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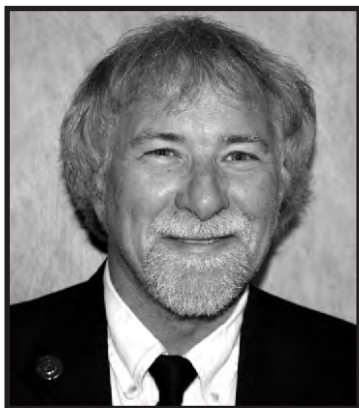
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From The President

David Israel



for all your help.

I got several calls pertaining to last month's article on the volunteers holding an elected office. Thanks to those that called me. I didn't have any real good news for you, but we are still working on it. The best thing you can do is contact those seeking re-election and those running for office and ask them: **Is it fair that a Bill/Law can be passed that only pertains to only one group of people (Volunteer Fighters) that they should not be allowed to hold an elected public office and volunteer to protect their community. Then what are you going to do about it? You the Voter (or did we lose that right, too) need to ask the questions and get out to the polls in November.**

The Legislative Committee needs your suggestions for the upcoming Session; get them to us as soon as possible.

Hey Lloyd, it was good to chat with you and your wife at the Jay County 4-H fairgrounds on the 4th of July. I had a good time.

There are a lot of free benefits and programs out there for our members, ask your district chairman about them. Better yet attend your district meeting and find out about them or ask the chairman to attend your next department meeting.

Everyone be safe out there and slow down for the intersections surrounded by standing corn. Watch out for the farm equipment on the road.

See you at the next district meeting.

David Israel

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer.

Congratulations to the 2014 Convention host District 12, Larry Bruner and his crew; they did a good job on it. THANK YOU to everyone that was on the committee. Thanks, Sis, for sharing your printer with us.

Congratulations to all the award winners at the 2014 Convention.

Who was the Global Award winner for District 16?

Congratulations and good luck to your new President Steve Anderson and Vice Paul Holcomb. They will do you a good job when they take over January 1, 2015.

Hey Juston, Thank You for taking time to come to the Convention on Friday so I could surprise you with the 2014 President's Award. Thanks

L.E. "Buz" Koehler 2014 Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award recipient



The Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award was established in March of 2011.

The Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has been proactive at the local, state, or federal government level to improve fire/emergency services and life safety issues in Indiana. This award exemplifies the work, dedication and distinctive leadership of the late Ivan Nevil and his dedication to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and the fire service of this state. Ivan's legacy resonates in the message he would impart calling for a stronger fire service as a group effort looking and planning for tomorrow.

Award Goals

Each year an officer or individual from the fire and emergency services community within the state will receive the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award. This individual should exemplify one or more of the following goals:

- Leadership in promoting the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
- Leadership in promoting and supporting fire/emergency service and life safety issues
- Advancing the readiness of the Fire/EMS services at any level of government (local, county, state, federal)
- Strengthening education through the development of fire education training programs

This year's winner is L.E. "Buz" Koehler from Rensselaer, Indiana.

The Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award was presented to L.E. "Buz" Koehler on June 20, 2014. – submitted by Joyce Nevil

Jean Smith recipient of 2014 Mr. IVFA award



Mr. IVFA award is given to the individual who has done the most in the past year to further and benefit all aims and projects of the IVFA as well as the Fire Service of Indiana as a whole.

This year's winner is Jean Smith, Northeast Public Relations director.

Pictured above is Jean with his wife EJ and family.



I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE



The I.V.F.A. plate is to recognize those that are members of the Association and to allow their communities to know who among them are volunteer firefighters.

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We were granted the special plate and 1991 was the first year of issue.

The Association began distributing the plate forms required to get the plate.

To cover the cost of administering the paper work associated with the plate we attached a \$5.00 fee.

After close monitoring of the postage and printing costs, it was decided to use any fees left over to assist in the maintenance of the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

We have continued that each year to present and in 2002 we added approximately \$10,000 to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Our members deserve to be recognized by everyone and we are proud to offer this special plate to our members.

Please support this program by continuing to purchase the I.V.F.A. Plates.

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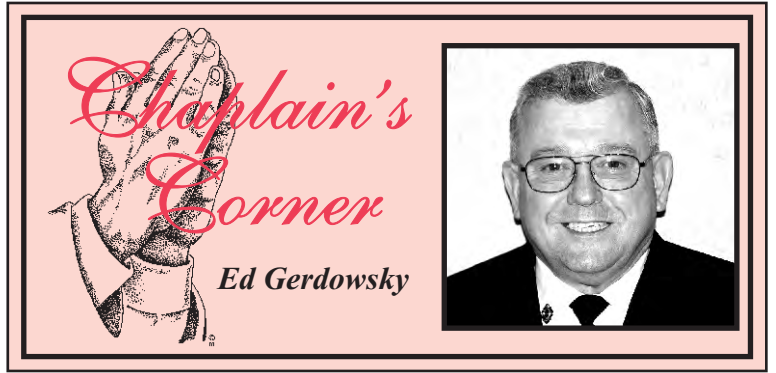
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A big thank you to Larry Bruner and his committee for another wonderful IVFA Convention held at the Caribbean Cove in Indianapolis. I think everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves. It is always good to get together and fellowship with our brothers and sisters who are members of the IVFA & IVFAA.

Thanks to all the vendors for their helpful tips and materials they provide and the many nice give-away prizes we receive plus the luncheon.

The Hoosier Burn Camp Auction is also such a well deserved function to attend and get many beautiful gifts we can bid on for such a worthy cause. It is always a privilege to be able to help those in need.

The Chinese Auction the ladies have is also a good way to get many wonderful items for your home or for others to share what you want to give them.

The meals were great and breakfast at the hotel was very nice. The Memorial service was very well received for being early morning and it means a lot to show our respect for those who have gone before us. Thanks to all who were involved with the set up/tear down, the Associate Chaplains who helped out, State Chaplain Joann Hays, those who helped pass out programs, Miss Flames with roses, Linda Baker on the organ, photographer and anyone else who helped in any way. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

The Miss Flames were a big part of the convention as the girls were always willing to help out when needed. Congratulations to all of them as they are all winners.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and those who kept their positions in both the IVFA & IVFAA. Also congratulations to all the many award winners who were so deserving!

May God Bless our organizations and keep us doing what is expected of us all while being respectful and kind to each other. I thank you for re-electing me as your State Chaplain for 2015 and I hope I can serve you well. If there is anything you would like to see changed, please feel free to let me know or contact me any time or any of the Associate Chaplains. We are here to serve those in need and have always received compliments on what a nice job we do at the Memorial Services. They all seem to like the Bibles and nice case to store items in for the one they lost.

I have been attending many fire festivals and dinners they have this time of the year. If you would like me to attend any functions for you please let me know.

As the summer is approaching I hope everyone will enjoy the summer with family and friends. See you at the August meeting.

Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky
June 23, 2014

God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how elegant they may be; nor at the geometry of your prayers, how long they may be; nor at the arithmetic of your prayers, how many they may be; nor at the logic of your prayers, how methodical they may be; but the sincerity of them. God's Little Instruction Book on Prayer. HB Honor Books

In Christ we speak as persons of sincerity. 2 Corinthians 2:17 NRSV

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Obituaries . . .

Lyle James "Jake" Thomas

In Memory of Jake Thomas
April 22, 1926 - March 16, 2014

Lyle James "Jake" Thomas, 87, a lifelong resident of Merrillville, IN, died March 16, 2014.

Jake was a charter member of the Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department at its start in 1958.

He served as assistant Fire Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, president and vice president.

Jake's family has had three generations serving on the department. For Jake it all started because he saw a need to increase the local firefighting capabilities in the area.

Jake received a 50 year Gold Card from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and always attended his district meetings to show his support for firefighters throughout the state and his district.

Jake retired from the Railway Express Agency after 31 years and also worked as a foreman for the city of Merrillville Public Works Department.

Jake had a humorous side also. He could tell you something, make it sound real, then chuckle when you discovered different! He loved camping with his kids in the early days and spending holidays with his 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He never met a stranger no matter where he was or where he traveled with his family.

And to top all this off, Lyle James "Jake" Thomas was born across the street from a Fire Station.

Written and submitted by L.E. Koehler



"Jake" Thomas

Miss Flame Notes . . .

Thanks to the 2014 convention committee for all the time and efforts put forth to provide another great convention.

We had 22 girls entered in our Miss Flame program this year. These were an exceptional group who shared many talents, experiences, as well as their future goals with all of us. The judges expressed that their decisions were definitely ones that were not made easily. Thanks to all who had a part in the selections at the district level. It takes the hands of many to put this program on.

Congratulations to our 2014 Miss Flame Samantha Gard from District 13A and our runner-up Tressa Steward from District 11A. Both will be great ambassadors for our organizations. Congrats also go to our Miss Congeniality Maureen Rammal from District 8B.

Our poster winners for this year, 1st place goes to Jesse McDonald from District 17A and 2nd place goes to Jaelyn Matthews from District 10.

Thanks to Carol Curl and her committee for all they contributed to the Miss Flames this year. They went above and beyond and it was certainly appreciated. I also need to thank my committee who I could not do without -- EJ Smith - co-chair, Joann Hays, Tammy Smith and June Cahill. I also would like to thank all who are our sponsors each year. Their gifts are a definite part of our program.

Another great year finished and work is already in progress for 2015.
Barb Kerney

New award for 2014 ... Junior Firefighter of the Year Award

At our Convention in June, Barb and I sponsored the first annual Junior Firefighter of the Year Award.

The first recipient was Justin Baker from the Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department. He has been a Junior Firefighter for 5 years and started in the fire service when he was 13 years old. He has been trained in Basic First Aid, including CPR and AED. He has become proficient in extrication tools as well as firefighting. He is a Junior in high school with a 3.0 GPA. Justin is an Eagle Scout and just finished his Eagle Community Service Project. Justin's project honored those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. It is on permanent display at the Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department.

It is not too early to start sending your applications for the 2015 Junior Firefighter of the Year. Applications are on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org or call the IVFA Office 977-606-4832.

Jack & Barbara Kerney

Justin Baker, the 2014 Junior Firefighter of the Year award winner, pictured at left, is from the Bloomfield VFD



Justin Baker receives Junior Firefighter of the Year award

- Qualifications for the IVFA Junior Firefighter Award
- Actively Involved In An Organized Junior Firefighter Program or Cadet Program.
- Department Must Be a Paid Department of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.
- Must Be Between The Ages of 14 & 21 Years Of Age.
- Must Be a High School Graduate, Attending High School or Attending a School of Higher Learning, or received a GED.
- Letters Of Recommendation Must Be Received In The Office Of The IVFA By February 1.
- Award Will Be Presented At The IVFA Convention Held In June.
- The Award Will Be Judged By The Awards Committee And Will Be Overseen By Jack Kerney For The First Three Years.
- Award Will Be Donated And Presented By Jack & Barbara Kerney.
- The Award Will Be A Large Gold Speaking Trumpet With A Green Cord Mounted On A Walnut Base.
- Selection Criteria for the IVFA Junior Firefighter Award.
- Level of training the participant has achieved.
- Number of years in Junior Firefighter program.
- Duties the participant has been assigned to and participated in.
- Number of hours the participant has accumulated in training, fire prevention, fund raiser, etc. (list all that apply with number of hours).
- Letters of reference (church, school, other organizations).
- Outside activities (church, school, other organizations).
- Family and school background.
- Career field the participant would like to follow.
- Any other pertinent information that would be useful.
- In your own words state why you feel you should be selected as the Junior Firefighter of the Year.

FROM THE IVFA OFFICE ...

I hope everyone remembered to get their IVFA dues in on time. The IVFA has been informed by the insurance company that if you have a beneficiary listed who is a minor child, the claim will go to your estate. A check cannot be issued to a minor. If you want the benefit to go to a minor, you must set up a trust fund. I suggest that you check your beneficiary that you have listed with the IVFA and make those changes by completing a new membership form and listing the changes and signing at the bottom. We must have the original white copy of the form in the office. The membership form is available on line at www.ivfa.org, or call the office at 877-606-4832.

Barb & Jack Kerney

Van Buren Twp. FD to hold annual Poker Run

The Van Buren Township Fire Department of Monroe County will hold its 10th Annual Flips Memorial Poker Run in Memory of Firefighter Jon Fillippo on Saturday, August 16 2014.

7am Breakfast at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

7:30 Registration for ride.

