$6,000.00. Discussion on spending.

Past President Jim Parker made motion not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the DHS/IVFA Leadership class. District 18 Chairman John Smith seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made motion to donate \$1,000.00 to Hoosier Burn Camp. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed by

voice vote.  
 Past President Jim Parker made motion to adjourn. Past President Jack Zeeks seconded motion.

Motion passed by voice vote.  
*Respectfully submitted,*  
 Diane Harrison, Secretary

### Public Relations Director Southeast Al Williamson



### From the desk of the Historian John Davies

I am going to start my article by saying congratulations to all of the winners at the recent firefighter's convention.

My activities this year have been restricted for medical reasons. Improvements are being made thanks to my physician who now has me on a new medication which seems to be working. There was even discussions about replacing both of my knees, but with this new pill we do not talk about replacements any more. I only wish I had been on this pill sooner. I have put my walker and my cane in moth balls for the time being hoping that I will not have to use them anytime soon.

This year has been very scary due to the dry conditions where we live. I know the situation exists all over the state and with the extreme heat it puts everyone who responds to an alarm in a critical situation. Please be careful and look out for your buddy when going on a run.

For several years I have been receiving these notifications from FirefighterCloseCalls.com. These incidents are from all over the world involving emergency responders, medics, firefighters, police officers. I received one this afternoon involving a 24-year-old Ohio firefighter who was as the scene of a motor vehicle crash who was found unconscious at the scene by other firefighters. He was taken to Southern Ohio Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. Like many others of you as a father and a grandfather of an active firefighter, I am concerned when the local department responds to a run.

I know this article is brief this time. I will have more words in my next article. Have a great summer for you and your families.

And let's keep it safe for everyone this year.

*Your Historian*  
 John Davies

## Jeff Sears, White River Township VFD receives 25 year service pin



On June 9, 2012, Jeff Sears of the White River Township VFD received his 25 year service pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman; Grandfather Ivan Bousman with 55 years on the Saratoga/Ward Township VFD; Jeff Sears; father Gail (Bud) Sears with 37 years on the White River VFD and proud mother Rosemary Sears.

This family has given a lot of years to the fire service and the IVFA. – Photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

**November 5, 2012**  
**Deadline is:**  
**October 5, 2012**  
**12:00 p.m. CST**



# Dunkirk Glass Days parade held



Pictured here going through the Dunkirk Glass Days parade is Dunkirk Engine 12 and rescue truck.



Dunkirk, IN held their annual Glass Days Parade on June 2, 2012.

Riding on the Dunkirk VFD grass truck is Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame.

Courtney is from the Dunkirk VFD. - Photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

*Presented check to help with expenses*



At the District 8B May meeting, chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Courtney Willoughby with a check from the Miss Flame raffle to help her with expenses at the convention. - Photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## 2013 IVFA Convention

### Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

#### Wednesday June 12, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
9 am to 3 pm	Golf Scramble	Player's Club
9 am to 3 pm	Outside Vendor Setup	Convention Center
9 am to 5 pm	Registration	Signature Inn
12 pm to 3 pm	Cornhole (open play)	Signature Inn
3 pm to 5 pm	Cornhole Tournament	Signature Inn
5 pm to 7 pm	Meal/Benefit Auction	TBA
7 pm to 9 pm	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	TBA
9 pm to Midnight	Entertainment	TBA
9 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room	Signature Inn

#### Thursday June 13, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7 am to 10 am	Vendor Setup	Convention Center
8 am to 5 pm	Registration Open	Lobby
8 am to 12 pm	Miss Flame Closed Judging	Cardinal Creek
9 am to 4 pm	Children's Area	Hackley Reserve
9 am to 4 pm	Chinese Auction	Vendor Area
9 am to 12 pm	BFFPSE Meeting	Interurban Hall
10 am to 5 pm	Vendor's Open	Delaware and Lobby's
12:30 pm to 4 pm	Various Games	Park Area
12 :30 pm to 1:30 pm	Miss Flame Luncheon	Prairie Creek
1 pm to 3 pm	Seminar	White River 1
1 pm to 3 pm	Seminar	White River 2
1 pm to 3 pm	Seminar	Cardinal Creek
2 pm to 4 pm	Open Miss Flame Judging	Interurban Hall
3 pm to 4 pm	IVFA Officer Meeting	Cardinal Creek
3 pm to 4 pm	IVFAA Officer Meeting	Mississinewa
5 pm to 6:30 pm	Hot Dog Bust	Park Area
7:30 pm to 9 pm	Opening Meeting	Interurban Hall
7 pm to 9 pm	Children's Area	Hackley Reserve
9 pm to Midnight	Entertainment	TBA
9 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room	TBA

#### Friday June 14, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6 am to 7 am	Coffee Clutch	Lobby
7:30 am to 9 am	Memorial Service	Interurban Hall
8 am to 2 pm	Registration Open	Lobby
9 am to 2 pm	Chinese Auction	Vendor Area
9:30 am to Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Prairie Creek
9:30 am to Close	IVFA Meeting	Delaware Hall
11:30 to 1:00	Vendor Lunch	Vendor Area's
11 am to 4 pm	Vendor's Open	Delaware/Lobby
11 am to 4 pm	Miss Flame Outing	TBA
5 pm to 9 pm	Children's Party (up to age 11)	Children's Museum
5 pm to 9 pm	Children's Party (over age 11)	Museum/Hackley Reserve
5 pm to 9 pm	Banquet Meal	Delaware Hall
9 pm to ????	Family Time	Children's Museum
9 pm to ????	Family Time	Hackley Reserve
9 pm to Midnight	Casino Opens	Delaware Hall

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# Members from Crown Point Fire/Rescue presented awards



Lt. Tim Martin and Brian Marlowe were presented with their watches and membership plaques for 15 years as members of Crown Point Fire/Rescue.



CPFR Assistant Chief Gerard Abraham, presents his son, Scott Abraham with a watch and a membership plaque for 15 years as a member of Crown Point Fire/Rescue.



Gary Gale is presented a watch and a membership plaque by CPFR president Brian Marlowe for his 15 year membership with Crown Point Fire/Rescue.



Capt. Len Dunlap of the Crown Point Fire/Rescue Dept., received his 20 year membership plaque.

*Photos submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman*

# Lake Twp. VFD members receive awards



Paul Watland presented Glen Cain of the Lake Twp. VFD with his 25 year IVFA pin. – photos submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, presented Sandra Schild of the Lake Twp. VFD with her 25 year IVFA pin.

## Awarded 25 year pin



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, presented Jeffrey Press of Kouts VFD with his 25 year pin. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

## Recipient of cross statue



Wally Cook of the Merrillville VFD won this concrete Maltese cross statue with a fireman and a hydrant while at the IVFA convention. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

# INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

**When you have completed the information below, print this page.**

The State of Indiana provides **Special License Plates** to qualified members of organizations such as the **IVFA**. This program is administered through the **Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. The **IVFA Central Office** coordinates the program for members of the association. You **will not** be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plates You Must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Requests for the IVFA Central Office no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
AAAA	ARNN	Saturday, February 7
ARNO	BATE	Saturday, February 14
BATF	BLAI	Saturday, February 21
BLAJ	BRID	
Rental fleet vehicles		Saturday, February 28
Heavy vehicles		
Trailers		
BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOR	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
PATU	PONT	Monday, September 7
PONU	REDM	Monday, September 14
REDN	ROBE	Monday, September 21
ROBF	SANC	Monday, September 28
SAND	SERM	Wednesday, October 7
SERN	SLON	Wednesday, October 14
SLOO	SPRI	Wednesday, October 21
SPRJ	SUCE	Wednesday, October 28
SUCF	THOP	Saturday, November 7
THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
VANP	WALD	Saturday, November 21
WALE	WATT	Saturday, November 28
WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out only the one application per person not per license plate.
4. You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year.
7. Refer to the BMV procedures below:

**BMV PROCEDURES**

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$15 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow ALL directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

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**NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
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Top of Form

**IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)**

Name  IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew  Choose Month

Day Time Phone  Evening Phone  # Plates Requested

County Of Residence  Amount Paid \$  Check #

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:  
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney  
P.O. Box 4797  
Evansville, IN 47724  
1-877-606-4832

\*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.



# From The Secretary

*Diane Harrison*



Hi Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Convention 2012 co-chairmen Rick Cannon and Paul Holcomb and the entire committee, congratulations on putting on an awesome convention.

I especially thank you for the extra effort you put into the Hoosier Burn Camp auction. I don't believe any one has ever sold tickets so there would be extra money for the auction.

Congratulations to all the award winners for 2012. Thank you for your support electing me as your secretary for another year. I will do my best for you and this great organization. I hope to travel a lot more this year, so I will be looking at the website to see where to go for supper and other events going on in your departments.

Remember, it's not too early to be thinking of people to nominate for the awards. Every district has deserving people.

On a personal note my Mom, Sherry McFarland and I would like to thank all the fire departments and districts who supported our Relay for Life team, Heroes for Zero Cancer, and also to those who bought fudge and tee-shirts and attended our fundraisers.

It was a great year, we surpassed our goal of \$10,000. Because of your donations we raised \$10,039.40. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Stay safe,  
*Diane Harrison*  
*Secretary*

# From The Treasurer

*Beverly Harker*



We've sure had a hot summer. I hope everyone has stayed well.

I want to say "Thank You" to the convention hosts, District 14 and 16 for all the hard work they did putting on the convention. It was a great convention and I'm sure anyone that attended enjoyed themselves.

I hope you have all attended your district meetings and talked with one of the representatives for AFLAC Insurance. It is a good benefit, especially for younger or middle-age people.

Enjoy what's left of the summer. I hope to see some of you at your district meetings.

*Submitted by:*  
*IVFA Treasurer*  
*Beverly Harker*

## Muncie 2013

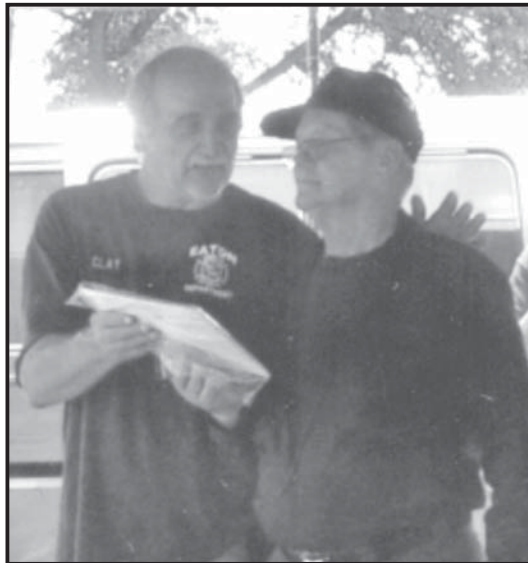
*Did you know...*

Muncie is home to the Ball Family Mansions from the Ball Glass Company.

Muncie is the home of the second largest Children's Museum in Indiana, which is connected to the Horizon Convention Center.

