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News You Can Use... Convention 2020

By now everyone knows the 74th Annual IVFA State Convention due to be hosted by District 15 June 15 – 18 in Evansville was one of many changes in our life due to the COVID – 19, but all may not be lost as your State Convention Committee is working on a modified version to save the 74th Annual Convention.

Yes, you are reading this right, there is still hope that we can all come together and attend an IVFA State Convention in 2020.

So, as of the reading of this information in your IVFA quarterly newspaper, tentative plans are being addressed by the IVFA State Convention Committee to host a modified convention in November, possible in the same location as the 2018 State Convention, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel, 2501 S. High School Road. We will update you as soon as we have more definite information.

So what does the word modified mean; according to Webster – make partial or minor changes to something and in terms of a State Convention that is what we hope shall occur.

While we will not be hosting the “normal” three day event with all the pageantry you would find in the annual convention, there are events / activity that are required by Bylaw or SOG and some that we owe to you as members; so the State Convention Committee will review the proposed 2020 June Convention Schedule and modify and adjust it to cover at least those events that are required or suggested to occur annually.

Some possible activity may include:

- Annual Meeting of the Members (both IVFA and IVFAA)
- Memorial Service
- Banquet
- Award Presentations
- Selecting a Miss Flame

And more importantly is the opportunity to meet and greet old friends that you might only see once a year as well as make new ones; so please keep the weekend of Nov. 6 – 8 open and plan to join us for what we are calling the IVFA (modified) State Convention 2020. We might just roll into this event the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and Convention 2020 all at the same time as an IVFA / IVFAA family.

We will update you as soon as possible about Date, Time, Location, Registration, and Schedule. Let's not let Covid – 19 steal our 2020 State Convention if we can salvage it in some modified fashion.

Your State Convention Committee



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From the State House to the Fire House



by
Larry
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Greetings: Leadership, Fellow Firefighters, EMTs and all IVFA & IVFAA members,

Where should we start? Since the last newspaper I think we have all learned what staying home really means. For some much more than others; it's like living in your own world, and living and conducting business and conversations via phone, conference call and those instantly famous "ZOOM" meetings. For some being able to look at who you're talking to via computer is no problem but for others (me) it's still like technology beyond reality.

As well, for some of us it has given us a new look at doing things that we have put off, not done, didn't even know needs to be done or maybe even a chance to challenge ourselves to new and different time-consuming opportunities.

I had mentioned to a friend of mine in Maryland that I was going to spend some quality time (now that I had nothing better to do) in gardening. I have always attempted to have a small often not cared for backyard garden, but his come back to me was simple, a challenge to see who could grow the largest pumpkin.

I was not even considering

growing pumpkins; don't like pumpkin pie, no kids at home to share Halloween with and no need for jack-o'-lanterns, so why grow something that has no garden value to me. Well, I am always up to a challenge, so yes, I now have vines all over my garden & back yard as I have not only planted pumpkins I choose to attempt watermelon and gourds as well. I searched out a couple of variety of pumpkins and I now have Connecticut Field or Big Tom pumpkins growing but I also have a variety called Big Max. Now you would think with names like Big Tom & Big Max I might have a chance, we'll see.

So after the challenge was on I just decided to expand my gardening skills from a few items to way too many with a wide selection and variety of vegetables so what once was a hobby has now become a part time job spending several hours per day, planting, weeding, pampering, watching them grow and did I mention weeding, and even some days more weeding. Weeds will grow where and when nothing else will. Oh yeah, forgot to mention staying awake at night trying to figure out what to do next to keep the pesky little varmints like squirrels and

rabbits from having first choice at all the vegetables even before they are ready. I thought living in the city I would not have that challenge but guess what, they have no boundaries and any backyard garden will do.

During the past few months the IVFA and our members have had some very difficult decisions to make regarding the new environment we live in like cancelling all District meetings, cancelling the June State Convention, and the Quarterly Officers' Meetings. Many of you have had to cancel your regularly scheduled fundraising activities and possibly your department meetings. Communications is paramount to the service we deliver and even though we have not been able to communicate face-to-face it is important that we have had and continue to have some open lines of communications. Reach out to your membership, your community, your family and friends just to see if there is anything you might be able to assist them with, like a suggestion of good gardening.

I know everyone no doubt has become very familiar with the term "covid-19", "coronavirus" or the many other names given to the medical issue that is now

ruling the world. So where are we really headed, where are we going to end up, how are we going to get there and when or will it ever end. These seem to be the questions that we all are asking but not sure anyone has the true answers to. The one thing we all do know is, it's here, it's real, and it's bad.

Many of us have now tracked this for months following the CDC, the ISDH - Novel Coronavirus: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and Indiana Department of Homeland Security websites as well as calls and communications regarding what to do, how to manage, and what protections to use. I guess the most disturbing (but certainly understanding since this is new and no one really understands it) is the ever changing thoughts and suggestions as to what to do. The couple of items that has remained consistent are the washing of your hands frequently and the social distancing. The wearing of face coverings on the other hand seems to be all over the place, wear them to protect others, to now wearing them to protect yourself and others. So I hope we all use good judgment and even if we error on the side of wearing it and someday find out it was not needed or did not help, it probably did not hurt us, I intend to wear mine just as a precaution. Scary stuff but it's here and we all must deal with it.

There are a few items that we, the IVFA are still actively engaged in, like the Ivy Tech public safety scholarship

program where you could receive free tuition simply by serving your community as a volunteer fire fighter or emergency medical technician. To learn more about this opportunity simply visit the IVFA website@ivfa.org or ask your District Chairman or Public Relations Director for more information. This is still a great tool to use for your recruitment program. If you attempt to apply and are told the campus you are talking with has never heard of it, or does not know anything about it, please make note of the location, date, time, and if possible a name of the person or person(s) you might have talked to and call me. We need to hear about this case so we can attempt to get it taken care of and make sure you have every opportunity to get registered, enrolled, and on your way to a better education. It's "free" even though some think it's tax supported and coming out of the pockets of the taxpayers; that is not true, it is grant supported by Ivy Tech foundations, those who are willing to support good for good and common people like you and me. Don't pass up the opportunity afforded us, and use this as a positive recruitment tool for the members of our communities who might just need a little assistance in obtaining an advanced education.

You might have heard of the project the IVFA is working on that will show the tax savings to

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The advertisement shows a laptop screen displaying the INPAA website. The website header includes the INPAA logo, navigation links for Emergency Officials, Excavators, Public Officials, Pipeline Safety, Resources, and About, and links for Member Login and Contact. The main content area features a large image of a pipeline with the text "A Pipeline for Professionals" and "Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association".

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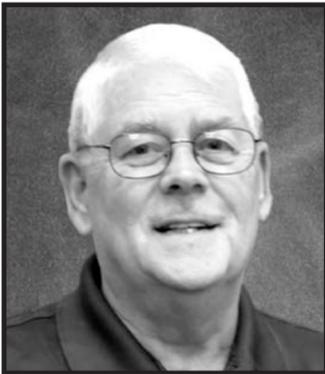
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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,
Since the last letter we have been hit by the virus which has shut everything almost completely down with no meetings. There will be no FDIC or IERC this year due to the virus. Our IVFA meetings will be starting up in July, hope to see you there.

The IVFA trailer is almost done and ready to use. The new wrap is on it with the LODD names on the front of it. My good friend Mick Losey came out and helped me to put everything back in it. It is going up north July 3 if I can get the new tires on it and ready to take up there. If you want to use it you need to call Don Cushman (317-440-3920) or Mike Dzuba (317-508-3762) to schedule the use of it.

I hope everyone stays safe this

summer and protect yourself from the virus.

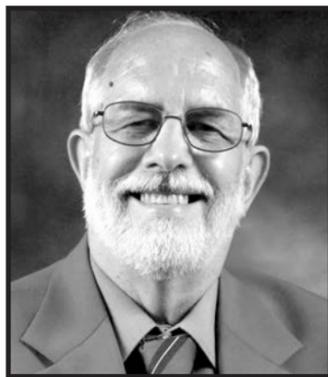
Steve Nolan, PRSW



[This is on the front of the IVFA trailer with new wrap.]

