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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 without a doubt.

With another successful

convention behind us I would like to say thank you to Larry Curl and the 2018 state convention committee for all of their hard work! Without all of you our convention would have not been a success.

I would also like to congratulate all of this year's award winners and our 2019 state 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, for without you all this would not be possible.

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.

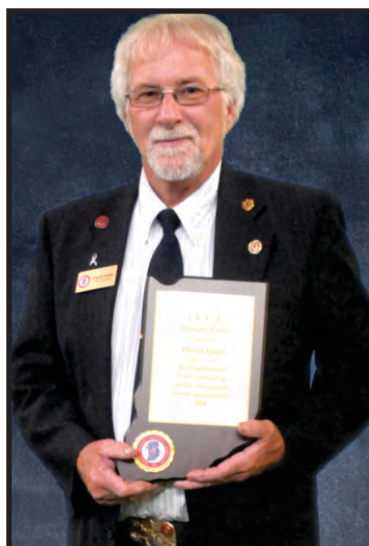
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2018 Convention Award Winners



Mr. IVFA

Larry Curl
IVFA Lobbyist and IVFA member



President Award

David Israel
IVFA Vice President



Miriam Schaekel Award

Joyce Nevil

Joyce comes from a family of public servants and emergency service providers and currently serves as IVFAA District 7 Chair



Lois Boaz Award

Beverly Lockwood
Beverly is a member of District 7 and is a part of a long line of firefighters and auxiliary members



Angel Award

Brittany K. Cole
Jeff - Craig Fire Rescue

Ollie Sandberg Award
Not yet announced or presented



I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What Is A District Meeting?

A place to gather information.

A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.

A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.

A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.

A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.

A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.

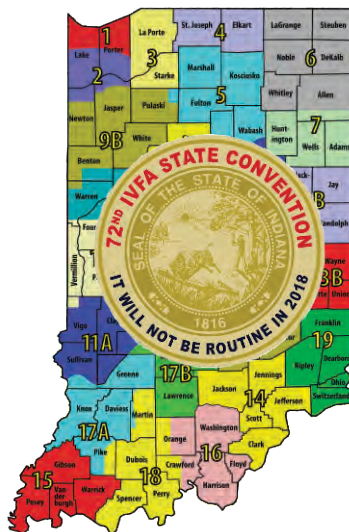
A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.



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From the State House to the Fire House



From the State House to the
Fire House...
by Larry Curl

That is my usual opener but, this quarter I am going off script in a different direction. I want to talk to you about the IVFA, its leadership, its membership, our opportunities, and our future.

So where do I begin. Let me start with our future and work my way back to the present.

What is the future of the IVFA? Are we getting all we want out of our Association and are we giving all we can give to support our Association? Think about it. Just my words, my thoughts, I think our future is still bright but needing some attention, thought and possibly some tweaking or restructuring.

When we say IVFA what is it we are really saying, 16,000 + members, our over 800 Volunteer Fire Departments in our state, our service to our customers, internal or external (you are probably saying is, he's nuts, all our customers are external, but are they) our internal would be those who are providing the services to our external, THE MEMBERSHIP. Are we really taking care of them to the best of our ability or are we just accepting the fact that they are members? To our external customers, the ones who pay the bills, (the taxpayers) the ones who use our services, the Mrs. Smiths of our communities (as the late Chief Brunacini would say) that call us when they very

often find themselves having the worst day of their life and hope we will be there and take care of all their problems.

So let's start there; are we properly staffed, properly trained, properly equipped and do all that we as an internal customer need to do? If not, why not? YOU are the only one that can honestly answer those questions. I know we do a lot of talking about some of these topics but is that all we do is talk? For example, I, in my travels hear the complaints that we are required to do too much, we don't have the funding to do what we need, it takes too much time, etc., etc., etc. Again I ask the question, is talking all we are doing?

About our external customers, are we giving them everything they are deserving, desiring, need and/or want, I hope we can at least say yes to the need part. Do we have a level of service to take care of the largest to the smallest emergency or at least have plans as to how to acquire the needed service? Some serious things to think about for our future.

Now let's take a step back. What are we doing today to prepare for the needs of tomorrow? I will give you a couple of scenarios; proper funding and proper staffing. I chose these two not by accident but on purpose because again I do listen when I go to your meetings, and these seem to be most prevalent concerns and they really sort of go hand-in-hand, do they not? Without funding it is very

difficult to provide adequate staffing and without proper staffing what good is the funding? Sort of like the chicken and the egg story, which does come first...? Staffing has a definite meaning and to me that meaning is enough active, qualified and responding members, on each call we have, to mitigate the situation we are called to. That does not mean we have a roster of 50 with 5 regularly responding. If we are in the latter category, what are we doing about it?

Our communities deserve a quality emergency service and our departments require the means of providing it. When I look at the funding that some of our departments get it is almost shameful, we actually have departments attempting to provide a service on less than the cost of their insurance per year with tax support, how many fundraisers can we expect from our members? And have you ever asked yourself why you might have a shortage of members, did they all join to support the emergency needs of your community or to become professional fundraisers, give that some thought. I wonder if we still have departments (and I really don't want to know) who take up collections on meeting nights just to keep fuel in the trucks; I have already seen some who have a hard time keeping the lights burning. So are we currently setting the stage for our future? I certainly hope we are.

Let's talk about the IVFA. What

assistance, guidance, help and support are we really getting as members? Are we taking full advantage of what the organization is offering? Again let's talk attendance; I know the IVFA has been putting on the one day training opportunities in each of our PR districts but are we getting members to attend, another question you will have to ask yourself, have you attended one of these sessions, if so great, if not why?

Are you getting a benefit from attending your district meetings? (More so than a meal at some) if not, why not, are you addressing it with your District Chairman? What is it you want to see from your District Meeting(s), is that a time to offer education, information, learn where the Association is or what it is doing, and are you getting what you need from attending the meetings, or after you attend one you just don't go back. Communications is a two way street. To communicate it takes someone speaking and some one listening, no speaking or no listening equals no communicating.

So let's see if I can bring this all together somehow. I have recently been asked to attend (and hopefully will be able to) a meeting in one of our IVFA Districts addressing volunteer "shortage". Is there a shortage, my opinion is YES, any time you have an external customer call for help and it takes an extended period of time or a call to several neighboring departments to acquire enough staff to provide the service, YES we have a shortage. Now the question is why, what to do, how do

we address the issue? Hopefully it's not the ostrich approach and hopefully it does not include sand.

I can tell you it's about more than just having the numbers on a roster, it's about having the capability to provide. Back in my earlier days (while serving as a junior officer) I had a fire chief who would tell us, "I will not allow our citizens to go to bed tonight thinking they have protection that we cannot provide." Have we addressed our concerns, issues, and future with our citizens? Have you shared with your local elected officeholders what your needs are and how they can best be addressed. I would even ask, have you talked with anyone about your level of service capability or are you just playing Russian Roulette and hoping you never get caught.

My fellow leaders, members, service providers and internal customers, we need to look toward the future today and not wait until the future is today.

Do a self (internal and external) examination and let's put our service first as a member of the IVFA, your District, your local Fire Department and the communities we all serve.

As a closure and to return to my original opening line "From the State House to the Firehouse" or let's take it from the "Firehouse to the State House" with the thought that I am working on legislation that could help in many of these areas and it's called a "Benefits

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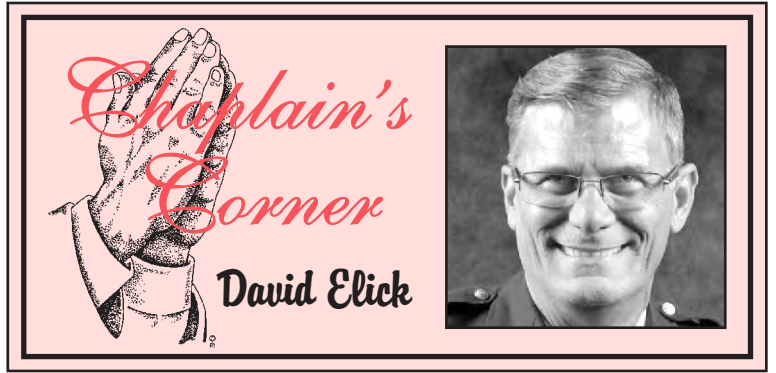
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from the statehouse ...

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Package" for Volunteer Fire Service, but I will need your communications with your elected officials. And speaking of elected officials, remember this is an election year, look, listen, learn, and decide who you are voting for, **do not** just arrive at the polls on Nov. 6th and pull a lever, check a box or mark a ballot; educate yourself on what each candidate stands for before you cast your vote.

One last closing statement, I hope I had an opportunity to see and visit with you during our 72nd annual state conference, but I know many of you were not in attendance. For those that were, I hope you had a great time and to all, I hope you will consider attending your convention next year in Michigan City.

By safe out there and be honest with yourself and your communities.

Larry Curl,
Lobbyist
But more importantly a member.

Obituary ...

Crystal Michele (Neal) Hunt

It is with great sadness that we inform the VFD Community of the passing of a true advocate.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Forestry, Fire Headquarters Volunteer Fire Assistance Coordinator, Crystal Michele (Neal) Hunt, 58, passed from this life June 15, 2018 in Seaside, Oregon with her family by her side.

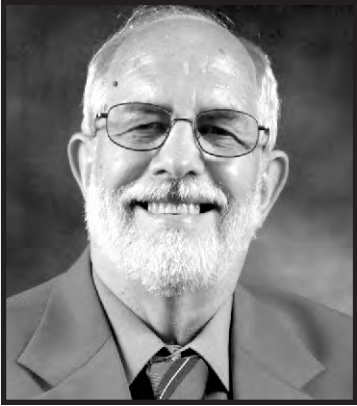
She was born Nov. 1, 1959, in Martinsville to Joe David Neal and Phyllis Jackson Neal. She is survived by her husband, Eric M. Hunt; and daughter, Erin Michele Chialva of Martinsville; her brother, Jack (wife, Alisa); nieces, Julie, Jennifer, and Jacey; nephews, Jordan, Jackson Neal and Jace Hurt; and her parents, Joe Neal of Mooresville and Phyllis Neal of Martinsville. She honored Taylor Baum and Rhylee Gill as grandchildren.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



Hello Everyone,

I just returned from the 2018 IVFA Convention in Indianapolis.

This year we had some excellent training seminars on Wednesday and Thursday.

Larry Hamby - Haz Mat; Mr. Greg Ferris / Pediatric Case Review & Jennifer McCarter-Fultz - Stop the Bleed; Mark Cromlich - Firefighter Safety "Courage to be Safe" an NFFF Presentation; Chief Scott Baker (WTFD) - VES Class Room; Dr. Tom Lardaro - Life Line - Packaging- Loading; Brandon Wood - Working with LEAD INSTRUCTORS; Chief Buckman - R&R Strategy & Tactics for the Modern Fire Environment; Chief Victor Stagnario (formerly with PG County MD - currently with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Emmitsburg; Fire Fighters Cancer / PTSD in Your Department; Chief Bobby Halton - from Tulsa, Oklahoma; Editor in

Chief of Fire Engineering Magazine & The Voice of FDIC-Active Shooter.

Congratulations to this year's award winners. Mr. IVFA - Larry Curl, Lois Boaz - Bev Lockwood, Miriam Schaekel - Joyce Nevil.

2018 Miss Flame Arizona Pribble - District 15, Runner-up Kearsten Cox - District 8B, Miss Congeniality - Kilee Littrel - District 14.

Mary Mackin Essay Award winners. Kaylee Hans - District 1, Arizona Pribble - District 15.

Miss Flame Poster Winners, Most Original - Bailey Sheley - District 6, Best Presentation - Rose Adams - District 4, Best Story told about herself, Shelby Butler - District 21, The Penny Vote - Rose Adams - District 4.

I would like to congratulate those girls that represented the districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates; Rose Adams - District #4, Sidney Miller - District #5, Bailey Sheley - District #6, Olivia Lockwood - District #7. Thank you, girls.

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018 has passed both Congressional Houses and waiting the President's signature. The act provides the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with \$10 million for fiscal years 2018-2022 and requires them to use the funds to develop and maintain a national registry for the purpose of collecting data regarding cancer incidents in firefighters.

It will also help medical professionals track and treat firefighters with occupational-

related cancers.

The registry will be voluntary and used for the purpose of improving data collection on relevant health and occupational information on registered firefighters. It will also be used for the purpose of determining cancer incidences along with data coordination activities related to the nationwide monitoring of cancer among firefighters.

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

Hunt obituary ...

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Preceding her in death was a brother, Timothy Joe Neal; her special grandparents, Roy and Mayme Jackson of Turkey Track Road and Welcome Joe Neal of Mooresville.

She graduated from Mooresville High School in 1978. Crystal married Eric M. Hunt in April of 1977, and they celebrated 41 years of married life.

She loved her family, reading, telling stories, nature and animals. She worked as a Dispatcher/Program Coordinator for Indiana DNR Forestry/Fire Control Headquarters for 23-plus years. Many animals were rescued by her and even taken to her home.

Crystal was a member of the Zions Hill Baptist Church. She will be missed.

She wished to thank everyone who was a part of her life while she was on this earth.

Her remains were scattered to the winds in the place she chose to make her final earthly journey. During her memorial service, her daughter, Erin played a violin concert of favorite songs. The time was sunset on the ocean she loved. The theme Crystal chose was "I am not gone, just moved on, be happy for me."

Burn Camp a success!

This year's Hoosier Burn Camp auction at convention raised \$8,145.59.

I would like to thank everyone who donated items, bid on items and those who purchased items. Thanks to all of your efforts we were able to send over 8 kids to camp!! Remember it's not too early to start collecting items for next year's auction!

Please donate a fire department tee shirt from your department. We are making a tee-shirt quilt to be auctioned off at next year's Hoosier Burn Camp auction at convention.

It would be awesome if we could get every department represented! You can mail them to me if you would like or give them to your District Chairman to bring to the State meeting and I or Pete Taylor will be there to collect them. Thank you in advance for your tee-shirt!!

Diane Harrison, P.O. Box 94,
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An Open Thank You Letter...

