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2023 Convention Award winners

Greetings!

Wow, can you believe we're already halfway through 2023? Time flies! I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful spring weather we just experienced. Personally, I loved it. However, it's concerning to think about the lack of rain and the dry conditions we're currently facing. Unfortunately, several areas in our state have had to implement burn bans due to the lack of measurable precipitation.

Recently, I went on a family vacation to Northern Minnesota in late June. Unfortunately, the dry conditions were just as severe, if not more so, than what we are experiencing here.

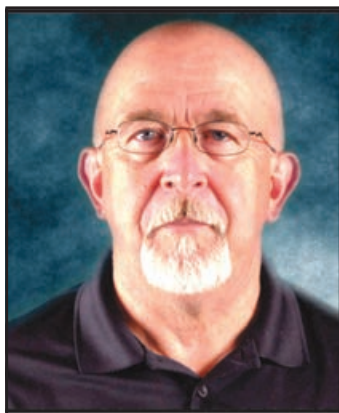
Our hearts go out to the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department and their fire families as they mourn the loss of Assistant Chief Kyle Osgood and support Firefighter Zach Lee through his recovery from serious injuries. Both members were responding to a structure fire in late May when they were involved in a tanker rollover accident. Assistant Chief Osgood tragically passed away at the scene, and Firefighter Lee required extensive reconstructive surgery and faces a long road to recovery. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I would like to take this time to applaud the 2023 Convention Committee for putting on an excellent Annual State Convention in Muncie. This year was our Association's 77th Convention held at the Horizon Convention Center. Attendees were able to take advantage of numerous training opportunities, enjoy delicious food, network with fellow professionals, and make use of the amazing facilities.

Congratulations to all the award winners at this year's convention. I would like to express my gratitude to all

From The President

Jerry Liston



the vendors who participated, making this convention a memorable one. I would also like to extend my thanks once again to Garry Davis and MacQueen Emergency Group for their continued support and sponsorship of the MacQueen Excellence Award for each of the IVFA Districts.

Congratulations to the officers elected to serve during 2023-2024: President Jerry Liston, Vice President Ross Emery, Secretary Leighanne Ellis, Treasurer Luke Kluender, State Chaplain Dave Elick, PRNW Jeremy Reef, PRNE Sam Bisel, PRWC Larry Bartlow, PREC David Israel, PRSW Steve Nolan, and PRSE Ed Scheele. All officers will take office on January 1, 2024.

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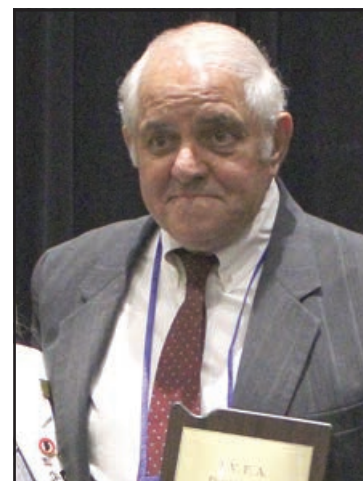
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Greetings; Fellow officers & members;

As of the writing of this quarters newspaper article, spring is done, summer is here and the 77th IVFA convention is in the history book and the 123rd session of the Indiana General Assembly has come to a close... not so quick there; we are still having meetings with key members of the General Assembly to address the success or lack thereof and to talk about the next session.

Also we are planning another multi – town tour to address how HB 1454 can help fund the fire service. By the time you are reading this we hope to have the location(s) set, the invitations out, and the program designed to show, tell, and explain what HB 1454 means to us should we be so fortunate to get our County Councils to believe in us, and to follow the law that allows the sharing of the Public Safety Local Income Tax. As of this writing it does look promising. I have also ask that the staff members working in Ways and Means office prepare some talking points that we can share with all regarding how it works.

We continue to market and promote the cost savings that we are able to enjoy as a state because of the services we provide, and we addressed the many reasons for our membership shortages, funding shortages, lack of support for the mental health concerns that impact our membership, as well as some training concerns. Speaking of training concerns that was another area in this year’s legislative session that was addressed.

From the State House to the Fire House



by Larry Curl

The DHS and State Fire Marshal’s offices was able to get funding to build out another 6 or 7 stand alone training sites. See this report on the DHS website.

To help address this shortfall, the Indiana General Assembly in 2023 approved more than \$7 million to construct basic, physical firefighter training locations in areas of Indiana where firefighters must drive more than 30 miles to receive quality training. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security leads this effort and is now evaluating the best locations in designated areas to fill this need.