Steve Nolan, PRSW

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



Beginning July 1st, 2020 the Modular Firefighting System will no longer be a curriculum choice to conduct firefighting training. All firefighting training will follow the traditional pathway for certification through the mandatory firefighter program and/or the Firefighter I & II program.

The Mandatory, Firefighter I and Firefighter II programs have adopted the IFSTA 7th Edition Essentials of Firefighting.

New Haven Fire Muster: Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Parade at 10:00 a.m.) in the streets of historic downtown New Haven, IN.

DISPLAYS: Antique Fire Apparatus, new Fire Trucks and Ambulances, Police Vehicles (new this year), new Equipment Vendors, Firematic Flea Market, Extrication Demonstrations, Displays & Booths.

ACTIVITIES: Kid's Hose Sprays, Live Fire Props, Sparky the Fire Dog, Smokey the Bear, Special Needs Safety Training, Food Trucks.

COMPETITIONS: Waterball, Air Pack Donning, Kid's Combat Challenge.

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.

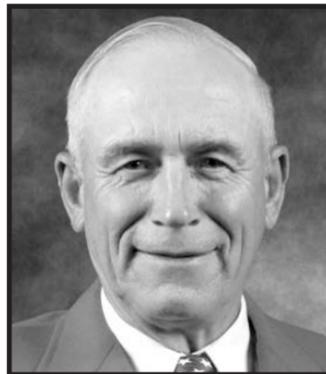
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Public Relations Director Southeast Ed Scheele



As I am writing this letter, the country is starting to open up some. Hope we will be able to have our July meetings and everything from then on will be okay. Everyone protect yourselves and stay safe.

I want to thank my many good friends for your prayers, cards, get well wishes and special gifts while I was in the hospital and since returning home. I am doing very well and getting back to normal.

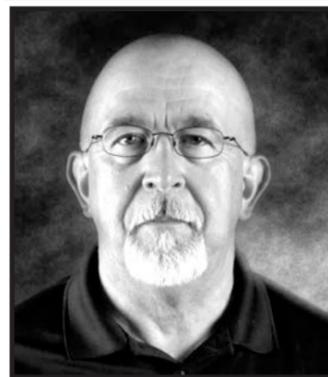
Thanks to Ryan, Chris and Elizabeth for your quick response and to my family and the Fire and EMS departments that made my return home so memorable and for your special gifts.

I have so many good friends in the Fire and EMS service and looking forward to making more.

Ed Scheele, PR Southeast

From The Vice-President

Jerry Liston



Who would have thought as we move into late summer our great state and country are still experiencing the effects of Coronavirus or COVID-19. Because of this, your association leaders have had to make some tough decisions over the last four months. One being the 2020 State Convention to be held in June in Evansville was postponed and will be held later this year. We are still working on the details and more information will be forthcoming once finalized.

We are starting to hold district meetings again across the state. The IVFA is following both the guidelines of the CDC and the State of Indiana, pertaining to

meetings and assembly of people.

When you are reading this article it is my hope that COVID-19 will be going away from all of us and we are back to normal operations soon. It has had major implications on all of us; not only in the fire service, but this nation and the whole world. With everyone's help, I hope we can see an end to this in the near future. In the firehouse during this pandemic you have seen big changes in the way you operate during responses and after you return. Each call could be classified as a hazmat event. Those hazards you face today cannot be seen and I hope you are taking all the necessary steps to keep you, your fellow firefighters and most importantly, your family safe.

But as first responders, we all know that when crap hits the fan, we are the ones who have to step up. Thankfully, all of you are stepping up and answering the call. This pandemic makes every call a life or death situation. So, wear your PPE and remember to practice social distancing so we get this mess over with sooner rather than later.

The District Global Award has become the MacQueen Excellence Award. The MacQueen Group changed the name after the purchase and buyout of Global Emergency Products. Our association looks forward to a long relationship with the MacQueen Group.

In closing, COVID-19 information changes daily. I urge each of you to maintain vigilance to continue the following suggested guidelines. I suggest that each of you and your agencies maintain a relationship with your County Board of Health or Emergency Management Agency until the virus goes away. Both departments have been good resources in my County during the pandemic.

If you have any questions or if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in the paper.

Please continue to be safe as you protect your citizens and make sure you take care of your own.

Jerry L. Liston
IVFA Vice President

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your local communities because of the services that you provide by volunteering to serve. We are very near the completion of this project and will be releasing the results in the upcoming months and the results will be "shocking". The District Chairman and Public Relations Director as well as all officers of the IVFA will be coming to the meetings to discuss this report. The information you receive from this report could be a "game changer" as to funding and supporting your department needs. We are currently in the final review and should be able to begin discussion on this report soon.

As of the reading of this article we should see the opportunity to begin hosting the district meetings again. This is your way of obtaining information, asking questions, learning and seeing the opportunities provided to you and your department as members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Please, please take advantage of these

opportunities but do so with some caution. Remember we are still being affected by the COVID-19 virus, so practice all the precautionary measures including frequently washing of your hands, wearing a face covering and social distancing and foregoing the ever popular custom of greeting with a handshake. This is not a time to be macho, this is a time to be safe. You cannot help others if others need to be helping you.

Let's talk legislation. As well as other cancellations the IVFA had to cancel our annual visit to the Nation's Capitol to discuss with our Congressional Members issues that have an impact on our serving, but we were able to communicate with a couple of them via conference calls. We have stayed in communications with some of our State Legislators as well.

The Indiana General Assembly will soon go back into full session for the 2020-2021 schedules. Normally during our state convention we start the discussion of legislative needs. Without that opportunity we need to get your input as to what

you see, what do you need, or what bills could possibly benefit our ability to serve our members and our communities. Although the "funding" of new bills will be very restrictive following our current status with the state budget, there are still those opportunities to address some issues and concerns that might improve our ability to serve. We need to begin our bill filing process quickly and your input and suggestions are encouraged.

If you have any suggestions please get them to your District Officers of State Leadership, you can contact a member of the IVFA State Legislative committee; names are found on the website under committees, or you can contact me, your state lobbyist (contact info in this paper) but please share your thoughts in ways that laws could and do affect the way we serve.

Lastly, rumor has it we might be looking at a modified convention for 2020. If that becomes a reality I hope to see many of you and have the opportunity to have some good and productive conversations about the service we all love so

much Volunteer Fire Service.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance, offer any thoughts, or help in any way to you, your service, and those you serve providing a more fire safe

surrounding.

Be safe, and be proud of the service you provide.

Larry Curl

Bridgeport Scholarship recipients announced

The Bridgeport committee has selected 3 recipients of the 2020 Scholarship Award. They are in District order:

>From District 2 is David L King, son of Bradley and Stacy King of Morgan Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Valparaiso going to Ivy-Tech-Valparaiso Campus in the field of Paramedic/Firefighter.

>From District 13A is Taylor L Mirowski, daughter/step of Robert Day and Sherry Day of #1 Green Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Greenfield going to Anderson University, Anderson, IN in the field of Nursing.

>From District 14 is Martin Ruiz-Bussey son of Rachel Bussey of New Washington Vol. Fire Dept., New Washington, going to Oakland City University in the field of Elementary Teacher with Special Needs.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK to all of the Scholarship Award winners, with success in all of your future endeavors, and "Thank You" to the parents for your service.

Past President/
Bridgeport Chairman
Richard Glant

Stay safe!!

When on a fire run remember ...

IT'S THE LAW - you must wear your seat belts in trucks.

When approaching an intersection, slow down and make sure the coast is clear.

When approaching an intersection and the traffic light is red -- STOP and make sure all of the traffic has seen you and has stopped before proceeding.

BE ALERT, BE CAREFUL -- our motto is everyone comes home. Think safety, safety, safety.

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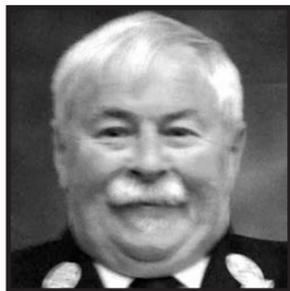
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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings everyone. Hello to all from up here in the northeast; summer is here and it is hot. Hope everyone has had a good summer so far. Since this pandemic is here, we have not been able to have district meetings since January. Hopefully this is cleared up so things can get to somewhat normal.

