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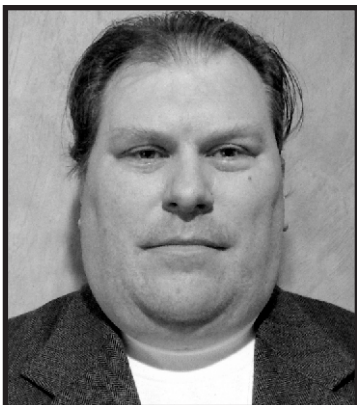
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From The President

Steve Anderson



Well, that's a wrap...on Convention 2015. I send a huge shout out to Districts 14 & 16 for hosting this year's event. From what I saw, everything went really well. I did hear about a few minor trips and falls, but only saw one person limping around when everything was said and done!!

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners from this past convention. For those that were unable to attend, there are photos of the award winners included in this issue of the paper. You can also check the website and our Facebook page for even more pictures and video (didn't forget you Noah & Brittany). Please remember to

nominate some of your deserving members for these awards. We should have at least 25 nomination letters (one from each district) come in to pick from.

Also remember to invite your District Miss Flame and our State Miss Flame to your department or district events. These girls do a tremendous job during convention, but sometimes get forgotten throughout the rest of the year. In turn, this should help recruit new candidates for your next district contest. If you submit these local events to the IVFA calendar on the website, there is a chance you will get IVFA officers, our many vendor partners, and other firefighters from across the state to attend your functions.

For those that have complained about the process for getting the IVFA license plate, we have some good news. Starting January 1, 2016 the BMVs will now be able to sell you the plates without the form from the IVFA Central Office. This also will allow others who want to support our organization that possibility. We will continue to receive funding from the sales to support the Bridgeport \$3000 LODD benefit and (3) \$1500 scholarships awarded each year at convention.

In legislative news, thanks to the help of many, the law that took away our right to hold elected office and serve as a volunteer firefighter has been reversed as of July 1, 2015. Look inside this issue for further details, but this is a huge win for our

Association. We cannot thank lobbyist Larry Curl enough for his dedication to see this thru the finish line. We are getting ready to set our 2016 legislative agenda, so if you have any issues that we may need to think about, please send us an email so we can discuss it in our committee meetings.

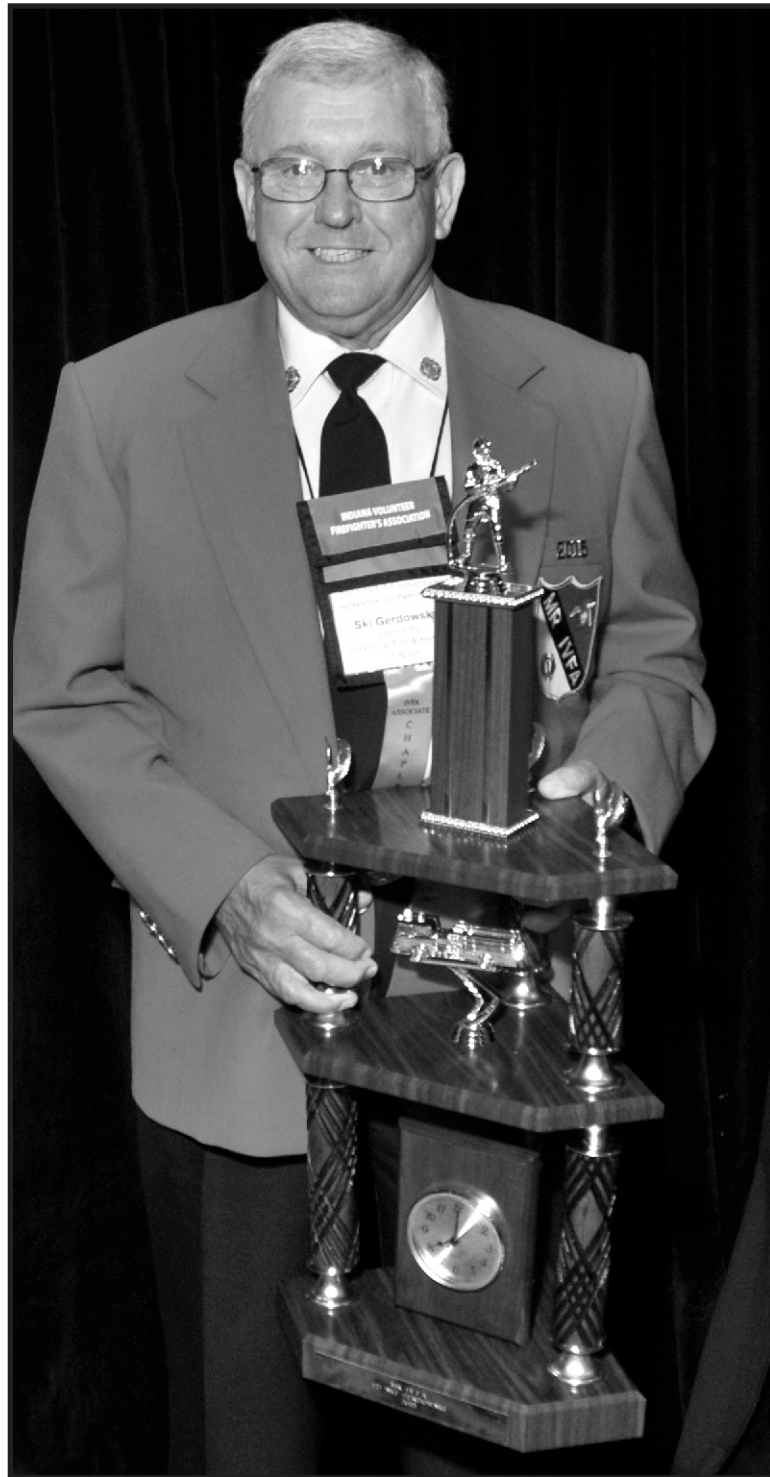
I next need to thank the departments that have sent in material for the research project I talked about last issue. Since the dues notice went out I was able to double the amount of data that I have to pull from. There is still time to support this effort, just find the blue paper that was included in the dues packet. It has all the details. If you cannot find it you can also read about it in my report from the May 2015 issue.

Finally, in case you have not heard, Treasurer Bev Harker elected to not run for re-election. I know this was not an easy decision, but was in the best interest of those around her. Luke Kluender from District 17-B was elected to try to fill some of the biggest shoes I have ever seen. I have great confidence that he will be getting some great tutoring the next 6 months, and I have a hunch that Bev will still be around, just not in a full-time capacity. *Bev - on behalf of the entire organization, I want to thank you for your dedicated service to the IVFA. We owe you more than you can imagine for what you have done for the betterment of the organization.*

Thank you once again for electing me into this position for 2016. I continue to look forward to meeting as many of you as I can as I get to travel our great state.

S. Anderson

Mr. IVFA 2015



Ski Gerdowsky



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From The IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney

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Remember that your IVFA Dues are due by July 31. Please have them postmarked and mailed to the IVFA Office. Don't let your membership lose their Bridgeport Benefits by paying late.

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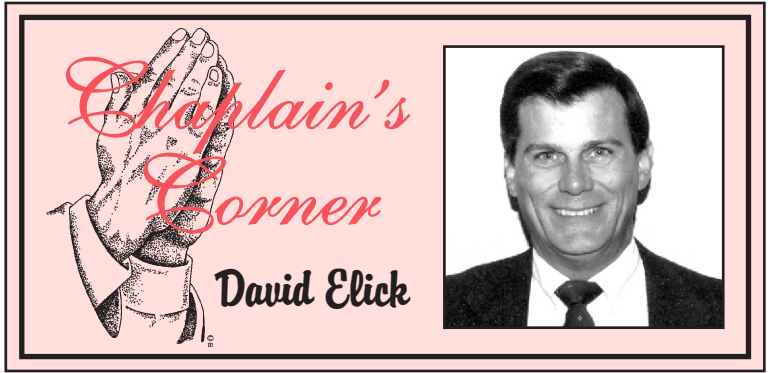
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God will listen to your prayer at any time or place

There are many misconceptions about prayer, as well as many misuses of it. Some people think that the only time and place for it is at their House of Worship, or at bedtime.

The truth is that any time or place is appropriate, because God is always on hand to listen, if the prayer is of the right kind and for any good purpose. A prayer should begin with an expression of gratitude for our blessings. Next, it should never be a "shopping list" of the material things we would like to have, but instead, a plea for the person who has just lost a loved one, help for the unemployed, or any number of unselfish requests.

We may well find those prayers answered, and possibly receive some unasked for blessings for ourselves.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Let thy voice rise night and day." - Alfred, Lloyd Tennyson



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From The Vice President

Paul Holcomb



Greetings All,

I hope you have had a great summer thus far and that the rest will find you well also. I would like to start by taking the time to personally thank our members, lobbyist, and legislative committee for all of their hard work in getting us all our right to hold office back. It has been a hard and long fight but we came out victorious in the end!

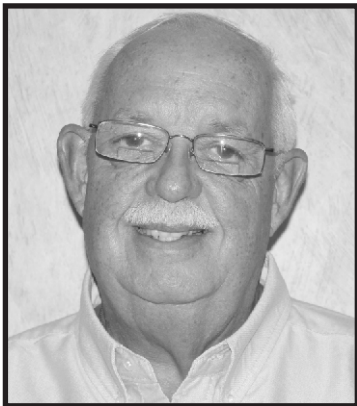
I would like to also thank District 14 & District 16 for hosting another great convention and for all of the hard work that their committee put into making the convention a success. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank all of the members and leadership for allowing me to have the opportunity to serve as your Vice President for another year. I have both traveled and learned a lot from you all over the past six months and will continue to do so until the end of my term in 2016, thanks again to you all! And as always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me.

Yours in service,

Paul Holcomb

Public Relations Director Southwest

Jack Kerney



I would like to thank Convention hosts Paul Holcomb and Rick Cannon for the great convention they provided. Barb and I had a great time.

Congratulations to the newly-elected Treasurer Luke Kluender. Luke is a past District Chairman and a member of the Shawswick Volunteer Department.

I would like to thank the PR Southwest members that supported me for re-election as your director.

The Miss Flame contest was very exciting as all the young ladies were deserving. The 2015 Miss Flame is Tressa Steward from the Prairieon Volunteer Fire Department and the runner-up is Stephanie Mayer from the Fountaintown Volunteer Fire Department, and Miss Congeniality is Abigail Watson from the Otterbein Area Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended the District 15 meetings at Boonville Fire Department and Francisco Volunteer Fire Department. I attended the District 17A meetings at Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department and Loogootee

Volunteer Fire Department. I attended the District 17B meetings at Orleans Volunteer Fire Department. I attended the District 18 meetings at Holland Volunteer Fire Department and Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Department.

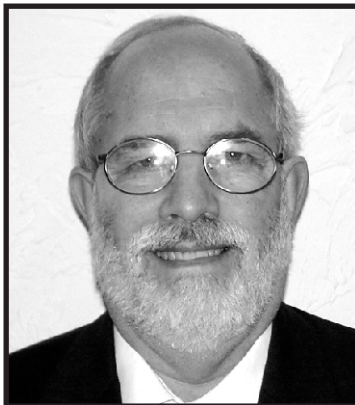
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PR Southwest
Jack Kerney

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



I just returned home from the 2015 IVFA Convention held in

Elizabeth, at the Horseshoe Casino. Congratulations to Convention Chairmen Paul Holcomb - District 16, Rick Cannon - District 14 and to all of their committees for holding a wonderful convention.

Congratulations to Tressa Steward, 2015 State Miss Flame District# 11A - Prairieon Vol. Firemen's Assoc., Stephanie Mayer, 2015 State Miss Flame first runner-up District# 13A - Fountaintown Comm. Fire Dept., Abigail Watson, 2015 State Miss Congeniality District# 21- Otterbein Area Vol. Fire Dept., Edward "Ski" Gerdowsky, Mr. IVFA 2015 - District# 19, Carol Curl, Lois Boaz 2015 District # 12 and all of the other award winners.

I would like to congratulate those girls that represented the districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates - Abby Smith - District#4 New Carlisle Fire Dept., Kayla Williams - District #6 Hudson Fire Dept., Kaitlyn Bisel - District #7 Geneva Fire Dept.

House Bill 1264 allowing us to hold public office and volunteer in the same unit of Government has been signed into law 5/5/2015 by the Governor effective July 1, 2015. For more information on this Bill and other bills that were passed please look on ivfa.org.

At the annual convention I was re-elected and proud to serve as your Public Relations Representative Northeast. I had a busy year. I attended 29 District meetings, four quarterly state officer meetings, memorial services, station dedications, and fund raisers. I traveled 6,896 miles not including the two National Volunteer Fire Councils meetings, one in Layette, Louisiana

and Washington D.C. as your representative.

I am looking forward to meeting you at your District Meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me your Public Relations Representative or your District Chairman.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Miss Flame Notes...

Congratulations to our 2015 Miss Flame Tressa Steward from Prairieon Fire Department, representing District 11A and to our runner-up Stephanie Mayer from Fountaintown Area Fire Department, representing District 13A. Selected by her peers as Miss Congeniality for 2015 is Abby Watson from Otterbein Area Fire Department, representing District 21. I know that each of these girls will represent both our organizations well and will be great ambassadors for us.

Thanks to all the girls who participated. You are all winners and will represent your districts well. Also a big thanks to the parents and guardians of these great young people. Thank you for your love, support and encouragement. The talents, interest in their communities, the thoughtfulness of others shown through with that they had been taught.

For those of you who were our supporters and donors for 2015, we say thanks. We could not do it

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Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.

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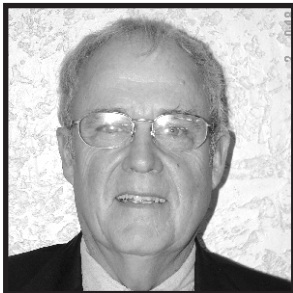
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 and 2 meeting
Lake Station
May 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Roll call taken - District 1 - 25 members - 8 departments - District 2 - 10 members - 5 departments.

Thanked the veterans in attendance for their service.

Thanked the Chief and his ladies auxiliary for hosting the meeting.

Guests: Jim Crowell - Sklarewitz Uniforms, Larry Polus - Global Emergency Products, Bill Missal - LC Hazmat co-ordinator, Jack Eskridge - 1-800 Board-up, LeAnne Ellis - PRNW, Kaylee Hans, District 1 Miss Flame who introduced herself to the members and talked about herself and her activities. She thanked everyone for their support.

Assistant Chief of Lake Station gave a brief history of the department and introduced his members. Also Ron Good, past chief of Lake Station was present and is a 52 year member of the IVFA. Other 50 year members present were Bill Casbon, Porter Twp. and Jerry Miller, Merrillville FD.

