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From The President

Paul Holcomb



I hope you all have had a great summer spending time with your families, friends, and loved ones. I know it has been a very busy one for

me. I have enjoyed seeing you all in my travels and look forward to the next time.

With another successful convention behind us I would like to say thank you to District 10 and the 2017 convention committee for all of their hard work, especially to our newest member! I would also like to congratulate all of this year's award winners and the new IVFA and IVFAA officers and thank them again for their dedication and service to our Association and the fire service!

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to say thank you to all of the membership for your continued support and confidence as I look forward to serving another term as President of our great Association.

Once again I would like to thank you all! And as always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb
President, IVFA

2017 IVFA award winners



Mr. IVFA – Lloyd Wright

I.V.F.A. Benefits

"ANGEL" Award

To be presented at the opening meeting at the annual convention by the President of the IVFA and the State Fire Marshal or an appointee representing the Burn Camp.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service
- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year.

THE AWARD:

There will be a minimum of \$100.00 gift to the Hoosier Burn Camp in the recipient's honor.

Trophy – Acrylic flame with an angel engraved on the top. The bottom shelf will have a firefighter holding a child and the middle shelf will have a plaque that reads:

*There have been times
When you didn't have any time
And yet you took the time.
There have been times
When you had enough cares
Of your own,
And yet you still cared.
There have been times
When you had given
All you could give,
And yet, you kept on giving.
Thank you.*

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office:

Angel Award Committee
P.O. Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724



Lois Boaz Award
Diana Gray



Ivan Nevil Fire
Service Leadership Award
Bev Harker



2017 Miss Flame
Katie VanLannen (left)
2017 Miss Flame Runner-up
Kali Taber (right)

- Look for more award winners throughout the paper -



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2017 IVFA award winners



Members of District 10 – 2017 Convention Host Plaque



Miss Congeniality
Alyssa Kneuen



Bridgeport Scholarship
Amelia Sorg
Not pictured: Paige Blades, Dana Sutherlin



Legislator of the Year Award - Rep. Milo Smith (center)



Ollie Sandberg Award – David Luker

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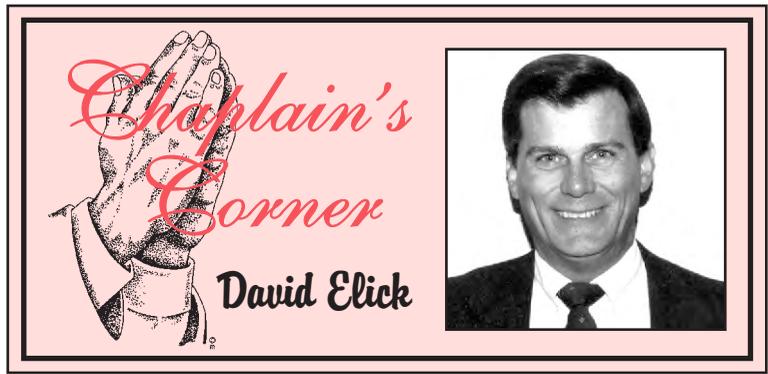
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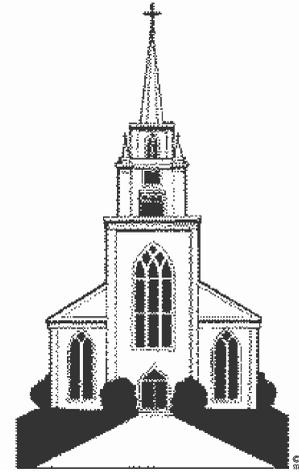
Greetings all and welcome to summer 2017!

Congratulations to all of the award winners at this year's convention, and thanks to the convention committee for another fun time at Columbus. 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



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From the State House to the Fire House

August 2017 "Political" talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

Greetings fellow members, I hope each of you had an enjoyable & happy Independence Day sharing it with family and friends.

Our 2017 legislative session is over and it's time to turn out thinking toward the 2017-2018 upcoming session.

I have addressed our process with many of you but let me attempt to put it before all of you, via the IVFA newspaper.

We need to hear from you, you are who we are serving when it comes to legislative issues and concerns. Although we cannot take up personal agenda issues that address just your cause, we can work with and help you when you have an issue that impacts the masses or a large part of our volunteers. So please, if you have a concern, want your voice heard, "now" is the time to speak up. We attempt to finalize our legislative agenda in August each year, but usually work at it until sometime in September before we get our entire list of issues assembled and then we go through a priority sorting to assure we are carrying the most important issues that will impact the largest group of service providers into a final listing or draft bill proposals. "LET US HEAR FROM YOU".

A couple of items that have already been put on the table includes:

Firefighters Cancer... this is and will continue to be a high priority item for the IVFA, but we still have much work to do to get a bill that will work to support our needs. This is a national issue and one that is being worked on in many states but not without some hard work will it come to be law.

Another suggested possibility for this year is "adequate funding". This too is a very tricky topic as we look to slow down the fund-raising and increase the financial support. It is sort of like raising taxes on yourself and no one wants to do that, but the reality for many of our departments and the communities we serve is "Volunteer Fire Service is NOT free". It costs a VFD the same amount to operate as a career department minus the salary and benefits, so we have to convey that message to those responsible and those receiving our services.

To those who attended the 2017 State Convention I personally think with the hand that was dealt to this year's committee regarding the strong possibility of the hotel closing either before, during or as it has turned out possibly shortly after this year's convention we need to THANK THE COMMITTEE from District 10, what a job. Good food, great activity, plenty of camaraderie, so to the "gang" of 10 or 12, JOB WELL DONE!

With that I will close with saying to you that the 2018 State

Convention is being hosted by our State Convention Committee (vs. being District hosted) and for the members of the committee "game on". I have volunteered to assist but the reality is no convention is successful without YOU the member(s), so I am asking that we all market, promote, encourage and attempt to bring members of your departments and districts to the 2018 State Convention so we can also make the 2018 State convention where "it will not be routine in 2018", an opportunity for the young and old, the new and the experienced and a good time for all. Watch the website for updates, get your registrations in early, and get ready for the return of some past convention activities joined with some new convention activities - something for everyone where everyone will have something.

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

Look forward to seeing everyone soon... if I can assist, help, answer any questions with your legislative concerns, please give me a call, send me an email, or text me. You can find my contact info listed in this newspaper and/or on the website. See ya... Be safe.

Larry Curl

Hoosier Burn Camp auction a success!!

Hoosier Burn Camp Auction at the IVFA Annual Convention is again a SUCCESS thanks to EVERYONE who donated items, bid on and bought items. This year's total was \$6,195.00. This total also includes donations from Bloom Bank \$260.00, Greene County Firefighter's Association \$200.00, Cicero Fire Department \$75.00 and Lewis Township Fire and Rescue \$200.00.

Start saving your money and looking for items to donate for the 2018 auction!!

I can't thank you enough for your willingness to participate in this fundraiser for the Hoosier Burn Camp!! This year we helped send over 6 children to camp!! Let's send 8 children next year!!

Thank you, Diane Harrison

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith



I just returned from the 71st IVFA annual Convention held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, Indiana.

Congratulations to Convention chairmen David Israel and John Ray and the committee for putting on a great Convention.

Congratulations to the award winners: Mr. IVFA to Lloyd Wright, Ivan Nevil to Beverly Harker, Lois Boaz to Diana Gray, Miriam Schaekel to Barb Kerney, Angel Award - Suzie Lewis, 2017 Miss Flame Katie VanLannen - District 11A, Runner-up Kali Taber - District 15, Miss Congeniality Alyssa Kneueven - District 19, Mary Mackin Scholarship: Rose Adams - District 4 and Katie VanLannen - District 11A.

Congratulations to the Miss Flame contestants in Public Relations Northeast. They won in the following: Mary Mackin Scholarship and most money collected by poster board jars - Rose Adams - District 4 Madison Township Fire Dept., 1st place in the Miss Flame Dance-off, Sydney Miller - District 5 Argos Fire Dept., Best Miss Flame Poster Board - Bailey Sheley - District 6 Ligonier Fire Dept., 3rd place in Miss Flame Dance-off with honorable mention with best crowd participation, Olivia Lockwood - District 7 Poe Fire Dept.

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

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Public Relations Director Southwest
Steve Nolan



Greetings,

A great convention and my thanks to the convention committee for putting on a great convention. Congrats to our new state Miss Flame and to all district Miss Flames.

Since the last quarterly meeting I attended Districts 17-A and District 18 meetings, a fundraiser and a county-wide meeting. I also attended Shawswick VFD's new station dedication; a very nice station and my congrats to them.

Thank you,
Steve Nolan, PRSW

Public Relations Director West Central
Larry Bartlow



Another successful Convention is in the records. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Congratulations to all the award winners this year; they are all very deserving and have spent many hours helping everyone else. Now is the time to start thinking about next year's winners.

We also have some new Officers in both the IVFA and IVFAA and they will need help and cooperation from everyone as they get started in the new jobs.

As I write this, the heat is not good, so be very careful and drink plenty of water as dehydration happens very quickly. Also be very careful in traffic as drivers seem to be paying less attention to what they're doing than I have ever seen.

Be safe in what you do - if you don't make the scene due to bad action by you - you don't help your department at all.

Vacation is over. I will be back attending meetings in July.

Larry Bartlow
Public Relations West Central

From The IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney

IVFA Dues

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese - Chairman

DISTRICT 1 IVFAMEETING
MAY 17, 2017
LAKE STATION VOL. FIRE
DEPT.

Meeting called to order by District 1 chairman Marshall Neese at 7:30 p.m. Pledge led by Ron Hans.

Roll call taken Dist. 1 - 3 depts. - 15 members. Dist. 2 - 3 depts. - 7 members.

Guests: Buz Koehler, Past President IVFA, James Crowell, Sklarewitz Uniforms, Larry Polas, Global Emergency Products, Kaylee Hans, Dist. 1 Miss Flame, Bill Missal, LCHazMat.

50 yr. Gold card members: Bub Wise, CPFR, Wm. Casbon, Porter Twp. VFD, Jerry Miller, Merrillville VFD, Harvey Lanning, Schereville VFD.

Lake Station Chief, Chuck Fazekas, gave a history of the fire department and thanked the ladies for assistance in providing the food.

Program: James Crowell, Sklarewitz Uniforms, talked about what uniforms that his company sells

and how to contact him. Also talked about Firehouse Subs that has a grant program for fire departments and how to contact them. Left some brochures. He will be at convention and will have a special on a coat and hat for \$100.00.

Motion made to dispense with the reading of previous minutes. Seconded and passed.

Buz Koehler: Convention June 14 - 16 in Columbus. Each department has 3 delegates. Water ball on June 17. Jeremy Reef running for PR director for PR Northwest. Fire service bills did not pass.

Cancer bill failed but in some states (13) passed but no funding. Talked about the passing of Mitch Parish.

Larry Polas of Global Emergency Products (Pierce) said they had 19 trucks at FDIC. He has a maintenance program on vehicles and would train you if interested. Gave some tips on maintenance.

Communications: None.

Treasurer: \$473.00. Will give Kaylee Hans, District 1 Miss Flame, a check for \$200 for expenses at Convention.

Old business: None.

New business: District 1 chairman gave out 25 year pins to several Lake Station VFD members. Next meeting location to be announced.

Good of the order: Lake Station VFD having a meat raffle: \$400 gift card, \$200 & \$100 prizes.

Lake Ridge moving to new station. June 24 having a spaghetti

supper at the new station.

May 28 Fireman's Ball for Lake Station VFD.

June 10 Golf outing for Crown Point FD.

May 31 Burn Camp ride from CPFA. Leaving at 7:00 a.m. sharp.

Bill Missal of Lake Haz Mat looking for new members. He left some applications and information with us.

50/50 - \$36 to the winner. Various items from vendors given on drawing.

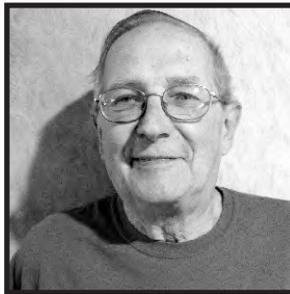
Death in District: Ed Brix - past member of Crown Point VFD and 50 year Gold card of the IVFA.

Moment of silence held in his memory.

Motion to adjourn 8:16 p.m. Passed.

Notes by Bob Szot and submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

District 3 Meeting

May 18, 2017
Noble Twp. V.F.D.

The meeting was called to order at 19:10 by chairman Bob Uryga.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford opened the meeting with a prayer and Scott Klemz, Noble Safety Officer led the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Bradford called the roll. There were 10 members present representing 5 departments.

Guests present were: Past President Buz Koehler, IVFAA Secretary Leona Uryga, Dist. 3 Miss Flame Chloe Perkins and Spencer Equipment Rep. Jack Runion.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Bob Uryga and Past President Buz Koehler spoke about their trip to Washington D.C. as part of the Indiana Delegation to the CFI - Congressional Fire Service Institute.

One of the issues addressed was cancer. Cancer has become the #1 killer of firefighters across the country with firefighters being 17% more likely to develop cancer than the average population.

Buz suggested getting a new or "cleaned" Nomex hood after any and all firefighting.

Bob showed a product called "Rescue Wipes" for firefighters and EMS responders. This product was formulated to help remove toxins from skin and protective equipment.

These actions and products help prevent cancer risk.

