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2016 Convention Award Winners



Mr. IVFA Award
Sam Emery



Lois Boaz Award - Joyce Nevil (center)

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2016 Miss Flame
Kelsey Walton - District 12



Miss Congeniality
Jaelyn Matthews -
District 10



I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE



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

This began back in 1990 when the Association petitioned the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for a special plate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From The President

Steve Anderson



Congratulations to the District 19 Convention Committee for hosting a great event this past June. We crowned our new State Miss Flame; we handed out some scholarship money; and we awarded some very big awards to some very deserving

people. And to top off the week we had one of the best dance contests in recent memory, thanks to our special group of dancers. And as a bonus our Vice-President attended the entire convention with no injuries!!

We had something very special happen during convention this year. Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb was present and addressed the group on Thursday and we had a personalized video from Governor Pence to show during the banquet Friday night. I also need to thank Senator Leising for paying us a visit, as well as Representative Randy Frye for all of his assistance during convention.

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners. Look for photos of the award winners throughout this issue. You can also check the website and our Facebook page for even more pictures and video. Please remember to nominate some of your deserving members for these awards. We should have more letters coming in than what we are getting.

In May's issue, I asked for your help by (1) completing a survey on the current state of the fire service in the state, and (2) volunteering to

serve on workgroups to help prepare for our next legislative session. I was pleased to officially announce the release of the survey, while Lt. Governor Holcomb and Director Jamie Palmer, IACIR Sr. Policy Analyst (and lead survey writer) were in attendance Thursday night. Then on Friday I was joined by State Fire Marshal Greeson, Fire Training Director John Buckman, Preparedness and Training Director Brandon Wood, IVFA Legislative Chair Buz Koehler, and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl as we further discussed the importance of this survey for the future of the fire & EMS service. I especially would like to thank the members in attendance that took the opportunity to stay and listen to me go through the questions individually, so they would know what to expect.

On Friday I also released the names of the individuals that have volunteered to serve on the following legislative workgroups:

Presumptive Cancer workgroup - Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, Jerry Liston, Jean Smith, John Grolich, -CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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2016 Convention Awards

President's article

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Miriam Schaekel Award
Suzie Lewis

Junior Firefighter Award
Hunter Morrow

Ollie Sandberg Award
E. J. Smith

Lance Overholser, Paul Campbell, Lewis Watson, & Dawn Pence

Fire & EMS Survey Results workgroup - John Morphy, Stephen Macke, Jeff Duncan, Dale Vanderbur, Brad Speer, Don Maucher, Ben Sieverding, and Sean Owens.

Recruitment & Retention Grant workgroup - Tatijana Marsee, Luke Kluender, Tom Simpson, Robert Brownell, Steve Davis, Brandon Truitt, Dennis Spears, Mark Baumgardner and Joe DeKemper.

As you can see, we have a lot to be working on the last half of the year, but I am very confident that we are going to be very successful in these areas.

We continue to plan our remaining PR training days. PRSW has scheduled their event on Saturday, October 29th at VUJC in Jasper and PREC has scheduled their event on Saturday, November 5th at the Veedersburg fire station. We should be finalizing class offerings by the end of August, so be looking for those announcements in early September as well as a date and location for the PRNE event.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as the 37th president of this organization. One of my goals when elected was to make it to a district meeting in all districts. I think once I get to a District 4, 5, 8A & 9B meeting later this year, I will have been to all 25 districts. For those that have not heard, we elected Paul Holcomb to take over this role in 2017. I can only guarantee 2 things that will happen - I will still be active in whatever role I am needed.....and the meetings should be a lot shorter!!!

S. Anderson

~ more Convention highlights can be found throughout the paper ~



The 2016 Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award Recipient - Mr. Jack Kerney

Pictured from left to right is Barb & Jack Kerney, Larry Curl – the first recipient of the award, Ivan's wife Joyce Nevil and the Nevil family members.

Jack was selected by the previous four award winners and the current IVFA President, Steve Anderson, Larry Curl, David Israel, Buz Koehler, and Larry Bartlow to become the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award recipient.

The recipient of the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award is an individual who embodies one or more of the following traits:

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

Jack demonstrates all of these traits with his more than 50 years in the IVFA having served as President and as well as many other positions within the fire service.

Jack is still very active and continues to serve his home department as well as the State Association of the IVFA. Congratulations to Jack on being the 2016 the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award Recipient and for his many other accomplishments during his fire service career.



Angel Award
Tammy Smith (center)

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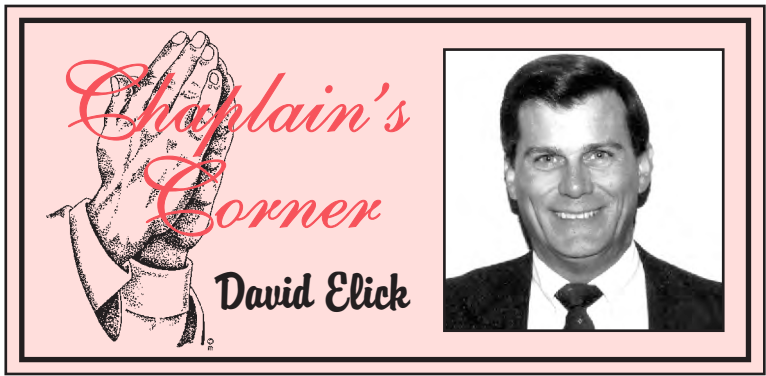
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Greetings all, and welcome to summer 2016!

Congratulations to all of the award winners at this year's convention, and thanks to the convention committee for another fun time at Belterra. Also, thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Chaplain for another year. I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the associate chaplains for their dedication and hard work. Without them by my side, this job would be difficult at best. To each of you, a heartfelt thank you for all that you do, your work does not go unnoticed.

From Steuben County to Posey County, from Lake County to Switzerland County, and all points in between, summer is in full swing. Bar-b-ques and cook-outs, picnics, reunions, fireworks and vacations, this is a great time to reunite with family and old friends, and maybe spark some new friendships. Friends and family are probably the most important assets any of us have. Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

Life in today's society is often so hectic and fast paced, we tend to lose sight of the little things that make-up who we are. Take a little time this summer and enjoy some quality time with family and friends around a camp fire, sharing a picnic, eating homemade ice cream, playing games, laughing much, loving lots, because before we know it, summer will be gone for another year.

Stay safe –
Dave Elick
IVFA Chaplain



"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

Isaiah 54:13

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast *Jean Smith*



I just returned from the 70th IVFA Annual Convention held in Florence, Belterra Casino Resort. Congratulations to Convention Chairman Steve Macke and his Committee for putting on a great Convention.

Congratulations to the award winners. Mr. IVFA to Sam Emery, Ivan Nevil to Jack Kerney, Ollie Sandburg to E.J. Smith, Lois Boaz to Joyce Nevil, Miriam Schaeckel to Suzie Lewis, 2016 Miss Flame Kelsey Walton - District 12, Miss Congeniality Jaelyn Matthews - District 10, Mary Mackin Scholarship Abigayle Watson - District 21 and Kristen Clairday District 8B, Poster Board McKayla Shumaker, District 5.

I would like to thank President Steve Anderson and Vice President Paul Holcomb for a job well done during their term of office. Please

support our new incoming President Paul Holcomb and Vice President David Israel.

I would like to thank those that support me as Public Relations Northeast. I am honored to serve another term as your Public Relations Representative. Thank You.

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

Public Relations Director West Central *Larry Bartlow*



Another great IVFA Convention is now history. Congratulations to

all the award winners; they are all very deserving winners. Also congratulations to all elected officers for the new year. We have a lot of work to get done and need everyone's help and input, so attend your District meetings.

Summer weather is here so be careful in the heat and humidity. Also stay alert for wide farm machinery on the roads – wide equipment, narrow county roads and fire trucks in a hurry can make for some big problems, so be alert and be safe.

The WCPR classes will be November 5, 2016 at Veedersburg Fire Department. The classes will be announced later this summer as soon as instructors are confirmed. Hope to have a good attendance.

If anyone has any questions or problems, if I can help let me know.

Larry Bartlow, PRWC

depth study on the current status of Presumptive Cancer laws, and include in that study our current health and disability benefits provided should the unfortunate occur, be become hurt or disabled while performing our duties. This will be a major proposal for the upcoming session, adding VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS to the presumptive cancer law.

Lastly, President Anderson hopes to look into the possibility of a Federal Grant to assist the entire state for the upcoming grant period (look at the President's article for possible additional info on grant(s)).

By the time this newspaper comes out we should be well into our workgroups but if you are willing and have a strong desire to offer your time, talent, and dedication I am sure we will still be looking for a few good people to jump into the mix and help out. Please contact either President Anderson or myself and we will see where we can fit you in to gain the most for you and the Association.

I want to congratulate all the Officers that were elected or re-elected at our state convention for both the IVFA and IVFAA. We will see some new faces and some returning faces and I am sure they will all serve us well.

Speaking of the 2016 State IVFA Convention, a big thank you to IVFA District 19 and all who made this year's convention the "GREAT" success it was. A very good turn-out, some great educational opportunities, a well attended Board of Firefighters Standards board meeting, great entertainment, many vendors, informative meeting(s), a very moving memorial service and fun by most (if not all) and to see the pictures of this year's convention, take a look at the IVFA website, or the IVFA Facebook for some very special and fun-filled dancing being done by some very interesting folks (not the girls, just the guys). We were also greeted by the Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb (no relation to the president-elect Holcomb) at our opening session, just after seeing the lovely Miss Flames being escorted into the room.

To those who chose not to run for re-election, I hope you enjoy your little bit of free time but I am sure each of you will still be active and involved and we look forward to your continued service.

August is the time we (your legislative committee) complete our legislative agenda for the upcoming session. We will be studying this list at our quarterly officer's meeting which will be on Aug. 6th and 7th. If you get your newspaper before then and have some concerns, issues, proposals that you would like us to look at and take into consideration, please get those thoughts to your District Chairmen and ask them to bring them to the committee or you can email me as late as Aug. 5th and I will take them into the meeting, too.

I have had conversations with a few legislators that seems to all have the same question, why are we struggling for funding? That is a topic that I hope to continue to pursue either in a work group or as a legislative initiative. Many of you have heard me speak on this topic and share my thoughts as to how unfair and unbalanced our current funding mechanism or funding stream is, so if you have any thoughts on a possible way to change, correct, or improve the current way of doing business I am interested in hearing from you.

I hope to arrange a "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S DAY" at the State House this year during session but I am curious

about the possible participation should we get this set up. This would have to occur on a Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday or Thursday morning most likely. If you could/would possibly be interested in attending such an event, please drop me an email and let me know and also if you can ask others and possibly get a number from your department / district so I can have a better feeling of the effectiveness of this day, that would certainly help us in setting this up. Our goal would be to meet with your elected official (and to do that I would need to know a little in advance who is attending so I can assist in scheduling your meeting) and to watch part of the House and Senate sessions to get a feel for how they function. (Or maybe dysfunction).

I hope each of you had an enjoyable and safe Fourth of July and I hope to see many of you as I attend as many district meetings as I am able to over the next three or four months.

For your district meeting date and location as well as other valuable / good information visit our (yours and mine) Association website at www.ivfa.org and take a look at the calendar.

Be careful and be safe out there, we have a much greater chance than most for danger, injury, or worse.

Look forward to seeing many of you soon... if I can assist, help, answer any questions with your legislative concerns please give me a call, send me an email. You can find my contact info listed in this newspaper and on the website.

See ya...

Bridgeport Scholarship Winners



Katie Jo Singer



Emily McFarland
Not in attendance
was Lauren Schnell

From the State House to the Fire House

2016 "Political" Talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

Greetings fellow members,

As I write this quarter's article for the newspaper I am preparing for the fireworks, both literally and figuratively. Literally because the date is July 1st and the fireworks have already become "bombs bursting in air" in our neighborhood and figuratively as we prepare for the upcoming legislative session that will be here before we know it, and we still have a "bunch" of work to prepare for it.

I hope everyone by now has heard of (and completed) the State FIRE & EMS Survey that has been sent out by a multitude of sources; the State Fire Marshal, The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, the State Fire Chiefs, the Career Fire Service, just to mention a few. You might have gotten several emails asking you to complete this survey and here is why.

This is the most information (I think) ever gathered by the state that addresses all services and as much information. This survey, will possibly set the direction of our services for decades to come.

It will give us (the IVFA and others) a look at how we are doing in our ability and capability to serve our constituents who we are all sworn to protect. It will give us a thumb print of several objectives such as condition of apparatus, age of membership, training qualifications, response readiness, and much more data that will tell us if we are ready to provide the services we should be providing.

Your IVFA with the support of President Anderson will be putting together several committees (work groups) that will do a very complete and comprehensive review of all the data gathered and will begin to formulate our position and what we need to either improve or expand for the service we offer to those we serve.

Additionally we will be working with another group to due an in-

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 and 2 meeting
Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
May 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman.

Roll call taken.