The Horizon Convention Center was formerly the Federal Building in Muncie as well as the post office where one restroom is known as the "Postmaster" office.

# Eaton VFD hosts annual car show



Max Blair from the Eaton VFD received a plaque from the department for his 36 years of service at their annual car show held on May 29, 2012.

Pictured from left to right are Clay McDaniel, Fire Chief and Max Blair. - Photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Shown here at the Eaton VFD annual car show are some of the different cars that were there.



During the car show, Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame, presented trophies to one of the winners.

# Pugh receives certificate for 15 years of service



Presenting Kevin Pugh from the Portland Fire Department with his certificate for 15 years of service is Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame.

Pictured (from left to right) are Kevin Pugh, Courtney Willoughby and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. - Photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Three members of the Eaton VFD were honored for their years of service at the annual car show.

Shown (from left to right) are Clay McDaniel with 26 years of service, Michael Murray with 40 years of service, Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame, and Max Blair with 36 years of service.

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**I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS**



*Heather Martin  
Corresponding Secretary*

**State Meeting  
Convention 2012 Elizabeth, IN  
June 15, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Diana Gray.

Prayer was led by Chaplain Joann Hays with a lovely poem called "Praying Hands".

Pledge was led by Sergeant at Arms Miriam Schaeckel.

Kim Harris gave us information on the 2013 IVFA Convention in Muncie. The dates are June 12-15, 2013. Early bird registration is \$60.00 by February 15, 2013 and after that date it is \$75.00. They will have early registration open at the 2012 Convention from 1-4 and then after the banquet from 8-10 in the registration booth. They will have a spouse meal plan for \$35.00 for the spouse that does not register for the convention itself. Hotels will start at \$79.99. The golf scramble will be held at the Player's Club. They will do a Harley for a Hole-in-One. The convention committee is pre-selling coins for \$15.00 each. They will be having a pre-registration give-away for those who register at convention. Some of the prizes are tickets for ARCA Speedway along with various shirts and hats. On July 30 your early registrations will be put in a drawing for a free hotel stay. The convention will be held at the Horizon Convention Center. The Signature Inn will be the main hotel with several other hotel options. There will be shuttles from the hotels to the convention center. There will also be pottery tours, tours of the Ball Jar Company and others. The convention will be kid friendly and as of right now kids' meals will be on a donation-only basis.

The Miss Flames introduced themselves. The 2012 Miss Flame Jessie Dove from District 3 and the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up is Paige Fetter from District 11B. Congratulations to both of these girls and to all who competed. You all did a wonderful job.

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Theresa, the Vera Bradley purse lady, announced that she is offering 50% off, so make sure to stop by her booth. She also wanted to thank us for having her at convention.

Roll call was taken by June Cahill. There were 28 officers, 34 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Diana Gray congratulated the 2012 Lois Boaz winner, Pam Gerdowsky and Mrs. IVFA Sue Glant.

Minutes - June Cahill read the 2011 Convention minutes. There will be several corrections. These corrections will be made and everyone will receive an updated copy.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter. A motion was made by Barb Parker with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene Poling. Motion was passed; report stands approved for audit. There is a copy included with your minutes.

Correspondence - Heather Martin advised there was no correspondence.

Membership - June Cahill advised there were 62 departments, 804 paid by departments, 184 individuals and 22 life members for a total of 1010.

Chaplain's report - Joann Hays advised if you have any deaths, illness, new babies or weddings, to please let her know. She gave an update on Martha Thomas & Jake. Due to his illness, Jake had to be put in a nursing home. Advised that Phyllis Vargo said that her water heater busted and she had 40 gallons of water in her basement. When she walked outside, her garage door was gone. Please keep Malinda Bell in your thoughts and prayers, she has not been doing well.

Auditing - Beth Caudill, ready for August.

Financial Study - Toni Sorg advised we based our budget on getting 1000 members and we exceeded that goal by getting 1010. Thank you to everyone for all the new members.

Miss Flame - Barb Kerney was out of the room with the Miss Flame and the other contestants.

Mary Mackin Fund - Phyllis Vargo was not here so Marlene Thrawley advised everything was ok.

VP Project - Suzie Lewis - Please make sure your tickets are turned in as well as all the Miss Flame tickets. We turned in \$537.00 last night for the VP I project. Miss Flames will not be selling at the banquet, but there will be tickets available to purchase. For the VP II project Lori Parker had turned in \$900 and the goal was \$1300. Make sure to get your tickets before the drawing.

Chinese Auction - Lori Parker

advised that they had collected \$900.00 as of this meeting and the goal for Convention was \$1300.00.

By Laws - Leona Uryga - Nothing.

Jewelry - Marlene Poling advised we have State Auxiliary pins and she has the 50 and 25 year pins.

Membership - Leona Uryga advised to please try to increase the membership in your district.

Miriam Schackel passed out vouchers to all of those who needed room and/or gas reimbursement.

Installation - Toni Sorg said she was ready and waiting.

SOG's - Lou Bartlow will have them at the August meeting.

Memorial Throw - Carol Curl - committee decided on an embroidered picture of a cross with a dove and Proverbs 31:31 for throw for active District Chairmen who pass. The IVFAA logo will be used for line officers currently in office and past presidents.

Barb Parker asked that we please bring canned goods and non-perishable items to the August meeting since Michelle Baxter had to leave early.

President Diana Gray handed out the 25 and 50 year pins. I did not have the list at the time of these minutes because some of the names were missing. If you would like a copy of the list please contact June Cahill.

Took a break at 10:52. Meeting called back to order at 11:01.

Larry Curl spoke about legislation. Please support those who support firefighters. Hold your politicians accountable for how they voted. If you have any questions on how they voted or any of our legislation please contact Larry Curl.

Buz Koehler - Thank you ladies for all of your support and thank you Larry Curl for all of your hard work.

Nominating - Beth Caudill advised the following people will be running for office at the 2012 Convention:

President: Diana Gray  
Vice President: Heather Martin  
Marlene Poling  
Recording Secretary: June Cahill

Corresponding Secretary: Leona Uryga

Treasurer: Dorothy Reiter  
Chaplain: Joann Hays  
Sergeant at Arms: Suzie Lewis  
Marlene Poling

The 2012-2013 officers are as follows:

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Recording Secretary - June Cahill

Corresponding Secretary - Leona Uryga

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Chaplain - Joann Hays  
Sergeant at Arms - Marlene Poling  
Immediate Past President - Beth Caudill

Installation was done by Toni Sorg and her committee of Debbie Vermillion and Janet Woodfill. Toni read the Beatitudes. All new officers were installed. Congratulations to all the new officers.

Old Business - none  
New Business - None

Motion was made to adjourn by Barb Parker with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Bartlow.

Closing prayer by Joann Hays.  
Dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by: IVFAA  
Corresponding Secretary, Heather Martin

**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2011/2012**

AUDIT	PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY	BY-LAWS
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Toni Sorg - Chm. Dorothy Reiter Lou Bartlow Marie Emery	Sue Glant - Chm. Lou Bartlow Dorothy Reiter	Barb Kerney - Chm. Miriam Schaeckel Tammy Davis Debbie Vermillion
CHINESE AUCTION	NOMINATING	JEWELRY
Lori Parker - Chm. Barb Parker Marlene Poling Heather Martin	Pam Gerdowsky - Chm. Joyce Nevil Amber Farrer	Marlene Poling - Chm. Sandra Hile
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VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT	INSTALLATION	MEMBERSHIP
Suzie Lewis - Chm. E.J. Smith Alice Saunders Janet Matthews	Toni Sorg - Chm. Janet Woodfill	Leona Uryga - Chm. Marlene Thrawley Tammy Davis



**I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

**IVFAA President**

*Diane Gray*



Well . . . we have another great convention behind us and I am starting my second year as your IVFAA president, as well as the new line officers.

I want to thank all of you that encouraged me to be elected another year ... and I plan to do a better job this year. It is always a little "scary" the first year when you have to go before the entire members, but each time it gets a little easier.

I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate all the help you gave and "Faith" you had in me in the past year. Without you I could have not done all that I did ... the IVFA has also given me a lot of encouragement and insight as what I need to do.

This year we will set some new goals and will work real hard to get them accomplished. We need to introduce more ladies to the state auxiliary so that we can get our membership up. This is one of the best organizations that you can belong to.

I want to extend my congratulations to the winners of the Miss Flame, Miss Congeniality, Lois Boaz, Mary Mackin Award, Angel Award, Ollie Sandburg Award, Mr. IVFA, Bridgeport Scholarships and the Global Awards. They all were well deserving of them and remember to send your letters in for the next Convention 2012 ... there are a lot of men and women out there that have worked hard for their departments and/or in their community.

I want to THANK the THORNTON Company for having a wonderful "HOSPITALITY" Room. It was one of the best and believe everyone enjoyed it. It just makes the whole convention go more smoothly when you can go there to relax and visit.

I hope to see all of you at the state officer's meeting in Indianapolis in August ... until then ... enjoy the summer and stay healthy.

God bless,  
*Diane Gray*  
*IVFAA President*

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**DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT**



*Phyllis Vargo - Chairman*

March 1, 2012  
The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge was recited.  
Prayer was given by Louise Patenaude from Lake of Four Season Fire Force Auxiliary.

Roll call was taken. 16 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 2 individuals along with 8 guests who include 3 Miss Flame judges.

Phyllis thanked the Lake of Four Seasons Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance this evening: Miss Flame candidates which were Steffani Luellman from Lake Station, Morgan Eastridge from South Haven, and Carolyn Siedelmann from Dyer. Judges for tonight's Miss Flame judging are Nick Medrano, Lake of Four Season Fire Chief, Mike Gooldy, Newspaper Editor, and Tony Waitkus, retired firefighter/Auxiliary member for Lake of Four Season.

Minutes from the Nov. 3, 2011 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner, no corrections or addition to minutes. Motion passed.

Phyllis gave update on Ann Moss.

Correspondence: None.  
Treasurer Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$814.00 in checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Old Business:  
Phyllis talked to the group about making sure your State dues are paid for your auxiliary. They had another member downstate that had been an auxiliary member for 42 years; dues were paid for the last 5 years for her, so when she passed away she was not entitled to the state benefits. Please double check with your treasurers to make sure you are current.

Phyllis talked about Convention will be June 13, 14, 15 in Elizabeth, Indiana. Details are in the I.V.F.A.A. newspaper.

Paul Watland talked about the insurance available thru the State to all I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. members thru American Life Insurance. Please contact Paul or Phyllis if you have any questions or concerns. Please make sure your personal information is current including your beneficiaries.

New Business:  
Phyllis asks each auxiliary to get a copy of the State Auxiliary By-laws after the meeting.

Danielle Smith made a motion, 2- by Cathy Waitkus to keep our District Miss Flame contest at the November meeting, even if we don't have anyone running for this district. Motion passed.