State office Buz informed us that there is a Hazmat App. that firefighters and departments should use to create and log a record of carcinogen exposures.

There is a Cancer Bill proposed in

our State legislature, but the State doesn't want to fund it. The legislators want local tax authority to pay for tests and physicals.

IVFAA representative Leona Uryga reminded members that in addition to the \$3500.00 life insurance benefit from the IVFA; if you join the IVFAA they will provide an additional \$3500.00.

Convention will be 6/14 - 6/17 and we will find out if District 3 will host the 2019 Convention.

In other business, we were reminded that IVFA is on Facebook and we should use it.

The Red Cross will work with departments to provide smoke detectors and batteries - good P.R.

IVFA paid 2 clothing claims (Coolspring Twp.). Must have good documentation of incident loss and pictures.

Guest Chloe Perkins, Dist. 3 Miss Flame, spoke about the State Miss Flame contest and her experience. In addition to "Miss Flame", there is a "Miss Congeniality", a poster contest, an essay and scholarship contest. (Good luck, Chloe).

Leona Uryga made a motion and seconded by Jeff Barkow to donate \$200.00 to help our Miss Flame representative. Motion carried.

Andy Tillers made a motion and seconded by Gale Hawkins to spend \$10.60 for an I.D. badge for our secretary. Motion carried.

Announcements: Convention 6/14-6/17. Memorial service

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Thursday, the 15th at 6:30. Please try to attend.

Coolspring Twp. will host their annual Fireman's Ball, July 7 & 8.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Balk and seconded by L. Uryga.

Next meeting at LaCrosse on 7/20/17.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
May 11, 2017
Burkett Fire Department,
Burkett, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests:

Jean and EJ Smith, PRNE
Sidney VanGordon

The meeting was called to order by PRNE Jean Smith at 1927 hours. The pledge to the flag followed. There were 6 firefighters representing 3 departments in attendance.

March minutes were read.

With NO quorum we just had a round table discussion.

Sidney remarked on her Spartan Engine for us and then headed back to Indy.

2017 IVFA convention is coming up June 14 to 17 in Columbus.

We discussed the cancer presumptive law again. It is a MUST to document exposures. IF IT IS NOT DOCUMENTED, it didn't happen.

Jean discussed HB1023 Public Safety Matters and HB 1122 Critical Incident Stress Management Services. These were both signed by the Governor this spring.

HB 1370 Completion of Training by Volunteer Firefighters and HB1450 Property Tax Matters were signed by the Governor in April. There was a number of dead bills Jean remarked on.

Jean discussed on WHAT IS THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER PROBLEM. Firefighter cancer is a looming personal catastrophe for each and every firefighter. Cancer is the most dangerous and unrecognized threat to the health and safety of our nation's firefighters. Multiple studies, including the soon-to-be-released NIOSH cancer study, have repeatedly demonstrated credible evidence and biologic credibility for statistically higher rates of multiple types of cancers to firefighters compared to the general American population.

We discussed HOW TO SUPPORT A FELLOW RESPONDER AFTER A DIFFICULT CALL.

Silver Lake F.D. Sloppy Joe and

Auction on May 13.

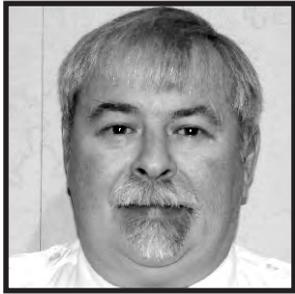
Atwood F.D. Chicken and Pork Chop fundraiser May 27.

Next meeting at Bourbon FD July 13.

Meeting adjourned at 2006 hours.

Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast, summertime is here.

Need to thank the Albion Fire Department for hosting our meeting in May. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Kenn Kunze and 800 Board-Up for supplying our meals for the meetings.

I also want to thank our District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley, for representing our District at the many fundraisers she is attending. Great job, Bailey! She had a great time at the convention in Columbus and is looking forward to running for the District Miss Flame again this year.

The next meeting as of this publication will be on September 26th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held in Stueben County. Unsure of the department hosting at this time.

Would like to thank the South Whitley/Cleveland Twp. VFD for their hospitality and the great meal while attending their annual Ice Cream Social in June.

Again, 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, September 26th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. 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 May 23rd. Please visit the IVFA website 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
District 7

May 15, 2017
Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Len Smith at 7:32 p.m. Vice-Chairman Smith led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 18 members representing 6 departments.

March Minutes RJA

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE, Brandon Taylor - 1-800-BoardUp.

Vice-Chairman announced that there were no deaths in the district since the last meeting.

Fill out your attendance tickets. The last drawing gas card went to Dist. 11B and the cleaning kit went to Andy Lockwood of Poe.

Bridgeport Scholarship had 23 applicants this year. Next year the application will be available online and hopefully more streamlined and user friendly.

IVFA website is still under construction, hopefully be done by the end of the year.

IVFA Convention in Columbus coming up June 14-17.

2018 Convention will be in Indy. Larry Curl is chairing it and says to look for some big changes!

If you have any problems with American Income Life Insurance representatives please get the name, date and time of contact. Forward this information to your district chairman. The company has a strict no hassle policy!

Armed Forces Benevolent is getting a new representative, will let you know their contact information when available.

Reminder: license plates are available by request at your local license branch. Keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds of the plate helps to fund the Bridgeport Fund. The Bridgeport Fund funds the Bridgeport Scholarships and also provides for a line of duty benefit.

Have membership booklets and IVFA stickers available up front.

Jean Smith, PRNE - This session of legislature is over. 5 bills that the IVFA was watching passed. HB 1370 Training of Volunteer Firefighters passed. This allows persons to join a volunteer fire department but still requires them to receive basic mandatory training before making emergency runs.

IVFA dues packets are to your departments. Double check that your members addresses, beneficiaries and date joined the fire service are all correct.

The Red Cross has a smoke detector program available. They will help you organize a smoke

detector install drive.

Vice-Chairman Smith presented 25 year pin to Todd Brundige of Roanoke.

Presented 10 year pin to Brandon Taylor on Roanoke.

Next district meeting will be at Uniondale July 17.

Second roll call answered by 18 members representing 6 departments.

Hoagland will have a live and silent auction June 17.

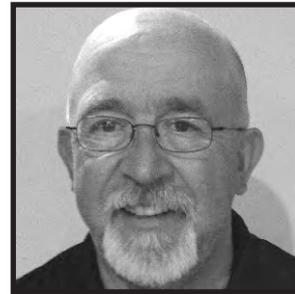
Poe Days and Poker Ride coming up Aug. 25 & 26.

Roanoke Hog Roast and Bake sale May 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A

We are off and running full speed ahead into summer and by the time most of you are reading this article we will be into late July or early August. Our 71st annual state convention was held in June in Columbus. The convention was hosted by District 10. I want to take the time and thank co-chairmen John Ray and David Israel and their convention committee for their hard work in organizing a successful and fun convention. It's hard to explain what it takes for a host district and its committee to host and pull off a state convention. But District 10 did an awesome job this year considering all the obstacles and last minute issues this year.

The 2018 State Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel on the west side of Indianapolis. Convention Chairman Larry Curl and his committee have started planning next year's convention.

The 2019 State Convention will be held in Michigan City at the Blue Chip Casino Resort. We as an Association have not been to this part of the state for an annual state convention since 2000. If you or members of your department have never attended an annual state convention then you should try to make it next year to Indianapolis or to Michigan City in 2019.

The Cancer committee put together by past President Steve Anderson will meet soon to discuss direction and options in getting volunteer firefighters added to the existing presumptive cancer law in Indiana. As most of you now know we as an Association was not successful in getting volunteer firefighters added to the current state law this last legislative session. We, as an Association, have a lot of work ahead of us to make this happen for our members.

Having said that and looking at ourselves, we have not been very vigilant about ourselves in the past. When I started in the fire service over forty years ago, they called us smoke eaters for a reason. We fought fires without the proper protection and some of us might even smoked a cigarette after we put the fire out. It

just was not recognized back then, what it was doing to our body. We now know most of the implications that go along with not wearing the proper personal protective equipment. Are we decontaminating ourselves after a fire? Are we washing and cleaning our gear? Are we following an annual health screening program? There is a whole list of things we should be doing to protect ourselves and our families that have not been done in the past. Cancer in the fire service is at the forefront in recent years and it should be. Let's take the next step and be proactive in protecting ourselves and our families properly. It will be my hope and prayers that we continue to change our behaviors, traditions and attitudes towards our service in the defeat of occupational exposure to cancer. We must, as departments and as an Association, strive to reduce this exposure and protect our greatest asset, our firefighters.

If you see your legislator at a community event or fire department function, please make the time to meet and talk with them about needed presumptive cancer legislation for volunteer firefighters. They appreciate it when one of their constituents stops them to discuss issues with them or I have been told they do. When talking presumptive cancer legislation please use these talking points: (1) research shows there is a higher incidence of certain cancers among firefighters; (2) paid firefighters are afforded coverage for those cancers in Indiana, volunteer firefighters are not; (3) the cost of coverage to volunteer firefighters is minimal compared to the billions of dollars they save Indiana taxpayers each year; (4) Several other states are addressing this issue for their volunteer firefighters; (5) volunteer firefighters did not volunteer to get cancer! If we work together as a team, we will get presumptive cancer legislation passed for our members.

Several departments in District 8A, as well as across the state are struggling with recruitment and retention of new members. Let's face it, it is getting tougher and tougher to attract new members and for those new members to make the needed commitment to belong to a department. Some departments are having to expand their recruiting boundaries and accept new members from outside of their department's response area. I believe it will only get worse before it gets better. That is another reason we need to start talking to our legislators to get incentives passed for our volunteer brothers and sisters across the state.

The 2017 legislative session has come and gone. It is time to start thinking about next year's session and what is needing to be addressed by the Association's legislative committee and our Lobbyist, Larry Curl. As I previously mentioned we will continue to work on getting volunteer firefighters added to the existing presumptive cancer law in the state and as an Association we are going to address conflicting language with the current blue light law and BMV manual. If you have any legislative suggestions contact your state officers or district chairmen whose contact information can be found in the Association's newspaper.

This year's recipients of the

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

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2017 District 8A Global Award were the Wildcat Twp. VFD, Rich Brown, Tipton Pizza Shack and Tony Huelster, Bonge's Tavern. The Wildcat Twp. Fire Department organized a fundraiser for Bob Dean and his family. The fundraiser event raised over \$14,000 dollars for the family. The two individuals and their businesses donated all the food for the fundraiser. This is an excellent example for what the District Global Awards sponsored by Global Emergency Products were meant for across the State. In November, I will again be asking for nominations from departments across the district for the 2018 District 8A Global Award.

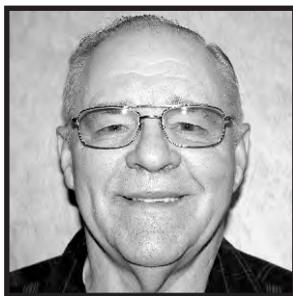
I want to thank Chief Lance Overholser and the Cicero Fire Department for hosting the May district meeting. Although we did not have a quorum with only 4 departments present, we did have a lot of good discussion with those departments present. Shannon Lewis, of the American Red Cross, was present and spoke about the American Red Cross Home Safety Fire Campaign. This is a program where the American Red Cross will come into your community and will partner with your fire department to get smoke detector alarms into the community.

In closing, please keep your personal protective equipment clean, especially those nomex hoods. Studies show that nomex hoods are a weak point in our PPE in allowing those nasty carcinogens to be absorbed into the skin. The NVFC suggests departments issue two nomex hoods to its members. When one gets dirty the member can switch it out with the clean one.

Until the next time, stay safe.

Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

On May 10, 2017 District 8B held their meeting at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. with Chairman Lloyd E. Wright leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 20 members from 6 departments present. There were 4 guests in attendance - Sam Bisel and his wife Kristy, Shannon Lewis from the Red Cross and Don Cushman, PR director. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Chairman Wright told the group that the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department had a walk-in cooler for sale, and the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department had a fire truck for sale. If anyone is interested they can call the departments.

Chairman Wright reminded them about the annual convention coming up in June to be held in Columbus, Indiana. And that he would see a lot

of them there.

There are a lot of fundraisers going on at the different departments. Pork chop dinners, fish fries, chili suppers and parades.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fire runs and EMS runs.

There was a total of 43 fires and 153 EMS runs.

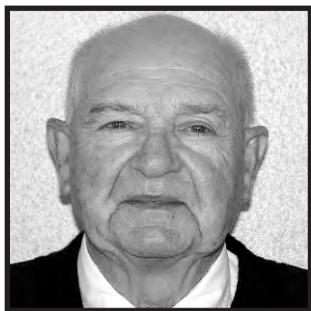
The next District 8B meeting will be held at the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department on July 12, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. Election of officers will be held. Hope everyone can attend.

Had a fun time at the convention this year. Our Miss Flame Kaylee Hashell did a very good job. Also I would like to thank everyone who submitted a letter on my behalf for the Mr. IVFA award. It was truly a surprise in getting this award.

I was very happy that my whole family was there to enjoy it with me. Thank you all for all the support you have shown me.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

We recently presented Charles Emsweller of the Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Dept. with the resolution that was read at the state legislature. On hand to make the presentation was Senator Jean Leising.