The Hub-and-Spoke Firefighter Training plan would bring training closer for firefighters across the state while also adding consistency and quality control to basic firefighter training in Indiana.

These new training sites would be locally owned and maintained, and the state would support the construction of tower and burn facilities to allow for all hands-on firefighter training associated with the Firefighter I and Firefighter II required training. To be considered for one of these training locations, local communities must, at a minimum: To see more about this topic visit the Indiana Department of Homeland Security

There was funding also passed for the purchasing

of protective gear for some Volunteer Firefighters based on needs. You should check out the State Fire Marshal’s website to see how to apply.

For a listing of the entire bills the IVFA had monitored during this session go to the IVFA website, click on the legislation tab at the top and then click the link marked Weekly Bill Track on the left hand side of the page.

I was glad to see many of you at the 77th annual IVFA State Convention at Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center June 14-16 2023. I hope your were in the Business session as I addressed some legislative concerns and shared the stage with State Representative Randy Frye to help address this last years session and to listen to Marshal Jones as he spoke about some legislative topics as well. The conversations were very informative listening to many of your issues such as insurance collections, training needs, and funding opportunities.

Let’s keep those conversations moving forward in the future and see if we can find some resolutions

I will be traveling to as many District Meetings as time permits now that the session has officially ended and will be providing an update on legislation during those visits.

To hear those updates you have to be in attendance so check the IVFA calendar on the

website to see when and where your district will be hosting your next district meeting, and as well I will be presenting a full report at this years state convention but again you have to be there to hear it.

As a final note and one I think will be very good for our membership and one that you may read a few different times in this addition of the paper is the “Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Survey Study” After nearly two years in the making, talking, preparing and planning the SURVEY if done and coming to you. Our final call to discuss this very important issue was Jun 21st as we attempted to review all means of getting this survey our to you our membership electronically which seems kinda silly since we should just email it however we seem to be at a tremendous loss/lack for email addresses, a subject for another time and article. So I think you will see it coming to you via social media, email where available, newspaper and by way of marketing at the District meetings and then trickle down to the individual departments.

It may very likely have a QR code that when you take a picture with your cell phone like magic it will appear as an electronic document that you will be able to complete on your phone or most likely better to forward it via YOUR email

address to yourself so you can open it, review it, fill it out (and just as a word of caution, this survey will not be a quick provide some personal data and your done, we are going to get down into the weeds about you, your background, your medical history and ask you some questions about cancer for both you and your family. Yes you might say that’s a little too personal and we would agree but so is cancer and the more we can learn from this survey the better prepared we can be with helping others that may fall into the same medical category or history pattern. SO I know this is a very BIG ask but when you see it do it. It will be available soon and we ask you PLEASE take the 15 – 20 minutes to complete the survey. Act like you life depends on it as it very may could.

I have heard from many of you asking me about a presumptive cancer law and this could be the tool we need in our tool box to make the push and make it happen, just saying.

Let at least give it a chance and see where it takes us. Hopefully it will give a warning sign before something drastic happens.

Also say this article on line and just wanted to share it to see if the shoe fits.

<https://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/2023-06-13/volunteer-firefighters-are-getting-older-it-could-be-a-life-or-death-issue>

Be safe, and be proud of the service you provide and I hope to see you on my next visit to your District.

Larry Curl

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Greetings all, and welcome to summer 2023! Congratulations to all of the award winners at this year's convention, and thanks to the convention committee for another fun time in Muncie. Also, thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Chaplain for another year. I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the associate chaplains for their dedication and hard work. Without them by my side, this job would be difficult at best. To each of you, a heartfelt thank you for all that you do, your work does not go unnoticed.

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

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

Stay safe -
Dave Elick
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Please use your email address as your username and choose a password without using the # or \$ symbol, as this will be rejected.

We are almost ready to conduct the NIPSH cancer survey for our members. Although there were some hurdles to overcome during the process, the survey is now complete and ready to be distributed to our selected members. Before pushing out the survey, Dr. Muegge and her staff need to complete a couple of items on their end.

The newly created Health and

Wellness Committee will lead this project for us. Chairman Fentress and his committee will work with Dr. Muegge and the staff to bring this project to fruition over the next three to six months.

One of the holdups on our end has been the lack of a viable email address database for our members and departments. Because we do not have this database, we will be asking the district chairman to obtain updated email addresses of departments in their districts, especially the Chief's email addresses.