9:30 Kickstands up for a full day ride.

4pm Ride will return to AM Vets Post 2000 for final hand draw and dinner of Hog Roast and Live music and Bike games.

7-11pm "The Smoking Guns" Band will perform.

Any questions call Van Buren Twp. Fire 812-825-9500.

Submitted by Tim Deckard



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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
 May 8, 2014
 North Webster Fire Department
 North Webster IN

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: Brooklyn Gephart, Jean and EJ Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1935 hrs. The pledge to the flag followed. The meeting was attended by 12 firefighters representing 5 departments. The minutes from March's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Chairman Kissinger read an email from Larry Curl RE: HB 1315, the statement was made when we assumed the soldier we did not lay aside the citizen. He states when we assume the volunteer firefighter we did not lay aside the citizen.

Don commented on the forms to be filled out for attendance at each meeting.

We discussed the IVFA life insurance and the increase to \$3500.

Chairman Kissinger remarked that any ideas or thoughts on state legislation should be directed to him or Larry Curl.

North Webster Mermaid Festival in June from the 25th thru the 28th and they are having a fish fry July 12.

North Manchester's fish and tenderloin fry on June 14, 3:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Bourbon sing-a-thon fireworks fund raiser June 22.

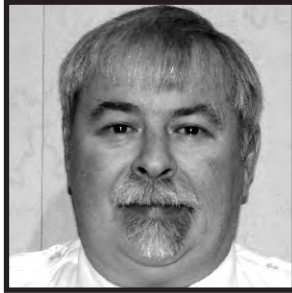
Atwood Port-a-pit chicken May 24, drive thru only.

Etna Green Pork barbecue May 17.

Next meeting Tippecanoe FD July 10.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 hrs.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Paul Martin
 Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast it is starting to look and feel like Summer. Hope everyone had a safe July 4th weekend. Also, a big thank you to the Topeka VFD for hosting our meeting in May. The Fish and Chips that they prepared were delicious! Believe me these guys know how to fix fish! Myself and Dave Elick had the opportunity of presenting two IVFA Medals of Valor to two fine young men from the Hudson VFD. Congratulations to Trevor Batchelder and Tyler Ebert

on lifesaving efforts. These two talented young men saved the life of a choking infant as recruits to the Hudson VFD. The only training that they had received at the time was CPR and choking. They put their training to use and were successful in saving a young life. Hudson VFD is very proud of these two young men. I need to thank our IVFA Lobbyist, Larry Curl for attending our meetings and briefing us on the legislative efforts of the IVFA. He is also to be commended for his work at the State House on behalf of the IVFA.

It would be great to see better attendance at our District 6 meetings. Come on guys and gals. It is only one night every other month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spiralawn@ligtel.com. Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22nd, 2014 at the Laotto VFD at 7:30 PM, although this will be old news when the paper is printed. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on September 23, 2014. Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org). I would like to congratulate the seven men from Laotto VFD on receiving their 50 year cards and pins. (see photos in this paper). I understand that there are 3 or 4 more that will be presented at a later date. Great job guys! That is a lot of years of service to their community.

In closing, to everyone, *please be safe out there!*

E.G.H.
 Jerry Sprague (Spook)
 District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

District #7
 March 17, 2014
 Warren Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:43 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 35 members representing 12 departments. Minutes of the January meeting R/A.

Guests: David Israel - IVFA President, Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Jeff Biehl - District 13B Chairman, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Brandon Taylor - Protech's.

Chairman Bisel - Since last meeting presented a 50 Yr. Gold Card to John Feasby of Monroeville VFD. Fill out attendance cards legibly and include your personal e-mail address so that important e-mails can be forwarded to you. Chairman Bisel explained Younger

Member Task Force that he was appointed to at the state level. Looking for department and individual member input to improve member participation.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Briefly addressed legislation. EMS now has mandatory training for P.O.S.T. At the last meeting David Probo presented a Haz-Mat Awareness for EMS.

Jeff Biehl, District 13B - Glad to be hosting the 2014 IVFA Convention at the Caribbean Cove June 18 - 20. Have advance registration and convention coins available tonight.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist - Need information from members who have a personal relationship with elected officials. It was a very active short session. Looking for ways to relieve the conflict of interest between firefighters and being able to hold elected office that may affect budgets. March 5 attended a small meeting in Rush Co. with Governor Pence, IVFA President Israel, and several township trustees to discuss how volunteer fire departments are funded in Indiana.

President Israel - It is important not to give up on local office/firefighter conflict. Pursue other avenues of being able to continue to serve your community. Fire departments need to go one step further to improve relationships and resolve conflicts with township trustees. IVFA website is going well and being kept up-to-date, take a look and add your department's information. IVFA dues packets will be sent out soon, going to add e-mail addresses for members on forms. California Casualty is offering drawings for fire departments; take a look at their website. American Family Income Insurance, if you have filled out a yellow card in the past and have not had any changes, no need to fill out another form. Also if you are pressured by an agent from their company to purchase additional insurance after they have been told that you are not interested, let President Israel or the IVFA Central Office know so that the agent can be addressed.

Asst. Chief Warren VFD - The department has good used gear to be donated to be put to good use. Also will be having airpacks and bottles for sale soon.

Next meeting will be at Andrews May 19.

Second roll call answered by 35 members representing 12 departments.

Berne Breakfast April 5.

Poe Breakfast March 30 and consignment auction April 19.

50/50 drawing won by President Israel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

District 7 Auxiliary Bake Sale Auction to follow the meeting.

Richard Sorg
 District 7 Secretary

District #7
 May 19, 2014

Andrews Vol. Fire Department Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:35 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 22 members representing 9 departments. March minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East and Brandon Taylor - Protech's.

Chairman Bisel - IVFA Convention at Caribbean Cove Indianapolis June 18-20. Township trustees, if you retire from the fire department you should not make runs, you will not be covered. The state is still looking at options to this.

If you have a health benefits card through the IVFA it will need to be renewed to continue to use. Chairman Bisel was able to present Monroe VFD with IVFA Clock at their meeting. New IVFA membership books are available. Armed Forces Benefit Association will be visiting each department in the state; they are providing \$5,000 accidental death life insurance for every volunteer fire fighter. District meeting attendance cards need to be filled out legibly. This quarter auto detail kit came to Mort Sorg, Poe VFD. Gas card went to District 3. Chairman Bisel got to travel to Washington D.C. to attend 26th annual National Fire & Emergency Services event. IVFA representatives asked legislators about O'Bama Care and the volunteer fire service, got seven different answers. The legislators asked that you contact them when you apply for grants. They like to know who applies and who gets awarded grants. IVFA beneficiary, if you list your children it needs to go to a trust fund for them otherwise the ex-spouse would be able to receive the benefit. Berne and Bluffton will trade hosting meeting dates due to department conflicts. Just a reminder that each department is eligible to have 3 delegates represent them at the state convention. Each department is eligible to have mileage for one delegate reimbursed.

Jean Smith, PRNE - The state has smoke detectors to be distributed for free, this was funded by a grant.

American Income Life has distributed \$33,000 in benefits in 2013.

Chairman Bisel - Attended District 8B meeting and asked for suggestions on how to get firefighters to join and be more involved in the IVFA. An attendee countered with a question of how to recruit people to become volunteer firefighters.

Chairman Bisel asked for suggestions on how to increase attendance at the state convention. District 7 agreed on a proposal to try a Thursday-Saturday convention.

Thanks to Brandon Taylor of Protech's for providing dinner and also door prizes.

Next meeting will be at Bluffton. It will be the election of District Officers.

Second roll call answered by 22 members representing 9 departments.

Good of the order - Bippus will host the September meeting and it will be at Bippus East Fire Station 9236N 300W, Huntington, IN 46750.

Geneva will have a car show, family fun day and host a waterball meet June 28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.
 Richard Sorg
 District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello members,
 Well another convention is over.

Our District 8A Global winner has had his trophy given to him by now.

We need to think about the fire service in the upcoming year. Where are we heading? We have had the things in our Legislature that are hurting us as firefighters. It seems that we have been picked on. Larry Curl is trying to get this changed for our betterment. Please ask your township trustees if they will please help in the upcoming legislature.

Remember that harvest season is approaching. Please be safe in your firefighting challenges, remember we all need to come home safely.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME _____ IVFA # _____

OLD ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

PHONE _____ DEPARTMENT _____

NEW ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 8A CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

The state is still talking about a training facility. I think we finally convinced them to do it in the "training district".

We need to tell our loved ones that we appreciate them for being there for us; missed meals, missed ball games, late nights, quiet time. Tell them we really do appreciate it.

Will see you at district meetings.

Thanks,
Bill

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their May meeting at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 PM. Meeting was called to order with everyone saying the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was taken with 20 members from 8 different departments present. There were 2 guests present, Sam Bisel, District 7 chairman and Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame.

Chairman told the members about the new hand books that the IVFA offers.

New business: Convention to be held in June, convention coins, House bills, and the website. Asked the members if they have any ideas on how to get new members to join the fire service and also how to get them to attend the conventions and how many days to hold the convention.

Second roll call was taken with 98 first and 96 EMS runs.

District 8B had a real good time at the convention. Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame won the Miss Congeniality Award. Kylie Corwin Armstrong from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department won the Angel Award for the female firefighter. Very proud of both of these girls.

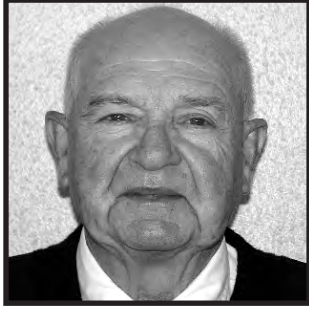
Our next meeting will be held at the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Township Fire Department on July 9, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed pizza.

We had a good time at the convention this year. Thanks to Larry Bruner and his staff for all of their hard work to make sure that we had a good convention.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10

Trafalgar was the site of the May meeting and IVFAA Auxiliary bake sale. More than \$400.00 was raised to help defray convention expenses for our Miss Flame, Jaylin Mathews. Thanks to Ed Stone who served as our auctioneer. J.J. Johnson of Pointer Auto Sales presented us with the opportunity to be able to purchase new vehicles at a considerably reduced price.

It is with sadness that we report two recent deaths in the 10th District. Maurice W. Kuhn Jr. went home to be with the Lord on May 8th. A memorial service was held May 11th with Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky. Firefighter Kuhn was a founding member of the Rushville Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Ronald Eugene Bokelman went home to be with the Lord on June 22nd. Firefighter Bokelman was a 30 year member of the Clarksburg Vol. Fire Dept. I was privileged to present Ronald's family with the Bible and grave marker, although no memorial service was held.

The 68th IVFA Convention was the highlight for June. Congratulations to Steve Anderson upon his election as President; and Paul Holcomb as Vice President. Also, Justin Israel, Asst. Chief of Burney/Clay Twp. Fire Dept. was presented the President's Award by his father, President David Israel. Justin shared the honor with Paul Holcomb, District 16 Chair, and newly elected Vice President.

Edinburgh Fire Dept. will host District 10 on August 20th at 7 PM. District elections will be held at that time.

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the summer as it, all too quickly, draws to a close.

John M. Ray, District 10 Chair

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A,

Hope everyone enjoyed the convention. We did. I would like to congratulate all the winners. We are very proud of the winners from District 11A.

Our district meeting was held in Shepardsville on May 18, 2014. We had a delicious meal of Italian beef.

This quarter I have presented a 25 year pin and traveled to six fire department meetings and one breakfast and one fish fry.

I attended the Fallen Heroes ceremony in Terre Haute, IN on June 22, 2014.

If there are any fire department functions in District 11A, let me

know. It is my intention to make as many as I can.

I had one memorial service in 11B at Clinton for Jack Dumbley. He was 92 years old. He was recognized for being the oldest, active firefighter in the state of Indiana.

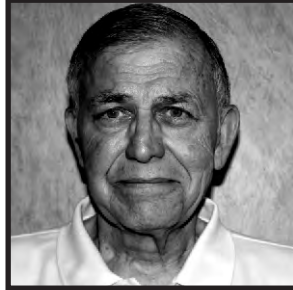
Our next district meeting is July 20, 2014 at Thunderbird Fire Department at 1:00 p.m.

Until next time, stay safe.

District 11A chairman

Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our May 19 meeting was hosted by Paragon Volunteer Fire Department with 14 members present from 5 departments and 4 guests.