The IVFAA held their annual bake sale to raise money toward expenses to State Convention for our District 10 Miss Flame Jaylen Matthews. The sale this year raised \$320.00. Thank you to all who supported this event!

June was a busy month for your District Director and Connie with a fish fry for Relay For Life of Hope, the first weekend and the next weekend was Hartsville's Fish Fry. The third week, we were into the beginning the 71st IVFA Convention at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus. We had a wonderful convention with over 300 attending and 34 vendors participating. We were honored to have Katie Stam-Irk, 2009 Miss America, as a featured speaker. Also, after many years missing, Waterball contests returned with 5 teams going for the WIN! Special thanks to Chairman David Israel and the entire Convention Committee for making this convention a great one!

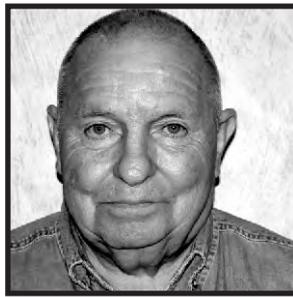
July is vacation month and lots of county fairs to attend! Have a safe and fun time!

The August meeting will be at Trafalgar Volunteer Fire Dept. on the 16th Hope to see all of you there.

Keep it safe,
John M. Ray, Chairman

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DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A,

Our convention is over and done for 2017. We had a lot of good fun and some great winners of awards. Congratulations to everyone!

Our last district meeting was at Nevins Twp. on May 21, 2017. We opened with prayer and pledge. Great meal. We had seven departments present, three guests and 23 members. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read.

Jeffery Esposito from Donley Safety was our guest speaker. He brought a new fire truck to show the latest design.

Larry Curl, our Lobbyist, spoke about Legislation updates.

American Red Cross will partner with fire departments on passing out and installing smoke alarms in their respective areas.

Contact Armed Services Benevolent Association to have a representative attend your department meeting.

I've been busy. All of my 10 and 25 year pins have been passed out. I have one more Gold card to give. I have visited 12 departments and worked the FDIC show.

If you have a change of address, please let me or Central Office know so you can receive your newspaper.

Yellow insurance forms are coming out; no need to return them unless you have changes to make.

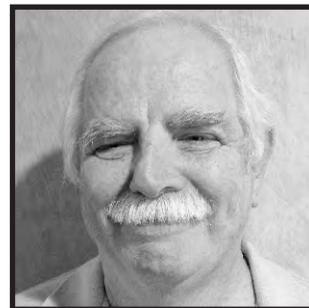
Cancer awareness and training. You need to start documenting all fire runs.

Our next district meeting will be July 16, 2017 at Thunderbird Fire Prot. Territory at 1:00 with a 50 year Gold card presentation. Hope to see you there.

If anyone has a function for me to attend, let me know. I will try to come. Until next time, stay safe!

District 11A chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



John Morphy - Chairman

District 11-B meeting was called to order May 10, 2017 at 7:05 P.M. at the Fairview Park Volunteer Fire Department by Chairman John Morphy.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush.

Roll call was answered by 6 departments with 14 members.

Guests were Fire Marshal James Greeson, IVFA lobbyist Larry Curl, Past President Larry Ketchem and District 11-A Chairman Pete Taylor.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was also approved.

Marshall Greeson presented the Meritorious Service Award for John Davies for his over 50 years service to the fire service and his community. John was unable to attend due to sickness in the family.

Larry Curl spoke on what happened in the last Legislative session that just finished. It is time to start working on what we need to be working on for next year.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill Bush still working on new Memorial Flags. He needs more time; so made motion to table this project at this time. Larry Southard made the second. Motion passed.

NON-NEW BUSINESS.

The next meeting is July 9, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at the Montezuma-Reserve Township Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bartlow, Acting Secretary

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

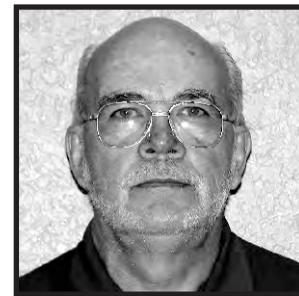
Greetings from District 14 where we have been out working on getting pins out, so if I haven't been to see your department, contact me to set up a time.

We had a good time at this year's convention.

If you have an event coming up, contact me so I can come by.

Rick Cannon
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

April 6th attended Taylor VFD meeting.

April 18th attended weather spotter's training.

May 4th attended Taylor VFD meeting.

May 9th I went to Freenland VFD and passed out 10 and 25 year pins.

May 12, 13, 14 I attended State Officer's meeting.

May 17th District 17A meeting was hosted by Winslow VFD. Jack

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Kerney from the Central Office and Steve Nolan, PRSW were in attendance and had remarks for those in attendance.

May 22nd attended fundraiser at Center Twp.

June 14 - 17 I attended the state convention. Congratulations to all of the award winners. Be sure and check out the paper to see who from your area received an award.

July 19th our next 17A meeting will be held at Loogootee VFD. Elections will be held.

Hope for a good crowd.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

Relations Southwest Steve Nolan. That night I had the honor to present a 50-year Gold card to Denise Fletcher that had serviced her community and her county and her fellow firefighters for over 50 years. Also presented Dia Goodrich with a 10-year pin.

Also in May, Shawswick VFD had an open house at their new Fire Station that was completed in early January. Shawswick was founded in May of 1974. We had the privilege of having Eric Koch, State Representative, along with House Representative Chris May and Shawswick Township trustee Millard Jones and his staff, and several local representatives to help with the dedication of new fire station.

Also in this quarter, I had meetings with several different fire departments like Marshall VFD, Indian Creek of Monroe County along with Northern Monroe Fire Territory, where I handed out 10 & 25 year pins.

In June, we were at IVFA Convention and it was a wonderful experience. IVFA had their annual election and Miss Flame contest. Sara Ford was the representative for 17B. It was an honor to dance with Sara and we had a lot of fun, but I did not hold a candle to her, she did very well. 17B was very well represented at this year's annual election of IVFA officers. Thanks to all who attended.

It has been a great honor serving you this year.

Thanks,
Bobby

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Bobby Brown - Chairman

It has been a busy quarter for me. We met at Owen Valley VFD and presented 10 & 25 year pins to well deserving bunch of firefighters. We discussed the issues facing the volunteer fire departments and the training issue with VFD.

Then May we met at Morgantown VFD. We were blessed with the presence of the President and Vice President of the IVFA Paul Holcomb and Dave Israel along with Public

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 18 May meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the West Baden Springs VFD. Roll call was answered by 46 members representing 12 departments. A total of 260 runs were reported answered. Guests included IVFA PR Southwest Steve Nolan.

My appreciation to the entire Convention Committee for all of their work at this year's Convention. My congratulations to all of the various award winners. My pride goes out to Madelyn Peter who did such a wonderful job of representing the District 18 as our Miss Flame, and who tried "desperately" to teach me how to do that dance move from Grease! "Anybody seen the video of some fool playing AC/DC on the bagpipes"? My sincere thanks to State Chaplain Elick for allowing me again to participate in this 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, and get your people to rehab if needed.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on 20 July with the Birdseye VFD as our host.

Clean your gear, stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time, "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
- Chairman, District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello everyone, hope you are having a great summer so far.

The 2017 Convention has come and gone I would like to thank the District 10 committee on a fine convention.

Our District 19 Miss Flame Alyssa Kneueven, was the 2017 Miss Congeniality. I would like to congratulate her on this honor. I would also like to congratulate and thank her for representing District 19 for the last 4 years. She has represented her district and her community very well. 2018 Convention will be in Indianapolis at

the Crown Plaza by the airport. Look for training opportunities for both fire and EMS at the 2018 Convention. More information will be coming at a later date. In 2019 will be heading north to the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

It is also with great sadness to announce the passing of David "Bluegill" Higham. He was a 21 year member of Morris Volunteer Fire Department and the IVFA. We wish to pass our condolences to the family and the department. He will be greatly missed.

Upcoming meetings for the rest of the year are July 20th at Rising Sun, September 28th at Versailles, November 16th at Miller York. Hope to see you all at the meetings. Everyone have a safe rest of the summer.

Stephen Macke
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- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

Twenty year membership and forty-five year membership



Tim Martin, Scott Abraham, Bryan Marlowe all received 20 year membership plaques as members of Crown Point Fire Rescue. Paul Watland received a 45 year plaque as a member of the department.

Palleson receives 25 year pin and certificate

Paul Palleson, member of Porter Twp. VFD received his 25 year pin and certificate as a member of the IVFA and Porter Twp. VFD.

Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary
Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. Meeting
May 14, 2017
Clarion Hotel, Columbus, IN

President Carol Curl opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Chaplain Beth Caudill recited a prayer. Sgt. of Arms Suzie Lewis led the pledge to the flag. Rec. Sec. June Cahill took roll call and it was answered by 24 officers, 8 IVFAA members and 1 guest. Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga read the minutes of the Feb. 5 meeting and a motion was made by Janet Woodfill and seconded by Jerri Johnson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. A motion was made by Barb

Kerney and seconded by E.J. Smith to combine District 13 and 13A together. It would be just District 13. Motion carried.

Tammy Williams of the American Life Ins. Co. spoke about the insurance and suggested that the post cards we receive in the mail to just throw them out and not send them back unless you are interested in more insurance.

Lorrie Baxter has agreed to do the Chinese Auction at the convention. She had done this some years ago.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasury report. It was suggested by Lou Bartlow to remove the CD money from the raffle account to the regular account. We had a discussion on the CD. Barb Kerney made a motion and seconded by Phyllis Vargo to put the money into the general account. Motion carried.

President Carol Curl talked about the scam we had gone through. It was thought that we should have two signatures on the checking account over a certain amount. The balance on hand is \$40,782.57 as of May 8, 2017. The treasury report was accepted until time of audit.

Beth Caudill suggested that the line officers should have the Corr. Sec. report mailed to them.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill reported that there are 61 depts., 190 ind., 818 paid by depts. and 26 life members. The total is 1008 members.

Janet Matthews made a motion and seconded by Joyce Nevil not to elect any replacement of officers. Motion carried.

Barb Kerney reported that there

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

are 22 girls running for Miss Flame. E.J. Smith reported that the money jars the girls have at convention will have a new name and people can put money in the jars other than pennies.

President Paul Holcomb visited and discussed on voting during convention for both the men and women. He would like those who are members of both to be able to leave their meeting in order to vote at each other's meeting.

Jerri Johnson made a motion and seconded by Tammy Smith to have a 50/50 raffle at the convention. Motion carried. The tickets would be \$1.00 a ticket or 3 for \$5.00 and it would go into the Mary Mackin Fund.

Phyllis Vargo made a motion and seconded by Beverly Taylor to accept the proposed budget for 2018-2019. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Chairman Carolyn Zeeks gave the slate for the officers running for next year. President Carol Curl, Vice President Heather Holcomb, Rec. Sec. Tammy Smith, Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga, Treasurer Martha Biehl, Chaplain Beth Caudill, Sgt. of Arms Suzie Lewis, Immediate Past President Barb Kerney.

Joyce Nevil reported that the SOG's are ready for the convention and a by-law will be added.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Martha Biehl to tear up the check we received from an unknown person. Vote taken and did not pass. A motion was made by Sharon Wright and seconded by

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2016 / 2017

AUDIT COMMITTEE Barbara Kerney - Chairman Diana Grey - Co-chair Dawn Harris Carolyn Zeeks	MISS FLAME COMMITTEE Barbara Kerney - Chairman Janet Matthews - Co-Chairman Sharon Wright Tonya Marsee E.J. Smith 1 - Rep. from 2017 IVFA Convention Miss Flame Committee 1 - Rep. from the IVFA	INSTALLATION COMMITTEE Betsey Howe - Chairman Pam Gerdowsky - Co-Chairman
CHINESE AUCTION COMMITTEE Tonya Marsee - Chairman Leona Uryga - Co-Chairman Jerri Johnson Lori Parker Suzie Lewis Pam Gerdowsky Carolyn Scheele Diane Stapleton Carolyn Watson Beverly Taylor Diana Gray Joyce Nevil Marlene Thrawley Martha Thomas Tammy Smith Kay Shumaker	JEWELRY COMMITTEE Janet Woodfill - Chairman	PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY Martha Thomas - Chairman Barbara Kerney - Co-Chairman Lou Bartlow
MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD JoAnn Hays Sharon Wright Suzie Lewis	MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE E.J. Smith - Chairman Beth Caudill - Co-Chairman Heather Holcomb Joyce Nevil Bev Taylor	BYLAWS / SOG COMMITTEE Joyce Nevil - Chairman Marie Emery - Co-chairman Tammy Smith Lou Bartlow Diane Stapleton Phyllis Vargo Eula Bush
LOIS BOAZ AWARD June Cahill Carol Curl Joyce Nevil	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE Diana Grey - Chairman Sue Glant - Co-Chair Dorothy Reiter June Cahill Marie Emery Christina Reef	SOG'S COMMITTEE Joyce Nevil - Chairman Dawn Harris Marlene Thrawley Janet Woodfill Jean Parish
HISTORIANS Phyllis Vargo - Chairman JoAnn Hays - Co-Chairman	PARLIAMENTARIAN Lou Bartlow - Chairman *Mtg. will follow By-Laws & Roberts Rules of Order	MEMORIAL THROW Carol Curl
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Suzie Lewis - Chairman Barbara Ketchem - Co-Chairman Kathy Smith Jerri Johnson Connie Bruner Carolyn Watson	VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT Tonya Marsee - Chairman Jerry Johnson - Co-Chair Lori Parker Kay Shumaker Marlene Thrawley Tammy Smith	CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT'S COMMITTEE Northwest - Phyllis Vargo Northeast - Joyce Nevill Central - Janet Matthews Southwest - Kathy Smith Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky
NOMINATING COMMITTEE Carolyn Zeeks - Chairman Carol Koehler - Co-chairman Jean Parish Sue Glant Phyllis Vargo		COMMUNICATION Heather Holcomb Tatjana Marsee

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Corresponding secretary . . .