Program: Bill Missal, LC Hazmat co-ordinator, talked about crude oil movement by train thru our towns. A train will usually have 100 rail cards. A plan on how to respond to accidents is now being formulated with a 30 steps for pre-planning. Four Hazmat trailers are available and are at Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Merrillville, and LC. If needed, call 755-3333 and tell dispatch where they are needed and about the spill.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Leighanne Ellis, PRNW, talked about membership and marketing and what we need to do to retain our members and attract new ones. After January 1, 2016 membership forms for license plates will not be needed. It will be open to the public. Discussion was held at officer's meeting on starting a 10 year pin program. Members with 10 - 24 years will be eligible. She also said there are coloring books and other items available from National Volunteer Fire Academy and the items are free. Also as of July 1, 2015 members will be able to serve on township boards.

Paul also talked about everyone checking their addresses and current beneficiaries to make sure everything is current. He also talked about the importance of washing your gear after a fire and especially your nomex hood. Thyroid cancer is one of the large killers of firemen. He also passed out posters to the department there.

Jack Eskridge said that Hoosier Burn Camp is Thursday, May 27, 2015 and that it is Visitor Day. He said boot drives for Burn Camp have raised about 1/4 million dollars. Bike ride for Burn Camp will leave

Crown Point FD about 7:00 A.M.

Treasurer's report: \$407.73.

Old business: None.

New business: Motion made and seconded to give Miss Flame \$200.00 for her expenses at convention.

Three deaths in district: Jim Bradford - Lake Station VFD, Tom Orrell - Beverly Shores VFD, Richard Wisniewski - Cedar Lake VFD. Moment of silence held.

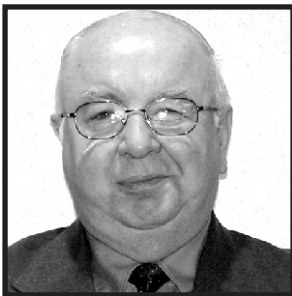
Announcements: Merrillville FD holding Memorial Day program. Cedar Lake VFD holding annual car show on last Sunday of July. South Haven VFD having their 19 year FireFest on May 29 and 30.

Next meeting will be held July 15, 2015 at Lake of the 4 Seasons new station on 123rd Avenue.

Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Jack Eskridge to adjourn meeting. Motion passed at 8:37 p.m.

Notes by Bob Szot, submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on June 18, 2015 at Madison Township Fire Department which began at 7:30 PM with the pledge. The roll call consisted of 5 departments consisting of 12 members, and 2 guests.

Chairman Smith informed the body that HB1005 titled Nepotism Conflict of Interest which did not allow volunteer firefighters to hold an elected office in his/her area got changed after a three year fight. The Governor signed the bill giving back the rights for a volunteer firefighter to hold an elected office in their area.

Terry also explained the ten year pins and that they would be passed out to firefighters with 10-24 years starting in January 2016 and that he would be coming to the fire departments to do this.

The different IVFA awards were discussed and that if they wanted someone nominated, their letter for nominations were to be in by February 1, 2016.

Terry discussed the ISO ratings and how one fire department did not keep good training documentation and their ISO rating went from 5 up to a 10 causing the residents higher insurance cost on their home.

NEPR Jean Smith informed the members about some of the House and Senate bills that the I.V.F.A. will be watching.

Jean discussed House Bill 1433 which will allow volunteer firefighters to run for elective office in the area that they provide protection.

Jean also informed the members about House Bill 1182 concerning the new fire academy and which the Governor signed into law which gives the state the rights to build one, two, or three when money is available. Jean passed out information explaining the fire academy and that our training will stay the same as it has been in the past for now. There is no charge for

the certification.

Jean talked about the number one killer of a firefighter which is cancer. The State is concerned about this and they would like to see the firefighters help prevent this problem by seeing more decontamination and turn out gear.

Elections were held and Chairman Terry Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Elton Schafer were elected to continue as IVFA officers for the next year.

Events being held in our district are:

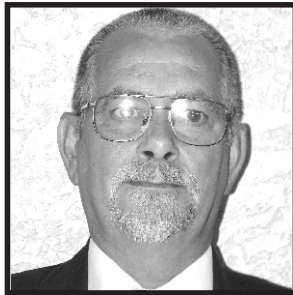
North Liberty is having a 4th of July Parade celebrating 100 years of the fire department.

Nappanee Fire Department is having a fish fry on July 11, 2015 from 4-8 P.M.

Southwest Central is having a raffle to support one of their firefighters who has cancer. \$10 for one ticket or \$25 for three tickets with some prizes which are a TV, laptop, etc.

The next meeting will be held at Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory in Millersburg, IN on August 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
May 14, 2015
Sidney-Jackson Township Fire Department, Sidney IN

GUESTS: Jean Smith, Terry and Judy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1932 hrs. The pledge to the flag followed. The meeting was attended by 6 firefighters representing 4 departments.

2015 IVFA Convention June 10 thru 13 in Elizabeth, IN.

Chairman Kissinger discussed the 10 year pins as well as 25 and 50 year pins. The new awarding of 10, 25, and 50 pins goes into effect January of 2016.

We discussed the cancers and the affecting to firefighters. Washing ALL PPE frequently is a must as well as nomex hoods upon removal after each use. When snacking on a scene the hood should be removed and your hands washed prior to eating to remove possible cancer causing contaminants.

We were advised that HB 1264, allowing a volunteer fire fighter to serve at the same time holding an elected local office has been signed into law by the Governor 5/5/2015.

June 6 - Anhydrous Ammonia training will be held in Waterloo.

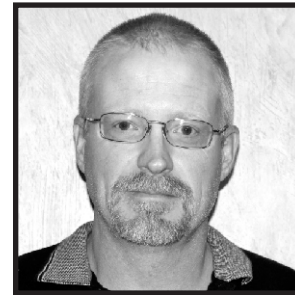
June 27 and 28 - Sidney-Jackson Township Fire Department will be celebrating a 100 year anniversary.

September 17 - Kosciusko County Fire Assoc. Fish Fry.

Next meeting at Silver Lake on July 9.

Paul Martin
5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

District #7
March 16, 2015
Decatur Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 41 members representing 12 departments. January minutes were read. Corrections of HB 1433 not 1423, Van not Von Sprunger and next meeting Geneva not Hoagland.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Brandon Taylor - ProTech's and Kurt McLeland - Auctioneer.

Chairman Bisel - Two deaths in the district since our last meeting. Terry Bunch - Uniondale and Ed Poor - Monroeville. At the state meeting discussed that IVFA Bible and Grave Marker may be purchased for \$75 or they may be purchased separately. Attendance cards need to be filled out legibly at the district meetings. The last quarter the fuel card went to District 2 and the cleaning kit went to District 7 Dale Gray.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Legislation HB 1182 and 1433 have cleared the House and going to Senate. SB 427 has cleared the Senate and going to the House. On the national level Congress has passed funding for DHS and they are working on a Bill to make law excluding volunteers from Affordable Care Act.

Chairman Bisel - Was asked to bring back proposed By-Laws changes to the district for approval or disapproval recommendation. Article 4 Sect. 2 approve, Article 4 Sect. 8 approve, Article 5 Sect. 1 approve, Article 5 Sect. 5 approve, Article 6 Sect. 2 Discussion would like to see possibly merging with the IERC to make it easier and cost effective for younger firefighters to network with other disciplines. Disapprove this change. Article 6 Sect. 3 approve, Article 6 Sect. 4 approve.

IVFA Convention coming up June 10-13 at the Horseshoe Casino. Still time to make your early registrations. FDIC in Indianapolis April 20-25. April 11 Liberty Center will have the dedication of their new station from 12-5.

Brandon Taylor - Protech's - 1-800-BoardUp is able to help you with all of your board up or securing needs.

Chairman Bisel - Presented 25 yr. pin to Jeffery Barker of Decatur. Have also made arrangements to deliver 50 yr. Gold Card to Poe. The IVFA is looking at 15 yr. pins. State would like to include certificates for 25 yr. but would be costly. M/S Chuck Padgett/Tony Stimpson for all fire departments in District 7 to fund the printing of 25 yr. certificates for their departments. Motion passed.

Les Markle - Decatur Fire Chief - Attended the Supporting Heroes Gala this past weekend in Louisville. It was a great honor to attend and be a part of the program. Les explained a few of the benefits and what

Supporting Hero's has to offer.

Next meeting will be at Geneva May 18.

Second roll call answered by 42 members representing 12 departments.

Berne Breakfast and gun raffle being held April 18, Decatur May 16 Hoosier Burn Camp Golf Outing, Geneva April 11 Breakfast, Monroe May 16 Potato Bake, Poe March 29 Breakfast and April 4 Consignment Auction, Poneto March 21 Chili Supper, Roanoke March 22 Breakfast @ Nick's Junction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with auction to benefit the District 7 Auxiliary to follow.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

District #7
May 18, 2015
Geneva Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 21 members representing 8 departments. March minutes were read and approved.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East.

White cards passed out for gas cards and cleaning supply kit.

Chairman Bisel - Two deaths in the state - Tom Orrell, District 1 Chairman and Jim Bradford, PRNW.

Please check your join date to make sure it is accurate.

Last meeting it was decided that anyone with 10 yrs. will receive a pin. 225 pins to be handed out, 5,000 pins to catch up.

June Convention in Elizabeth, IN.

SOG changes and changes to by-laws will be added into the book.

State Fire Marshal is pushing for departments to wash gear. More firefighters are being diagnosed with different cancers. Departments are encouraged to have tracking records of exposures. Flyer describing details and preventions.

Flyer from FEMA to get coloring books for free.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Fire Conference in Oklahoma City.

Indiana is near the top of providing benefits for firefighters. Next year will pursue a tax benefit for members.

House Bills 1080, 1182 and 1264 passed. 1264 allows elected officials to serve as volunteer firefighters. This goes into effect in July.

Talked about firefighter safety and being proactive about cleaning gear and personal care.

IRS is watching high risk areas like volunteer fire departments.

Chairman Bisel - IVFA license plates will be available at the BMV for \$10. Money goes back to IVFA. This starts January 1, 2016.

Hoosier Burn Camp May 27th
Next meeting at Hoagland July 20 will be election of officers.

Chairman Bisel - Presented 25 yr. pin to John Patch of Geneva VFD.

In District 7 one of our graduates received a Bridgeport Scholarship.

Huntington Twp. is breaking ground on a new fire station.

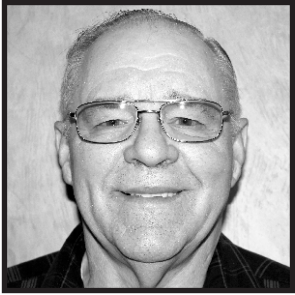
June 27th Geneva having a carnival, car show and waterball.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 with 21 members representing 8 departments.

Matt Bullock
Acting District 7 Secretary

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DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting at the Losantville/West Union Volunteer Fire Department on May 15, 2015.

Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with Chairman Wright leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary and treasurer's report were read and approved. Chairman Wright thanked the fire department for hosting the district meeting and all for coming.

Roll call was taken with 20 members from 9 departments present.

Chairman Wright told the members that the Bill which would let firefighters hold public office and be a firefighter passed.

New Business: Starting next year firefighters will be able to get the license plates from the license bureau without getting the form from the Central Office first.

Told them that the state wanted to know what kind of training they would like to have.

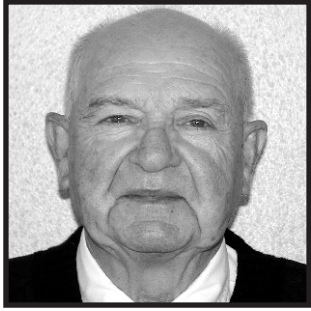
Told the members that the 2016 Miss Flame contest will be held on November 11, 2015 at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department, so start seeing if you have a girl that can run for it.

Second roll call was taken with

the number of fires and EMS runs. Meeting was adjourned and pizza was served.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

In May District 10 met at Westport Volunteer Fire Dept. Our program for the evening was presented by Tina Cherry of Farm Solutions. The IVFAA District 10 bake sale had a wide variety of cakes, pies and cookies on it. Proceeds of \$400 from the sale, went to Miss Flame, Jaelyn Matthews to help with her expenses to attend State Convention.

The 2015 Convention was held at Horseshoe Casino Southern Indiana. District 10 had 10 who attended. President Anderson and Vice President Holcomb were re-elected to serve another year. The vendor show was good with many different vendors showing their products. The Memorial Service was very moving this year. This service is a time to honor firefighters who have passed away during the past year.

The 2016 IVFA Convention will

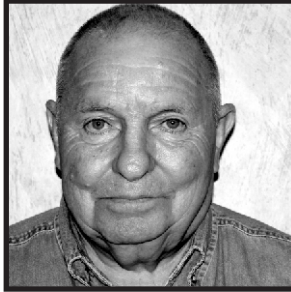
be at Bel-Terra at Vevay, IN; and the 2017 Convention will be hosted by District 10 in Columbus, IN at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. More information with be forthcoming!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the August 19th District 10 meeting at the Fairland Volunteer Fire Department. Upcoming meeting dates: September 16th - Whiteland Volunteer Fire Department, October 21st - Nineveh Volunteer Fire Department, and November 18th - Needham Volunteer Fire Department.

Hope you all had a safe and happy 4th of July!

John M. Ray
District Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A,

Hello to all. It is finally summer.

Our last district meeting was held at Wright Twp. We had 6 departments present, 15 members, and 7 guests. We had a wonderful lunch. Thanks Wright Twp. for hosting this meeting.

Jeff Blanton and Howard Green received 25 year pins. We have had a good year to catch up on our 25 year pins and our 50 year Gold Cards.

As you probably know by now Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist, has informed us about the passing of House Bill 1264 to allow volunteer firefighters the right to serve office and volunteer at the same time. Thank you to all that have been to the Statehouse to testify in committee on this Bill and wrote letters for this cause.

I would like to congratulate all the award winners at convention this year. Our own Tressa Steward won state Miss Flame.

As of January 2016 you can get license plates at DMV without going through the Central Office.

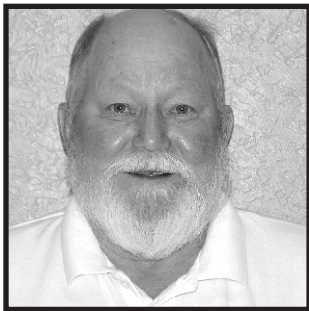
Don't forget dues are due.

Our next meeting is September 19, 2015 and will be at Raccoon Lake; joint meeting with 11A and 11B picnic. Join us for a day of fun at the Bill Hill Shelter. Go through gate, first left.

Till next time, be safe out there.

District chairman 11A
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman
Marshall Vol. Fire Dept.
May 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard. The Pledge to the Flag was led by past state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. The opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Roll call was taken with 14 members from 8 departments.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present. Auxiliary chairman Lou Bartlow introduced her guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

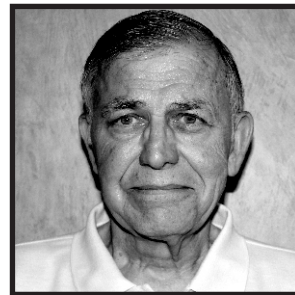
Chairman Southard announced that HB 1246 was signed by the Governor effective July 1st. You can hold elective office and be a volunteer firefighter at the same time. The 10 year pin is in the works replacing the 25 year pin. Jack Kerney announced that effective January 1, 2016 you can pick up IVFA plates at the local license branch. There will be nothing to send to the Central Office.