Phyllis asked the group what their wishes for the donation we make to the convention each year from both districts. In the past we have purchased gas cards to be used

at the Chinese Auction. Motion by Cathy Waitkus, 2- by Jackie Rench to make a gift basket to include the beach towel that Phyllis had a picture of and stay around \$30.00. Motion passed.

Department Announcements:  
South Haven Fire Department Fireman's Ball on March 10, 2012 from 6 - 12 at Duneland Falls, \$50 per person, call Vickie at 759-3919 with questions.

Lake of Four Season Fire Auxiliary Crazy Bunco on Friday, March 16- 6 pm food, 7:30 games \$13 per.

Crown Point Fire is hosting a St. Baldrick's Event on Sat., March 17 from 1 - 3pm. To participate, must register on stbaldricks.org. Also City is having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the fire station from 1 - 6 pm. Also Crown Point will have a lighted St. Patrick's Day Parade starting at dusk.

50/50 - None  
Next meeting will be May 3rd at Lowell Fire Station.

Winner of the 2012 Miss Flame for District #1 is Morgan Eastridge. Congratulations Morgan!

Motion by Danielle Smith to adjourn, 2- by Linda Watland. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Marge Baumgardner*  
*I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2*

May 3, 2012  
The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge was recited.  
Prayer was given by Donna Szafranski of Lowell Vol. Fire Dept.

Auxiliary.  
Roll call was taken. 12 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 2 individual along with 4 guests.

Phyllis thanked the Lowell Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance this evening: Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman, I.V.F.A., Tom Orrell, District 1 Chairman, I.V.F.A., Ike Rench, former Chief of Lowell Fire Department.

Minutes from the March 1, 2012 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner, no corrections or addition to minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.  
Treasurer Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$774.00 in checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Old Business:  
Phyllis brought the basket that she made up for this State Chinese Auction. She will take the basket this weekend to officer's meeting since she is not attending the convention this year.

Phyllis asked the group what their wishes were in regards to the State Raffle tickets. We normally get them by the March meeting and have to bring them back at the May meeting, giving each auxiliary a chance to sell the tickets. Phyllis informed the group that she did not get them until mid-April after she had to call looking for them. The group was not happy, also that the tickets were not numbered, and they look like someone just made these on their computer. No accountability on these tickets. The group decides to

"Boycott the Raffle". Motion on the floor by Donna Szafranski, 2- by Cathy Waitkus to decline to purchase the State Raffle due to lateness of the arrival of tickets, not being numbered, and the auxiliaries not have time to sell them. Motion passed. Phyllis will take the tickets back to the state and inform them of our vote.

Phyllis talked about Convention will be June 13, 14, 15 in Elizabeth, Indiana. Details are in the I.V.F.A. newspaper. Convention 2012 will be in Muncie.

New Business:  
Phyllis asks each auxiliary to make sure that their 2012-2013 dues get paid. Please send the dues to Phyllis first. You need to include a check payable to the state auxiliary at \$5.00 for each member, and send second check payable to District 1 & 2 for \$5.00 for each member for District dues.

Department Announcements:  
50/50 - None.  
Next meeting will be on September 6 at Lake Station.

Motion by Louise Patenaude to adjourn, 2- by Jackie Rench. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Marge Baumgardner*  
*I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2*

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# *Bridgeport Scholarship winners for 2012*



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## *2012 Ollie Sandburg Award winner - Barbara Kerney*

*photos submitted by Alvin Williamson*



## *2012 Angel Award winner Marlene Thrawley*

*... and her husband, Carol Thrawley. – submitted by Diane Harrison, IVFA secretary*

# I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Leona Uryga - Chairwoman

Minutes of the May 16, 2012 District 3 meeting.

The meeting was held at the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department on May 16, 2012, with the auxiliary members enjoying a barbeque luncheon. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jodi Barkow said a prayer.

Roll call was taken: 7 Michiana Shores; 4 Coolspring; 1 guest and 1 individual.

The minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting were read and will stand as read. The treasurer's report ending April 30, 2012 was read and will stand until audit.

A motion by Bob Uryga to pay Joan Lewis \$6.40 for stamps used to mail meeting notices; seconded by Ruth Duetscher; motion carried.

Ms. Jessie Done, District 3 Miss Flame was unable to attend the meeting, but her mother Diane Stapleton reported Jessie's activities as the school year closes. Jessie's project will be a Reflective Medical Alert notice that can be used in the home or car to alert emergency personnel of medical issues of persons in the home or car. A reflective decal can be put on a car window or the window or door of a home where a person would need assistance. The purchase price of the decal and medical information form has not been determined.

A check for \$175.00 was given to Diane Stapleton to offset Miss Flame's expenses for the convention. Chair Leona Uryga explained some of the activities Jessie will be involved with at the convention such as writing an essay, decorating the door of her hotel room, etc.

There was no correspondence.

State Information: The 2012 Convention will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN (near New Albany) June 13 - 16th. There are 997 state auxiliary members. In order to receive a Bible of the deceased person's faith and Chaplain services the member's dues must be paid. Dues are paid on yearly basis from July to July.

District 3 Miss Flame will be competing with 21 other

contestants. Good luck, Jessie! There were some mistakes in the new by-laws books which have been sent back to the printer. Individual sheets will be printed to replace the ones in error.

Chair Leona Uryga stated she would like to be the state corresponding secretary but needs someone to be our district chair. Some of the responsibilities of the chair require attendance at not only the district meetings but also the state meeting every three months. The district is required to have 5 district meetings per year in order to get paid for the state meetings, which is \$50.00 per meeting and \$100.00 for the state convention. No one interested in being the district chair at this time.

Next meeting will be July 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department. Refreshments will be served.

The lovely flower centerpieces raised \$10.00 for our treasury.

The 50/50 door award was split: \$5.25 each to Ruth Duetscher and Diane Stapleton.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dorothy Moffett, seconded by Ruth Duetscher; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Lewis  
Secretary/Treasurer

## DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Lou Bartlow - Chairwoman

Hello Everyone,  
This has been a really hot summer so far. I hope everyone has a cool place to stay.

We had a good convention this year. It's always good to see old friends and meet new ones.

Once again, it's time to start thinking about all of the state awards. If you've written letters before, please write some more. Make it a tough job for the committee to choose.

We had our last meeting in Perrysville and had a nice turn out. Several good discussions were held. We have three members who will be receiving 25 year pins at our next meeting. Congratulations to John Davies, Lois Michaels and Donna Greer.

All of you stay cool till we get some relief.

Lou Bartlow,  
District 11B chairwoman

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Tonya Marsee - Chairwoman

Hello Everyone!  
I would like to open by saying my name is Tonya Marsee. I am the new District 19 IVFAA chairwoman. Pam Gerdowsky has done a wonderful job and I have really big shoes to fill. I wish Pam the best of luck in all she does. I would also like to wish all the incoming officers "good luck".

We held our last district meeting in May at Blooming Grove. They served a light lunch which was wonderful. They also held a White Elephant auction that helped Miss Flame with some of her expenses at state convention. In May at the Blooming Grove meeting is where I was elected.

We had a wonderful time at the Horseshoe Casino for state convention. Our Miss Flame representative, Tatijana Marsee, did a wonderful job. I would like to congratulate our 2012 Miss Flame Jessica Dove and our 1st runner-up Page Fetters. I would like to encourage all of the young ladies to think about the Miss Flame competition that will be held in November at the Milan VFD. If you know of someone that would like to run, please contact myself or Ed Scheele.

Our next meeting will be held at Morris on August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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## Boat water rescue kit purchased with grant money

Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue would like to thank the Switzerland County Community Foundation and the Vevay Switzerland County Foundation for awarding the fire department grant money that was used to purchase a 2 boat water rescue kit that was put into service June 10, 2012. The kit consists of two boats that are stacked on one trailer. The versatility of the two boats allows us to respond to water

emergencies on the river, in creeks, and also in farm ponds. One of the boats even has a fire pump, which allows us to make fire attacks on the river.

Twenty members of Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue were certified in Basic Water Rescue. This course consisted of boat maneuvering, self rescue, one and two person rescue, and marine firefighting. "Our goal with this project is to be able to

respond safely and effectively to water related emergencies," said Assistant Chief Chris See. "In the past, water emergency operations have been very difficult and have usually left us waiting for mutual aid water teams from other counties, which takes a lot of time. The new package we have in service is quickly deployable and is versatile enough to be effective on the river as well as in area ponds."

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# Jack Voitschild named District 17B 2012 Global Award winner



Pictured (left to right) – Steve Nolan, District 17-B chairman, Sherry and Jack Voitschild, Bobby Brown - Fire Chief Shawswick VFD, with Jack holding his 2012 District 17-B Global Award. – submitted by Steve Nolan, District 17-B chairman.

## Goodriches receive 25 year pins



Steve Nolan, District 17-B chairman, is shown presenting Debby and Paul Goodrich of the Fruitdale VFD 25 year pins. – submitted by Steve Nolan, District 17B chairman.



## Waiting to serve at Hamilton VFD breakfast

The Hamilton Township VFD held a breakfast on April 28, 2012 at their station.

Here three of the firemen are waiting to do the serving. – Photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Chief Noel receives 25 year pin



Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Chief Jamey Noel of the New Chapel Fire Company with his 25 year pin at the opening meeting of this year's convention at the Horseshoe Hotel & Casino. – submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

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# Parker City VFD holds summer parade



Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame, waiting for the parade at the Parker City VFD to start. Looks like she brought a friend along with her to the parade. - Photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



## Lafayette Township FD renovates and expands station



Recently Chief Jeremy Klein was presented a station clock at their open house in recognition of their addition and renovation to their Station 1. -submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman



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# Family tradition with the Cannon family ... collecting for the Crusade for Children



In the photo at left – District 14 chairman Rick and Miss Flame Rebecca and her brothers Josh and Richie Cannon.  
In the photo at right – the Sellersburg Fire Department on Crusade Day. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## *Cannons pose with members of Supporting Heroes*



In the top photo – District 14 chairman and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon pose with Scott and Shannon Adkins from Supporting Heroes and Tom and Betty Sellmer.  
They bought the wood carving and all money went to Supporting Heroes. – photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

In the bottom photo – District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman pose here with their district Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and Alex Gott.



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# Hanover holds fair for Crusade for Children



In the top photo – Members of the Hanover Department pose here with District 14 chairman, Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon.

In the bottom photo - The members are shown posing with air methods. – photos submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

## Presented with station clock



Chief Jeff Himelick of New Garden Township-Fountain City Fire Department, receives a clock for the completed station addition. – photo submitted by Jeff Biehl, District 13 chairman.

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# Members receive Awards of Valor



The Office of the State Fire Marshal presented Awards of Valor to: Jessica Bartle, Dwight Taylor, Roger Bender, and Eria Stoffregen. The Fire Chief Mark Furnish is also pictured. - submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.