Guests: 50 year Gold card member Bub Wise CPFR, Buz Koehler, past president IVFA, 50 year Gold card members: Jerry Miller, Merrillville VFD, Bill Casbon, Porter Twp. VFD, Ed Morales, Porter Twp. Trustee, Kaylee Hans, District 1 Miss Flame, Lauren Bustamante, past District 2 Miss Flame, Walter Cook, District 1 Global Award winner.

Assistant Chief of Liberty Twp. VFD gave a history of the department, said a new engine has been ordered and a new station is to be built.

Guest speaker: Sgt. Jason Praschak, Porter County Sheriff's Department Patrol Division talked about active shooters that have happened in schools and different areas and how Porter County Sheriff's department has trained for them and also how FD's have trained with them. His goal is to get more departments to train with them.

Wally Cook made a motion and seconded by Bub Wise to dispense with reading of minutes. Motion passed.

Buz Koehler talked about the Washington D.C. trip, they met with legislator's staff as they were on vacation break.

State committees - Presumptive Cancer Bill. State survey going out to every chief in the state. Please fill out and return. Technical rescue class for large animal rescue.

Paul Watland reminded members license plates are available at BMV and no authorization is needed.

Motion to give Miss Flame \$200.00 for expenses. Will pay her at convention. Motion passed.

Old business: one.

New business: 9 members of Liberty Twp. FD were given 10 year pins by District 1 chairman. Larry Bustamante, St. John VFD also received his 10 year pin from Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

District 2 had one death: John Gettler, former chief of CPFR. Moment of silence held.

Announcements: CPFR golf outing - June 11; Convention June 15, 16, 17 at Belterra Casino, Vevay, IN; Hoosier Burn Camp; Convention 2017 Columbus, IN; 2018 Indianapolis.

Wally Cook won the 50/50 and donated back to the district meeting.

Kaylee Hans, District 1 Miss Flame held a raffle to raise money for convention, prize was a bucket of car wash items.

Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Bub Wise to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:16 p.m.

Notes by Bob Szot

Submitted by Paul Watland,
District 2 chairman

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5* District Meeting
May 12, 2016
Atwood Fire Department,
Atwood, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Guests: Terry and Judy Smith, 4* District Chairman; Jean and E.J. Smith, P.R.N.E.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1934 hours. The pledge to the flag followed. There were 19 firefighters representing 5 departments in attendance. The minutes from March's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Jean discussed the warning signs of suicide and passed out some literature on suicides and rules to live by for fire fighter survival.

The 2016 convention is in Belterra June 15 thru 18. There will be a Miss Flame dance with the district officers this year.

Judy Smith stated that an IVFA member can hold membership in the IVFAA as well. This will double the insurance coverage for the member.

John discussed the cancer presumptive law. DOCUMENTATION is a must. After washing all gear and clean equipment then DOCUMENT.

May 18 is Fire Chief's Day at the Indianapolis race track.

June 21 is South Bend Fire teaks class and it is a free class.

South Bend Fire is hosting a fire officer and leadership class June 21 thru August 2.

August 13 and 14 Pride and ownership class at Concorde Township Fire Department.

Chairman Grolich discussed a bereavement uniform program with Steve Cohen of Lighthouse Uniform Company. There is NO charge for a uniform for deceased firefighter, just the overnight shipping.

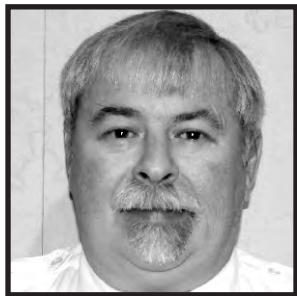
Firefighters in and from Etna Township and Atwood Fire Departments were awarded a 10 year pin.

Next meeting is July 14, 2016 @ Argos FD.

Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6, Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast it is summer time.

Need to thank Chief Bender and the Topeka VFD for hosting our meeting in May. Their hospitality

and fellowship were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the Topeka VFD for supplying our meal for the meeting.

There was a small discussion on splitting District 6 into 2 smaller districts. With the size and amount of Fire Departments in District 6, it is very difficult to meet with all of the departments in a reasonable amount of time. There is a possibility of dividing the district by counties. Whitley, Noble and Lagrange in one, Allen, Dekalb and Steuben in the other. There is also the possibility of splitting it with Noble, Lagrange, and Steuben in one and Allen, Dekalb, and Whitley in the other. This was tabled until the next District 6 meeting on July 26*, 2016 at the Orange Twp VFD in Rome City. *** TO ALL DISTRICT 6 DEPARTMENTS, PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS MEETING***. This division of District 6 will be on the agenda for discussion and vote on this matter will be scheduled for the District 6 meeting on July 26*.

It would be great to see better attendance at our District 6 meetings. Come on guys and gals. It is only one night every other month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spiralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held at the Orange Twp. VFD in Rome City. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on July 26th.

Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

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

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
May 16, 2016

Mount Etna Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:37 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 37 members representing 9 departments.

March Minutes R/A

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations Northeast, Olivia Lockwood - District 7 Miss Flame, Jim Sprow - North Central Co-Op.

Chairman Bisel - Attended Washington D.C. trip. Senators were out on break, talked to aides. Pushed SAFER Grant that they are wanting to cut.

2010 there was a Volunteer Firefighter Incentive, trying to get it

back.

Promoting Emergency Services Incentive Act in the State.

Jessica Dove, 2012 IVFA State Miss Flame, is working on promoting a program for medical alert for in vehicles.

Attended Congressional Fire Institute Dinner. Attended workshop discussing presumptive cancer laws. Of the 33 states that have laws covering presumptive cancer, only 8 cover volunteer firefighters. Looking for volunteers to sit on an IVFA committee to draft a Presumptive Cancer proposal for Indiana.

American Income Life wants to know if you are being harassed by their representatives. Please provide date, time, name of caller to the Central Office to help clear this up.

IVFA Convention is coming up June 15-18 at Belterra Casino Resort.

Burn Camp Visitor's Day is June 1*.

Please fill out attendance cards legibly.

Bereavement Uniform Program - They are collecting Class A uniforms for use in funerals when the deceased member does not have one.

Jean Smith, PRNE - The state is going to National Registry for EMT's.

Working on writing Presumptive Cancer Bill.

National Vol. Fire Council is working on awareness of Presumptive Cancer.

Keep your eyes out, firefighter suicides are on the rise.

Rules to Live By - FF Safety and Survival.

Going to have 50 year Resolution again next year.

Governor Pence announced this week as Indiana EMS Week.

In the past year have attended 25 district meetings, 4 quarterly meetings and over 6,000 miles traveled.

Chairman Bisel - One death in the district since the last meeting. Randy Lane of Poneto.

District 6 has 56 departments, looking at possibly splitting that district.

Supporting Heroes - LODD Benefits discussed.

Firefighters need to personally start tracking fires that they are at and tasks that were performed.

The state has an app for tracking purposes. This is voluntary and is to be used for tracking purposes only.

Chairman Bisel presented 10 year pins to Bippus and Mount Etna Firefighters.

Presented 25 year pins to Thomas Wuensch and Ray Bonebrake of Bippus and Matt Tyner of Mount Etna.

Certificate was presented to Jerry Helvie for serving as Chief of Bippus for 26 years.

Following the meeting will be an Anhydrous Ammonia Safety/Awareness class presented by Jim Sprow of North Central Co-Op.

Next district meeting will be at Nottingham Twp. July 18. It will be officer elections.

Second roll call answered by 39 members representing 10 departments.

Hoagland will have an Open House this Sunday and live/silent auction June 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

**SCHOOL BEGINS
SOON, WATCH OUT
FOR THE CHILDREN
AND SCHOOL BUSES**

DISTRICT 8A REPORT

Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from 8A

When reading this article we will be into summer. We will have completed our 70* State Convention at the Belterra Resort and Casino in Florence, Indiana and several of us, including myself, will be planning on where to take the family on vacation before school starts up again in August.

Thanks to Chairman Steve Macke and his convention committee for all of their planning and hard work and for making the 70* State Convention successful and memorable for all attendees.

I want to thank our District 8A Miss Flame, Kaitlyn Quick, for the way she handled herself and represented the District and her home department at the 2016 convention. This beautiful young lady will do outstanding things at the next level and beyond. Also, a big thank you to her parents Kyle and Amber Quick, and little sister, Faith, for taking time out of their busy schedules to be there with Kaitlyn.

Congratulations to the recipient of the District 8A Global Award Rex Maynard of the Jonesboro Fire Department. Rex was present at the State Convention to receive the award from Global Emergency Products.

I want to thank Chief Donnie Plummer and members of the Van Buren Fire Department for hosting the May District 8A meeting. Although attendance was down from previous meetings and we were unable to have a quorum due to only 4 departments in attendance there was still good discussion among those present. Also, I want to thank Tim Raun of Station Supply for being there on short notice and showing what his wonderful cleaning products can do for fire departments in the maintenance and upkeep of their fire apparatus.

In early May I had the privilege of attending the Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner in Washington D.C. with a delegation of IVFA members which included Vice-President Paul Holcomb and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl. The two-day trip was quick, tiring and yet very fulfilling for our small delegation. Before the dinner on Thursday night we spent the day visiting with the staffs of our Indiana legislators on Capitol Hill. Unfortunately, our Indiana legislators were on recess and back in their districts in Indiana. In talking with staff we asked for our legislators' support on several key pieces of proposed legislation at the national level that will affect the fire service at the local level in Indiana.

Speaking of a key upcoming piece of legislation. How about occupational cancer prevention in the fire service? If you have followed my earlier articles in the paper you know that volunteer firefighters in the State of Indiana are not covered under current Indiana law. This oversight just dumbfounds me to no end as to why only career firefighters are covered and volunteer firefighters are not. We, as volunteers, do the same job as our career brothers and sisters and we should be covered under the law, too. In 2017 we are going to ask our state senators and representatives to change current Indiana law to include volunteers. Groundwork has been started on addressing the issue

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with the current law by your IVFA legislative committee and lobbyist. I will keep you informed in the district thru e-mails and social media channels on our progress with this important piece of legislation for our volunteer brothers and sisters.

Departments in the district should have by now received their dues packets from the Central Office for 2016-2017. You will notice some subtle changes with the dues packet. Some departments will have already returned their dues to the Central Office by the time you receive the paper. For those departments that have not, you have until July 31, 2016. Dues must be postmarked by this date for member departments to remain in good standing and to not lose any of your member benefits through the IVFA. Please remember to check those member names, addresses and beneficiaries listed on the white membership roster included in the packet for each department. Before returning any forms make sure you make copies of all completed forms for your department records.

Did you notice the changes to the last issue of the IVFA paper? Newspaper committee chairman Buz Koehler and his newspaper committee have started overseeing some new format changes to the paper. You will start seeing more color advertising and color photos in upcoming issues. If you like the changes or would like to suggest additional changes feel free to contact your District Chairman or Chairman Koehler. Contact information is in the paper. Thanks Buz.

Before closing I want to touch briefly on the Fire & EMS Survey. If your department is not aware there is a survey coming out of the Indiana Lt. Governor's Office in June for volunteer and career fire departments in Indiana. Also included are agencies that provide EMS services. Your department should have received by now an e-mail from the State Fire Marshal's Office with directions on how to

access and complete the survey online. Chiefs, if your department has received the e-mail please take the time or designate someone in your department to fill out the survey. If your department has not received the e-mail by the time you are reading this article please contact the Marshal's Office at 317-232-2222 and provide them with a valid e-mail address in which the survey can be sent to your department. Please answer all questions honestly, fairly and correctly. Should you have questions, you can reach out to your District Chairman or any State Officer.

The next District 8A meeting will be hosted in July by the Washington Twp. VFD in Grant County. There will be a short business meeting and TBD program for those that attend the meeting. District 8A has gone to an e-mail notification of the district meeting to all departments in the district. When you receive the meeting notification by e-mail for your department please take the time to forward the meeting notice to your members or post the meeting notice in your department. Please encourage your members to attend the district meetings.

Stay Safe,
Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their May 11 District meeting at the Eaton Volunteer Department.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

There were 20 members from 6 departments present. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. One guest Kristen Clairday, 8B Miss Flame was present. She gave a report on all the activities that she had done so far this year.

New business that was discussed:
Dues packets have been sent out.
New insurance that was sent out in the dues packet.

Comments on the new look of the IVFA paper.

Alert stickers for vehicles.

Different fundraisers and parades going on in the different departments.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 95 fires and 115 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held at the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department on July 13, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. Election of officers will be held.

Chairman Wright thanked the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Also thanked those who were in attendance.

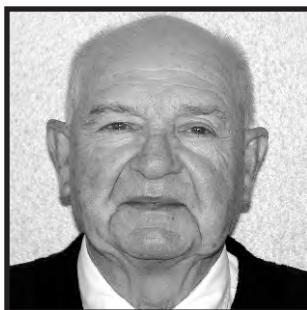
Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Had a good time at the convention this year. Thanks to all the convention committee for putting this on.

A special thanks to the State Fire Marshal's office for the 50 year award that I received at the convention.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10, Morristown Volunteer Fire

Department hosted District 10 for its May meeting with a delicious meal catered from a favorite local eatery, The Copper Kettle.