To all who attended the 2018 IVFA State Convention

THANK YOU to all of you who attended the 2018 IVFA State Convention in Indianapolis June 20th - 23rd (or any portion thereof); it is you who made the convention what it was.

From my standpoint (one who helped host this year's convention) it was deemed a "success" in terms of sharing of information, education, opportunities and activities.

We offered something for everyone, opening on Wednesday with the favorite GOLF TOURNAMENT CHALLENGE, as well as including the normal annual meeting of the members, annual Awards Banquet with a well known "dynamite" keynote speaker Chief Bobby Halton, the voice of the FDIC, educational opportunities including both Fire and EMS with great professional presenters such as Chief Halton, FDIC; Chief Victor Stagnaro, NFFF, local medical doctors and staff and many great standby presenters who we have all heard from before but continue to do a super job for a total of some eight seminars over a two day period. And for the after hours, our DJ and dance plus a super Greene County/IVFA hosted Hospitality Room.

A special thanks to Charles & Linda Baker for once again participating in a very lovely memorial service recognizing those who passed away during the year; then Charles and Linda were honored for their many years of service as they say good-bye to what has been a very long tradition for them and the IVFA. Best of luck for the future to the both of them.

We brought in a vendor's showcase including some 30 table tops and more than eight outside showcase participants in addition to General Motors with their newly released GM First Responder discount program and their Ride & Drive event with 10 brand new GM automobiles including the famous Corvette, Chevy Camaro, Chevy Corvette, Chevy Equinox, Chevy Silverado, Chevy Traverse, Buick Cascada, Buick Enclave, Buick Regal, GMC Sierra and GMC Terrain, all of which they allowed our members to test drive (unfortunately we did have rain on Vendors' Day).

We had an antique apparatus display and pumping exhibit and wrapped up Saturday morning with Waterball competition.

To all our Miss Flame contestants - "Great Job" and "Great Presentations" and congratulations to the 2018 Miss Flame, 1st Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality.

As well congratulations to all of our 2018 Award winners, and please come the nominees coming for 2019. There are many others just as deserving within our Association; let's hear from you.

And to our newly and or re-elected officers, both men and auxiliary, the challenge is on you to operate, run, build and grow our Associations, with all the support of our memberships WE CAN DO IT.

If you were unable to attend, we will soon have pictures, video and testimony about it on this site so that you can see what you missed and hopefully make plans for the upcoming 2019 IVFA State Convention in Michigan City.

Let's grow our conventions with activity, education, information and attendance.

Larry Curl

SPENCER MFG

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From the Flames

Another great convention is now history. Thanks goes to President Holcomb, Larry Curl and Carol Curl and all those who serve on a committee or assisted in putting on the state convention. We had a great time.

We had a smaller group of Miss Flame contestants competing this year, but the girls who were competing were an awesome group. It was amazing to see the talents, education, knowledge of what is going on in our communities and their zeal to volunteer and be a vital part of their fire departments, school activities, church and outside activities. Each year this program brings much to our convention. We appreciate the parents, fire departments and districts who help prepare and direct the girls as they begin their journey to compete.

Congratulations to Arizona Pribble who was crowned Miss Flame 2018. Arizona represented Chandler Fire Department and District 15. Our 2018 runner-up was Kearsten Cox representing Parker Vol. Fire Dept. and District 8B. Both girls will be great ambassadors for our organizations. All the girls are truly winners. Congrats also goes to our Miss Congeniality for 2018, Kilee Uttrell, North Vernon Fire Dept. and representing District 14.

Thanks to the ladies who served on the Miss Flame committee, those who so generously donated items for the contest and the members of both IVFA & IVFAA who helped in any capacity. I was honored again to serve as Chairman of this committee. I had a great team who helped make this another great year.

Barb Kerney,
2018 Miss Flame Chairman

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

IVFADistrict 3 Meeting
Long Beach Vol. Fire Dept.
May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford started the meeting with a prayer.

Pledge to the flag was led by Long Beach Chief David Albers.

Roll call was taken and answered by 12 members, representing 5 departments.

Minutes of the March meeting were read. Jeff Barkow made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second by Jessie Dove.

Motion carried.

Guest present was John Donnelly of Task Force Tips.

John spoke about the role of firefighters worldwide and addressed the differences of firefighting from different countries. He spoke about his years as a volunteer firefighter.

Under old business, Bob mentioned that on-going meetings are being held monthly at Blue Chip Hotel, the venue for Convention 2019. He recapped what committees have been formed and asked for any ideas or help anyone can give.

Meetings for Convention 2019 are on the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 at Blue Chip.

New Business: After 35 years of service, Chairman Uryga presented Long Beach Chief David Albers a 25 year service pin.

Ten year pins were given for 16 Long Beach firefighters.

Announcements: Raffle tickets for Convention 2018 are available.

Jessie Dove asked for volunteers to help at Convention 2019 with Miss Flames.

Diane Stapleton donated

handmade Hydrant Cookie Jar and a Firefighter sign to be raffled to benefit district treasury. Thank you, Diane.

Next meeting will be July 19 at Coolspring Fire Dept.

Jeff Barkow made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Robert Cross.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
Dist. 3 Secretary

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
May 10, 2018
Bremen Fire Department,
Bremen IN

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

Guests:

Jean and E.J. Smith

Tony Farrer

Dale Schlarb

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1933 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following. There were 6 firefighters representing 4 departments present. March minutes were read and approved as submitted. There were not enough individuals present to have an "OFFICIAL" meeting tonight.

Jean Smith shared some handouts about a few different topics. One handout dealt with the legislation about the firefighter. Some of the legislation that we didn't want supported was not passed or did not get a third reading. Other legislation in the handout did pass that helped the fire services. Fentanyl handouts were looked over and talked about. It is a very dangerous substance and we need to be on the look-out for this drug and know how to deal with it if exposed. Cancer handout was discussed and it was recommended to WASH

YOUR GEAR. Some departments are decontaminating and washing down before leaving the scenes.

Be sure to document the stuff you are getting into at the scenes.

John Grolich says he is going to push at the next few meetings the "Angel" Award, which is for a female firefighter that has been on a department for at least 5 years and meets a few other requirements. There are some nice prizes and gifts that the recipient will also be given.

John has someone coming to Indianapolis to discuss the Districts and Territories.

John asked if everyone did the inventory for the Fire Marshal.

Firehouse Subs has granted over 33 million dollars to Fire Departments.

Babysitter Training and CPR Training is something that some Departments are offering for free.

Charity Motorcycle Club in South Bend is having a Poker Run on June 30th.

Firefighters & First Responders Day at Kings Island is offering a special day with discounted tickets.

Convention is in Indianapolis on June 20-23. Cost for full convention is \$75 for a little while longer then it will increase. There are going to be some educational components happening this year.

South Bend Fire is offering a water rescue class June 6-9.

IERC in Indianapolis September 12-15 in conjunction with an aviation disaster training that happens just prior to IERC.

EMS Week is May 20th-26th. Say thanks to your local EMS.

Day at the track is May 16th.

May 12th Argos is having a Fish & Chicken Fry.

FirstNet is being discussed at IPSC 2018 Road Trip.

Many other trainings and resources were offered by John Grolich.

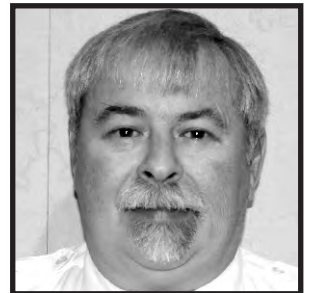
Talked with representatives from the different departments to catch up and see what is going on.

Next meeting is at Mexico Fire Dept. on July 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 2022 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Thornton
Substitute Secretary for the evening

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast, summer is here and it is hot, hot, hot.

Need to thank the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in May. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Also need to thank The Sparta Twp. VFD for hosting our meeting in July. Always good to have a meeting at my

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 6 . . .

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neighboring department. 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 IVFA Convention in June. Great job, Bailey! She has been busy attending fundraisers and playing high school softball.

Special thanks to the convention committee. The convention was great and all had a good time. Larry Curl and his crew pulled off a great and successful convention. Kudos to all!!

The next meeting as of this publication will be on September 25th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department in Steuben County. Have been busy attending fundraisers in the district and looking forward to the summer activities at several departments.

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 25th, 2018 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 September 25th.

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

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's
Association
District 7
May 21, 2018
Bluffton Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:36 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 24 members representing 12 departments.

March minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith – PRNE and Dave Polkow – Global Emergency Products.

Chairman Bisel gave the floor to Dave Polkow of Global

Emergency Products. Dave thanked the body for a chance to speak. Save the Date: Sept. 22nd Global is going to have a 40th Anniversary Party celebrating 40 years in business. He also offered literature on Pierce's new 100' mid-mount tower ladder that was unveiled at FDIC.

Chairman Bisel – Miss Flames are collecting money to buy supplies for the women's shelter as their community project this year. We will pass the hat during the meeting.

Sam asked for a show of hands who went to FDIC? And how many visited the IVFA booth? The IVFA clock that was given away went to Michigan.

How many are going to convention in Indy June 20-23? They are going to offer a couple of classes and they are going to have waterball and hose replacement. There are 122 guest rooms reserved so far. There is still space available for vendors so if you know someone, invite them to come and display. There are IVFA and IVFAA raffle tickets available tonight, see Sam.

District 7 has been represented well in the past and this year looks to be the same with the reservations already in. Thanks guys for attending your convention!!

The new IVFA website is still under construction! Our web designer should be getting back to work on it soon.

Dues packets are sent out. Remind your department that they are due back in by July 1st.

IVFA Past President Steve Anderson is working on sending out a worksheet to the smaller departments. It is asking for information on station, apparatus, gear and other information about expenses. He is compiling this information so the IVFA can better represent the cost/cost savings that volunteer fire departments bring to their communities.

Make sure to fill out your attendance cards here at the meeting for your chance to win door prizes awarded at quarterly meeting. At this quarterly meeting both prizes came back to District 7. The gas card went to Tom Wuensch of Andrews and the cleaning supplies went to Dennis Lahr of Bippus.

Please submit names for the Global Award. The Global Award is presented at the district level by Global Emergency Products. It is to acknowledge someone in the community for their continued support of their local fire service. It can be an individual, business or other organization. They do NOT need to be a member of a department or the IVFA. So please submit names for the award. We only had one nomination in District 7 this year but are sure there are many individuals out there deserving of the award.

Jean Smith, PRNE – The legislative session is over for the year.

Jean just returned from the National Volunteer Fire Conference in Washington D.C. At the conference NFPA was much of the discussion. Looking at new items in NFPA 1500

covering importance of gross decon at the scene, cleaning of vehicles after an incident and how to keep contaminants out of POV's, to name a few. The new NFPA guideline covering drone usage is up for review.

This past Sunday there was a meeting about HB 1005. There was a guest speaker that specializes in fire districts and territories. The IVFA is trying to get educated to better respond when the issue comes up again.

Chairman Bisel inquired about the National Cancer Registry that passed at the federal level. Jean said that he would look into it further and bring an answer back.

Chairman Bisel – Just a reminder that the IVFA has a public education trailer that is available to use at your events. Contact Sam and he will provide more information or it can be found in your IVFA newspaper.

If you have an event at your department let Sam know in advance and he will try to attend.

Had one 10 year pin to present to Derick Marshall of Bluffton. He was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Would like to thank Chief Craig and the Bluffton FD for hosting tonight's meeting.

Next district meeting will be at Chester Township VFD on July 16 and it will be the election of your district officers.

Second roll call answered by 26 members representing 12 departments.

Bluffton has a benefit ride and hog roast on Aug. 25 and pancake breakfast Oct. 12.

Hoagland is having their silent and live auction June 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their May meeting on the 9th at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened with Chairman Wright leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 18 members from 7 departments present. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old business was just a reminder about the upcoming convention to be held in Indianapolis.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 49 fires and 253 EMS runs.

Hope everyone have a good time at the convention. A big thank you to all the people who helped with putting this convention on. Now we are looking forward to next year's convention which will be held from June 12 -15, 2019 at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan

City. So start saving your pennies!!

District 8B is real proud of our Miss Flame Kearsten Cox from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department as she was named 1st runner-up in the Miss Flame contest held at the convention. Congratulations Kearsten on a job well done!!!

Our next meeting will be held at the Daleville Fire Station on September 12th at 7:30 P.M. Hope to see you all there.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed the refreshments.

Just remember be safe when you are doing your job.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good day to all IVFA members, Well, convention is done for 2018 and the Convention was a great time for all. I really think Larry Curl did a wonderful job and I think he really did do some of the work!

I did get to give out a 50 Year Gold Card to John Zook of Galveston Fire Department. John was very pleased and so was the family that was there and all of his fire department brothers. I give a big Thank You to John for all of those years.

Our next district meeting I will be giving another 50 Year Gold Card to John Minglin of the Miami Twp. Fire Dept. (New Waverly). John has held every rank in the department and is now enjoying the best rank of all, semi retirement.

I will look forward to seeing all of the rest of the departments in the district soon. Stay safe and when the call's over we all go home safe!

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A,

Welcome back from a great convention. Larry Curl did a great job planning it this year. Congratulations, Larry on getting Mr. IVFA.

Our next convention will be in Michigan City on June 12-15, 2019.

Linton Twp. was the host for our District 11A meeting on May 20, 2018. We had 11 departments present and 19 members and two guests.

We gave two 50 year Gold cards and pins to Bob Myers of Otto Creek Twp. and Bill Nicoson of Linton Twp.

State Representative Bruce Borders presented them with 50 year resolutions. Congratulations, young men. We gave a 25 year pin to William Altwater from Linton Twp. We had good weather and a good lunch.

In our meeting we discussed the cancer bill, legislation and convention. We elected a nominating committee for July. Remember dues are due by July 31st.

I have been to several stations and observed training. I have also performed four memorials for the quarter.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial was June 10th in Terre Haute, Indiana. We had a good turn out.

If you have anything going on in your department, let me know. I'll try to be there.