He also announced that all departments are to file state and IRS forms annually. The guidelines for the 50 year membership was read. He then announced the latest new programs within the state. Also was read were the updates on laws passed. Cancer is the leading cause of death in firefighters.

A discussion on radio equipment was held. A lot of pros and cons were expressed by those in attendance. Chairman Southard gave an update of activities that he had done. The host certificate was given to the Marshall Vol. Fire Department. Auxiliary chairperson Lou Bartlow announced that the current district chaplain Maxine Davies has retired and Barbara Ketchem was appointed to replace her. Picnic requirements were announced. Chairman Southard dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
District Secretary

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our March 16 meeting was hosted by Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department with 23 members present from 5 departments and 8 guests. Discussion followed on the Supporting Heroes Gala, Hoosier Burn Camp, the upcoming convention, issues at the Statehouse that are a point of interest to us, new equipment and activity within the district.

Our May 18 meeting was held at Brown Township in Mooresville with 19 members from 5 departments and 2 guests. We discussed the Indiana House Resolution No. 39 celebrating 70 volunteer firefighters having 50 years service, that the number of applicants for the Bridgeport scholarships were down, that visitation day was Wednesday, 27 May for Hoosier Burn Camp, the State Convention in Elizabeth, IN, the change in IVFA license plates and for the good of the district.

Our next meeting will be held at Coatesville Volunteer Fire Department at 19:00 hours on Monday, 27 July. Bring a friend and come join us at our next meeting. Hopefully we will have two presentations to make. Until then, remain safe.

Larry E. Bruner
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DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Mike Dzuba - Chairman

The past 3 months have passed by so quickly. We have had Convention down at Horseshoe Casino which went very well.

I would like to congratulate our District Miss Flame, Stephanie Mayer, for getting the state Miss Flame runner-up. Way to go! I would also like to thank our outgoing state Miss Flame Samantha Gard for a great year.

I am still trying to get to all of the stations in the District to hand out 25 years pins that are due to our members. Our July meeting was held at McCordville Fire Dept. where we held elections and we also gave out our Global Award to the Grill/Grill 2 for their support of the local fire departments and they also held a golf outing in the past year for Supporting Heroes.

This first year as your district chairman has passed by so quickly but I am looking forward to serving you as district chairman for the year to come.

Thank You,
Mike Dzuba
District 13A Chairman

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Hello from District 13B,

I hope everyone is staying safe and surviving the flooding rains that we have had here in east central Indiana.

I would like to thank IVFA lobbyist Larry Curl and the legislative committee for their battle to get our right to serve office and volunteer in the same jurisdiction. You may serve on town or township government and serve on your fire department. This was signed into law on July 1, 2015.

Congratulations to Chief Dennis Spears of the Centerville Fire/Rescue Dept., winner of the Ollie Sandburg Award. The award was presented to Chief Spears by IVFA President Steve Anderson and past President David Israel at Wayne County Chief's meeting held in Hagerstown.

Congratulations to Scott Gregory of Perry Township/Economy Fire Dept., winner of the 2015 Global Award for District 13B. Award was presented by Garry Davis of Global Manufacturing at Wayne County Chief's meeting held in Hagerstown.

Congratulations to John Bertch of Liberty Fire Dept. in Union County. He was honored by his

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department on a Sunday morning at his church. The department gave him an axe plaque, 50 yr. gold card and pin by District Chairman, Legislative Proclamation by Lobbyist Larry Curl, also presenting certificates were State Representative Jud McMillian, and Jason Smith representing the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Congratulations to William Rhim, Walter Rhim, Jerry Marshall, Larry Walters and Jeff Mann of the Cambridge City Fire Department all receiving their 50 yr. Gold Cards.

I would like to thank District 16 & 14 for another successful convention in June. Hope to see a lot more members of District 13B at the 2016 convention next June 15, 16 & 17.

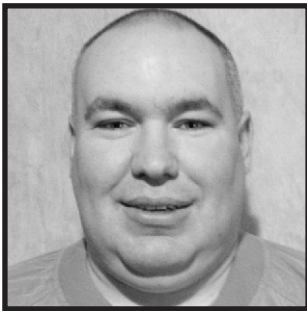
Remember to get your award letters and Global nominations turned in by Feb. 1, 2016 for the Awards given out at convention time.

Next meeting dates are July 9th at Millville (Liberty Twp.), September 10th at Hagerstown, November 12th at Everton.

Brothers and Sisters stay safe out there.

Jeff Biehl
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 15,

WOW where has time went!! Another summer has come and gone, kids will be back to school in the next couple of weeks. During the month of April I attended pancake breakfasts at Somerville, and Buckskin. I enjoyed visiting both departments. I also attended a Gibson County Chief's meeting held at Toyota.

Our May meeting was held at Booneville Fire Dept. on May 19th. I was unable to attend due to both my boys having baseball games. I would like to thank my Vice-Chair C.L. Mtichell for filling in. I was told Booneville provided a wonderful meal.

In June I attended IVFA Convention hosted by Dist. 14 and Dist. 16 at Horseshoe Resort in Elizabeth IN. I had a great time. Congratulations to all of the award winners at convention. I always enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. I attended several seminars and the Board of Standards and Education meeting which was very informative.

I had the privilege of presenting two awards at convention. First I presented Morgan Tighe Johnson with the Dist. 15 Global Award. This award is for someone who goes above and beyond. Congratulations Morgan, over the last 2 years you have represented Dist. 15 with pride as our Miss Flame.

I would also like to thank Global Emergency Products for sponsoring these awards.

The second presentation I made along with Jack Kerney, Larry Curl and two Indiana Legislators, was presenting C.L. Mitchell of Princeton Fire Territory his 50 year Gold card. C.L. has been a pillar for the fire, and EMS in Gibson County and the Evansville area. He is respected by his peers, and is always there for advice if needed. He has served in many capacities for District 15 and currently serves as Vice Chairman. Congratulations C.L.

Our July meeting will be held at Francisco. September 15, at New Harmony Fire Dept. 6:30 P.M. Till next time STAY SAFE.

Ross Emery, Dist. 15 Chairman
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DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Josh Reisert - Chairman

I would like to thank everyone that came to our convention. Hoppe everyone had a good time and congratulations to everyone who received an award.

If anyone has any events coming up in the district be sure to let me know so I can get it on the website and send out an email.

Hope everyone had a happy and safe 4th of July.

If any department would like to host a meeting please contact me too. Email district16@ivfa.org or phone (502)643-2114

Joshua Reisert

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings to All,

Convention was a blast and a big thank you to all that helped to put it together and looking forward to next year. To those that did not attend, please think about going next year.

At our last District meeting I had the good fortune to thank Representative Eric Koch for helping our volunteer firefighters to "serve and volunteer".

Since our last meeting I presented a clock to Van Buren VFD of Brown County. Attended two County meetings and three fundraisers.

I want to remind all departments to please send in your dues ASAP and to get your IVFA license plates.

I want to say congrats to Luke Kluender for being elected IVFA State Treasurer and thank Beverly Harker for her years of service to the IVFA.

Our next meeting will be on August 12 at Perry Clear Creek at 3953 South Kennedy Drive in

Bloomington. We will have election of officers at this meeting.

Thank You,
Steve Nolan, 17-B Chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18, The 21 May meeting of the District 18 was held at the Holland American Legion with the Holland VFD as our host. 48 members representing 17 departments and 1 Individual member answered roll call and reported a total of 285 calls answered. Guests included State Treasurer Bev Harker, PR South West Jack Kerney, Barb Kerney from the Central Office, and Dist. 18 Miss Flame Jasmine Vonderheide.

Among the business conducted, the nomination committee was selected for the election of District Officers at the July meeting.

My thanks go out to all members of the Convention Committee. I truly feel that this year's Convention was one of the best in recent years. My congratulations to all of the winners of this year's awards, especially to Noah Wilson for winning the Junior Firefighter of the Year Award. I have a long association with his family and have watched him grow into an outstanding young man. My pride to our District Miss Flame Jasmine Vonderheide, who not only did an outstanding job of representing the Dist. 18, but also for being awarded one of the Bridgeport Scholarships.

My thanks also to State Chaplain Elick for allowing me to be part of the Memorial Service. As always, I receive many compliments on the job I do, when I consider myself the fortunate one to be able to do so. Besides, the "Statue Guy" was far more talented than me!! *He was a great addition to the Service.*

The next meeting of the District 18 will be held at the Ohio Twp. Reo Station on 16 July, which will include the presentation of the Dist. 18 Global Award, and the election of district officers. The Ohio Twp. VFD will be our host. Clean your gear, stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time, "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

I would like to congratulate Alyssa Knueven on her Miss Flame competition at this year's convention.

I would also like to congratulate

Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky on receiving the Mr. IVFA Award at the convention. Districts 14 and 16 did a great job of hosting this year's convention.

District 19 will now be hosting the 2016 convention; it is the 70th convention for the IVFA. We will be needing some help with the convention which will be held June 15, 16, 17. If you are interested contact me at district19@ivfa.org or call me at 812-212-5647.

Some areas we will need help with are hospitality room, all around help. If you can only help on one day, we will use you.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Howard Cleeter of Lawrenceburg Fire and William Loosekamp of Drewersburg who passed away this month.

On June 20, Tony Moster of Morris Fire was presented with his Gold card for his fifty years of service to his community and the IVFA.

On June 27th Oldenburg Fire celebrated their 150th anniversary. District 19 would like to congratulate them on this milestone.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

The August meeting will be held @ Otterbein Vol Fire Dept., Otterbein, Indiana on August 31, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.

Will have election of officers, present a 25 year pin and cover paper work from the quarter meeting.

The November 30, 2015 meeting will be held @ Lauramie Twp. Fire Dept. @ 7:30 p.m. at Stockwell, IN.



From the desk of the Historian
John Davies

First let me start off by saying "Thank You" for all of the cards and letters we have received during my illness. They are all appreciated very much.

I would like to dedicate this article to those who have performed tasks that have resulted in saving a life of an individual without the presence of radio, television or the news media being involved. There is not a day that goes by that someone in the state has been involved in a rescue and has quietly gone about his or her daily routine without all of the glory that normally goes with this type of situation.

Countless incidents within the state involving both the professional and the volunteer firefighter happen without the attention of the outside world. To these individuals I say "A job well done". We will never read who they were or see their names or what they did on television. This goes on every single day in the lives of these people. They have been trained to respond to an emergency, and have done it in a professional manner.

They are out there, they know who they are. Always ready to aid in an emergency when needed without all of the fanfare that normally goes with this type of situation. These quiet people who we call our brothers and sisters are there to help each and every day of the year when needed.

To these people in the wonderful state, I say GOD BLESS.

John Davies

Historian

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
MAY 2 & 3, 2015

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

A moment of silence was held followed by the invocation given by Associate Chaplain Pete Taylor.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. District 18 Chairman John Smith made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passes by voice vote.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Harker printed out the profit and loss comparison sheet from 2014 to 2015. Everything is in line with income and expenses. District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, made the motion to accept treasurer's report. WCPR Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel, introduced Vice Chairman Jerod Bryan.

President Anderson introduced guest Associate Chaplain Gerdowsky, Paul Smith, and Peggy Israel.

Treasurer Harker passed around a Medal of Honor medallion for us to see. She said she thought they looked very nice but would like to see the ribbon larger.

Lobbyist Larry Curl: Congratulations to all of you. We should be very proud of ourselves, it has been long three year battle. Some years have been productive, some years non productive; this year was exceptional. If you stay the course and get enough of you involved we can make the difference. You can be a volunteer and hold a political office in the same unit of government. It becomes effective when the Governor signs the Bill. It's not too early to start thinking about next year's agenda; where do we go from here? If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year, please let us know in letter form. Please invite the Representatives and legislators to attend any functions and events at your station and attend their functions and fundraisers; we need to do a better job of building relationships. Five things we are looking at for next year: if Bills come back we will support it

concerning our right to hold office, clean up blue light law a lot of us are running LED lights now, cancer issues, tax breaks, and revolving funds for fire apparatus.

A resolution was drawn honoring seventy IVFA firefighters who will be receiving their fifty year gold cards this year. We have copies of resolutions for your district chairman to give to your fifty year gold card members. When passing out fifty year gold cards consider inviting family, home fire department, local media, IVFA newspaper, read resolutions, make a big deal about it, make it a special day, an event for them.

President Anderson introduced Lynnette Stewart – Thanked us for attending and Supporting Gala, and your support throughout the year. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.

Washington DC trip – Buz Koehler reported five of us went, made nine appointments with legislators plus two legislators we did not have appointments with, did some sightseeing, Arlington Cemetery, Emmetsburg Fire Academy, Larry Curl set us up a tour. We saw the resource center at the Academy; they provide information resources for all audiences in a wide range of formats, including books, handouts/brochures, DVDs and CDs all free of charge. Phone 800-561-3356 fax 301-447-1213 Website – <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/publications/> Email- USFA-Publications@fema.dhs.gov

Treasurer Harker – Reported on an issue that was experienced during the Washington DC trip. She had sent a check and the business would not accept a check since the check signer was not present. Over the last few years she had to put items on her personal credit card. She is going to check into it and report back in August.

President Anderson reported on Heroes gala had an awesome showing of support.

EMS Commissions – position has been filled. It is not the name we submitted last year, it has not been decided if the new member is volunteer or a career member. Jerry Liston has been attending these meetings. Bryan Cushman will be Jerry's backup.

Oklahoma Benefits Summit – Twenty-six states represented \$914.12 cost of the trip. Chairman of Board Israel, thought it was a very good summit and well worth going. A lot of information shared. We toured Oklahoma City Bombing Museum and Oklahoma City Fire Museum. Every start organization talked about getting a safer grant. We need to put in a push for a safer grant. Texas is really big on media resources: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram... They talked about a Go Fund Me account.

Central Office: Jack Kerney – license plates 2014 we sold 2,740. In 2015 we've sold 1,250. Plates sold January 1st to April 14th – 2014 we sold 1,131 plates same time from this year's 1,155 plates. Possibility 802 departments; 686 are paid departments. 116 have not paid 16 less than 4 members, 17 didn't pay this year paid last year, 3 departments that haven't paid in 2 years, 5 that haven't paid in the last 3 years and 75 that haven't paid for 4 or more years. 113 paid to date since due packets were sent out. Bad

addresses 196 in February. 1-800 fire line got a lot of hits this quarter. New computer program update started last week, late summer hope to be up and running.

Treasurer Harker – Listen with an open mind. A month or so ago a firefighter came to me and asked what do I do to get an IVFA plate, I told him at the moment I knew he wasn't going to do it. We have 50 people on our department and only 3 IVFA plates. So while I was at FDIC I went to the BMV, spoke to Jessica McEwen. I inquired how the process worked if we decided not to require an authorization form with our plate. She said they collect a fee up to us it can be up to \$25.00 they charge \$15.00 money distributed monthly direct deposit. They need a formal request on our letterhead by July 15, 2015 to start January 1, 2016. Only 5 organizations that currently require an authorization from the ones that have switched to not requiring an authorization form have found it much more beneficial by not restricting the plate and letting other community members support their organization. It makes a lot of sense to me; I don't think someone is going to walk in and request our plate that doesn't support. I feel sure we would sell more plates.