The next meeting as of this publication will be tentatively on September 28th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. As of this publication, we do not have a specific location. Have not been able to attend fundraisers in the district as almost all the departments have been forced to cancel or postpone their fundraisers and events due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

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 tentatively for Tuesday, September 28th, 2020 at 7:00 PM. 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 24th. Please visit the IVFA website (ivfa.org) as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted.

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

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DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A,

Summer is in the air. I hope all of you have been doing safe distancing with covid-19 and following the current state guidelines for hosting meetings. Starting in July they are going to let us start attending meetings again.

The next district meeting is at Sharpville VFD July 29, 2020 that will be the election of officers. Ivy Tech is a big topic; they are giving grants to volunteer firefighters for a two year scholarship to earn a degree.

This is a great recruitment and retention tool for volunteer fire departments.

The State Fire Marshal is Plainfield fire chief Joel Thacker.

I hope you are visiting District 8A Facebook page and the IVFA Facebook page. If you need anything please contact me.

District 8A
Rex Maynard

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

A Good Day to all IVFA members,

Summer has come and things are starting to get back to normal? That's a phrase I have heard a lot in last few months!

I am starting to get back to the departments with pins to be delivered and to see how all have made it thru the last few months. We still have a District 9A Miss Flame and she will be joining me when I do make it to your departments; this is pending her work, school and other activities.

The District has a new Chaplain, Mr. Thomas Keller,

Galveston Vol. Fire Dept., has stepped up to help with this and is more than willing to visit and talk with all of the departments. I want to thank all of the departments for another year as your District Chairman and hope that the next few months are better than the last few have been.

Thanks, Pascal Moon
District 9A Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

It's been a long three months without District meetings. I have made numerous phone calls to keep in contact by phone and e-mail with all departments. We had our first District meeting, July 15th at Hartsville VFD with state COVID 19 guidelines in place.

Connie and I have attended 2 drive-thru Fish Fries and 1 Chicken Fry. All departments noted that they were the best attended fund-raisers they have had. Community support has been awesome for those who stepped up to have these events during these uncertain times.

District 10 departments have been free of the COVID 19 virus for the most part. A few had 1 or 2 positive tests; but everyone is fine. All departments reported they were able to obtain the supplies needed to provide care and services for their communities.

Zoom was the format for the May quarterly meeting. As everyone is aware, the 2020 Convention was cancelled due to COVID 19. It will be held later this year at a site with time to be announced.

I attended Amity VFD meeting in July and passed out ten year pins to Bryan McGaha, Matthew S Bray, Cory Ramsey and Richard Monson. Chief Brockman reported their carry out fish fry was the best one they have had. Congratulations to our District Miss Flame Kristen Matthews on her high school graduation and to all the other graduates in the District.

The next District meeting will be August 19 at Anderson Twp. VFD. Remaining 2020 scheduled District meetings are: September

16 at Clarksburg VFD, October 21 at Waldron VFD and November 18 at Flat Rock VFD.

As we adjust to these new "normal", please be safe, wear your masks, practice social distancing and stay well!

Wishing you a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at Anderson Twp. on August 19.

John M Ray
District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Well, I hope everyone is doing well this time around.

I am glad to see that some departments are able to get fundraisers going again. Keep in mind that the virus is still with us, though. There is not a lot to report this round.

I do want to say that we have a couple of meetings coming up. The first one will be September 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Forrest Park in Brazil; this is a joint meeting with District 11-A, it will be a cookout; then on November 8th at 1:00 p.m. we will have a meeting at Washington Township / Reelsville Fire Department. Hope to see everyone at these meetings.

The district has lost a 53 year member on July 1st. Jackie Simmons of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department passed away; please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

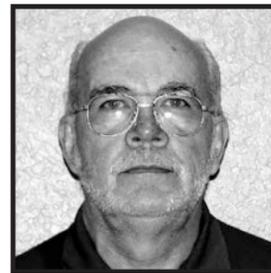
I do have a request hopefully everyone can help me out with. I am trying to make a contact list of all the departments in the District. If you could please email me the following information, I would like to have at least 3 points, the Fire Chief, and 2 others that he / she would like to submit to me. Please email them to me at: district11b@ivfa.org.

Until next time, everyone keep safe and enjoy your time with your family and loved ones.

Jason Ryan
District 11-B Chairman

***Everyone
stay safe
and stay healthy!***

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Hello again,
Hope things are turning in the right direction in your area.

In the past few months I have been keeping in as much as possible.

Before things turned, I managed to present Teddy York, Lyons VFD, his Global Award.

Ron Bell, Madison Twp. VFD, was presented his 50 year Gold Card.

Mike Hardesty, Bloomfield VFD was presented his 50 year Gold Card.

Stephan Murphy, Montgomery VFD, was presented his 50 year Gold Card.

Congratulations to all of our 50 year members.

With the conditions going on be careful and stay safe.

July 15th District 17A meeting and election to be hosted by Loogootee VFD.

Until next time -- stay safe.

Sam Emery
IVFA District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

Well, this has been a different quarter! We are hopefully going to get to hold our meeting in July. As closed as things have been, I have still been able to make it out to a few departments.

Local fundraisers have been adapted to "drive through" service for food. I am glad that the communities are still showing their support, because the lines have been long!

Our Memorial Services have been more subdued, but presentations have been made and our respects have been shown to the families of our departed members.

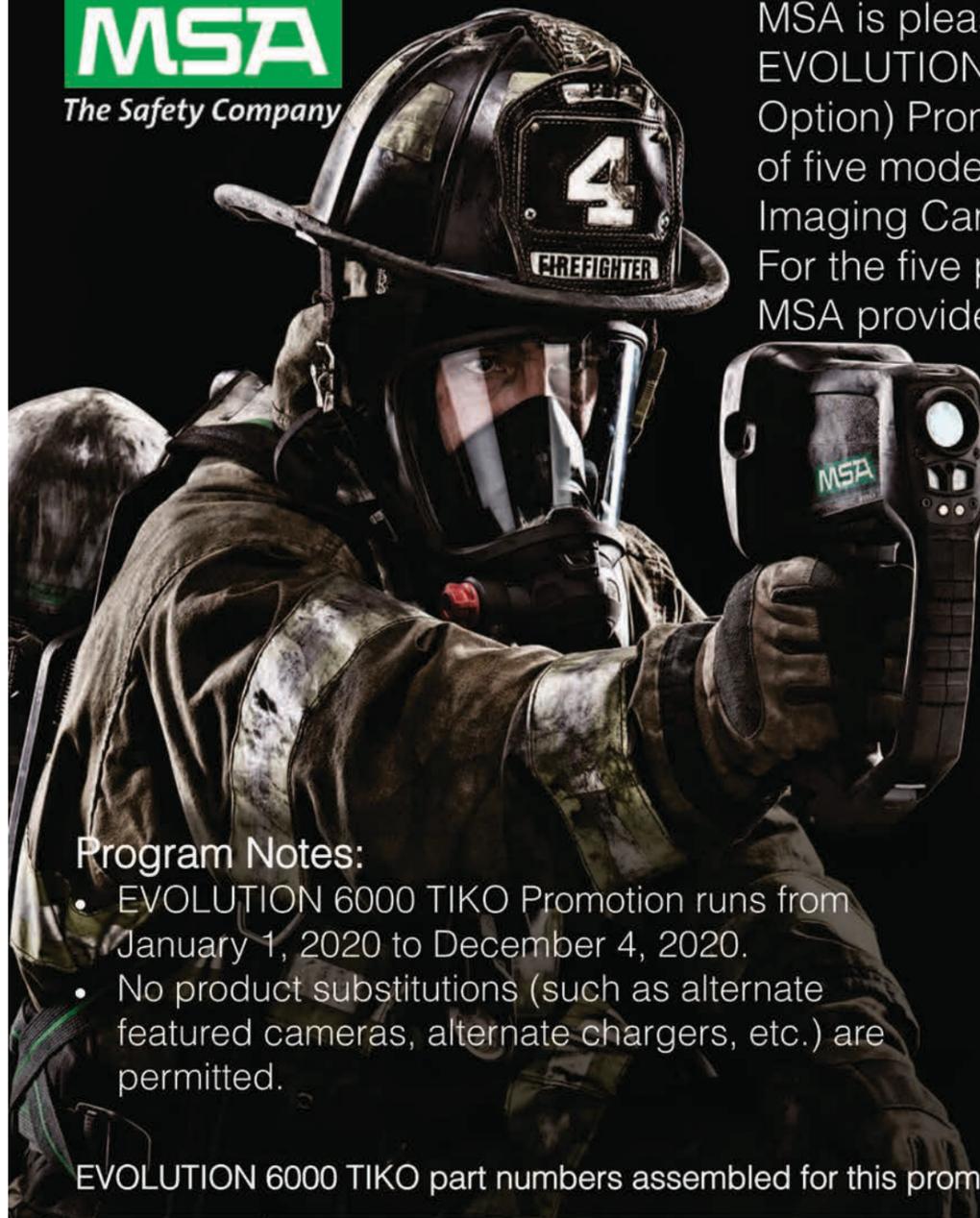
Although it was sad, I was proud to be able to present an American Income Life accidental death benefit check to a family.