Richard Finney of Paragon VFD received his 50 year card and Todd Stierwalt of A&A Twps. VFD received his 25 year pin.

District 12 and the 2014 IVFA convention committee would like to thank you for affording us the opportunity to host the 68th annual IVFA convention. The convention was held at the Indianapolis Caribbean Cove Hotel and Water Park; we have been very busy working diligently to make this year's convention enjoyable for you and your family. We hope that you took time to visit with our vendors and enjoy our planned events.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Stilesville Volunteer Fire & Rescue on Monday, July 21 at 19:00 hours. Hope to see you there.

Last, but not least, I need your help! During convention Fire Marshal Greeson gave me a smoke detector for an individual who was deaf. If you know who this individual is, please contact me with that info so that I can get this detector to them.

Thank you.

Larry Bruner

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley - Chairman

Hello everyone! It's been a great summer so far here in 13A. Open houses, Station anniversaries and much more going on.

It was a VERY good opening night at the IVFA Convention on June 19th. Our own District 13A Miss Flame, Samantha Gard, was crowned the Indiana State IVFA Miss Flame 2014! What a wonderful night for her and her family. Kim and Brian Gard are her parents from the Mooreland Volunteer Fire Department in Henry County. Sam is a fourth generation Fire Fighter at Mooreland, receiving her FF I/II in early June. If you have an event that

you want Samantha to come to, drop her a line at missflame@ivfa.org, or contact me and I will forward it on to her.

The Global Award for 13A this year is the Henry County Emergency Management Agency. With the foresight to acquire ground from the City of New Castle, the EMA has developed and put together a top notch training facility for not only Fire Departments in Henry County to train at, but open to all of IDHS District 6 departments as well. The facilities are user friendly to not only the Fire Service but to our brothers in Blue as well. A pond to use for drafting training on pump operations as well as water rescue and ice rescue; there is a classroom with power point and white boards for instruction as well as a small kitchenette to keep the trainees refreshed. Contact the Henry County EMA to take a tour or schedule a training date.

A big congratulations to Fortville VFD for their 125 year celebration! Way to go crew, keep on protecting Northwest Hancock County! Adams Twp./Markleville again had a great Ice Cream Social for their community. Spiceland VFD was the lead with the Spiceland Freedom Days celebration again this year. Dunreith was host again this year for the RAIN Ride. The last refreshment stop before finishing a 156 mile one way, one day bicycle ride from Terra Haute to Richmond. Greensboro hosted their annual motorcycle ride and had a great turnout. Buckcreek's annual fish fry was HUGE again this year. If I missed some of you, let me know. Even better, post your future activities on the IVFA website calendar of events and we all can come out and have a great time with you.

Our next meeting is at Sugar Creek Twp. Fire Department. It will be held at 19:00 on September 16th at their Headquarters. It will also be our annual 9/11 Remembrance Service as well as recognizing our members who have passed since last year's convention.

Stay safe and remember that everyone goes home!

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

I would like to thank Larry Bruner, District 12 and his committee on hosting the 2014; a good job by that group.

Please support all the vendors that attended the convention and support our Association.

Congratulations to all the officers elected by the membership.

Congratulations to Chad Gronning and Harold White of Everton Volunteer Fire Department on receiving their 25 year pins.

Congratulations to Kate Johnson Keep, Centerville Fire Commissioner, our District 2014 Global Award winner.

Congratulations to District 13A Samantha Gard crowned State Miss Flame.

Please check the web site for correct information on your

department and if you are having any events send them in and get it posted on the calendar.

Please keep the members we lost in the past year and pray for the ones that are ill.

Keep our military members in our prayers.

Next meetings:

July 10 Raleigh

Sept. 11 Webster

Nov. 13 Everton

Jeff Biehl
District 13B

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14,

Had a lot going on this quarter; handed out a lot of 25 year pins and some 50 year Gold cards.

We went to the convention in Indy where we had a good time. Helped out with the Burn Camp auction and went to a class on meth lab decon.

We gave out our Global Award that night to Tammy Heishman. This person helps me put a lot getting stuff out for me or fixing something that I have messed up.

Also want to give a big shout out to our 2015 IVFA Vice President Paul Holcomb who is my co-chair for the 2015 convention at the Horseshoe Casino.

We still are looking for convention help and ideas and donations so if you have anything, get ahold of me.

Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Paul Holcomb - Chairman

Greetings All,

As I sit here and write what will be my last article as District 16 Chairman, I would like to take this chance to first thank Heather Holcomb, my beautiful wife, for all of her support and strength that she has given me over the years that I have served as Chairman and for her continued support as I move up to Vice President. I would also like to thank all the IVFA members, current and past leadership of the Association, members of my own department, and my Fire Chief, Jamey Noel, for their support both past and present. Without all of you, none of this would have ever been possible.

With another great convention behind us, I would like to thank Larry and his entire committee for all of their hard work in putting on our 2014 IVFA Convention. I will have to say, I was very surprised and

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 16 REPORT

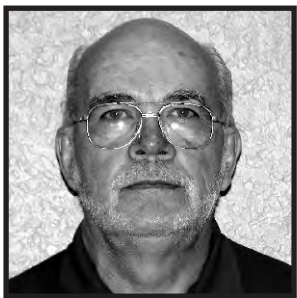
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humbled at this year's convention when I was presented the President's Award by President Israel and our District's Global Award by the district membership. I am sincerely grateful to you all for the honors. I look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Horseshoe Casino & Convention Center for the 2015 IVFA Convention.

By the time you read this, my successor for the District 16 Chairman's office will have been elected and started on their new journey. I wish them well and look forward to working with them in the future. I will also be doing the same in a few short months and look forward to seeing everyone across the great State of Indiana. If anyone should need anything before then I am only a call away.

Yours in service,
Paul Holcomb
District 16 Chairman
2015 Convention Chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A, April 3rd I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

April 18th a memorial service was held for Bloomfield VFD member Larry "Lumpy" Stahl at Worthington where he also had been a member. My condolences to the family.

April 19th a memorial service was held for Edwardsport VFD member Robert Allen Flickinger at Bicknell. My condolences to the family.

April 26th I attended a fundraiser at the Sandborn VFD. Hope it went well.

May 1st I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

May 12th I attended Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. at Highland Twp. VFD. Good meeting with a good discussion on items pertaining to the fire service.

May 14th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Patoka Twp. VFD. State officers in attendance were Jack Kerney, PRSW and Barb Kerney, President IVFAA. Items pertaining to both the district and the state were discussed and information on some items were passed out. Thanks to Ross Elmore (Mid-America) for being there for door prizes. I would like to thank Chief Ed Schuessler for hosting and for the meal that was provided.

May 27th a memorial service was held for Odon VFD member Leonard Paul Simmons. My condolences to the family.

June 5th I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

June 9th I attended Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Beech Creek Twp. in Solsberry. Another good meeting.

June 17th myself and several of our members (Taylor Twp. VFD) received our certified CPR training.

June 18-21 I attended state convention in Indianapolis. I want to congratulate all the new state

officers elected to lead us in the upcoming year. I presented Lee Baker, Bloomfield VFD, District 17A Global Award and his son Justin was presented the Junior Fighter Award by the IVFA. I would like to congratulate all the other award winners.

As I close I would like to give a very special thanks to a young lady that my wife and I have come to know. Many thanks, Jesse McDonald, our District 17A Miss Flame.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,
Congrats to all 2015 IVFA Officers, if there is anything 17-B can do to help you, just call me.

Congrats to the 2014 Convention committee, a job well done. Also congrats to our 17-B Miss Flame Taylor McGlocklin, you represented 17-B very well, thank you.

On that note, I'm looking forward to the 2015 Convention at the Horseshoe.

Our last meeting was held at Shawswick VFD St 3 on May 14th with 8 departments in attendance. Our guests included Robert Johnson - Assistant State Fire Marshal, Jeff Esposito of Donley Safety, and Rod Pressel of Hoosier Fire and Equipment.

Remember department dues are to be paid by July 31 or they will be considered late. Also please go over them to make sure member addresses and year joined the fire service are correct.

Our next meeting is to be held on August 13th at Fruitdale VFD at 5200 St RD 135 North, Morgantown 46160. We will be having election of officers at this meeting.

Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 15 May meeting of the District 18 was held at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center with the Haysville VFD as our host. 47 members representing 15 departments and 1 Individual member answered roll call and reported a total of 226 calls answered.

Guests included representatives for Donnelly Safety and District 18 Miss Flame Lindsey Schaeffer. Nomination Committee members for the District Officers election were also selected.

My congratulations to Larry Bruner and his committee for the job

at the Convention this year. Also to the Association's new State Officers, I look forward to working with you all. My thanks to State Chaplain Gerdowsky for allowing me to participate in the Memorial Service. It seems that so many people "thank me" for participating in the Service when I consider myself the fortunate one to be able to do so.

My congratulations to Morganne Haas from Ferdinand (District 18) for winning one of the Bridgeport Scholarships. This young lady is the third one in her family to do so, an outstanding achievement! My pride goes to our Miss Flame Representative Lindsey Schaeffer, you did a great job.

To all Instructors, make a point to attend the "Train the Trainer" inservices covering the new Fire Engineering books that will be held in your Districts.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be held on 17 July with the Grandview VFD as our host.

Until the next time "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello all, hope you are having a great summer! Our last district meeting was held at Batesville Fire. It was to be held at Posey Township, but due to an unfortunate accident to their station, the meeting was moved. Our next meeting will be held at Brookville Fire on August 28th at 7:00 p.m. We will have election of officers. The state IVFA convention was held in June. Our Miss Flame, Alyssa Knueven represented us very well. The next convention will be held at Horseshoe Casino in Elizabethtown. The 2016 convention will be hosted by District 19 at Belterra Casino. If you are interested in helping, please contact me anytime. This will be the 70th convention for the IVFA, let's make it special! If your department will be having any special event or fundraiser, let me know so if I am available, I can attend and let our Miss Flame know. Everyone have a safe summer and hope to see you at the August meeting in Brookville.

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

Chair, District 18 Term: January 2012 - December 2015

Members, District 9B -1 Term: January 2012 - December 2014

District 8A Term: January 2012 - December 2015

District 17A Term: January 2012 - December 2014

District 13B Term: January 2012 - December 2014

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southwest

Jack Kerney



I would like to thank everyone that came to Convention from Districts

15, 17A, 17B and 18 and supported me for Public Relations Director Southwest. Please keep me informed of your District Meetings, Memorial Services and Fund Raisers.

I will be visiting departments that are not current members of the Association and explain the benefits of our organization. If you are already a member and would like our benefits explained, give me a call at 877-606-4832, to schedule a meeting.

I would like to wish a speedy recovery for District 15 Chairman, Harry Logan who has been limited in his travels. Keep Harry and his family in your prayers.

Thanks again for your support, see you soon.

Jack Kerney
Public Relations Director Southwest

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



new incoming President Steve Anderson and Vice President Paul Holcomb.
Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

I just returned from the 68th IVFA Annual Convention held in Indianapolis, Caribbean Cove/Splash Back in 2014. Congratulations to Convention Chairman Larry Bruner and his Committee for putting on a great Convention.

Congratulations to the winners: District 13 Mooreland Vol. Fire Dept. Samantha Gard 2014 Miss Flame, District 11A Prairieon Vol. Fire Dept. Tressa Steward Runner-up, District 8B Hamilton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Maureen (Moe) Rammel Miss Congeniality. Mary Mackin Essay winners: District 21 Otterbein Vol. Fire Dept. Abigyle Watson, District 10 St. Paul Vol. Fire Dept. Jaelyn Mathews.

Congratulations to all who received awards.

I would like to thank President David Israel and Vice President Steve Anderson for a job well done during their term of office. Please support our

From The Desk of The Historian

John Davies



I sincerely hope that you are ready for a wonderful summer. I am going to make this one short this time as I have a full schedule of events that is taking most of mine and Maxine's time this month.

I received the following a short time ago and I thought it is worth passing on to all of you readers.

FIREFIGHTER

Not many people remember us.

Not many people care.

Unless a life is saved or lost.

While we are fighting there.

We learn to respect the fire we fight.

And even love it, too.

In order to end its destructive path, it's what we are trained to do.

There are many who cannot comprehend why we love the things they fear.

We're the first they call in their time of need.

It's the reason we're here.

The next alarm might make us proud, and heroes of the same kind.

Or maybe it will be our last.

In service to mankind.

But whatever fate may bring us, it doesn't change our hearts.