Executive Board: President Anderson convention raffle please don't show negative balance State has a problem with showing a negative. If you are missing something in your briefcase contact Sergeant at Arms Bush and he will get it, small flag, gavel, state maps, name tag, bylaws and SOG books, etc. Lobbyist contract is coming up. Be thinking about ways we can use our Youtube Channel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Chairman Vice President Holcomb – Awards committee is meeting tonight to select a winner of Ollie Sandberg Award.

Angel Award: Diane Harrison – We have a winner.

Jr. Firefighter Award: Jack Kerney – We have a winner.

Mr. IVFA: Ed Scheele – We have a winner.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Bev Harker – Bridgeport Committee met last night. 15 applications judged by 7 committee members. We will have 3 winners.

Jack Kerney ran a report on Bridgeport scholarship biggest year was 2004; we had 40. We had 3 years we had between 31 and 40. We had 8 years we had 21 and 30 and 4 years between 11 and 20. The problem is we are not promoting it or applications are too complicated. President Anderson said it had been mentioned to him to put it online so it can be filled out and submitted online.

Budget: Chairman Harker – pass
Clothing Claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright – The committee has decided on our form we need a description of how the article got damaged, when and where, we have been having a lot of eyeglass claims. Also need article if possible. President Anderson said we will have a claim from last quarter that will be discussed during board action.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel – We did not make any changes in the convention outlines.

Convention 2015: Chairman Paul Holcomb/Rick Cannon – Paul stated he has been getting a few

issues with the rooms and he has taken care of them. If you have any questions or issues with rooms contact David Israel. We have convention coins and raffle tickets. I have reserved the live burn trailer for convention. Please encourage people to participate in the live burn. IDHS will do an instructor in-service on Saturday morning. It will go towards your adult education hours towards your instructor recertification.

Convention 2016: Chairman Steve Macke – Working with lady to get price on menu then we will set our price.

EMS Taskforce: Chairman Jerry Liston – We met this morning, talked about the new Volunteer representative as appointed by Governor Pence to the commission. It is Matt McCullough of Riley Fire Department in Vigo County. Mike and I are going to reach out to him. We talked about information coming out of the meetings, I attended the one in February, this is a proposed change, Riverview Hospital did a glucose monitoring study. Basically what they are looking for are EMR's and EMT's to do blood sticks for glucose monitoring in the field. At EMT level 67 sticks so far in Hamilton County and out of those 67 sticks 5 patients they started treatment on because their blood sugar was so low before paramedics got there. IN rank in EMS at the national level, EMR's we are ranked 7th, EMT's we are ranked 12th, EMT we are ranked 12th, EMT Advanced we are 23rd out of 28, paramedic 42nd out of 48 programs. They are looking how they can correct some issues and get it lower. Since July of 2014, they have started collecting data and they have seen a 2% drop in certifications across the State.

Insurance: Chairman Bev Harker – Our insurance did renew for this year. As you know last year we changed our workman's comp. where we added all the officers. So I had to do the workman's comp. audit and we received a \$6.00 refund.

Legislative: Chairman Buz Koehler – Think about items we discussed earlier, if you have more issues that you need to address, or questions about, make sure someone on the committee gets that information so we can discuss it at the next meeting.

LODD - Pass.

Logo: Chairman John Smith – Pass

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison – Discussed today about contacting Turner for a New York trip. We wrote down 24 organizations throughout the State that we are going to send emails or letters; hopefully to get some discounts for our members and their families. Leighanne has written a letter that we will be sending out to these organizations. She also stated she put questions on Facebook and gave us some of the answers she had received. LOSAP program, critical stress debriefing team, asked for examples of departments SOG's.

Speaker's Bureau: Chairman Jack Kerney – Work on these 17 to make sure they don't go 2 years.

Newspaper: Chairman Buz Koehler – 40 pages, 18 ads, 11 website ads all those are paid in full. Label could 16,802 total count was 17,102. If you have any addresses changed let Buz know ASAP.

President Anderson: Been contacted by vendors wanting to make presentations at this meeting. I have turned this over to Buz who is

going to handle scheduling. They can come set up of a morning but no presentations during the actual meeting. We need to get these vendors at our district meetings. Get ahold of Buz and he will have all the contact information.

Public Relations & Education: Chairman Zeeks – Trailer going to Hoosier Burn Camp. We are still looking for a storage cabinet for the trailer. We always need supplies for the trailer.

Social Media: Chairman Leighanne Ellis – How much on Facebook spikes we have after we post something is huge. Our likes now up 1,016% total reach jumped from 17,090 up 727%. 3,800 Like us on our page, like us on Facebook if you have not already and share with your friends.

Website: Chairman Paul Holcomb – 27,485 unique hits in a quarter top item district map, 2nd is legislation, 3rd is blue light law, 4th forms, 5th convention and 6th Central Office.

Special Projects: Chairman Steve Nolan – Working on potential classes.

Training Taskforce: Chairman John Smith – POST certification needs to be done when they are recertifying and they are starting to pull certification if not done. Fire Instructor class to be held at convention, please get the word out and try to attend.

President Anderson talked about one of his goals for 2016 – put some type of training class together for each PR area.

Younger Member Taskforce: Leighanne Ellis – talked about the thumb drives again, we have a company that we are looking at right now. We are tabling that till we can get more information. We also discussed how to get more attendance at your district meeting. The 10 year pin – Paul has a presentation on it and we as a committee have made and passed the motion to bring this forward.

Vice President Paul Holcomb – Discussed a 10 year pin, these pins are exactly like our pins now except it is bronze and has 10 years at the bottom. A new member benefit to the association, it will give a benefit to the younger members as it will give you an opportunity to get the younger members to your district meeting and you into department meetings to present these pins. The purchase of 10,000 pins would last 7 – 8 years approximately. That will include distributing pins to anyone between 10 and 24 years of service. And that would cover everyone getting a 10 year pin except for those who have already received or who will be receiving a 25 year pin this year. Cost 5,000 pins \$0.85 each / \$4,250.00, 10,000 pins \$0.75 each / \$7,500.00.

Board of Firefighters Standards and Education: Chairman John Smith – The Board was presented several variances, we approved most of them, denied one. We still have not heard of the new appointment for the civilian. John Buckman talked about the splitting of Instructor 2-3 was on agenda several years ago and has fallen by the wayside but it is going to be brought back up again. Everyone thinks that this would be very beneficial. Instructor 3 is almost now an unattainable certification unless taking it in college course. There has been a dramatic decrease in instructors not renewing their

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certifications. It is illegal to copy the Fire Engineering disk for firefighter 1-2 courses. Board has discussed requirements for reading test to students. Next meeting Thursday, June 11 at 9 a.m. at IVFA convention at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN.

President Anderson read the votes from districts for bylaw changes.

Bylaw change: Article IV section 2, now reads – Board of Directors, Section 2 Number, Election and Tenure of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) not more than sixty (60). The voting members of the Board shall be the Chairman-of-the-board (**Immediate Past-President**), President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Public Relations Directors, District Chairmen and Past Presidents.

Proposed change: Section 2 - Number, Election and Tenure of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) not more than sixty (60). The voting members of the Board shall be the Chairman-of-the-board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Public Relations Directors, District Chairmen and Past Presidents.

Note: Removed (Immediate Past-President)

Voting yes – Districts 2,3,4,6,7,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13 A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21

Voting no – None

Abstain – Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent – District 9B

Bylaw change: Article IV Section 8 Board of Directors now reads: Manner of Acting: The Board shall act only by majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Proposed change: Section 8 Manner of Acting. The Board shall act only by majority vote, **unless otherwise specified**, at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Note: Added (unless otherwise specified.)

Voting yes – Districts 2,3,4,6,7,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13 A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21

Voting no – None

Abstain – Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent – District 9B

Bylaw change: Article V Section 1 now reads – Section 1. Officers. The Officers of the Association shall be Chairman-of-the-Board (**Immediate Past-President**), President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and six (6) Public Relations Directors representing geographic areas as from time to time designated by resolution of the Board. The Board

may appoint such other officers, including an Executive Director, one or more Assistant Secretary, or Assistant Treasurer, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

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Note: Removed (Immediate Past-President).

Voting yes – Districts 2,3,4,6,7,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13 A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21

Voting no – None

Abstain – Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent – District 9B

Bylaw change: Article V Section 5 now reads Section 5 Chairman of the Board. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors **and for a term of one (1) year from the Annual Meeting at which his term as President ended** or until his successor is duly qualified and approved by the Board. **The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors.**

In the event the Immediate Past-President is unable or unwilling to serve as Chairman of the Board, the Board shall elect another member of the Association who is a Past-President to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Proposed change: Section 5 Chairman of the Board. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Board, **unless he declines the position**, or until his successor is duly qualified and approved by the Board. **As Chairman of the Board he shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.**

In the event the Immediate Past-President is unable or unwilling to serve as Chairman of the Board, the Board shall elect another member of the Association who is a Past-President to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Note: *Terms are already covered in Section 2 of the Article **added: (unless he declined the position.) ***Removed: (and for a term of one (1) year from the Annual Meeting at which his term as President ended) ****Changed: (As Chairman of the Board he shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.)

Yes votes – Districts 2,3,4,6,7,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13 A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21

No votes – None

Abstain – Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent – District 9B

Bylaw change: Article VI,

Section 2 Annual Meeting now reads – Section 2. The President shall appoint a Convention Committee who shall be responsible for the coordination of the proposal **from the floor** of future annual meeting sites for presentation to the delegates at the annual meeting at least two (2) years prior to the annual meeting site to be selected. In the event, following selection by the delegates of the Association, the site is for any reason unavailable, a new site shall be selected by the board and appropriate notice given to the members.

Proposed change: Section 2. The President shall appoint a Convention Committee who shall be responsible for the coordination of the proposal of future annual meeting sites for presentation to the delegates at the annual meeting at least two (2) years prior to the annual meeting site to be selected. In the event, following selection by the delegates of the Association, the site is for any reason unavailable, a new site shall be selected by the Board and appropriate notice given to the members.

Note: Removed (from the floor)

Yes votes – Districts 2,3,4,6,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21

No vote – District 7

Abstain – Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent – District 9B

Bylaw change: Article VI Section 3 Annual Meeting now reads – Section 3. The Convention Committee shall have full responsibility for the annual meeting and all funds received therefrom shall become the property of the Association and received and deposited by the Treasurer. Further, all expenses of the annual meeting shall be that of the Association and it shall hold harmless the Convention Committee members for any and all liability therefore.

Proposed change: Section 3. The **host** Convention Committee shall have full responsibility for the annual meeting and all funds received there from shall become the property of the Association and received and deposited by the Treasurer. Further, all Expenses of the annual meeting shall be that of the Association and it shall hold harmless the Convention Committee members for any and all liability therefore.

Note: Added: (Host)

Yes votes: Districts 2,3,4,6,7,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13 A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21

No votes: None

Abstain: Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent: District 9B

Bylaw change Article VI Section 4 Annual Meeting now reads – Section 4. The business of the annual meeting shall be conducted by representative delegates of the **ACTIVE** members. Representation of this Association shall be by three (3) delegates may also be elected or appointed. Each delegate (or his alternate) shall have one (1) vote on any question, and each department shall have as many votes only one question as there are delegates (or alternates) certified by not to exceed three (3) votes for that department provided that five (5) **Active** memberships are paid. Each delegate (or alternate) must be registered by the Secretary of the Association **through credentials from his department before he can be seated**. Such delegate credentials shall be approved by the District Chairman or his designate. As matters of importance with which the

Chief of the department should be informed will come up from time to time, it is suggested that in each case the Chief of the department should be one the delegates.

Proposed change: Section 4. The business of the annual meeting shall be conducted by representative delegates of the **Active** members. Representation of this Association shall be by three (3) delegates elected or appointed from each department. Alternates for the three (3) delegates may also be elected or appointed. Each delegate (or his alternate) shall have one (1) vote on any question as there are delegates (or alternates) certified but not to exceed three (3) votes for that department provided that five (5) **Active** memberships are paid. Each delegate (or alternate) must be registered by the Secretary of the Association. Such delegate credentials shall be approved by the District Chairman or his designate. As matters of importance with which the Chief of the department should be informed will come up from time to time, it is suggested that in each case the Chief or the department should be one of the delegates.

Note: Removed: (through credentials from his department before he can be seated).

Yes votes: District 2,3,4,6,7,8B,9A,10,11A,11B,12,13 A,13B,14,15,16,17A,17B,18,19,21.

No Votes: None

Abstain: Districts 1, 5,8A

Absent: District 9B

Bylaw and SOG's: Chairman Larry Bartlow – SOG's Article XI Section 12 – Mileage shall be reimbursed by the rate prescribed in the SOG's for one (1) delegate for each department driving to and from the annual meeting. The delegate representing his/her respective department shall be required to answer first and second roll call of the business meeting in order to receive reimbursement.

Change: Mileage shall be reimbursed by the rate prescribed in the SOG's for one (1) delegate for each department driving to and from the annual meeting. The delegate representing his/her respective department **shall be required to answer all roll calls** of the business meeting in order to receive reimbursement.

Chairman Bartlow called for voice vote carried no nays.

SOG's XI Section 13 The Annual Miss Flame shall have an annual expense allowance of \$500.00 maximum to travel the State to attend functions. Valid receipts must be provided to the IVFA Treasurer for reimbursement.

Change: The **State** Miss Flame shall have an annual expense allowance of \$500.00 maximum to travel the State to attend functions **during her reign**. Valid receipts must be provided to the IVFA Treasurer for reimbursement.

Chairman Bartlow called for voice vote carried 1 nay.

SOG's XIII Section 1 the district meeting shall be conducted by a chairman and secretary elected by and from that district. (A vice-chairman may be elected if desired).

Change: The district meeting shall be conducted by a chairman and secretary elected by and from that district. (**Other officers may be elected if desired**).

Chairman Bartlow called for voice vote carried 1 nay.

SOG's XIV Section 3 Put awards in order and clarified addresses where they need to be sent IVFA Central

Office, P.O Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724 and put what award nomination is for on envelope.

Chairman Bartlow called for voice vote carried 1 nay.

SOG's XVI section 2 Budget committee: This committee consists of the current President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board.

Removed: Immediate Past President.

Chairman Bartlow called for voice vote carried 1 nay.

Article XVI Insurance Committee added Vice President.

Chairman Bartlow called for voice vote carried 2 nays.

Reconvened Sunday at 8:30.

Chaplain Elick gave minute message

John Buckman – Cancer #1 killer of Firefighters, we need to keep better track of our exposures to hazardous conditions. If you get occupational cancer, workman's comp. will cover but we have to have good documentation to prove it. Items you need to track date, time, address, type of structure, type of fire / room and contents / fully involved / what was actually burning, color of smoke, unusual smoke color, your role, identity assigned tasks, length of time on scene, length of time in hot zone, SCBA worn, yes/no during overhaul yes/no, gear cleaned after hot zone exposure event, hood cleaned after every hot zone exposure event, identify chemical present. There will be a survey coming out in July this about special training needs. This is using federal grants to do training. If you do not participate in the survey, some of us will be left out; it's not department wide but it is county and district. HB 1182 it's about a system developed as a road map of what the academy is to be. It's 1 ½ years down the road, there is no money in the Bill. Course coaching for the lead evaluator and instructor before the course starts. Fire Engineering curriculum you cannot copy. The curriculum cost \$540.00. You can still go to Ivy Tech to do a test for \$15 but we are encouraging you not to as they still have the old test from IFSTA that will be updated with the Acadia system we currently are using, when that happens you will have to call Ivy Tech and set up an appointment to take the test. You will no longer be able to walk and take the test.