## Quilliam 2012 Global Award winner

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland (on the left) presents Chief John Quilliam of the Thunderbird Fire Territory the 2012 Global Award. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

## Members receive service pins



New Garden Township-Fountain City Fire Department members received 25 and 50 year pins. Pictured (left to right) - Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman, Thomas E. Perry - 25 year pin, Richard E. Lacy - 50 year Gold Card and pin and Chief Jeff Himelick. - submitted by District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

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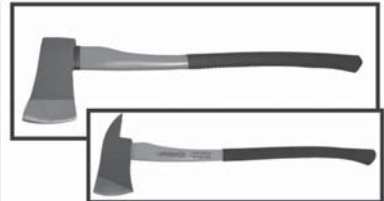
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# Charlestown Founders Day Fair held



Charlestown Fire Department ladies' auxiliary held a cake wheel at the Founders Day Fair. Pictured here are some of the ladies. -photos submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon poses here with Terry Goodin.



Sellersburg Fire Department had one truck in the parade with District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon with Elisa Book, Richie Cannon and Kelly Williams.



Charlestown Fire Department had 14 of the fire trucks in the parade.

## Clarksville holds dedication of new fire house



Clarksville recently held its dedication of its new firehouse. Pictured here are (left to right) - Rick Stephenson, Clark County commissioner, District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, Fire Chief Tom Upton and District 14 chairman Rick Cannon. -submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## Georgetown Township FD takes delivery of new Quad



Georgetown Township Fire Department takes delivery of new Quad. -submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman

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## Lafayette Township FD takes delivery of new Quad and Tanker



Lafayette Township Fire Department takes delivery of new quad and tanker  
—submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman



## Lanesville VFD takes delivery of new Rescue and Tanker



Lanesville VFD takes delivery of new Rescue & Tanker. — submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman



## Convention report . . .

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what the rainfall was in 1988. If you can remember that drought? And we're expecting another six weeks or so of these kinds of conditions, so we could be approaching 1988 drought conditions here in the next few weeks or months if we don't get some rain. So all of you who experienced that drought and the wildfires we had back then, we need to be cognizant of that. If you are the fire chiefs, you know, the Indiana fire code allows the fire chief under Chapter 307.1 to institute a global burn ban. The difference between that and the Indiana Code, is that the fire code has no teeth in it as far as enforcement. If the county commissioners and the fire chiefs work together and the county commissioners use the Indiana code 10-14-3-29 I believe, that is under a disaster, a drought disaster declaration, and that has law enforcement support to enforce that burn ban, in case you do, in case that occurs in your county. So as we go forward with these dry conditions, I would ask that you reach out and work closely with your county commissioners if you feel a need to suspend burning in your areas. And that Indiana Code allows you to really list what you can restrict. You can restrict total burning, or you can pick and choose with campfires or, you know, other open burning type things, so I would suggest you actually work with those county commissioners in doing that to go forward. Probably the other thing I'll talk about here today is what's above us and what's around and what I'm standing on. I've had a couple of you ask me about that. You know, last summer when we had the incident happen at the state fair, there was some legislation introduced that passed last year during the legislature. And what the legislation did was address the equipment that sits around the stage that is not attached to the stage. It can sit on the stage, but it can't be attached to it. So if this equipment sitting above me had vertical columns coming down here, and they were sitting on the ground, and we were outside that would be what is now called, outdoor stage equipment. And they passed senate bill, Senate Bill 224, to address that. Senate Bill 224 also called for emergency rules to be created that regulates that and classifies that as a

Class 1 structure which then falls under the fire building codes. So our office has been very busy this year, already talking to event planners, county fair organizations, festivals, on trying to explain what that rule does. And what it does is that it causes them to have to deliver to us plans, engineered plans and drawings of the wind loads and the point loads of weight of what these riggings will support. How does that affect your area? Every one of your areas is probably having some kind of a festival. And every one of your areas may have outdoor stage equipment, and will more than likely have a stage, what we're standing on here. Stages have always been regulated. They've been regulated since the 1940's. But what's different about the stages now, is that how we're looking at them, and what we're requiring as far as engineered drawings on stages of what type of weight loads can be applied to the stage and what it will support. So I know a couple of you have asked me today, but I think the message I want to send, if you have questions, if you have a festival, and festival organizers in your area that you're working with, have them reach out to the Fire Marshal's Office. Or you reach out to us, we'll be glad to come and explain what needs to happen, what needs to occur. The other thing that the emergency rule calls for, for the outdoor stage equipment, are emergency plans. And I would encourage you to work with those event organizers to develop, help develop that emergency plan so those emergency plans deal with the weather conditions, wind and those types of situations. But you also need to help them with where you're going to have staging areas and how you're going to have egress and the apparatus coming in and going in the lead entrance, things like that. A mass casualty plan, if something would occur, an event that several people would be injured. So I would get involved with those organizers, and offer your help and guidance to them, because in some cases it may be the first time they've ever been faced with doing this, so do that. And again, I'd just like to take the opportunity, did I mention I've got a lot more to talk about, and I'll talk about that this evening. Like I say, this is the fourth time I've been here, and there's an election coming up this year and I really want to thank you for the support. I know the first time I was

introduced to the IVFA was up in Columbus and that was a pretty volatile meeting. I don't know who all may have been there because I think it was a board meeting or your district meetings, but there were some issues with training and John Buckman was taking some arrows, and I think I followed him and I didn't know what to expect, but I wanted to, hopefully, that you understand that as a new Fire Marshal, I wasn't coming in there as someone who had never been on a fire department and try and tell anybody what to do. My goal is to learn from you all. And I've learned a lot in the last four years. I've had great opportunities to meet some wonderful people, and learn how creative, how you have to do things with fewer dollars maybe than a lot of other places do. How you have to raise funds and keep going. And how much support you all get from your families. You know, I've said that in my situation, I worked a 24 hour shift and then I'd go home for a couple days. You all really don't have any break. I mean, as a volunteer, you're 365/24 hours a day, wherever you are that alarm may sound and you respond. So I understand that, I appreciate the patience you've had with me over the last four years. I have learned and enjoyed being with all of you and traveling the state and going wherever I'm invited. Don't know what's going to happen next year, but I'd like the opportunity to stay for a while. And if I do, I'll continue, however we can help you, our office, whether it's fire investigations, code enforcement, whatever it is, we are literally a phone call away and we try to respond to any need you may have. So I want to thank you for that and I will just speak again this evening in some more details and everything, but if anybody has any questions anywhere about anything? It means I put you to sleep. I told this guy you never repeat. Thank you all really. I'm done unless you have a question for me. The Indiana Fire Alliance is a group of leaders; it's a leadership group of the IVFA, the Indiana Professional Firefighters' Union, the Indiana Fire Chiefs' Association and the Fire Marshal's Office. One of the things that I did discover when I was in this job a few months, is I would get phone calls from either citizens, local fire departments, even a suggestion, a complaint or something they thought needed to be done. And I quickly found out that the Fire Marshal's office really doesn't have much authority, didn't have no authority

over fire departments. And I'm not saying that any one person should have authority over something like that, but I heard a lot of things I couldn't help doing. And after about my second year, I wrote a letter to the Governor and just kind of outlined some of the things I had observed in the fire service that were difficult because there was no way to mediate or help solve some problems. Then, about the same time, I would also meet regularly with the Fire Chiefs' Association, the IVFA we were meeting in the director's office. Out of that grew the Indiana Fire Alliance which is leadership in the groups I've mentioned. And we started meeting about two years ago this month. I know that over the last year many of you have received a survey that you completed and returned. We met at our first meeting and brainstormed the priorities that we thought were in the fire service. There were about 20 some and we narrowed that down to four. Those four were, budgeting and financing, health and safety, training and oversight mediation, however you want to call that area. Oversight's a little stronger and that scares people. But through these four priorities we sent out a survey. We had a little over a third of the fire service respond to that. That's pretty good for a survey if you think about it. This survey went out to career, volunteer, and combination departments. There are 831 fire departments in the state of Indiana. So they all had the opportunity to respond to that survey. What we've done, we've taken the results of that survey and we are currently creating a white paper that will be completed by the end of July because I have to report to the Governor's Office. But more importantly, what this is going to be used for, is to help the Alliance and to write some legislation that may be needed to do some of the things that we look and see, as far as the budgeting issues, and how taxes, and the ability to use certain taxes or not use certain taxes to help the fire service. I won't promise you anything, because I won't be able to make any promises, but I will work hard to do these things. Some of these taxes, we may be able to look at ways to rearrange, through legislation, some ways to better financially support the fire service. Training, there are things we need to do on the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education. We can use what's from that survey and that is just what Jack Kerney talked about earlier, doing the modules for firefighter 1 and 2. Gets them out of that as an

example of saying we've been trying to use the fire service. But the Indiana Fire Alliance is becoming very well known in the legislature, because we're there a lot. And I will tell you that Larry Curl works very hard over at the legislature. I know the time I was over there this past year was quite often because of the right word legislation and a number of people in the State House. But Larry's there every day, I know David comes up some too; I believe his availability's a little different and that's what you're paying this guy for, to be out there for you. He's there every day. And we're all there. The Alliance is there and we've testified on several bills. Obviously, Representative Frye and Goodin are very good supporters of the fire service and they're both really good men up there in that legislature trying to help the fire service. I wish the fire service would show up in numbers that those union guys showed up in out there last year. If the fire service showed up with that kind of strength, with 3,000 or 5,000 or 10,000 whatever it was, you'd be surprised how much we would get done. We are really powerful up there. So that's pretty much that. Thank you very much.

**Mr. Zeeks:** PRSE Ed Scheele Mr. President that concludes my report.

**President Israel:** Thank you Jack. At this time we want to release the Credentials Committee. Can the vendors hear us up there on the second floor? We really wanted to thank you people for coming out and supporting our organization and this convention. Is there any other business that needs to come before this body at this time? Any announcements that need to come to the floor? At this time, I would ask for a motion to adjourn after our benediction.

**Mr. Parish:** I so move that we adjourn that concludes my report.

**Male speaker:** Second. Motion carried.

**President Israel:** Associate Chaplain Tom Snelmer, would you dismiss us. I'd like to thank everybody for coming out, hope you have a good time, make sure you go visit the vendors.

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# 2012 CONVENTION REPORT

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION 2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Date: Friday June 15, 2012  
Place: Horseshoe Casino & Hotel Convention Center

**President Israel:** I want to be out of here between 11:00 and 11:30, we pushed the vendors back to open at 11:30, so we didn't have the noise that we had yesterday. If I could have our Chaplain Gerdowsky do our invocation for us this morning. Remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Anderson. Larry Bartlow and Diane Harrison are passing out District Chairman Delegate Vouchers and the roll call sheets. District Chairmen can get started on getting those filled out and turned in. At this time committees will meet in back. Mileage: Bev Harker, Don Cushman, Richard Glant, Buz Koehler and Jim Parker. Credentials committee Diane Harrison, Larry Bartlow, Jack Kerney, Jean Smith, Jim Abrams and Al Williamson. There are two microphones, one in the front and one in the middle. If you want to ask a question or make a comment, please go to the microphone so we all can hear. Also, when we get into the voting process and elections, Sergeant-at-Arms Bush will secure the doors. The reading of the minutes from the 2011 Convention Meeting.