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Beverly Taylor to hold the check and bring it up in June. Motion carried.

Beth Caudill asked if she could give the Chaplain pin to Joann Hays who was our Chaplain for many years. A motion was made by E.J. Smith and seconded by Pam Gerdowsky to give Joann the pin. Motion carried. E.J. Smith made a motion and seconded by Tammy Smith to buy a new Chaplain pin for Beth. Motion carried.

The pillow money was decided to go into the general account.

Chaplain Beth Caudill closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. State Officers Meeting
June 15, 2017
Clarion Hotel, Columbus, IN

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Beth Caudill.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill took roll call. 25 Officers, 2 IVFAA members.

President Carol Curl brought up the subject of the Chinese Auction tickets. A discussion was conducted and a motion by Tammy Smith and seconded by Diana Gray to sell the tickets at 6 for \$5.00 or a \$1.00 apiece for this year. Motion carried. Carol suggested that a ruling on this should be put in the SOG's.

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

Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga reported on the minutes. The minutes were accepted with corrections or additions. Janet Matthews made a motion and seconded by Joyce Nevil that since Tonya Marsee resigned from office that we would not have a replacement of any officer. Motion carried. A motion from Barb Kerney and seconded by E.J. Smith to combine 13 and 13A into just 13 is because the district chairman Marlene Thrawley from 13A is moving. Motion carried.

The by-law Article IX Closing is being submitted as written: Section 1. These by-laws may be changed, amended, or altered by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any quarterly state meeting of this auxiliary. All amendments must have been submitted in writing and approved during a regularly called District Meeting, one (1) meeting prior to the Quarterly State Meeting in which it is voted on by all members present. Such recommendations shall be in the hands of the District Chairmen at the Quarterly State Meeting which the change has been submitted so they can take it to their district meeting of a vote. In every instance, however, a two-thirds vote of the members at the Quarterly State Meeting shall be mandatory.

Article 1 Section 6 by-law was not admitted because the words approved by the Auxiliary were not included. Article 1, Section 6 reads: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all money paid into Auxiliary from the hands of the recording secretary. She shall pay all bills submitted to her and submit a report at each quarterly meeting and file a prepared statement at each annual meeting of the financial condition of the Auxiliary.

Article X Dissolution Clause is to be put into the 2014 by-law book to replace page 15. Section 1. In the event that the Indiana Volunteer

Firefighter's Association Auxiliary, Inc. dissolves, we request that our assets be divided as follows: 25% will go to the Hoosier Burn Camp, 25% will go to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and the remaining 50% will go to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Inc. Section 2. If for some reason the Hoosier Burn Camp or the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund are no longer in existence we request that our assets go solely to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Inc.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill reported that the membership count was 1034 in the May meeting.

President Carol Curl gave past president Barb Kerney a corsage and Barb gave Carol a corsage.

The representative from the insurance stated to Carol that in the future they will cover internet fraud. She suggested that anyone who deals in money should be bonded. The origination should be bonded not just the officers.

The Past President pin dye has been destroyed. Tammy Smith, E.J. Smith and Beth Caudill will check on companies.

It was reported that Betsy Howe will not be here for the swearing in. She is ill. Phyllis Vargo and Pam Gerdowsky will conduct the installation of officers.

There was a discussion on the vouchers for officers and committee chairman. It is listed in the SOG's what it is for. Hotel, gas and meals.

Barb Kerney made a motion and seconded by E.J. Smith to tear up the check from the donor because they want too much information from us. Motion carried.

Rec. Sec. gave a report of 61 Dept., 817 paid by Depts., 192 Ind., and 26 Life. Totaling 1035.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave the treasury account. The balance as of May 8, 2017 is \$40,782.57. Approved until time of audit.

Chaplain Beth Caudill reported that there was one death in Dist. 6.

Cards for the following members were to be signed: Maxine Davies was reported that she had a stroke, Mary Ann Martin (Dist. 21), Marlene Poling, Cheryl Johnson and Betsy Howe who had surgery.

Read a thank you card from Tanya Marsee.

It was reported that as of now the Chinese Auction has \$978.00.

E.J. Smith made a motion and seconded by Bev Taylor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. Convention Minutes
June 16, 2017
Clarion Hotel, Columbus, IN

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Chaplain Beth Caudill.

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

Rec. Sec. June Cahill called roll call with 25 officers, 31 IVFAA members and 1 guest.

We honored those who received awards: The Ollie Sandburg Award - Barb Kerney, Lois Boaz - Diana Gray, Angel Award - Suzie Lewis, Sharon Wright, wife of Lloyd Wright - Mr. I.V.F.A.

Janet Matthews reported that there was \$483.00 in the Miss Flame Jars.

E.J. Smith reported that there is \$400.00 so far in the 50/50 raffle.

A motion was made by Tammy Smith and seconded by Christina Reef to suspend the meeting to let the men register for the voting process. Motion carried.

The Miss Flames were introduced. State Miss Flame Katie VanLennen - Dist. 11A. Runner-up Kali Taber - Dist. 15.

Nineteen men have registered to vote.

Nominations: President Carol Curl. Motion by E.J. Smith and seconded by Judy Hildenbrand to close the nomination. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot.

Vice President Heather Holcomb. Motion by E.J. Smith and seconded by Kay Schmaker to close the nomination. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith. Motion by Carol Thrawley and seconded by Bev Taylor. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot.

Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga and a motion was made by Deniel Matthews and seconded by Joyce Nevil to elect Janet Matthews. A motion was made by Paul Holcomb and seconded by Joyce Nevil to close the nominations.

Election conducted and the new Corr. Sec. is Janet Matthews.

Treasurer Martha Biehl. A motion was made by Richard Glance and seconded by Jean Hildenbrand to close the nomination. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot.

Chaplain Beth Caudill. A motion was made by Buz Koehler and seconded by Tom Sumler. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot.

Sgt. of Arms Suzie Lewis. A motion was made by Buz Koehler and seconded by Martha Thomas. Rec. Sec. June Cahill cast a white ballot.

President Carol Curl gave Treasurer Dorothy Reiter her treasurer pin. She served the organization for 25 years as treasurer.

A motion was made by Janet Matthews and seconded by Lou Bartlow to resume the meeting.

It was brought up that the men members should be allowed to vote for our by-laws and election.

Joann Hays talked about the letters to be sent for the Miriam Schaekel and Lois Boaz awards.

President Carol Curl announced that we are looking for a company to make the past president pins.

At the next state meeting there will be an officer's meeting at 1:00 on Saturday.

Barb Kerney gave a report on the Miss Flames. They are going to a petting zoo.

Phyllis Vargo and Pam Gerdowsky will conduct the installation.

Those ladies who are members of the IVFA are excused to go to the men's meeting to vote.

Dorothy Reiter took over the secretary's job as she went to the men's meeting.

25 year pins were announced: Linda Abraham - Dist. 2 Crown Point. Margie Baumgardner - Dist. 2 Crown Point. Lori Sabo - Dist. 2 Lake Station. Joyce Dean - Dist. 3 Coolspring. Beth Koehler - Dist. 7 Berne. Jenny Neuenschwander - Dist. 7 Berne. Karen Merkel - Dist. 19 Morris. The 50 year Gold card goes to Barbara Mason - Dist. 6 New Haven - Adams. E.J. Smith will present the Gold card to Barbara Mason.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill reported that there are 61 Depts., 817 paid by Depts., 192 Ind. and 26 Life. Totaling 1035.

Reading of the Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter and also the annual report for 2015-2016. No additions or corrections to the report.

Chaplain Beth Caudill asked that members either call by phone or text

her and not e-mail or facebook her.

They are to report any illness and any issues that they would need her for.

Chaplain Beth Caudill informed us that she is resigning her position of her job for the last 30 years so she can and will be more available for the districts. The Associate Chaplains are doing well to help her cover the state as needed.

Cards going around to sign for Tonya Marsee, Maxine Davies and Marlene Poling. Dorothy Reiter reported that this is the first time Marlene has missed a convention in 40 years.

Eula Bush announces that the auxiliary at Dana will be established for 47 years this year.

Dana - Fundraiser on July 10-11-12. Food at the firehouse.

Dupont - Lancaster - Fish fry the last Friday of each month.

Dist. 11A - Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. -10 p.m. Miss Flame Dance.

Dist. 11B - Picnic Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. and bring a well-filled basket to Motazooma Park. Meat is furnished.

First Sunday in Nov. is our Miss Flame event in Reelsville at 1 p.m. It's a Thanksgiving Dinner.

It was reported that Larry Ketchem is not well, so the Ketchems are not at the convention.

Installation of Officers per Phyllis Vargo and Pam Gerdowsky at 11:20 a.m. Installing officer Pam Gerdowsky led the incoming officers up to the table to be sworn in.

Joyce Nevil introduced the new by-laws. Article IX Closing Section 1. These by-laws may be changed, amended, or altered by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any quarterly state meeting of this auxiliary. All amendments must have been submitted in writing and approved during a regularly called District Meeting, one (1) meeting prior to the Quarterly State Meeting in which it is voted on by all members present. Such recommendations shall be in the hands of the District Chairmen at the Quarterly State Meeting which the change has been submitted so they can take it to their district meeting of a vote. In every instance, however, a two-thirds vote of the members at the Quarterly State Meeting shall be mandatory. Voted on by-law and passed. 30-7.

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District Chairmen can make copies and give it to their members. SOG's are to be discussed at your District meetings.

A motion was made to give \$5.00 per person per year for all who do not receive the newspaper and the IVFAA would pay for it. The motion was resented and this will go back to the Districts and discussed.

Buz Koehler will be asked to come to the next meeting to discuss the information on the paper.

It was announced that the 2019 Convention will be in Michigan City at Blue Chip Casino.

In 2018 the convention will be at the Crown Plaza in Indianapolis and the registration right now is \$65.00.

The meeting was adjourned by a prayer from Chaplain Beth Caudill.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I have just returned from the 2017 IVFA Convention held in Columbus, Indiana.

I would like to congratulate all the award winners this year and the new IVFA Auxiliary officers.

Bailey Sheley, you represented Ligonier Fire Department and District 6 very well. Congratulations on winning the Best Poster contest this year. Job well done!

I would also like to thank those who helped me at Convention with all my projects. Thank you!

Reminder that the IVFA Auxiliary members' dues are due before September 30; dues are \$10.00 per member.

Any questions or concerns please contact me at EJS6District@aol.com or 260-413-3040.

E.J. Smith
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello summer,

I'm glad for beautiful weather. Flowers and yards look so pretty.

Our convention was June 14-17. We had a great time. It's good to see people from all over Indiana. Some we only see at convention.

Our own Miss Flame representative Katie Van Lannon was state Miss Flame. We are so proud of her. Congrats, Katie! Congrats to all the winners. Everyone was so deserving.

Our last district meeting was held at Nevins Twp. on May 21, 2017. We had a delicious lunch. Meat loaf, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings. Thanks for hosting! Carol Curl talked about the IVFAA By-law. We will vote on at convention.

We got a nominating committee for our July meeting of officers.

We talked about convention which was held at Columbus, Ind. at Clarion Hotel.

We sent a get well card to Maxine Davis. Remember her in your prayers.

Our next district meeting is July 16, 2017 at Thunderbird at Farmerburg, Ind. at 1:00. Hope to see a good turnout.

We dismissed with prayer. If anyone has any functions, let us know. We try to go if we can.

Until next time!

IVFAADistrict 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

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DISTRICT 17-B REPORT



Dawn Hillenborg-Harris - Chairman

I would like to thank the departments that donated a gift for the silent auction at convention. I think we had about 8 items there.

Convention went really well, hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves!

Sierra did a great job representing our district for the Miss Flame. Very proud of her.

Thank you Sierra!

I would like to remind the district that our district IVFAA meetings are held the same time and location as the district IVFA meetings.

If you ever have any questions please contact me, my information is in the paper! My phone number should be getting updated in the paper, the correct number is (812) 508-5913.

Hope ya'll have a blessed quarter and look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

-Dawn

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

District #19 had their regular meeting May 9 at Blooming Grove with delicious food served by auxiliary members. We held a white elephant auction to raise money for our Miss Flame, Alyssa Knueven.

State meeting was May 13-14 at the Clarion in Columbus, IN. We were getting ready for convention and for election of officers in June and went over committee responsibilities. Each committee met and then all together.

Went to IVFA Convention June 14-17 and had a very good time. Our district Miss Flame, Alyssa Knueven was chosen Miss Congeniality. We are very proud of her. Had wonderful meals and the banquet was very nice. The Memorial Service and awards program was also a very nice highlight. Ed Scheele was presented the Global Award from his department Chief Randy Merkel. Karen Merkel received her 25 year pin from the IVFAA in their meeting. People at the hotel were very pleasant despite some hotel issues beyond their control. All in all, it was a great time spending time with fellow fire departments and the members in both IVFA & IVFAA organizations. Thanks to all committee members who helped to

make it a success!