The IVFAA Dist. 10 Auxiliary held its annual bake sale to raise funds for our Miss Flame, Jaelyn Matthews to attend State Convention. \$400.00 was raised during this event. Thank you all for contributing and I hope you enjoyed your "goodies"!

Eleven members of the Morristown Fire Dept. were presented 10 year pins. Larry Curl updated us on legislative topics for the coming year. Instead of a planned program, an open forum of discussion was held on "Recruitment and Retention".

Another IVFA Convention has come and gone! This year we traveled to Belterra on the beautiful Ohio River for meetings, food and fellowship, June 15 thru 18. Attendance was up this year with 341 attending the Friday night banquet. The Memorial Service was held on Thursday evening and, as always, was very moving. The Global Award for 10th District was presented to Connie D. Ray, wife of yours truly. She was nominated as representative of our families, who remain in the background of what we do as firefighters and community servants. Also, I thank her for being my life partner and support for nearly 52 years, allowing me the opportunity to be a part of community service and an organization, which is very close to my heart! Congratulations to David Israel upon his election as State Vice President for the upcoming year. David also served on the planning committee for this year's convention, and will chair the 2017 Convention committee.

July was a vacation for district meetings; but Connie and I are enjoying our annual travels to the many fish fries held throughout the area!

Our next meeting will be held at German Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Taylorsville, IN on August 17 at 7 p.m.

Have a wonderful rest of summer, enjoy the county fairs, be safe and God Bless!

John M. Ray
District Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

The District 11-B meeting was held May 11, 2016 at Waynetown Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Vice Chairman John Morphy. Charles Melvin of the Waynetown Fire Department gave the invocation and the Pledge to Flag was led by John Morphy.

There were six departments and 16 members present with guests - past president Buz Koehler, Lobbyist Larry Curl and 11-A Chairman Pete Taylor.

Presented our 2015 Global Award to Waynetown Fire Department Chief Phil Pirtle.

Also presented 10 year pins to three members of the Waynetown Fire Department.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were not given at this time as the Secretary was unable to attend.

Past President Koehler talked on the changes in the IVFA newspaper this issue, as we now have capabilities of printing full color pictures. The May issue being the first issue.

Larry Curl talked about the presumptive cancer benefits and the work that will have to be done to be able to present this for legislation next session.

Larry also spoke on the survey the Indiana Fire Alliance and Homeland Security are conducting on the needs and problems of the Fire and EMS departments. All departments are encouraged to take the time to answer the survey questions to the best of your ability. Good information in will make good information out.

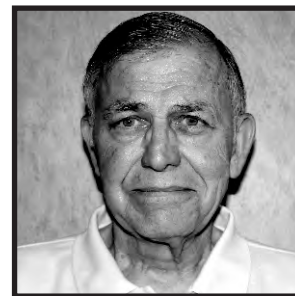
PRWC Larry Bartlow stated that the PR school for this area will be Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Veedersburg Fire Department. Classes will be announced later this summer.

Next meeting will be July 10, 2016 at Veedersburg Fire Department at 1:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Larry Bartlow, Acting Secretary

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our May 16, 2016 meeting was hosted by Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department with 18 members from 6 departments and 7 guests. Our Miss Flame Kelsey Walton of Eel River VFD spoke with us, then attended the District 12 IVFAA meeting.

Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke with us in regards to upcoming events at the Statehouse and PRWC Larry Bartlow updated us on state business. Jeff Esposito and Cindy Van Gordon brought out a demo truck from Donley Safety. We discussed the Convention next month, new equipment and for the good of the district.

I would like to thank District 19 Convention Chairman Steve Macke and the 2016 Convention Committee for putting on an outstanding convention and say up front that every meal we had at Belterra Resort was excellent. For those of you who never attended, District 12 did quite well this year. Our Miss Flame Kelsey Walton became the IVFA State Miss Flame. Our IVFAA President Carol Curl was elected the State IVFAA President, and Kayla Jo Singer, daughter of Mark Singer of Brown Twp. Fire Department was one of the winners of the Bridgeport Scholarship.

Our next meeting will be held at Lizton VFD at 19:00 on Monday, the 18 of July. Bring a friend and come join us. Election of officers, both IVFA & IVFAA will be held. If you're interested in a job to foster and promote unity among the

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volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana, then Lizton is where you need to be on July 18.

Until we meet again, remain safe.

Larry E. Bruner
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DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Mike Dzuba - Chairman

Well, it has been a good summer so far.

We just got done with this year's convention at Belterra and now we can look forward to next year's convention which will be in Columbus. I do hope that I can see more members from the district there and I want to thank those that came to this year's.

I have been out to see several departments to present pins to a lot of deserving members and I am still trying to get ahold of some people to present them their pins, so if you have an event, dinner, or meeting that I can come out to, please give me a call and let me know because we still have a lot of deserving members that need to be recognized. I would like to congratulate Carol Thrawley, the District Global Award winner for all the work he has done with the IVFA trailer.

Also this is the time to start looking at submitting names for awards next year, we all have members on our departments that go above and beyond that we should recognize. If you have someone like this please submit their names for these awards that the IVFA gives out each year.

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings,

The Fire & EMS survey has been sent out, please take the time to answer the survey honestly and truthfully.

The survey was a directive of the Governor's office. It was put together thru the Fire Marshal's Office and the Fire Alliance. All information will be a benefit to the IVFA with legislative issues.

I would like to thank district for hosting the 2016 convention at Belterra; a great time was had by all.

Congratulations to all the award winners and congratulations to the officers elected to lead the IVFA in 2017.

Congratulations to all the 50, 25 & 10 year service pins recipients.

Any legislative issues you want to get addressed, please let me

know and I will get them to the committee.

Please attend the district meetings to keep informed of happenings in the IVFA.

Please keep all our service members in our prayers.

Jeff Biehl - District 13B

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14,
Hope everyone is having a great

summer.

We have been busy handing out 10 & 25 year pins.

If your department has pins that I have missed, please call me to set up a time we can get together.

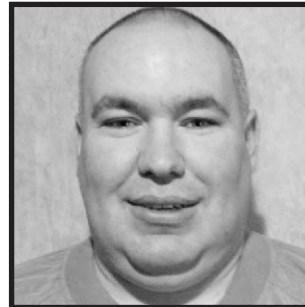
Also check out the Web page and Facebook for legislation to see all the bills coming up on the next session.

If you need me to come to your department or any functions email me or call me.

Rick Cannon

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DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from Southwest Indiana,

I would like to thank all the departments that have invited me to their events, I really enjoy traveling around to all the area departments in Dist. 15.

On June 21st the Indiana Fire Marshal's office released the Recruitment and Retention Survey for Fire & EMS, the goal is to get departments to have to fill it out and returned by August 1st. Remember,

each department only needs to fill it out once, even if you receive link in multiple e-mails.

The IVFA has put together 3 workgroups, these groups are comprised of IVFA officers, and firefighters from around the state. The first group will be a group to evaluate the results of the recruitment and retention survey.

The second group will be looking to focus on the issue of presumptive cancer in firefighters, the IVFA will be looking to seek legislation in the upcoming session to get volunteers covered.

The 3rd workgroup will be researching the possibility of the applications of grants toward recruitment and retention.

The IVFA is continuing the training day seminars in each PR District. The training seminar for the Southwest PR area will be held October 29th in Jasper. This will be a

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free day of training for anyone attending. There will be two sessions, a morning and afternoon, with free lunch in between the sessions. I, along with PR director Jack Kerney and the other District Chairmen will put out more information as it gets closer.

I would like to congratulate all the award winners from the IVFA Convention held at Belterra Casino. I had the honor of seeing my dad receive the 2016 Mr. IVFA award, it was a complete surprise to him. I would like to thank everyone who wrote letters to the committee nominating him.

If I haven't made it to your department to pass out IVFA pins for recognition pins for years of service or to just visit, I will hopefully get to your department soon.

Until next time stay safe.

Ross Emery, Dist. 15 Chairman
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DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Josh Reisert - Chairman

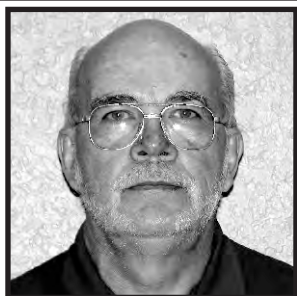
This year has been going by fast. I am making my way around the district with 10 year pins. If you

have any events or fundraisers coming up let me know so I can try and make it and spread the word to others about it.

I would also like to congratulate our new officers of President Paul Holcomb and Vice President Dave Israel. Also need a host for our next meeting. Please contact me if your department will like to host one.

Josh Reisert
District 16 Chairman
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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from 17A,
April 7th I attended the Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

I attended a breakfast fundraiser at Richland Twp. Fire Rescue and a fish fry at the Bloomfield VFD.

April 11th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Association at Jasonville.

April 13th I attended the annual meeting of Beech Creek Twp./Eastern VFD and presented 10 and 25 year pins.

April 14th I held a memorial service for Worthington Fire Prot. Territory Jimmy Noel, a 59 year IVFA member. My condolences to all.

May 5th I attended the Taylor

VFD meeting at Scotland.

May 9th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at High Twp. VFD.

May 18th a District 17A meeting was held at Bicknell VFD. Ten year pins were given to Vigo Twp. VFD members in attendance. Many thanks to Bicknell for hosting the meeting and the meal provided.

June 2nd a memorial service for Beth Inman, a 37 year member of the Center Twp. VFD. My condolences to all.

June 13th I attended the Greene Cty Firefighters Assoc. at Center Twp. VFD.

June 15th-18th I attended the IVFA state convention. Congratulations to all the award winners. I felt very honored to receive the Mr. IVFA 2016 Award. Many thanks to my family and friends who nominated me.

Also to all the Miss Flames who did a great job and also thanks to the convention committee for all the effort they put in. Great job.

June 18th I attended a fundraiser at the Odon VFD and presented 10 year pins. By the way, great food.

The next District 17A meeting is July 20th at the Loogootee VFD with elections to be held.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 19 May meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the Chrisney VFD. Roll call was

answered by 42 members representing 17 departments, and 1 Individual member. A total of 262 were reported answered. Guests: PRSW Kerney and Barb Kerney from the Central Office.

Our next meeting will be held on 21 July with the Celestine VFD as our host.

My congratulations to District 19 Chairman Steve Macke and his entire staff for the job of hosting the 2016 Convention. It always speaks well of a committee on how they "handle" the many issues that always come up at an event of this size. My congratulations to all of the winners of the various awards, especially to Jessie Dove for the President's Award. President Anderson could not have selected a more deserving individual. My pride goes out to Katherine Hurst who did such a wonderful job of representing the District 18 as our Miss Flame. "Sorry that I was not a better dance partner"! And my thanks to State Chaplain Elick for allowing me to be a part of the Memorial Service. "Once again, Statue Guy was the REAL talent"!

With the summer months brings the concerns of hyperthermia during extended operations. Be on guard for the signs that could signal a problem. Get your people to Rehab if they need it.

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

Hello, hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

Our upcoming district meetings will be July 28 at Posey Twp., September 29 Drewersburg, November 17 St Leon.

If you are having any upcoming events, please let me know so I can make plans to attend your event.

We have several awards that can be given to individuals. Check the IVFA.ORG web site for the details or contact me.

Everyone have a safe summer.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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I would like to thank everyone who attended the convention.

I would like to thank the members of the committee; they were Mark, Tonya, Tatijana and Cody Marsee, Ed & Carolyn Scheele, Ed & Pam Gerdowsky, Ben Sieverding, Mike DiMeglio, Randy Merkel, Adam Merkel, Janet Woodfill, Dave Israel, Thomas "Tank" Harris, my mom Betty Macke & Paul Hartman, and last, my wife Donna who had to put up with me. Without the work of all of these people the leadership of the IVFA and you who attended the convention, this would not have been possible.

Hope to see you all next year in Columbus.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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**November
deadline
October 5, 2016
12:00 p.m. CST**

The Knox Box Report

By: Tressa Steward

Prairieton is a small little township just south of Terre Haute city limits in the District of 11A. I was born and raised in this township by my two loving parents Matt and Brenda Steward. When I was about two, my dad decided to join Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department. This became not only a major part of his life, but as well as my mom's and mine. You could find us at every fish fry, Christmas party, and quite a few training nights. The department soon became a second family to us.

There were many men and women on the department that became role models to me. One man in particular was Larry "Root" Dunford. Root was always full of laughter and good times. It was a great loss to the department when Root fell ill in the spring of 2012 and was called home to our Lord. However, his memory still lasts and his presence is always around us.

In his memory, Root's family donated money to the department to be used to better our department and community. The ladies' auxiliary decided to put this money towards a fund for Knox Boxes. In our community, we have a lot of elderly locals that have medical conditions that may not allow them to be able to answer the door when the medics are called to respond to an emergency. These boxes are attached to the outside of their main door and hold their house key. The department is the only people who have a key to get into the box to retrieve the house key. This prevents frequently damaged doors when the resident is unable to answer the door. Immediately after this fund was put into place, we presented a couple of people with a Knox Box for their home and more have been installed since then.