We're Firefighters to the end.

We'll always due our part.

Have a safe summer for you and your loved ones.

Your Historian

John Davies

e-mail news and advertisements to printco@rhsi.tv

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker

Report submitted by
IVFA Treasurer
Beverly Harker



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District Chairman



Michael Harmon presented 50 year awards

Atwood Volunteer Fire Department secretary Mike Blair and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger present Chief Michel Harmon with 50 Year Gold Card and pin.

Firefighters receive Meritorious Service award



Marshall Co. firefighters Paul Stearns, Jerry Roush - Argos Fire Department and Emery Ferry, Tippecanoe Twp. Fire Department, receive Meritorious Award for saving the life of Jason Oldham from full involved house fire.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman



James Jellison receives 50 year awards

James Jellison from Osolo Volunteer Fire Department received his 50 year Gold Card and certificate of appreciation.

Pictured: James Jellison, Terry Smith - District 4 chairman.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Statements of Support, Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Dues	\$ 314,957	\$ 312,572
Paper advertising	18,205	23,505
License plates	17,463	16,757
Contributions	-	490
Other income	4,030	4,840
Interest income	2,724	4,390
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	357,379	362,554
EXPENSES		
Advertising solicitor	4,100	5,355
Publishing expense - paper and postage	43,688	43,981
Clothing replacement for firefighters	250	297
Clothing - marketing	-	1,517
Committee expense	5,733	8,460
Convention expense	5,630	9,385
Delegates expense	16,317	19,490
District expense	6,363	5,426
District secretary expense	1,250	1,200
Fire school expense	-	377
Funeral fund	16,948	8,055
Insurance - general	10,529	10,401
Other expenses	6,118	8,282
Officers' allowance	5,228	4,845
Officers' expense reimbursement	30,326	27,669
Officers' meeting expense	32,000	31,136
Public education	1,756	5,849
Public relations	2,620	4,118
Computer expense	1,705	1,585
Office postage	4,295	3,716
Telephone	1,893	1,915
Office supplies	5,047	4,859
Professional fees - legislature	52,970	59,183
Professional fees - other	9,032	9,378
Management fees	39,500	39,500
Scholarships	4,500	3,750
Line of duty benefit	3,000	-
Washington DC trip	7,658	9,774
Depreciation expense	770	899
TOTAL EXPENSES	319,226	330,402
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	38,153	32,152
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	695,415	663,263
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 733,568	\$ 695,415

Lois Boaz Award winner

This Year's Winner is:
IVFAA Recording Secretary
June Cahill



The Lois Boaz Award was started in memory of Lois Boaz from Floyds Knobs. She was a founding member of the Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and was also instrumental in getting an Auxiliary started in District 16. She was their first Chairperson.

When she passed away, her husband and family wanted to recognize her efforts within the District 16 Auxiliary and community. Thus the Lois Boaz Award began at the annual convention.

Nominations for this award are handled through a letter writing campaign. The letters should describe in detail the lady's involvement in her fire department auxiliary, her community, and her family.

- submitted by Marlene Thrawley

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
MAY 3 & 4, 2014

President Israel called meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

President Israel called for the reading of the Minutes of the February 2014 meeting. PREC Don Cushman made motion to accept the Minutes as printed. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Harker reviewed convention guidelines; you are allowed 2 nights at \$75.00 per night and 2 days for meals at \$25.00 per day and you must have receipts for your meals and mileage to and from convention. At the August meeting District Chairmen will need to turn in vouchers for their secretaries; please put their address on the voucher. We received a penalty on filing our report late to lobby commission, we did an appeal and they lowered the fine to \$2,500.00. The reason being they changed the deadline date and did not notify me.

Lobbyist Larry Curl said that he had got fined for being late also.

WCPR Larry Bartlow received an email that the state has changed several forms and deadlines and you have to go to website to find out what changes have been made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney – License plates down from last year. Dues packets mailed out April 11th. We received 9 back with bad addresses, made calls to the departments or District Chairmen to get these corrected. Membership in 2013 was 16,202 and 2014 membership was 16,110. 16 departments have rejoined. Bad addresses - 307 plus 211 more from this issue of paper. Deceased list deadline is May 10th for the Convention memorial service. The Executive Board met with John from J&L Systems on April 19th. We are changing our software. We have the opportunity to incorporate the website in the future, we could manage it or have the third party manage it as we are doing now, we will be able to blast emails to our membership, we will have the opportunity to make purchases with credit cards, it wouldn't be pay pal, it

would be something similar that is more secure. The new system is capable of doing so much more than we are doing right now to better our Association. We are still waiting on a contract from J&L Systems. It will take 3 or 4 phases for the new system to be fully implemented.

Awards Committee: Chairman Vice President Anderson – The Awards Committee will be meeting tonight. We will select the Junior Firefighter and Ollie Sandburg. The Global Awards will be finalized in the next couple of days.

President Israel – The Medal of Valor Award - Treasurer Harker is taking care of this. Treasurer Harker, I will need the name and date that you want on the back of the medal.

Angel Award Committee: Chairman Diane Harrison – A winner has been selected.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison – We talked about clothing; we have received different ideas for the Rookie Award and other award ideas. Jack Kerney brought up about the NVFC lifetime achievement award.

Younger Member Task Force: Chairman Jerry Sprague – Several ideas brought up recognition for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years, maybe not a pin but recognition in the newspaper and website. Discussed doing a fire camp - a one day, one class hands-on. District Chairmen - hand out to each member at meeting with the District Chairman card. It was suggested to have a Fire Department of Year Award, also a Dispatcher Award.

President Israel told Chairman Sprague and his committee to put an action plan together.

Speaker's Bureau: Chairman Jack Kerney – Pass.

Gretchen Martin – I am with the IN State Department of Health and I am the State Child Fatality Review Program Coordinator. We look at the child's death and understand the risk factors and circumstances involved and how we can prevent future injuries and death to our kids. Injuries is the number one cause of death to our kids. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on the committee - my contact information 317-233-1240 or GMARTINI@isdh.in.gov how can we help let our members know about this committee, work with our teams, and take the SUDI training (sudden unexpected or unexplained death investigation).

President Israel introduced Brian Weiss with Armed Forces Benefit Association.

Mr. Weiss – AFBA was created in 1947 when for profit insurance companies would no longer insure the military so AFBA stepped in to provide supplemental life insurance for the military. From 1947 to 9-11 that is all we did was provide insurance to military members. Many insurance companies have exclusions in their policies that do not cover emergency personnel while doing their duties. AFBA has decided to take its military coverage and offer it to first responders around the country to police, fire and EMS. It is designed around the military coverage, absolutely no exclusions. Act of war, act of terror covered, and all of your activities covered. Suicide covered after 2 years. I cover Indiana. We offer a free \$5,000.00 no exclusion life insurance policy; it covers everyone

18 to 59 - 24/7 on or off duty, they are renewed annually. First responders can get additional coverage if needed. AFBA does not allow marketing or selling. The way this works - I would come to your department, the talk takes about 10 minutes and then I have to meet with each individual member which takes about 3 minutes per person. Contact information 317-479-2062 or bweiss@afba.us or www.afba.com.

Public Relations & Education: Chairman Carol Thrawley - FDIC 2-31 thirty bags with our logo on them for the giveaway. We ordered 500 helmets with IVFA logo. There will only be so many helmets for each event given out. Axles on trailer have been repacked. If anyone is interested in reserving the trailer please call me. We are working on grants. Winners are: The thirty-one duffle bag: Amy Spraul, cleaning kit: Corrynn Fern and the thirty-one organizing bag: Bryan Peterson.

Website: Chairman Israel – 1) committee chairmen - we need description of your committee and awards by August meeting. 2) We are going to work with Buz and the newspaper to start an advertising page on website. I am still working on updating fire department addresses as I get them. Past President Jack Kerney said we are not getting many member address corrections on website, he stated that he had an idea of putting a moving van on the website, the member can click on it and make the address changes.

Facebook: Chairman Leighanne Ellis – Put trustee and advisory board issue on it. Lobbyist Larry Curl stated if you have filed for an office then run for election until after general election because we don't know what the law is going to be.

Logo: Chairman John Smith – Anyone wishing to use logo please let me know.

Editor's Assistant: Buz Koehler – This issue of the paper is 36 pages, 16,802 labels, 17,102 papers. Check for address and phone number corrections.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel, 2016 - District 19 looking at 2 locations - Belle Terra rooms would be \$99.00 and Lawrenceburg – Hollywood, it is still being built. We are working on more kid friendly activities.

Convention 2015: Co-Chairman Paul Holcomb – We are good to go.

Clothing claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright – We had 4 claims, 1 was denied. Please fill out claim form completely.

Training Committee: Chairman Steve Anderson – We have done a lot of follow-up stuff since last meeting. Boards of Firefighting Standards and Education have met 3 times since our last meeting. A couple of things that are in the minutes, they have prices for the new books, what is a quorum and what it takes to vote.

Still have one spot open for a civilian on the board; we need to fill that position with someone that is on our side. Training academy is on hold, work on white paper is still going. Steering committee is trying to line up some trips to see other training academies. A lot of work groups going on - this is our chance to get involved.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Chairman Jack Kerney – They are meeting this week.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl – Right to hold office - if someone is filed they need to run and run like

they mean it. Senator Head said trustees are not included in this bill. We are trying to get Senator to get Attorney General's opinion on this bill. Jerry Cook asked us if we have considered a lawsuit for violating our constitution. Last amendment we got on this issue was supported 95 to 5 in the House on the second reading, and by the time it got to third reading was not even part of the bill. Get your representatives to your meetings and ask questions. There are 25 senators and 100 representatives up for elections. Washington DC trip - we thought we were well received and they listened to what we had to say. It is time to start thinking about 2015 agenda. I would like to try to get a group of us to go to State House and meet with our Legislators and Senators. We are looking at IU doing a study as to the values, benefits, costs and savings of the volunteers to the State of Indiana. I attended the Fire Alliance meeting and the big issue was that we didn't support Marion County consolidation.

EMS: Chairman Paul Holcomb – Free training on-line that can help with your in-service hours. There will be a Medic task force training July 22 and 23 at Noblesville Fire Department.

President Israel – Our contract is up with California Casualty, are there any objections to signing the renewal. There were no objections.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Israel – I attended 2 county meetings, 4 district meetings, 3 legislative meetings, represented the Speakers Bureau at Johnson Twp. VFD, District 14 attended 1 memorial service, 7 fire departments, 3 convention meetings, Supporting Hero's Gala, FDIC, and IVFA board meeting with J L Systems and the Washington DC trip.

Vice President Anderson – I attended the Leadership seminar, the walk through for convention at the Horseshoe, 2 county chief's meeting, District 18 meeting, FDIC, 2 Chief's meetings, Fire Alliance meeting. I went down to Paul's area when Governor Pence was there.

Chaplain Gerdowsky – 1 firehouse dedication, chaplain class, FDIC, 4 fundraisers, and 4 memorial services.

Secretary Harrison – I attended memorial service, district meeting. If anyone has any donations for the Burn Camp auction please bring them to convention if you can't attend get ahold of me and we will make arrangements to get it there.

Treasurer Harker – I attended memorial service, 2 district meetings and an open house.

Sergeant at Arms Bush – I have extra inventory here if anyone needs anything.

Chairman of Board Koehler – Pass.

PRNW Bradford – Leighann Ellis has been appointed to help Jim with the PR. Jim will not be seeking re-election this year.

PRNE Smith – I attended 5 district meetings, 1 – 50 year gold card and 2 fundraisers.

PRWC Bartlow – I attended all district meetings and 3 convention meetings.

PREC Cushman – I attended most district meetings, and a lot of fundraisers.

PRSW Kerney – I attended 3 district meetings, 1 fundraiser, 2 memorial services and 3 committee meetings.

PRSE Scheele – I attended 2 district meetings, 3 memorial service

and several fundraisers.

SOG's and Bylaws Chairman Bartlow – Pass.

Bridgeport Chairman Harker – We met last night, reviewed the letter that I sent out to all that send in an application. We had 18 applications - we selected 3 winners. It is very important that the entire application is filled out.

License plates: Harker – Filed our paperwork.

Insurance: Harker – Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Parker – Absent, will be having back surgery.

Mitch Parish – Pass.

Richard Glant – Pass.

Jack Zeeks – Absent.

Buz Koehler – Pass.

Jack Kerney – Pass.

Larry Ketchem – Pass.