God Bless all of you and hope to see you at State meetings! Have a wonderful summer!

Pam Gerdowsky
District #19

Miriam A. Schaeckel award info

I would like to take this time to congratulate Barbara Kerney on receiving this award at convention. This award is named in honor of Miriam A. Schaeckel, who served as the Auxiliary's Sergeant-of-Arms for over 30 years. Her dedication to the betterment of the Ladies' Auxiliary Association was unwavering.

She performed her duties most honorably and efficiently with a smile and the good of the Association always in the forefront.

Meritorious Service Award is awarded to a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Ladies' Auxiliary for having set him or herself apart from his/her comrades by outstanding achievement or service to the Association. With that being said it is time to think about next year's recipient.

To nominate someone, submit an original handwritten or typed (NO COPIES) letter to each of the last three recipients. If it is typed, please make sure you hand sign the letter. These should be postmarked no later than the first of February.

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A chat with Carol . . .

IVFAA President Carol Curl



August 2017

Greetings, my fellow IVFAA members.

Hope each of you had a very enjoyable, pleasant and SAFE Independence Day celebrating with family and friends.

Another quarter has passed since we last visited via the IVFA newspaper and a lot has happened with and to the IVFAA.

WOW, what an exciting 2017 Convention, Kudos to District 10 for a fine, well organized and fun convention even under the stress of a possible hotel closing.

I hope all who attended had a great time, good food, and got to meet and greet some old (not in the sense of age) friends and make new ones, too.

Well, let me say thank you for putting your faith and trust in me for another year to serve as your State Auxiliary President. This past year was met with challenges and was a learning curve but we made it. This next year we will also face some challenges, changes, but most of all with a continued effort on making the IVFAA better. Each officer should have one common goal; make the office they hold and the business they conduct better than it was when they took over.

Speaking of offices, I want to say thank you to those who served last year, Vice President Tonya Marsee, Treasurer Dorothy Reiter, Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga and Recording Secretary June Cahill, but will not be returning this year. Ladies, thank you for all your work, time, and dedication to our Association.

As well, I want to congratulate those new officers that will be coming onboard for 2017-2018, Vice President Heather Holcomb, Treasurer Martha Biehl, Corresponding Secretary Tammy Smith and Recording Secretary Janet Matthews.

And to all our officers for 2017-2018, welcome, congratulations, and the bar has been set high for us, we must now go to work.

As most all of you should by now have gotten an email from IVFA President Paul Holcomb letting us know we are returning to Indianapolis (Crowne Plaza) for our remaining 2017 quarterly meetings so our officer's meeting and committee meeting schedule will go out soon reflecting time and room location(s) of our August meeting.

As we enter this next year, once again I look forward to working with all of our Auxiliaries throughout the state and hope to visit with as many of you as I can. Last year, Larry and I were able to visit many of the departments and attend your meetings and we thank you for making us feel a part with warm hearts and a greeting smile.

I know we just finished our State Convention for 2017 but I want to be one of the first to invite you to attend our State Convention for 2018 held right here at home (for me) in Indianapolis at the same location as our quarterly meetings, the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

So let's roll up our sleeves and go to work as we have some big challenges

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PROVIDENT

LOOK FOR OUR AD IN THE AUGUST PAPER

Carol Curl . . .

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ahead in managing our Association, learning our new positions, and preparing for Convention 2018, marketing, promoting, and getting out to the members to attend and participate at our meetings and functions.

Look at the IVFA website to see if your District Aux. has a meeting date listed on the calendar or give your District Chairman a call to see when and where the next meeting is. You can always find their contact information either on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org and look for IVFAA on the left hand side of the home page or just look in this paper and you can find them as well.

Please let me know if I can assist in any way; I am just a phone call away.

Until next time, your support and guidance has been heartwarming.

Carol Curl

Your President, faithfully serving...

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Please send your letters to the following recipients:

Sharon Wright
3832 E 400 S
Portland, IN 47371

Suzie Lewis
2627 N 400 E
Lagro, IN 46941

Barbara Kerney
2412 SE Browning Rd.
Evansville, IN 47725

Hope to see lots of letters!

Thank you,
Sharon Wright, Chairman

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CLARION AND
CONFERENCE CENTER
COLUMBUS, IN
MAY 13 & 14, 2017

President Holcomb called meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

A moment of silence was held followed by the invocation given by Chaplain Elick.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

The new name tags were distributed.

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

American Red Cross – Shannon Lewis – She spoke about the smoke alarm program, the goal is to reduce home fire deaths by 25% by 2018. We help homeowners do an escape

plan. Pillow case project, we go out in school's youth groups and put on the program, they take the pillow cases home and fill it with items that would be needed during an emergency. We encourage departments to contact us and get some of these programs in their communities.

President Holcomb called on Treasurer Luke Kluender. I passed out a balance sheet and profit loss versus actual sheet. District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. WCPR Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

California Casualty will be addressing us at Convention.

Washington DC trip – Larry Curl: We met with 6 Congressional members and/or their staff. We also met with Vice President Domestic Policy team. We had the privilege of taking our pictures with Vice President Pence. We had 6 topics that we addressed with each Congressional member and staff that we spoke to.

Supporting Heroes Gala – Jack Zeeks: We were well represented, it was an excellent evening.

President Holcomb please check your email addresses in your phones, emails, etc. as we still have a few emails not going where they were meant to go.

Heroes Competition – Benni Weldy cancelled this year's event do to insurance issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office – Jack Kerney: 10 and 25 year pins list, deceased list, May 1st was cut off for convention memorial, meeting notices, dues packets have been sent out. 4AD&D claims, 3 are paid, waiting for one which was a heart issue and they have requested more information. 1 Bridgeport LODD claim processed the Bridgeport scholarship forms and has been given to Chairman Glant. I asked Harmony Marketing for a donation for convention and replied with a "no". 2016 dues

14,310 active, 52 Armed Forces, 72 associate, 42 individuals, 9 past presidents and 552 life members, License plates 1,590 sold to date,

Executive Committee – President Paul Holcomb: We renewed our insurance with Lona at Johnson and Williams. We discussed some life saving awards and discussed an issue with AIL.

Awards Committee – Vice President David Israel: Every district has a Global award except 1. I will need to know at convention if I read the name or hold it. All other awards have winners.

Bridgeport Committee – Chairman Richard Glant: The committee met last night discussed a LODD and have given it to Treasurer Kluender to pay. We also have three scholarship winners and we had 23 applicants this year.

Budget – Treasurer Luke Kluender: Pass.

Bylaws / SOG's - Chairman Larry Bartlow: We have 2 SOG's that we presented last quarter to be approved today. One is to increase the President's allowance from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 and the Vice President's allowance from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 effective with next year's 2018 calendar year. Motion passed by voice vote.

District 11-B submitted a SOG change today to increase Sergeant at Arms allowance from \$100.00 to \$500.00 effective with next year's 2018 calendar year. I have the papers to pass out for this change.

Under benefits for LODD we would like to add an afghan that will be embroidered with the Heroes' name and date. Motion passed by voice vote.

Under awards the Ollie Sandberg award should state that no IVFA or IVFAA officers can receive this award. Motion passed by voice vote, 3 nays.

Clothing Claims Committee – Chairman Lloyd Wright: We received 4 clothing claims and they were approved. If you can't bring in the article that the claim is for due to blood or something, please take a picture of article to submit.

Convention 2017 – Co-Chairman David Israel: We are ready. District Chairmen, if you want your district number on the challenge coins let me know and I will save it for you.

Convention 2018 – State Convention Committee we will be running it. Larry Curl is going to be the chairman. Jean Smith will be secretary and Bev Harker will be treasurer.

Larry Curl - Slogan – "It will not be routine in 2018". If we don't start thinking outside the box we are going to be in trouble. We are accepting volunteers to help us. My goal is to have 500 register for convention. We have to look at ways to attract younger members.

Convention 2019 – Districts 14 & 16 at Horseshoe and District 3 Michigan City will be bidding for convention. We need to know your room rate and registration rate if possible, and have a representative to do a presentation at convention.

EMS Committee – Chairman Jerry Liston: Jason Smith – EMS District Manager from the Fire Marshal's office came and spoke to us. We talked about a lot of things. Pass and fail rates on the test, National registry, audits, how people like to wait till last minute to renew their certifications, HB 1430 suicide prevention training.

Insurance Committee – Luke Kluender: Pass.

Legislative Committee – Lobbyist Larry Curl: If you look at IVFA

website there is a list of everything we have been tracking. 2 bills that directly affect the IVFA, we had the presumptive cancer bill, we drafted proposal, when the bill came back we had to turn it down because of the way it was worded. We did get our mandatory training bill passed. The bill reads prior to engaging in firefighting activity you must be trained to the mandatory level. We need to start thinking about what we want to take to the General Assembly. We need to take the presumptive cancer bill back and funding for fire departments, training issues and blue lights. I'm asking of you if you think of anything that we need to be addressing bring to me by August meeting. Remember these 2 guidelines: do your ideas affect or will it improve the majority of us.

LODD – Chairman Dave Elick: I want to thank everyone who went to the Supporting Heroes dinner.

LOGO Committee – Chairman John Smith: If you need logo, get to me in writing or email and photo of proposal use of the logo.

Membership and Marketing – Diane Harrison: Reviewed items we talked about last meeting. We discussed a couple of classes concerning cancer. Paul Watland had attended a 4 hour class and Elton Schafer had attended an 8 hour class, both reported both classes were very good.

Newspaper – Jeremy Reef: 15,086 papers printed.

Public Relations and Education Committee – Chairman Steve Nolan: Trailer is being stored at Buck Creek. We will be at FDIC and IERC for the next 2 years. Carol and Marlene Thrawley will take care of it. Don Cushman and Mike Dzuba will be taking care of trailer since Carol has moved. Marsha Spears won the clock and Ashley Wilmouth from Kentucky won the blanket. The Live Statue when doing Indiana shows and the sale of their fireworks we will get 10% donation.

Social Media and Website – Chairman Josh Reiser: website 10,900 views, top 4 were blue light, calendar, convention and maps. Facebook 5,284 likes and reached out to 2,892 people, website over 35,000 hits. Website still in progress of being built; it should be ready by end of year, if not sooner.

Special Projects Committee – Steve Anderson: discussed mapping examples, district sizes, department stations consolidation, territories, districts, committee asked for suggestions by email, re-districting / renumbering, we are going to poll district chairmen on what district changes they recommended, Jerry Liston is going to put together a 4-5 question survey for district chairmen. We will be meeting at convention.

Training Committee – Chairman John Smith: Discussed a couple of issues. We are under the presumption that the State of Indiana's contract with Pennwell is up, no one has heard anything about if we are going to continue with Pennwell? Are we going to continue with the current Fire Engineering handbook for Firefighter 1 & 2? Also Pennwell has a new person Holly Fortner to buy copies of the Fire Engineering. I have email and phone number for her if anyone needs it. We discussed the latest Board of Firefighter's and Standards in Winchester; we had several IVFA members present, thank you for coming.

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Quarterly meeting ...

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Board of Firefighter's Standard and Education – Chairman John Smith: Last meeting was held at Winchester. Discussed several variances, they recommended 1 denial on a variance; after much discussion Board did approve them, they will need to take some test. It was announced John Buckman has a new position at the State; his title is Director of Fire Academy Training System. It was also reported that the Board of Standards has gotten their IFSAC accreditation back in Hazmat Awareness and Ops, Hazmat Materials Operations to a Specific Mission, Firefighter 1 & 2, Fire Officer 1, 2 & 3, Fire Service Instructor 1.

Younger Membership – Chairman Jerry Sprague: Committee met this morning we had a visitor Randall from District 7. We discussed 10 year pins. We talked about putting some type of article in paper letting firefighters know that they can pay their own dues if the department doesn't, we also discussed career firefighters they can belong. We also discussed training and one of our suggestions is to have some type of training at our convention that would entice the younger members to attend. We discussed social media, some of the officers are a little behind when it comes to Facebook, etc., we drafted Randall to do a training session next quarterly meeting to teach us what we need to know about social media, if our President feels it would be a benefit for us.

President Holcomb feels that this would be very beneficial to our Officers; it will be at 1:00 on Saturday of our next quarterly meeting. The goal will be for every district to have a Facebook page. President Holcomb challenged everyone to challenge everyone at their district meetings that IVFA has a Facebook page, go to it and please like it and share it.

Fire Alliance – Larry Curl: Biggest issue right now is the survey, still no results from the survey yet.

Heroes Competition – Chairman Mike Dzuba: Pass.

In Time – Jack Zeeks: Last meeting was held at the State Police Museum, waiting on a new chairman to be announced, starting to give out awards and still putting on classes.

National Volunteer Fire Council – Jack Kerney: Discussed life membership dues. John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security addressed us. NVFC struggles with their awards too. Legislation -- not much has changed, back in beginning of May I emailed you a letter from Dave Finger, about the Senate appropriations committee on what was planned to be appropriated.

National Volunteer Fire Council – Jean Smith: I have emailed everyone my report. I also attached a wellness exam article that they passed out. Thanks to the Association for allowing me to represent you.

Licenses Plates – Encourage people to buy them.