Keep an eye out for the survey information soon and instructions on how to access it. It is important that if you are selected to participate in the survey, you do so.

Good news for township-funded fire and EMS departments! HB 1454 (Public Law 236) was passed during the last legislative

session. This will allow township trustees to approach their local county councils and ask for Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) funds. The IVFA is in the process of preparing a handout to be placed on the website and distributed to departments.

Thank you to all for allowing me to serve as your President. I look forward to serving this great Association for another year. I urge any member of this Association to become active and attend your District meetings. The meeting schedule can be found on the website under Calendar.

Remember, this is your organization founded by firefighters so that information could be shared across our state. We want to hear your ideas, thoughts, suggestions, and even your complaints so that we can better serve our members. Together, we can make a

difference.

One of the complaints we often hear is about the distribution of up-to-date information to our members. We know we struggle with this aspect and need to improve. The Executive Committee is looking into apps that would allow information to be pushed out in a timely manner to cell phones and other electronic devices. We are exploring the different options available, including pricing.

Please prioritize the safety of your citizens and make sure to take care of yourselves as well!

I will leave you with this thought from a fellow Hoosier, spoken many years ago!

"I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire truck." – Kurt Vonnegut

Thank you again!
Jerry

From The Vice-President

Ross Emery



Greetings,

Hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer, by the time you read this summer activities will be ending, and kids will be or will be close to going back to school. The beginning of this school year will be a range of emotions around my house. Our oldest son will be beginning his senior year, and our youngest will be beginning his freshman year of high school. It will be a time of first and last for us this school year.

Since our last newspaper went out a lot has happened, so I will try and highlight a few. I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. with the IVFA where we meet with leaders in the fire service for around the United States for 2 day of

training seminars and workshops. We also had the opportunity to visit the capitol and meet with our congressional members and some of their staffs, we had the opportunity to discuss the issues the volunteer fire service here in Indiana and voice our concerns.

I had the opportunity to visit The Hoosier Burn Camp for their visitor's day, we once again partnered with 1-800- Board Up in fixing hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. I had the opportunity to walk around the camps and it was a very humbling experience.

During the month of May I was able to attend several Dist. meetings and visit several departments. I had the honor of present some life saving certificates to members of the Plainville Fire Department.

We held our annual convention June 14th-16th in Muncie, I would like to thank the folks that put the convention on I know there were ups and downs, but a job well done. We presented many of our IVFA State awards, and I would like to congratulate the winners. We also Crowned a new Miss Flame from Dist 9B Alexxys Standish, I wish her the best of luck in her reign over the next year. With That we said goodbye to our 2022 Miss Flame Mackenzie Elliott, I know you had some battles during your reign that kept you from attending many events but thank you for being

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From your Editor...

Hello, my name is Sherri Chaney and I have put together the last two issues of The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter. My newspaper background is 25 years at the Monticello Herald Journal and 13 years at the Purdue

Exponent creating advertising. As of January, I currently work full time for Heartland Media Group creating ads for the Gibson County Star Times and create ads and paginate the Pike County Press Dispatch. I also paginate The Midwest Harness Report once a month.

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Look for my Photography 101 tips on page 34 of this paper.

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From the Historian's Desk



L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Historian

From the Historian's Desk

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July and spent some time thinking of those who made the sacrifice to make this the greatest country in the world, and enjoyed time with your families.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Newspaper began with it's first issue in 1953 . It has gone from eight (8) pages in the beginning to at times 44 pages today, with many chages in between.

The goal all these years has been to keep our members informed about changes and events throughout our great State of Indiana, and and our great Country.

We are continueing work on our 75 Year Book History, and and getting ever so close to a finished product..

We are still collecting any and all , old news

papers from the past years, and put them in a safe place in digital form. If by chance you have any old newspapers and think we might need to scan them into the archives, please contact me at: Lkoehler@ivfa.org

If you have an old newspaper and we can scan it into our records, it will be returned to you once we have completed the scan.

We now have 167 Issues on our wesite so when you get a chance you can make a trip back in time see what was happening and maybe find some amazing facts about our Association.

Have a geat summer and be safe.

IVFA Historian
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Check pages 16-20 pages for convention photos and the Memorial Service.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



District 4 Hosts Grain Bin Rescue Training at Smithfield Grain

Permission to print granted by Clay Geyer, The Farmers Exchange Community Effort to Save Lives

The small agricultural community of Lakeville, Indiana is located at the southern part of Saint Joseph County and is home to the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department and the Union-North Ambulance Service. These two departments are well trained to provide homeowners, businesses and farmers with fire protection and emergency services whenever disaster strikes.