**Mr. Hester** with District 1 makes a motion since the 2011 meeting was published in the IVFA paper that we dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Larry Bruner:** I second.  
**President Israel:** All those in favor, aye? Aye Audience response. And opposed the same sign. Aye Audience response. Motion carried.

### Officer's Reports

**President Israel:** I've traveled quite a bit this year. For those people up north it's tough for me to work, and sometimes make that three or four hour drive, but I'll get there eventually. I've enjoyed visiting the different departments and meeting all the Firefighters, everybody's been courteous and fun to work with. I appreciate that, and I look forward to continuing that. Vice President Steve Anderson.

**Vice President Anderson:** As David said, being from the river down south, it's also really tough for me to get up north. It is in my plans and my goals. Since last year's convention, I've totaled about 4,500 miles, made about 93 department visits, and contacted with 156 different departments throughout my travels.

**President Israel:** Secretary Diane Harrison

**Secretary Harrison:** Thanked everyone for their support

**President Israel:** Treasurer Bev Harker

**Treasurer Harker:** Pass

**President Israel:** Chaplain Gerdowsky.

**Chaplain Gerdowsky:** Pass.

**President Israel:** Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler.

**Chairman of the Board Koehler:** Pass.

### Public Relations Officers

**PR North East Jean Smith - Pass**

**PR West Central Larry Bartlow - Pass.**

**PR East Central Don Cushman - Pass**

**PR South West Jim Abrams - Pass**

**PR South East Al Williamson - Pass**

### Past President's Reports

**Past President Jim Parker - Pass**

**Past President Mitch Parish - Pass**

**Past President Richard Glant - Pass**

**President Israel:** Mr. Richard Glant is our Mr. IVFA winner for 2012. Congratulations, Richard.

**Past President Jack Zeeks - Pass**

**Past President Jack Kerney - Pass**

**Past President Larry Ketchum - Pass**

### District Chairman's Reports

**District 1 Tom Orrell - Pass**

**District 2 Paul Watland - Pass**

**District 3 Dave Kaufman - Pass**

**District 4 Terry Smith - Pass**

**District 5 Don Kissinger - Pass**

**District 6 Jerry Sprague - I have a question with the roster that was given to me. We are bringing you another one.**

**District 7 Walt Reiter - Pass**

**District 8 A Bill Pape - Pass**

**District 8B Lloyd Wright - July 11th we're going to have a district meeting in Hamilton Township, which is Warrick, IN at 7:30 p.m.**

**District 9A Leighanne Ellis - Pass**

**District 9B - absent**

**District 10 John Ray - Pass**

**District 11A Jack McFarland - Pass**

**District 11B Vice Chairman Morphy - Pass**

**District 12 Larry Bruner - Pass**

**District 13A Carol Thrawley - Asked if this was the time to talk about Public Relations Committee?**

**President Israel:** I have committee reports after this.

**District 13B Jeff Biehl - Pass**

**District 14 Rick Cannon - Pass**

**District 15 Harry Logan - Pass**

**District 16 Paul Holcomb - Pass**

**District 17A Sam Emery - Pass**

**District 17B Steve Nolan - Pass**

**District 18 John Bull Smith - Pass**

**District 19 Ed Scheele - Pass**

**District 21 Don Fultz - Pass**

**President Israel:** At this time our Lobbyist Larry Curl has a couple of guests for us this morning. Lobbyist Curl legislative report we are not going to give a detailed report this morning because we shared with you on the internet, and the website and at the meetings. But let me tell you we have an election coming up in November. We are going to re-elect probably the largest number of folks at the State House as we've done in years, based on the number of folks retiring, redistricting, whatever it may be. November is the time when we should be sending to the State House, those people who have a fire service interest. I will tell you right now I am a Republican on primary day, but when it comes to the general election, I'm going to vote for somebody who is going to support my party, the fire service. And I would hope and encourage that each and every one of you will do the same. Now, how are you going to find that out? You're going to invite them to your meetings. You're going to attend their meetings. You're going to get involved in their campaigns.

Not personally, not politically, from a fire service perspective. You're going to ask the questions. If you don't know the questions, ask me and I'll give you some questions. We need to elect folks who are going to support the fire service in Indiana, pure and simple. We don't care if it's Republican or Democrat. We care that they support what our needs are, what we need to do for our communities, and give us the opportunity to provide the service to those we serve. We can

only do that if we all get involved. I would encourage, hope, and pray that we get involved at a level that is going to bring to the State House those folks who understand what we do, who understands what it takes to do what we do, and who support what we do. And the 16,000 of us out there, folks, from this association alone, 16,000. You all, we ought to be able to elect a governor. If you have 16,000 votes, you have a spouse, you have a couple of family members, and we ought to be able to elect a governor. We've got to talk to those folks. We've got to find out what they stand for, why they're running for office. Now we have two elected officials in the room I want to introduce here in a minute, but you know what, be careful what they say to you not these two, I'm sorry I didn't mean it that way. Be careful what your candidates that are running for office say to you, and hold them accountable for that. You know, for far too long, we in the fire service, have elected folks based on their promise, sent them to Indianapolis, and never followed up on what they did. We've proven that, haven't we? We've proven that right here in this officer's meeting. I've had a district chairman come to me and say, "Well my representative said." And I said, "Well your representative voted and it wasn't the same." It's time that they are held accountable. And I think the two that's with us today would agree to that. If they're going to tell us they're going to do, then they ought to be doing it. But if we don't hold them accountable, if we don't go look and see what they've done, we don't watch and see what they do, and we don't pay attention to it, how will we ever know? It's with great pleasure that I bring to you Representative Randy Frye, who was raised on an 80 acre farm in Franklin County. Randy is married to his wife, Deborah. They've been married for 35 years. They have two children, Steve and Suzanne. He has a couple of grandsons. Representative Frye is retired from the Indianapolis Fire Department, where he served for 26 years as a firefighter. His district is House District 67, serving Rush, Decatur, Ripley, and three precincts from Franklin County. He has served on the Veteran Affairs and Public Safety Committee, Agricultural and Rural Development, Financial Institutes. Representative Frye has a unique vision of government. He believes that government is, and should be, a tool to help the citizens of Indiana. His vision is to see that government provides the leadership to help citizens, by being successful, while keeping government small. Representative Frye, welcome to the 66th Annual Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Convention.

**Representative Frye:** It's indeed an honor for me to be here this morning to visit with you. I don't know how many of you know a little bit about my background. Thank you, Chief Curl, for adding in to my biography there. I've actually been married now 37 years, I guess we need to update that.

We have five grandchildren; I'm very, very proud of each of them. And my son is Chief of Training for Carmel Fire Department in Hamilton County. Some of you probably up in that area. His name is Steve Frye. You can't miss Steve; he's about 6'7". I was just telling Representative Goodin that my grandson, Avery is in the second grade and he's already 5' tall. I think Representative Goodin's trying to recruit him now to come down here and play ball down here in the southern part of the state. Let me give you a little background about myself. I am retired from Indianapolis Fire Department. I retired after 26 years, 21 in the city of Indianapolis. I am extremely, extremely proud of having the opportunity to have served. I take it very seriously, my opportunity to serve in the State House, and I believe it's a direct extension of the service

that I had for 26 years as a professional firefighter. And I said this at last year's convention, Chief Curl was kind enough to invite me last year and I want to make sure we do this again. There is only one fire service. There is no difference between paid and volunteer. Indiana has one fire service. I think Chief Curl will back this up, but there have been many times, and sometimes taking on my own caucus chair over a difference there was between the paid and the volunteer. We've fought some battles. We've fought those battles together. There is no difference. I take a great deal of pride in that. I did serve for a short period of time in the Waldron Volunteer Fire Department when I lived in Shelby County. A great deal of the legislation that I have worked with this last two years, and I am just finishing my first term of two years, has dealt with emergency services. I serve as Vice Chairman of Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, and an awful lot of the bills that come through our committee are public safety, fire bills. We dealt with bills two years ago, and Chief Curl was very helpful, as was Dave Israel, on the billing for the fire service. We had a real problem there, and I think we got that solved. At least we to it a lot better than it was. This past year alone, I have had a great deal to do with legislation dealing with the fire service and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. I authored a bill, House Bill 1052, the Governor signed into law, that created a statewide bid system for everything police, fire and EMS purchase. You can access that, starting July the 1st through the Indiana Department of Administration. And all you volunteer departments can now voluntarily, if you wish, you are not obligated to, to that website and, for instance, the same thing that you buy two or three of, Indianapolis may buy 1,200 of. And you can buy it with the same buying power as the City of Indianapolis. The whole idea over there was to make your money go further, or for you to have the opportunity to buy more than one. Maybe a TIC, Thermal Imaging Camera or something that you could only afford one, and by buying it at a better price, maybe you can buy two, and you can have an increased amount of safety and success with your search and rescue. The House Bill passed the House of Representatives and, I believe, the Senate unanimously, and the Governor signed it into law. I'm very proud of that, and I had you guys in mind when I proposed that bill. You see, even though the city of Indianapolis does need help with buying, they have tax dollars as well. You guys spend an awful lot of time raising money to just to buy the things that you need. When I was in Indianapolis, we got a new set of fire gear every year. My primary gear became my backup gear and then two years old, it was done. They are buying approximately 1,200 sets of gear a year, that's a lot. They're going to get a good price. You guys should be able to get the same price, and that's the goal. I've been heavily involved in a bill that was a Senate bill that dealt with our 911 funding. Obviously you know, when you received your run it's coming from 911 dispatch, your local PSAP, they had to be funded better. The system, as it was, was heavily funded with local landline telephone lines. And as we know, they're going away at around 10 percent a year, and so we had to do something about that. We did revamp that and I believe there will be sufficient funding now. We're going to have to wait and see a little bit, after July when it takes effect. But one of the provisions that I insisted stay in that bill, and that also came from a meeting that we had in Greensburg, an IVFA meeting that I attended in Greensburg, where it was brought to my attention that the re-banding cost for you and your radios and your pagers is something you couldn't recoup. And so I had, and insisted even to the last hour of that bill, and it passed around 11:00, I believe, the last night of the session, you can get