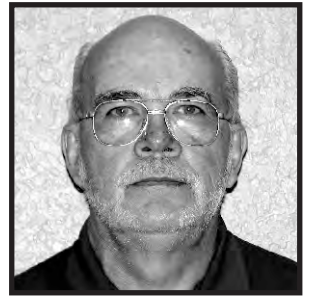
Our next meeting will be July 15, 2018 at Prairieion, IN at 1:00 p.m. I would like to see someone from each department come out and support me.

If you need me you can reach me at the number in the paper.

Until next time,
Stay safe.

District 11A chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

April 2nd I went to Lyons VFD and presented Conrad Edwards his 50 year Gold card and pin.

April 5th I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting.

May 3rd I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting.

May 16th District 17A meeting was hosted by Sandborn VFD. Remarks were heard from Jack Kerney, Central Office, Steve Nolan - PRSW and Larry Curl, Lobbyist. I presented James Johnson his 50 year Gold card and pin.

June 7th I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting.

June 10th I attended a birthday party for Mr. IVFA 1994 Johnny Johnson on his 86th birthday.

June 16th I attended a festival in Loogootee and presented Loogootee VFD member Charles Rasico his 50 year Gold card and pin.

June 20-23rd I attended the IVFA state convention in Indianapolis. Watch for the award winners in your newspaper.

The next District 17A meeting will be July 18th at Loogootee VFD. Election will be held at this meeting.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 18 REPORT

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Joe DeKemper - Chairman



Steve Macke - Chairman

Greetings from the District 18, May 5th meeting was held at St. Henry VFD. Roll call was answered with 49 members representing 15 departments. A total of 210 runs made. Vice chairman Anderson introduced guests - present was lobbyist Larry Curl & IVFAA President Carol Curl, Central Office Jack & Barb Kerney, PRSW Steve Nolan.

A fifty-year gold card and resolution were presented to Henry Bruggeman of Anderson Twp. VFD by Joe DeKemper and Larry Curl. 10-year pins were presented to Nick Yearby of Chrisney VFD & Riley Schwoeppe of the St. Henry VFD.

Larry Curl spoke on legislation updates & convention updates.

Jack Kerney spoke on IVFA dues and awards for IVFA members and Bridgeport scholarships.

Thanks to St. Henry for hosting the meeting and meal.

This year's convention was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The 18th District had two Bridgeport scholarships awarded; one going to Jessica Bertke of St. Meinrad VFD and the other going to Emma Hurst of St. Anthony VFD. Congratulations to you both.

Also at the convention, John Smith of Huntingburg VFD was presented with the District Global Award. Congratulations, John.

Big thanks to the Convention group for putting together another great convention.

I would like to thank our District 18 Miss Flame Aubrey Ruxer for the great job representing herself, the district & her home department at this year's convention. Also to her parents Todd & Angie Ruxer for taking time out of their busy schedule to be there with Aubrey.

10 year pins were presented to Cannelton VFD Firemen Kyle Powers, Phillip Young, James Maffia was presented with a 25-year pin.

In closing, remember to keep your turnout gear clean, your Nomex hood is the most absorbent area, so let's do our part and be safe out there.

Joe DeKemper
District 18 Chairman

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

I would like to congratulate Delaware Fire on the department's 40 years of service to their community. The convention is in the books. District 19's Ed Gerdowsky was once again elected State Chaplain. I would like to thank outgoing State Chaplain Dave Elick on a fine job while chaplain.

District 19 brought home another award; the Angel Award given to female firefighter. That award went Britany Cole See.

The convention for 2019 will be at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City; the 2020 convention will be in Evansville.

If your department is having an event, email or call me with the dates. The new IVFA website is up and running; it is very user-friendly so check it out at ivfa.org.

The forms for the IVFA awards are all online. If you have someone on your department deserving of one of these, fill out one of the forms. The next district meetings are July 26th at Brookville Fire - elections, September 27th at Jeff Craig, November 15th at Milan Fire - this will be Miss Flame judging. Hope everyone continues to have a safe summer.

Stephen Macke
Chairman, District 19
812-212-5647
district19@ivfa.org

Traffic hazards to firefighters while working along roadways

The number of firefighters struck and killed by motor vehicles has dramatically increased within recent years.

Incidents and data demonstrate that hazards to the fire service are not limited to structural or wildland fires. Motorists accustomed to a clear, unobstructed roadway may not recognize and avoid closed lanes or emergency workers on or near the roadway.

In some cases, conditions can reduce a motorist's ability to see and avoid firefighters and apparatus.

Some examples include weather, time of day, scene lighting (i.e., area lighting and optical warning devices), traffic speed and volume, and road configuration (i.e., hills, curves, and other obstructions that limit visibility). These hazards are not limited to the fire service alone. Other emergency service providers such as law enforcement officers, paramedics, and vehicle recovery personnel are also exposed to these hazards.

Firefighters

- Ensure that the fire apparatus is positioned to take advantage of topography and weather conditions (uphill and upwind) and to protect firefighters from traffic.
- Park or stage unneeded vehicles off the roadway whenever possible.
- If police have not yet arrived at a scene involving a highway incident or fire, first control the oncoming vehicles before safely turning your attention to the emergency.
- Position yourself and any victim(s) in a secure area that maximizes your visibility to motorists when it is impossible to protect the incident scene from immediate danger.
- Use traffic control device that maximizes your visibility to motorists when controlling traffic.

IVFA Convention 2019 Registration Form

Come and play, we'll light the way
Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa
777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, In.

June 12 – 15, 2019

Pre-registration Fee: \$75.00 per person – Post marked by June 1, 2019

Registration after June 1, 2019 fee \$85.00
(All registration fees are non-refundable)

Name : _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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

Fire Department/Company: _____

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____

Number of children attending (under 12): _____

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse/Guest	Title:
State Officer	_____	_____	_____
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District Chairperson	_____	_____	District _____
IVFA Member	_____	_____	_____
IVFAA Aux. Member	_____	_____	Miss Flame _____
Guest	_____	_____	_____

Extra banquet tickets can be ordered: Need _____ Extra tickets@ \$40.00 each

Total amount Enclosed \$ _____ Make checks payable to IVFA Convention 2019

(Circle One) Master Card or Visa Card Number: _____

Expiration Date _____ Code: _____ Signature: _____

For E-mail confirmation of your registration Please list your e-mail address: _____

Mail Completed Form and Payment: 2019 IVFA Convention Attn: Marge Wozniak, 2505 Ohio St. Michigan City, In. 46360 Cell: 219-898-1633

For information please call Bob Uryga at (219)872-6245 Date received _____

Convention HDQTRS: Blue Chip Casino Michigan City 46360 777 Blue Chip Drive

For Reservations call (888)879-7711 Hotel Website: www.bluechipcasino.com/groups
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

- Marshall Neese, district chairman / submitted by Sherri Maze, Lake Ridge VFD

New station dedication held



The Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department had a new station dedication ceremony on March 25, 2018. IVFA District 1 Chairman & LRVFD retiree, Marshall Neese, presented Chief Mike Redd with the IVFA station clock. The ceremony also included the Merrillville Fire Department Color Guard, Griffith Fire Department hanging the Garrison Flag, a blessing of the station by Deacon Matt Virus and an "Uncoupling of the Hose" to welcome everyone in to the new station.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- Paul Watland, District Chairman

Charity tournament raises for NW Cancer Kids Foundation



On 04/16/18 the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc presented a check to the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation for \$10,714.81! These funds were raised by Crown Point firefighters at our first annual charity dodgeball tournament held on 03/31/18.

Pictured from left to right: Donna Criner, Nicole Yarrow, Mark Reed, Scott Abraham, Chris Craft, and Robert Szot.

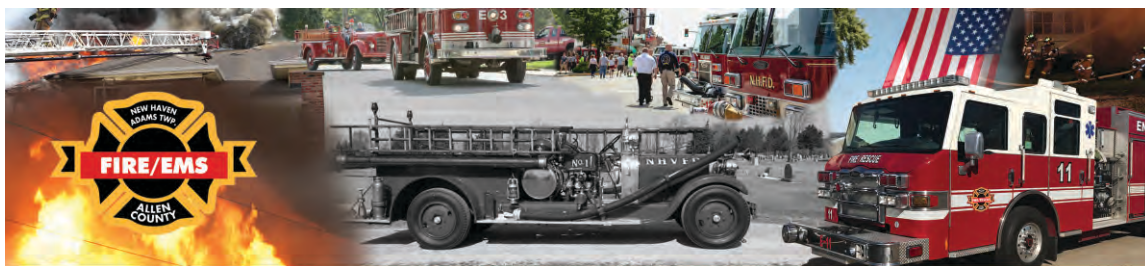
Mark Reed, CPFR paramedic/firefighter was awarded the Employee of the Month for heading the charity dodgeball fundraiser. Over \$10,000 was raised. Over 200 firefighters and police on 26 teams participated. Mayor David Uran made the presentation. Donna Criner, executive director of the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation was also on hand for the presentation to Mark. Reed said that he plans to make this tournament an annual thing.



10, 25, 50 year pins awarded



Mark Ratliff received 25 year pin and certificate, Robert Tillema received 50 year pin and certificate, Dan Becker received a 10 year pin. All are members of Wheatfield VFD.



NEW HAVEN FIRE MUSTER & EXPO

WITH THE FORT WAYNE FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM AND HOOSIER BURN CAMP

Saturday, August 25, 2018

10:00 am - 4 pm (Parade at 10:00)

In all the streets of Historic Downtown New Haven

Join us for the 2nd Annual New Haven Fire Muster & Expo. If you thought last year was amazing check out the great additions to this year. This family event will kick off with our Parade and offer many kid and adult activities. There will be displays, exhibits, activities and competitions for all age ranges. There will be plaques and cash prizes for the adult competitions. This event raises money for the New Haven Fire Department, The Fort Wayne Fire Museum and Hoosier Burn Camp

Come for the Day, Come to Display, Come to Play!

DISPLAYS & EVENTS:

- Antique Fire Apparatus
- New Fire Trucks and Ambulances
- Unique Emergency Vehicles
- New Equipment Vendors
- Firematic Flea Market
- Extrication Demonstrations
- Displays and Booths
- Tiller Team - Phoenix Ladder 1

ACTIVITIES:

- Kids Combat Challenge
- Kids Fire Hose Sprays
- Safety Training
- Live Fire Props
- Special Needs Safety Training
- Smoky the Bear
- Sparky the Fire Dog

COMPETITIONS:

- Waterball
- Bucket Brigade
- Air Pack Donning
- Plaques and Cash Prizes will be awarded
- and Much, Much More

More Questions or Info?

Ray Easterly 260-740-1916 or ray@priority1safety.com

Entry and Competition Forms available at:

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
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ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
MAY 4-6, 2018
CROWNE PLAZA
INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at 1:04 P.M. by President Paul Holcomb. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Roll Call was taken with 21 District Chairmen present and 4 Absent, 5 Public Relations Officers and 1 absent, 7 past presidents, Lobbyist and Executive Council. Guest Dennis Spears, Ron White with Great Causes U.S.A.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept minutes as printed. District 15 Chairman Ross Emery seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. He has learned that on our license plates through the Indiana state website to the BMV page, the contact information is listed as Professional Firefighter's Union. We are going to make contact and make the correct change to have current information correct. Motion made by Lobbyist Larry Curl, seconded by President Paul Holcomb. Motion passed. Our insurance is current and up-to-date paid. Treasurer Kluender passed out and covered budget paper and balance sheet. Explained different line items due to state hosting convention. Treasurer Kluender also advised maturity of C.D. and will need to be looking at new interest rates. Money coming out from last quarter in non-budgeted is from the 50-year member dinner at Statehouse and for the Buckman retirement party. We had insurance refunds come back into the account as well as payment for a meal ticket not used. Check register is completed twice a year. Past President Jack Kerney made a motion to approve, second was given by District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague. Motion passed.

Old Business: Washington D.C. Trip, 9 legislators or staff were met with. We were asked to meet outside of

Senator Young's office by staffers and were unable to hold our planned meeting within the office of the Senator. We were able to meet with legislators Bushong and Brooks.

Supporting Hero's Gala, for our sponsorship we have our name read and listed in the program, we also were honored with a plaque for our sponsorship. We had a large group turnout.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney

District paid list sent out April 8 and May 5, 2018. Mailed 10 department rosters out to departments. Deceased list out on March 15 and May 1, 2018; there are 102 names on the list for the memorial service. 13,941 addresses sent for the paper. 530 bad addresses, if not getting papers, please have them updated. Member count ending July 31, 2018 is at 14,461, the breakdown is 13,716 active, 53 armed services, 88 associate, 47 individual, 535 life members, 22 past presidents. License plates sold this quarter were 1143 plates. Dues notices have been sent out. By-laws and S.O.G.'s have been corrected and updated and will be passed out. Homeland Security grant e-mail was sent out. Global awards spellings corrected and ready to go for convention. 1 L.O.D.D. claim from District 17-A processed. 1 American Income Life claim mailed out to family. Checked out totals on benefit since we started with AIL. \$169,000 has been paid out to families from AIL since we started in 2006 at no cost to our membership.

Executive Committee Report: Paul Holcomb - One letter was received for a life-saving award, and decided it was a CPR save and it was denied.

Committee Reports:

Awards - 1 Angel Award nomination passed along to Angel Committee, 3 Ollie Sandburg Nominations, 2 Jr. Firefighter names given. Names will be held over for nomination next year. Global awards, all names turned in and taken care of.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, there are three winners.

Budget: Nothing.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, reprint done and new packets passed out to all officers' present.

- Past President Anderson created and updated expense voucher to make it more user friendly, we are going to have to reprint soon since we are getting low. Treasurer Kluender reminded of the mileage change from \$.40 to \$.45.

Guests Ron White and Staff with Great Causes U.S.A., presented a program on insurance and travel programs. They are a national wholesaler on the insurance. Their travel program provides discount cards to membership and once they are activated we get a kickback from the program.

Clothing Claims: District 8B Lloyd Wright - Two claims approved by committee. Committee suggests change to eyeglasses from \$75 to \$100. The

change we made previously was to the glasses with hearing aids only. District 15 Ross Emery made a motion to raise the price to \$100 on eyeglasses, PRNW Jeremy Reef seconded. The discussion is does it go to board action or make a S.O.G change? Decision is there must be an S.O.G change presented to the board of directors. The motion and second was withdrawn.