Richard Oakley and his family have always been active supporters of the Lakeville community. Richard owned and operated a row crop farm and swine operation up until the age of 85 when he passed away in 2020.

He had always been especially proud of his 47-years as a 4-H leader, and of his hard work and tireless devotion to the people in this community.

In memory of Richard, his wife Sandra Oakley purchased a Grain Entrapment Tube and donated it to the Lakeville Fire Department. This equipment will be used to save lives and will honor Richard's selfless generosity and concern for the safety of the agricultural community of Lakeville and neighboring communities.

Saturday morning, June 10, area Fire Departments and EMS Responders across northern Indiana assembled at Smithfield Grain in Lapaz. Emergency workers from Lakeville, Lapaz, Lacrosse, Plymouth, Monterey, Nappanee, Tippecanoe, Poe, Southwest Central Fire Territory and Union-North Ambulance Service arrived early for this all hands-on deck event to train on the specialized recovery equipment.

Dan Neenan, the guest speaker and educational instructor, came to the Smithfield Grain location with his truck and his grain engulfment simulator trailer in tow. Each of the emergency personnel was given the opportunity to learn how to assemble and use the equipment.

Dan Neenan is partnered with Northeast Iowa Community College and is the Director of the National Education Center for an Agricultural Safety. This event was also sponsored by the Marketing Manager, Melanie Batalis, from the Indiana Corn

Marketing Council.

During Saturday's training event, three victims volunteered to wear a safety harness and experience being buried up to their waist in corn, the first volunteer was Nate Yoder of the Nappanee Fire Department, then Matt Schafer of Smithfield Grain and Melanie Batalis of the Indiana Corn Marketing Council. They all reported the intense pressure of the corn around them making it impossible to move and free themselves without help.

Agriculture can be a dangerous and sometimes a deadly occupation. When totally engulfed or entrapped in grain, it may take three hours or more to be removed. Rescue efforts required to remove a victim from the grain is laborious and often requires a great amount of resources and manpower.

Essentially, the grain entrapment tube consists of six aluminum panels that are strategically placed in a circle around the trapped victim, then a three-inch spiral auger is placed inside the tube and powered by a half-inch, cordless-brushless drill which removes 2-1/2 bushels of corn per minute to unbury the victim from the corn. The panels can also be used to form a wall to protect the victim from avalanching grain.

When faced with an entrapment situation, Mr. Neenan warned everyone, "DO NOT operate the unloading mechanism of the grain bin to free a victim, as it will only bury them deeper." The best thing to do is call 9-1-1 and get additional

help on the way.

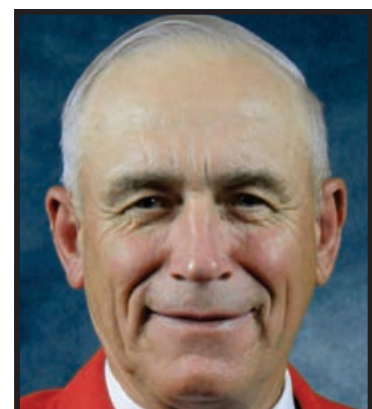
When corn enters a grain bin or gravity wagon from above or corn is actively being drawn from below, it takes only seconds to be pulled down to knee level and one can be buried alive in less than a minute. If caught in an entrapment situation, it would be important to remember that an additional 30 minutes of oxygen may be gained by removing the baseball cap from your head and cupping it over your face as a last resort.

All trainees were reminded that every victim who survives being fully engulfed in grain must receive immediate medical attention because it's likely the person may suffer from a condition known as, Grain-Crushing Compartment Syndrome. Symptoms of his medical emergency often do not appear for 20-60 minutes following the extraction and can be life-threatening.

After the grain bin safety training exercise concluded, and extra Grain Entrapment Rescue Tube was donated to Lapaz Fire Department by the Indiana Corn Marketing Council. Greg Wellborn of Bremen Fire Department reported that Wakarusa, Madison and Bremen Fire Department all have their own grain entrapments tubes too. There is a determined effort to educate and equip as many fire departments as possible across the state of Indiana to increase the chances of saving lives in a rescue attempt, so it doesn't turn into a recovery mission when every second counts.

Public Relations Director Southeast

Edwin J. Scheele



We had a great time at the convention in Muncie. Congratulations to all the award recipients. I am sure we will have a good time at the convention in Indianapolis next year. Now is the time to be thinking about the award nominations and Bridgeport Applications.