50 percent of your re-banding costs reimbursed from the 911 fund. That's only if there's money available. But we believe there will be between six and nine additional million dollars a year raised, and so after July, if you have those costs, you can recoup up to 50 percent of them. Also, understand, and I don't believe this is the last time we'll see re-banding, and so I wanted to make sure that was in the bill as it goes forward, and as that comes back around you should be able to get those costs reimbursed as well. Had a bill that Chief Curl got to my attention, House Bill 1056. House Bill 1056, dealt with, at that time, we called them novelty cigarette lighters. How many of you have been on a run where a child's been burned with a lighter? Let's see a show of hands. Ever going to forget it? I won't. I can tell you almost every run that I ever ran on as a child, I ran on Engine Four, it's at 8400 Ditch Road. I see Chief Peachey setting there. His son worked with me and for me there, and we ran Engine Four in a one year period of time, we run about 3,000 runs. We were busy, and I can tell you almost every run that I was on that involved a child that was injured. And so this bill was something that I agreed with, that needed to be dealt with, and we brought it before the House of Representatives, got it through committee. One committee member said it was the best bill that had ever been presented in that committee. Not because I presented it, but because of the content of the bill. Representative Gutwein, if you remember that quote. We got it on the House floor and had a little fun with it, had a couple people come up and think that maybe that they were going to shoot it down, but it passed overwhelmingly. I believe over 80 votes for, a few votes against. And then the Indianapolis Star did us a great disservice. They did an article in late January that outlined a group of bills they believed were beneath the legislature's time. One of them dealt with how to sing the National Anthem. Now, I'm not too sure I wanted to mess with that bill, I'm not too sure Representative Goodin would have messed with that, but I don't see where we need to be sticking our finger in that. But another bill was about class basketball. Whether you think class basketball should or shouldn't be, was in there, and then our bill was thrown in there also. Now, in my opinion, the Indianapolis Star never helps a burning child or smelled burning flesh. If they had, they wouldn't have had the audacity to throw this bill in there. But I believe it spooked the Senate and I could not get the bill heard in Senate Committee and it died. About two weeks ago, the Indianapolis television station, FOX 59, did a story. They highlighted our bill, interviewed me, and I have invited FOX 59 reporter, Russ McQuaid, to follow me and the bill through the legislature in 2013. We'll bring it back, and we'll even work harder, because I believe in the bill, and I don't believe we need any kind of lighters that look like toys that three and four year old kids can't tell the difference. Common sense tells me we don't need that junk. I also was co-author of a bill that changed your EMS certification. How many of you are EMTs? How many are paramedics? Your level of certification now, not necessarily your training, but the title. We used to have EMT Advanced or EM instead of Advanced EMT. And so what we did was we made our terminology the same as national terminology so that our textbooks would match. So that our certifications would be easier to go from Indiana to Florida, or Kentucky or something like that, and so I was very proud to be in that bill. I worked closely with Homeland Security and Fire Marshal Jim Greeson. Is Jim still in the room? Jim, stand up. This is the finest Fire Marshal in the United States. You can't imagine how often I

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Marshal Jim Greeson. Is Jim still in the room? Jim, stand up. This is the finest Fire Marshal in the United States. You can't imagine how often I interact with Fire Marshal Greeson and his staff, and they are the best. I have a lot of passion for the people that I serve, a lot of passion for the fire service, and so does Fire Marshal Greeson, and I really appreciate you, Jim.

**Mr. Greeson:** Thank you.

**Representative Frye:** There was a bill that you guys are aware of. Some of you have talked to me about it this morning, called the Nepotism and Conflict of Interest bill that affected volunteer firemen. Chief Curl and I talked about this a number of times, and by the way he has my cell phone, and he texts me a lot when I'm on the house floor. I text him back. It's very important that we communicate directly when we have bills of interest. We tried to get this bill altered to eliminate the volunteers. I had an amendment drafted that would have excluded the volunteers, and I went to the authors of the bill, and then the sponsor in the House and tried again to get the bill altered to exclude the volunteers, but I was unsuccessful. I voted against the bill, and we are currently talking about how we want to approach it in the 2013 legislative session. Last year's legislative session was a short session. There was a great deal of stress, as you may imagine in the State House. I think maybe in a different year with a different legislature, and there's going to be a lot of different folks up there, probably 19 or 20 new in the House at least. I know several new in the Senate, several retired, or have moved on to other things, and so a different legislature may look at this differently. In the meantime, my recommendation to you is, when you see your representative, and representative candidates in the streets of your festival parade, or at your fish fry, that you bring this up to them. It will be much easier for us to get them to vote for it if they know how you feel, certainly talk to them. So as you can see, I've had a great deal of business to do with the fire service. I can tell you that one member of our caucus, who's a good friend of mine, I think also a volunteer firefighter, told me that he looked at me one day and he said, "I am sick of hearing the fire department bills." That's kind of cool. I thought man; I just need to introduce a couple more now, because I've got him right where I want him. So when it comes to bills for the fire service or Homeland Security, I'm often the one that Homeland Security or the Fire Marshal's office calls upon to help carry their bills, a close relationship both with Dave Israel who lives in Decatur County, where I live, and also Chief Curl. I could tell you I'm very, very proud to be a member of the fire service, even though I'm retired. I believe that I'm carrying on my service by serving you and my constituents in the State House. We've to a lot of work to do, but I don't think you'll find anyone who loves the fire service more than I do. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to come and talk to you this morning.

**Mr. Curl:** Thanks, Representative Frye.

**Mrs. Kerney:** I would like for the young ladies to introduce themselves to you.

**Ms. Dove:** Good afternoon. My name is Jessica Dove. I am from Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department, and I have the honor to represent District 3, and now I am honored to represent all of you, as your State Miss Flame 2012.

**Ms. Fetter:** Hello everyone. My name is Paige Fetter. I am your first runner-up for this year. I am representing District 11B, and I'm from the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department.

**Mrs. Kerney:** Now the rest of the

court will introduce themselves.

**Mrs. Kerney:** I want to thank all of you all for the support that you've given these girls. Don't forget, they're all winners. Invite them, keep them going around to the different activities that you have, they are more than willing. Also, we want to thank you for the gifts that you have given us this year. We appreciate it. Thank you.

**President Israel:** We'll get our 2012 Miss Flame's contact information out to you. Please invite her to your functions. At this time, Larry Curl, we're going to turn it back over to you, and introduce our next speaker.

**Mr. Curl:** Our next speaker is State Representative Terry Goodin. Terry was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 2000. He represents the citizens of Indiana House District 66, which includes a portion of, or maybe all of, IVFA District 14. When back at home, he serves as a Superintendent of the Crothersville Community School System, and raises beef cattle on his family farm. State Representative Goodin is a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau, the Indiana Association of Public Superintendents, the National Basketball Coaches, and the National Rifle Association. Representative Goodin is a graduate of the Austin High School, earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees in the Eastern Kentucky University, and he received his Doctorate of Education at Indiana University. State Representative Goodin has been called the hardest working representative at the State House by bringing the ethics of the hard work he learned on the family farm to the State House. Representative Goodin has helped make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family, thus truly living up to the phrase, "He's a Goodin." Representative Goodin serves on the following committees: this past year: Agricultural and Rural Development, and Ways and Means. And Representative, you may have been on some more, I'm not really sure. Please join me in welcoming Representative Terry Goodin.

**Representative Goodin:** Thank you very much for that great introduction, Larry. You know I was walking up here, and what an act to follow. Where did those ladies go? I think this was a setup, Larry. But with that, I want to say, as he said I'm State Representative Terry Goodin, and I'm proud to be a part of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association's Annual Convention. Thank you for having me. It's truly a privilege and an honor to be here. I want to say once again, thank you for having me. It is an honor and a privilege for me to be here. You know, as I was walking through the pavilion, I saw lots of great looking food. You know, did everybody see that? These places it seems like the casinos, they know what the first thing people go for is the food. And I don't care what they say, it's not the one armed bandit, it's the food people come for. And you know, as I came through the lobby here, it kind of reminded me of a little story. I was sitting in a doctor's office one day, and this guy bust through the door, runs in the doctor's office. He's got a zucchini sticking out one ear and a banana under his arm. He's got a pear hanging off of his earlobe, and he screams, "Doctor, doctor," he says, "what in the world is wrong with me?" The doctor looked at him, pushed his glasses up on his nose and scratched his head. He says "Yeah," he says, "I think I've got it figured out." The guy says, "Well what is it, what is it, doctor?" He said, "You're not eating right." So with that, I know that's not going to be a problem here today.

Because seeing all this great food, it's not going to be a problem. You folks are truly going to eat right. So with that, I will move forward, and I want to say this, from the bottom of my heart, I want to start by saying thank you for your service to the great state of Indiana. You deserve a great big round of applause. Thank you. I'm going to talk a little bit about government today as we go along. And we're also going to have some time at the end for you folks to ask questions. I know it seems, even as a teacher, and even as a legislator, I do speaking, and it seems like you can talk for hours about things, and sometimes you'll never hit on anything that really anybody wants to actually ask you about or hear about. So with that, I'm going to give the opportunity at the end to be able to ask some questions and we can move forward and then these folks can get on with the convention. How many folks in here know who your State Representatives are?

Raise your hand. That's a good number. And shame on you folks that didn't raise your hand. Shame on you folks who don't know who your state representative is, and don't know who your state senators are. As a matter of fact, as I travel around I do a lot of speaking. A lot of folks ask me, "What in the world does a state representative do?" Well, the simple answer to that is this, state representatives, state legislators pass laws that impact your lives daily. They say, "Well, what's that?" Well, state legislatures decide how fast you drive on the interstate. They decide how old you've got to be to drive. State legislators regulate food, they regulate the firearm industry, they regulate tobacco, and they regulate alcohol. Now, I know none of that pertains to you folks but the state legislatures also implement the penalties for simple infractions, all the way to the ultimate the death penalty in the state of Indiana. By the way, the general assembly even impacts what time you go to bed at night and what time you get up. The general assembly decides what time zone the State of Indiana will observe, and they also decide whether or not we will observe daylight savings time. So it's probably fair to say, that there's not one hour of the day that does not go by that some action in the Indiana General Assembly, whenever that was, that's impacting your lives. So that's why I say it's very important that you get to know your state legislators. And even as a public servant, as a volunteer fire fighter, it's even more important to get to know your state legislators. Because your lives are impacted even more than an ordinary citizen's life is impacted. You folks know the rules and regulations that have been placed on the fire service. You folks know that very well. All of that comes through the Indiana General Assembly. Also, as you go through your daily lives, and as you work through your lives as firefighters, you must make sure that you let those people around you know where you stand. As a matter of fact, I want to make it an assignment here tonight, since you brought up the teaching point, Larry, I guess it's not tonight but this morning. Every fire department in the volunteer service should invite their state legislators to their fire house and least one time a year. You know, it's very important that you do that, because that's the opportunity for you to address your legislators in your forum. It's important to ask them the important questions that you want to know about. And more importantly, it's even important to let those folks know how you feel about certain issues. You need to let those folks understand that you will support people who support you. I'm going to repeat what Larry says, "You will