Convention: 2018 convention, 6 weeks away from now and finalizing plans on rooms. There will be no table reservations paid prior to banquet night. Seating chart based off registrations and given to district chair to help decide seating charts. 2019 convention, Bob Uryga, they are ready to go for the next year. 2020 convention, discussion on anniversaries, we were founded in 1945 but there were no conventions held. On the fourth year, there were 2 conventions and subsequently following year was one. In 1948, was the first year of convention, this year makes the 72nd convention. In 2020, will be the 75th anniversary of inception of the association. In 2021 will be the 75th convention of the IVFA. Discussion on if District 1 and 2 can hold it. No bid was provided in February; District 15 spoke up in regards to assisting the 2020 convention. Since there were no bids the decision was made to allow District 15 do host the 2020 convention.

EMS: District 8A Jerry Liston, discussed the 4 EMS legislation bills. While in Washington, D.C. Learned about money coming back to the state to help fight the opioid crisis. Next meeting is May 17, 2018, at Fishers City Hall.

Legislative: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, going into special session on May 13, but nothing that should affect us.

LODD: Chaplain Dave Elick, no report due to Chaplain assisting with Hero's Competition.

Logo: District 18 Joe DeKemper, nothing to report.

Membership and Marketing: Secretary Leighanne Ellis, went through newspapers from 2007-2012 trying to update the history of the IVFA on the website. From 2012 to current we used the past secretary minutes.

Newspaper: Past President Koehler, this issue 36 pages, 14,269 papers printed. If changes are made for the paper, please copy PP Koehler in the email. Questions have been raised on why certain districts are in color and others are not, Editor's Assistant Koehler has asked for the printer to make sure that each district is being moved in rotation to have their chance at color pictures in the paper. Needs photos for about 13 people to make sure their picture is in color for the convention book.

Public Relations: PRSW Steve Nolan, FDIC was successful, we went through 250 kids' helmets, 500 magnetic clips, 250 pens, 250 bags, 250 bracelets, 28 convention coins. We had 150 clock tickets to draw and discussed who should be present for setup and tear down and paying for the hotel for the nights if they are over 100 miles away. They will book the rooms a year in advance. Discussion on new

giveaways, the committee spoke with a new vendor on promotional items for the IVFA that are new and upcoming. FDIC clock winner was Jacqui Zurwalski from Covert Fire Department, Covert, MI.

Social Media and Website: District 16 Josh Reisert, 6,350 likes and 3,700 users in the past 3 months on Facebook. Larry Curl thanked Leighanne Ellis for posting to the Facebook page about convention on a weekly basis for the state committee. President Holcomb asked for everyone to share and promote our page at your meetings so we can have better communication with our members.

Special Projects: Past President Buz Koehler - Discussion about reprinting the 25 and 50-year history books of the association and creating a 75-year history book. Challenge members of the legislation to become associate members of our association and show their support for our organization and be informed of the happenings to the fire service in the State of Indiana.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, talked about PRSW training day on October 27, 2018 in Haubstadt, IN at the Vincennes University Campus. Next Standards of Education meeting is May 14, 2018 in Columbus. 180 students attended the Jasper Fire School this year.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, discussion on training district chairman on how to present information across generations. We are considering having a speaker come in and present on this topic. Another item discussed was every district having a Facebook page. Secretary Leighanne Ellis could only find 9 districts with pages during a search, ask for a delegate to create a page for your district if you don't know how to.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith, last meeting Monday, March 12, 2018 at Delaware County EMS Station 3 in Muncie, IN. Next meeting is May 14 in Columbus at the Columbus Learning Center at 6 p.m. Board meeting also going to be held during Thursday of Convention.

Fire Alliance Steve Anderson, Charlie Heflin has been named to Fire and Public Safety Academy System Administrator who is replacing John Buckman. One of his goals is to go out and hold a listening tour to find out the issues we are having and open to suggestions and concerns. EMS division chief Mike Garvey had a minor stroke. Executive leadership classes have been broken down into blocks and are being beta tested currently. Evaluations going on for current certification courses are up to NFPA standards. Acadis work group has been put together to figure out if it is working. Larry Curl - Director of Homeland Security at the last meeting and discussed on going to universities on training individuals. Concerns on where funding is coming from districts to put on training. Steve Anderson - asked what

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly IFVAA Meeting Sunday, May 6, 2018 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Opening prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 22 officers, 13 members and 1 guest. Tammy reports we have 28 life members, 53 departments, 685 members paid by department and 211 individuals

for a total of 924 members of the organization.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews read two cards that were received from the Israel family and the Bush family. Minutes from the last quarterly meeting were read to the group. Lou Bartlow made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Suzie Lewis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried to approve the minutes as read.

Tammy Williams from American Income Life Insurance spoke to the group. No issues reported from the group. Tammy informed the group that the yellow card can be turned in but do not have to meet with a representative when they call to verify with you.

President Carol Curl informed the group that Ditty bags for the ladies' meeting at convention are in the making and many districts have brought items for them. The group has decided to meet on Tuesday before convention starts to put items in the bags. Anyone that will be around is welcome to assist.

Carol brought up to the group about the length of time that we give our members to pay their yearly dues is too long. Currently we open dues to be paid from July 1st to September 30th. Carol opened discussion to the group about this topic and how it is a nightmare for the finance and budgeting of our organization. Jessie Sosa made a motion that the recording secretary

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

send out a letter in May to members informing them that yearly dues will be due July 1st with the deadline being August 1st. Diane Stapleton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried and letters will be sent out in May to the members.

David Elick, chaplain for the IVFA came to address the group about the deaths in our organization for the year. A list of member names was reviewed that need to be in the memorial bulletin at convention in June.

President Carol Curl informed the group that Cicero Township in Tipton is planning to have an auxiliary and their department is going to join the IVFAA in July 2018. Carol then brought up the idea of the Association sending out a letter to all the departments in the state informing them of who we are and how the IVFA members can double their insurance benefits if they join both the IVFA and IVFAA. Discussion among the group was held Carol encouraged the district chairs to send out letters to the departments in their districts informing them about the IVFAA. Carol thanked Chaplain Beth Caudill for assisting David Elick with the memorial service for Bill Bush. Carol informed the group that EJ Smith has pneumonia and will not be here this weekend. Carol

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Quarterly meeting report ...

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departments are using which reporting systems. He went through a 2 ½ hour learning session with the new system and trying to get our departments updated.

Fire Academy Work Group - No activity, will be removed from agenda for

Hero's Competition Dave Elick, 8 teams from 7 schools. Fort Wayne brought 6 and 4 who are members of the association. Louisville and Greenfield has 2 teams, Monroe County Hoosier Hills had a team. Wayne Township has a team.

IN-Time - Jack Zeeks, nothing to report at this time.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, will email out report. Jack Kerney gave a short report on the last meeting done in April in Washington, D.C. Next meeting will be held September 19-21 in Bismark North Dakota.

Red Cross Workgroup - Don Cushman, they are doing smoke detector blitzes at this time and if you need one in your area let Don know and he will pass your name along.

BREAK.

Officer's Reports:

President, Paul Holcomb, went to district meetings and Washington, D.C.

Vice President, David Israel, traveled to a few district meetings and conducted one due to mix-up in dates.

Chaplain, Dave Elick, discussion on getting funeral

vouchers completed correctly and turned in to chaplain in a timely manner. Spoke about ordering Bibles to make sure we have stock due to shipping times. Also, brought up that we are getting low on grave markers, we haven't ordered in about 3 years. Associate Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky spoke and stated Assoc. Chaplain Carl Coffey is out of state helping with his sister's illness and Assoc. Chaplain Ron Davenport suffered a stroke and is recovering.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, read card from the Bush family in the passing of Bill Bush.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, attended the Washington, D.C. trip and the 50-year Statehouse presentation.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, sent their thanks from the family in the passing of his father, Bill Bush.

Historian, John Davies, Dave Elick spoke on receiving a letter on the memorial service for Bill Bush. Jack Kerney stated wife Maxine has been placed in a nursing home.

Chairman of the Board, Steve Anderson, multiple trips to Indianapolis, FDIC, trying to go over hotel rooms for convention with names and Miss Flames, need to make sure award winners names are printed correctly for the book and pamphlet.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, made it to a lot of fundraisers and all district meetings.

PRNE, Jean Smith, absent.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, made 3 district meetings, 4 memorials

services, 2 funerals, 1 dept. meeting.

PREC, Don Cushman, made most district meetings, county meetings and fundraisers.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, attended several memorial services, county and district meetings, traveled almost 1600 miles.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 2 district meetings, county chief's meeting. 50-year Statehouse presentation

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, not in attendance.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, not in attendance.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, Pass.

Jack Zeeks, Pass.

Buz Koehler, traveled around 1400 miles with trips to Indianapolis, if anyone would like to have a business card ad in the newspaper then you can give him a card and the cost is \$40.

Jack Kerney, traveled 2000 miles, quarterly meeting, 3 district meetings, 2 memorial services, and fundraiser, Supporting Hero's Gala, and NVFC.

Larry Ketchem, not in the room.

David Israel, Pass.

Steve Anderson, Pass.

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, 2 IVFA meetings, 4-50-year Gold cards, 1 IVFAA meeting, Bible and grave marker to Chesterton, 1 memorial service.

District 2, Paul Watland, memorial services, 50-year Gold card, fundraisers, and district meetings.

District 3, Bob Uryga, 50-year statehouse celebration, memorial service. Spoke on baby box in the district and has had 2 babies saved since getting it. Awarded 2 Medals of Valor through the state from Cold Spring Twp. for saving a ladies' life. 50-year pin and 7-10-year pins.

District 4, Elton Schafer, 3 department visits and district meeting

District 5, John Grolich, district meeting, 3 county meetings, 50-year Statehouse presentation, FDIC, Supporting Hero's Gala, and Washington, D.C. trip.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, 2 funerals, several meetings and traveled about 1600 miles.

District 7, Sam Bisel, 50-year Statehouse presentation, Supporting Hero's Gala, 3 department visits, 2 - 50-year Gold cards and 25-year pin.

District 8A, Jerry Liston, not in the room at the time.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright, 50-year Gold card, several 10 and 25 year pins, fundraisers.

District 9A, Pascal Moon. District meeting, several department meetings, Station dedication at Delphi, 25 and 10 - year pins.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent.

District 10, John Ray memorial service, 2 fundraisers, 2 county meetings, and 25 department phone contacts. 4 department meetings.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, 7 department meetings, 50-year Statehouse presentation, FDIC, 6 memorial services, and pins are up-to-date.

District 11B, Jack Giles, FDIC, 4 funerals, 34 - 10 year pins, 26 - 25 year pins, 4 - 50-year Gold cards and pins, district meeting and 20 department visits.

District 12, Anthony McClure, absent.

District 13A, Mike Dzuba, absent due to family emergency.

District 13B, Jeff Biehl, Supporting Hero's Gala, Bush Memorial service, Jack Cox memorial service, 10 - 25 year pins.

District 14, Rick Cannon, passed out pins, memorial service, Supporting Hero's Gala and Washington, D.C. trip.

District 15, Ross Emery, district meeting, county meetings, Supporting Hero's Gala, Bush Memorial Service, 50-year Gold card.

District 16 Josh Reisert, passed out pins and had a meeting.

District 17A, Sam Emery, 50-year Gold card, several station visits, and trainings, 4 memorial services.

District 17B, Bobby Brown, 2 county meetings 3 fundraisers, FDIC, questioned about presentation on 25 year pins, discussion on, after attempting numerous times, they could be left with chief but this should not be common practice.

District 18, Joe DeKemper, 50-year presentation, Washington, D.C. trip, 4 memorial services, 1 home visit for memorial presentation, 4 Gold cards, and many 10 and 25 - year pins, 800 miles.

District 19, Steve Macke, FDIC, Supporting Hero's Gala, 2 district deaths, 50-year Gold card.

District 21, Ed Watson, absent.

New Business:

• Nominating Committee Report

- Jack Zeeks - list is in the paper, one change is Chaplain name which is Mike Dzuba.

• Wipes for De-con, spoke to vendors at FDIC, responderwipes.com which are less expensive than their competitor and can have information passed on to departments who are looking for more information. There is a company that sends a portion to Fallen Firefighter's Association, also another company that has de-con bags for changing out at the scene.

• First Responder Week at King's Island is May 14-20, 2018.

• Crowne Plaza Hotel has made a promise to try and have better communication for our meetings.

Don Cushman made a motion to recess the meeting, Jeremy Reef seconded. Recessed at 1708.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 business meeting continued:

Meeting reconvened at 0830 by President Holcomb.

Chaplain Dave Elick gave morning message.

Guest Tammy Williams from American Income Life came, brought report forms which the members they meet with fill out and return as a follow-up to services on what they do in the home. For claims, make sure to get information to Central Office in a timely manner to get the family their benefits.

PR Budget \$6106.68 was spent last year and only \$900 spent this year and wanted to roll over the costs from the previous years to cover the cost of trailer wrap.

District drawing: \$100 Gas Card - Tom Wuensch District 7, Andrews VFD, Andrew, IN. Station Supply Caddy - Dennis Lahr, District 7 Bippus FD, Huntington, IN.

President Holcomb asked for a motion on benefit presentation held by Great Causes, USA, no motion was made and topic was dead.

Jack Zeeks made a motion to keep expense vouchers as printed, seconded by Richard Glant, discussion on what should be changed and training on them. 13 y, 18 nays, motion was denied to make the change to vouchers.

Website update is still in progress, had to reverify all forms, deadline is planned for the end of the year.

Past President Richard Glant motion to adjourn, second from PRNW Jeremy Reef. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 0854.

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Board Action Business Meeting:

Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke on Statehouse presentation and we had 2 District Chairmen that are recipients of the resolutions. District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga was presented with his resolution.

Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson called meeting to order at 0900.

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Quarterly meeting report ...

Reading of the minutes, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by PRNW Jeremy Reef, motion passed.