It is getting very dry here in Southern Indiana. Hope we don't have many calls for fire with fireworks.

Thanks to Rep. Randy Frye for all his help during the legislative session.

Ed Scheele
IVFA PR Southeast



Deadline for November is October 1st

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese

5-11-2023 Dist One IVFA Mins. Meeting called reorder at 7:30 pm By CH.Marshall Neese Pledge led by Chairman Marshall Neese Roll call taken by Marshall Neese with 5 Departments and 15 Fire personnel

Guests are IVFAA Phyllis Vargo and Miss Flame Maya Chessemen.

Chief of Hoist Depart.: Chief Charles Farekas and Deputy Chief Allen Rieck.

History of the Lake Station Fire Dept. given by DC Allen Rieck.

Minutes: Motion on the floor not to read last Month Mins. second vote 10 no 5 yes motion passes not to read them. Gave IVFAA Chairperson Vargo to talk about our Miss Flame Maya Chessemen and then let Miss Flame talk.

Communications: CH Marshall Neese spoke about the 5 year plan that President Liston has for the IVFA. Newspaper articles needed for the 75 year book in asap for the printer. Marshall spoke about benefits for the IVFA members like the National Guard have.

New Business: opening the floor up for nominations for Chairmanship for Dist. One One

nomination was Marshall Neese Floor was closed One vote was cast to keep Marshall Neese as Dist. Chairperson. No other voting was done. FC Charles Fazekas casted the one vote.

Deaths in Dist. One from Lake Ridge FD and One Griffith FD.

Griffith FD Drive Thru Spaghetti Supper, July 19th from 5pm to 7pm, North Station, 1601 N Indiana Pl.. Lake Station FD has a Veteran's Festival on June 23rd and 24th

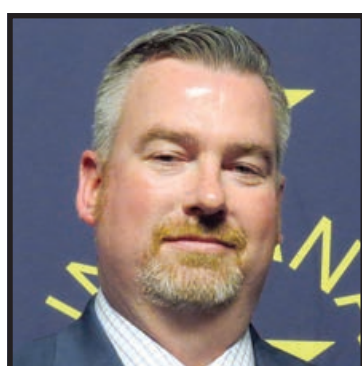
Motion was made by M Neese to present Ms Flame with a check for \$100, second by Fire Chief Charles Fazekas -passed. Then Chief Fazekas donated an additional \$200 from self.

The 50/50 winner donated his \$ 27.00 to Ms Flame also.

Our next IVFA will be held on July 27th at 7:00pm at Dyer Fire Station on Hart Street.

Motion to adjourned by M Neese, second by Steve Cope at 20:10 hours

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Tom Fentress - Chairman

District 2 Meeting

Date: 6/22/2023

Location: Wheatfield Vol. Fire Department

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Notes:

District 2 Chairman Tom Fentress called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by T. Fentress.

Roll call:

26 total members present,

Volunteer Fire Departments at the meeting: Wheatfield VFD, Keener Twp. VFD, Rensselaer VFD, Lowell VFD, Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Force, Kentland-Jefferson VFD, Lake Ridge VFD

State Officers:

IVFA: Jeremy Reef: PRNW, Marshal Neese, District 1 Chairman, Tom Fentress, District 2 Chairman, Randy Denton District 9B Chairman

IVFAA: Christina Reef: IVFAA President

IVFA Miss Flame: Alexxys Standish, and D2 Miss Flame Representative Miranda Ruvalcaba

Acknowledgement of Lifetime members in the audience, followed by all the 10 & 25 year members in the audience.

State Officers gave their reports discussion of IVFA convention was mostly discussed. Discussion of the 2024 & 2025 conventions

was held, and the group discussed how to attract more of district 1 and 2 members. A discussion was held on the awards, and asked for more members to nominate someone for each of the awards that are awarded annually.

Marshall stated that he would like to see more awards being given out to our areas, Dwight Ranch stated that he would like to see this as well, seeing that the IVFA was founded right here in our district.

Chief Mark Ratliff of Wheatfield VFD welcomed everyone to his station and gave the history of the department. He wanted to personally thank all those who sent in well wishes during his cancer battle and announced that he is cancer free!

Communications:

Discussion was held about the lifetime member celebration at the State Capitol. D2 chairman Tom Fentress spoke how this was an amazing opportunity to show the strength and longevity of the VFD.