Fire Alliance – Buz Koehler, Larry Curl and Steve Anderson – Fire Act grant for extractors for fire departments to wash gear. We went to Orleans and helped with their 200 year celebration. Talked about communications issues, if you are having issues with dispatch protocols, write them down and give them to me so we can collect information on the issues out there.

In Time: Chairman Jack Zeeks – RCAC (Road Construction Awareness Corporation). This group has been formed to promote safety. PREC Don Cushman will be my alternate on this committee.

Past President Chairman Jack Zeeks would like to go back to Public Ed. We do not have a brick at Emmetsburg, we will do research.

Fire Academy work group waiting to see what next step is in the process.

Red Cross: Chairman Don Cushman – I have not heard anything.

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SOG's XIV Awards conflict on Ollie Sandburg line still in there that says mail to Vice President. PRNE Jean Smith made motion to remove mail to Vice President. Past President Richard Glant made the second, motion carried by voice vote 1 nay.

Heroes Competition: Mike Dzuba - 12 teams participated, everything went well. Carol Thrawley presented a challenge coin to Chairman of Board.

FDIC: Carol Thrawley - Thanked everyone for their help at the booth. 152 signed up for door prize. In 2016 our will be Booth 10050. Matt Harris, District 21 won a tee shirt, District 9A, Mark Ansal won a tee shirt, 31 bag District 21, Rebecca Howell, cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply District 21, Mark Howell. Trailer has been out and busy this year.

Passed around Thank You notes from Hoosier Burn Camp, Bill and Joan Pape, and Family of Charles Kilgore.

NVFC: Jean Smith - Organizations need to be looking towards tomorrow; advance your organization or it will fail. Responsibility of non-profit boards, have financial policies in writing, have 2 members present anytime cash is changing hands, have a

credit card accountability procedure in place, conduct background checks on personnel with financial duties as a treasurer, obtain adequate insurance to cover risk, conduct audits on all of your accounts at least annually. EMS rescue working on a library online. 33 states that have a cancer presumption law IN is IC 5-10-15 covers only paid people. Cancer -documentation is critical as Mr. Buckman stated earlier. Today we are exposed 4 times greater than 15 -20 years ago due to what is burning today, the plastics, the glues, the fire retardant material. I went to the Health and Safety committee meeting. Need to educate our members on driving apparatus; too many roll overs. Some of the causes - leaving side of road, speeding, and other distractions.

NVFC: Jack Kerney - I attended the Volunteer Advocacy committee meeting. There is a movement of volunteer departments moving to combination departments. NVFC is putting together guidelines to help volunteer departments to combat the issue of having to go to a combination department. Michigan just passed a law that has to do with the two hatter issue, ability to be a career firefighter and also a volunteer. General session 1,820 LODD in the last 14 years and 4 of

them have been in 2015. 2015 firefighter grants big push communications projects, basic equipment is the highest priority. Recruitment campaign launch through this campaign, local departments will be able to post their volunteer opportunities, generate customized recruitment materials, plan department recruitment events, and more. Potential volunteers can go to a designated web site to find volunteer opportunities and connect with their local department.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Anderson - Attended Heroes Gala, FDIC

Vice President Holcomb - Traveled 1,537 miles attended 4 district meetings, FDIC, Heroes Gala, and Washington DC trip.

Secretary Harrison - I was asked to research the cost of Bibles in November 2012. There was a motion made for Bibles to be \$55.00, nothing mentioned about grave markers. I would like to thank you for allowing me to take my Niece to the Gala; it was a real eye opener for her to see the other side of our firefighting family. Fundraiser June 6, 4-7 p.m., at Lewis Twp. Firehouse in Coalmont, it is for one of our Firefighters John Fagg Jr. He is also an IVFA member.

Treasurer Harker - I attended 4

district meetings, FDIC.

President Anderson advised Treasurer Harker he was told that the IVFA had \$20.00 on IN Unclaimed website.

Chaplain Elick - Traveled 1,760 miles, Memorial service in Warsaw, Heroes Gala, 2 fundraising dinners, chaplain class at FDIC, Station dedication at Liberty Twp. Fire Department, covered a detail for District 6 at Auburn Fire Department. The Associate chaplains have been very busy. Any request for Associate Chaplains I need to be contacted first then contact the Associate Chaplain. At convention this year on Friday at about 2 - 2:30 p.m., there will be a class for anyone interested in being an Associate Chaplain, anyone can attend this class. Memorial service for convention is set. Funeral vouchers must be turned in in a timely matter. Donate old Bibles to an organization who could use them. February meeting - 145 Bibles and 357 grave markers; used 19 Bibles and grave markers this quarter.

Sergeant at Arms - Brent Bush - Please let me know what you need for your briefcases. If you need supplies, please email me prior to quarterly meeting.

Chairman of the Board David Israel - Pass.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis - Pass.

PRNE Jean Smith - Pass.
PRWC Larry Bartlow - Pass.
PREC Don Cushman - Pass.
PRSW Jack Kerney - Pass.
PRSE Ed Scheele - Pass.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy made motion to bypass District reports. District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell made the second, motion carried by voice vote.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Jack Zeeks - the slate of officers is in the paper.

PREC Don Cushman made motion to let our license plates be sold at the license branch for \$10.00 starting January 1, 2016. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second, motion carried by voice vote 5 nays.

Jack Zeeks said Past President will pass on reports.

District Chairman 14 Rick Cannon made motion to adjourn. District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made the second, motion carried by voice vote.

Gas card sponsored by California Casualty and Ezzel Group - Jim Hitchcock, Decatur, District 7. Cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply - Jim Davis Hartsville, District 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison - Secretary

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State House to the Fire House



Welcome to "Political" talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and Lobbyist

Greetings,

The 2015 IVFA Convention is now in the (IVFA) history book. Our nation's 239th Birthday Celebration has come and gone and we can as of July 1st now, legally hold public office in the same unit of government in which we also choose to serve as a Volunteer Firefighter. Thus our 500 plus members who had to make a choice as of January 1st, 2015 are now eligible to do both again. Any volunteer firefighter who now chooses may run for and if elected serve office in the same unit of government as they volunteer in their local Volunteer Fire Service and serve at the same time.

We also will begin seeing the results of the passing of House Bill 1182 that created the law establishing the Indiana Fire & Public Safety Training Academy System by creating :

- Standardized training
- Standardized curriculum
- Consistency in training
- With training to be continued at district centers; however HB 1182 does not have an impact on local authority having jurisdiction over training. Simply put, Fire Chiefs still set the requirements and the delivery of training for their members.

Each year during our annual conference of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association we honor members of the Indiana General Assembly whose effort and hard work support the efforts of the fire service.

Members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association gathered at the Conference Center, Horseshoe Southern Indiana on Friday, June 12, 2015 for our annual State Convention where Representatives Randy

Frye (House District 67 including all of Ripley, Ohio and Switzerland counties and sections of Decatur, Jennings, Jefferson and Dearborn counties in south eastern Indiana), Jud McMillin (House District 68 is comprised of all of Union County and large portions of Franklin and Dearborn counties in southeastern Indiana) and Eric Koch (House District 65, which includes all of Brown County, most of Lawrence County and parts of Monroe, Jackson and Johnson Counties, South Central Indiana) were all presented with the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, Legislator of the Year Award. It was because of their efforts House Bill 1264 gave back our rights to hold public office in the same unit of government in which we serve as volunteer firefighters.

So where do we go from here, we begin working on our next legislative package that we want to address in the 2015-2016 session. We have talked about a couple of issues already:

- A presumptive Cancer Bill for Volunteer Fire Service Members
- Updating the Blue Light Law to conform with modern technology
- State Tax Credit for members of the Volunteer Fire Service

And we are looking for suggestions from you, your members, and your department of topics that you would like to see discussed that would benefit the Volunteer Fire Service in Indiana.

If you have any thoughts, please send them to your District Chairman, a member of the IVFA Legislative Committee (they can be found on the IVFA website) or myself (contact info also listed on the website) as quickly as possible. We will begin some conversation during the quarterly officer's meeting in August but will have our agenda finalized in September or very latest early October.

As we look into the crystal ball a proposal could very well be that we commission a third party study to determine what tax saving volunteer fire departments brings to our communities and our state. This study would be done by an independent group who specializes in economics and would show the savings to areas in our state that are served by Volunteer Fire Departments.

Please let us know if you see value in such a document that you could share with your community, your local elected officials, and our Indiana General Assembly.

We might be asking for some financial support for the undertaking of this project based upon our findings of cost to produce.

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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 3, 2015

Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was opened with a prayer. The pledge to the flag was recited.

Diane Gray substituted for Recording Secretary June Cahill.

Roll call was conducted with 25 officers and 9 I.V.F.A.A. members present.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Heather Holcomb to accept the minutes as printed with any corrections. Motion carried.

A thank you from June Cahill and Martha Thomas was read. Personal thank you from Pam Gerdowsky and Tammy Smith.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasurer's report. Will stand approved until audit. The treasury will be audited when the taxes are done.

Martha Thomas spoke on the Chinese Auction baskets that if everyone could bring them the day the convention starts.

Diane Gray reported that there are 58 departments, 205 ind, 787 paid by their department and 25 life members. The total is 1017.

Phyllis Vargo read the by-law to be presented at the convention.

A guest, Connie Ray, was introduced. Her husband is John Ray, District 10 Chairman. E.J. Smith announced that there are 21 girls for Miss Flame. Posters can be made by the girls. Heather Holcomb will take of them. Letters have been sent out to the parents. Janet Matthews stated that the Miss Flames can either bring money or canned goods to the convention to be given to the Community Service in District 16. If a check is given then it will be put in the Mary Mackin Fund and a new check will be made out to the Community Service. If you don't have a Miss Flame, a district can still give to the service.

A member of the auxiliary will be honored at the convention. A motion was made by Beverly Taylor and seconded by E.J. Smith. Motion carried.

At the convention, awards will be given to the chairmen who brought in the most members for the year.

The information books are being worked on by Janet Matthews. Chaplain Joann Hays read the names of the deceased members of the past year. Treasurer Dorothy Reiter asked if she could have a file cabinet for all her papers. Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Carol Curl to buy a fire proof cabinet for the treasurer. Motion carried. A reminder to book your room for the convention and use the code provided. If you have any trouble, contact Dave Israel.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Carol Curl to dismiss the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary,
Leona Uryga

Convention Officer's Meeting

June 11, 2015

Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, Ind.

President Barbara Kerney asked everyone to have a silent prayer for Susie Lewis' mother Alice Sanders.

Chaplain Joann Hays opened the meeting with a prayer.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Past President Diana Gray gave Barb Kerney a corset and Barb gave one to Diana.

Recording Secretary June Cahill conducted roll call. There were 26 officers, 5 I.V.F.A.A. members and 2 guests.

Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga read the minutes of the May meeting. A correction of 10 I.V.F.A.A. members present instead of 9. They will stand as read with corrections.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter reported on the financial report. Stand approved until time of audit.

Recording Secretary June Cahill reported that there are 58 depts., 207 ind., 798 paid by depts. and 25 life members. Totaling 1025.

Chaplain Joann Hays gave her report.

Vice President Martha Thomas reported that as of now the Chinese Auction has taken in \$1246.00.

Miss Flame Chairman E.J. Smith gave her report.

By-law Chairman Phyllis Vargo read the by-law that is to be presented at the convention meeting. A discussion was held and Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Joyce Nevil to not accept this by-law to be presented until it is rewritten in proper form. Motion carried.

Phyllis Vargo will bring this up at the Aug. meeting and will go by Roberts Rule of Order to rewrite this by-law.

Chairmen are to check to make sure that members' dues are paid in order to be able to vote.

Phyllis Vargo would like that a member who has no family and dies, then we should give a donation to their department. This also should be added to the SOG's but taken back to the auxiliaries for their option.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by E.J. Smith to give \$25.00 to the Beverly Shores Fire Dept. in Tom Orrell's name. Motion carried.

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Judy Smith
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Lori Parker - Chm.
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Carol Koehler - Chairman
Lou Bartlow
JoAnn Hays

LOIS BOAZ AWARD

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June Cahill

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Phyllis Vargo - Chairman
Joann Hays
Martha Thomas

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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
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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
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THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
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IVFAA district meetings . . . - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

Janet Matthews reported that \$570.00 was collected so far from the Miss Flames and there is a closet full of food. This will be given to be given to the Community Service in the area.

Chaplain Joann Hays dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary
Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. Convention Minutes
June 12, 2015
Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, IN

President Barbara Kerney asked everyone to remember Alice Sanders, the mother of Suzie Lewis.

Chaplain Joann Hays opened the meeting with a prayer.

Sgt-of-Arms Marlene Poling conducted the pledge to the flag.

President Barb Kerney asked the district chairmen to check that the membership dues are up-to-date or they cannot vote.

She read a poem "Young at Heart".

Barb recognized the Lois Boaz winner: Carol Curl. The Miriam Schaekel winner: Sharon Wright. The wife of Mr. I.V.F.A., Pam Gerdowsky. Past President Mary Boyd was introduced.

Roll call was answered by 33 I.V.F.A.A. members, 27 officers and 3 guests, with a total of 63 present.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Heather Holcomb to dispense with the reading of the minutes as written with corrections. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report of June 2013-2014.

Recording Secretary June Cahill reported that there are 58 Depts., 207 Ind., 793 paid by Depts., and 25 life members. Totaling 1025.

The Miss Flames visited us and introduced themselves. The 2015 Miss Flame is Tressa Steward from 11A and runner-up Stephanie Mayer from 13A. Janet Matthews announced that the Miss Flames have collected \$752.00 and a room full of canned food for the convention area. This was given to the Community Service. Pins were given to the girls. One of the Miss Flames went home sick so the other Miss Flames are sending flowers to her.

Joann read a poem with a little gift for everyone. She gave her report and asked district chairmen to inform her on illness or death.

The Honesty Bag collected \$58.81.

Vice President Martha Thomas reported that the Chinese Auction as of this morning has collected \$1400.00.

By-law Chairman Phyllis Vargo announced that the by-law that was to be presented today was voted down at the officer's meeting. The reason is that it was not in the right format. There will be a class at the August meeting on how to write a by-law.

Heather Holcomb reported on the convention.

The 25 year pins were given out to the District Chairmen so they can hand out to their auxiliary members. A Gold card for 50 years of membership was given to Lucy Stofer.

Barb Kerney thanked everyone who helped with our tax situation.

Steve Macke talked about the 2016 convention. It will be held in Florence, IN at the Belterra Casino on June 15-18. Rooms will be

\$100.00. Registration is \$65.00 before May 16, and then it will be \$75.00.