Board Action- Business:

1. Miss Flame Gifts, Jack Kerney made a motion to spend up to \$1000 for gifts, Jack Zeeks gave a second. Motion passed.

2. Jack Zeeks made a motion to make the gifts a line item in the budget for concurrent years. Jeremy Reef gave the second. Motion passed.

3. PR Budget - Steve Nolan motion to take the budget of unused amount from previous budget rolled over from last year to this year for the specific use of wrapping the trailer. Don Cushman stated the cost they have been given has been \$2500-3000 if we remove the wrap and it will be more if the company removes the wrap. Bobby Brown gave second. Discussion on what to expect on actual budget and whether to rollover the funds. Buz Koehler stated that if there is a budget difference, there needs to show on paper where it's over and under on

the budget not rolling it over. Motion was denied.

- Buz Koehler made a motion to pay to have the wrap finished at the end of the season and make up the difference at the end of the season on the budget. Discussion held on what the cost amount to should be placed on the motion. Motion was rescinded.

- Buz Koehler made a motion for the committee to get a pricing on removal and installation of the new wrap and bring it to the next meeting. No second, just a statement made of expectations of what the committee should do.

4. At the March Alliance meeting we were asked to provide support for a retirement party for John Buckman, board was contacted through conference call with 12 members and 2 emails, decision was made to split cost evenly with 4 alliance members with no more than \$750 spent and passed 10-2. We were going to be invoiced for the amount and have not received it yet.

Work group 1005 - looking for departments with 4-5 trucks only,

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needing to get ahold of Steve Anderson and put together reports to compare to national reports.

Chaplain Dave Elick gave benediction.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Past President Jack Zeeks, second by PRSW Steve Nolan. Meeting adjourned at 0921.

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reports that she has been notified by members that some feel that district chairs and line officers should be paid more at convention and for quarterly meetings. Currently each district chair and officer gets paid \$50 per night for 2 nights at convention and \$50 for the one night each quarterly meeting. Topic was discussed among the group. Christina Reef addressed the group from the budget committee standpoint.

Steve Anderson came and spoke to group and asked if anyone received more papers than normal

of the February edition? Reported convention cut off to get a room here at the Crowne Plaza Hotel is May 19th. Table reservations for the banquet are free this year and committee is doing the seating of guests. Be sure to register before June 1st to get the fee of \$75 as it goes up to \$90 after the 1st. Buz Koehler informed the group that color photos will be in the convention book this year so if anyone needs a new photo or an updated one to meet with him today. Newspaper is now posting color photos and color photos may be submitted to the paper.

President Carol Curl brought to the group of wanting to create a committee, called the outreach committee, to assist with the membership committee in creating a letter about the IVFAA. Barb Kerney will be the chairman, Leona Uryga, Lou Bartlow, Leslie Spears, Heather Holcomb will be on the committee. This committee will meet August 4th at 2:00 p.m.

10-minute break was taken.

President Carol Curl reconvened the meeting stating Chaplain Beth Caudill has asked to give her report early to the group. Chaplain report:

Beth is sending cards around for the group to sign for EJ Smith, Beula Bush, Maxine Davies. Beth discussed Bibles with the group to ensure each district chair has Bibles in their possession. Beth showed the group a smaller Bible that is non-denominational that would cost \$17.95 each when more than 16 are ordered. The group had discussion of the fact that the non-denominational would not have the 5 books of Catholic in them. Lou Bartlow made a motion that we get the smaller size Bible but get it both in the Protestant and Catholic version. Diana Gray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Beth will wait until count is taken of Bibles on hand before ordering any new ones. District chairmen need to bring all Bibles to convention so an accurate count can be taken. Beth talked to the group about Thank You cards that she has in her possession, that they have the IVFA logo on them. President Carol Curl spoke to the group about getting our own IVFAA Auxiliary logo on letterheads, cards, etc. Leona Uryga made a motion that we get our own logo on stationary when we need to order more; Barb Kerney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried that when stationary supplies are needed we will get our own logo on it.

Treasurer's report: Martha Biehl reports that Main Source Bank has been bought out by First Financial but she has been ensured that they will honor Main Source checks until we need to order refill checks. Susie Lewis passed out banking balance information to the group and Martha reviewed the accounts. Discussion was had and the CD reviewed and recently renewed. Martha asked if committee chairs get paid if they are not an officer? Joyce Nevil informed the group that in the SOG, last page under finance department as of 6-5-17 says that they do get paid.

President Carol Curl requested updates on committees and announced that line officers will meet at 1 p.m. on August 4th.

Audit committee - Barb Kerney, reports will be ready.

VP project - Heather Holcomb, reports have made \$800 from the mailing out of tickets and money is still coming in, \$1200 thus far has been taken in. Heather encourages the group to keep selling tickets. Winner of a gift card from Heather Holcomb for the most tickets sold in the quarter was Kathy Smith. Lori Baxter will take home any baskets that were brought today for the Chinese auction. Tickets for the Chinese auction will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. August meeting will be the 4th at 3:30 p.m.

Miriam Schaeckel Award - Sharon Wright reports, all done.

Lois Boaz Award - Carol Curl reports all ready for convention.

Historian - Phyllis Vargo says all is O.K.

Membership - Leona Uryga reports getting things in and working on it, leaflet will be made of the information. August 4th committee will meet at 2:30 p.m.

Miss Flame - per Barb Kerney, we have 19 girls, outing is to the Statehouse and lunch. Project is collecting items for the Julian Center in Indianapolis, August 4th at 4:00 p.m. next meeting.

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Jewelry - Susie Lewis, reports looking at the dye this week & if all okay should have new jewelry by June.

Mary Mackin - Bev Taylor says believes all is okay.

Budget & Finance - Christina Reef asking for updated expenses from committees and reports there will be a budget meeting on Thursday of convention June 21- 3:30-4:00 p.m. August meeting will be on Saturday 4⁺ at 3:00 p.m.

Parliamentarian - Lou Bartlow says all is okay.

Nominations - Carolyn Zeeks, reports ready & have slate of officers.

Installation - Phyllis Vargo says all okay.

President's Advisory - Martha Thomas says all okay.

Memorial Throw - Carol Curl says all okay.

SOG committee will meet August 4⁺ at 4:00 p.m.

Bylaws - per Tammy Smith informed all district chairmen to throw away the small bylaw books and use the folder type that were given out to you. Page 8 in bylaw book has a typo that can be corrected from IVFA to the IVFAA in which we are. Tammy read the proposed bylaw change to Article 1 Section 6, Duties and Powers of the Treasurer. Barb Kerney made a motion that the bylaw be taken back to districts for a vote to be decided in August; Lou Bartlow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, a copy was given to all chairmen to take back to their districts for vote on it. There will be a meeting August 4⁺ at 3:00 p.m.

Carol thanked everyone for their work in the committees that they are on for the good of the organization.

Beverly Taylor and Connie Ray informed the group that they are working on table decorations for the banquet on Friday night at convention. Table runners are the idea to add accent to the tables and have the IVFA emblem embroidered on them. This would be an item that can be re-used each year at convention. The ladies are asking for ideas of way to financially support them. Suggested we pass a bag at the meeting to see if we can help financially support the table runner project. \$188.00 was collected for the project at this meeting.

Carol Curl announced to the group that there is a convention meeting today following our meeting. Asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the order? Phyllis Vargo made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Christina Reef seconded it. All in favor, motion carried. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave a closing prayer and meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

I.V.F.A.A.
State Officer's Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Indianapolis

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Chaplain Beth Caudill gave opening prayer for the meeting. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 27 officers and 7 members. Tammy reports our membership has 53 departments, 702 paid by department, 214 individuals and 25 life members for a total of 941 members.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews read May quarterly minutes to the group. Beverly Lockwood made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Lou Bartlow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Janet also read a thank you card to the group that was received by EJ Smith.

Chaplain Beth Caudill asked the group about the number of Bibles on hand in each district. A paper is being passed around the room for each district to list the number of Bibles in their possession. Beth informed the group of the prices of the Bibles. If she buys 8 or more the Protestant is \$17.95, Catholic is \$18.95 each. Jewish Bibles will be purchased as needed.

President Carol Curl informed the group that Linda Baker will be given her 50 year pin and Gold card tomorrow and that this will be her last year of playing the piano at the convention. The table runners that are completed will be passed along from convention to convention to use on the tables for the yearly banquet. Carol informed the group that the centerpieces this year on the banquet tables are not for raffle, they are on loan from a friend to make tables look nice. Carol did ask for health update on Maxine Davies. Carol reports to the group that someone called the gaming commission on the auxiliary after the May quarterly meeting with false claims. After discussion with the commission, information was able to be obtained on each person that would be touching the tickets and submitted. Martha Biehl did get copies of the rules in which we have to abide by. The process was completed and information submitted was accepted by the gaming commission. Baskets for the Chinese auction this year can have a guessed value for each one, however, next year we will need to know the exact value of each basket turned in. Tickets have to be counted daily. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis passed out papers to each District chairmen that need to be completed with each member's legal name and the actual date that they joined the auxiliary. Tammy Smith & Carol Curl gave instructions and directions to the chairmen for the information needed.

Treasurer Martha Biehl gave financial report to the group. No corrections or additions and is available for audit.

Vice President Heather Holcomb reports 1,962 tickets were sold for the VP project from the mailing and we are still selling tickets for it.

Chaplain Beth Caudill reviewed the list that the chairmen turned in of Bible supplies. Lou Bartlow made a motion that 10 Bibles of each denomination be purchased for the chaplain to have. Diane Stapleton seconded the motion, all in favor motion

carried. Beth will purchase the Bibles.

President Carol Curl called for committee reports; Lou Bartlow made a motion that the reports on the committees be put off until tomorrow, Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Lou Bartlow suggested that each chairman discuss at their district meetings of increasing pay to compensate the chairmen and officers as meetings are being scheduled and held on Saturdays as well as Sundays at each quarterly meeting.

President Carol Curl asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order. EJ Smith made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Martha Biehl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave closing prayer to the group. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary
I.V.F.A.A Convention Meeting
Friday, June 22, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Indianapolis

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 8:35a.m. Chaplain Beth Caudill opened meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and was answered by 27 officers, 78 members, and 2 guests.

President Carol Curl announced and congratulated the award winners from last night. 2018 Lois Boaz Award winner is Beverly Lockwood, 2018 Miriam Schaekel Award winner is Joyce Nevil. 2018 Miss Flame is Arizona Pribble, District 15. Runner-up Miss Flame Kearsten Cox, District 8B. 2018 Mr. IVFA is Larry Curl.

Miss Flame contestants came to the meeting and were introduced to the group.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews read 2017 IVFAA Convention minutes to the group. No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's report given by Martha Biehl. No corrections or additions, is subject to audit.

Motion made by Patti Fultz and seconded by Heather Holcomb to suspend the bylaws for purpose of election. All in favor, motion carried. President Carol Curl informed the group that the door will be locked during the elections and no one will be able to enter or exit the room until elections are completed.

Nominations for offices conducted by Carolyn Zeeks; she announced there are 104 voting members in the room.

President - Carol Curl slated, Brenda Schafer nominated Heather Holcomb from the floor, seconded by Sydney Miller. EJ Smith made a motion, seconded by George Buck that nominations be closed. Election conducted and the President is Carol Curl.

Vice President - Heather Holcomb slated, Sharon Wright nominated Lou Bartlow from the floor, seconded by Pascal Moon. Patti Fultz nominated Christina Reef from the floor, seconded by Diane Buck. Christina Reef declined nomination and asked to be removed from the election

option. EJ Smith made a motion, seconded by Brian Cushman that nominations be closed. Election conducted and the Vice President is Lou Bartlow.

Recording Secretary - Tammy Smith slated. Barb Kerney made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Watson that nominations be closed. President Carol Curl cast one unanimous vote for Tammy Smith as Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary - Janet Matthews slated. Diana Gray made a motion, seconded by Barb Kerney that nominations be closed. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Janet Matthews as Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer - Martha Biehl slated. Sharon Wright made a motion, seconded by Christina Reef that nominations be closed. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Martha Biehl as Treasurer.

Chaplain - Beth Caudill slated. EJ Smith made a motion, seconded by Pam Gerdowsky that nominations be closed. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Beth Caudill as Chaplain.

Sergeant at Arms - Suzie Lewis slated. Martha Thomas made a motion, seconded by Jackie Rench that nominations be closed. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Suzie Lewis as Sergeant at Arms.

Committee updates/reports: Carolyn Zeeks thanked her committee for their help during the elections today.

Lori Baxter reports that the sale of Chinese auction tickets has been low and not taking in as much money as have years before.

Christina Reef reports the Budget & Finance committee had to postpone yesterday's meeting, will meet on Saturday August 4⁺ at 3 p.m.

Tammy Smith reports Bylaws committee will meet on August 4⁺ at 1:30 p.m.

President Carol Curl opened discussion with the group about the challenges the organization faced with the gaming commission for this convention and thanked everyone for their help and understanding of the importance of the matter. Linda Baker was given her 50 year pin last night. Joann Hayes will be celebrating her 71⁺ Anniversary. There will be an open house on July 7⁺ for Pete and Beverly Taylor for their 50⁺ Anniversary.

Betsy Howe and Pam Gerdowsky conducted the installation of IVFAA officers for 2018-2019.

Christina Reef made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Carolyn Watson. All in favor, motion carried. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. by President Carol Curl.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

**NOVEMBER
DEADLINE IS:
OCTOBER 5, 2018**

IVFAA President

Carol Curl



Greetings my fellow IVFAA members,

Convention is over (yes, a lot of work, but a lot of fun meeting everyone, all the parts and pieces that make up a convention, and the meeting of new and rejoining with old friends).

As well our election is over and I want to thank you for the confidence you placed in re-electing me as the IVFAA President for 2018-2019 term. I will do my very best to continue moving the auxiliary forward, and placing a very high importance on membership for which I think should always be a key function of all our officers.

Speaking of officers, I want to thank all our officers for 2017-2018 term and congratulate our officers for 2018-2019. We certainly have some work to do and I hope to engage each of you in moving our auxiliary forward.

As I look back over the past couple of years, I am proud of our many accomplishments, included increased members, being added to the IVFA website with email addresses for our officers, our new look on the new website (thanks to President Holcomb and others) and for all the updates we have accomplished.