When I received the title of State Miss Flame 2016, I couldn't wait to get a project underway. However, I had difficulty deciding what I wanted to do and where my proceeds would go. Suddenly I knew exactly what to do. I started a gun raffle with the help of a local gun store and some great friends that were extremely eager to help me sell tickets. After all was said and done, I raised a little over \$700 that I would put toward the Knox Box fund. At the 2016 IVFA convention, I spoke about my project on Friday night. After the dinner, we had a karaoke and dance party. Here, Steve Anderson gathered the Miss Flames and had them collect just \$1 to come up and dance with him. I was shocked when Steve handed me over \$100 and told me to put it towards my project. So thank you Steve Anderson and all the Miss Flames who took part in this event. It is greatly appreciated.

I intend to present this money to the department soon and I hope it will help out a large number of community members. I am so thankful to be a part of such a wonderful organization and to be able to give back to my community that has given me so much. "Root" may no longer be with us physically today, but he still lives in our hearts.

In memory of Larry "Root" Dunford.

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Officers Meeting May 1, 2016 Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

Martha Thomas gave her report on the baskets for the convention.

Judy Smith gave a proposed budget. Carol Curl made a motion and seconded by Beverly Taylor to accept the budget. Motion carried.

Suggestions in raising funds for the Mary Mackin Fund was mentioned. Joyce Nevil and Carol Curl had questions on this subject. There is \$500.00 that goes towards jewelry and this could be put into the fund instead. A motion was made by Judy Smith and seconded by E.J. Smith to accept this. Motion carried.

Chairman Phyllis Vargo presented us with two by-laws for the convention. She asked that District Chairmen save their copy and read it at their district meeting.

Dave Israel gave a report on the convention room bookings.

E.J. Smith reported that there are 23 girls running for Miss Flame.

Janet Matthews suggested that the pennies donated for the girl's convention posters be put in the Mary Mackin fund. Carol Curl made a motion and seconded by Tonya Marsee to accept this suggestion. Motion carried.

Past State Miss Flame, Jessie Dove, reported that she has found sponsors for her Medical Alert packet and it is available for \$7.00. She has information and cards for it.

Phyllis Vargo reported that there are flash drives for every district chairman with the old pictures from the auxiliary books. She asked that the cd's, flash drives, and books are given to the Rec. Sec. for safe keeping. A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Sharon Wright to accept this. Motion carried.

Tonya Marsee gave the slot for the convention: President: Carol Curl and Heather Holcomb. Vice President: Martha Thomas, Tonya Marsee and Heather Holcomb. Rec. Sec.: June Cahill and Heather Holcomb. Corres. Sec. Leona Uryga. Treasurer: Dorothy Reiter. Chaplain: Marlene Thrawley and Pam Gerdowsky. Sgt.-of-Arms: Suzie Lewis.

Barb Kerney suggested that we pass the hat and give Joann Hays the money. Marie Emery made a motion and seconded by Lou Bartlow to give \$250.00 from our treasury to Joann. Motion passed.

Prizes for the hat contest were given to: Suzie Lewis, Martha Thomas, Beverly Taylor and Patty Foltz.

Phyllis Vargo dismissed the meeting at 10:10 a.m. with a Mother's Day poem.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary
Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. Convention
Officer's Meeting
June 16, 2016

Belterra Casino, Vevay, Indiana

President Barb Kerney asked everyone to say a prayer for Joann Hays, Reyetta Sandy (wife of Dist. 3 Chairman Tim Sandy) and Joyce Uryga (sister-in-law to Leona Uryga).

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Phyllis Vargo.

Sgt. of Arms Susie Lewis conducted the pledge to the flag.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill did the roll call with 27 officers and 7 I.V.F.A.A. members present.

Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga read the minutes and it was approved as read.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report and it was approved until time of audit.

Vice President Martha Thomas reported that of this morning the Chinese Auction has made \$1141.00.

Past President Diana Gray presented Barb Kerney with a corsage and in turn Barb gave Diana a corsage.

June Cahill reported on membership and as of June 16 we have 60 Depts., 200 ind., 892 paid by depts., and 25 life members. Totaling 1117.

June made a correction to the

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MEMORIAL THROW

Carol Curl

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

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May meeting report that there should have been 60 Dept., 119 Ind., 892 paid by depts., and 25 life members, totaling 1116.

Barb Kerney made a suggestion to give Joann Hays who served over 30 years as our Chaplain to make her a throw and make her an Honorary Chaplain. Motion was made by Diana Gray and seconded by E.J. Smith to accept this suggestion. Motion carried.

Barb announced that past Chaplain Judy Hildebrand will be attending the Memorial service and say "hi" to her if you know her.

Barb adjourned the meeting with a prayer by Phyllis Vargo.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. Convention Meeting
Minutes
June 17, 2016
Belterra Casino, Vevay, Indiana

President Barb Kerney opened the meeting with a prayer recited by Phyllis Vargo.

Sgt.-of-Arms Susie Lewis led us in the pledge to the flag.

Judy Hildebrand (past Chaplain) was introduced to the auxiliary.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill took roll call with 42 I.V.F.A.A. members, 23 guests and 27 Officers present.

A letter from Joann Hays was a good-bye for being the Chaplain for over 30 years.

The Miss Flames visited and introduced themselves.

Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga read the minutes of the 2015 Convention meeting. A correction was made on the financial report. It should have been the June report and the Annual report of 2013-2014.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave the financial report from the Annual report of 2014-2015 and the June report.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill reported on membership. 60 Dept., 200 Ind., 892 paid by depts., and 25 life members. Totaling 1117.

Martha Thomas reported on the Chinese auction.

President Barb Kerney introduced: Lois Boaz winner Joyce Nevil, Miriam Schaekel winner Susie Lewis and Ollie Sandberg winner E.J. Smith.

A Meritus award is to be given to Joann Hays.

A member reported that Lake of 4 Seasons has decided to quit because of the \$10.00 dues and that we have so much money in our treasury and what does the money go for. Lou Bartlow and Barb Kerney explained why the dues were raised. Barb asked that the ladies take back to their auxiliaries what the financial situation is about.

A motion was made by Diane Stapleton and seconded by Carolyn Zeeks to buy a disc to be given to the Rec. Sec. for a keepsake of the convention from the photographer. Motion carried.

Tammy Smith was congratulated for winning the Angel Award.

The by-law change for Article II for the eligibility of election of officers did not pass. The by-law change for Article II on voting should be counted by the nominating committee did pass.

Election of Officers: President: Carol Curl, Heather Holcomb. A motion by E.J. Smith and seconded by Sharon Wright to close the nomination. Passed. A motion was made by Joyce Nevil and seconded by Tammy Smith that the

nominating committee is to collect and count the ballots. Passed. Vice President: Tonya Marsee and Martha Thomas. A motion by E.J. Smith and seconded by Christina Reef to close the nomination. Passed. Rec. Sec.: June Cahill. A motion by Lou Bartlow and seconded by E.J. Smith to close the nomination. A white ballot for June was cast by Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga. Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga: A motion by Bev. Lockwood and seconded by Joyce Nevil to close the nomination. Passed. A white ballot was cast by Rec. Sec. June Cahill for Leona Uryga. Treasurer Dorothy Reiter. A motion by E.J. Smith and seconded by Sharon Wright to close the nomination. Passed. A white ballot was cast by Rec. Sec. June Cahill. Chaplain: Marlene Thrawley and Beth Caudill. A motion by Carol Curl and seconded by Pam Gerdowsky to close the nomination. Passed. Sgt.-of-Arms Susie Lewis: A motion by Diana Gray and seconded by Pam Gerdowsky. Passed. A white ballot was cast by Rec. Sec. June Cahill.

Election was held and the new officers for 2016-2017 are:

President - Carol Curl
Vice President - Tonya Marsee
Rec. Sec. - June Cahill
Corr. Sec. - Leona Uryga
Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter
Chaplain - Beth Caudill
Sgt.-of-Arms - Susie Lewis

Eula Bush and Phyllis Vargo conducted the installation of officers.

Janet Matthews talked about Barb Parker and not having her name on the Memorial book. She stated that more attention should have been paid to this because she was a past president and was an I.V.F.A.A. member along with her husband for many years.

Julie Patrick from Lake Station received the 50 year pin. The 25 year pins were given out to:

Yolanda Solkowicz, Cedar Lake, Dist. 2. Gertrude Matukas, Michiana Shores, Dist. 3, Tammy Wenger, Monroeville, Dist. 7, Carmin Lepper, Ind., Dist. 7. Phyllis Marshall, Ind., Dist. 8A, Chris Moore, Cayuga, Dist. 11B, Tonya Lewis, Cayuga, Dist. 11B, June Cahill, Richland-Taylor, Dist. 17A, Vicki Chaffin, Geneva, Dist. 7.

President Barb Kerney adjourned the meeting with a group prayer led by Phyllis Vargo.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I attended the annual 2016 IVFA Convention in June 15-18 at Belterra Casino Resort, Florence, IN.

Thank you Kayla Williams for representing District 6.

I would like to congratulate the 2016 Award winners this year were:

Mr. IVFA to Sam Emery, Ivan Nevil to Jack Kerney, Ollie Sandburg to E.J. Smith, Lois Boaz to Joyce Nevil, Angel Award to Tammy Smith, Miriam Schaekel to Suzie

Lewis, 2016 Miss Flame Kelsey Walton - District 12, Miss Congeniality Jaelyn Matthews - District 10, Mary Mackin Scholarship Abigayle Watson - District 21 and Kristen Clairday - District 8B, Poster Board McKayla Shumaker, District 5.

Our next district meeting will be July 26, Rome City Fire Department, please try to attend the district meeting.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at home 260-639-3231, cell 260-413-3040 or email me at EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith - District #6 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Greetings from 17A,

What a wonderful convention. Thanks to all who made it possible.

Congratulations to all the award winners.

I would personally like to thank Brittney Groomer for doing a great job representing 17A, and all other Miss Flames. They did a great job and to our new state Miss Flame may you have a wonderful time in the year to come.

Congratulations to June Cahill who received her 25 year pin at convention.

There was no meeting in May due to illness and grandkids' sporting events. Next meeting will be July 20th at Loogootee VFD. Election of officers to be held.

I have attended fundraisers and meetings with Sam as he has passed out pins and awards. Congratulations to all for their service.

I would like to close by saying thank you for the sympathy cards, e-mails and words of comfort from all when I lost a best friend, my brother.

Marie Emery
District 17 chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Tonya Marsee - Chairman

Hello Everyone!!!

Those of you who attended the State Convention, we hope you had a blast! First of all, I would like to say how proud we are of our District 19 Miss Flame Alyssa Kneeven! She represented us well! Hope to see her back again next year.

We held our May meeting at Batesville Fire Department on May 10, 2016. We had 18 members present. We held our white elephant auction (this money helps our Miss Flame rep. attend the state convention - it helps offset her family's expenses).

Our next meeting will take place on August 9th, at the Milan Fire Dept. held by individual members Mark, Tonya, and Tatijana Marsee.

On November 8th our meeting will take place at Sunman Fire Dept. and on February 14th, our meeting will take place at Morris Fire Dept. If you know of a department wanting to start an auxiliary, please contact me anytime.

We will have some important things to discuss at our August meeting. While at the convention Tonya Marsee was elected Vice President of the IVFAA and Beth Caudill was elected State Chaplain. So we have some empty shoes to fill. So we will be needing a District Chair and a Secretary/Treasurer. I have had a wonderful time representing you as District 19 Chairman and I hope I can make you proud as State Vice

President of the IVFAA.

I would like to thank all of our Convention Committee members: Stephen Macke, Donna Macke, Kaitlynn Macke, Tyler Macke, Betty Macke, Paul Hartman, Carolyn Scheele, Ed Scheele, Pam Gerdowsky, Ed Gerdowsky, Randy Merkel, Ben Sieverding, Janet Woodfill, Beth Caudill, Mike DiMeglio, David Israel, Jim Cashe, Thomas "TANK" Harris, Mark Marsee, Cody Marsee, Tatijana Marsee, and myself.

Thank you,
Tonya Marsee
-District 19 Chairman



Greetings, my fellow IVFAA members,

As I prepare to take the reigns of our state auxiliary I just wanted to first introduce myself and share some of my goals for the first few months in office.

I have been with an Auxiliary what seems to be all of my adult life, from my local Mars Hill Fire Department #8 Auxiliary, Wayne Township (Marion County) Fire Department Auxiliary, our Marion County Auxiliary, IVFA State District #12 Auxiliary and now as your incoming State Auxiliary President.

I feel blessed to have been given this opportunity and I accept the challenge and position with sincerity, humility, and dignity, knowing the many others that I will follow who have served as our Auxiliary Presidents before me.

I wish to congratulate our newly elected 2016-2017 officers:

- Vice-President - Tonya Marsee
- Recording Secretary - June Cahill
- Corresponding Secretary - Leona Uryga
- Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter
- Chaplain - Beth Caudill
- Sergeant at Arms - Suzie Stout Lewis

I am pleased to have such a wonderful team of officers elected to serve with me; I look forward to working with each of them as we chart this "new course" of serving you, our members.

My first duty will be to review and appoint the committee members / leaders which I am currently working on as of this writing. An auxiliary will only be as strong as our committees and those who lead and work with them. These announcements will come out in my first meeting as President in August of 2016.