support people who will support you." On the other hand, you will not support those people who do not support your causes. So you need to make sure that you get involved with your local legislators. Now as we move forward, you need to also remember this. If your state legislator declines to come visit the firehouse, if your state legislator does not return your emails, if your state legislator is not voting the way that you think they should vote, then you need to help them out. Help them out of office, that is. You have got to make sure you put people in those places that's going to make decisions for you - that are going to make the decisions that you think need to be made. You have got to make sure that those people are making the decisions that are in the best interest of the fire service in the State of Indiana. Can I have your blessing on that people, please? You know, the other duties of the office are very important as well. It's pretty simple, really the easy part of being a state legislator is going to Indianapolis, sitting your duff on a chair, and pushing That's the easy part. The tough part is, it's making contact with your constituents. The tough part is, making yourself open to be able to help constituents cut through the red tape of government, or try to find a service they need through state government. There's not a day goes by that I don't have some type of contact with a constituent, trying to help them receive a service they need, or try to cut through red tape. Now, there's no more red tape in this State of Indiana, and probably the nation, than the red tape that we have to deal with through the government, and you folks witness that, you experience it every single day. I see some laughs and grins from that. You folks witness and experience that every day. Jim Greeson is here. Randy Frye pointed Jim Greeson out. I make contact with Jim on occasion. There's never been a time that a volunteer fire department has contacted me, that I have not been able to talk to Jim, and he's either came down to the fire department and we've discussed issues with that department, or he's not solved the problem that they had. Jim Greeson, thank you very much. Now in closing, I want to talk a little about the demeanor of government. Politics and government go hand in hand. I bemoan the term politician. I don't really like that term. I prefer to be called a public servant, but that is a part of the job. If you're in government service, you are a politician. But I will tell you this, government and politics must become more civil. The politicians who preach hate, the politicians who get mired in political ideology, must go. These politicians are destroying our state and they are destroying our nation. We've got to get people in office who know there's a common ground. We've got to get people in office who know how to compromise. We've got to return government back to its original intent. And that original intent is doing what's best for the citizens of the State of Indiana and our nation, instead of demonizing the person who has a different opinion than you have. Can you folks help me out in this next election to get that done? As we move forward, I want to close also. We just had Memorial Day, which is a very somber, and probably the most important national holiday that our country observes. How many folks here have served our nation in time of war or time of peace in the armed services? Thank you for your service to our great nation. I always want to point that out. Without your folks' service to our great nation, I could not stand up here today and speak to a group like this. You folks could not sit here in the audience. You folks could not go to your respective meetings, like you're going to do today, without their service in defending our freedom. So thank you very much for your service to our great nation. With that I'm going to close with a little story. On Memorial Day, of course, you go to the graveyard, and there was one graveyard that I

visited this year, which is in Austin where I grew up. And I was walking through and I noticed that there was an inscription on this tombstone, and thought, man this is strange. You know, tombstones have poems especially a lot of the older tombstones. They have certain little poems or words on there with phrases that, I guess, that pertain to that individual's life. But this phrase, or this poem, really stood out to me, and I want you folks to listen very closely to what I'm saying here in this paradox. On this stone it said, "Remember me as you pass by, because as you are, so once was I. And as I am, you too will be. So be content to follow me." Now, that is a very profound statement, if you really think about that. But that proved too much for an Austinite who scribbled below that phrase, "To follow you, I am content. If I only knew which way you went." So with that I say thank you for listening. God bless you, and I'm going to tell you something else. Let's give your families a great big round of applause. Because those folks go through just as much stress as the rest of the firefighters do. And I know everyone sitting here agrees with that, so let's give your families a great big round of applause. And with that I want to say thank you for listening. God bless Indiana and God bless America. God bless you folks and may goodness and mercy follow you the rest of the days of your lives. Thank you for listening.

**Mr. Curl:** Quick question or two, anybody? Okay. Thank you very much, Representative, we appreciate it.

**Representative Goodin:** Awesome. Thank you. It was an honor to be here.

**Mr. Curl:** We appreciate all you folks do at the State House.

**President Israel:** I would like to thank Representative Goodin and Representative Frye, because they do attend our IVFA District Meeting in the communities. If we don't invite these people to these meetings, how are they going to know what we really need, so there is a challenge to get some of these people out there?

**Vice President Anderson:** We need to double check and make sure that all delegate mileage forms have been turned in and all the credential forms have been turned in.

**President Israel:** As a lot of you know, we've partnered up with a couple of companies, to give you some extra member benefits that you could possibly take advantage of. Our first guest is from California Casualty, and we have Tanya Rigsby and Jessie Newton to represent them.

**Ms. Rigsby:** Thanks, David. My name is Tanya Rigsby, and I am one of the field market managers, and Jessie Newton is another field market manager, she works the northern part of the state and I work from Indy down. So we just wanted to introduce ourselves to you all, let you know that the program is available to you and your members and your family. And it is a program that should save some members quite a bit of money, and we're really excited to start working with the fire stations, and councils, and our job is to visit you guys. So when we come to your station, make sure you tell your members to come so they can listen to a five minute speech and get some very valuable information and maybe save some money. And get some excellent coverage that's been specifically designed for firefighters. So we'll be in touch with the fire stations. So when we get in touch with you, make sure you get back with us so we can come visit. So we just wanted to take a few minutes to introduce ourselves. So thank you very much.

**President Israel:** They have a booth upstairs, so make sure that you get up there and see them. Make sure that we visit all of our vendors,

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because without our vendor support, we wouldn't be able to put this convention on. We partnered up with Provident Insurance, it's an AFLAC program. And at this time Darren will come forward and address us.

**Mr. Darren:** Good morning, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. You may, or may not have heard, buy you all are 40 times more likely to die of a heart attack, or to have a heart attack, than an average citizen. You're also more likely to die of specific goofy, what I call goofy cancers that they still don't, the medical community, still cannot make a medical correlation between how you contract those cancers, and what it is that you do as firefighters. You are at greater risk. As a result, we've been asked for years and years and years, can we do something that's 24-hour coverage for heart attacks, or cancer, or for strokes. The answer is, we've finally put it together with AFLAC and it is being offered to all the members of the IVFA, as well as the IVFAA, during this 90 day period, which ends July 31st. It's guaranteed issue. You can get \$10,000 of coverage guaranteed issue that pays every time you have one of those covered illnesses. It pays for a recurrence of those covered illnesses, as well as additional occurrences. It's not a one and done policy. Once you have it and you sign up for it, the premiums stay the same, and you carry it with you for as long as you live. As long as you continue to pay those premiums. It's coverage that, quite frankly, I wish I could buy. I'm not a member, but I do have personal AFLAC policies, and some of you may have personal AFLAC policies through work or wherever. That's great, but this is very different, and it stacks on top of that. So this would provide a check, a cash check to you for \$10,000 any time something like that happens. The average out of pocket cost for cancer is about \$26,000. And that's including medical insurance, when you have medical insurance. There's a lot of things that come up. My father died of cancer, and there were a lot of additional expenses, especially like he was, if you're self employed, and you cannot earn your wage. So now is the time. I would encourage you strongly encourage you to. Come out and see the AFLAC 99 car. We're going to have it outside with the fire trucks, starting about 12:00. And we will be out there all day with the applications. It's very easy to sign up, there are two forms to complete. But I would not wait. If you're interested, do it today. Don't push it to the back burner, because like me, you'll probably forget about it, and then regret that you did. Because this is the only time you have to sign up without having to fill out any medical underwriting questions. And next year, during enrollment, if you want to sign up, that's great. But you will have to answer those questions. And if you answer yes to any of those knockout questions, you will not be able to purchase it. So if you're between the ages of 18 and 79, you are eligible to sign up for this. And I would strongly, again encourage you, if you're interested, to come and do that today. Also, dependent children up to the age of 26, if you have a policy, they're automatically included, free of charge. And you have the ability to purchase spouse coverage, as well, if that's something of interest to you. So we thank you for the opportunity. We always have a great time being here, and look forward to seeing you outside. Is that it? Thanks, guys.

**Ms. Huffman:** Wait, I want to add something, sorry. Thanks, Darren. Also we have been out to some of the district meetings already to go over the AFLAC benefits. We do have some more on our schedule. If you guys could make sure that your members,

out in your districts, get that information, maybe they're not here today, and can't sign up, that we will be coming out to those meetings so we can get as many people signed up before the July 31st date as possible. I'd appreciate it and I think Darren would too, so we don't want anybody to miss this opportunity to be able to do this in that guaranteed issue time, so that's it. Thank you.

**President Israel:** One of the other programs, Michelle Baxter had to leave early, she had another commitment, but I want to touch on it anyway. American Income Life, that has an accidental death benefit for each of our members; \$3,500 as of May the 1st. You should be getting another mailing on that, you may have just gotten one. If your beneficiary has not changed, you do not necessarily have to send that little yellow card in and be contacted by an agent. If you want the child safety kits, and the discount card to be delivered to you, then you sign that and you send it back in. Otherwise, you don't really have to have any contact with them. If something happens to you, your beneficiary that you have on your IVFA membership form on file at the central office, will do you for. Remember that coverage is 24/7. If you have any problems with the representative please get their name and phone number and call your district chairman or myself with the information and we will take care of it. We are going to do committee reports next. I would like for the committee chairman to give just a little talk on what these committees do.

## Committee Reports

**Website Committee, President Israel Chairman:** How many have been on the website in the last month? We are making it user friendly. We've worked pretty hard on that we overhauled it. It was not working for a year. We're still constantly updating it. And as you have noticed, we have changed the calendar page. We do ask that when you put your fundraisers on there, you'll find it out that it takes an email address, a contact person and a phone number. We do want physical addresses. If there is something that you feel should be on the website that is not there get a hold of me, or the District Chairman. The AFLAC program and California Casualty is now on the website. We took IVFA to the next level and put it on Facebook. We could use this during legislative times, Larry's probably going to post quite a bit on there, when we need to contact our legislators.

**Membership and Marketing, Diane Harrison Chairman:** We have an upcoming cruise coming up in July for Alaska. We are working on new ideas. We've put together a speaker's bureau to help district chairmen visit the departments that are no longer members and try to get them to rejoin. We're always looking for new and creative ideas for benefits for our members, so if you have any ideas let us know, and we will consider it.

**Public Relations, Carol Thrawley:** The trailer's been out and about and very busy. If anyone is interested in using it give me a call. We have purchased new banners and chairs, tables.

**Convention Committee, President Israel:** Our responsibility is to go look at the facility, make sure that it's accommodating for how we do our convention, we have six people on our committee that supports the local convention committee.

**2013 Convention Chairman Scott Harris:** We will be doing registration this afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00, upstairs where we did registration for this year's. Early bird registration until February 15th is going to be

\$60.00. We do have a spousal plan but the spouse cannot be a member of the IVFA or IVFAA. It's going to be in Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center. Please visit our booth in the vendor area and let them know what tours you would be interested in. We will be accepting hotel registrations today. We do have a convention coin. We will be pre-selling that, and those are \$15.00 a piece on pre-sale. If you register at this convention you will receive a coin. If you register by July 30th, your name will go into the hat for a tree night stay at next year's convention. Hotels start at \$80.00. It has to be postmarked by July 30th. We've got plenty of kid's activities planned. Babysitting service all day, all three days and even some evenings. Women activities we've got tours planned for them.