My desire is to continue that progress, but it will take everyone pulling together and bringing your thoughts and suggestions to the meetings so we can sit down and have a discussion with every idea or thought that you bring forward, I believe that is how a membership driven organization needs to be run.

Again, thanks to all and until next time, your support and guidance has been heartwarming and helpful.

Your President,
faithfully serving...
Carol

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2

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

Districts 1 & 2

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Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Becky O'Boyle to nominate Rachel Suggs as District 1 & 2 Secretary. Motion was seconded by Jackie Wrench, motion passed.

Pledge was recited.

Food was served.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Rachel Suggs with 12 members and 5 guests in attendance representing 5 departments and 3 individual.

Phyllis introduced our guests Paul Watland, District #2 Chairman of the I.V.F.A. and Marshall Neese, District #1 Chairman of the I.V.F.A.

Minutes were read by Phyllis Vargo, passed as read with no corrections.

Correspondence – Membership is down. We are losing departments/members.

Treasurer's report – Phyllis gave treasurer's report. Report stands as read for audit.

Old Business – Fundraiser to Texas Roadhouse was a bust. We need to find better ways to raise money. Burnadette suggested fast food. Another suggestion was a fast food place with different locations since our district covers such a large area.

New Business – State Auxiliary wants to go back to ditty bags with a logo of some sort from each department. Would like about 100 of whatever is chosen to give to all the ladies in attendance to convention. Phyllis asked that this be brought to next district meeting.

Phyllis asked that each department be responsible for their own dues to state. She suggests that the departments make a copy of everything before mailing them in.

Phyllis asked if Paul or Marshall had anything for the meeting. Marshall gave an update about the districts and territories that are trying to go through.

Anything else for the good of the order – Phyllis asked for a host for the May 3, 2018, meeting. Lake Station said they would host.

Department announcements were given.

Motion to adjourn by Becky O'Boyle, seconded by Jackie Wrench. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rachel Suggs

I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

Minutes of the May 3, 2018 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

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

Pledge was recited and prayer was given.

Dessert was served.

Roll call was taken by President Phyllis Vargo, with 10 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Minutes were read by Phyllis Vargo, passed as read with no corrections.

Correspondence – Membership is down. We are losing departments/members.

Treasurer's report – Phyllis gave treasurer's report. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis asked Kaylee Hans, Miss Flame, to say a few words and

we all wished her luck at convention.

A program was enjoyed by those in attendance given by Luanne Thomas and Ann Jones from Face to Face Fine Arts. They are a company that makes pictures of deceased members of Police, Fire, and EMS for any family member that died in the line of duty or of a tragedy. All free of charge to the family.

We thanked Lake Station for hosting.

Our next meeting will be September 6, 2018, at Lowell Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Have a safe summer!

Respectfully Submitted:

Rachel Suggs

I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Diane Stapleton - Chairman

IVFA District 3 meeting
May 16, 2018

Chairman Diane Stapleton opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

A prayer was said by Betty Conroy.

Roll call answered 8 members present. Coolspring 1, Pleasant Twp. 5, Michiana Shores 2, and 2 guests.

Minutes of the March 21 meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report showed a \$235.00 from the Make & Take. Expenses were: \$175.00 to Laura Peo, the mother of Miss Flame Choloe Perkins. \$25.00 to Diane Stapleton for the Chinese Basket. Shirley Hall gave \$5.00 for the basket. A motion was made by Annemarie Bunton and seconded by Bob Uryga to accept the payment to Miss Flame. Motion carried. A motion was made by Bob Uryga and seconded by Betty Conroy to accept the money for the basket. Motion carried.

Annemarie Bunton will give items for the basket.

The Sec.-Treas. has resigned and a new one will be voted on at the July meeting.

Diane brought up the state by-law change that states that there would be two signatures on checks over \$500.00. The auxiliary voted yes to this.

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I just returned from the 2018 IVFA Convention held in Indianapolis. I would like to congratulate all of the award winners: Mr. IVFA - Larry Curl, Lois Boaz - Bev Lockwood, Miriam Schaekel - Joyce Nevil.

2018 Miss Flame Arizona Pribble - District 15, Runner-up Kearsten Cox - District 8B, Miss Congeniality Kilee Littrel - District 14.

Mary Mackin Essay Award winners: Kaylee Hans - District 1, Arizona Pribble - District 15.

Poster Winners: Most Original - Bailey Sheley - District 6, Best Presentation - Rose Adams - District 4, Best Story told about herself - Shelby Butler - District 21, The Penny Vote - Rose Adams - District 4.

I would like to thank Bailey Sheley our District 6 Miss Flame. She did excellent representing District 6 and Ligonier Fire Department at our State Convention.

Our next District 6 meeting will be Tuesday, July 24th, 7 p.m. at Sparta Township Fire Department, Cromwell, please try to attend.

Please remember to look at our District 6 Face Book page to see what is going on in the district.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith

District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

The District 7 meeting was held on May 21 at Bluffton. They served us a very nice dinner before the meeting.

Our meeting was called to order by Joyce Nevil with the pledge to the flag. Roll call was 5 members and 1 guest.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Had not received the IVFAA minutes, so we discussed what we could remember about the meeting.

IVFAA would like for all Auxiliary to pay their dues by August 1. Dues are \$10.00 each member.

The men and women took up a collection for the Miss Flame project at convention. They are collecting items for the women's shelter. Bought sanitary napkins with the money, and toothbrushes and toothpaste was donated.

Chinese Auction - I had (2) Vera Bradley bags; the women picked the one they liked best and slippery. Dale Gray donated a bird feeder. Thanks Dale; I painted it red and added bird feed.

Next meeting at Chester Twp. F.D. Aug. 16. Dinner at 7 p.m.

Next meetings: September 17 at Decatur F.D., November 19, at Geneva.

District 7 Chairman

Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,

Welcome to better warmer weather.

Hope this finds everyone happy and doing well. The weather is great.

We just got back from convention in Indianapolis. I hope everyone had a good time, we did. It's always nice to be with old friends and make new ones.

Zoey Lawson represented us as Miss Flame. She is a sweetie!

Our last district meeting was in Linton Twp. We had a lovely lunch and we presented two men with 50 year Gold cards and pins. It was a nice day. Thanks, Linton Twp., for providing such a nice event.

The women met later and we discussed dues that are due.

We talked about awards for convention and things going on in IVFAA.

Our next meeting will be July 15, 2018 at Prairieton, IN at 1:00 p.m.

Until next time,

District 11A chairman

Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Greetings ladies!

Hope you are enjoying the warm weather we are having.

We just got back from the IVFA Convention in Indianapolis held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It was good to see so many of our friends and extended family as the IVFA & IVFAA are a wonderful organization to belong to.

Congratulations to all the winners this year! District 19 had Beth Caudill as IVFAA Chaplain, Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky as IVFA Chaplain, Ed Scheele as Public Relations for Southeast and the Angel Award to Jefferson-Craig's Brittany Cole See. Also congratulations to all other winners. Hope to see everyone next year at Michigan City.

We had our IVFAA meeting on May 8th at Sunman Fire Dept. Had a nice grill out and time with those who attended. Our next IVFAA district meeting will be held on August 14th at Blooming Grove at 7:00. Please try to attend if possible.

Hope everyone will have a great summer and enjoy time with family and friends. If you have any

questions or concerns please feel free to contact me as my name and number are in the paper.

May God Bless our organization and all the many members with good health!

Pam Gerdowsky

District 19

Proud to be Mr. IVFA

Mr. IVFA Award: 2018

At our 2018 IVFA State Convention I had the honor of being named the 2018 MR. IVFA. I am extremely humbled by receiving this honor and at the same time completely shocked that so many would think I am deserving of the same.

As I sat at the head table (after being told by President Holcomb a couple of times that I did not have to be at the head table during the opening session) but chose to sit with my wife who was seated at the head table, I now know why he wanted me in the audience.

That is where the Mr. IVFA selection committee usually circles the recipient and surprises them with this high honor. Sorry guys that you were not able to surround and walk me to the front, but surprise OMG, I did not realize I was the recipient of this award until Richard Glant actually walked up on the stage, jacket in hand and was very close to putting the jacket on me, yes surprised I was.

For those of you who know me, I am usually very business-like, straight forward (most of the time) type of guy and one who rarely shows emotions, and would have been okay that night until my whole family arrived, my wife Carol (who I was there with and who actually told me to stay seated when I leaned over and told her I would be back, I had some convention business to take care of and it was strongly suggested I should remain seated) our son Larry Jr., our daughter-in-law Becky, and our one and only granddaughter Kristen who came in from Alabama (and was staying at our home while we were at convention and again the reason I was told I should not go home when I suggested to Carol I had forgotten some paperwork) along with our daughter Kimberly, son-in-law Rob and one of our two grandsons William (the other grandson that many of you know, Evan, was at hockey camp in Ohio) all of which I am a very proud husband, father and grandfather to, well that was when the emotions showed.

No, I am not apologizing for that, just sharing how thankful and grateful I am that I am now able to join my many peers that have been afforded the opportunity (all listed on the website under awards) before me.

I will forever be proud to carry the title of Mr. IVFA – 2018 and to continue to promote IVFA on the behalf of our thousands of members.

Thank you all, and God Bless the IVFA.

Larry Curl

Proud Recipient

of the Mr. IVFA 2018 title

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

– submitted by Robert Uryga, District Chairman

Coolspring awards



Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department - left to right: Mike Lusco - Honor of Valor, Drew Belue - Honor of Valor, State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, Chief Mick Pawlick, Brandon French - Meritorious Service Award.

Coolspring 10 year pins



Coolspring 10 year pins – left to right: Dan Peo, Chuck Kolher, Joe Bunton, Mike Fredrichs, Jacob Bensch, Dan Hogen.

Resolution



50 Year Resolution from the State – Larry Curl to District 3 chairman Bob Uryga.

Coolspring baby box and rescuers



Coolspring baby box



Coolspring baby rescuers – Baby Hope 11-07-2017, Baby Grace 4-08-2018

Chief Mick Pawlik, Rick Bradford, Chuck Kolhen, Warren Smith - absent.

25 year pin



Long Beach VFD – District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga, Chief Dave Albers, 25 year pin.

Westville VFD 10 year pins received



District 3 Auxiliary Make & Take Board signs

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Receives 25 year pin



Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presenting Randy Young from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin. Not present but also receiving a 25 year pin was Gary DeVoss.



Fish and chicken fry held

On March 10th the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry at their station. Looks like the people are enjoying the food and fellowship.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Portland Fire Department holds annual awards banquet

Honored for fifty years of service



(At left) – Larry Curl honored Ernie Gierhart at the Portland Fire Department’s annual awards banquet on April 5th with a proclamation for his 50 years of service. Pictured from left to right – Mike Weitzel - Fire Chief, Larry Curl, Ernie Gierhart and Randy Geeseman, Mayor of Portland.



(At right) – Pictured is Lloyd E. Wright presenting Ernie with his Gold card and pin.



The Portland Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on April 5th at their station. Those receiving awards (at left) were Jason White for 20 years, Mike Thomas for 30 years and Mike Aker for 45 years. Pictured (from left to right) – Jason White, Mike Thomas, Mike Aker and Lloyd E. Wright. (Pictured at right)



– Mitch Southworth and Mike Weitzel received their year pin. (Pictured from left) are Mike Southworth, Mike Weitzel and Lloyd E. Wright.

Skiver honored for 40 years of fire service



On January 2, 2018 Steve Skiver was honored for his 40 years of service with the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented him with a certificate for his 40 years of service. The department held a little party for him and his family presented him with a fire helmet that they had decorated up for him. Thanks for your service, Steve. (Editor’s note: due to a misspelling submitted to the paper, this article is being re-printed. We apologize to Mr. Skiver for any inconvenience this may have caused.)

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Parker City VFD awards service pins



At Parker City Volunteer Fire Department March monthly meeting District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Seth Davis with his 10 year pin. Pictured from left to right – Seth Davis and Lloyd E. Wright.



Aaron Hammond was honored for his 20 years of fire service. Pictured from left to right – Aaron Hammond and Lloyd E. Wright.



Marcus England was honored for his 15 years of service. Pictured from left to right – Marcus England and Lloyd E. Wright.

Ground breaking ceremony held for new fire station



On May 16, 2018 the Blountsville/Stoneyville Volunteer Fire Department held their ground-breaking ceremony for their new fire station. Pictured are some of the firefighters and the Auxiliary members.



New grass truck

Eaton Volunteer Fire Department takes delivery of a new grass truck. It is a Ford with a front spray. They were able to pick it up and drive it home from the FDIC event.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman

Twelve Mile firemen build helping a brother



On June 4, 2018 a group of Twelve Mile Fire Department members helped one of their brothers.

Bryant Liming was injured in a car crash late in May and when it was time for him to come home, he was going to be in a wheelchair for awhile.

Alan Liming, Bryant's father did not have to ask more than once and a ramp was built in one evening for him. That's how things are done in the Fire Service; we all help each other and others!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman

Zook receives 50 year Gold card



John Zook with his Galveston Fire Department Family, John received his 50 Year Gold Card on May 14, 2018.

New fire station



Members of the Delphi Tri Township District 9A in front of their new Station. Dedication on April 21, 2018.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

Randy Denton, District Chairman – Submitted by Corrie D. Myers, Chief, Morocco Fire Department

Fire department responds to several house fires

June 16, 2018

At 09:39 a.m. this morning, June 16, 2018 Newton County 911 Center received an emergency call from Gregory Robinson reporting his residence at 414 North Main Street, Morocco, to be on fire. Robinson and his infant son were home at the time of the fire and exited the home safely. Morocco Fire was dispatched with automatic aid from Brook Fire Department at 09:40 a.m. Lake Township Volunteer Fire Department were also requested to the scene for additional personnel. Fire personnel arrived on-scene 09:48 a.m. and found smoke and flames coming from the bedroom window. An initial attack was made and the fire was contained to the bedroom of origin and extinguished. The bedroom sustained heavy fire damage and the remainder of the house sustained significant smoke damage. Firefighters extinguished the fire and assured there was no fire extension to void spaces between walls within an hour. Eight apparatus were present, with sixteen firefighters from three area fire departments. Departments were on-scene for approximately three hours.