Red Cross Workgroup – Don Cushman: Pass.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Paul Holcomb – Attended 3 district meetings, 1 memorial service and 2 events.

Vice President David Israel – Attended 7 district meetings, 6

department meetings, 2 Chief meetings, PR training day, Washington DC trip, Chambers legislation dinner, leadership seminar, 1 memorial service.

Chaplain Dave Elick – 4 memorial services, Convention memorial is ready, Bibles are in but boxes are on back order.

Secretary Diane Harrison – Pass. Treasurer Luke Kluender – Attended County meeting, district meeting and 50 year at State House. Completed several of our filings.

Sergeant at Arms Bush – Flowers order for memorial service, and awards are ordered.

Chairman of Board Steve Anderson – Attended 2 alliance meetings, worked at FDIC and PR training.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis – Absent.

PRNE Jean Smith – Attended 6 district meetings, 2 memorials and 2 fundraisers.

PRWC Larry Bartlow – Attended 5 district meetings and 3 memorial services.

PREC Don Cushman – Attended all my district meetings and a lot of fundraisers.

PRSW Steve Nolan – Attended several district and county wide meetings, 1 memorial, helped District 17B Chairman Bobby Brown pass out pins.

PRSE Ed Scheele – Attended 3 district meetings, 1 department meeting, 1 county chief meeting, PR training, 1 memorial service and a 50 year celebration.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Past President Richard Glant – Attended 1 memorial, thanked everyone for the prayers, cards and emails for the passing of my Mother.

Past President Jack Zeeks – Pass. Past President Steve Anderson – Pass.

Past President Jack Kerney – Attended 2 district meetings, 1 memorial service, Heroes Gala, Supporting Heroes training, Pipeline meeting.

Past President David Israel – Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese – Attended IVFAA meetings, district meeting, 1 department meeting.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – Attended several district meetings, department meetings, 1 memorial service and passed out some 10 and 25 year pins.

District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga – Attended 2 funerals and passed out 10 year pins.

District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer – Attended 4 department meetings, 2 fundraisers and passed out 10 year pins and 1 50 year Gold card.

District 5 Chairman John Grolich – Attended a recognition dinner, fundraisers, 1 County meeting and passed out 10 and 25 year pins.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – Attended 50 year State House, a bunch of fundraisers and passed out 10 year pins and 2 50 year Gold cards.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – Attended 12 department meetings, district 8B meeting, 1 memorial service and passed out 23 – 10 year pins and 12 – 25 year pins and 3 – 50 Gold cards.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston – Attended 1 district meeting several department meetings and events. Please keep Bill and Joan Pape in your prayers.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright – Attended a lot of

fundraisers, passed out 10 year pins and 20 year service awards.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef – Attended 2 memorial services, several department meetings and fundraisers.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – Attended 3 county meetings, 2 funerals, 1 memorial service, 3 fundraisers, 4 district meetings, 50 year celebration at State House, 4 department meetings, 3 convention meetings, passed out a 50 year Gold card.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – Attended 12 department meetings, FDIC, 50 year celebration at State House, passed out 3 – 50 year Gold cards, 9 – 10 year pins and 8 – 25 year pins.

District 11B Chairman John Morphy – Passed out 17 – 10 year pins, 1 – 25 year pin, 5 – 50 year Gold cards.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Attended 50 year celebration at State House, 1 memorial service, FDIC, and 3 department meetings, passed out 10 and 25 year pins.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba – Attended 2 district meetings, 2 department meetings, 1 memorial service and passed out some pins and 1 – 50 year Gold card.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl – Attended Heroes Gala, 3 memorial services, 4 fundraisers, and all our pins are done.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – Attended fundraisers, 50 year celebration at State House and passed out some pins.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery – Attended department fundraisers, 3 county meetings, 1 chief meeting, 2 memorial services, DC trip, Heroes Gala and 50 year celebration at State House.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reiser – Pass.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – Attended 1 memorial service, 2 county meetings, several fundraisers and 50 year celebration at State House.

District 17B Chairman Bobby Brown – Attended 3 fundraisers, DC trip, 3 county wide meetings, passed out 28 – 10 year pins, 8 – 25 year pins and 1 – 50 year Gold card.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – Attended Heroes Gala, 1 memorial service, all pins and cards are done.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – Attended 1 district meeting, FDIC, Heroes Gala, passed out 10 – 25 year pins and 20 – 10 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Ed Watson – Attended several department meetings and DC trip.

President Holcomb – Nominating committee: Chairman Jack Zeeks, Ed Scheele, Don Cushman.

Credentials Committee – Chairman Diane Harrison, Jack Kerney, Larry Bartlow, Jean Smith, Ed Scheele.

Mileage Committee – Chairman Luke Kluender, Bev Harker, Buz Koehler, Jim Parker, Richard Glant, Don Cushman, Leighanne Ellis.

Audit Committee – Chairman Steve Anderson, John Morphy, Jeff Biehl, Luke Kluender, Larry Ketchem.

President Paul Holcomb – Discussed life saving certificate, I would like to propose to this body that we adopt to present a life saving medal.

Chaplain Dave Elick made motion to purchase life saving medals. District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed by raising of the hands. 12 ayes.

President Paul Holcomb are we

going to pay the \$5.00 for fire schools, it was decided to take out of the benefit book.

President Paul Holcomb – Stated through both in person, second hand and written complaints, he read a letter addressed to the IVFA officers. Basically they are wanting to know why there are nay votes at the officer's meeting, if there is an issue with the minutes being approved with these nay votes I would like to know what the issue is, more importantly if there is a nay vote on the treasurer report, those nay votes need to be explained. Please list the officers names who vote nay for the secretary and treasurer reports.

President Paul Holcomb asked his Parliamentarian Committee to look into this.

Roberts Rules of Orders states Rule against explanation by members during voting. A member has no right to "explain his vote" during voting which would be the same as debate at such a time.

President Paul Holcomb stated that he and the Parliamentarian Committee feels it is resolved in black and white.

President Paul Holcomb read a text that was screen shot to him, concerning how an AIL representative treated him. I called Tammy and Michelle right away, they both told me it would be taken care of. We have received 2 letters from AIL - one to me and one to the Association, apologizing and assuring us the situation has been resolved. I have personally tried contacting member with issue, but he hasn't replied back.

Vice President David Israel discussed AFB, Brian Weiss is no longer with the company. I'm waiting on a phone call back from the person that has taken his place. When I get the confirmation from him how he wants things handled I will get the information out to you.

President Paul Holcomb reconvened meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Elick gave the minute message.

District Chairmen, there will be a dance off with your Miss Flame again this year.

American Income Life – Tammy Williams: Letter went out in February; second mailing will go out soon for those who didn't reply. You DON'T have to fill out and send in the card to be covered. If you have any questions or concerns email me at twilliams@ailife.com or call me 317-828-1183.

\$100.00 gas card sponsored by the Johnson & Williams Group and California Casualty winner is Stan Mullett, Ripley Twp., District 11B. Cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply winner is Andrew Lockwood, Poe Fire, District 7.

Next meeting will be August 11, 12 & 13, 2017 at the Clarion and Conference Center.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague made motion to adjourn. WCPR Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Harrison – IVFA Secretary

Notes from the Miss Flames

What a great time we had at convention! Thanks to David Israel and all his helpers who helped in providing us another good convention. Despite the closing of the hotel, we were treated well by the staff who went out of their way to accommodate us in every possible way.

We had 20 beautiful and talented young ladies vying for the title of Miss Flame. I want to compliment them on how they conducted themselves, yet still had a good time. They are all winners and they each will represent their departments and their districts well.

Our 2017 Miss Flame is Katie Van Lennen representing Shepardsville Fire Dept. and District 11A and our runner-up is Kali Taber representing Chandler Fire Department and District 15. Miss Congeniality chosen by her peers is Alyssa Kneuve representing Sunman Rural Fire Dept. and District 19. They are anxious to assist you whenever you need them. Each will be great ambassadors for the IVFA & the IVFAA.

Thanks to the donors who graciously give to the program each year. Without their donations we would not be able to do all we do and give to the girls the gifts that they receive. Thanks to Larry & Carol Curl, Larry & Barbara Ketchem, Jim Parker, E J & Jean Smith, Bob & Jo Ann Hays, Barb & Jack Kerney, IVFA Pres. Paul Holcomb and IVFAA Pres. Carol Curl. A special donation each year by Lonna Huffman, who along with her insurance agency sponsors our luncheon for the Miss Flames and their guests. Thank all of you for your support thru the years.

There are those who serve on the Miss Flame committee who give of their time during the year and especially during the days of convention. I appreciate their dedication and support. Those serving this year were Janet Matthews co-chairman, Sharon Wright, E J Smith, Leighanne Ellis - IVFA Representative. We had assistance from Jenny Emery, Carolyn Zeeks, Sue Glant and Jo Ann Hays. The Convention Miss Flame committee provided great activities for the girls to enjoy during their stay. We wish better days for Tanya Marsee who has been ill and was not able to serve on the committee.

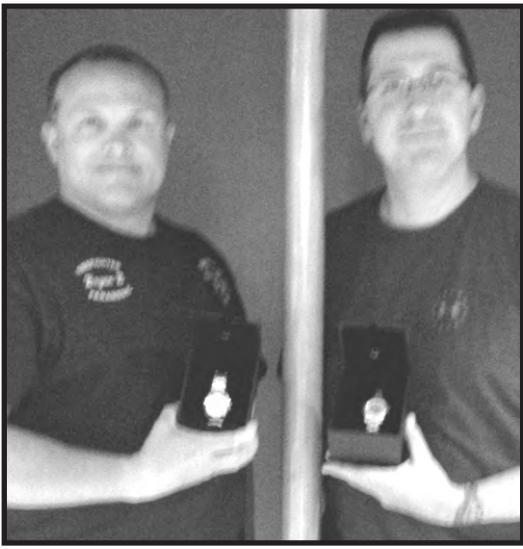
Again, it was an honor to serve as chairman. It is a joy to work with the young ladies and to learn that our future is indeed in good hands. Thanks to the parents and families of the girls for their support to the girls and the program.

Barb Kerney

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June 20 - June 23
Indianapolis Airport
at the Crowne Plaza**

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman



Fifteen year membership

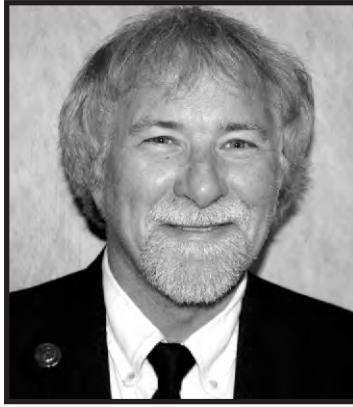
2 members of Crown Point Vol. FD, Bryan Bodamer and Todd Carey each received a watch for their 15 year membership with the Crown Point Vol. FD, Inc.



Five year membership

Dave Dickerson received his 5 year membership plaque as a member of Crown Point VFD, Inc.

From The Vice-President David Israel



WOW: When you get this edition of the IVFA paper, school will be back in full swing.

I was always told when I was growing up that as you get older time goes by a lot faster. That is so true.

Going to make this article short and sweet, I hope.

Thanks to the 2017 Convention Committee for a job well done. We told you at the Wednesday night meal to be kind and patient and you were. Thank You.

That the hotel was going to close July 11th and this would be our last IVFA Convention at this hotel. Rumor has it that there might be a Convention Center built around the Columbus area in the near future. I hope so.

I was told in 2005, I had to wait 10 years to do another Convention and I waited 12 years. HUMMMMMM.

Thank all of you for the help at Convention. When the rain came Wednesday night and we moved the meal inside and flipping the room on Thursday night to eat and flipping it back for the opening meeting; those are the memories that make a good Convention when we all come together to make it happen.

It was good to see the water ball games being played again at convention again. Thanks Mike, it wasn't the turn out you wanted but we all had fun.

Congratulations to all the award winners, Miss Flames and new IVFA and IVFAA officers for 2017/2018.

Now it is the time for you, our members, to be thinking about nominating people for 2018 awards that are due by February 1st, 2018. For those that will be applying for the Bridgeport Scholarship, upon approval the application form has been revised for 2018.

The 2018 Convention at the Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, Sam Jones Dr. bus driver Larry Curl and the IVFA State Convention Committee and others are on a mission for a different routine in 2018. Larry has some ideas to possibly mix things up a bit. Watch the IVFA website, Facebook, IVFA paper for more.

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Twenty-five year membership



Tim Tully received his 25 year pin and certificate as a member of Crown Point Vol. FD and the IVFA.

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I.V.F. A. Convention 2018 Registration Form Indianapolis Airport at the CROWNE PLAZA June 20 - 23

Pre-registration Fee: \$75.00 per person (after June 1, 2018 price jumps to \$ 90)
Price includes 4 meals (dinner Wed / Thurs / Fri & Fri breakfast)

Name: _____
(Print as you want it to appear on your badge)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - _____ - _____ IVFA District: _____

Email Address: _____

Fire Department / Company: _____

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse / Guest	Title
State Officer	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	_____
District Chairperson	_____	_____	District _____
IVFA Member	_____	_____	
IVFA Aux. Member	_____	_____	
Guest	_____	_____	

Number of children attending (age 12 and under): _____ (over age 12): _____
*older kids attending the banquet will require a ticket (unless they register for the full conference)

EXTRA Banquet Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need _____ EXTRA tickets at \$40 each

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Make check payable to Convention 2018)

To register by credit card, circle type of card Mastercard or Visa Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Code _____ Signature: _____
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1526 Reiter Drive
Evansville, IN 47712

For Information please call Steve Anderson at (812) 425 - 0727 Date received _____

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For Reservations call 317-244-6861 Hotel Website: www.crowneplaza.com/ind-airport

MENTION: INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S CONVENTION

NOVEMBER DEADLINE OCTOBER 5, 2017

What is included in your registration fee?