Hot weather is upon us, so be on the lookout for signs of hyperthermia during operations. Overheating can happen quickly, so always have rehab setup early during extended operations.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

— submitted by Pascal Moon, district chairman



Forcible Entry Training, Fire Instructor training at New Waverly

Thomas Keller, District 9A Chaplain



District 9 A Miss Flame, Sydney helping with Fire Instructor Training.

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Until next time, stay alert, stay safe, and "keep the wet stuff, on the red stuff"!

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman, District 18



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

Ten year service award presented



Amity members receiving 10 year pins – (from left) Richard Munson, his son Reed, Chairman John Ray and Bryan McGaha.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– submitted by Richard Cannon, District Chairman

Third new truck for fire department



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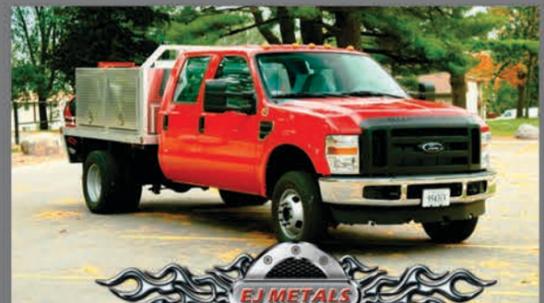
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— submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Gold card presentation held for Stephen Murphy



Montgomery VFD member Stephen Murphy presented 50 year Gold card.



Guests at Gold card presentation for Stephen Murphy.



Murphy family present for 50 year Gold card presentation.

50 year Gold card



Ron Bell, Madison Twp. VFD, presented his 50 year Gold card. — (Photo by Darrell Wagler)



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August 2020

A chat with Carol...
 Your IVFAA President Carol Curl

Greetings, my fellow Auxiliary members;

I would normally be speaking about what a great convention; pleased to have seen so many, congratulations to all the award winners, the State Miss Flame,

First Runner-up and Miss Congeniality but; Covid - 19 replaced all that and our June Convention. So, rumor has it we might attempt a modified 2020 convention in November hosted by the State Association in possibly Indianapolis.

Time will tell, but we hope everyone will stand by and be prepared should that occur. We are looking at all options during the August Quarterly Meeting as to a modified convention in November such as meetings, awards, Miss Flame contest and other business that would normally occur at state convention, hopefully we will be able to come up with some answers that we can share with everyone following the August officer's meeting.

So with Covidvirus came a lot of home time allowing the opportunity to do those things we have wanted to do for some time but just couldn't find the time. I hope we all took advantage of this time to make, repair, clean, sort or find things to occupy our time.

With few exceptions, I have not seen many of you for months and I am surely missing that

friendship that I have learned to enjoy either at District Meetings, Quarterly Meetings or a convention that did not occur. However by the reading of this article with some luck and a lot of prayer we may have the opportunity to once again conduct in-person visits and auxiliary business.

Remember, now more than ever we need to be reaching out, contacting and staying in touch with our friends, neighbors, and fellow members. We need to check on each other to assure our health is holding and to see if there are any needs that we can assist with while we have been "shut" in. Just a call can make a big difference in someone's day and it doesn't take much to make a call. As well if we do find a family that is in need of support, a prayer, some assistance please share those with our officers so we can pass that on to other members.

Since our last newspaper during the spring, those who have that green thumb should be seeing the results of your planting and gardening but for

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- IVFAA president ...

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those who don't, the nurseries still loved the business and you should still hopefully be seeing the flowers and smelling the floral aroma as you enjoy that evening time on the patio or deck.

As always I am open for your thoughts, suggestions, and even concerns that might offer a better, more productive and hopefully a growing membership to support the IVFAA.

Hope to see you soon, at your next District Meeting, or other such times as our paths may cross.

Carol

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Unfortunately I don't have a lot to report due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and with the Governor's guideline, our district meetings have been cancelled since the middle of March. IVFA Convention that was to be in June was also cancelled. By the time you read this, we are to start having meetings in July.

New Haven Fire Muster: Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 From 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Parade at 10:00 a.m.) in the streets of historic downtown New Haven, IN.

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COMPETITIONS: Waterball, Air Pack Donning, Kid's Combat Challenge.

I hope everyone is healthy and doing okay. Please stay safe.

If your Auxiliary has any questions or concerns or functions you would like me to attend. Please contact me at 260-413-3040, EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Judy Wirth - Chairman

Hello to all!

Not much going on here in this part of the state with all that the world is going through.

If there is anything I can do to help you, you will just have to let me know. I am so sorry for all the families who have lost loved ones during this pandemic. It isn't an easy situation to have to go through. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

My family and I would like to take this time to thank all of you, "My Fire Family" for all your support, cards, phone calls and love you showed us with the passing of my Mother. We love all of you and appreciate all you do for us. THANK

YOU!!!
Take care and stay safe and hopefully we will be able to get together SOON!!!!

Judy

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope everyone is surviving this coronavirus we have been experiencing since March. While it is an inconvenience for all and many important events being canceled, I think it has taught us how to be respectful of other's needs and help out where we can.

I am trying to work on getting dues together and helping at chicken carry-out when I can. Everyone in the IVFA and IVFAA are trying to do the best they can to stay on top of things and hopefully we can enjoy getting together in August. While we had to give up our convention we will see what can be worked out.

In the meantime I have been sending out cards to the sick and "thinking of you" cards and making phone calls. I do think these times are for a reason and together we can all make a difference.

God bless us all and prayers for all in need!

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19
June 25, 2020



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

— submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Fifty-year Gold card presented

50 year Gold card

Bloomfield VFD members



Mike Hardesty presented 50 year Gold card. (Hardesty family photo)



Bloomfield VFD members – John (46 years) and Mike (50 years) Hardesty, working brothers.



Family of Firefighter

John Hardesty, Mike Hardesty and Mike's grandson Aaron Michael.

District 17A Miss Flame

Rylee Lemons of Vigo Twp. VFD

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!!

25 year pin

Bicknell FD member, Ryan Page, received his 25 year pin from Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, with 17A Miss Flame Rylee Lemons in attendance.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

— submitted by Robert E. Barber - SVFD 105 - Shawswick Vol. Fire Dept.



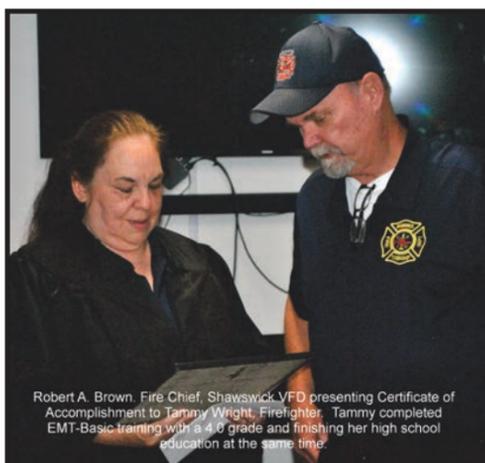
Firefighter / EMT-B Tammy Wright with Certificate of Appreciation for completing EMT-B Training and her High School education.