Robinson rents the property and resides there with his wife and two children. Robinson and his wife, Katelyn are both firefighters of the Morocco Fire Department. The couple do not have renter's insurance, however, the property is insured by the homeowner.

Foul play is not suspected and the cause of the fire is believed to be electrical in nature, starting in a window air conditioning unit then spreading to a nearby mattress. The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office has been requested to investigate the cause and origin of the fire per department policy. The investigation will be completed by the Fire Marshal's Office on Monday.

Morocco Fire Department was assisted on-scene by Brook Fire Department, Lake Township Fire Department, Newton County Ambulance Service, Newton County Sheriff's Department and NIPSCO.

JUNE 19 -- FIRE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED FROM JUNE 16'S MOROCCO STRUCTURE FIRE:

A cause and origin investigation for June 16's structure fire at 414 North Clay Street, Morocco, was completed today with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. The State Fire Marshal investigators determined the fire started as a result of a malfunctioning internal component of an air conditioner. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental. The residence, which was occupied by two firefighters of the Morocco Volunteer Fire Department, sustained significant fire damage to the bedroom or origin and heavy smoke damage throughout the remainder of the house.

June 30, 2018

AIR CONDITIONERS CAUSE TWO HOUSE FIRES, FIREWORKS CAUSE A THIRD

Morocco Fire Department has responded to three residential structure fires in June. The first fire on June 16, 2018 at 414 North Clay Street caused by an air conditioner. The second fire on June 20, 2018 at 520 West Sunshine Drive was caused by fireworks. A third fire yesterday June 29, 2018 at 204 West Beaver Street was caused by an air conditioner.

On Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 5:04 p.m., a fire was reported at 520 West Sunshine Drive. Morocco and Brook Fire Departments were dispatched to respond. On arrival of fire personnel at 5:13 p.m. firefighters found smoke coming from the attic area of the house. The fire was brought under control at 5:30 p.m. The house is rented by the Fourness family. The property owner, Arlyn Walters of Cedar Lake carried an insurance policy on the residence. A nineteen-year-old and fifteen-year-old were home when the fire started. On investigation, it was reported that a firework was lit in an attached

garage, went off and was unable to be located. The firework landed in a nearby tote causing the contents in it to start on fire, which then spread to a nearby wall. Occupants of the home safely evacuated and there were no injuries. Fire personnel were on-scene until 6:46 p.m. Morocco Fire Department was assisted by Brook Fire Department and Newton County Ambulance Service.

On Friday, June 29, 2018 at 7:42 p.m. a fire was reported at 204 West Beaver Street, Morocco. On the arrival of fire personnel at 7:49 p.m. smoke was found coming from the second story of the residence and a fire was located in the hallway of the second floor. The fire was brought under control at 8:00 p.m. The house is owned by Ryan and Katie Lucas who reside there with their three children. No one was home when the fire started and there were no injuries. On investigation, the fire was determined to have started from an internal component of a window air conditioner unit. The second floor of the residence sustained significant fire and smoke damage. The first floor of the residence sustained minor smoke and water damage. The residence is insured. Fire personnel were on-scene until 10:44 p.m. Morocco Fire Department was assisted by Brook and Lake Township Fire Departments as well as Newton County Ambulance Service, Morocco Police Department and the Newton County Sheriff's Department.

(Information on the fire on June 16, 2018 at 414 North Main Street was previously released.)

With the warm weather, we are strongly encouraging residents to keep the following in mind with window air conditioner units:

- Clean air inlets/outlets, vents and drains.
- Clean/replace filters.
- Use grounded plugs and electrical outlets.
- Strongly recommend to not use extension cords. However, if necessary, assure extension cord is rated to handle the needed current to supply an air conditioner unit.
- Unplug electric devices when

not in use.

- Allow device downtime -- do not run all day, every day.
- Have units professionally maintained.
- Replace units that are old.

– Keep area around air conditioner clear of items that may catch or spread fire (drapes, blinds, bed mattresses, or other furnishings.)

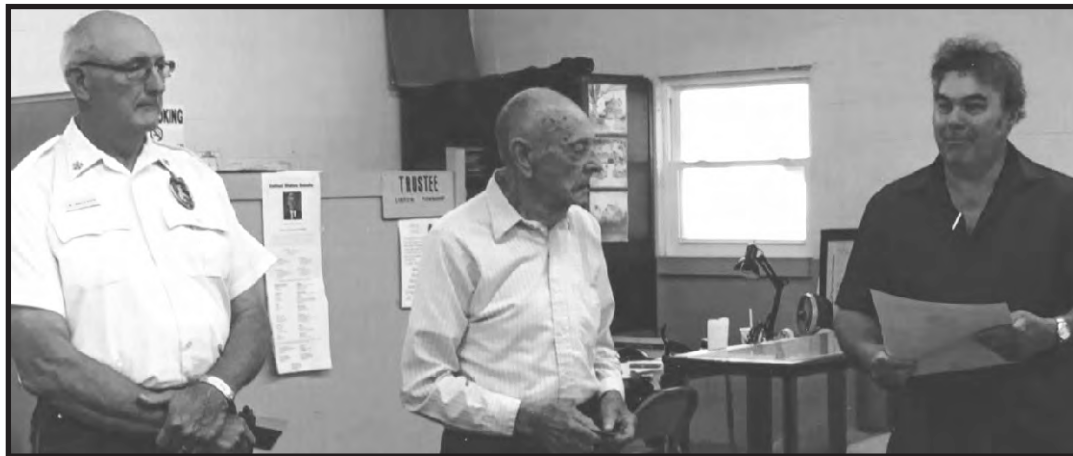


*submitted by
Corrie D. Myers
Chief
Morocco
Fire Department*

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Linton Twp. awards pins for years of service



Bill Nicoson and Bob Myers received their 50 year Gold card and pins on May 20, 2018 at Linton Twp. Bruce Borders read their resolution.

Pictured (left to right): Bill Nicoson, Bob Myers and Bruce Borders.

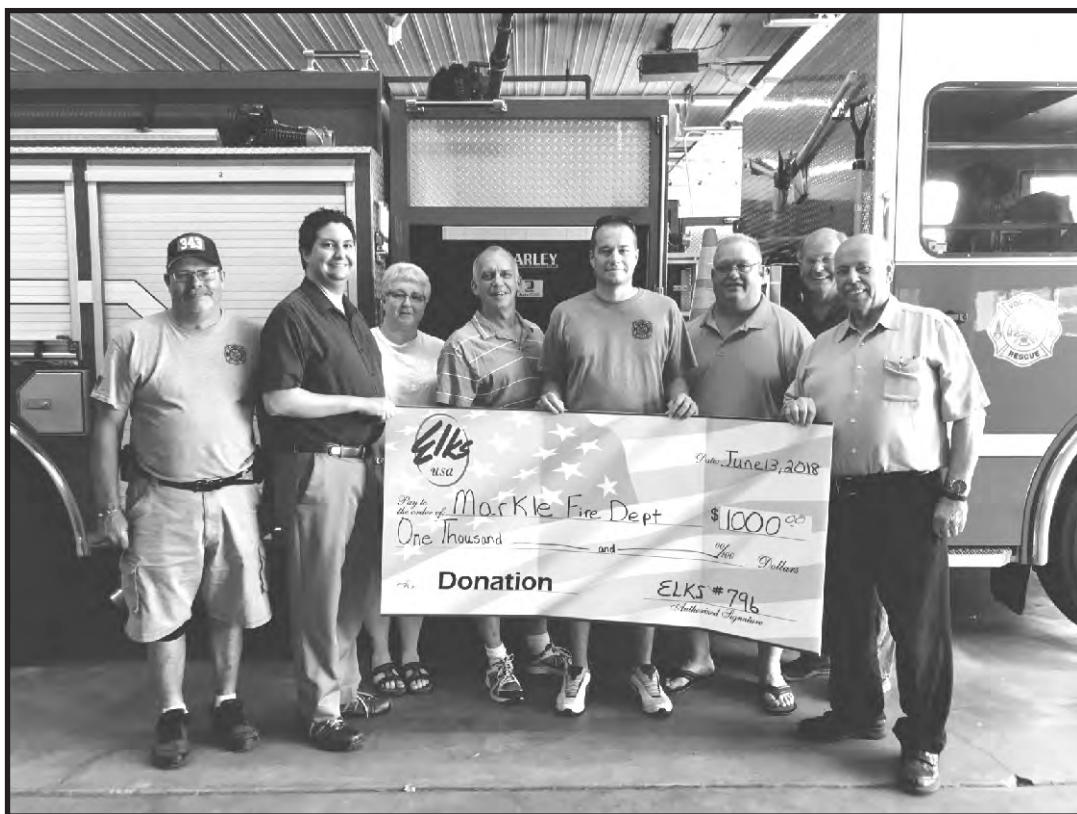


William Altvater from Linton Twp. received his 25 year pin on May 20, 2018. Pictured (left to right) – Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A and William Altvater.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

Mike Dzuba, District Chairman – submitted by Jon Gray, Assistant Chief Markle VFD

Elks Lodge makes donation to Markle VFD



Pictured from left to right: Captain of Markle Fire Dept. Eric Pike, Cody Weikel, Nancy Yates, Brad Hartman, AssiStant Chief of Markle Fire Dept. Jon Gray, Rowdy Yates, Jim Mettler, Ralph Miller.

The Bluffton Elks Lodge #796 made a donation in the amount of \$1000.00 to the Markle Volunteer Fire Department on June 13th, 2018. The donation was used to purchase a backup camera for the fire department’s main engine and a television and computer to operate a new response system, Iamresponding. The backup camera was something the department needed to help with safety concerns. This will allow drivers to see what is directly behind the truck while backing up.

Iamresponding is a web-based program that links to all firefighter’s smart phones and allows them to respond electronically to a television in the station. This leads to decreased response times. By being able to glance at the T.V. while entering the station and donning gear, the firemen can determine which members are responding to the station and which members are responding to the scene. By knowing this information, a truck can roll out the door much quicker. There are also many other features of this program that help with the day-to -day job of being a firefighter.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

District 14 Fair Play Fire Department awards 25 year pins



Pictured left to right are:
Ken Washer,
Rick Cannon - District 14 chairman
and Tony Wilson

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

- submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Fifty year Gold cards presented



(Top left) - Charles G. Rasico / Loogootee VFD

(Top right) - Conrad L. Edwards / Lyons VFD

(Bottom left) - James Johnson / Sandbor VFD



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Miss Congeniality
Kilee Littrell
District 14 - North Vernon VFD

Mary Mackin Award winners



Kaylee Hans
District 1
Lake Station VFD



Arizona Pribble
District 15
Chandler VFD

Charlie Baker reading memorial names for the last time



Charlie and Linda Baker have served the IVFA for many years and after this year have told us they choose to retire from the service as organist and name reader. God Bless You Both!

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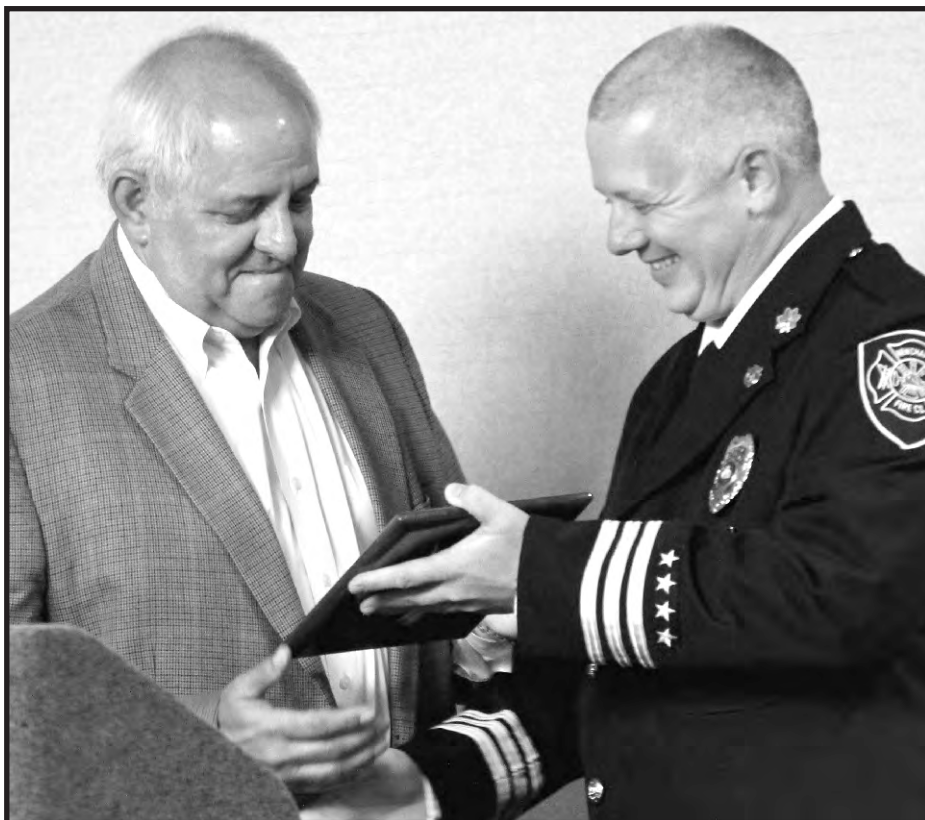
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Convention Highlights . . .

Convention Plaque(s) presented



Vice President David Israel and President Paul Holcomb



Lobbyist Larry Curl and President Paul Holcomb



Every year fire departments are encouraged to do more and more to educate their customers about prevention whether it be for fires or medical assistance. And, every year there is the search for funding and cost effective/ proven programs to help with their initiative(s).

Vision 20/20; National Strategies for Fire Loss Prevention is a project aimed at gathering the "best practices" from agencies around the country, and providing resources to make your program development easier. Two of those resources, the Fire Safety Materials Generator, and the CRR Guide can be found on their phenomenal web-site at strategicfire.org.