I have set some goals that I hope will help guide us as we enter our term as your President and Board of Officers. I will share some of those with you in this writing.

- I hope to do a complete audit and review of our current operating bylaws.
- I want to look at our SOGs (standard operating guidelines).
- I want to review our committee duties, missions / goals and objectives.
- And establish a couple of new committees to assist us moving forward.

My plan for accomplishing these tasks will be to take some time at each of our quarterly meetings to discuss and review a small part of these items, to review them with everyone, and then if we see the need to alter, change, correct or add to, we will follow the proper procedures to accomplish such suggestions or offerings.

As well my top priority, #1 job is our membership, for which I hope to see an auxiliary organized in each of the 25 IVFA districts, with a set of officers who can and will begin to visit the current department auxiliaries and recruit new members, start auxiliaries in departments that currently have none. Together we can accomplish this. With our offering of the current insurance benefits afforded our members that should be a great introduction to becoming a new member of the IVFAA.

Lastly, I personally wish to thank our immediate past president, Mrs. Barbara Kerney and her officers for the outstanding job they have done moving our Auxiliary forward during their term of office.

I look forward to their continued support as your newly-elected officers take the reign and continue to move in a direction hopefully pleasing to all but for sure in a direction of sustained success and continued accomplishments.

As your newly elected IVFAA President I offer to any IVFAA member my pledge as well as that of our entire board of officers, to assist, guide, and help every one with the business affairs of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary or your District or local Department Auxiliary. Our contact information can be found on the IVFA website www.IVFA.org under the tab on the left-hand side of the home page - IVFAA.

I look forward to meeting you, seeing you, and hearing from you.

Carol Curl
IVFAA President

Letter to the editor . . .

To the editor,

Just want to thank everyone who attended and was involved in the 2016 IVFA Fire Convention at Belterra in Vevay, IN.

Many people behind the scenes as well as committee people worked

very hard to make it a success. I have heard many good comments about it.

I also wanted to congratulate all the award winners and say thanks to Beth Caudill for donating that beautiful Fire Patch quilt. She

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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
APRIL 30, 2016

President Anderson – I have set this time aside to have some discussion on a couple of topics before the actual start of the meeting.

We are looking for individuals who are active in our districts to help us with these projects. Need 7 – 9 members on each work group. Each work group might vary.

1) Presumptive cancer research – Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, Jerry Liston, Larry Curl, John Grolick, Jean Smith. We are looking for members to serve on this committee. We are also looking for members that have been diagnosed with cancer and take it back to the work in the fire service.

2) Fire and EMS Survey – 4 legislators are interested in working with us. We are hoping surveys will go out by June 1st. John Morphy and Steve Macke and anyone else interested in setting on this committee let President Anderson know.

3) Safer Grant – We have someone that has volunteered to do this grant for us. We are looking for members to serve on this committee.

President Anderson called meeting to order at 2:07 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.

August 6, 7, 2016 meeting will be in Columbus.

November 5, 6, 2016 meeting will be at Crowne Plaza.

President Anderson introduced guest Walt Reiter, District 7 and Ed Smith, District 8B.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept minutes as printed. District 18 Chairman John Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report: Treasurer Luke Kluender. He passed out information sheet of guidelines for convention. Please remember to sign your vouchers. License plate deposit \$5,840.00 as of this week. I have purchased the software update that was voted on last meeting. I attended 1 memorial and Heroes Gala. District 11B Vice Chairman

John Morphy made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. District 12 Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay
President Anderson – PR training update, was hoping for better attendance. PRSW training will be October 29th

President Anderson – 10 year pin update, some districts are completely done, others still working on it. 25 year list is going down as well. So keep doing what you are doing.

President Anderson – Washington DC trip itinerary has been sent out; we have 7 legislator visits scheduled.

President Anderson – South Carolina trip – Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl and David Israel will be attending.

President Anderson – last meeting there were some ideas that were brought up and I told you to think about it and we would discuss it this meeting.

1) Class A dress coat \$135.00; it was decided if officers want one, get with Vice President Holcomb and he will give you the information and you can purchase jacket on your own.

2) Certificates – District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner, District 1 Chairman John Grolick and District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright will be meeting and if they can come up with a plan that works for all districts then we will revisit it. It has to work across the State and just a few districts.

3) Districts 6 redistricting needs to come up with a place to split and present it to us in writing and we will act on their recommendation. District 15 Chairman Ross Emery made motion to table redistricting until we see the plan in writing. District Chairman 9A Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. We will revisit in August.

4) 2 public relation officers per PR area. Died for lack of motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney – It has been a very busy quarter. We are still receiving some license plate requests that we have to return with the new information. We processed 10 year, 25 year pins and Gold cards list and Bridgeport scholarship applications, funeral vouchers, prepared and mailed letters to the 53 Gold card recipients, mailed AD&D checks to District Chairmen, emailed out department not paid list, made address corrections, typed by-laws and SOG's as per committee directions, we have 94 members that are deceased plus 10 to 12 I received this weekend. Chaplain Elick needs these by Monday to be on program for convention, worked on membership reports needed for convention. Receiving a lot of complaints from American Income Sales representatives. Please get their name and phone numbers or they can now track by date and time. We have 531 life members. We are up and going again, we shut down for a week while new computers were installed and the new program. I am still running both programs just as a back-up until I feel the new system has all the bugs worked out. There was discussion on new printer, copier and scanner all in one. I went to Reco and they came up with factory recondition unit for \$4,390.80 maintenance fee monthly \$9.59 includes parts, maintenance and toner. Option 2 exact same unit, lease it for 60 months for \$84.43, plus the monthly maintenance fee.

Vice President Holcomb – We discussed last night the changing of the membership cards. Changing to plastic ID cards in credit card strength, there was a lot of discussion on this. President Anderson said we will get more information on this tonight and make a decision tomorrow.

Jack Kerney - we did receive confirmation of the brick and National Fire Academy.

National Volunteer Fire Council – We would receive \$1 per member that signs up, it is \$15.00 per member, or departments can deal directly with NVFC. It is not an individual membership, it has to be the whole department joining. They offer a \$10,000.00 ADA policy, membership card, access to member only portion of the NVFC website, complimentary subscription to the Fire Rescue magazine, access to training and other materials. Jack Kerney recommends that we do this. It will be 3 pieces of paper in our dues notices we send out.

Past President Richard Glant made motion that we put NVFC in our packet. PRNE Jean Smith made the second. Yes – 19 No - 12 Motion passed.

Executive Committee: President Anderson – Pass.

Awards Committee: Vice President Holcomb – All awards have winners selected.

Mr. IVFA – We have a winner.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Richard Glant – The committee met last night. We received 14 applications, 2 were disqualified. The 3 winners have been selected.

Budget Committee: Treasurer Luke Kluender – Pass.

Bylaws and SOG's Committee: Chairman Larry Bartlow - We met this morning, we are removing all the revision dates on the bylaws and SOG's. We decided to make an appendix to the bylaws and SOG's so all revisions will be on one or two pages. Goal is to have them printed by August meeting; we are also going to try to print every two years. We can't see a reason to reprint every year unless there are a lot of changes.

Clothing Claims Committee: Chairman Lloyd Wright – 2 claims for eyeglasses both approved.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel.

2015 Co-Chairman Paul Holcomb and Rick Cannon – We're done.

2016 Chairman Steve Macke – Agenda is in paper, we are ready. We have raffle tickets for sale and they were mailed out to departments. David Israel went over room reservations.

2017 Chairman David Israel - we are working on it.

2018 – Convention committee will be hosting it, the sight will be announced at convention.

EMS Taskforce: Co-Chairmen Jerry Liston and Mike Dzuba – National Registry for EMT in State of Indiana effective July 1, 2017. A new student can opt to take either test. EMR level to allow Epi-pen use was approved. They lost their EMS plate but they have gotten it back. Elkhart County EMS approved for C-pap pilot study. Director Garvey discussed HB 1264 audit and review bill. It is a difficult bill to read and he encouraged those in the audience to go back to the providers and they need to read that to see how it is going to affect their agency. SB 187 Narcan reporting bill left out some agencies in the reporting and they were put back in the bill. The New

administration law judge – David Carter. Next meeting will be June 24 at Fishers City Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Luke Kluender – It has been renewed and paid and have insurance card for trailer.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler – We have four items on agenda this year and depending on how the work groups go it will determine how much we will be able to do in the next legislative session. 1) Presumptive cancer 2) Volunteer funding 3) POV red lights and siren 4) rule change for adding members to our department IC 655 and IC 1-36.

LODD Pass.

Heroes Gala recognized 12 LODD all from Kentucky. They have added Missouri and raised the initial check to the family from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith – 1 request for logo granted.

Membership and Marketing Committee: Chairman Diane Harrison – We would like to thank Ed Scheele who donated 50 thumb drives. Leighanne Ellis – plan is to get them out by August meeting, and we will train on how to use them at August meeting.

Newspaper Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler – Round of applause given to Buz for the new look of the newspaper. Buz thanked everyone that helped him with the project. We still need good quality pictures for the paper.

Social Media Committee: Chairman Paul Holcomb – During FDIC I spent two hours with the Pennwell Group and we went through our website front and back, and are taking a lot of their suggestions and we will be making some changes to the website.

Public Relations and Education: Chairman Jack Zeeks – Trailer is out and about and thanked everyone who worked the booth at FDIC.

Special Projects: Co-Chairmen Steve Nolan and Sam Bisel – We have put together a survey to be sent out to those that have attended the PR trainings that have been put on so far. We are hoping to get input that will help our future PR trainings.

Chaplain Dave Elick – Reported the Bible project is just about done.

Training Taskforce Committee: Chairman John Smith – You don't have to recert for Instructor 1. The Board of Firefighters Standard and Education is tentatively considering adopting a rotation for their meetings. EMS Representative is Mr. Rogers appointed on the Board. October 29th PRSW training will be at Vincennes University.

President Anderson reported that the email he sent out we were requested to find people to serve on a workgroup for the board. They will be reviewing the board rules. The rules are under a hold from the Governor. They are moving forward with reviewing the rules. I received 5 names to be considered for the workgroup. I don't know a date for the meeting yet.

Young Member Taskforce: Chairman Jerry Sprague – We met this morning, discussed 10 year pin progress and the thumb drive. We had a question on the PR training, those taking the In-Time class are not receiving their certifications. 5 year and 10 year list of names for paper, waiting on Central Office to get the new system up and running.

Board of Firefighters Standard and Education: John Smith – Next meeting will be at our Convention.

EMS Commission: Jerry Liston – Is Mike Cole still our trauma

representative or Matt McCullough from Riley? Whoever our representative is we need to start inviting them to our meetings.

Fire Alliance: President Anderson – Survey, made progress of hiring personnel for 4 positions that they have identified to start with the fire academy training system. Engineered lumber issue is still out there. The fire chiefs are trying to meet with the Fire Marshal and the Builders Association to come up with something that is do-able.

Dave Elick reported on the Heroes Competition; there were 16 teams representing 8 schools. 146 students participated. They greatly appreciated our donation, and sent a challenge coin. The coin was dedicated to Chuck Rutledge, a firefighter with Greenfield Fire who passed away a couple of months ago. Chuck was one of their advisers.

In-Time: Jack Zeeks – Last meeting had elections; everything stayed the same. Chief Fox from Riley Fire - they have come up with a mapping system that will designate what roads are closed through their CAD system. Next meeting will be in August during the IREC.

License Plates: Luke Kluender – Pass.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman – Pass.

Meeting reconvened Sunday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Elick gave the minute message.

EJ Smith, Miss Flame Co Chairman – This year we will be doing a dance competition with the Miss Flames and their District Chairman on Friday night after banquet. We have 23 girls this year. Britany Groomer, District 17A Miss Flame was present to sell raffle tickets. Ed Smith won.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jean Smith - meeting is coming next week; we have a lot of meetings to attend, and there will be a cancer round table discussion.

Jack Kerney – Was on a conference call and is now the Chairman of the committee to review some training materials. I provided Larry Curl with a power point with the talking points that the NVFC has put together for your trip on the hill. Legislative agenda they will work for the next 2 ½ months then probably nothing will happen till after elections.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Steve Anderson – Attended 3 PR trainings, 2 Alliance meetings, 4 district meetings, convention committee, Heroes Gala, worked FDIC.

Vice President Paul Holcomb – Attended 7 district meetings, 1 memorial service, 2 fund raisers, FDIC, Heroes Gala.

Chaplain Elick – Passed out copies of deceased check for any errors, correct and give back to me, this is what we will use for memorial service pamphlets. We will be hosting a Chaplain's class at convention. We will be hosting a Chaplain's class at convention.

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Letter to editor ...

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donates a quilt every year!

God Bless all of you for your hard work each and every year to make our organization so special. It can never work without good and dedicated people!

Pam Gerdowsky
District #19

Quarterly report . . .

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Secretary Diane Harrison – Pass.
Treasurer Kluender – Pass.
Sergeant at Arms Brent Bush – I have supplies available if you need anything.