Millard Jones, Shawswick Township Trustee; Tammy Wright Firefighter/Responder receiving appreciation letter.

Shawswick Vol. Fire Dept. on May 14th held a graduation party for Tammy Wright, Firefighter/Responder. Tammy, in less than 3 years has been super busy attending schools. First school Tammy tackled was Module 1 and 2, then CPR Instructor and topped that off by becoming a Fire Instructor 1.

During these schools Tammy has served as Secretary-Treasurer IVFA District 17-B for the past 3 years. She is also involved as Treasurer and Assistant Medical Officer for Lawrence County Search and Rescue.



Robert A. Brown, Fire Chief, Shawswick VFD presenting Certificate of Accomplishment to Tammy Wright, Firefighter. Tammy completed EMT-Basic training with a 4.0 grade and finishing her high school education at the same time.

Tammy quit high school and always encouraged her son, Adam, and daughter, Amber, to “get your high school diploma.” With the kids grown and nothing else to do Tammy decided to get her “High School Diploma” not a GED. Tammy said, “A lot of opportunities have been lost because I did not have my HS diploma, so it was time to get it.”

Not only did Tammy get her High School Diploma she turned around a week later and enrolled in Ivy Tech Community College for her Emergency Medical Technician license, thanks to the Next Level Job Ready Grant. Due to the COVID-19 crisis she is waiting to take her practical exams. Tammy earned

top honors with a 4.0 grade, summa cum laude, and was awarded Ivy Tech's Student Excellence in Volunteerism honor as a part of its annual O'Bannon Day of Service.



Frt. Row: Jack Voightschild, JD Ramasy, Asia Ramasy, Adler Ramsay, Robert A. Brown, Michael Knoy, Tammy Wright, Jamison Wells, Robert E. Barber
Back Row: Joseph Chastain, Chris Sites, Troy Johnson, Kyle Brown, Luke Kluender, David Kluender, Michael Sciscoe, Chandler Hayes

Fire Chief Robert (Bobby) Brown in an interview for the Bedford 'TIMES-MAIL' said, “Tammy has been a terrific asset to the department from the day she joined eagerly assisting in office work, learning the “JOB” and being dependable in whatever I ask of her. When the tones drop Tammy will be there.”



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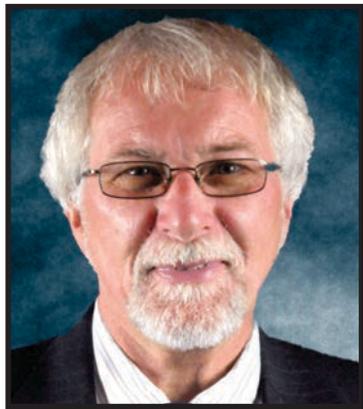
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From The President

David Israel



Hello IVFA Friends and family:

I hope everyone is safe and well. What a year so far???

I have a good friend that normally is almost as good as the Farmers Almanac at predicting the weather, worldly events and such, Bill, what happened buddy??? Ron took page two again didn't he?

2020 is one for the history books our new normal. But we will overcome it and be stronger from this life learning experience. Maybe this is one of our wake-up calls in the world. Those old enough to remember stores closed on Sundays, people helping each other, talking to your neighbors; what a breath of fresh air. To all the men and women that make up the Emergency Services Personnel

across the State of Indiana, "Thank You For Your Service, Job Well Done."

The IVFA has tried to keep everyone informed on our website with the latest on the (COVID-19). I hope our Officers reached out to you to make sure your departments were safe and if you needed anything, where to look for it.

We need to keep in mind that the (COVID-19) could possibly be back in the fall; let's be prepared with extra equipment. THANK YOU to the EMA DIRECTORS that helped us get equipment when we needed it.

We are blessed too have three key people (Fire Fighters) that UNDERSTAND what WE the FIRE SERVICE need to do our jobs. Thank You Marshal Thacker and Director Cox and Training Director Walling and your Staff for all your hard work.

The Training Program has been overhauled just a little. They have brought back the Mandatory Training Program and put it online and we can train our new recruits in our own fire stations, they will still have to do practicals. Bring them ON, get them TRAINED, BOOTS on the GROUND. The nice thing about it is that if they take FF1&2 within 2 years those practicals will still be good (unless I misunderstood).

We are still going to TRY and put on a shorter version of the 2020 Convention November 6,

7, 8, 2020, at Crowne Plaza Hotel (by the old airport) where the 2018 Convention was in Indianapolis. Stay tuned to the IVFA website for more info on Convention 2020.

DID you CORRECT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INFO and OFFICERS and DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR JOINED Fire Service Date; if not you still have time, send it to (info@ivfa.org). The joined date will always be the first fire department that you ever joined no matter how many Fire Departments you have been on.

SIS will turn 40 again this year, wish her a Happy Birthday.

District Meetings and Fire Department fundraisers will be starting up again. We need to pay attention to the State's Guidelines on best practices on meetings and gatherings. If you are serving food at your District Meetings, the people putting the food on your plate must be wearing a mask and gloves -- a learning curve for all.

Be careful, be safe, if your Department needs something, contact your District Chairman or the Central Office or give me a call. See you at the next District Meeting.

David R. Israel
president@ivfa.org

We will be contacting the Departments (or you can contact us) to set up a time to get the pins and Gold Cards presented. We can do this when and where you want, but the family of those being honored should also be present.

Please get your fundraising

and/or trainings, county meetings to Brian so we can get them on the IVFA calendar on the website.

Be Safe Everyone. Hope to see you at next District Meeting.

David I., Jerry L., Brian E.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

- submitted by Heather McGlocklin, district chairman

Members receive fifty-year Gold cards



Van Buren Fire Department Lifetime members Bedford Blakely, Raymond Spires, Richard Taylor and Max Ferree (received by son Andy) received their 50 year Gold cards from Heather McGlocklin, District 17B Chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, district chairman



Jason Little awarded 10 year service pin

At the May meeting of the Carter Fire District of Dale, IN., Jason Little was presented the IVFA 10 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

November 2020
deadline:
October 5, 2020

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Hello District 12 Members:

Hope everyone is safe and doing well, what a last three months or so and welcome to our new norm of making runs.

You can't see it but there is a lot going on in District 12. District 12 would like to say "THANK YOU" Scott for being our District Chairman for the last year or so. We know stepping down was a tough decision to make but family comes first.

So here it is. The IVFA President and the IVFA Vice President are going to tag team District 12 and bring it up to speed before we fill the Chairman position. One of us will run the District meetings, the funerals and get all the Award pins caught up. We do have two people that will step up and take the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions of the District when it is time.

If you need something, you can contact Brian Edwards; he can relay it to David or Jerry or you can contact us direct, our contact info is in the IVFA paper or on the website at ivfa.org.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

- Submitted by Heather McGlocklin, district chairman

Ten year pin awarded

Twenty-five year pins awarded



Van Buren Fire Department Firefighter Gary Gill receiving his 10 year service pin.



Northern Monroe Fire Territory Lieutenant Tony McGlocklin received his 25 year service pin from Heather McGlocklin, District 17B Chairman.

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Northern Monroe Fire Territory Firefighter Ronnie Vandeventer receiving his 25 year service pin from Heather McGlocklin, District 17B Chairman.



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As an emergency responder, you understand how important blood donation is to save lives. The American Red Cross is a leader in blood donation, providing 40 percent of the U.S. blood supply. They would not be able to keep up with the demand without the help of organizations and business hosting blood drives throughout the year.

When you partner with the Red Cross to host a blood drive, you will be engaging your members in a positive and uplifting activity that will boost morale and build camaraderie. You will also provide a way for community members to make a lifesaving donation, connect with your department, and better recognize all that your department does for them. In addition, you can use the blood drive as a recruitment tool by having materials available to donors about how they can volunteer with your department.