Chairman Dawn Harris won \$25.00 for getting the most members to join the auxiliary this year.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill had a second roll call. 31 members, 26 officers and 2 guests were present.

Nominating Committee Tonya Marsee announced for President: Barb Kerney. No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Carol Curl and seconded by Jerry Johnson to close the nominations.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot for Barb as President. For Vice-President: Martha Thomas and E.J. Smith. Each member spoke about themselves. Election by ballot was held. Martha Thomas is the Vice-President. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot. For Recording Sec. is: June Cahill. A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded Carol Curl to close the nominations. A white ballot was cast by Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga for June. For Corresponding Sec. is: Leona Uryga. Diane Buck made a motion and seconded by Janet Matthews to close the nominations.

A white ballot was cast by Rec. Sec. June Cahill for Leona. For Treasurer: Dorothy Reiter and Judy Smith. Each member spoke. A motion by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Carol Curl to close the nominations. Election by ballot was held. Rec. Sec. June cast a white ballot. Dorothy Reiter is the Treasurer. For Chaplain: Joann Hays and Marlene Thrawley. A motion was made by Carol Curl and seconded by Sharon Wright to close the nominations. Election by ballot was held and Joann Hays is the Chaplain. Rec. Sec. June cast a white ballot. For Sgt-of-Arms: Marlene Poling and Suzie Lewis. Each member spoke. A motion was made by Carol Curl and seconded by Jerry Johnson to close the elections. A ballot vote was held and Suzie Lewis is the new Sgt-of-Arms. Rec. Sec. June cast a white ballot.

State Auxiliary officers are: President Barb Kerney, Vice President Martha Thomas, Recording Sec. June Cahill, Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga, Treasurer Dorothy Reiter; Chaplain Joann Hays, Sgt-of-Arms Suzie Lewis. Barb talked about the insurance and you must be 18 years old and if younger, must have a beneficiary. Janet Matthews has started a book to inform auxiliaries about the history of the state auxiliary. This will have insurance info., conventions, etc.

Larry Curl spoke on the legislation that has passed. It will become effective by July 1. This is about town or township members that hold an office will also be allowed to be volunteer fireman or paid fireman.

Carol Curl asked if Wayne Twp. could belong to the auxiliary as members and not individuals.

Betsy Howe installed the officers with the help of installing officer Phyllis Virgo

Chaplain JoAnn Hays dismissed the meeting with a prayer. A reminder to keep Barb Parker in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary,
Leona Uryga

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DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the May 7, 2015 District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was given by Ike Rench of Lowell.

St. John donated \$100 check back to the district to help defray the cost of hosting meeting. Thank you St. John.

Roll call was taken with 24 members in attendance representing 6 departments and 5 individuals.

Phyllis thanked Theresa Bustamate from St. John for hosting this month's District Meeting.

Motion made by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Jackie Rench to suspend the reading of minutes from March 5, 2015. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$762.75 checking. There will be a check issued to the father of Miss Flame District 1 for \$175.00. The report stands as read for audit.

Moment of silence was held in honor of Ann Moss who passed away 2 days after our last District meeting. Bible was presented to Lake of Four Season's Auxiliary as requested by Ann's family.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance: Paul Watland, District 2 IVFA Chairman; Tom Orrell, District 1 IVFA Chairman; Miss Flame Kylee Hans from Lake Station.

Kylee told the group that she was selling tickets for the hanging flowering basket.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Phyllis asked people who brought items for the Raffle Box for the State Raffle to please get them to Marge tonight, or by June 5th if you forgot. Theresa Bustamate presented a \$100.00 check from the St. John Vol. Fire Dept. to purchase additional Gift Cards to put in the Raffle Box from District 1 & 2. This will make the box a minimum value of \$200.00. Thank you St. John for your generous donation.

Miss Flames this year will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry where convention is being held this year. All members are asked to bring donated items to the May meeting for Miss Flame to take to convention in June. If you forget, please bring them to the Men's May District meeting at Lake Station. Thank you to the department that did bring items tonight.

Phyllis talked about the By-law change that was going to be presented at convention. She asked the group how they want her to vote. After a discussion of the members in attendance, there was a motion by Marge Baumgardner, 2nd by Theresa Bustamate to vote No on the by-law change from District 1 & 2 requiring a person to hold a District Chairman position for a least 1 year before running for State Officer. Motion

passed.

Phyllis gave update on State financial status. As of 2/5/15 there was \$40,438.71 in the Treasury. A lot of that is department paying their dues ahead of time before increase took effect. There is \$11,940.64 in a CD.

Phyllis asked the members to read the newspaper about different awards that are available to auxiliary members. Please go back to your auxiliary members and see if there is anyone who your department would like to nominate.

Phyllis asked for departments to help host the District Meeting. Please go back to your department and see if your department can help.

Sept. 2015 - Lake of Four Seasons

Nov. 2015 - Lake Station

March 2016 - (open)

Phyllis reminded everyone that if you did not pay your dues ahead that they are due by Sept. 1st. Many of the departments did take advantage of the lower dues and paid ahead. Also she has the 2015-2016 stickers. Make sure you come up after meeting and get your department stickers.

Department Announcements:

Anything for the good of the order:

The winner of the Miss Flame Hanging Basket is Martha Thomas.

Next meeting will be at Lake of Four Seasons.

Motion by Rachel Suggs, 2nd by Louise Patenaude to adjourn. Motion passed.

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

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I attended the convention in Elizabeth, Indiana at the Horse Shoe Casino, hosted by District 14 and District 16; we had a great time.

I would like to congratulate the following girls: 2015 State Miss Flame Tressa Steward - District 11A, runner-up Stephanie Mayer - District 13A, Miss Congeniality Abigale Watson - District 21, Mary Mackin Scholarship winners are Lauren LeMaster, District 8A, Kaylee Hans, District 1.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. IVFA to Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky, District 19.

Lois Boaz - Carol Curl, District 12. Angel Award - Tracy Pfaff, District 17A. Ollie Sandburg to Dennis Spears, District 13B.

I would like to congratulate our 6th District 25 year pin recipients, my daughters Kimberly Smith and Kristen (Smith) Hormann and Chris Workman from Thorncreek.

If your Auxiliary has a function going on, please contact me and I will try to attend them. Please try to attend our district meetings; there is a lot of valuable information. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact me at home 260-639-3231, cell 260-413-3040 or email me at EJS6District@aol.com.

The District will be having our

Miss Flame contest at the November District meeting; any girls between the ages of 15-18 interested, please contact me for more information.

E.J. Smith, District #6 Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello again from District 11A,

So glad summer is finally here. With it comes rain and grass mowing, but I'll take that over ice and snow.

Convention was great. Had a good time and seen lots of friends we haven't seen since last year.

Congratulations to all the award winners, especially 11A Miss Flame Tressa Steward for winning State Miss Flame. We are so proud of her. We wish her the best next year as she goes to college. Can't wait to see where her life leads her. You go, girl!

District 11A and 11B will host a joint picnic meeting in September at Raccoon Lake. Everyone is looking forward to it.

We would like to encourage everyone to contact Joann Hays, State Chaplain, if you have anything going on in your life that you would like to share with your fire family. Good or bad, prayer works!

Looking forward to seeing you at a fish fry, spaghetti supper or ice cream social.

Don't forget dues are due.
Until next time,
Beverly Taylor
District 11A chairman

Vibes from the IVFAA President Barbara Kerney



Kudos to the Convention Committee. It was a great convention and we appreciate your hard work to making it another great one.

I was glad to see a good turnout of our membership at our meetings. Hopefully the meetings were informative and you were able to see how your officers work for you. We value your input as we are there to help and support your needs as a member.

Congratulations go to Carol Curl as our Lois Boaz recipient for 2015 and to Sharon Wright, the Miriam Schaekel recipient. Both are very deserving ladies. Pam Gerdowsky is the wife of Mr. IVFA for 2015, Ed Gerdowsky.

I am very honored to have been

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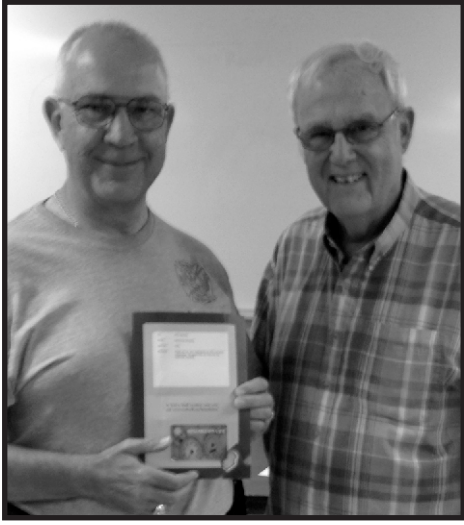
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Winner of gas card



Gerard Abraham, assistant fire chief of Crown Point Fire/Rescue was presented with a \$100 gas card courtesy of California Casualty Insurance Co. by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Gerard also won the prize give-away from California Casualty at convention this year.



Two receive 25 year pins and certificates

Mike Schmitt and David Frederick of Lake Station VFD received their 25 year pins and certificates from Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



50 year Gold Card and certificate recipient

Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman presented Bob Reed of Lowell VFD with his 50 year Gold Card and Certificate.

Members of Lowell VFD were also present.

NWI firefighters raise \$84K for child burn victims at camp

By BILL DOLAN
Bill.dolan@nwi.com
(219) 662-5328

Suburban Lake and Porter County firefighters recently raised more than \$84,000 this spring to help burn victims.

Jack Eskridge, emergency services director for 1-800-Board-Up and a former Lowell fire chief, said firefighters from 27 departments in both counties went out on their communities' streets in April and May for a Boot Drive to collect donations from residents for the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Hoosier Burn Camp is a nonprofit organization helping children who have suffered physical and mental trauma associated with a severe burn injury.

Eskridge said area firefighters delivered the money Wednesday during the 2015 Hoosier Burn Camp Visitor day which was celebrated at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston, Ind.

Eskridge said firefighters brought their firetrucks for a parade on the campgrounds for the 66 children, some as young as 4, who are participating in the Hoosier Burn Camp program this year.

Eskridge said this year's donations bring the area's five-year total to \$267,000.

He said those departments that took part in the boot drive for the burn camp include: Crown Point, Merrillville, Lowell, Griffith, Lake Ridge, Schererville, Cedar Lake, Munster, Lake Station, New Chicago, Hobart, Porter County 911 Dispatch Center, South Haven, Kouts, Burns Harbor, The Town of Porter, Westville, Liberty Township, Chesterton, Hebron, Union Township, Boone Grove, Portage, Morgan Township, Lakes of the Four Seasons and Beverly Shores.

(Permission to re-print the above article was received from Bill Dolan, staff writer at The Times. Thank you to The Times for permission to print this article. Article submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.)

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Cedar Lake awards given out



25 YEAR PINS - (Left to right) Battalion chief Larry Stenger, FF Tom Sobkowicz, Deputy chief Dean Wilkening, FF Jennifer Sargent, District rep. Paul Watland, FF/Eng Jack Early.



SAVE A LIFE AWARD - These guys had many saves during the year 2014. A save is noticed by the hospital that without the work of these men the patient would have died. Left to right: PM/FF Matt Sella, PM/FF Jason Besse, Asst. Chief/EMT Nick Mager, LT/EMT Ryan Bogenschnieder, PM/FF Jake Kabella, PM/FF Andrew Semethy. Front is PM/FF Brent Hinkameyer. Brent also was chosen as the Medic of the Year. Not pictured is Capt. Bryan Kuiper.



10 YEAR MEMBERS - Left to right: LT/EMT Jeremy Kuiper, LT/EMT Chad Wilson and District chairman Paul Watland. Not pictured is retired LT/EMT Bill Maleckar.

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Left – FF/eng. Matt Conner, Firefighter of the Year and Dean Wilkening, Deputy Chief Officer of the Year.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, chairman



Pictured at left – Getting the delicious fish ready to serve at the Jonah Fish Fry at Cleveland Township Fire Department.

Pictured center – Greeting supporters coming to the fish fry.

Pictured at right – Chief Newman talking to those that came to support the fish fry.



Pictured at left - Getting prepared to serve the community at their fish fry at Bristol Fire Department.

Pictured center - Ready to serve the drive thru residents of the community.

Pictured at right - A few of the community coming together to enjoy the delicious fish.



The community coming to support and eat the delicious fish at Jefferson Township Fire Department.

Fish fries held throughout the District

2015 Convention Award Winners



Lois Boaz Award winner Carol Curl



2015 Angel Award Winner Tracey Pfaff and family



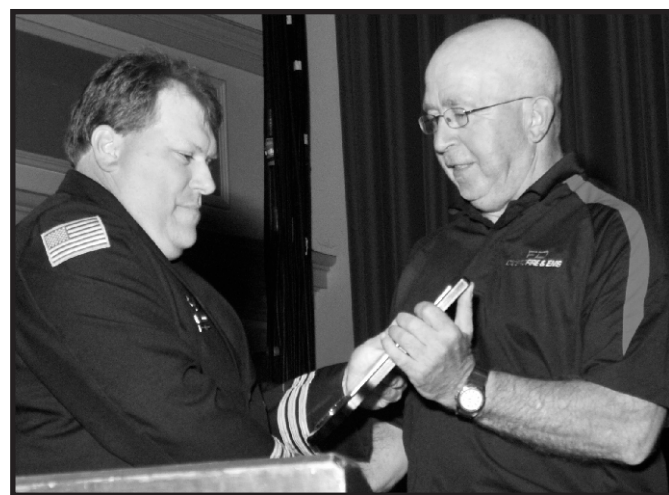
The 2015 Ollie Sandburg Award is presented to Centerville Fire Chief Dennis Spears of District 13B. Pictured (from left to right) - past president David Israel, Chief Spears and IVFA president Steve Anderson



2015 Miriam Schaeckel Award winner Sharon Wright



2015 Legislators of the Year Award winners Randy Frye and Eric Koch. Not pictured Jud McMillen.



2015 President's Award winner Jerry Liston



2015 Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award winner Larry Bartlow



2015 Bridgeport Scholarship Award winners (top photo) Jasmine Vonderheide, (center photo) Cole Barker, (bottom photo) Dylan Schumaker.