Chairman of the Board David Israel – Attended 7 district meetings, 3 – 2016 convention meetings, 3 department meetings and a legislature event.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis – Pass.
PRNE Jean Smith – attended all my district meetings, some fund raisers and a memorial.

PRWC Larry Bartlow – Attended 5 district meetings, 1 memorial and 3 fund raisers.

PREC Don Cushman – Attended district meeting, fund raiser and FDIC.

PRSW Jack Kerney – Attended Gala, Jasper fire school, FDIC, 4 district meetings, 1 memorial, 3 pin presentations.

PRSE Ed Scheele – Attended district meetings, 1 memorial, fund raisers and a retirement party.

Historian John Davies – Brent Bush reported he is home and doing a lot better.

Jesse Dove, 2012 State Miss Flame – When I was Miss Flame my program was medical alert stickers for motorized vehicles. My program is officially up and running; the packet is \$7.00, includes 2 reflective decals and identification card. I will be happy to attend district meetings and fire department functions to promote the stickers. FDIC was very successful. You can also order on-line. Jesse met with Pennwell representatives and will be published in all 3 magazines.

Legislature Committee Chairman Buz Koehler presented Lloyd Wright with his 50 year resolution.

FDIC raffle – Clock, Millersburg Clinton Fire Territory Ferman Yutz District 4.

Station Supply cleaning kit – Rossburg Fire Department, Ohio Jerrod Widener.

Gas card sponsored by Ezell Group and California Casualty - Clay Shidler, District 11A. Cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply, Pascal Moon, District 9A, Twelve Mile Department.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jim Parker – David Israel reported he is doing fine, still having trouble walking.

Mitch Parish – Buz Koehler reported he is doing better and signed up for convention.

Richard Glant - Pass.
Jack Zeeks – Pass.

Buz Koehler – Attended 8 district meetings, 1 county meeting, 2 fund raisers, 2 – 50 year Gold card presentations, Heroes Gala.

Jack Kerney – Pass.

Larry Ketchem – Pass.

Tim Deckard – Pass.

David Israel – Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Marshall Neece – Attended 2 memorials, 2 district meetings, IVFAA meeting, ground breaking ceremony, 1 station left for 10 year pins.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – absent.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy – absent.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith – Liberty Twp. new station dedication August 27, passed out 1 AIL check 1/3 left to pass out 10 year pins.

District 5 Chairman John Grolich – Attended 3 county meetings, 1 district meeting, 4 department meetings, 1 funeral, 25 % done with

10 year pins.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – Attended station dedication, 1 memorial, 15 fund raisers, passed out 50 year Gold card, 8 25 year pins, 40 % 10 year pins left.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – Walt Rieter – Pass.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston – Attended 10 department meetings, 5 department functions, Heroes Gala, 2 EMS meetings, Grant County mutual aid meeting, 1 fire territory meeting that is disbanding, I have approached 2 departments about joining the Association, 10 year pins are done. Thanked everyone for flowers, cards and emails during my Mother's passing.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright – Attended fund raisers, passed out 1 – 25 year pin, 3 departments left for 10 year pins.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef – Attended 4 department meetings, 1 County meeting, 1 Chief's meeting, presented 2 station clocks, 3 – 25 year pins, Heroes Gala, Buz and I went to a fund raiser and talked to Pick Creek Township and I think they are going to rejoin.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – Passed out 8 – 25 year pins, 10 year pins 2/3 done. Attended several 3 department fund raisers, 1 county meeting, PRSE training, active shooters class, FDIC, 2 convention meetings.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – Attended 9 department meetings, FDIC, 2 memorials, passed out 5 – 25 year pins, 1 – 50 year Gold card, 7 10 year pins left to pass out.

District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy – Attended 3 County meetings, 3 Tri-County meetings, 2 Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meetings, 2 memorials, passed out 1 – 50 year resolution, 2 – 25 year pin, 2 Counties left for 10 year pins.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Attended 2 fund raisers, 2 Chiefs meetings, 3 AA meetings, 11B meeting, 3 fire department meetings, FDIC ½ done with 10 year pins.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba – 1 district meeting, attended Heroes Gala, 3 county meetings, IVFA PR training, passed out 4 – 25 year pins.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl – Attended 4 fund raisers, PREC training, 10 and 25 year pins are done.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – 1/3 way done on 10 year pins.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery – 35% done with 10 year pins, attended Heroes Gala, Owensville been out 1 year - trying to get them back in.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reiser – Pass.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – Attended 1 memorial, 4 fund raisers, 9 department visits, 25 year pins 10 year pins 40% done.

District 17B Chairman Steve Nolan – Attended 1 County meeting, several fund raisers, passed out 50 year Gold card, 25 year pins, 50% done with 10 year pins.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – Attended 1 memorial, 2 departments left for 10 year pins, helped Sam with a memorial.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – Passed out 2 awards

banquets, attended 1 district meeting, 1 fund raiser, Heroes Gala, FDIC, 3 convention meetings, 2 memorial service, 1/3 done with 10 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz – attended 2 fund raisers, 1 memorial, 8 department visits, passed out 46 10 year pins, 6 departments left. June 1st Visitors Day at Hoosier Burn Camp.

Past President Jack Kerney suggested to mention at your meetings our website has a for sale page.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Jack Zeeks - the list is in the paper.

American Income Life – David Israel – need names, phone numbers or date and time if you are submitting an issue. If you send yellow card in they are going to contact you. Complaints are 19 pushy salesmen, 14 agents not showing up for the meetings. The agents ask during their visits for you to recommend 10 of your friends, that is how they get their names. A lot of discussion was held.

President Anderson – Starting today if you hear a complaint, forward it to the Central Office and Jack will keep track of all complaints.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion that Executive Committee look for a way to handle AIL and bring back to meeting. District 15 Chairman Ross Emery made the second, motion passed by voice meeting.

Heather Holcomb – Collected donations to send to JoAnn Hays.

Carol Thrawley said we now have a patch in the Command Post Pub during Indiana weekend at the Fire Academy.

Carol Thrawley – Heroes Competition - everything went well. Thanked the Association for the donation.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn. Past President Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison, Secretary

Hoosier Burn Camp a success!

2016 Hoosier Burn Camp Auction was a huge success this year!!

Thank you to everyone who donated items bid, on items and purchased items. The auction raised \$4,503.68.

We would also like to thank those that made donations that night - IVFA \$1,000.00, La Cross Fire Department \$100.00, Greene County Firefighters Association \$600.00, District 18 Miss Flame Katherine A Hurst raised \$700.00, and we received an anonymous donation of \$150.00 to ensure we broke the \$7,000.00 mark. The total raised for that night was \$7,053.68.

A special thank you to our Auctioneer Rob Vestal and his family for donating their time and services for the evening and donating items for the auction!! I would also like to thank the ring workers and the volunteers who worked the collection table.

We were able to send over 7 kids to Hoosier Burn Camp, to EVERYONE who participated that is something to be very proud of!!

Diane Harrison

From the 2016 Chinese Auction committee

A huge, huge thank you for all the people who sold tickets, made baskets, and especially those that bought tickets. We made a profit of \$1758.00, due to those of us who were able to attend the 2016 convention.

May be that we can attend more conventions to come. It is so good seeing our members and friends and to remember those that could not be there with us.

Bless you all,
Martha Thomas

District 1 & 2: Mystery Box - Ski, District 19; District 3: Wine Basket - Sue Glant, District 5; District 4: South Bend chocolate, - Carol Curl, District 12; District 6: Wine Basket - Carol Schnarr, District 9A; District 7: Wine Basket - Marlene Poling, District 6 and Picture - Bob Uryga, District 3; District 8B: Stone - Susie Lewis, District 7; District 9A: Wine Basket - Lou Bartlow, District 11B; District 10: Snack basket - Ron Moody, District 10; District 11A: Fire Hose table - Harald Haddon, District 11A; District 11B: Lottery tickets - Faith Knueven, District 19; District 12: Wine & snack - Donna Macke, District 19; District 13A: Coffee bag/Fire Dog - John Gorleh, District 5; District 13B: Candles - Pam Gerdowsky, District 19; District 14: Christmas basket - Bob Uryga, District 3 and Dalmation basket - Jerimia Reef, District 9A; District 15: BBQ basket - Randy Mercal, District 19; District 17A: Snack basket - B G Boyle, District 2 and Beach basket - Carol Curl, District 9A; District 17B: Fire pit/smores - Bev Lockwood, District 7; District 18: Chili BBQ - D. Stapleton, District 3; District 19: \$100 Walmart - Pam G., Vera Bradley - Beth Caudill - District 19, Cook Book basket - Faith Knvene, District 19 and Wine basket - Joyce Nevil - District 7; District 21: BBQ/Picnic basket - Leslie Spears, District 13B.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

— submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

Ten year awards



4 members of Lake Hills VFD received their 10 year IVFA pins.



Mark Reed and Terry Ciciora received their 10 year membership plaques as members of Crown Point Vol. FD.



Six members of Cedar Lake VFD were presented with their 10 year IVFA membership pins by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman. Chief Todd Wilkening was also present.



10 members of St. John VFD were awarded their 10 year IVFA membership pins by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Three members of Shelby VFD received their 10 year IVFA pins, presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Twenty-five year awards

Tim Trtan of Lake Hills VFD received his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate from Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Erik J. Watland was presented with his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate by his father Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Randal E. Clinton and Catherine J. Larson, members of Shelby VFD received their 25 year IVFA pins and certificates, presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Mike Parks, Division Chief for training at Crown Point Fire/Rescue was presented with his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins - Liberty Township FD



Firefighters received their 10 year pins for their service at Liberty Township Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) – front row: Brian Blosser, Robert Litteral, Miss Flame Abby Smith, District 4 chairman Terry Smith. Back row: Chief Bryan Albright, Jameson Brown, Christopher Scope, Stephen Snyder, Charles Pritchett.



Christopher Hahn retired from Liberty Township Fire Department after ten years of service. Pictured (left to right) – Miss Flame Abby Smith, Christopher Hahn, District 4 chairman Terry Smith.



Tim McCormick and Paul Williams were awarded 25 year pins for their service with Liberty Township Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) Chief Bryan Albright, Tom McCormick, Miss Flame Abby Smith, Paul Williams, District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

Not too soon to send in Lois Boaz nominating letters

Congratulations to our 2016 Lois Boaz winner Joyce Nevil.

Remember to send your letters to: June Cahill, Carole Curl and Joyce Nevil.

Letters are to be sent to all Lois Boaz committee members. They must be a personal letter stating why their lady should be chosen on community, church, fire service or anything she is involved in.

Letters are to be handwritten or typed and sent in by February 1, 2017.

Make it worth the committees to choose.

Martha Thomas
2016 Chairman

Thirty-year pin - Liberty Township FD

John Blosser received a 30 year pin from Chief Bryan Albright for his years of service at Liberty Township Department.

Pictured (left to right): Chief Bryan Albright, Miss Flame Abby Smith, John Blosser and District 4 chairman Terry Smith.



Former Miss Flame creates program for motorists

A person swerving in front of you might not be under the influence, but might be having a medical issue.

MAS-MV, Medical Alert Stickers for Motorized Vehicles is a program that was created by Jessie Dove, 2012 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association State Miss Flame, which hopes to provide important information about a driver within a vehicle in an auto accident.

The program consists of two reflective decals that go on the front and back windshields on the driver's side. The stickers indicate to emergency personnel to look for "Information in Glove Box". Inside of the glove box is a reflective zip lock bag that holds an index card. This index card holds important information such as medical history, allergies, medications, and emergency contacts for the person within the car. The zip lock bag follows the patient from the scene to the emergency room. Each packet consist of two decals and the identification card for \$7.

This program will not only benefit the public by early identification of allergies or even a diabetic attack, but alert emergency

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman

Thirty-five year pin - Liberty Township FD



John Dooms received a 35 year pin from Chief Bryan Albright for his service with Liberty Township Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) – Chief Bryan Albright, Miss Flame Abby Smith, John Dooms, District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

Twenty-five year pins awarded



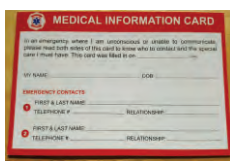
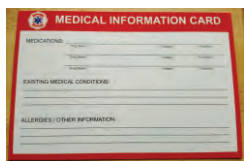
25 year pins were awarded to Kevin Neese and John Zwicky for their service with Southwest Central Fire Territory. Pictured (left to right) – District 4 chairman Terry Smith, Kevin Neese, Miss Flame Abby Smith, John Zwicky, PRNE Jean Smith.



Uriah Mast Jr. with Nappanee Fire Dept. received his 25 year pin. Pictured (left to right) Uriah Mast Jr. and District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

Program for motorists . . .

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responders to this information. This can benefit in prevention of allergic reactions, along with important medical history that could become critical during an accident. Emergency responders know their public the best.

Information can be found at <https://squareup.com/store/mas-mv> and can be found on facebook by searching MAS-MV or by e-mail at jdove095@gmail.com.