To host a blood drive, you need to provide a space large enough to ensure donor privacy as well as volunteers to recruit, schedule, and support donors. The Red Cross will provide planning assistance, donor recruitment tools and templates, equipment and supplies, and trained staff to screen donors and collect the blood donations.

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The NVFC R&R Experience builds on the success of the health and safety focused NVFC Training Summit conference series. The new R&R focused event is an opportunity for fire and EMS personnel from across the country to participate in valuable classroom training as well as exchange ideas and best practices with their peers. The registration fee for the Experience is \$129, which includes two days of training from industry leaders, a networking reception with vendor expo, and most meals.

To help more first responders attend, a travel stipend is available for select attendees. Stipends will be awarded on a monthly basis, with deadlines on the first of the month from June to August. The stipend will reimburse a total of up to \$750, which can include two nights at the conference hotel, round-trip economy airfare, cab/shuttle fare, mileage, and the event registration fee. Full details and criteria are available [on the application form](#). To be considered eligible for the travel stipend, you must be a current member of the NVFC. Membership options and benefits can be found at www.nvfc.org/join.

Learn more about the Experience at www.nvfc.org/experience. Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, conference planner, at Rachel@nvfc.org or 202-887-5700.

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CSU, the leader in fire education, offers a wide range of accredited degree programs, including fire science and emergency medical services administration. The university offers many online learning options designed to accommodate the busy life of a volunteer firefighter or EMS provider. This is the 12th year that CSU has offered the NVFC scholarships. To date, 22 NVFC members have been able to achieve their educational goals through the partnership.

"Education in the fire and emergency services is paramount to ensure our responders can do their job safely and effectively," said NVFC Chair Steve Hirsch. "We are grateful to CSU for providing our volunteer members with an opportunity to further their education through these annual scholarships."

"As a university whose students and alumni are actively involved in their community fire departments, it is imperative that we stay connected to organizations like the NVFC," said Chief Keith Padgett, CSU's fire and emergency medical services academic program director. "Our partnership with the NVFC ensures that we continue to teach a relevant, indispensable curriculum to volunteer and career fire professionals."

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Current CSU students must already meet the requirements to be considered. The deadline to apply is August 31. An NVFC scholarship committee will select the winners; recipients will be announced in October 2020.

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- Department must be located in the United States and be legally organized under state law.
- The department chief or individual applying on behalf of the department must be a member of the NVFC. Learn about member benefits and join for just \$18 at www.nvfc.org/join.
- Department must demonstrate their need to receive the \$10,000 award.
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Here's what to know when you gas up and go

Gasoline refueling advisory and safety guidelines for consumers



Static electricity-related incidents at retail gasoline outlets are extremely unusual, but the potential for them to happen appears to be the highest during cool or cold and dry climate conditions. In rare circumstances, these static related incidents have resulted in a brief flash fire occurring at the fill point. Consumers can take steps to minimize these and other potential fueling hazards by following safe refueling procedures all year long.

Most important, they should not get back into their vehicles during refueling -- even when using the nozzle's hold-open latch. This will greatly reduce and minimize the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity.

A build-up of static electricity can be caused by re-entering a vehicle during fueling, particularly in cool or cold and dry climate conditions. If the motorist then returns to the vehicle fill pipe when refueling is complete, the static may discharge at the fill point, causing a brief flash fire with gasoline refueling vapors.

Motorists who cannot avoid

getting back into the vehicle should always first touch a metal part of the vehicle, such as the door, or some other metal surface, away from the fill point upon exiting the vehicle.

Here are additional consumer refueling safety guidelines:

- Turn off your vehicle engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.
- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.
- Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.
- Do not over-fill or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.
- In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately so that all dispensing devices and pumps can be shut off with emergency controls. If the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help.

• When dispensing gasoline into a container, use only an approved portable container and place it on the ground when refueling to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.



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Toolkit from NVFC and PHMSA Helps Departments Eliminate Some of the Guesswork in Pipeline Response

As of April 2020, there were 301,960 miles of natural gas transmission lines in the United States along with 17,414 miles of gathering and 1,328,271 miles of distribution lines. There are an additional 218,851 miles of liquid transport lines in service in the U.S. The footprint touches all 50 states and poses a response consideration for approximately 85 percent of the nation's fire service.

Most natural gas incidents involve either motor vehicle crashes where a service meter is taken out, an incident related to construction where a piece of equipment strikes a line, or a leak from a fitting or appliance inside of a structure. Ground subsidence or mud/rockslides account for another group of incidents. Pipe failures and/or catastrophic failures are low frequency but potentially high impact events.

According to the *Significant Incident Consequences Summary* released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pipeline incidents between 2005-2017 resulted in 168 fatalities, 592 injuries, and over \$5.4 billion in total costs. The September 9, 2010, San Bruno (CA) pipeline explosion resulted in an 8-alarm fire and eight fatalities. The explosion left a crater 187 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 40 feet deep. A December 2012 incident in Sissonville (WV) destroyed multiple homes and incinerated an 800-foot section of Interstate 77 both North and Southbound. These types of events, although rare, can require a rapid mobilization of complex resources and a solid working knowledge of the NIMS process.

While the industry and regulators have come a long way in the past 75 years towards making the transmission of natural gas and liquids much safer, the presence of pipelines and the fact that a high impact incident can occur means your department needs to be prepared. This planning process can seem overwhelming. We often hear, "Where do we start?" "What information do we need?" or, "We'll deal with it when it happens." Fire departments and emergency managers need to take a proactive approach to planning for these types of events.

Toward that end, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) teamed up with PHMSA and other fire service and industry partners to develop the *Fire Department Pipeline Response, Emergency Planning, and Preparedness (FD-PREPP) Toolkit*. This toolkit is designed to provide front-line first response organizations with information, tools, and resources that they can use in the planning, training, and response aspects of a pipeline incident. The toolkit is available at no charge to fire departments and emergency response organizations.

To make it easier to navigate, the FD-PREPP Toolkit is divided into five sections. The first section focuses on pre-planning. Resources to help with conducting a risk assessment, developing a pre-incident plan, and utilizing the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) are included in this section.

The second component in the toolkit covers consensus standards and regulations that

pertain to pipeline operations and response. First responders will find the Incident Command System (ICS) form templates very useful should there be an incident. The ICS forms included in this section are pre-filled with key response considerations and information that should factor into response operations. The forms address both spills and leaks and include variations such as with fire and without fire. These forms were developed by first responders for first responders.

The third section contains a pipeline operator contact template that can be used by fire departments, emergency managers, and others to track a list of key pipeline contacts in their jurisdiction(s). Establishing and maintaining operator contacts can be essential to successful outcomes should an incident occur. Both transmission and distribution operators are required to provide outreach training to fire departments that respond to their systems. States are developing Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (PERI) programs to aid in the delivery of these programs. Having a relationship for planning and training with their pipeline operators is key for an agency to provide a successful response and operate more smoothly in a unified command.

The fourth component of the toolkit contains information on training programs that fire departments and emergency managers can use to get more information on how to respond to a pipeline emergency. These training resources have been vetted by the toolkit authors and contain both emergency services and industry-based resources.

The final component of the FD-PREPP Toolkit directly addresses the response to pipeline incidents or events. There is an incident workflow job aid template that can be printed and laminated for ready use on scene. A sample pipeline incident organization chart is provided so the IC can get an idea of what job roles and functions may need to be filled or staffed. Flammability reference charts are also included to help with establishing safety zones, along with a sample site safety plan for overall scene operations. Lastly, a safe response checklist is provided as a tool for ICs to help maintain the focus on safety during all incident operations.

As stated before, all of the tools in the FD-PREPP Toolkit

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were designed by first responders for use by first responders. Our goal was to help agencies adequately plan for and respond to pipeline incidents in a manner which helps ensure the safety of all involved. When a department receives training with or about their local operators, the items in the toolkit can be used as a starting point and then refined to the specific concerns of their area and their operators. The toolkit is a living resource and will be updated periodically to help meet the ever-changing needs of the first response community.

Make sure your department is ready before disaster strikes. Download this important, free planning and preparedness resource now at www.nvfc.org/pipelines.