Discussion about the Support Hero's Gala on July 15th in Owensboro, KY.

Old Business:

Meeting Dates for District 2: 8/17/23 at Hebron VFD, 10/19/23 TBD. We have canceled the December meeting; we will be meeting with D1 in November.

New Business:

MacQueen Award - D2 Chairman Tom Fentress awarded Wheatfield VFD Fire Chief Mark Ratliff with the MacQueen award for excellence. Tom Fentress spoke about why he nominated Chief Ratliff. Chief was presented with the award and gave a small thank you speech.

Cancer Survey - Please be on the look out for the cancer survey - it will come through flyers, social media, and maybe USPS mail. Please take the survey.

Saavik discussion was held - Lowell Firefighter Randy Small was very interested in this, and offline discussion with Tom Fentress was held.

Discussion of the Hub-n-spoke training initiative was held. Grants through the state of Indiana were discussed and links to the pages where they can get these grants were given out. 10 million in grant funding for PPE and SCBA will be available through IDHS, go to the State website to apply.

Vote was held to retain Tom Fentress as the District 2 Chairman, no one opposed - Captain Doug Devries from Keener Twp VFD cast the unanimous vote.

EMS Announcements:

Survey for EMSC will be coming out. If you respond to EMS calls, you must fill out the survey - only had a 77% completion rate last time.

No more printed certifications by 7/1/2023 - need to print out your certificate on Acadis.

NREMT numbers for anyone

who was looking at where we stand versus the nation.

Next meetings:

D1: 7/27/23 - Dyer Fire Department

D2: 8/17/23 - Hebron Fire Department

No Further Comments

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Robert Uryga Sr. - Chairman

IVFA District 3

Feb. 16, 2023

Coolspring Twp. VFD Chief: Mick Pawlik

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Coolspring Training Officer Hunter Wroblewski led the pledge to the flag. Dave Robb started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll taking showing 16 members present, representing 5 departments.

Guests present were Jack Runion of Spenser EQP Mt.

Minutes of Jan. meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was made and approved.

Chairman Uryga called forward Coolspring Firefighter Dave Childress who received his Gold Card, pin and Resolution honoring his 50 year membership in the IVFA.

A moment of silence was observed for Mike "Turkey" Turner, a member of Coolspring and Center Twp. Vol. Fire Departments.

District 3 Miss Flame Representative Miss Emily Jensen was introduced.

Also and announced and noted the Springfield Township has broken ground for a training center at their station.

Chairman Uryga brought up HB 12355. This bill would combine Townships for Fire Protection services. It appears to be another effort by lawmakers toward eliminating Township government. Secretary Bradford gave names and phone numbers of House Reps and encouraged everyone to call their State Reps. to encourage them to vote no to this bill.

We also discussed the need for more training regarding battery farms and battery powered electric vehicles.

All members need to be vigilant on all public safety bill.

Read the paper.

Always present yourself to the public as professionals.

Respectfully Submitted
Rick Bradford, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Gerald (Jerry) Sprague- Chairman

Greetings to everyone from District 6.

Greetings to all from up here in the northeast. It is summer finally and it is turning hot and humid! Need to thank the Hamilton VFD for hosting the District 6 meeting in May. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Terry Bradner of 1-800 Board-up for attending and supplying a lunch for us at our meetings. Congratulations go out to our 2023 District 6 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight from Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. She has done a wonderful job representing District 6 at this past years events and during our IVFA Convention held in Muncie. Also need to congratulate Kaylee for being chosen as 1st Runner Up. Kudos to Kaylee! Please let her know about department events so she can attend. She is on Facebook!

Again we want to thank our lobbyist Larry Curl. He is doing a tremendous job for the IVFA at the Statehouse again during this very busy session.

I would also like to thank Cody Miller of the Lagrange V.F.D. for providing a short presentation on EMR responses by our firefighters. These have been good trainings at our district meetings. Thanks so much Cody!

The next meeting for District 6 as of this printing will be on September 26th., 2023 The location is yet to be determined. Flyers should go out the first week of September. It will also be on the IVFA website on the calendar. (ivfa.org).

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 departments e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com. 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 26th 2023. Please visit the IVFA web site (ivfa.org) as I am hoping the meetings for district 6 will be posted. STAY SAFE!

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association District 7
May 15, 2023
Liberty Center Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:38 pm. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 18 members representing 8 departments.

March Minutes – R/A

GUESTS: Jean Smith – PRNE and Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist

Chairman Bisel – No deaths reported in the district since the last meeting. The IVFAA did have Past-President Barb Ketchum pass away.