Tim Deckard – Absent.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell – cancelled first meeting due to weather, 4 deaths.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – I attended a couple of fundraisers and we had 2 deaths.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy – 1 memorial, presented a Bible and grave marker, 1 station clock and 3 – 25 year pins.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith – presented 7 – 25 year pins and presented 1 Gold card and 1 death.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger – Attended 4 county meetings and presented 1 gold card.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague - 1 death, presented 1 – 25 year pin, and 1 – 50 year gold card, attended bunches of fundraisers.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – presented 1 – 50 year gold card and attended Washington DC trip.

District 8A Chairman Bill Pape – attended chief's meetings and fundraisers.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright – Attended 2 county meetings and department meetings.

District 9A Chairman Leighanne Ellis – Attended FDIC, 2 department meetings and 2 fundraisers.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – Attended 5 county meetings, 4 department meetings, 2 fundraisers, 3 district meetings and presented 8 – 25 year pins.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – Presented 3 – 25 year pins, attended 1 fire department meeting and 4 fundraisers.

District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy – presented 5 – 25 year pins.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Absent.

District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley – 1 death, issue we are having in our area tax abatement.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Beihl – attended chief's meeting and a fire department meeting and 2 fundraisers.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – 1 death, presented 1 – 50 year gold card and 13 - 25 year pins.

District 15 Chairman Harry Logan – January meeting was cancelled. Thanked Jack Kerney and Steve Anderson for helping out while I have been sick.

District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb – Governor Pence came down to our area and did an appreciation to the public safety personnel. He also presented a member of my department with the

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Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – 2 memorial services and attended 3 fundraisers.

District 17B Chairman Steve Nolan – 3 deaths, attended 2 county meetings and presented 1 – 50 year gold card.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – Discussed EMS issues.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – Station dedication and 3 deaths and 1 line of duty death, presented 6–25 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz – attended 2 fundraisers, 4 meetings, and will be presenting 1 – 50 year gold card. Visitor's Day May 28 at Hoosier Burn Camp.

Past President Mitch Parish – commented on putting pictures in the paper, please send good pictures and with captions.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Pass.

Convention 2014 Chairman Larry Bruner – we have coins and tickets and we are taking registrations.

Lobbyist Larry Curl – I think we need to talk to a constitutional attorney. Ask the Attorney what our options are and what expenses we are looking at. We need to encourage all of our members to support this lawsuit as it affects every one of us if the lawsuit is what we need to do. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made motion to move forward with contacting a constitutional attorney. District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion carried by voice vote, no nays. Past President Jack Kerney would like to add to motion that we have something by convention. District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague resend his second and District 4 Chairman Terry Smith resend his motion. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made motion to move forward with contacting a constitutional attorney and having something to report by convention. District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion carried by voice vote, no nays.

Quarterly attendance drawing – Gas card – sponsored by California Casualty - Randy Small, District 2 Lowell, IN, cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply - Mort Sorg, District 7.

District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy – District 11B is going to start a letter writing news media campaign to make the public aware of what has happened to the volunteer firefighters. We have made the letter up and we are going to let the public know what is going on. The first people to get the letter will be our politicians.

Michelle Baxter with American Life – 2013 claims paid \$33,486.37. This total also reflects members that have taken advantage of extra coverage and collected. One health discount card is for anyone in the household. Dental is \$24.95 a year, covers everyone in household, covers major dental as well as cleanings. There is no time limit to claim the benefits.

President Israel – Mileage committee at convention will be Chairman Treasurer Harker, Richard Glant, Buz Koehler, Jim Parker and Don Cushman

President Israel – Credentials committee at convention will be Chairman Secretary Harrison, Larry Bartlow, Jack Kerney, Jean Smith, Ed Scheele, and Mitch Parish.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made motion to adjourn. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel reopened the meeting.

President Israel - new benefit books are here, please take some books and throw away any of the old benefit books that you may have.

President Israel – August meeting will be 8, 9, and 10 and November meeting will be 7, 8, and 9.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – asked District Chairmen to ask at their district meetings what we can do to get younger members involved. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Vice President Anderson led a discussion on ideas on changing convention days.

District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley – Reported that Associate Chaplain Ron Davenport did an excellent job handling the line of duty death at Munster.

Lona Huffman – We added work comp. policy that will cover injuries. IVFAA is not covered under workman's comp. but they are still covered under accident sickness policy. When contractors come into your stations to do work make sure they have their own insurance. We need to get beneficiary forms filled out and turned back in. DO NOT put anyone under age of 18 as your beneficiary. Turn the forms in to President Israel. If you have any life changes make sure to update your beneficiary form. Treasurer Harker suggested that Lona check into covering Lobbyist Curl and Barb Kerney at Central Office.

Past President Richard Glant made motion to adjourn. District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison - Secretary



Angel Award winner

This Year's Winner is:

Kylie Corwin Armstrong of Pennville VFD

IVFA 2015 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA JUNE 10-13, 2015 ELIZABETH, IN INFORMATION: (812) 945-4111 / (502) 664-5736

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-B

Articles and photos submitted by Robert E. Barber, Captain, SVFD 105, Shawswick Vol. Fire Department

District 17-B meeting at Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department in Lawrence County

Shawswick VFD hosted the May 14th IVFA meeting for District 17-B at Shawswick Station 3 on Peerless Road in Bedford.

Attending guests were Robert Johnson, Asst. State Fire Marshal; Jeff Esposito and Bill Hammons, Donley Safety; Tanya Rigsby, California Casualty and Rod Pressel, Hoosier Fire Sales Representative.

District 17-B IVFAA ladies prepared chicken, ham and an assortment of side dishes for supper. The desserts were favored by everyone. Dawn Hillenburg, IVFAA President attended the meeting.

IVFA President Steve Nolan, Pleasant Run VFD; Vice-President Robert A. Brown, Shawswick VFD; and Sec.-Treasurer Luke Kluender opened the meeting with "The Pledge of Allegiance".

President Nolan introduced Taylor McGlocklin, Miss Flame District 17-B, to the gathering and Taylor spoke on the importance of supporting District 17-B as the Miss Flame representative and her goals.

President Nolan then introduced Robert Johnson, Asst. State Fire Marshal and several problems regarding highway and road closures during construction, such as I-69 in southern Greene Co., where 3 Lawrence Co. Vol. Fire Departments provide mutual aid. That with prior notification any fire department could pre-plan new response routes for emergencies. Also the sheriff's department and 2 ambulance services could also pre-plan their response routes. Mr. Johnson said he would address this problem with IDOT and hopefully a solution can be worked out.

Tanya Rigsby, California Casualty, discussed fire and personal insurance and the benefits California Casualty provides to fire departments and individual firefighters.

Jeff Esposito and Bill Hammons of Donley Safety discussed the importance of maintenance whether it is daily, weekly, monthly or annual inspections to ensure apparatus and equipment is safe and meets fire standards and OSHA/IOSHA requirements for safety. Jeff and Bill also discussed that Donley's certified technicians are able to assist any department's needs for inspections, testing and maintaining equipment.



L-R: Steve Nolan, Robert A. Brown, Tanya Rigsby; California Casualty Insurance, Jeff Esposito; Donley Safety, Jack Voightschild, unknown, Max Peters, Jeff Long, Jack Zeeks.



L-R; Max Peters, Jeff Long, Jack Zeeks, Mike Dalton, Taylor McGlocklin; Miss Flame District 17-B, Dawn Hillenburg, unknown.



L-R Vice-Chairman Robert A. Brown, District 17-B chairman Steve Nolan, Tanya Rigsby, California Casualty.



L-R: Jeff Esposito and Bill Hammons, Donley Safety.



Rod Pressel, Hoosier Fire Sales Representative, discussed his company's service in providing the fire department's equipment needs.



Miss Taylor McGlocklin, Miss Flame District 17-B



L-R Dawn Hillenburg, IVFAA President District 17-B, Emma Lynn Harris, future IVFAA member and president and Miss Taylor McGlocklin, Miss Flame District 17-B.



(At left) – Front: Robert Johnson, Asst. State Fire Marshal, Taylor McGlocklin, Miss Flame District 17-B.



L-R District 17-B Chairman Steve Nolan, Miss Taylor McGlocklin, Miss Flame District 17-B, Vice Chairman District 17-B Robert A. Brown.

Ollie Sandberg Award winner

The Ollie Sandberg Mental Attitude Award is given to honor those people who work a little harder than the others on their department to improve the fire service, their community and to promote the IVFA.

This Year's Winner is:
Bernie Anderson of
Prairieton VFD.

Submitted by
Marlene Thrawley



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith

Lost River VFD dedicates new station

"From a converted Hog Barn to a modern Fire Station" that is how one could describe the transition that has occurred at the Lost River Vol. Fire Department (Martin Co., District 18).

On 14 June the Lost River VFD dedicated and held an open house at its new Fire Station. Fire Chief Tim Parke stated, "We started this department 16 years ago with the idea that our Township needed the protection and service. A lot of time, hard work, and commitment got us started. Even more got us into this new facility. Grants were applied for, and at first denied. But, we never stopped trying. We finally succeeded."

The property for the new station was donated by the Jones Family in memory of two of their members who were killed in World War II and Korea. Pictures of these heroes hang in the entry of the station. Several members of the Jones family traveled from Maryland to attend the ceremony and joined other local officials for the ceremonial "hose un-coupling" to officially open the facility. Later, District 18 Miss Flame Lindsey Schaeffer and District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented Chief Parke with the IVFA clock and plaque. Members and guests then gathered for a group photo before a meal was served.



Presented Gold Card and 50 year membership pin



At the business meeting of 9 June 2014 of the Haysville Community Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co. District 18), Jerry Chanley was presented with the IVFA Gold Card and 50 Year Membership Pin. Presenting the awards was District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Awarded 25 year service pins



At the Station Open House hosted by the Celestine Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co., District 18), on Sunday 18 May, two members were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin. Receiving the awards from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith are CVFD members Kent Hausenour (left) and Keith Thewes (right).

Aaron Bell recognized for service

After 17 years of distinguished service to the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) Aaron Bell's resignation became official at the business meeting of 7 May.

Bell and his family have purchased a new home and moved outside the jurisdiction of the Department. Huntingburg Fire Chief Scott Patberg (right) said, "Aaron has been a great asset to our department, and although we are losing a great member ... Holland (Dubois Co., District 18) is gaining one."

Bell was presented a plaque with his helmet shield, HVFA Logo, American Flag, and a certificate of Merit recognizing his years of service. Bell and his wife Molly have 2 children, a son Ethan, and a daughter Paige.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Sam Emery



Eagle Scout - Junior Firefighter

Congratulations to Justin Baker of the Bloomfield VFD on receiving the first IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year Award.

I have personally known Justin all of his life and the dedication and effort he puts in to achieve his goals is above and beyond.

Justin's Eagle Scout project consisted of a 911 limestone monument in honor of all those who lost their lives at the Twin Towers attack.

Justin has been a Junior Firefighter for several years and plans on being in the Fire Service in the future.



Global Award winner

Lee Baker, Chief, Bloomfield VFD was presented District 17A Global Award by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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Each inside space includes: an 8' x 8' booth with, (1) 6' table (skirted), and 2 chairs.

*Other items (IE: power & phone lines), can be rented from the hotel for \$30.00.

Apparatus area description: Apparatus displays will be in the south parking lot next to the convention center. (Vendors are responsible for tables and chairs).

**This location is large enough for all apparatus as it is where Tractor & Trailers park for events.

By signing below, Vendor acknowledges that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions set forth herein and is authorized to sign on behalf and bind Vendor to the terms of this Agreement.

(Signature) for
(Vendor)

2014 IVFA State Miss Flame Samantha Gard



District 13A Miss Flame Samantha Gard, was crowned the Indiana State IVFA Miss Flame 2014! What a wonderful night for her and her family.

Kim and Brian Gard are her parents from the Mooreland Volunteer Fire Department in Henry County. Sam is a fourth generation firefighter at Mooreland, receiving her FF I/II in early June.

If you have an event that you want Samantha to come to, drop her a line at missflame@ivfa.org, or contact me and I will forward it on to her. - submitted by Marlene Thrawley.

Miss Congeniality Maureen Rammel - District 8-B



1st Runner-Up - Tressa Steward



District 11-A
Prairieton
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Assoc.