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CivicCMS® Honors Local Difference-Makers with Small Town Volunteer Award

CivicCMS, part of the CivicPlus® platform of integrated technology for local governments, has announced a program to recognize small-town civic volunteers and volunteer organizations that are making a difference in their community. CivicCMS is launching the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award program; local government representatives may nominate citizens or citizen organizations.

The initiative will recognize 100 entries, helping to shine a spotlight on the growing need for local engagement in critical roles like volunteer firefighters and EMS providers, board and committee members, election volunteers, recreation assistants, and others. The top three winning honorees will receive community cash awards of \$10,000, \$7,500, and \$5,000 for their respective communities. A new CivicPlus community web

site will be awarded, at no charge, in the name of all 100 winning entries, including a volunteer module to aid in future recruitment efforts.

According to Brian Rempe, CivicPlus chief executive officer, the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award was designed to address a significant issue impacting the nation's 32,000 small communities and rural counties: the severe decline in the availability of volunteers to fill critical community service positions.

"Over the past 20 plus years working with local governments, we have seen first-hand that the most successful communities are powered by passionate people who want to make a difference in the place they call home," said Rempe. "We are hoping to accomplish two critical goals with this initiative: Bring attention to the need for more civic volunteerism and recognize those who have found solutions to declining participation and are building powerful community networks focused on civic engagement."

Local government representatives may nominate citizens and/or citizen organizations for the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award using [the online application](#). Nominators are asked to describe their candidate's compelling story of local volunteerism and its positive impact on their community. CivicPlus has retained the Barton Russell Group to administer the program and judge the nominations.

The award program is open to all communities of 5,000 people or less and launched June 1 with applications due no later than August 15. Winners will be announced on September 15.

To further inspire small communities to leverage the

best practices identified by the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award, CivicCMS will share inspirational stories and best practices on its volunteer portal.

The Small Town American Civic Volunteer Award is sponsored by the [National Volunteer Fire Council](#) (NVFC), the [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo), the [National Association of Towns and Townships](#) (NATaT), [Points of Light](#), and [Main Street America](#).

To learn more and submit a nomination, visit www.civic-volunteer.com/.

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About CivicPlus
CivicPlus is THE integrated technology platform for local government, working with over 4,000 local governments, including municipalities, counties, and municipal departments. CivicPlus has been selected by Inc. Magazine as "One of the Fastest-Growing Privately Held Companies in the U.S." since 2011. For more information, visit CivicPlus.com.

About the Barton Russell Group
The [Barton Russell Group](#) is the nation's leading small town and rural America consultancy. BRG has built, launched, and managed major branding and community and government relations projects, programs and services for Fortune 500 companies and others seeking to do good, while doing well. BRG was founded by Bart Russell, a nationally recognized expert on "everything small town" (its 32,000 communities and 120 million people). One former U.S. President called him "the voice of small-town America."

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Sometimes all it takes to reach a new recruit is a personal invitation. The NVFC's research shows that personal invitations are more likely to result in a commitment to your department than less personal approaches.

Use your planned Fire Prevention Month activities - such as open houses, booths at fairs or festivals, or programs with community groups - to let your community know they can make a difference by joining your department. The NVFC offers free, professional-looking recruitment materials that you can customize to distribute to your community members. You can also post your volunteer needs in a searchable database so that potential recruits can easily find and connect with your department.

Join the campaign now and access all of these resources and more at portal.nvfc.org.

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The art of speed-recruiting: Winning at face-to-face volunteer recruitment

By Tiger Schmittendorf

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NVFC Dispatch

If you had just 30 seconds to convince someone why they should join your volunteer fire department, what would you say?

What would your message be? Do you have a standard sales pitch that you use for just such occasions? Can you even say hello in 30 seconds?

I've had several opportunities to coach and practice some speed-recruiting exercises in a variety of settings, but one interaction with the Doyle Hose Co. 1 in Cheektowaga, NY, stands out. They had been invited to be a part of career day at the local high school in their response area, and they asked me to join them.

Each class of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors came through the gymnasium, trying to connect with as many career opportunities as possible in just in 15 minutes. Their guidance counselors had coached them and given them a list of seven questions to ask each recruiter, regardless of the discipline they were representing. (Do an online search of "Career day questions to ask" or "Questions to ask before volunteering" for a list of sample questions people might ask.)

Doyle's challenge was to identify, qualify, and inform potential candidates as to why the volunteer fire service is right for them. Almost sounds like speed-dating, doesn't it?

So how do you connect with potentially 100 or more prospects in just 15 minutes? Let's review some basic tips I've developed off my "Recruiter's Cheat Sheet."

Know your audience.

Don't just know your audience, take that

information and use it to determine who in your organization is best suited to do the recruiting. With no disrespect to our more experienced firefighters, does it really make sense to use retirees to recruit 16-year-olds? You will get a much better response if you match the recruiters with the audience.

One thing we've learned about Generation Y is that they are the best people to recruit their peers but look up to and trust those folks in the 30- to 40-year-old demographic. Be prepared with answers to the questions they might ask.

Secondly, you undoubtedly have the greatest firefighters that ever existed in your department, but does that make them the best recruiters? Are your recruiters outgoing, engaging, and outwardly friendly with a good attitude about your department? If not, replace them as recruiters - Now.

Know your product.

Are you capable of quickly articulating your core mission and both the requirements and benefits associated with being a volunteer firefighter? Are you intimately familiar with all of the volunteering opportunities your agency offers? You need to be.

Many people may be deterred from volunteering as a responder when they hear how much time is required, so being able to adequately and succinctly talk up the benefits is critical. Also, those who definitely don't want to be a responder may be greatly interested in other less time-consuming or less dangerous volunteer options with your department that they had previously not considered.

Know your competition.

Who are you competing with and what do they have

to offer? How do you compare in terms of requirements, benefits, and being a "user-friendly" organization to join? If you think for a second that you're not in competition with every other volunteering, social, and career opportunity in your community, I have two words for you: Good Luck.

Develop, know, and rehearse your opening line.

- Have you ever thought about joining the volunteer fire service?

- You look like someone who likes helping people ...

- Did you know that firefighting isn't for everyone, but volunteering can be?

- Hey tough guy, try this gear on for size ...

These aren't necessarily the best lines, but they're better than "Would you like a pen?" Regardless of what you choose as your opening act, it needs to encourage more than a one-word response to your question or statement.

Eliminate barriers.

Whether it's a table, a chair, or some other physical barrier between the prospect and you - get out in front of it or get it the heck out of the way. Look them in the eyes when you talk to them, but don't invade their "personal space." Create a presence that is open and inviting, not stand-offish. Be interactive with gear and equipment, audio and visual stimuli, and plenty of marketing materials to fit every audience. Your recruitment display and physical presence are the gateway into your organization.

Ask yourself, what message is your presentation sending?

If you need recruitment materials that target a wide

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range of audiences and messaging, check out the free materials generator tool and PSAs available from the National Volunteer Fire Council's Make Me A Firefighter campaign at <https://portal.nvfc.org>.

Ask for the sale or move on.

You don't have long to give your pitch and determine if there's any inkling of interest, or at least a sign of life, in the prospect you're recruiting. If you sense there is hope for furthering the conversation, "ask for the sale" by at least prompting the prospect to give you some basic contact info so that you can follow up in the near future (and be sure to follow through on that follow up). And remember, just like in speed-dating, "No thanks" means "No thanks."

In this world of increasing time constraints, remember that they don't have much time and you don't either. You need to be able to move from Point A to Point B and from prospect-to-prospect effectively and in a timely manner. That's not to say that your presentation should be so canned and rehearsed that you sound like a robot or a broken record. Be real.

And, be sure to send them home with something that reminds them of the opportunities you offer. Doyle 1 does a great job with this, handing out pens, magnets, postcards, and notepads with their recruitment theme smartly splashed all over everything. Ideas for giveaways are only limited by your imagination and your marketing budget.

Relax, have fun, and look and act like someone you would want to talk to. Body language can say more than spoken words. Be engaging, and if the prospect is someone worth continuing a conversation with, they'll be engaging with you too.