**President Israel:** At this time we want to dismiss the Mileage Committee.

We try to keep our conventions booked two years out, because it takes them a good year to get ready for this, a year to plan. District 12 is bidding on Convention 2014. Larry Bruner will you come up here. For 2015, any districts interested in bidding I need a letter of Intent to bid by February 1st of next year. Larry, the floor is yours.

**Mr. Bruner:** Splash Back to Indy in 2014, that's our motto, and it's going to be held at the Caribbean Cove. I have Ron Walker with me here today, and he will be doing a quick presentation. Hotel rooms will be \$81.00 plus tax. Registration is \$65.00 until the 1st of May, and then it goes up to \$75.00. Each room will have two bands for the water park, and we'll keep those together and utilize for our families, and we're looking at a short period of time, after hours, for the adults. One thing I'd like to promote we're looking at trips to the Indianapolis Museum and things of that sort. If anyone has suggestions on tours let me or one of the committee members know. Without any further adieu, Ron Walker

**Mr. Walker:** Thank you very much for having me. Thank you, Larry. It's an honor to be here today. I'm not going to take up too much of your time. I know you guys want to enjoy your day. I do represent the Caribbean Cove Hotel and Conference Center. I'm the senior sales manager there. The Caribbean Cove Hotel and Conference Center is formerly a Holiday Inn. It now is under new management, Allied Hospitality. We are equipped with 344 rooms, kings with sofa beds, double beds, some queens, and we also have 140 balcony rooms that look over the indoor atrium area. We are situated just northwest of downtown Indianapolis, which is, I'd say about 20 minute ride from the heart of the city. We also have three restaurants on site. We obviously have the water park, and in the water park we have the Calypso Cafe. Any additional water park passes will be \$15.00 a piece. It's very similar to what you guys had the last time you were at the Caribbean Cove Hotel. I also have a of tee shirts I wanted to give out. I want to thank you for your time. We're really looking forward to seeing you in 2014. Again, thank you, Larry, for inviting me here today. It was really an honor, and I hope you guys have a wonderful time here at the casino. Larry has my contact information. I will be happy to take care of you. If you feel like you want to come to the hotel and enjoy the hotel with your families prior to that day, just call me, and I'll give you a discount on any rooms, if you say you're from the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association. I'll give you a discount and a discount on the water park too. Thank you for your time and you guys have a great day.

**President Israel:** At this time, I

entertain the motion that we go to Indy in 2014.

**Mr. Sprague:** I make the motion.

**President Israel:** We've got a motion on the floor by Jerry Sprague. Room rates \$81.00, registration is \$60.00. All those in favor of going to Indy show a raise of hands. All opposed the same sign. (One) Motion carries. We'll be going to Caribbean Cove in Indy in 2014. At this time, Larry Ketchem will you come forward. Every year we have our check and balance on our books. We have a firm that audits our books and we have an Auditing Committee that then review that. Larry's going to give us a report. We will need to vote on to accept the report.

**Mr. Ketchem:** We had a meeting; we went through the books on the financial report. The committee approved the findings.

I'm asking for a motion from the floor to accept the financial report.

**Mr. Cannon:** Rick Cannon, District 14. I'll make the motion to approve it.

**Mr. Holcomb:** Paul Holcomb District 16. Second

**Mr. Ketchem:** Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

**Audience:** Aye.

**Mr. Ketchem:** opposed the same sign. Motion carries. Thank you.

**Logo Committee, John Bull Smith:** Pass at this time.

**Editor's Assistant, Buz Koehler or Mitch Parish:** Pass

**Awards, Vice President Anderson:** On the Awards committee, we're responsible for putting together the awards that you see handed out at convention. To nominate someone for one of these awards write a letter and send it to the awards committee. The key for the awards is we have to have the letters; we have to have the information to be able to select. We should get at a minimum of 25 letters each year. You know how I know that? Every district should be sending one letter, at least, for each award. I can tell you that does not happen. So you've been challenged by a legislator earlier today, so now I'm going to give you my challenge. Next year, let's have at least 25 letters. There are 18,000 of us, I know we can find at least one from every district that is deserving of these awards.

**Training Committee, Vice President Anderson:** Basically, we serve as a liaison between any state training issue that may come out or anything that comes up amongst ourselves that we see that are out there. We all know that, as the years have gone through, we've seen changes and, if you've paid attention to the Board of Firefighters and Standards and Education meetings, you know there will be changes in the future. One of the things that you can look forward to is a volunteer academy weekend at Camp Atterbury. The reason that they chose Camp Atterbury is because they can get free housing. This is an initial training session that we want to partner with on the state, and look to move it elsewhere in the state in the future. It is still in planning stages. Be looking for information in the future on the website, in the newspaper and possibly Facebook on this leadership seminar.

**EMS Commission Dave Kaufman:** He has stepped out of the room.

**Central Office, Jack and Barb Kerney:** The office ran a report on membership. Since 2010 we have lost about 300 members. So our membership is declining, you know, we have a speaker's bureau that we're using right now to go out after some of these departments that haven't belonged for a while. Paul Holcomb did a terrific job in his area. He's brought back 2 departments. Good job Paul. 2012 dues packets have been mailed out. If your department didn't

get one let us know. Remember after July 31st they are considered late. License plates, in 2010 we did 3,421 in 2011, we did 3,254 and we've done 1,802 for 2012. I might ask that if you are submitting stuff to the webmaster for an event, please, please, use the information that is on the website. Go to the Central Office, Forms, Events, and then pick out the one you need, please use the forms provided. It makes it a lot easier for her to get that on the website.

**Board of Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education, Jack Kerney:** We only had 29 people to show up at the meeting here at convention. We will possibly be changing the Firefighter 1 to Firefighter 2. Now get this, we're going to put this in module file. The follow up like we had it was in module. The way it's proposed right now, that it would be subbed in four modules, and you'd have a test after each module. And that's all you'd have to do. Next meeting will be at Dick Johnson Township Fire Department, Brazil at 6:00 p.m. on September 17th.

**National Volunteer Fire Council, Jack Kerney:** I wasn't able to attend the spring meeting, due to health reasons. The NVFC is diligently working on the PSOB problem, with fire departments having a contract with two different agencies. 2013 DHS appropriations bill, working on that. Increasing the AFG and funding. Increasing the National Fire Academy funding, along with their legislative agenda. You can get the agenda off their website.

**Vice President Anderson:** to follow up on what Jack said. The forms I passed out to the district chairman. Does contain some incorrect information.

What we need is the information to be corrected so we can get this and send it up to the National level. Supporting Heroes has come to us and let us know they have been contacted by Federal Department of justice, and they are looking at trying to fix the problem that we currently have. But they need numbers of how many departments that are affected to justify it.

**Bridgeport Committee, Bev Harker:** We met on the 1st of May. We had 19 applicants, we chose three recipients. They will all be here tonight.

**License Plates, Bev Harker:** We appreciated your support in buying the plates. It does help us to give these scholarships each year, and the line of duty death benefits.

**Insurance Committee Bev Harker:** We renewed with Provident or Ezell Group, and we renewed the same policy this year and so nothing has changed there.

**Nomination Committee, Jack Zeeks.**

At this time the nominating committee puts into motion the name of David Israel for our president. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for David Israel for President for 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office of vice president the Nominating Committee presents the name of Steve Anderson. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called for three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Steve Anderson for Vice President 2013

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office of secretary the Nominating Committee presents the name of Diane Harrison. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) President Israel.

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## Memorial service held at 2012 IVFA convention



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# Chaplains attend convention memorial service



# Cleveland Twp. FD hosts annual fish fry



(Pictured at left) – frying fish at the Cleveland Fire Department on June 2 at their annual fish fry.

(Pictured at right) – Shelby Leach is shown pouring lemonade to patrons quenching their thirst after eating the fish. – photos submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman

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# Benton Twp. Fire Dept. holds take-out fundraiser



(Pictured at left) – Patrons are shown lining up to get their take-out at the Benton Twp. Fire Department on May 20. (Pictured at right) – A member is shown cooking chicken, pork chops, and burgers. – photos submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

## Donation given to 2012 convention; Cannons collect money for 2012 Hoosier Burn Camp



(Pictured at left) – Vectren Energy gave a \$5,000 check for the 2012 Convention to District 14 and District 16. (Left to right) – Charlie Heishman (SVFD), David Israel (IVFA president), Paul Holcomb (District 16), Rich Cannon (District 14), Rondney Lee (Vectren), Greg Alexander (Vectren), and Dorothy Miller (Vectren).



(Pictured at right) Rick Cannon and Rebecca Cannon are shown collecting money for Hoosier Burn Camp. – submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

### Convention report . . .

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**President Israel:** I'd like to cast one unanimous ballot for Diane Harrison for Secretary 2013 year.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office of treasurer the Nominating Committee presents the name of Bev Harker. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Bev Harker for Treasurer 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office of Chaplain the Nominating Committee presents the name of Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky for Chaplain 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office of Sergeant-of-Arms the Nominating Committee presents the name of Brent Bush. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Brent Bush for Sergeant-of-Arms Brent Bush 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office PRNW, the Nominating Committee presents Jim Bradford. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one

unanimous vote for Jim Bradford for PRNW 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office PRNE the Nominating Committee presents Jean Smith. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Jean Smith for PRNE 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office PRWC the Nominating Committee presents Larry Bartlow. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow for PRWC 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office PREC the Nominating Committee presents Don Cushman. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Don Cushman for PREC 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office PRSW Jim Abrams. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary

**Ms. Secretary:** I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Abrams for PRSW 2013.

**Mr. Zeeks:** For the office PRSE the Nominating Committee presents Al Williamson. Are there any other nominations from the floor?

**Mr. Sellmer:** Yes, sir. Tom Sellmer, Clarksville District 14, I nominate Ed Scheele.

**Mr. Merkle:** Randy Merkle District 19, I second it.

**Mr. Zeeks:** Are there any other

nominations from the floor? Final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Now final call are there any other nominations on the floor. Sergeant-at-Arms, lock the doors. District 14, 16, 19 poll your districts. Marshal Greeson, would you like to speak?

**Fire Marshal Greeson:** First, I want to thank Representative Frye and Representative Goodin for their kind words, it's a little humbling. I'm much better, I think, at giving credit and recognizing folks than I am accepting it, but it's very much appreciated. And I want to thank you all for inviting me down here again this year. This is the fourth conference I've been to since I've been the Fire Marshal. I've been to every one of them since then. I have just a few comments, only because I'm going to speak tonight, and I don't want to have to say things twice or bore you this evening. But a couple things that are going on right now around the state, obviously, are the dry conditions, and Lawrence County just this morning, announced a burn ban county wide down there, and I've been actually emailing back and forth with Valerie, who's the EMA Director down there, and she just wanted me to say, "Hello," to all you folks from Lawrence County who are here today. So talk a little bit about the dry conditions here in the state. Drew Dailey, who is with the Department of Natural Resources and the Fire Command Center down in Hoosier National Forest, he and I had a pretty good, long conversation this morning. Right now, we are below

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