1. Access to all events on the convention schedule.

Exceptions: Miss Flame preliminary judging and luncheon
Also, games participants must sign-up with the Convention Games Committee

2. 4 meals are provided with each registration.

Wednesday: Dinner at the Welcome Party
Thursday: Dinner at the Hot Dog / Beer Bust
Friday: Breakfast at the Coffee Clutch
Buffet style Banquet Dinner

3. Drinks (beer & soft drinks) throughout the convention.

Drinks will be available in the Hospitality Room and with most meals. This does NOT include the hotel Lobby Bar. Cash bars might be available at certain events for other types of refreshments.

4. Kids Meals.

Kids age 12 and under can eat at all events except the Friday night banquet without a ticket. There will be a kids party Friday night during the banquet, with food and drinks provided, for those not attending the banquet. We encourage all older kids to register so all meals are included. Other options include the hotel restaurant, the hospitality room, or eating off site.

2017 Convention award winners

Mary Mackin Award winners



Junior Firefighter Award
Cody Price



President's Award
Heather Holcomb



Katie VanLennen (left)
Rose Adams (third from left)



Bailey Sheley (center)

Vice president . . .

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The Legislative Committee Chairman Buz Koehler and Lobbyist Larry Curl need your input for the upcoming Legislative session.

I have been to a lot of district meetings this year and other events; I enjoy meeting all of you. Thank you for allowing me to be your Vice President.

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

Fall harvest is around the corner - watch out for the big equipment.

David Israel

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JOHN JONES

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- Bob Uryga, Sr., Chairman - submitted by Leona Uryga

Pins awarded in District 3



(Pictured at left)
- Robert Uryga,
Andy Tilleraas -
10 year pin -
Railroad Twp.



Robert Uryga, Chris
Bendix, Mick Wolff, Chief
Gary Bendix - 10 year pin -
Michiana Shores.



Robert Uryga, Chief
Donald Stoner, Paul
DePoy, Robert Wideman,
Thomas Wheatbrook - 50
year pins, Kankakee Twp.



Robert Uryga, Glen Wallace, Chief Anthony Wallace - 50
year pin - Hanna Twp.

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~ 2017 Convention Highlights ~



Angel Award winner - Suzie Lewis



Miriam Schaekel winner - Barb Kerney



Memorial Service



Former Miss America Katie Stam-Irk

Convention photos credit goes to Jim Case



Former Lois Boaz winners

~ 2017 Convention Highlights ~



Convention golfers



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- Bob Uryga, Sr., Chairman - submitted by Leona Uryga

10 year pins



10 year Michiana Shores

From left to right: Bob Uryga, Benjamin Chastain, Kristopher Wulff



Robert Uryga, David Rice (2nd Asst. Chief), Ray Charlesworth, Dwayne Tate, Chief Larry Rust, Todd Martin (1st Asst. Chief) - Cass Clinton.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Gerald Sprague, District Chairman

New engine dedication



Noble Township VFD dedicates new Engine

Fifty year card and pin awarded



Junior Gray receiving his 50 year card and pin and the resolution from the Statehouse. L-R, Noble Twp Chief Andrew Stump, Daniel Gray (Junior's son), Junior Gray and District 6 Chairman, Jerry Sprague.

BOB

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Consider the alternatives of open burning

Smoke damages health!

All smoke contains harmful pollutants, some of which are toxic. These pollutants can harm your family's and neighbors' health and the environment. This pollution doesn't stay on your property. It drifts away and other people suffer. Because smoke is usually close to the ground, it is breathed in before it disperses. In addition, fires and smoke often create a nuisance and can destroy property when they get out of hand.

Perhaps you know someone who has asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, pneumonia or allergies. They'll tell you how smoke makes breathing especially difficult. Older people, those with lung problems, and pregnant or nursing women may suffer more serious health effects than other adults.

Repeated exposure to smoke can also cause developmental problems in children and increase the chances of getting cancer. Even healthy children and adults are affected by small particles, molds, fungi and chemical pollutants in smoke.

Open burning can cause...

- Eye, nose, and throat irritation;
- Lung irritation and congestion;
- Shortness of breath and coughing;
- Stomach or intestinal upset;
- Headaches or memory loss;
- Skin irritations or burns;
- Eye damage

Smoke from burning five pounds of leaves contains about one pound of air pollution!

It is ALWAYS illegal to open burn garbage!

Safer alternatives exist statewide. That's why Indiana law restricts open burning.

However, in counties where air quality meets state and federal health standards, state law permits certain open burning of "clean wood products", such as leaves and branches, as long as the burning is done according to the rules.

Local ordinances more strict than the state's open burning laws exist in many counties. If this is the case, the more restrictive requirement applies. If you choose to burn clean wood products despite the potential environmental and health impacts, you should check with your local fire department or health department for information on local ordinances.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith and Richard Sorg, District 7 secretary – (Sam Bisel, District Chairman)

Ten year pin



Brandon Taylor, Roanoke VFD, is presented his 10 year pin. Pictured is Len Smith, District 7 Vice-Chairman, Brandon Taylor, Jean Smith PRNE.

Photo by Richard Sorg

Twenty five year pin



Todd Brundige, Roanoke VFD, is presented his 25 year pin. Pictured is Len Smith, District 7 Vice-Chairman, Todd Brundige and Jean Smith PRNE.

Photo by Richard Sorg.

25 year presentation



IVFA District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel presented E.J Smith her 25 year IVFA service pin with Poe Fire Department at the annual convention. (Left to right): Jean Smith PRNE, E.J. Smith, District 7 chairman Sam Bisel.

(Submitted by Jean Smith PRNE)

District 7 Miss Flames



Miss Flames representing Public Relations Area North East:

Olivia Lockwood - District 7 - Poe Fire Dept., Bailey Sheley - District 6 - Ligonier Fire Dept., Sydney Miller - District 5 - Argos Fire Dept., Rose Adams - District 4 - Madison Township Fire Dept.

Congratulations for representing our Districts.

(Submitted by Jean Smith PRNE)

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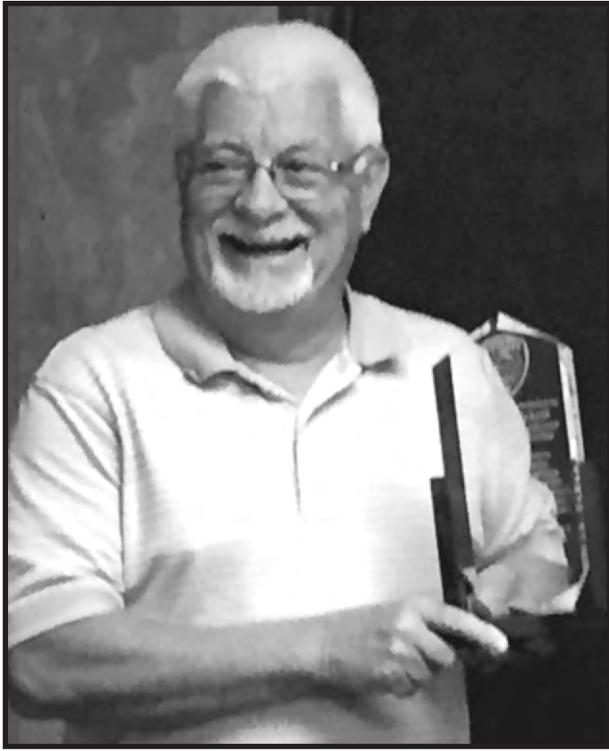
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8-A

Submitted by Jerry Liston, District 8A chairman

Swayzee firefighter retires from department



Swayzee firefighter, David H. Prickett, retired from the department after 32 years of service. A retired educator in the Oak Hill school system, David also served six years on the Swayzee town council. David and his wife are moving to Colorado to be closer to family and grandchildren. David was honored at the department's business meeting in June for his service to the town.



Swayzee members with retiring member David H. Prickett.

Edgewood FD takes delivery of tanker



The Edgewood FD in Madison County has taken delivery and placed into service a 2017 custom cab KME 3000 gallon tanker with a 1250 GPM pump. The 25 member department on the west side of Anderson provides Fire and EMS services to the Town of Edgewood and surrounding areas.

Information provided by the department. Submitted by Jerry Liston, District 8A Chairman

Open burning contributes to harmful ground level ozone!

People who live in or near larger metropolitan areas can be affected by a severe air pollution problem: ground level ozone, or smog. It affects outlying suburbs and rural areas as well as the big cities.

In other areas of the state, ozone problems are not as severe, but ozone pollution exists all over Indiana.

We hear a lot about depletion of the ozone layer in the stratosphere. This kind of ozone protects us from harmful radiation from the sun. Stratospheric ozone is good, but ground-level ozone is harmful.

When people think about ground-level ozone, they usually picture a thick layer of smog over Los Angeles. They don't think of a sunny, hot, Midwest summer day with a hazy blue sky. But, ozone pollution exists here, too, unless we do something about it.

Ozone is created in the lower atmosphere when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other air pollutants react in the presence of sunlight. Open burning, vehicle exhaust, industrial smoke stacks, gas pumps and many other sources give off VOCs.

Regulations exist to reduce this serious air pollution because it can cause or worsen respiratory, heart and other health problems. It also deteriorates rubber, corrodes metal and damages crops and forests.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



Easter egg hunt held

On April 15, 2017 the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department held an Easter Egg hunt. Looks like the kids are enjoying the hunt!

Department holds training



On June 6, 2017 the White River Township Volunteer held training at their training center with the IU helicopter.

Fundraisers held



Lynn VFD fish fry

On May 20, 2017 the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department held their annual fish fry at their station. Looks like the servers are all ready for the people to enjoy their meal.



Bryant VFD breakfast

The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held a breakfast at their station on May 20, 2017. Looks like they are enjoying the meal!

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Pennville VFD parade highlights

On June 24, 2017 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade during the Lions Fair. Shown here are a couple of the trucks going through the parade.

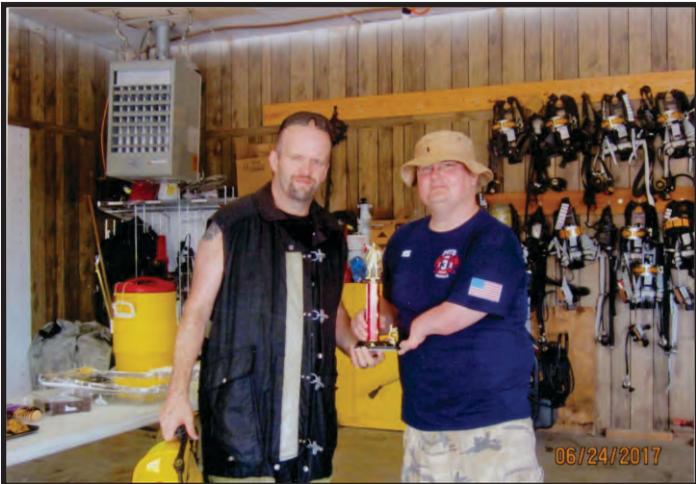


Jeff Glancy from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department brought his 1945 America LA France fire truck to the parade.

Water ball held



On June 24, 2017 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual water ball following their parade. Shown in the picture are two of the teams in a heated battle.



Winning 1st place at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department's water ball on June 24, 2017 was Brian Mahomey from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Presenting the 1st place trophy to Brian is Sean Whitcomb from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.



Winning 2nd place at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department's water ball on June 24, 2017 were these ladies from the Pennville Fire Department. Shown from left to right are April Pennington, Lindsey Armstrong, and Amy Bell. Presenting the trophy is Sean Whitcomb from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Extrication Day

On May 13th Portland Fire Department hosted an extrication training day. The training included five rescue tool manufacturers, along with multiple instructors that shared their expertise and techniques with everyone that attended. Attendees included Bryant Fire, Dunkirk Fire, Pennville Fire, Redkey Fire, Salamonia Fire, Southwest Mercer Fire (Ohio), and our local county rescue team Rescue 19. Those who attended spent the day training on multiple vehicles donated by Barnett's Wrecker Service. We would like to thank everyone who participated in a successful training day.

Chief Mike Weitzel



Pugh honored for twenty years of service

On April 6, 2017 the Portland Fire Department held their annual Service Award supper. Kevin Pugh was honored for his 20 years of service for the department.

Miss Flame at IVFA annual convention



District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright and District 8B Miss Flame Kaylee Hashell at the IVFA annual convention.

Annual dinner held



The Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department held their annual pulled pork dinner and supper on April 22, 2017 at the Harris Chapel Church. The Ladies' Auxiliary are all ready to start serving everyone.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



50 year resolution

From left: 10th District Chairman, John Ray, Senator Jean Leising, 10th District Miss Flame, Jayln Matthews, and Clarksburg firefighter Charles Emsweller, receiving a copy of the 50 Year Resolution that was read at the Legislative Session, honoring 50 year volunteer firefighters.