– by Jessica Dove and submitted by Buz Koehler

NOVEMBER DEADLINE
OCTOBER 5, 2016 -
12:00 NOON CST

Ten year pins awarded



Firefighters from Nappanee Fire Department received their 10 year pins from District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

Pictured (left to right) – front row: Anthony Holmes, David Rasler, Brent Warren, District 4 chairman Terry Smith. Center row: Pat Neibert, Dustin Croy, Allen Chapman, Ryan Miller, Larry Yoder. Back row: Justin Miller, Robert Ivin.



Jason Dunlap and Brad Dowty with Benton Township Volunteer Fire Department received their 10 year pins.

Pictured (left to right): Jason Dunlap, District 4 chairman Terry Smith and Brad Dowty.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman

Ten year pins awarded



Firefighters with Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department received their 10 year pins. Pictured (left to right) – Front row: Ryan Smith, Bradley Sherman, Charles Wozny. Back row: Assistant Chief Jason Casad, Benjamin Kane, Jeffrey Urbanski, Steve Wise, Chief George Schafer, District 4 chairman Terry Smith.



The following firefighters from Baugo Volunteer Fire Department were presented with their 10 year pins. Pictured (left to right) – Jean Smith - PRNE, Brian Gonzales, Jon Jay Gonzales, District 4 Miss Flame Abby Smith, District 5 Miss Flame Mickayla Shoemaker, David Richter and James Ward.



Firefighters from Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department were presented with their 10 year pins.

Pictured (left to right) – Terry Smith - District 4 chairman, Aaron Wood, Kenneth Stevens and Tony Manges.



Wakarusa Volunteer Fire Association received their 10 year pins. Pictured (left to right) – Front row: Matthew Schlaback, Paul Martin, Glen Zimmerman, Chairman Terry Smith, Paul Zimmerman, James Weaver. Back row: Lowell Newswanger, Joseph Frey, David Fox, Terry Flickinger, Duane Casteel, Kamron Brubacher.



Firefighters from Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory received their 10 year pins. Pictured (left to right) – Chairman Terry Smith, David Long, Lester Miller, James Riegarcher, Abe Schlabach, and Ferman Yutzy.



Nappanee Junior Firefighters

Nappanee Fire Department has Junior Firefighters from Explorer Post 343.

Front row: Nick Folk, Leah Bender, Trevor Eggers-Kukla.

Back row: Nick Newcomer, Jordan Madera, Trey Neibert.

Twenty-five year pins awarded



Henry Krueger received his 25 year pin serving Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) – Chief George Schafer, District 4 chairman Terry Smith and Henry Krueger.



Terry Smith presented Dale Schlarb his 25 year pin for his service on the department. Pictured (left to right) - Dale Schlarb, Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.



Firefighters from Wakarusa Volunteer Fire Association received their 25 year pins. Pictured (left to right) – Robert McClintic, Jeff Yoder, Dennis Grove, chairman Terry Smith.

Wins FDIC clock



Chairman Terry Smith surprised Ferman Yutzy with the FDIC clock he won at the FDIC conference. Ferman is a member of the Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory.

Miss Flames from District 4 and District 5



Abby Smith District #4 Miss Flame and Terry Smith District #4 Chairman ready for the opening meeting at Convention.



MicKayla Shumaker District #5 Miss Flame and John Grolich District #5 Chairman ready for the opening meeting at Convention.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Jerry Sprague, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded



Metz Volunteer Fireman receive 25 year and 10 year pins.



Topeka volunteer firemen receive their 10 year pins.

District 6 Miss Flame and chairman



Kayla Williams, District #6 Miss Flame and Jerry Sprague, District #6 Chairman ready for the opening meeting at Convention.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE



Olivia Lockwood, District #7 Miss Flame and Sam Bisel, District #7 chairman ready for the opening meeting at Convention.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Submitted by Jerry A. Liston, District Chairman



Wildcat Twp. VFD of a new squad recently put in service by the department. The 2015 Ford F-350 4x4 is equipped with a roll out tray to hold extrication and rescue equipment. It also holds a first responder bag and

AED. It is first out on all medical and rescue runs. The truck was purchased from Tipton Ford and all lights and striping was installed by department members.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Ten year pins awarded



District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Jonathan Harshman from the Losantville/West Union Volunteer Fire Department with his 10 year pin on May 10, 2016.



Presented Brett Skirvin with his 10 year pin.



The Fairmount FD recently put into service a new KME engine. The 6 man custom cab has a 1500 GPM pump with 1000 gal. of water and 20 gal. foam tank.

Photo submitted by the department.

Information submitted by District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston

Firefighters cook at Hoosier Burn Camp



On June 1, 2016 at Hoosier Burn Camp firefighters went to fry hamburgers and hot dogs for the kids. Pictured from left to right are: Don Fultz - District 21 chairman, Jerry Liston - District 8A chairman and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Training held



The Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department received a grain tube from the Portland Farm Bureau. The department held the training on April 2, 2016 at the station. Shown in the tube is Joni Linville from Farm Bureau. Also pictured are other firefighters from different departments who attended the training.



Fish fries held



On April 23 the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry. Pictured is Kristin Clairday, District 8B Miss Flame helping the guys serve the fish and chicken.

District 8B Miss Flame

At the convention Lloyd E. Wright escorted Kristen Clairday, District 8B Miss Flame to the opening meeting and memorial service.



On May 21, 2016 the Lynn Fire Department held their annual Fish Fry. Shown is the serving line. Looks like they had a good crowd.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Parades held throughout the district



Farmland VFD

The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade on May 21, 2016. Pictured is their Diamond T fire truck and their tanker.

Dunkirk Glass Days



On June 4, 2016 the Dunkirk Glass Days held their annual parade. Pictured (at left) are the Dunkirk pumper and grass truck in the parade.

Waterball held



The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a waterball on June 4 during the Dunkirk Glass Days.

Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department won 1st place. Pictured from left to right are Branden Willoughby and Brian Mahorney.

At right – Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department shows off their new rescue truck in the parade.



Gaston Volunteer Fire Department Team 2 took 2nd place. Pictured from left to right are Jordan McCord, Nate Smith and Jerry McCord.

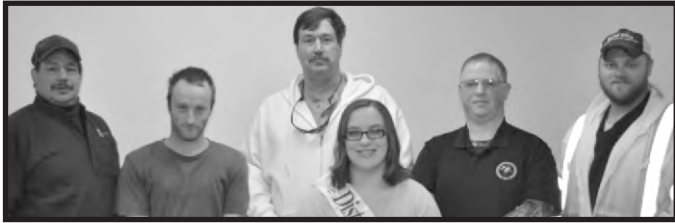


Gaston Volunteer Fire Department Team 1 took 3rd place. Pictured from left to right are Andrew Storie, Jerry McCord and Seth James.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Jeremy Reef, District 9A chairman

Ten year member awards presented



Young America Fire Dept. 10 year IVFA members: Scott Allbaugh, Craig Troutman, Dan Calvin, Scott Harris.



Walton Community Fire Dept 10 year IVFA members: Bradley Bennett, Aaron Birnell, David Noel, George Quinn, Shawn Shedron, Brett Shupperd, Paul Wines, Jason Young.



Liberty Twp. Volunteer Fire Department 10 year members: Jason Scott. Not pictured: Mark Justice.



Royal Center Fire Dept. 10 year members: Melissa Blickenstaff, Craig Breedlove, Lucian Eller II, Clayton Freels Jr, Ryan Funk, Allen Hanna, Cory Harmon, William Haselby, Douglas Kitchell, Roger Knebel, Tim Morris, Jason Rogers, Ed Shroder, Steve Talbert II, Berthold Stover II, Eric VonTobel.



Twelve Mile Community Fire Dept. 10 year IVFA members: Gregory Early, John Homburg, Alan Liming, Chad Pugh, Austin Townsend.



Rock Creek Twp. Volunteer Fire Department 10 year members: Tim Curtis, Joseph Moore, Jason Riley.

Twenty- five year members



Young America Fire Dept. 25 year IVFA member Max King.



Twelve Mile Community Fire Dept. 25 year IVFA members: William Dawalt, Pascal Moon, Timothy Cowell.



Harrison Twp. Lucerne 10 and 25 year IVFA members: Christopher Culver, Robert Cree, Tim Depoy, Craig Hanna, Michael Harvey, Mark McDonald, Jason Miller, James Musselman, Ted Musselman, Jacob Smith.

Station Dedication Clocks presented

Global Award



District 9A 2015 Global Award Winner Dan Calvin



Georgetown Fire Dept. IVFA Station Dedication Clock

Howard County Emergency Management IVFA Station Dedication Clock



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

Submitted by Buz Koehler

Open house and dedication held for Rensselaer VFD new fire station



Dedication and an open house of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department was held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the new location 1060 W. Clark Street, Rensselaer.

Ground breaking for the new fire department occurred on June 30, 2015.

The 9/11 Memorial was relocated to the new station and was originally in place in front of the 1976 Fire Department facilities which was located at the corners of Cullen and Harrison Streets in downtown Rensselaer.

The two metal beams were removed from the New York City World Trade Center. The granite base is from a quarry in Pennsylvania.

Members of the Rensselaer VFD are Kenny Haun - Fire Chief, Robert Graves, Greg Leuck, Randy Denton, Marc Ekstrom, Lenny Larson, Wade Shuey, Jim Wisley, Kenny Oliver, Tim Misch, Jerry Minter, Larry Hofferth, Vincent Von Tobel, Travis Mattocks, Brad Mushett, Brett Wilhite, Amber Tomlinson, Brad White, Brandon Roberts, Justin Bednar, Evan Braasch, Robert Peck, Justin Fontaine, Kyle Haun, Brian Deno, Brandon Denton, Jack Reagan, Kenton Saylor, Jake Tapper, Tim McAlister, Steve Hoyes, Buz Koehler and William McElroy.

November

deadline:

October 5, 2016

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman

Prince and Princess for the Hartsville & Comm. V.F.D. fish fry



Winners from left – Bella Whittington, Bella Miller, & Kylar Cowan. The children all raised \$1170.00 together. We are very proud of them.



All 9 contestants of the Prince/Princess Contest for Hartsville Fire Station June 18th, 2016.



PR Training Days held

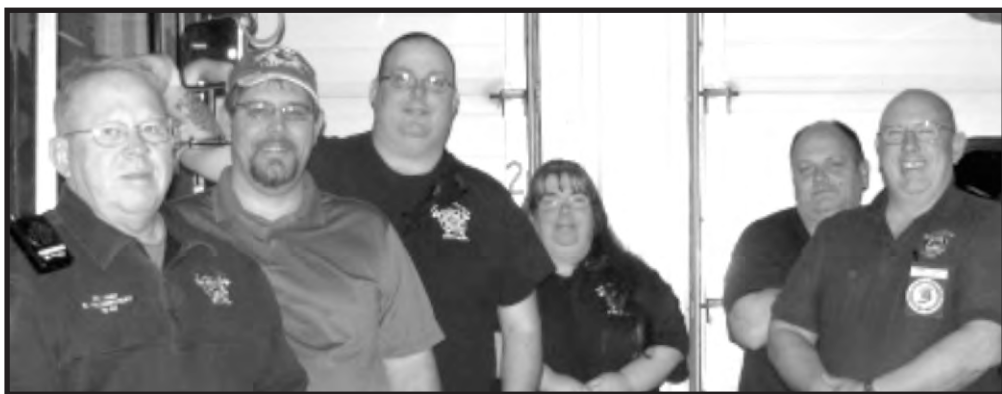
Photos taken from IVFA PR Training Days held in Batesville and McCordsville this spring. –Submitted by S. Anderson



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-A

Submitted by Mike Dzuba, District 13A chairman

Ten year pins awarded



The following members of Fountaintown FD received their 10 year pins. Pictured from left to right are Kent Halberstadt, Ronny McKinley, Dan Hart, Loralee Myer, Bob Keithley.



Chris Mills of Kennard Vo. Fire Dept. was presented his 10 year pin.



The following people from Buck Creek Fire Department were presented a pin for 10 or more years of service. From left to right: Sarah Bonham, Frank Burgin, Chad Harvel, Dave Devore, Janet Dixon, Bob Stizman, Joe White, Brad Goff.



Here receiving their 10 year pins at the Ingalls Fire Dept. are pictured from left to right: Steven Dodd, Kevin Cougill, Elizabeth Fischer.

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November deadline is October 5, 2016

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-A

Submitted by Mike Dzuba, District 13A chairman

Twenty-five year pins



Daniel Myer of Fountaintown Fire Department was presented his 25 year pin.



At Buck Creek Fire Dept. Fish Fry we presented 3 - 25 year pins to (from left to right) Trustee Melvin Branson, Firefighter Don Elliott, Asst Chief Sharon Schakel.



Pictured is Vincent Reynolds of Greenfield Fire Territory receiving his 25 year pin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Articles and photos submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Ten year pins



Raleigh Fire Department



Bentonville Fire Department



West College Corner Fire Department



Liberty Twp. Fire Department



Centerville Fire Department



Everton Fire Department



Fountain City Fire Department



Clay Twp. Fire Department



Abington Fire Department

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Articles and photos submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Twenty-five year pins awarded



Dianna Mosier of Clay Twp. Fire Dept. receives her 25 year service pin.