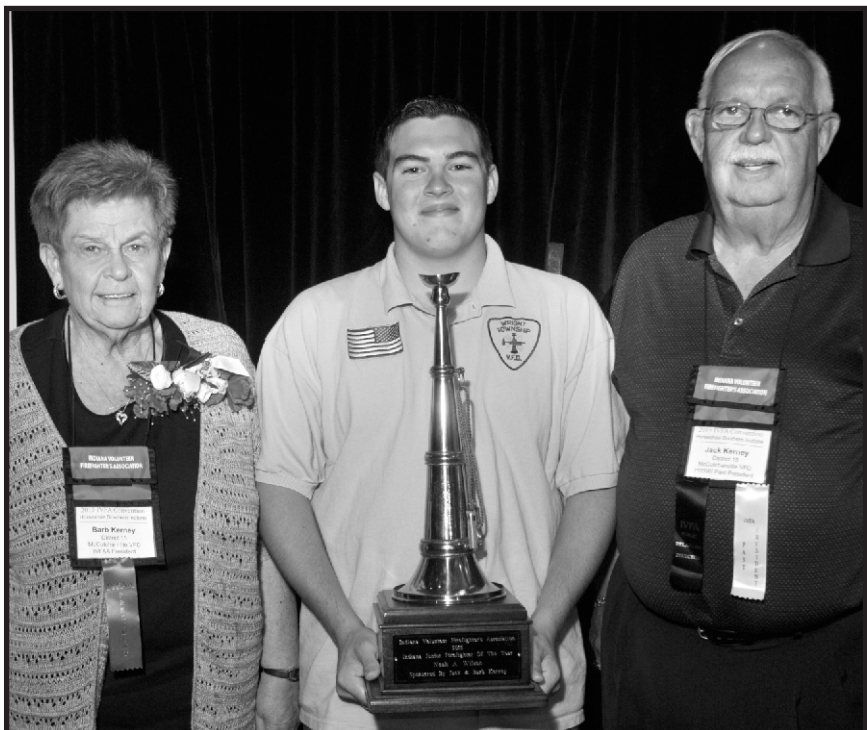


2015 Mary Mackin Award Winners - Kaylee Hans, District 1 (right) and Lauren LeMaster - District 8A (left).

Photos submitted by Steve Anderson
IVFA President

2015 Convention Award Winners

2015 Junior Firefighter of the Year



2015 Jr. Firefighter Award winner Noah Wilson with sponsors Jack & Barb Kerney

The 2015 Junior Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Noah Wilson. He has been around the fire service all of his life. He has been a Junior Firefighter for 2 years.

He participated in station tours, fundraisers, parades, fire prevention at his school, and works the department's Escape House. He has helped raise money for Supporting Heroes, Hoosier Burn Camp, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Noah is involved in school as well. He is in the Future Farmers of America, school choir, show choir and PEP Club. He is a member of the track team and has achieved the A-B Honor Roll, ranked 10th in his class and has perfect attendance for the last two years. In his spare time in the fall he plays in a local soccer league.

He comes from a firefighter family, his grandfather, father, aunts, uncles, sister, and cousins are all firefighters. He has sat through numerous hours of training including ladders, hoses, vehicle operation, extrication, first aid, blood borne pathogens, CPR, just to name a few. He has sat in on several Firefighter I/II classes, so he will be ready to take his written test when he becomes of age. He makes emergency runs and does tasks that keep him out of harms way as well as the duties of clean up after an emergency.

Noah plans on attending Ivy Tech or Vincennes University to study Fire Science.

He and his family are members of The Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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2015 Convention Award Winners



2015 Miss Flame Tressa Steward - District 11A



2015 Miss Flame Runner-up
Stephanie Mayer - District 13-A



2015 Miss Congeniality
Abigayle Watson- District 21



C. L. Mitchell receiving his 50 year
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*Photos submitted
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IVFA President*

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2015 Convention Highlights



IVFA and IVFAA chaplains at this year's convention



2014 Miss Flame Samantha Gard with 2015 Miss Flame Tressa Steward and 2015 Runner-up Stephanie Mayer



Convention Host plaque presentation to Paul Holcomb and Rick Cannon



Check presentation to a local food bank for this year's Miss Flame service project



Sixty year members in attendance at convention – Johnny Johnson, Mort Sorg and Robert Esserman with Tressa Steward and Stephanie Mayer.



(Pictured at left) "911 Display" – New Albany Fd's awesome 9-11 display set up outside the Showroom. (Pictured at right) – Miss Flames dancing to YMCA. - all photos submitted by Steve Anderson, IVFA President.

2015 Convention Highlights



Miss Flame contestants during their orientation meeting

Photo submitted by Steve Anderson
IVFA President

2016 Convention June 15 thru 18

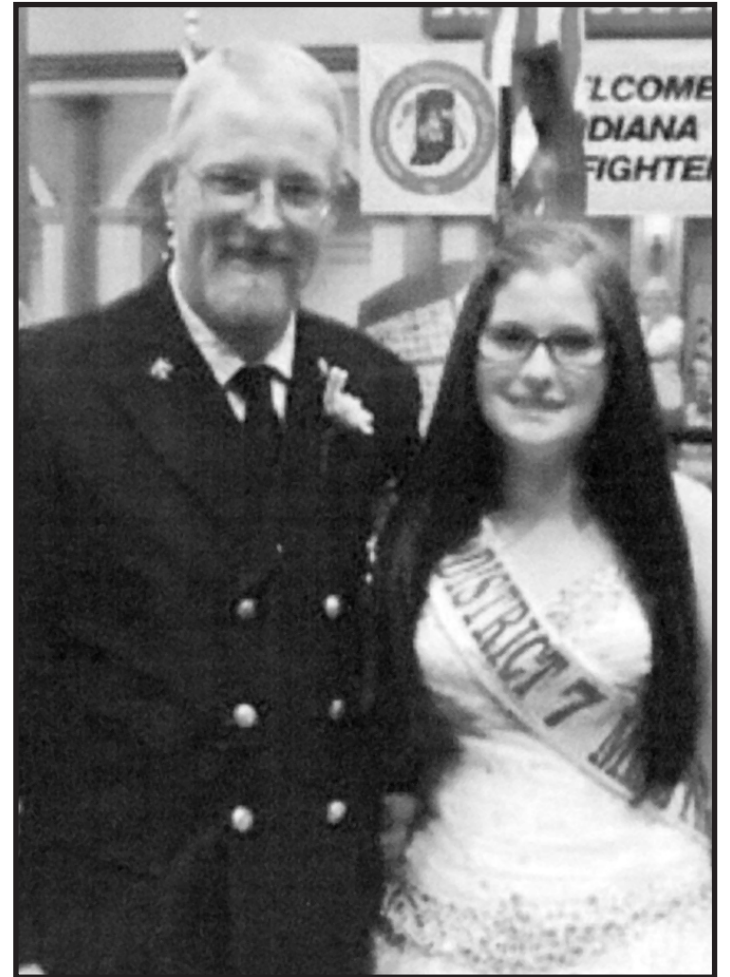
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Honoring our military

We are exceptionally proud of our members that are serving in the military; they not only place their communities first, they also place their country first. We would like to thank them for their service to their country. Below is a list of military personnel who are members of the Association and on active duty around the world.



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
Daniel	Joseph	Simmons	Hayden	Spencer Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday	Farmland	Farmland VFD Inc.
Michael	B.	Dickey	Charlestown	New Washington VFD
Anthony	J.	Clayton	Henryville	Monroe Twp. VFD
Jeremy	Wade	Watkins	Forest	Forest VFD
Andrew	T.	Sparks	Petersburg	Petersburg VFD
Matthew	F.	Gaff	Ligonier	Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy	Ft. Wayne	St. Joseph Twp. FD
David	C.	Perry	Merrillville	Merrillville VFD #2
Joel		Storm	Madison	Western Fire Co. #3
Darin	Ray	Scudder	Rising Sun	Rising Sun VFD, Inc.
Odis	Ray	King	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
William	Jason	Goings	Boonville	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Cean	L.	Pemberton	Wahiawa	Sandborn VFD
Todd	Morris	Daniels	Alexandria	Richland Twp. Fire Dept.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert	Wawaka	Rome City Fire Dept.
Robert	Christopher	Nunez	Muncie	Monroe Twp. VFD
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth	Poneto	Chester Twp. VFD
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.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Jordan	H.	Craig	Sunman	Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
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
Dallas	William	Hutts	Kingsford Hts.	Kingsford-Union VFD
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder	New Albany	New Chapel FD
Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
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
Michael	Jacob	Collins	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
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
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
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.
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James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.



Kaitlyn Bisel, District #7 Miss Flame and her father Sam Bisel, District #7 chairman ready for the opening meeting at Convention.



Kayla Williams, District #6 Miss Flame and Jerry Sprague, District #6 chairman and E.J. Smith, District #6 ladies' chairman, ready for the opening meeting at convention.



Abby Smith, District #4 Miss Flame and Terry Smith, District #4 chairman, ready for the opening meeting at convention.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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



District 8B Miss Flame Adrain Badger and chairman Lloyd E. Wright waiting for the ceremonies to begin. Picture was taken in front of the firefighter's display at the convention.



DUNKIRK GLASS DAYS PARADE - On May 30, 2015 Larry Wright from the Dunkirk Fire Department is shown riding on one of their trucks during the parade.



EVEN THE DISTRICT CHAIRMEN HAVE TO WORK (pictured at right). On May 27, 2015 District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright went to help district chairman Don Fultz to fry hamburgers and fix hot dogs at the Burn Camp.



FISH AND CHICKEN FRY – On May 16, 2015 the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department held their annual fish and chicken fry. Looks like the firefighters are busy serving the crowd.



(Pictured above) – LYNN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TANKER. It is a 2001 Seagraves four man cab. It holds 2000 gallons of water and pumps 500 gallons per minute. It has a new body and tank and was built by McGinly from Lebanon, IN.



DUNKIRK GLASS DAY PARADE – The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department took their fire truck to the parade on May 30, 2015.



School is Back in Session.

Please watch out for the children and the school busses!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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

Blountsville/Stoney Creek VFD awards



(Pictured at left) – On April 18, 2015 at the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department, district chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented the following service awards: Tom Sheridan 25 years, Brian Lykens 25 years and Mike Lykens 40 years. Tom and Brian also received their 25 year pin.



(Pictured at right) – The fire department held a pork chop dinner in honor of the fire department being in existence for 65 years. Presenting Mike Lykens, fire chief with a plaque is Adrain Badger, District 8B 2015 Miss Flame.

25 year pin awarded



On April 21, 2015 District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Teddy Dobbs of the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department with a 25 year pin and service award.

Portland FD awards given



(Top photo) – On April 2, 2015 the Portland Fire Department held their annual Firefighter Awards banquet. Receiving awards were Justin Detro for 5 years, Jennay Thobe for 5 years and Bryan Jellison for 5 years. (Pictured from left to right) are Jennay Thobe, Justin Detro, Bryan Jellison and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8A chairman.

(Bottom photo) – Receiving awards were Jim Stipp for 45 years, Chad Aker for 20 years and Charles Denney with 15 years. (Pictured from left to right) are Jim Stipp, Charles Denney, Chad Aker and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Farmland VFD parade



The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade on May 30, 2015 during their fair. Shown are the Farmland VFD pumper and tanker.

Bryant VFD breakfast



The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held a breakfast at their station on May 9, 2015. Looks like the cooks are busy getting the food ready for the crowd.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Articles and photos submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

Fifty years of service



Lloyd Wissing and Gary Wissing receiving a copy of the resolution recognizing 70 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters on the occasion of 50 years of dedicated service to their local volunteer fire departments.
 Pictured left to right – Lloyd Wissing - 50 year member, Chief Toma Weitzel, Gary Wissing - 50 year member, John Ray, district chairman.

Little Princess

Jaclyn Mathews, District 10 Miss Flame with Madaline Wilmer, Little Princess for Hartsville & Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Madaline and several other young lady participants ran for Little Princess. The first time in several years that the department has had the event. Looking forward for more in the future.

Madaline likes to come to the fire department and help with all their events. We would like to thank all of the participants for their support.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District chairman

New station clock



On May 30, 2015, Pete Taylor presented Otter Creek Station 1 with a clock at an open house at the new fire station.

25 year pin



On May 17, 2015 Pete Taylor, chairman 11-A gave a 25 year pin to Howard Green at Wright Twp. Fire Department.

Pictured at left is Pete Taylor and at right is Howard Green.

25 year pin



On May 25, 2015 Pete Taylor presented a 25 year pin to Jeffery Dixon from Jackson Twp. Fire Department.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

Articles and photos submitted by Larry Bruner, District Chairman

Celebrating many years of dedicated service

On May 10, 2015, the Wayne Township Tailboards Association hosted their monthly meeting at Sonic Drive Inn at Raceway & Rockville Road, celebrating Robert Crouch and other members for many years of dedicated service.

With family members present, Robert Crouch received his IVFA 50 year Gold Card and the State of Indiana General Assembly House Resolution No. 39, honoring 70 Indiana volunteer firefighters for having 50 years of dedicated service to their local volunteer fire departments.

In attendance and receiving IVFA 25 year pins were: Richard Rusie, William Tull, Steve Annes and Rosie Johnson with 37 dedicated years to the fire service.

We salute you all and thank you for your many years of dedication to your community and the fire service.



Robert holds wife Shirley's hand during the reading of Indiana Resolution.

(Pictured left to right) - Charlie Baker, Robert Crouch, District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, Shirley Crouch and Larry Curl.



Robert Crouch receiving his IVFA 50 year pin and District 12 Challenge Coin. (Pictured left to right) Charlie Baker, Robert Crouch, Linda Baker and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner.



Robert receives his IVFA 50 year Gold Card. (Left) Robert Crouch, (right) Larry Bruner.



(At left) Robert receives Indiana State Resolution. (Left) Robert Crouch, (right) Larry Bruner. (Pictured below) - 50 year service cake.



25 year service pins awarded



Rick Rusie receives his IVFA 25 year pin with 40 years of service. (Left) Rick Rusie, (right) District 12 chairman Larry Bruner.



William "Bull" Tull receives his 25 year pin and celebrates 48 years of service to his community. (Left) Bull Tull and (right) chairman Larry Bruner.



Steve Annes receives his IVFA 25 year pin with 38 years of service. (Left) Steve Annes, (right) District 12 chairman Larry Bruner.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

Articles and photos submitted by Mike Dzuba, District Chairman and Jacob Phillips

Steinwachs retires with 25 years of service



On Tuesday May 5th, Dave Steinwachs was honored at the monthly business meeting as he retired from the Knightstown Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department after faithfully serving his community for 25 years. He was honored with a plaque and reception hosted by members of the fire department and his family. His badge number, 43, was retired from service. He will be greatly missed.



Receive 25 year pins



(Pictured above) – The following members of the Sugar Creek Fire Department received their 25 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) Mark Mattes, Rawn Walley and John Begovich.

(Pictured at left) – Jeff Hayes is shown receiving his 25 year pin at the Heroes Competition from District 13A chairman Mike Dzuba.

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Board welcomes National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and National Volunteer Fire Council

FRANKFORT, IL – The nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) announced that the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have joined its all-volunteer Board of Directors. Chief Ron Siarnicki, executive director of NFFF, and Chief Kevin Quinn, chairman of NVFC, will represent the groups on the Board. “Our Board of Directors is pleased to welcome the NFFF and NVFC to the table,” says HFSC Board President Lorraine Carli. “We look forward to having the benefit of these national groups’ leadership, experience and expertise. The constituents of both these groups recognize the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers and are important resources to help to education others.”

the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services nationally, and provides resources and advocacy for first responders. Other members of the HFSC Board include: American Fire Sprinkler Association, Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association, FM Global, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of State Fire Marshals, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Fire Sprinkler Association, Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, State Farm Insurance, Underwriters Laboratories, and U.S. Fire Administration/FEMA. Since 1996, HFSC has focused exclusively on non-commercial education about the dangers of home fires and the unparalleled life-safety benefits of installing home fire sprinklers. More than 90 percent of all U.S. structure fire deaths occur in the home, and 84 percent are in one- and two-family homes (NFPA). These structures are almost most lethal for responding firefighters. Supporting the public awareness activities of the fire service by creating and providing

free educational tools remains key to HFSC’s mission. From its earliest days, the fire service has been a core partner to HFSC and its Board of Directors reflects diverse fire service perspectives. As the Coalition has grown, this commitment has deepened to include the BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Department (BFLFD) strategy to increase the BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Department (BFLFD) strategy to increase the number of fire departments making home fire sprinkler education a focus in their service areas. HFSC offers a comprehensive library of teaching tools developed for a wide range of audiences. All HFSC materials are available at no charge at www.homefiresprinkler.org. Follow HFSC through your favorite social media outlets: on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HFSCorg, on Twitter at @HFSCorg, on Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/hfsc/ and join HFSC’s networking group on LinkedIn.