Acadis will be down tomorrow for maintenance.

I was not able to make the last quarterly meeting.

Jean Smith - PRNE – 10 bills that we were watching in this session got passed. Distributed list of bills.

75-Year IVFA Anniversary Book reservation deadline has been extended to June 15. It is planned for books to be here in time for Christmas.

Convention is coming up in Muncie June 14-17. There is live training scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The Memorial Service will be on Thursday evening. We will be honoring 91 IVFA and 14 IVFAA members.

Dues packets are mailed out.

The IVFA had their booth at FDIC.

Smoke detectors are available through the Red Cross to distribute.

Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist – Discussed a couple of bills that did not pass and a couple that did pass.

Still looking at funding avenues for the volunteer fire service. We cannot rely on fund raisers anymore.

The IVFA Cost Savings Survey was discussed. It was shown how it would impact Liberty Township if we did not have the volunteer fire service. We need to be getting this information out to our local community and our elected officials how a small increase now may prevent a large increase later.

Take every chance that you can to promote your fire department. The better that we are at selling ourselves the better the chance of getting support for your department in the future when we need it.

We had a conference call with

the Dr. helping us on our cancer survey. The hope is to have something prepared to present at convention.

Chairman Bisel – With the due's packets going out, please make sure that all information is correct. This is for both our members information and their beneficiaries as well as our department's information. There are still departments that have the wrong address and incorrect email or no email at all listed with the central office.

Remember that convention is coming up in Muncie. It has been quite a few years since it has been this close to home for us. Please try to make it down for some of the meetings or the trainings.

Thank you to Liberty Center for hosting the meeting tonight and the wonderful dinner.

Next district meeting will be at Markle July the 15th. This will be our election of district officers.

Second roll call was answered by 18 members representing 8 departments.

Hoagland will have their live and silent auction on Friday June 16th during Hoagland Days.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Richard Sorg

District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10

Our May District meeting was held at Marion Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.; where member, Steve Stone was presented his 50year Gold card, pin, and The Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award. IVFA Board Chairman, David Israel assisted with the presentation. Members, Victor Schutte of Marion Twp VFD, William Stagge, Waldron VFD and Janet Matthews, St. Paul VFD were presented 25year pins.

Bruce Khun of Waldron, was presented The Fire Marshal's Meritorious Award at the May Dept. meeting. Bruce had received his Gold Card earlier at the 50year celebration at the State House in April.

On May 4, I attended the Trafalgar monthly meeting to present 10year pins to members: James Armstrong, Mark Dunn, Jake Marker, Brian Cramer, Todd Bridges, Kevin Chaney, and Matthew Spurgeon.

In June, I had the opportunity to attend a very good training class on Anhydrous Ammonia safety, presented by Premier Ag. During May and June, we attended department fund raisers within the District.

If you have a fund raiser, training class, or special event planned; please contact me and I will have it placed on the IVFA Web site. Also, check the Web site calendar for meeting times and dates.

Chiefs, please be watching for HB 1454; more information will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our upcoming District 10 Meetings. August 16, we travel to Needham; September meeting TBA; October we will be in Clarksburg; and in November, Columbus Twp.

Enjoy your summer and be safe.

John M. Ray, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

I hope that everyone had a great spring and enjoying the

early summer!!! Had a great convention in Muncie in June, it was very enjoyable and learned a lot of information.

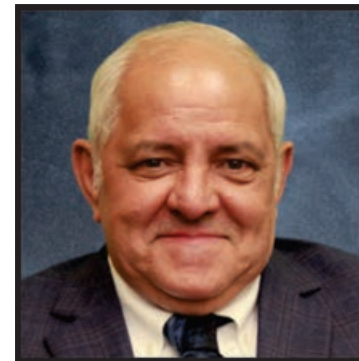
District 11B last meeting was held May 17, 2023, at the Cayuga VFD. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m., an opening prayer by David Bailey and the pledge of allegiance by Jordan Peebles. After this we broke for the meal. The meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m., we had 6 department's present with 21 members, Guest were, President Jerry Liston, State Sgt. Of Arms Brent Bush, PRWC Larry Bartlow, District 11B Miss Flame Jordan Peebles and Cameron Chapman from Donley Fire Equipment. March meeting minutes were read and approved, Treasure report gave by Larry Bartlow, \$5232.69 and was approved. HB1454 was discussed. 10 Year Pin was presented to Cayuga Member Joseph Wilson. Larry Bartlow discussed Indiana unclaimed, where there is money sitting there belonging to individuals and organizations. Discussion on the Convention and all the state training props that are going to be there. Pres. Jerry Liston spoke on the 75 yearbook, spoke some on Legislation, spoke also about the upcoming Hoosier Burn Camp, emphasis was discussed on making sure you nominate people for the awards at the convention, all can be done online. President Liston also spoke on the cancer study the association is also working on. Floor was opened for discussion, 50/50 was drawn with Matt Rudolph wining \$40.00. Next meeting will be in July, with the location to be announced at a later date. The September meeting will be a joint meeting / picnic with District 11A it will be held Sunday, September 10th at 1:00 P.M. at Forest Park in Brazil, and the November meeting wich is also the Miss Flame contest will be held Sunday November 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Helt Fire in Dana. Closing prayer by Anthony Rohr.