The Materials Generator helps you design whatever type of printed materials you want to use for your program in your community. You select the message, and the type of material; flyer, door hanger, activity guide, refrigerator card. Then, put in your logo and message and it's ready to print. They even have proven and tested messages for use on hand-outs and on social media.

If you are unsure about a program or have a problem or a risk you want to inform the public about, you can search the many programs that were presented at the Vision 20/20 symposiums to see if someone else already has a program you can adopt. You can read about the program, listen to the presentation, make contact

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

– submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Mr. IVFA 1994



John J. Johnson, Bloomfield VFD, celebrates his 86th birthday with family and friends.



California Casualty

Home Inventory: Make it Now!

Who needs to do a home inventory? You do. As we enter into fire, tornado and storm season, don't be like the homeowner who couldn't replace a rare set of china or the firefighter lamenting the loss of his prized rifle and gun collection. Both were heartbroken after a recent wildfire destroyed both of their homes. They knew they should have made an inventory of their possessions but hadn't yet done it. They are not alone. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners found [59 percent](#) of us have yet to make a record of everything they own. This can lead to real problems if you should ever be burglarized or impacted by a fire, tornado or other disaster. Lack of proper documentation could delay a claim. In fact, insurance companies want some proof of the items you owned and homeowners insurance claims are processed 50-to-100 percent faster when customers have done a home inventory. The Insurance Information Institute finds those who have a [complete home inventory](#) have a better idea of the appropriate amount of insurance they need, what possessions need special scheduled personal property protection (or floaters) to help replace expensive items, and can also verify losses for income tax purposes. So, what should you include? Everything you own. Think about:

- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Light fixtures
- ✓ Personal care items
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Carpeting
- ✓ Sports equipment
- ✓ Washer and dryer
- ✓ Dining room table and china cabinet
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ Kitchen items, silverware and appliances
- ✓ Beds and linens
- ✓ Yard and garden tools
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Clothing

Don't forget to take pictures of the exterior of your home from all sides including the landscaping and any decks or porches, all the stuff in the garage, attic or basement (holiday ornaments, lawn and yard equipment, tools).

The Insurance Information Institute has a comprehensive checklist and guide at www.iii.org/brochures/home-inventory.html, as well as a link to free online software to complete and store your household checklist at www.knowyourstuff.org. Another great resource for creating a home inventory you can store on your mobile device with a downloadable app can be found at www.insureuonline.org/insureu_getready_newhome.htm.

Don't be overwhelmed. Having a plan, being methodical and using the online guides will make what seems an impossible task possible. Try organizing your items by rooms, by type or by hobby.

Once you have your inventory, don't forget to update it. More than half of those who have completed the task say they have never added new items that they've purchased. You should update the list:

- Anytime you move
- After a remodel and upgrade
- Following holidays when major purchases are usually made
- After expensive purchases like HD TVs, new sound systems, etc.

Also, make copies of your list and store it in a safe deposit box, in the Cloud or with a close friend or family member.

Now that you are you prepared, it's also a good time to get your home insurance up-to-date. Call a California Casualty advisor today for a free policy review and comparison at 1.800.800.9410, or visit www.calcas.com/IVFA. They will make sure you are getting the professional discounts and benefits you qualify for as a firefighter:

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Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award



Jamey Noel

Jamey Noel began his volunteer career at Utica Twp. Fire Dept. as a volunteer firefighter in 1987. In 1991 he was promoted to Assistant Chief and then Chief in 1993. Jamey and his wife Misty Jackson-Noel live in Jeffersonville and have four daughters. Jamey knows that being a living example for his kids is the best way to teach the importance of community involvement.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Robert (Bobby) Brown, District Chairman / submitted by Heather McGlockin

Twenty five year pins awarded



David Harder, 25 year pin (38 years of service).



Kenneth Sanders, 25 year pin (34 years of service).



Cameron Wolf, 25 year pin (44 years of service).

Not pictured - Kevin Boyd, 25 year pin (27 years of service).

Legislator of the Year



State Representative Tom Saunders

Each year the IVFA attempts to select one State Legislator who shows a willingness and dedication to supporting us, our members and the communities we all serve. This year we have two – They both worked on our behalf during the 2018 Session.

State Representative Tom Saunders - representing House District 54 including all of Henry County, a large portion of Rush County and parts of northwestern Wayne County in Central Indiana. Representative Saunders is a former volunteer firefighter himself in Lewisville, IN.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

submitted by Joe DeKemper - District Chairman

District 18 convention highlights



District 18 Miss Flame Aubrey Ruxer & District Chair Joe DeKemper



Members of the 18th District at Convention



Pictured at right – 18th District Bridgeport recipients - (Left) Jessica Bertke of St. Meinrad, Joe DeKemper, (right) Emma Hurst of St. Anthony.

10, 25 and 50 year pins awarded



Nick Yearby, Chrisney Vol. Fire was presented with a 10 year pin on 5/17/18 district meeting by Chairman Joe DeKemper.



Riley Schwoeppe, St. Henry Vol. Fire Dept. was presented a 10 year pin on 5/17/18 district meeting by Chairman Joe DeKemper.



Phil Jones was presented a 10 year pin by chairman Joe DeKemper.



Phillip Young, Cannelton VFD, 10 year pin presented by Joe DeKemper.



James Maffia, 25 year pin - Cannelton VFD presented by District 18 Chairman Joe DeKemper.



50 year pin and resolution presented to Henry Bruggeman, Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. May 17th district meeting by Chairman Joe DeKemper and State lobbyist Larry Curl.

2019 Convention June 12-15 Michigan City, Indiana

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Stephen Macke, District Chairman / article submitted by Pam Gerdowsky, IVFAA District 19 chairman

Firefighters and EMTs recognized

DIANE RAVER
THE HERALD-TRIBUNE
Friday, January 19, 2018

FIRST RESPONDERS GATHER -- Several firefighters and emergency medical technicians were honored during the Batesville Fire & Rescue annual awards ceremony January 13 at the Batesville Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Current members and retirees were in attendance.

"2017 was a busy year," Chief Todd Schutte revealed. "We had 241 fire calls and 1,057 EMS runs ... with \$1.2 million in fire losses" compared to \$106,000 in 2016.

Emergency personnel battled a big blaze in February when an apartment complex caught fire. In December, they dealt with one a little closer to home when an ambulance caught fire at the station.

Throughout the year, "Everybody did a great job. You all need to be commended," he said.

Mayor Mike Bettice added, "The city is very blessed to have such a dedicated group."

Service awards were presented to Adam Rynn and Casey Schomber, 10 years; and Scott Davidson, 15 years.

Steve Macke, who retired after 39 years with the department, was recognized. The chief announced, "He has always been vigilant about coming up to the fire house" after work.

Fighting back tears, Macke

said, "I didn't think this day was going to come as quick as it did. I had fun with everybody I am still going to come around."

Three others were also honored: Matt Hertel, Fire Chief's Award; Donovan Imel, EMT of the Year; and Casey Schomber, Firefighter of the Year.

Jason Smith, Indiana Department of Homeland Security Office of the State Fire Marshal EMS district manager, presented two special awards. He read a letter that Schutte sent to the state fire marshal: "On behalf of Batesville Fire & Rescue, I am honored to request your consideration to award the Medal of Valor to firefighters Andrew Gerdowsky and Trevor Fischmer for their on-duty heroism during a structure fire on February 6, 2017.

"Firefighters Gerdowsky and Fischmer went above and beyond the call of duty when they entered the fully engulfed apartment complex and located 12-year-old Jose Saldana who was unconscious due to smoke inhalation ... (they) completed the rescue within moments, and the patient was transported to a Cincinnati hospital.

"Jose spent two days in the hospital before being released. Upon his return to Batesville, Andrew and Trevor met with Jose and his family to wish him well and present a customary blanket.

"The apartment was ruled a total loss and the fire displaced nine families. The community rallied and raised more than

\$40,000 within one week for those affected by the fire.

"Our company is only as strong as the men and women who serve. The brave and urgent response of the two firefighters allowed Jose to make a full recovery, return to school and live out his dreams in a happy and healthy manner.

"Andrew Gerdowsky is an 18-year veteran of Batesville Fire & Rescue and is the proud husband of Christine, and they have three children. Seven-year veteran Trevor Fischmer and his wife Natasha welcomed their first child in 2016."

Smith reported, "The fire marshal (Jim Greeson) wanted me to send his deepest congratulations and support."

Schutte also thanked Steve Macke and Randy Merkel who "worked on the little boy (Saldana) on the way to the hospital."

Firefighter Corey Fletcher expressed his gratitude to the chief for all his hard work. "This man never ever gets enough recognition. He's one of the best guys I've ever met."

Addressing the firefighters and EMTs, Schutte replied, "You're only as good as those with you. It's all of you who make me who I am."

(Editor's Note: This article and photo was re-printed with permission from Diane Raver, Herald-Tribune, June 5, 2018.)

Fire February 6, 2017

Pictured (in the above photo) is a proud dad with his son Andy



receiving Medal of Valor on January 13, 2018.

45 year firefighter Ski Gerdowsky with son Andy, an 18 year volunteer firefighter with the Batesville Fire Department.

(At right) Jason Smith, assistant State Fire Marshal is shown giving the Medal of Valor Award to Andy Gerdowsky for rescuing a twelve-year-old from a burning apartment fire on February 6, 2017.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Stephen Macke, District Chairman / article submitted by Pam Gerdowsky, IVFAA District 19 chairman



Medal of Valor recipients

Medal of Valor recipients Trevor Fischmer and Andy Gerdowsky (fourth and fifth from left) were congratulated by (from left) Brian Hardebeck, Cory Fletcher, Mayor Mike Bettice, Jason Smith and Todd Schutte. *(photo by Diane Raver - The Herald-Tribune and re-printed with permission from Diane Raver, Herald-Tribune, June 5, 2018).*



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
Jeremy	D.	Shank	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD
Christopher	G.	Yoakum	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD

Awarded 50 year pin



IVFAA president Carol Curl awarding Viola Bruns with her 50 year IVFAA pin.

Ten year pin



Jared Meinders receiving his 10 year pin.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Stephen Macke, District Chairman

Forty years of fire service



Chairman Stephen Macke, Robert Schutte - 40 year active member of Delaware Fire.



Members of Delaware Fire receiving the 40 years of service certificate

Receives 25 year pin

(Pictured at right) – Martin Bush receiving his 25 year pin.



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OCTOBER 5, 2018

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EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016

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Don Cushman II - PREC**

Convention Highlights . . .

Hoosier Burn Camp Fundraiser Auction



2018 IVFA HBC AUCTION

Pictured above – Auctioneer Rob Vestal working the crowd.
At right – Miss Flames working with Rob.



Thanks to Diane Harrison for organizing this event and Auctioneer Rob Vestal with Vestal Auction Service out of Versailles, IN (who donated his time to the cause) and with the help of our Miss Flames the Auction raised over \$8,000 to help provide life-changing experiences for young people who have suffered the physical and emotional trauma associated with a severe burn injury...

Vendors Showcase



More than 30 inside table top displays were exhibited at this year's Vendor Showcase.

2018 Miss Flame and Her Court



Fire . . .

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with the presenters and put your program together.

Funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program have made much of Vision 20/20 possible.

After all, your agency is responsible for reducing risk in your community which in turn saves lives and property. Why not make your community safer with the help of CRR people from around the country.

Visit strategicfire.org to help you make a difference. It's free. The resources are free.

If you want further information about Vision 20/20 and how it can help you and your agency, contact; Dave Cherrone, Fire Marshal, Clay Fire Territory at 272-2144.

Because fire is everyone's fight.

Keynote speaker for the 2018 Convention was Fire Chief Bobby Halton. Ret., he is currently editor-in-chief of Fire Engineering Magazine and Education Director of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC).

November deadline: October 5, 2018

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Convention Highlights . . .

Junior Firefighter Award

Bridgeport Scholarship Winners



Brittney Groomer - District 17B

Daughter of Tracey Pfaff and Tommy Groomer, step-daughter of Clint Pfaff. Brittney also was awarded the Global Award from her district.



Adam Cron

Adam Cron from District 15, son of Wendell and Tracey Cron from Chandler Vol. Fire Dept. will be attending Vincennes University in the field of Career Firefighter/Paramedic.



Jessica Bertke

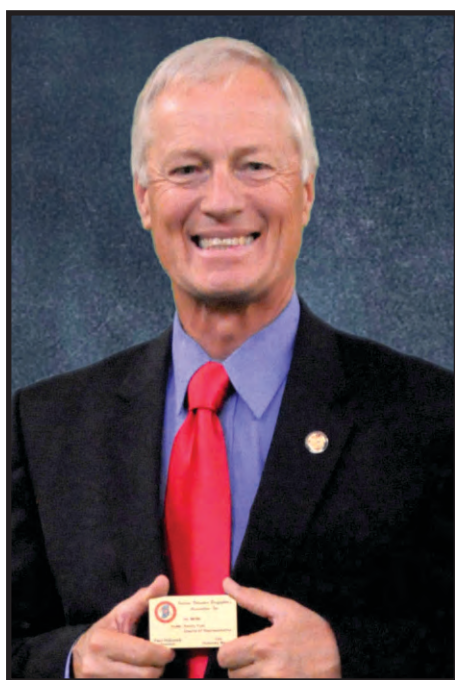
Jessica Bertke from District 18, daughter of David and Ruth Bertke of St. Meirand Vol. Fire Dept. will be attending University of Southern Indiana for Nursing.



Emma Hurst

Emma Hurst also from District 18. Emma Hurst, daughter of Jon and Julia Hurst of St. Anthony Vol. Fire Dept. will be attending Indiana State University in the field of Elementary Education/Special Needs.

Honorary Lifetime Member



Gold Card presented to State Representative Randy Frye – Representative Frye represents House District 67 which includes all of Ripley, Ohio and Switzerland counties and sections of Decatur, Jennings, Jefferson and Dearborn counties in southeastern Indiana. He served with the Indianapolis Fire Department before retiring and after being elected to the Indiana General Assembly.

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2019 convention June 12-15 Michigan City, IN

- NOTICE -

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.



WHAT COUNTY ARE THE MOST PLATES SOLD IN?

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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.