HFSC was formed in 1996 to inform the public about the life-saving value of sprinkler protection in one- and two-family homes. HFSC is a purely educational 501(c)(3) charitable organization and the leading resource for independent, noncommercial information about home fire sprinklers. For more information about HFSC and home fire sprinkler systems, visit www.homefiresprinkler.org.

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About the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC):

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Articles and photos submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman



50 years of service

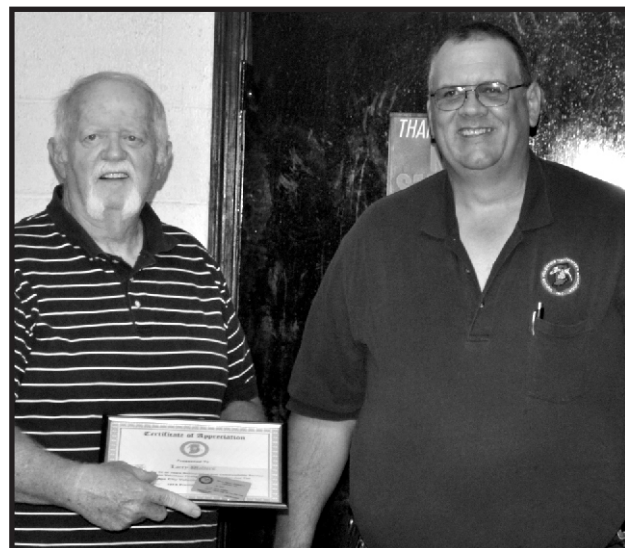
John Bertch of the Liberty Fire Department is honored for 50 years of service. The honor was placed on a Sunday morning at his church.



Cambridge City Fire Dept. 50 years of service

(At right: top photo) – District 13B chairman presents 50 year Gold Card and pin to Larry Walters.

(Bottom photo) – District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl presents 50 year Gold card and pin to William J. Rhim.



Global Award winner

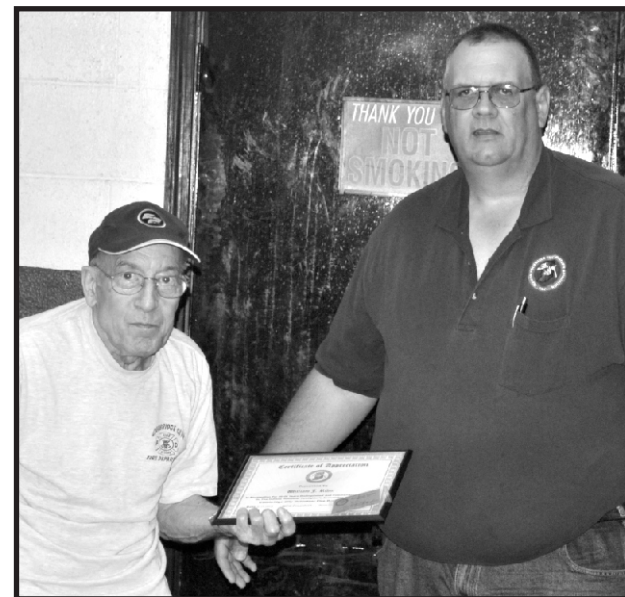
Scott Gregory of Perry Township / Economy Fire Department of Wayne County is presented the 2015 Global Award by Garry Davis of Global Emergency Products.

Three generations



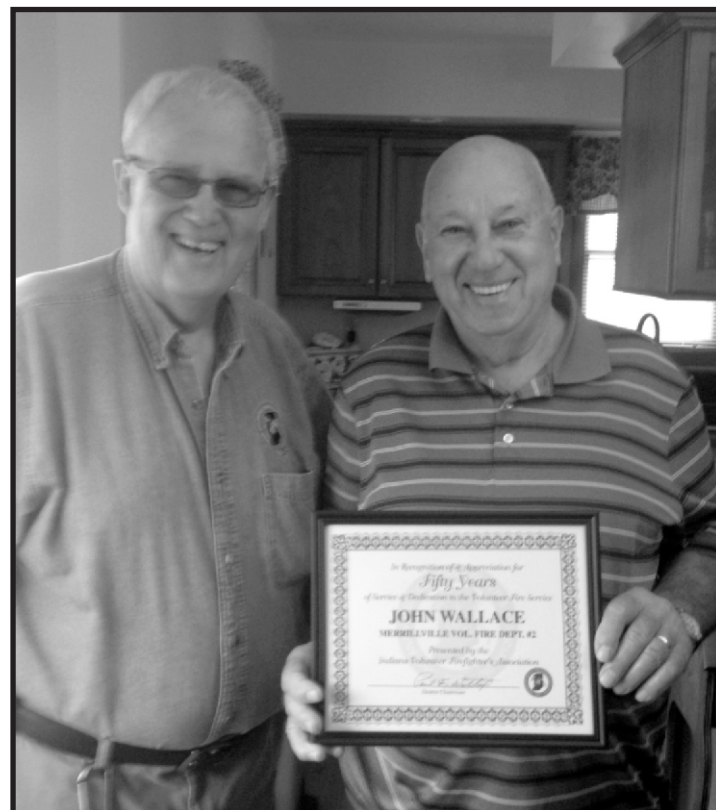
Congratulations to three generations serving the Hagerstown / Jefferson Township Fire Department in Wayne County.

Pictured - from the left – Allan Bullock (grandson), Bobby Bullock (son) and Bob Bullock (dad).



From District 2 ...

Wallace 50 year member



John Wallace, a 50 year member of Merrillville VFD is presented his 50 year Gold Card, Certificate of Appreciation and his pin by Paul Watland, District 1 and 2 chairman. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Charlestown Founders Day parade



Charlestown Fire Department ladies auxiliary at the Charlestown Founders Day.

Convention 2015



District 14 Miss Flame Bethnay Falkerson helping with the 2015 convention memorial service.

Below – lighted candles at the Memorial Service.



District 14 was at the Madison Regatta



Memphis Kite Festival



District 14 chairman at the Memphis Kite Festival

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman



Awarded 25 year service pin

District 16 chairman Josh Reisert is shown giving Douglas Meredith his 25 year pin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-B

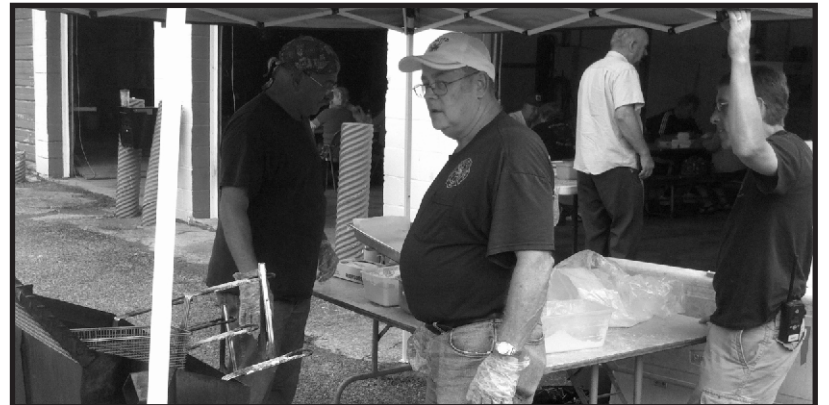
Articles and photos submitted by Steve Nolan, District Chairman

Pleasant Run VFD fish fry



(Pictured at left) Brenda Hillenburg, Melissa Short and Sharon Nolan serving fish at Pleasant Run VFD.

(Pictured at right) Robin Hillenburg, Steve Nolan and Cody East cooking fish for Pleasant Run VFD.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Articles and photos submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman



Moster receives 50 year Gold Card

On June 20, 2015, Tony Moster was awarded his 50 year Gold Card at Morris Fireman's Festival

Pictured above and included are: Rep. Randy Frye, Jason Smith, District Chairman Stephen Macke, PRSE Ed Scheele and Tony Moster.

Pictured at right – Tony Moster and chairman Stephen Macke.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Articles and photos submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

Eagle Fire 150th anniversary



Shown are pictures from the Eagle Fire's 150th anniversary celebration which was held on Saturday, June 30, 2015.

(Bottom right) – The Ladies' Auxiliary are shown releasing 150 balloons after the ceremony.

(Top right) – Past fire chiefs on the float for the Eagle Fire Company.

(Top left) – Engine 81 in the parade.

(Center photo) – Kevin Froehling with State Fire Marshal James Greeson as he gives the department an encased medal for 150 years of service.



DISTRICT 5 REPORT

IVFA District 5 meeting
July 9, 2015
Silver Lake Fire Department
Silver Lake, IN

Guests: Jean and E.J. Smith.

The 5th District meeting was called to order by chairman Kissinger at 1932 hours. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The meeting was attended by 10 firefighters representing 7 departments. The minutes from May's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

2015 IVFA convention went very well. Only change in officers is Luke Kluender, treasurer.

Contact Larry Curl in writing for any Legislation issues or concerns.

Chairman Kissinger discussed the 10 year pins. The new awarding of 10 year as well as 25 and 50 pins goes into effect January of 2016.

We discussed state income tax credit and cancer presumptive law for volunteer firefighters. We discussed the cancers and the affects to firefighters. Washing ALL PPE frequently is a must! Nomex hoods should be washed after each use. When snacking on a scene the hood should be removed and your hands washed prior to eating to remove possible cancer causing contaminates.

Keep record of info from any incidents: Date & Time of run, address, unit # you responded on, your crew, role you played. Wash your clothes, PPE, protective hood and other equipment. Shower immediately after incident so family and friends aren't exposed. Don't store gear in your vehicle without keeping in a tote. To show why gear needs cleaned, take a dirty fire hood and let it soak in hot water during your fire meeting and take note what the water looks like at the end of the meeting.

7/25 & 26 – Atwood F.D. 150 year celebration. 7/25: 7 A.M. pancake breakfast, 12 P.M. water ball. 7/26: 11 A.M. picnic starts.

Aug. 8 & 9 – Bourbon Summerfest.

Sept. 12 – North Manchester pancake and sausage breakfast.

Election results: chairman - open. Secretary - Paul Martin.

Departments complete Basic / Mandatory class



Members of Charlestown, Lexington, New Chapel, and New Washington Fire Departments recently completed Basic / Mandatory Class.



Phoenix Society for burn survivors launches a National Phoenix SOAR campaign for firefighters

Phoenix SOAR supports burn-injured firefighters and their families

GRAND RAPIDS, MI – The healing journey of a burn-injured firefighter can have its unique challenges – and the healing paths of the firefighter survivor and their family can be vastly different. A firefighter survivor often hopes to return to the profession where the burn injury occurred, while family members may struggle with the fear of loss. The physical recovery is challenging, but the psychological recovery can be overwhelming.

Phoenix SOAR® (Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery®) is a hospital-based, one-on-one peer support program, developed by the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors in conjunction with a national committee of experts, that connects people with burn injuries to survivors and family members who “have been there”.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Charitable Foundation, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), and the University of Kentucky partnered with the Phoenix Society to develop a firefighter peer support component for the national Phoenix SOAR program. Phoenix SOAR now offers burn-injured firefighters and their families one-on-one support from trained firefighter peer supporters.

Luis Nevarez, firefighter, (Tulare, Calif.), who was injured in

2002, credits having a peer support “there for him” to support his emotional recovery as he physically healed from his injury. He attended his first Phoenix World Burn Congress in 2010 and was later motivated to become trained as a Phoenix SOAR peer supporter in 2012.

“Firefighters are trained to fight fires and handle challenges. But, as Phoenix SOAR peer supporters, we want to make other burn-injured firefighters aware of the challenging phases of recovery - emotional and psychological. When a survivor is able to reach out to someone who really understands what they are going through, and understands the culture of the fire service – it helps. It helps being around other firefighters who have faced similar trauma or challenges ... I want someone to look at me and say ‘Because of you, I didn’t give up!’” – Luis Nevarez, Division Chief, City of Tulare Fire Departments; burn survivor; Phoenix SOAR-trained peer supporter.

As part of the project funded through DHS/FEMA’s Grant Program Directorate for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, the Phoenix Society formed a steering committee to guide the development of a national outreach and education campaign designed to broadly publicize peer support and other resources available for those in the fire service and their families who have been affected by a burn injury.

This steering committee is furthering the work that the Phoenix Society and project partners – IAFF Charitable Foundation, NFFF, and the University of Kentucky – have accomplished in this area.

In addition to the project partners, members working in healthcare organizations, Phoenix SOAR programs, and fire departments, as well as burn-injured firefighters and their spouses, participated in the meeting to offer their diverse perspectives to help build a successful national campaign and help expand awareness of these peer support services within the fire service and healthcare communities.

Thanks to their efforts, the national campaign has been launched with a new promotional video, personal videos by burn-injured firefighters, outreach materials, and social media announcements. Find more about Phoenix SOAR for the fire service at www.phoenix-society.org/firefighters/.

Burn survivors and their families do not have to go it alone as they recover from burn trauma. Connect with Phoenix Society and find additional education, resources, and support for burn survivors, their families, healthcare professionals and fire service at www.phoenix-society.org/our-programs/.

Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors – People who suffer burn injuries often have a challenging time getting back to living. Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors helps

them do exactly that. Since 1977, the Phoenix Society has worked with survivors, families, healthcare professionals, the fire industry and donors to support burn recovery, improve the quality of burn care, and prevent burn injuries. We are the only national non-profit organization helping survivors meet their challenges with the community support and the tools they need to thrive again. Phoenix Society, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, takes its name from the legendary bird that is consumed by flame but rises again, more vibrant than before. To learn

more, visit www.phoenix-society.org.

Connect with us at: Twitter: @psburnsurvivors,

Blog: www.phoenix-society.org/blog/, Facebook: www.facebook.com/PhoenixSocietyforBurnSurvivors.

Funding for this project provided through DHS/FEMA’s Grand Program Directorate for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grants.

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September 17 – Kosciusko County Fire Assoc. fish fry.

Next meeting at Syracuse-Turkey Creek F.D. Station 2, September 10.

Paul Martin
5th District Secretary

Salute to Veterans Dance



District 14 at the Indiana Salute to Veterans dance



Dupont Fire Department monthly fish fry & fund raiser

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District 14 at convention



District 14 chairman at the 2015 convention hospitality room with members from Monroe Township Fire Department.

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