NEWS FROM PR NORTHEAST

Submitted by Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith

Public Relations Northeast Miss Flames proudly representing their District and Department



Abby Smith, District 4 Miss Flame, New Carlisle Vol. Fire Dept., escort Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.



Brooklyn Gephart, District 5 Miss Flame, Claypool Vol. Fire Dept., escort Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman.



Kayla Williams, District 6 Miss Flame, Hudson Vol. Fire Dept., escort Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



Marissa Bisel, District 7 Miss Flame, Geneva Vol. Fire Dept., escort Sam Bisel, District 7 chairman.

**November
Deadline
October 5, 2014
12:00 p.m. CST**

Public Relations trailer travels many miles

The IVFA Public Relations Trailer has had a good run so far this year. It has been to Dillsboro VFD in Dearborn County for their annual street fair in May. From there it went to Monroe Twp. VFD in Henryville, Clark County for their open house.

Over to Lawrenceburg Fire Department for the Lawrence County Fair where it was staffed daily by local Lawrence County Departments. Then up to Centerville VFD in Wayne County for their open house.

From there it traveled north to Warren Fire Department in Huntington County for the July 4th weekend.

Down to #1 Green Twp. VFD in Hancock County for their station open house. It left there and traveled to Flora to the Carroll County 4-H Fair.

From there back down to Madison County for Adams Twp./Markelville Fire Protection Territories Ice Cream Social.

Along with the various fire safety pamphlets and coloring books we have added some plastic helmets for the kids this year.

They are Dalmatian speckled white and black with a fire shield on the front with the IVFA logo. We have a limited quantity. If your department or group wants to help with the purchase of these or other items let me know.

As you can tell it has been very

busy so far this summer. The trailer has several more planned events to go to yet this year. If your Department is having an event and you wish to use the trailer contact me at district13a@ivfa.org or your District Chairman.

Carol Thrawley
Public Relations/Public Education Chair



**Attention All Departments!!
The IVFA Public Relations/Public
Education Trailer
Is Available To You!!!**

- Great event for any event ... Open House, Fund Raisers, etc.
- Promotion and recruitment for your Department.
- Promotion and recruitment for the IVFA.
- Free Fire Prevention material.
- Delivery and pick-up is free.

**Contact your District Chairman
or ...
Carol Thrawley - Dist. 13A**

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

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 to 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.**

**ATTENTION: IVFAA
AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128
(765) 246-6220

Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization – the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

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.**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2014
DEADLINE IS:
OCTOBER 5, 2014
12:00 P.M. (NOON) C.S.T.**

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman



(At left) John Goins receiving 50 year Gold card Western Fire Company 3



(At right) John Goins receiving 50 year watch Western Fire Company 3

Bob Armstrong receives 50 year Gold card Fair Play Fire Department



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!

Bridgeport Scholarship



This scholarship is given to a member, member's child or member's spouse to use at the college of their choice.

– submitted by Marlene Thralwey

Midwestern engineers ad

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e-mail to wabash
7-11-2014

2015 Convention June 10 through June 13

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting
May 4, 2014

Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was opened by President Barb Kerney and a prayer was said by Chaplain Joann Hays. Vice President Martha Thomas led us in the pledge to the flag.

Rec. Secretary called roll call with 10 I.V.F.A.A. members, 1 guest, and 24 officers with a total of 35 present.

Rec. Secretary was asked to read the minutes of the last meeting. Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Sharon Wright to dispense with the reading of the minutes with the question of any corrections. Dorothy Reiter wanted added that the Treasurer was not present at the last meeting so there was no report read at that time. Dorothy gave her report at this meeting. Stand until time of audit.

Carol Curl reported that she received a letter from the daughter of Rosella Bousman.

Thank you cards were received from: Diana Gray, Martha Thomas, Marlene Poling, Leona Uryga. Also thanks you's from Lou Bartlow and Barb Ketchem.

Recording Secretary June Cahill reported that there are 58 depts., 822 paid by depts., 233 Ind., and 23 life members, totaling 1080.

Joann Hays thanked everyone for the cards sent to her husband. Barb Parker's husband Jim is going for surgery. Marilyn Dever has passed away and was a district chairman for many years. She read a list of passing members and asked if anyone was missed.

E.J. Smith asked the district chairmen to have their Miss Flame to register and to get a room for the convention. The girls need to turn in their recipes and there will be cookbooks made up with their recipes and will sell for \$2.00. The proceeds will go to the Hoosier Burn Camp. Barb Kerney requested that a check for \$400.00 be given to the Miss Flame Committee. She said that they are thrilled because this is the most girls that they have had. There are 23 girls. The girls are going to the State House and will have a pizza party with a D.J. at the waterpark.

Lori Parker asked that those who did bring their baskets to have them there as soon as possible at the convention. The quilt that Beth Caudill had made will be auctioned off on Friday at the banquet.

Phyllis Vargo read three by-laws that will be voted on at convention. She is working on the by-law books. She also stated that in the by-laws it states that July 1 would be the deadline in paying dues at the cost of \$5.00.

Paul Holcomb, chairman for the 2015 convention reported that the Chinese Auction will be set up in the hall and no small rooms. The convention will be June 10-13. The registration will be \$65.00 until June 1 and \$75.00 after and the rooms are \$100.00. He will have more seats and transportation from the hotel to the main part of the hotel.

Buz Koehler brought the paper and pictures will be taken of the new district chairmen and anyone else who would like a new picture.

Larry Curl stated that a volunteer fireman cannot hold a government office. The I.V.F.A. is encouraged to file a lawsuit with the financial help of its members. A constitutional lawyer will be contacted because they feel that this is unconstitutional.

Michelle Baxter from the American Income Life Ins. Company spoke on the death benefit and there is no timeline on paying out to a member's family. She talked about the Health Discount card and you only need one card for the whole household. The coverage for the death benefit is for accidental and is for any member. There is no age limit to the coverage.

Phyllis Vargo asked that she would like an amount of women who attend the convention meeting.

Janet Woodfill has ordered district pins and will order past president

pins. Nominating committee: President - Barb Kerney, Vice President - Martha Thomas and E.J. Smith, Rec. Sec. - June Cahill, Corres. Sec. - Leona Uryga, Treas. - Dorothy Reiter, Chaplain - Joann Hays and Sgt. of Arms - Marlene Poling. Nominations on the floor of the Convention.

Phyllis Vargo has found Book 1 in a box. She gave it to Leona Uryga to be put on a disc. Books are being put on a flash drive and two discs for each book will be available.

Barb Kerney stated that we are going to take a chance with the I.R.S. We will file this year. Will talk to an accounting firm and see what is the best way to handle this.

District Chairmen are asked to go out and visit their districts and also to turn their reports in.

Larry Bruner is this year's convention chairman and asked if there are any questions. Passes for the waterpark will be available to those who may need them.

Barb stated that every 5 new members that you sign up, you will get a point. A drawing every quarter for the prize of \$25.00 or gift in that amount will be given. Only district chairmen are involved in this. A motion was made by Phyllis Vargo and seconded by Heather Holcomb to accept this drawing. Voted and passed. New members' dues will be \$10.00.

A reminder that the Miss Flames are to write a 250 word essay on their involvement with their fire department and turn them in at the Miss Flame mixer.

Chaplain Joann Hays closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Corres. Sec. Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. State Officers Meeting
June 19, 2014
Convention at Indianapolis, IN

President Barb Kerney opened the meeting at 3:33 p.m. at the Caribbean Cove Water Park meeting room. Chaplain Joann Hays recited a prayer and Barb asked for a silence time for Toni Sorg. Sgt.-of-Arms Marlene Poling conducted us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Rec. Secretary June Cahill took the roll call with 26 officers, 1 I.V.F.A.A. and 1 guest present.

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2013 / 2014**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Diana Gray - Chm.
Barbara Ketchem
Carol Koehler
Carolyn Zeeks

CHINESE AUCTION COMM.

Lori Parker - Chm.
Barbara Parker
Sharon Wright
Beverly Taylor

MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD

Carol Koehler - Chm.
Jean Parish
Lou Bartlow

LOIS BOAZ AWARD

Dorothy Reiter - Chm.
Pam Gerdowsky
Martha Thomas

HISTORIAN

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.
Joann Hays
Martha Thomas

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Marlene Thrawley - Chm.
June Cahill
Dawn Hillenburg
Carolyn Scheele
Joyce Nevil

MISS FLAME COMMITTEE

EJ Smith/Barbara Kerney - Chm.
Heather Holcomb
Tammy Smith
Joann Hays

JEWELRY COMMITTEE

Janet Woodfill - Chm.
Janet Mathews

MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

EJ Smith - Chm.
Phyllis Vargo
Marie Emery
Carol Curl

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lou Bartlow - Chairman
Dorothy Reiter
Sue Glant
Joyce Nevil
Marie Emery

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Barbara Parker
Martha Thomas

VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT

Heather Martin - Chm.
Janet Matthews
Diane Stapleton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tonya Marsee - Chm.
Carolyn Zeeks
Pat Fultz
Pam Gerdowsky

INSTALLATION

Judy Smith

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY

Beth Caudill - Chm.
Diana Gray

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.
Jean Parish
Judy Smith
Eula Bush
Pat Fultz

SOG'S COMMITTEE

Janet Hargrave
Marlene Thrawley
Tammy Smith
Barbara Ketchem
Barbara Parker

MEMORIAL THROW

Carol Curl

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

Corresponding secretary report ...

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Corr. Secretary Leona Uryga read the minutes. Corrections: Phyllis Vargo stated that when the minutes are read it should be stated as such. If not read then it should state that they are approved as printed. The registration for next year will be \$60.00 not \$65.00. Martha Thomas stated that her name is misspelled and will be corrected. Barb Kerney stated that the minutes are approved and will stand as corrected as read.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasurer's report. She stated that we received \$200.00 from the American Life Insurance Co. Barb explained that Heather had asked for the donation for the V.P. Project and she talked to Michelle and she said that we could use it for the Chinese Auction.

Corr. Secretary Leona read a thank you card from Lou Bartlow.

Chaplain Joann Hays read a letter from Marlene Poling's grandson Jacob Henni. It was called "Life".

Past President Diana Gray gave Barb Kerney a corsage.

Vice President Martha Thomas reported on the Chinese Auction. Tickets will be drawn at the banquet and the Miss Flames will give out the baskets. She has turned over \$1100.00 so far and there are over 51 baskets.

Membership: 60 Dept., 240 Individuals, 845 paid by depts. and 25 life - totaling 1110.

Lou Bartlow advised everyone that they must realize that with us collecting the dues early that later we will not be getting that same amount.

Barb Parker fell and Jim has had surgery. This is the first time in 50 years that they missed the convention.

E.J. Smith reported that there are 23 girls. Joann complimented on their behavior. She thanked Carol Curl for her work with the Miss Flames. There will be not be a Coffee Clutch; instead the blue tickets can be used for breakfast.

Betsy Howe will conduct the installation of officers.

The Memorial Service will be at 7:30 p.m.

Joann explained how some Miss Flames recipes were omitted from the cookbooks.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by E.J. Smith to adjourn. Passed.

A prayer was said by Joann Hays.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Secretary Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A Convention Minutes
June 20, 2014
Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park
Indianapolis, IN

President Barb Kerney opened the meeting with a prayer from Chaplain Joann Hays.

The pledge to the flag was conducted.

Barb introduced the Lois Boaz winner, June Cahill, the wife of the Mr. I.V.F.A.A., E.J. Smith.

Barb gave Diana Gray a corsage as past president. She asked those to stand who are past presidents. Joann Hays won the Miriam Schaeckel Award.

Rec. Secretary June Cahill called roll call with 27 officers, 35

I.V.F.A.A. members and 3 guests present. She asked that each district give an account of their members present.

The Miss Flames, 22 girls visited us and introduced themselves. The State Miss Flame for 2014 is Samantha Gard from 13-A and runner-up is Tressa Steward from 11-A.

Corr. Secretary Leona Uryga was asked to read the minutes. A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Heather Holcomb to dispense with the reading of the minutes as printed. A vote in favor was held with one against.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the financial report for the year 2012-2013. Accepted until time of audit.

Financial Chairman Lou Bartlow explained to the ladies about our taxes and the problems we may face. Our taxes have not been done in twenty years for we have the IRS to deal with and hope the outcome will be in our favor.

Corr. Secretary Leona Uryga read a thank you card from Lou Bartlow and from the family of Ariel G. Reed, the grandparents of Betsy and Bill Howe.