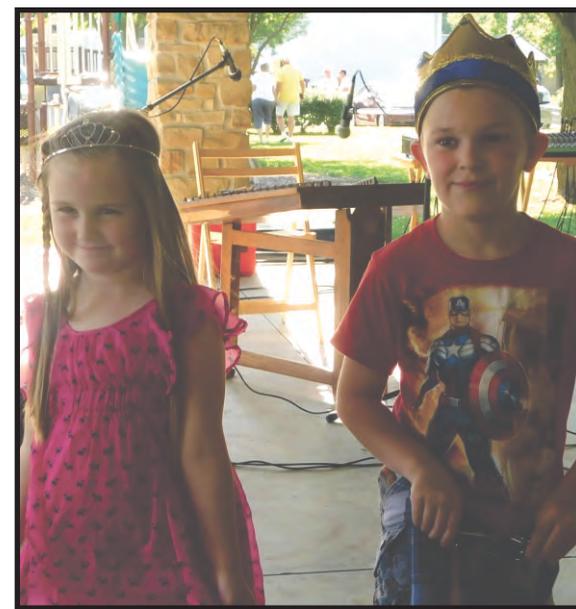
Prince and Princess contest held

Pictured in the group photo are - Kylar Cowan (last year's Prince), Bella Whittington & Bella Miller (last year's Princess) with Daisy Shepherd, Ella Wainscott, Madilynn Compton, Brandy Whittington, Jordan Schwartze, Maddox Whittington, Issac Fuller & hiding behind his brother is Oliver Fuller.



These kids raised a total of \$1529.25. The winners of this year for Princess are: Ella Wainscott, raising \$272.29 and Prince is Jordan Schwartze raising \$336.87. The winners received \$50.00 each and each child received a small gift.

Thank you to all of the children and the families who helped.



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Honoring our military

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



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
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.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.
Robert		Ford	Farmland	Farmland VFD
Jeramy	D.	Shank	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD
Christopher	G.	Yoakum	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017 CONVENTION



*convention photos
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Fifty year Gold card awarded



Red Morris received his 50 year Gold card from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor on June 17, 2017 at Otto Creek Fire Department.

A cook-out with family with a special guest was held.

Pictured (left to right) are Robert Salmon "Trustee", Brad Scott "Chief", Pete Taylor "11A chairman", Red Morris, Clyde Kersey "State Representative", Jon Ford "State Senator" and Byran Mount "Deputy Chief".

Twenty-five year pins awarded



Michael Killion received his 25 year pin from Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman on March 29, 2017 at Bowling Green Fire Department.



Donald Fulk from Seelyville received his 25 year pin on March 21, 2017 from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Matthew Pape from Sugar Creek received his 25 year pin from district chairman Pete Taylor on April 25, 2017.



John Leslie received his 25 year pin on June 10, 2017 at Otto Creek from 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



William Fagg received his 25 year pin at Union Fire Territory on April 5, 2017 from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

John Morphy, District Chairman



District 11-B Global Award winner

Shown here is 11B District Chairman John Morphy (left) presenting Firefighter/1st responder Charles Melvin (right) with 2017 Global Award for IVFA District 11-B for his dedication to the Fire Service.

Charles joined the Waynetown Volunteer Fire Department in April of 2000. His daughter Katie was the 2016 11-B Miss Flame.

submitted by ... Charlie Melvin

Additional minutes from District 5

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting

July 13, 2017

Bourbon Fire Department,
Bourbon IN

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: Jean & E.J. Smith, PRNE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1933 hours. Pledge of the Allegiance followed. The meeting was attended by 8 firefighters representing 3 departments. The minutes to May's meeting were read.

Jean discussed several House Bills that have been recently signed into law that pertain to the fire service.

We discussed different processes for dispatching and that some might go away. Chairman Grolich remarked that dues need to be paid by July 31 or lose benefits for three years.

He reported that Tactical Emergency Casualty class August 17 & 18 at Penn Twp., Mishawaka IN.

What's hiding behind the Walls, Tilt up construction, Fire behavior class Washington Twp., Avon FD.

August 11 & 12, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Discussed several other training opportunities.

We discussed exposures and recordkeeping. Documentation needs to be very detailed. **IF IT IS NOT DOCUMENTED, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.**

We discussed the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy. There were only 66 people who attended. You can't get better training and it is ALLFREE.

Gear cleaning and deacon was discussed. Bourbon has written a grant for a gear washer. It is VERY important to maintain your turnout gear.

Etna Twp. FD, Sept. 9 and Nov. 4 has a chicken and fish fry at Hawthorn Park in Etna Green.

Tippecanoe expecting delivery of a 2017 Brush/1st responder truck soon.

Meeting adjourned 2056 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin, Secretary

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Firefighters Targets for Crime

It has occurred in California, Mississippi, Maryland and numerous times in Georgia: the vehicles of firefighters responding to emergencies have been targeted by thieves.

In the latest incident, personal items including laptops and a firearm were taken from vehicles while Atlanta, Georgia fire crews responded to a false report of a downed tree. This is the second time vehicles parked at the station were burglarized last year.

While many fire departments are increasing security and adding surveillance cameras around parking areas, California Casualty wants to add some extra security to firefighters and their personal property.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman



Sellersburg Station 3 presented an IVFA clock

Madison 5 - 50 year Gold cards awarded



Ten year pin awarded



Receiving Gold cards were:

Wilber Wilson and William Ward

Mark Sutter accepted his dad's Gold card



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

Receives station clock



Campbellsburg Volunteer Fire Department receiving a station clock for their add-on.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by Robert (Bobby) Brown, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins



10 and 25 year pins were given to members of NMFT. From left to right: Steve Nolan IVFA Public Relations Southwest, Clay Edwards, Bob Naylor, Matt Bright, Scott Fleck, Caleb Hess, Dave Calvin, Vic Vollrath, Joel Bomgardner, and IVFA 17B District Chairman Bobby Brown.

Fifty year Gold cards awarded

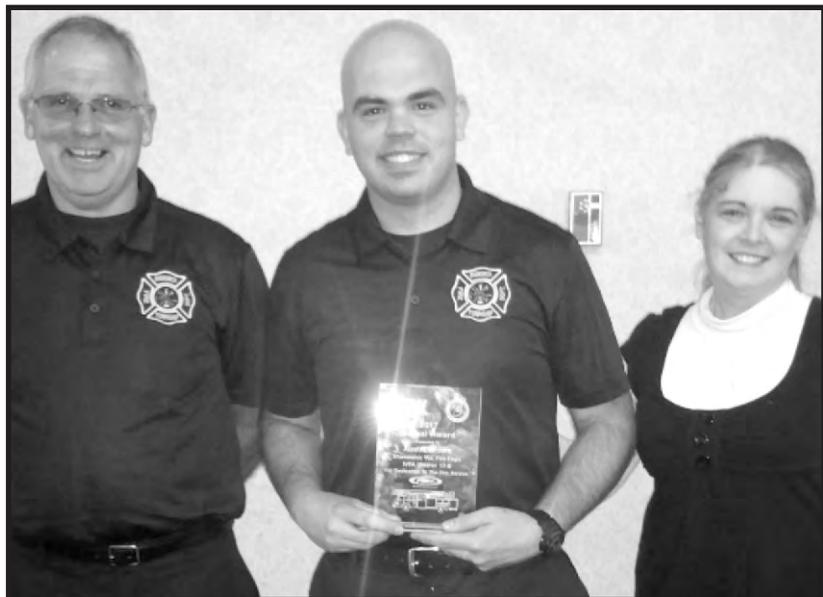


Dennis Godsey receives his 50 year Gold Card. Dennis has been with Springville VFD for over 50 years.



From left to right: Denise Fletcher, Bobby Brown, President Paul Holcomb, Southwest Public Relations Steve Nolan, Vice President Dave Israel. Denise has served her area for 50 years and still is an active member with Morgantown VFD.

Receives award



Left to Right: Keith Brown, Austin Brown (center), and Cindy Brown - Austin's parents.

Austin is from Shawswick VFD and has served 9 years on Shawswick.

Just so you know . . .

It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash, such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood. In general, businesses may not open burn anything.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Article and photos submitted by Chris See, Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue Fire Chief — Stephen Macke - District Chairman

Fire Department hosts school bus evacuation training for students

On May 8-10, 2017 Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue located in Switzerland County, Indiana conducted School Bus evacuation training for local school students.

"Our department was given a school bus to use for an upcoming auto extrication course," Chris See said, (Fire Chief of Jeff-Craig Fire).

"But we thought we could provide more than just auto extrication training to emergency responders. So we reached out to the local school corporation and within a few days had a plan of action."

Students ranging from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade were brought to the fire station and put through a School Bus Safety Program setup by Jeff-Craig Fire. The program consisted of a short presentation discussing school bus safety. Then students were led by teachers to a mock school bus wreck located just outside the fire station where a school bus was on its side. The students entered the rear of the bus and firefighters inside showed each student how to open and climb through the roof hatch. Each student had the opportunity to physically open the hatch and exit the bus.

"Our students practice evacuation drills with the school bus drivers routinely, however, that is just through the front and rear doors. This training provided a hands-on experience that we feel left an everlasting impression. Now every time a student rides a bus they will look up and see the roof hatch and think about the training," Chief See said.

In three days the volunteers of Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue conducted 20 hours of training delivered to 937 students and 93 teachers, staff, bus drivers, and emergency responders. Nearly 10% of the population of Switzerland County went through the training.

"We are thrilled with the way the school bus training went and would encourage other departments to setup a similar training. School bus wrecks are few and far between but being prepared never hurts."

All students signed permission slips provided by the school and fire department in order to participate.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Chris See

Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue Fire Chief

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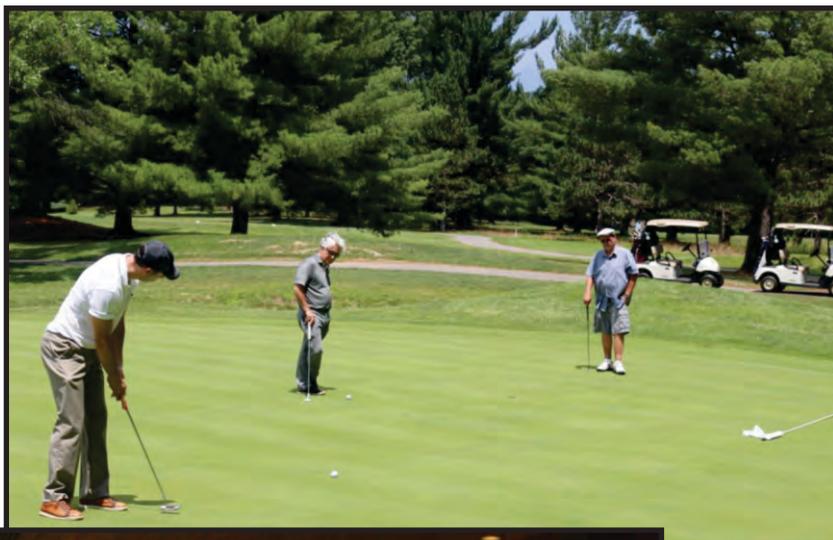
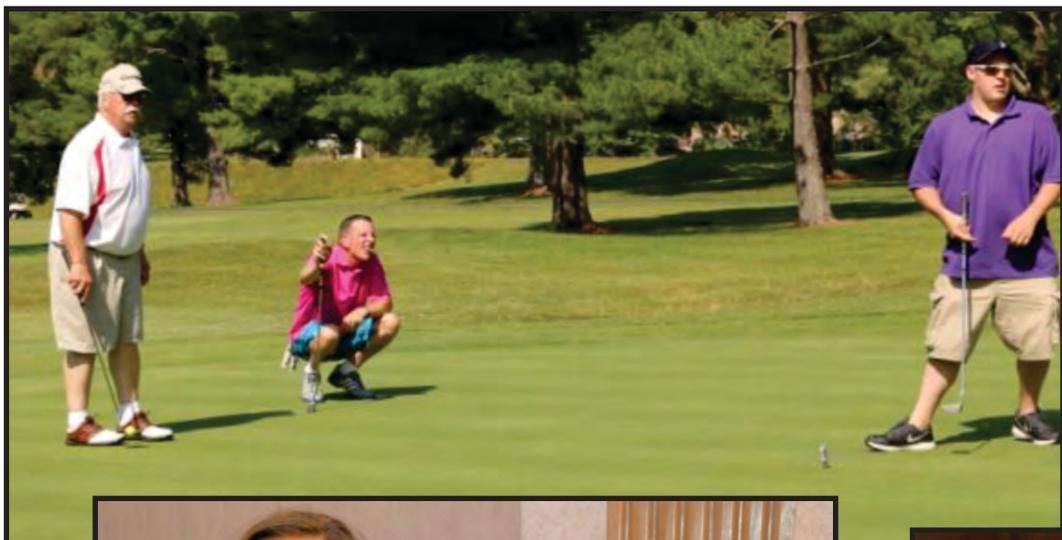


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Starting after January 1, 2016 members and supporters of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association will be able to directly purchase Volunteer Firefighter license plates online from the BMV or from their local BMV.

This is a change in procedure from currently having to go through the IVFA Central Office with paperwork and a fee.

If you have any questions about the change, contact your District Chairman or Public Relations Representative.

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