Rick Cole of Hagerstown Fire Dept. receives his 25 year service pin.



Brian Napier of Glenwood Fire Dept. receives his 25 year service pin.

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Ten year pins awarded



Hagerstown Fire Dept.



Glenwood Fire Dept.



Boston Fire Dept.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS MARCH 1, 2017 DEADLINE

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Articles and photos submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Ten year service pins awarded



Webster Fire Dept.



Liberty Twps. Fire Dept.



Williamsburg Fire Dept.

FACTS ABOUT INDIANA – John Mellencamp is a Hoosier and resides in Bloomington.

The Jackson Five are from Gary, Indiana.



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From The Vice President

Paul Holcomb



With another great convention behind us I would like to take the time to thank the entire convention committee for all of their hard work and planning that went into putting on a great convention for all of our members!

I would also like to thank my wife, family, chiefs, the officers, other leadership, and last but not most certainly not least, the membership of our Association for all of your support, kindness, and advice over the years. I am very humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve as your President in January. Words cannot describe what an honor it is to be among the ranks of those who have served before me.

Thank you all again and I look forward to working with you all in the year to come! And as always please don't hesitate to contact me if you should need me for anything.

Paul Holcomb
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Ten year and twenty-five year pins awarded



Brownstown Fire Department - 10 year pins



Campbell Twp. Fire – 10 year pins



Pershing Twp. Fire 10 & 25 years pins



10 year pins – DuPont Landcaster Fire Department

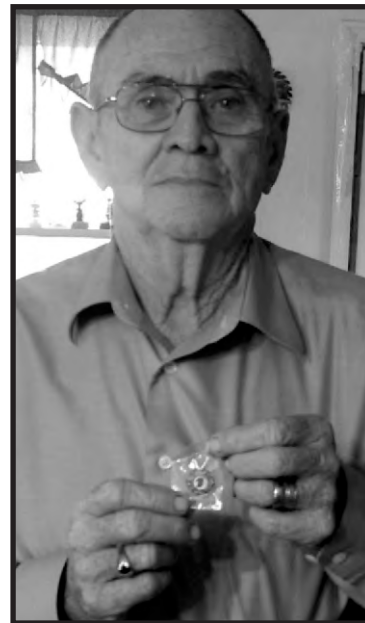


Utica Fire - 10 & 25 year pins

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Photos submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

Pierce-Polk Fire Department annual parade & breakfast



District 14 Leo Canfield from DuPont Fire – 25 year pin



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

Ten year pin presented

Presented station clock



10 year pins were presented to Chris Heavrin and chief Tony Combs of the Lanesville/Franklin Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Terry McKnight receiving a station clock on behalf of Elizabeth Vol. Fire Department

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins presented



Beech Creek Twp. / Eastern VFD member



Odon VFD 10 year members



Beech Creek Twp. / Eastern VFD 25 year member Steve Thurman



Vigo Twp. FD 10 year members

2016 Convention highlights



President's Award - Jessica Dove



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

Ten year pins presented



At the meeting of the Lost River Twp. VFD (District 18, Martin Co.) on 16 January, 9 members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin.



At the 2 February 2016 meeting of the West Baden Springs VFD (Orange Co. District 18) three members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin.



Honoring our military

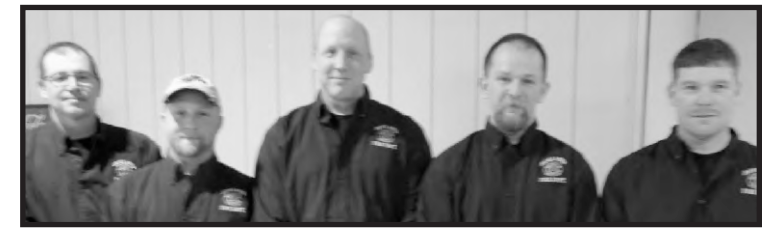
We are exceptionally proud of our members that are serving in the military; they not only place their communities first, they also place their country first. We would like to thank them for their service to their country. Below is a list of military personnel who are members of the Association and on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



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
Michael	R.	Dickerson	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD
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.
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.
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.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.



At the annual dinner of the Haysville Vol. Fire Department 9 members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service award.



During the annual Valentine's Dine and Dance hosted by the Holland Vol. Fire Department, 5 members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service award.



At the 7 March meeting of the Cannelton VFD (Perry Co.) seven members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin.



On 17 April, two members of the Orange Co. Rural One VFD (Orange Co. Dist. 18) were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin.



At the meeting of 2 May of the Troy VFD (Perry Co.) Christopher M. Aders, and Ed A. Sweeney, were presented the IVFA 10 year service pin. Also receiving the award, but not present was Danny Winkler.

At the annual meeting of the New Boston Volunteer Fire Department held on April 5, three members were awarded the IVFA 10 year service pin.

Pictured receiving the award from IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith is NBVFD member David A. Rothgerber.

Also receiving the award but not present were Joe V. Cochenour and Tim P. Luecke.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

New station open house and dedication held



On Sunday, 1 May, 2016 the St. Anthony Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co. District 18) held an Open House and Dedication of their new station. Pictured presenting the IVFA Station Dedication Clock are (left to right) District 18 Sec./Treas. Jeannie Daunhauer, Sgt.-at-Arms Brad Haas, District 18 Miss Flame Katherine Hurst, SAVFD Fire Chief Scott Uebelhor, and District 18 Vice Chairman Chris Anderson.

Photo provided by St. Anthony VFD

Ten and twenty-five year awards presented



At the annual awards dinner of the Ferdinand Vol. Fire Department, 4 members were presented with the IVFA 25 year service award. Pictured receiving the award is (l-r) Deane F. Verkamp, Derek W. Steen, Larry J. Englert, and Randy H. Gehlhausen. Also receiving the award, but not present was Jeff L. Hurst. In addition, 14 members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service award.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded



At the business meeting of the Tell City VFD on 7 April, 11 members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin. Also, Darrin W. Dykes is pictured receiving his IVFA 25 year service pin from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



During the annual awards dinner of the St. Anthony Vol. Fire Department, 4 members were presented with the IVFA 25 year service award. Pictured receiving the award from District 18 Smith is Darin Blessinger. Also receiving the award but not present were Tim Beck, Robie Carter, and Gary Hochgesang. Also receiving the IVFA 10 year service award were 16 members of the SAVFD.

At the annual meeting of the Rome Vol. Fire Department (Perry Co.) 5 members were presented with IVFA service pins. Pictured are Kirk Riley (10 years), Dennis James, James Miller, Barry Whitehead, and Robert Whitehead all receiving 25 year pins.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Articles and photos submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

Twenty-five year pins awarded



Chairman Stephen Macke, Tom Moore, PRSE Ed Scheele, presenting him with his 25 year pin.



Chairman Stephen Macke, Monica Opp, Ed Opp receiving their 25 year pins.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

Submitted by Erin Parsons

Ten year pin awarded



Michael Parsons of Clarks Hill Volunteer Fire Department receiving his 10 year pin on May 4 from Don Fultz, District 21 chairman.

Fair Play Fire Company #1

175 years of "Helping One Another"

The City of Madison, Indiana was founded in 1809 and quickly developed into a busy steamboat port on the Ohio River. In 1832, many changes for the small town were occurring, in part due to the Madison, Indianapolis & Lafayette Railroad, Indiana's first railroad, and construction on it began in 1836. The population of the small town swelled due in part to many Irish immigrant laborers coming to the area for work as one of the major aspects of the construction was a cut in the bluff for an incline to overcome a 413 foot elevation change that immediately occurred when leaving the Madison port and headed north. This boom brought with it more shipping / transportation, construction and other business to the area. The growing community needed other city services and as such, Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 was organized on September 15, 1841, just a few months before the first trip up the incline on the new rail line.

The town had made attempts in the past to provide fire protection for the residents. In 1824, the town records show that the citizens organized a "Bucket Brigade". Late the next year, the Madison Town Trustees passed a resolution to supply the volunteers with ladders and three fire hooks. The citizens became more organized and in the summer of 1830 they formed the first fire company in Madison and it was named, "United Volunteer Fire Company".

As time passed, the organization of the fire company continued to change to the point where a chief was appointed. The town board voted in 1835 for a paid fire department. C. B. McCullough was

given a contract to get 12 able-bodied men to take over the equipment for fire protection. The dozen firemen would be paid \$6.00 per year. Severe penalties were imposed on a fireman who didn't have a valid excuse for missing a fire. The cost to the fireman was 75 cents for each dereliction. The contract with C. B. McCullough was cancelled after around 10 months and the fire equipment was turned over to United Volunteer Fire Company.

Many apparatus served the town in those early years. In 1831, the town purchased a hand pumper, built in Philadelphia, PA and it was called "Little Red". A few years later, a second, but larger version was built by a local wagon maker, Fleming Durham and it was named "Alpha" as it was the first to be made in Madison. In 1845, the city received a larger hand pumper named "Hoosier" from Paddock and Campbell of Cincinnati and it was capable to throw water 175 feet. A few years later in 1847, the fire company was allowed to sell the smallest engine and purchase a new one that was also built by Fleming Durham and this one was named "Madison". In 1851, received "NEPTUNE", a hand drawn fire apparatus which was built by Ez. Green (of Green and Myers, Madison Indiana) and painted by William Peddie. The total cost was \$450. This apparatus is still in possession of the fire company and is on display in their engine bay.

As the popularity of United Volunteer Fire Company increased, a more formal organization was needed and thus on September 15, 1841, Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1 was formed with a role of some 80

individuals. They began the task of formulating a suitable constitution and by-laws, which took some time to complete. They also adopted the motto, "Help One Another". They continued to meet at the fire hall that was initially used by United Volunteer Fire Company, but moved to a new fire house, built by the city, just a few blocks away in 1848.

After the Civil War in 1870, the fire company purchased their first horse drawn steam engine from Ahrens and McGrew of Cincinnati, OH, and was the first ever manufactured by veteran Chis Ahrens. The cost to the fire company was \$4,700 and this engine could pump 400 gpm. The engine had been exhibited all over the country and had beaten every other make of engine in every test. This engine was in service for almost 50 years when it was replaced by a 1920 Ahrens-Fox Model J-M-2.

The current location of Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 was originally constructed as a Trolley Barn on land purchased from John Kirk, the first president of the fire company. In 1888, the fire company purchased the building and erected a 55 foot high bell tower on the southwest corner of the building. The following year, Little Jimmy, a weather vane made out of tin, was installed on top of the tower for the price of \$28.85. Little Jimmy was made by Peter Hoffman, a member of the fire company and employed at John Adams Repairing. The original Little Jimmy was retired in 1997 when a new weather vane, made out of copper by Don Felix of Seabrook, NH was commissioned.

The city of Madison has always been proud and thus supporting of all their firefighters, especially in

September of 1886 when the firemen from Fair Play Fire Company went to a tournament being held in Cincinnati. The tournament was attended by fire companies throughout the Midwest and South. The firefighters of the fire company almost didn't reach Cincinnati. They were traveling on a river steamer which hit a snag and began to sink. Jumping to action, the firefighters stoked their Ahren's steamer, built up pressure and pumped the boat dry. Because of the accident, the firefighters from the fire company arrived late in Cincinnati and missed the parade. However, they went on to win all the other events including water throwing contest which paid \$400 to the winner and the mayor of Cincinnati presented the 1's with a broom to signify a "clean sweep".

A 1920 Ahrens-Fox replaced the Ahren's steamer and it served the fire company until a Mack was purchased in 1947. This turned out to be the first of two Macks that were purchased by the fire company with the second one purchased in 1969. This second one was yellow and turned out to be the first yellow apparatus put in service in Indiana. The fire company continued with that color theme in 1994 when they purchased an E-One also painted yellow.

Although some things have changed over the years, the motto of the fire company continues to be "Help One Another". It is emblazoned on front of the engine house with a metal arch installed over the engine bay door in 1969.

Fair Play Fire Company proudly serves with many other fire companies located in Jefferson County Indiana, of which a total of six serve the City of Madison. Three others serving the city have been

around for a very long time also. They are Washington Fire Company #2 (founded on January 20, 1846); Western Fire Company #3 (founded May 23, 1850); and Walnut Street Fire Company #4 (founded March 17, 1873).

Madison's Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 is celebrating 175 years of service this year. A reception for all firefighters and those in other public safety organizations is planned for Saturday, September 17th starting at 4:00 p.m. An open house for all is planned for October 9th between 1:00 and 5:00 where all of the fire company memorabilia will be on display.



175TH
FAIR PLAY FIRE CO #1
1841 Anniversary 2016

Come Join Us As We Celebrate
 Indiana's Oldest Volunteer Fire Company!

Celebration / Recognition
 Saturday, September 17, 2016
 For All Fellow Brothers and Sisters
 In the Fire Service
 and Public Safety Organizations

4:00 - 5:00 pm Presentations / Recognition
 5:00 - 10:00 pm Food / Refreshments

Open House
 Sunday, October 9, 2016
 For Everyone
 Celebration & Fire Prevention Week

1:00 - 5:00 pm Tours / Refreshments
 1:00 - 3:00 pm Kasey, The Fire & Life Safety Dog

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