Joann spoke on wishing good will to Barb and Jim Parker, Alice Sanders (mother of Susie Lewis), Maxine and John Davies and Betty Selmer. Get a card out to them.

Lori Parker said that we have 51 baskets for the Chinese Auction. She also updated us on the condition of Barb Parker.

By-laws Chairman Phyllis Vargo handed out the proposed by-laws to be voted on. The first by-law to be voted on is Article 11 - Section 4 with its change. Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Beth Caudill to except this by-law as printed. It was voted on and passed.

The second by-law change was read. It is Election of Officers, Article 11 Section 1. Lou Bartlow stated that this is not in a by-law form. Betsy Howe made a motion that this should be voted down this year and resubmitted next year in the proper form. It was seconded by Joyce Nevil. A vote was taken and passed not to accept this by-law.

The third by-law change was Article 11 Section 3. The by-law was found not signed. A motion was made by Betsy Howe and seconded by Sue Glant to not pass this by-law. Sue then resent her motion and then it was seconded by Linda Abraham. A vote was taken and passed not to except this by-law.

Phyllis Vargo spoke on how we have let the committees and district chairmen down. We need to have classes again to help with this problem. Beth Caudill asked if there could be a training class in August.

Lou Bartlow suggested that since there were so many who paid their dues ahead for years that a special fund should be made in order to take out the dues money for that year.

Diana Gray stated that there are 62 members who can vote.

Rec. Secretary June Cahill stated that we have 60 dept., 240 individuals, 845 paid by depts., and 25 life members - totaling 1110 as of this date.

Get your letters in for the Lois Boaz and Miriam Schaeckel Award by Feb. 1.

Barb Kerney thanked Carol and Larry Curl for all they do for the organization. She gave her report on the Miss Flames and their activities.

Barb Kerney stated that we have filed the taxes. Lou Bartlow

will take care of them and the cost will be \$200.00.

Nominating chairman Tanya Marsee conducted the election. She asked if we could do a secret ballot and Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Mary Ann Martin to do so.

President: Barb Kerney. No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Carol Curl and seconded by Sue Glant to close the nomination. A white ballot was cast by June Cahill. Vice President: Martha Thomas and E.J. Smith. No nominations from the floor. A secret ballot was done and Martha Thomas won. Rec. Sec.: June Cahill. No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Sharon Wright to close the nominations. A white ballot was cast by Barb Kerney. Corr. Sec: Leona Uryga. No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Diane Buck to close the nominations. A white ballot was cast by June Cahill. Treasurer: Dorothy Reiter and Judy Smith. No other nominations from the floor. Sue Glant made a motion and seconded by Mary Ann Martin to close the nominations. A secret ballot was done and Dorothy Reiter won. Sgt.-of-Arms: Marlene Poling. No nominations from the floor. Martha Thomas made a motion and seconded by Janet Woodfill to close the nominations. A white ballot was cast by June Cahill. Carol Curl made a motion and seconded by E.J. Smith. A white ballot was cast by June Cahill.

25 year pins were given out.

Next year's convention will be in Elizabeth, IN at the Horseshoe Casino on June 10-12. Registration is \$60.00 and the hotel cost is \$100.00 a night.

50 year gold cards were given to: Betsy Howe, Martha Thomas and Joyce Nevil.

Carol Curl asked if we could help the future conventions obtain items for the didi bags.

Betsy Howe conducted the installation of officers.

Martha Thomas read us a poem.

Joann Hays dismissed us with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

November deadline October 5 12:00 p.m. CST

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DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I attended the 68th Annual Convention held at Caribbean Cove and Conference Center in Indianapolis.

I would like to congratulate all the winners. District 13 Samantha Gard - 2014 Miss Flame, District 11A Tressa Steward - Runner-up, District 8B Maureen (Moe) Rammel - Miss Congeniality. Mary Mackin Essay winners, District 21 Abigyle Watson, District 10 Jaelyn Mathews.

Congratulations to my husband Jean Smith - Mr. IVFA, June Cahill - Lois Boaz Award, Joann Hays - Miriam Schaeckel Award.

Congratulations to all of the other award winners.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

E.J. Smith

6th District Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

May 19, 2014

The meeting was opened by district chairman Joyce Nevil at 7:30 p.m. Joyce asked that we say the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray, standing in for the absence of Bev Lockwood, secretary. Six members from four departments, one individual and three guests were present.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and there were no corrections, so stood approved.

Joyce showed what all will be in our basket for the Chinese Auction. A tote was donated and things will be added. We have a basket of 'THIS and THAT'.

Miss Flame -- E.J. reported that we have 22 girls participating this year along with our present Miss Flame.

Joyce read the state officer meeting minutes and the By-laws that are proposed to read at convention and voted on. But as they were being read, it was discovered that District 19 did NOT propose theirs as a change and District 12 did not have theirs signed, so we felt by a vast majority that they are not applicable for convention this year, leaving only ONE by-law from District 4 & 5.

With all business taken care of, a motion to adjourn was given by EJ Smith and seconded by Kathy Jullierat. Time 8:30 p.m.

The next meetings are as follows:

July 21 - Bluffton

September 21 - Bippus

November 17 - Berne

submitted by Joyce Nevil

District 7 chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hi everyone!

Hope you had a great time at convention this year. If you didn't make it this year, we hope you can make it next year at Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN.

We had three winners from District 11A this year. Joann Hays, Honey Creek Fire Dept. won the Miriam Schaeckel Mental Attitude Award, Tressa Steward from Prairieton Fire Dept. was first runner-up in Miss Flame contest and Burny Anderson from Prairieton Fire Dept. won the Ollie Sandburg Award. We would like to say congratulations to everyone and know we are very proud of you. Be thinking of who you can write a letter for in 2015. They are due February 1st each year. There are a lot of deserving people in the fire service for an award.

Our next district meeting will be at Thunderbird in Farmersburg on July 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Remember, dues are due July 1st. This year they are \$10.00.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the fish fries and meetings.

Have a good summer.

Beverly Taylor

District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Lou Bartlow - Chairman

Hi ladies,

Can you believe that we are into July already? Time really does fly and I am not sure that I am accomplishing much. Garden has done really well. Getting ready to make pickles now. We are into green bean picking today.

Convention has come and gone for another year. Had a good crowd and I think everyone had a good time. Always good to see friends and visit. We had one by-law pass and we will get that out to you. Don't forget, dues are now \$10.00 per year per member. That went into effect July 1, 2014. You should be sending your dues to the state Recording Secretary.

Next year's convention is in Elizabeth, IN. Registration is \$60.00 each and I believe the rooms are \$100.00 per night. If you have never been, you will be surprised how good a time you have. Lots of things to see and do.

Congratulations to all the award winners at this convention and I'm sure there are many more across the state. Don't be afraid to nominate someone for the awards.

I am available to help any time so call if you need to.

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District 11-B report

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Have a safe and enjoyable rest of summer and into fall.

Take care and God Bless.

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Heather Holcomb - Chairman

Well, Convention was a lot of fun, great job Larry and team. It was a splash!

It has been a great quarter. I have learned the flow of chairman, and look forward to the training in August. I can't wait to help grow the membership with the knowledge I have gained working with these lovely fellow officers. If any volunteers have any questions, please reach out to me via email or phone. If you have an event you would like sent out to other departments in the area, just send me a notice. If you have any life changing events let me know: exp. birth, death, or marriage, let me know, we love to celebrate milestones and legacy in this District.

If you are in need of hope and prayer, this is a great place to find open arms.

To all my fellow members I just wanna say, have a safe and fun

summer. Let me know if you need any help with membership or have questions. If you want to know who can be a member of IVFAA just check with your district chairman.

I just want to give a big congratulations to my husband Paul Holcomb for winning the Vice President. I had faith in you, honey and love you more than the moon!

Always yours,
Heather Holcomb
District 16 Chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Tonya Marsee - Chairman

On May 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. our District 19 IVFAA meeting was held at Blooming Grove.

We had 13 members present. They served a light lunch with many yummy desserts.

Elections were held for the upcoming year. Pam Scheele declined to run again for secretary/treasurer. We appreciate all her hard work, time, service, and dedication. We wish her the best. Look forward to hearing some stories about those grandchildren and all the fun you will be having with them.

Our officers for 2014/2015 are President - Tonya Marsee, Secretary/Treasurer - Beth Caudill, Chaplain - Roberta Struewing.

Congrats, ladies and let's have a wonderful year!

We are just returning home from State Convention and it was fun as usual. Love to see many more people there though. I would like to take a moment to thank our District 19 Miss Flame, Alyssa Knueven. This was her first year running and she is very young (so she can have many more years to come) and she did an awesome job. She represented District 19 very well.

Also the 2nd District 19 table Friday night (not my table by the way) hit the jackpot!! I am pretty sure everyone at the table won something Friday night!!!

It was an outstanding year for the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction - I would like to thank Diane Stapleton, Jessie Dove, Steve Anderson, my daughter, Tatijana Marsee, and the gentleman that bought my cheesecake for \$70 and then gave it back to me. What a birthday!!!!

Look at all the fun you are missing those of you that do not attend - many memories to be made!!!

Come on out next year at Elizabeth, Indiana (Horseshoe Southern Indiana Casino) dates are June 10-13th, 2015. Congrats to all the winners at State: Lois Boaz - June Cahill, Miriam A. Schaekel Meritorious Service Award - Joann Hays!! I know there are many more winners! Congrats to our 2014 State Miss Flame and Runner-up.

When we returned from State we headed out to Morris Firemen Festival for a wonderful chicken/roast beef dinner followed by a blessing of their new fire truck! That was an amazing experience to be a part of. The community getting so involved while Randy Merkel drove the new truck to the fire station

and the community followed behind the truck.

Several parades will be taking place in District 19 on July 4th, Batesville Firemen Festival will take place July 11-12, Delaware will hold a gun raffle at their new fire station on July 12 - doors open at 4 p.m., Blooming Grove Firemen Festival will take place on July 25-26.

Our next meeting for the District 19 IVFAA will take place at Morris on August 12, 2014. Hope to see many of you there.

Sorry I rambled on, I just love this organization and want to see it grow and do well.

Thank you,
Tonya Marsee
District 19 IVFAA Chairman

Vibes from the IVFAA President Barbara Kerney



Thanks to the 2014 convention committee for an enjoyable week. Your efforts and hard work certainly were appreciated.

Congratulations to our 2014 Miss Flame Samantha Gard and to our runner-up Tressa Steward from District 11A. This year's group of girls were exceptional and it was not an easy decision according to the judges. All the girls are winners and I would like to encourage all of you to include them in your department's and district's functions. The girls selected Maureen Rammel of District 8B as Miss Congeniality for

2014.

June Cahill was our Lois Boaz winner, Joann Hays, our Miriam Schaekel award winner. Both are very deserving ladies, both who give a lot to the IVFAA. Also congrats to E J Smith, wife of Mr. IVFA Jean Smith. Awards are very important in our organizations. Please take time to write letters and nominate those who deserve to be recognized. There are many among us.

Thanks to the officers and committee persons who served so faithfully this past year. There were bumps here and there, but when we work as a team it is certainly easier to overcome them and move forward in a more positive manner. It takes the hands and hearts of many, not just one.

Thanks for your faith in my quest as your leader. As I look forward to serving as your leader again this year, I ask that you all come together and work as a winning team for the betterment of our organization.

Thanks to Betsy Howe who came home to help out installing new officers for the coming year. It is great to see those who have served in the past still willing to help when called upon.

Thanks to my husband Jack who is my rock and helps me to be able to do all the things I do.

Looking forward to the year ahead and to the future of our organization.
Barb Kerney
IVFAA president



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Jerry Sprague

Founding members of the Laotto VFD receive 50 Year Gold cards



On the left is Jean Smith, PR Northeast and Jerry Sprague, District 6 Chairman along with seven of the Founding members of the Laotto VFD.

Five of these founding members pictured received their 50 year cards and pins. There were seven members receiving their 50 year cards and pins, those being, Terry Cartwright, Sam Gaff, Larry Hershberger, Clare Steinberger, Merle Troyer, Harold Ryan, Carl Stout. Two of the seven (Harold Ryan and Carl Stout) will receive their cards and pins at a later date as one is a resident of Florida and the other is in a nursing facility.

Congratulations go out to these men for their dedication and service to their community. Thank you, guys, for your past and continued service to the Laotto Volunteer Fire Department!