As I say in my *Top Ten Commandments for Recruitment and Retention*: "When searching for the ultimate recruit - think of the person you would want to serve with ... or be saved by. Then **go out and get 'em.**"

Whatever you do, don't wait for them to come to you.

Learn more in the NVFC webinar *How to Be Successful at In-Person Recruiting*, taking place October 25 at 1pm ET. Register now.

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Now is a good time to catch up on things you might have neglected. One of those is making sure you have adequate auto insurance.

Insurance policies are complicated and there are important things about auto insurance you should know. Here are five "did you know's" that could save you from paying out of pocket if you have a claim:

1. Did you know you have to disclose everyone in your household? If grandma came to live with you or any of your children moved back home after college, you need to inform your automobile insurance company. If you don't, and they have an accident while driving one of your cars, payment and coverage could be affected or denied.

2. Did you know using your vehicle for business might not be covered? Many policies exclude using your car for a commercial venture. If you drive others for profit (Lyft or Uber), deliver pizzas, or routinely use your car as a delivery service, you may need a commercial auto insurance policy.

3. Did you know most insurance policies exclude vehicles over 10,000 pounds GVW? If you rent a U-Haul truck or an RV, you may need to purchase the insurance offered by the company renting you the vehicle because your auto insurance may not cover you driving it.

4. Did you know a claim could be denied if there was a criminal act while driving? An accident caused while street racing or driving under the influence may not be covered under some insurance policies.

5. Did you know that excluded drivers means excluded at all costs? While you can save money by

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Make Behavioral Health a Priority in Your Department with Resources from the NVFC

Firefighters and EMS personnel face significant challenges to their behavioral health on a routine basis. This can have severe consequences, such as post-traumatic stress, depression, addiction, and in some cases, suicide. Each year, more firefighters are lost to suicide than on-duty deaths.

The entire fire service community must work together to break the stigma surrounding behavioral health, understand the symptoms, and offer resources to assist responders who need help. Providing ongoing training and support to all department members is a critical part of a behavioral health and suicide prevention program.

It is critical that we all work together to prevent future tragedies through education, awareness, and creating a culture where firefighters and EMS providers are able to seek support and help when in need.

The National Volunteer Fire Council provides a series of tools and resources through the Share the Load™ program to help individuals and departments take a proactive approach to behavioral health and suicide prevention. Use these resources to understand the challenges, recognize the symptoms, and learn what to do if you or a fellow firefighter needs help.

- **The Fire/EMS Helpline** at 1-888-731-FIRE (3473) is available 24/7 and provides free, confidential support to firefighters, EMS providers, and their family members struggling with any behavioral health issue. Run by American Addiction Centers, the Helpline was created by firefighters and is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of fire service personnel and their families.

- **Posters and ads** promoting the Fire/EMS Helpline can be hung up at the station and placed in department newsletters to let personnel know they are not alone and help is available if they need it.

- **The Helpletter** features articles from subject matter experts and fire service veterans who provide tips, tools, and resources to help first responders take a proactive approach in addressing many behavioral health issues.

- **Behavioral health and suicide prevention courses** are available in the NVFC Virtual Classroom and can be used to train department personnel on these critical topics.

- **A series of videos** highlight behavioral health issues and warning signs.

- **Additional resources** including a suicide prevention guide are available to assist with creating and implementing a behavioral health and suicide prevention program in your department.

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NEW! 2019 E-One SM Pumper

- Cummins ISL 450
- Hale 1500 GPM, 1,000 Gal Tank.
- FoamPro System
- Weldon VMUX Multiplex System
- Whelen LED Lighting Package



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- Cummins Engine
- 101K Miles
- 1500 GPM Pump; 750 Gal Tank
- FRESH PAINT!



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- Cummins L9 450 HP
- Waterous 1500 GPM Pump, 1K Gal Tank.
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- Fire-Tech Hi-Viz Headlights



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- auto insurance . . .

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excluding someone you live with who has a bad driving record, when you put a named-driver exclusion on your policy, that person is not covered to drive your vehicle under any circumstance. If they do and cause an accident, even in an emergency situation, you will be stuck paying for the costs.

Here's where California Casualty stands out:

- Our auto insurance offers broad policy protection, meaning anyone (except for an excluded driver) with permission to drive your vehicle is covered.
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They will also make sure you get all the professional discounts that are not available to the general public that you qualify for. Call today for a policy review or comparison at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/jIVFA.

Resources for this article:

<http://www.naic.org/documents/consumeralertunderstandingauto.htm>

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Traffic hazards to firefighters while working along roadways

Recommendations for prevention:

Any firefighter working along any type of roadway runs the risk of being struck by a motorist. To prevent such incidents, NIOSH recommends that fire departments and firefighters take the following actions:

Fire departments:

- Develop, implement, and enforce standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding emergency operations for roadway incidents.
- Implement an incident management system to manage all emergency incidents.
- Establish a unified command for incidents that occur where multiple agencies have jurisdiction.
- Ensure that a separate incident safety officer (independent of the incident commander) is appointed.
- Develop pre-incident plans for areas that have a high rate of motor vehicle crashes.
- Establish pre-incident agreements with law enforcement and other agencies such as the highway department.
- Ensure that firefighters are trained in safe procedures for operating in or near moving traffic.
- Ensure that firefighters wear suitable high-visibility apparel such as a strong yellow-green or orange reflecting flagger vest when operating at an emergency scene.

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 a traffic control device that maximizes your visibility to motorists when controlling traffic.

Stay safe and stay healthy!



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.

Always practice fire safety

WHAT CAUSES FIRE?

Fuel + Oxygen + Ignition source + Chemical Chain Reaction

THE PRIMARY DANGERS OF FIRE ARE:

- Heat
- Smoke
- Toxic gases

TOXIC GAS COMES FROM BURNING:

- Synthetic fabrics
- Plastic
- Foam cushions
- Glues

Many of these items contain formaldehyde, which is extremely toxic during combustion.

Toxic gas can get to you before the fire does.

FIRE PREVENTION PLANS MUST BE:

- Reviewed with employees at time of initial assignment
- Available for all employees to review
- In written form unless company policy dictates otherwise

FIRE PREVENTION PLANS INCLUDE:

- Requirements for fire prevention & protection
- Work procedures
- Maintenance
- Hazard communication
- Training

BEST HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES TO PREVENT WORKPLACE FIRES:

- Dispose of cigarettes, waste, and oily rags properly
- Properly store and label containers
- Keep clutter to a minimum
- Store materials 18 inches

(45.72 centimeters) or more from sprinkler heads

- Never store combustible materials under desks or other surfaces

IF YOU USE A PORTABLE EXTINGUISHER, DON'T FORGET - 'PASS':

- P - Pull
- A - Aim
- S - Squeeze
- S - Sweep

EMERGENCY EXITS:

An emergency exit route is a continuous and unobstructed path of travel from any point in a workplace to a place of safety.

An exit route has three components that must be permanent parts of the building:

- Exit Doors
- Exit Access
- Exit Discharge

ALARM SYSTEMS INCLUDE:

- Automatic detectors or manual pull boxes
- Public address systems
- Radios, telephones, or visual devices, such as strobe or flashing lights
- Direct voice

DO'S AND DON'TS:

DO - Sound the alarm right away

DO - Follow your facility's procedures for fire response

DON'T - Wait to see how your co-workers react

DON'T - Assume it's just a drill

EXIT DOORS

Exit Doors must be:

- Unlocked from the inside
- Equipped with "panic" hardware
- Free of devices or alarms that could restrict their use

EXIT ACCESS:

May contain passageways, stairs, aisles and stairwells, ramps, or a series of exit doors.

Access may lead from one area or floor to another or from one building to another.

Exit access must be

- Properly lit and marked
- Clear of obstructions
- Free of explosives, highly flammable furnishings, debris, or decorations
- Wide enough to accommodate and support the weight of the number of people trying to get out

EXIT DISCHARGE:

May lead directly outside to a street, walkway, refuge area, or public way. It might also lead to an open space with access to the outside.

Help keep the discharge area clear of obstructions, such as:

- Parked vehicles
- Stored materials or structures
- Any impediments to the flow of foot traffic

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