Laotto VFD Founding members of the Fire Department. They are (L to R) Terry Cartwright, Ray Leiter, Harold Ryan, Larry Hershberger, Larry Campbell, Harry Traxler, Sam Gaff, Merle Troyer, and Bill Kovets.

Medals of Valor presented to cadets



IVFA District 6 Miss Flame, Kayla Williams



(L to R) District 6 Vice Chairman David Elick, Hudson Volunteer Firefighters Trevor Batchelder, Tyler Ebert, and District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague.



Hudson Volunteer Firefighters Trevor Batchelder and Tyler Ebert with their IVFA Medals of Valor.



District 6 Miss Flame Kayla Williams taking care of the 50-50 drawing at the Topeka VFD District 6 meeting.

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Photos taken by Jim Cashe of the Medal of Valor presented to cadets from several fire departments.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Jerry Sprague



Vice Chairman David Elick presenting Trevor Batchelder with the IVFA Medal of Valor.



Vice Chairman David Elick presenting Tyler Ebert with the IVFA Medal of Valor.



Van Buren Township FD complete live fire training

Members of the Van Buren Township Fire Department of Monroe County recently completed Live Fire Training at a local house. A full day of training gave firefighters training views from different activities. Center Twp. Fire of Greene Co. along with Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District also participated.

Submitted by Tim Deckard

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 And you can never tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
 It's when things seem worst
 That you must not quit.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Dunkirk Glass Days parade



Pictured is a Dunkirk Fire Department truck in their annual parade during the Dunkirk Glass Days.



Pictured are Rich and Ruby Imel from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.

Department presents RAC trykes to area people



On April 21, 2014 the Yorktown Mt. Pleasant Township Fire Department and RAC Trykes bicycle presented five trykes to area people.

These bicycles are for disabled people. Tri County Service out of Muncie helps with this program.



Lynn VFD parade

On May 18, 2014 the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department held their parade.

Pictured is Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame, waiting for the parade to begin.



2014 Convention

Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman waiting for the opening meeting of the convention to start.

Parker City parade



The Parker City Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade on June 7, 2014. Pictured are two of the Parker City trucks waiting for the parade to start.



Pictured riding the Hamilton Township fire truck is Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame and her friend.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Articles and photos submitted by Jeremy Reef, Democrat Twp. Captain / Secretary – District 9A Vice Chairman



It's a rare thing in this world when we see a person who has spent half a century at the same job. It is even more uncommon when the job can be dangerous, and rarer still when that person volunteers their time to do the job!

Citizens of Delphi and Carroll County can say they have such a person among them. In 2014, Bill Schock marks his 50th year as a Delphi and Tri-Township Firefighter. Schock has selflessly donated half a century of his time to Delphi and Tri-Township Fire Territory. Bill, well known and loved in his community, never met a stranger, and always seems to be willing to offer a helping hand when needed.

Bill started on the fire service in January 1964, serving as Chief from 1975-2008, and still serves to present day. Schock,

along with Bill Randle, founded the Carroll County Firefighters Association, where he also served several years as President/Vice President. Schock also served as an advisor to Cass and Tippecanoe counties for the implementation of similar associations in their counties, and served as the Tippecanoe Association's Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer in its early years.

A man of many talents, Bill also builds fire trucks. Schock has built fire trucks that serve all over the state of Indiana and other states. He also has built parts for fire trucks that serve all over the world in several countries!

Bill, who lives with his wife, Judy, in rural Carroll County, once said: "I hope you never have the opportunity to pull a person out of a fire - But if you do, it makes it all worthwhile."

A Great Big Thank You to Bill Schock! Please join us in congratulating Bill on a job still in progress.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Global Award winner



On Thursday night of the 2014 convention, Eddie Smith from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department was presented with the Global Award.

Pictured (from left to right) are Eddie Smith, Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Portland FD awards banquet



The Portland Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on April 3, 2014 at their station.

A presentation of awards for years of service was presented.

Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, Chris Bemis for 15 years, Dustine Hilfiker for 5 years, Chris Adams for 5 years, David Jellison for 20 years, and Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame.

Not present were Tyler Reidt for 10 years and David Green who retired with 27 years.



Named Miss Congeniality

Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame, was named Miss Congeniality at the Friday night banquet.

Pictured (from left to right) are Maureen and District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright.



Angel Award winner

On Thursday night of the 2014 convention, Kylie Corwin Armstrong from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was awarded the Angel Award.

Pictured (from left to right) are Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame, Kylie Corwin Armstrong, and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

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Benton Township FD fund raiser



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Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
William	M.	Kendall	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Anthony	D.	DiMeglio	Sunman	Sunman Rural FD Inc.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
Brandon	Joe	Johnson	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Edger	Leonel	Lopez	Crown Point	Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force
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Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
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Jered	Alan	Stettet	Dubois	Dubois VFD
Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
Casey	John	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Jared	Patrick	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Brandon	James	Duff	Georgetown	Lafayette Twp. VFD
Schyler	D.	Clark	Bicknell	Vigo Twp. VFD
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Rodney	E.	Pentecost	Greens Fork	Clay Twp. VFD Inc.
Kendall	Jacob	Kerzan	Vincennes	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Chad	Allen	Warner	Lewisville	Lewisville-Franklin Fire Dept.
Casey	W.	Foye	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Elizabeth	Nicole	Ireland	Kingman	Jackson Twp. VFD
Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
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Zachery	Michael	Powers	Chesterfield	Richland Twp. FD
Adam	David	Luecke	Seymour	Jackson - Washington Fire Dept.
Justin	L.	Yagel	Columbia City	Union Twp. VFD Inc.
Matthew	Allen	Theurer	Portland	Salamonia Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD

Leigh Roy Hahn receives 50 year awards



Leigh Roy Hahn received his 50 year card and certificate of appreciation.

Leigh Roy was a mentor since the early 80's to District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

Pictured (left to right) – District 4 chairman Terry Smith, Leigh Roy Hahn, his wife Mary Hahn.

Don Gadson receives 25 year award



Don Gadson from Elkhart Township Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

Pictured (left to right) – Jean Smith, PRNE, Don Gadson, Terry Smith - District 4 chairman.

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

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Paul Holcomb, District Chairman

Marengo-Liberty Twp. VFD



District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Billy Grider, Mark Hollen, Roscoe Hooten, Mark King, James Lindley, and Ronald Line of Marengo-Liberty Twp. VFD with their 25 year pins at a recent meeting.



Gibson Twp. - Little York VFD



District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Edward Deaton, Sam Deaton, Walter Deaton, Perry Fleenor, David Johnson, and Steven Johnson of Gibson Twp - Little York VFD with their 25 year pins at a recent meeting.

New Chapel Fire Co.



District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Mark Kessans of New Chapel Fire Co. with his 25 year pin at a recent meeting.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Articles and photos submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman



District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl presents 2014 Global Award to Centerville Fire Commissioner / Town Board member Kate Johnson Keep.

Pictured L to R: Centerville Fire Chief Dennis Spears, Centerville Fire Commissioner Kate Johnson Keep, District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl presents Chad Gronning of Everton Volunteer Fire Department his 25 year pin and certificate.

President's Award winners



Justin Israel



Paul Holcomb

President's Awards: The current Association president will select an Association member who, in his opinion, has served in an outstanding manner in the past year.

This award is a plaque initially (1968 - 1973) presented honoring the memory of "Paul Becker".

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This year's winners are Justin Israel and Paul Holcomb.

- submitted by Marlene Thrawley

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Paul Holcomb, District Chairman

Southeast Twp. VFD



District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb & Vice-Chairman Josh Reisert presented Barbara Duke, Glen Duke, Charles Ferree, Marsha Ferree, Joseph Krumrie, Mary Patton, Terry Patton, and Teri Pierce of Southeast Twp. VFD with their 25 year pins at a recent meeting.

Orleans VFD



District 16 Vice-Chairman Josh Reisert & President David Israel presented Norma Cundiff, Van Elliott, Dennis Fields, Randy Gaddis, Ray Hughett, Thomas Johnson, Jerry Powell, and Eric Rasico of Orleans VFD with their 25 year pins at a recent meeting.

Campbellsburg VFD



District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Brian Durham & Mark Gorman of Campbellsburg VFD with their 25 year pins at a recent meeting.

Ramsey VFD

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District chairman



District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Dennis Lemmel & Lonnie Leake of Ramsey VFD with their 25 year pins at a recent meeting.



On May 20, 2014 Greg Scott King received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

Pictured: Greg Scott King, left and Pete Taylor, right.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Articles and photos submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman



Bryan Bodamer of CP Fire/Rescue received his 10 year plaque presented by CP Vol. Fire Dept. President Brian Marlowe.



Capt. Gary Huys was presented with this plaque upon his retirement with 26 years of service on the Crown Point Fire /Rescue Dept. He also received a plaque for 30 years as a member of Crown Point VFD.



Ryan Cusack, FF/P with Crown Point Fire/Rescue and K-9 Jake, a 2 year old British Labrador. Jake is trained as a Disaster "Live Find" Urban Search & Rescue dog. Jake and Ryan are members of CPFDP, Indiana District One and FEMA Indiana Task Force One. Jake is funded entirely by donations.

November meeting dates ...
November 7
November 8
November 9

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

Articles and photos submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 Chairman

Celebrating 75 years of service



Richard Finney, left and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, right.



A&A Twps. Chief Todd Stierwalt, left and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, right.

During our District 12 meeting at Paragon VFD, a celebration was held when Richard L. Finney received his Gold IVFA 50 Year card and pin.

In attendance was his wife and other friends and family members.

We also awarded Chief Todd Stierwalt his 25 year IVFA service pin.

Gentlemen, we thank you for guidances, dedication and service to your communities.

IVFAA Miriam A. Schaekel Meritorious Service Award



Shall be awarded to a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter' Association Ladies Auxiliary, for having set him or herself apart from his/her comrades by outstanding achievement or service to the Association.

It is named in honor of Miriam A. Schaekel, who served as the Auxiliary's Sergeant-of-Arms for over 30 years. Her dedication to the betterment of the Ladies Auxiliary Association was unwavering. She performed her duties most honorably and efficiently, with a smile and the good of the Association always in the forefront.

1. This award shall consist of an 8" Crystal like Flame, on a solid wood platform inscribed with the recipient's name and the year in which the award was presented.

2. It shall be awarded at the annual convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter' Association held in the month of June each year.

3. The selection committee shall consist of: IVFAA President and the last two recipients of the award. If this is not possible, the President of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Ladies Auxiliary, shall appoint a member to any openings not filled by recipients.

4. Members may submit an original letter of nomination to the Auxiliary President, (no copies please) postmarked no later than the first day of February each year.

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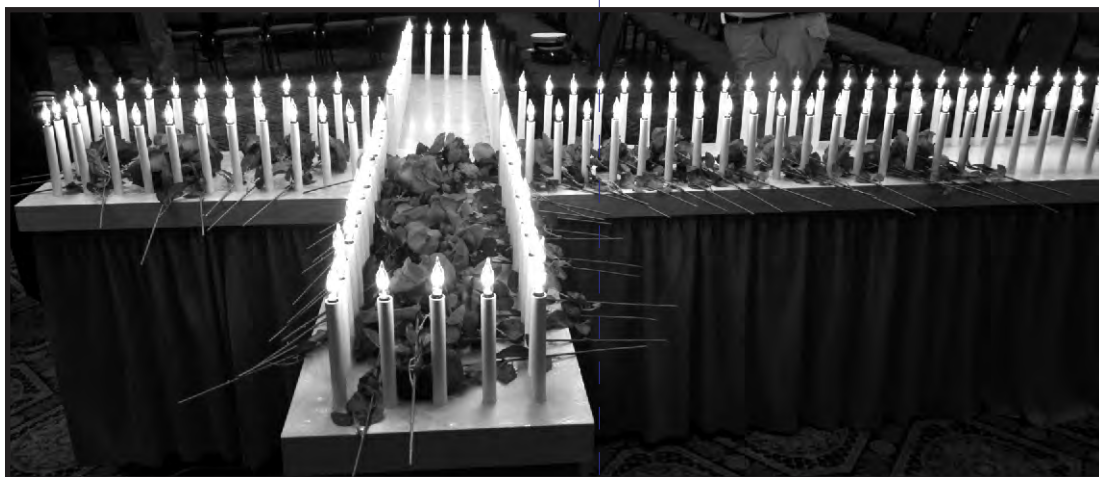
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(2014 Convention photos submitted by Marlene Thrawley)

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