Thank You

Jason Ryan

Chairman 11B

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

"Hello!" and Greetings from District 12

"Good morning." "Good afternoon." "Good evening." depending upon the time you are reading these updates from our district.

Spring has sprung and has given way to summer. Summer is always a great time to catch up on those tasks that you just could not or did not want to do in the winter or spring months, so let's get em done.

By the reading of this article we will have just over four months till Christmas, not that I'm hurrying my life away just want to make sure everyone is getting prepared. Oh and before that come Thanksgiving and hopefully a few more camping, fishing, vacations or what ever your life style beings to you.

District 12 wants to publicly thank "Katie Rusie" and her parents Rick and Michelle for being a great Miss Flame contestant. She did a fantastic job representing District 12 and we hope she will continue to attend our District meetings and functions within District 12 as time permits. I'm sure her time will become very much limited as she prepares for that college life in a few months but I just want to THANK YOU and even though you were not selected to represent the State we are very proud of you, By the way you were the first District 12 Miss Flame to ever get me to participate in the Miss Flame Dance off and maybe the last too. We were told if I would have done the splits with you we could have won. The reality is I would not have won if I had attempted that but thanks/

So what's next for District 12... glad you ask we are still planning our family day event later in the year so watch the calendar for that date and location, we still have a few district meetings to host before years end and we will be hosting our second District awards Dinner / Meeting coming up soon, All dates, locations, and events will be posted on the IVFA website calendar and on the District Facebook page.

We had a good time attending at this year's IVFA State Convention June 14-16 hosted by IVFA Dist 13 B in Muncie Indiana. It was good food, great training and always nice to see friends.

And speaking of convention don't forget the 2024 convention will be right here in our very own District and plans are well under way for put on a Great State Convention. If you have not reached out to the District 12 leadership please do, we need help from our members to host the 2024 IVFA State Convention. It will be June 11 – 14 2024. Hope to see everyone there.

The leadership of District 12 wants to hear from its members. Please share with us your thoughts, concerns, desires and wishes to bring interest back to the district and a larger audience at the district meetings. We typically host a Dist 12 meeting every other month beginning in Jan and we attempt to host it on the first Monday of the month but watch the calendar on the IVFA website for exact date, time, and locations. Also we will do a posting on our Dist Facebook page of the date, time and location

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too. We will be providing an update at each District 12 meeting about the convention we (hopefully you and I) will be hosting.

We are here for you the departments, the members and the families. We encourage you to let us know when your department is having an event or activity and would like to have a representative from the IVFA attend, speak, help you celebrate a special occasion, we want to help where ever and when ever we can.

Remember my challenge to each of you during 2023 is the same as it has been since I stepped up to lead our district. Let's start a movement in District 12, "see some one, ask someone" many folks would be willing to join if we were just willing to "ask them". How many new members have you taken on in the last few months, remember the challenge is still on and is for a full year so you still have time to recruit.

Our District 12 management team now includes;

Larry, Jim, Chara & Rick and ED Your District 12 Leadership

Larry Curl – District 12 Chairman, Jim Leaver – District 12 Vice Chairman, Chara Leaver – District 12 Secretary / IVFAA District 12 Chairperson, Rick Rusie – District 12 Chaplain, and Ed Orr – our District 12 official Photographer

Reach out to any of us if there is anything we can help your department with. My contact information can be found in this newspaper as well as on our IVFA website, and we would love to hear from you.

Larry

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

Hi, Hey, or Hello!

District 13B and our convention committee hit a home run, in my opinion. "WE DID IT!" Our district may be small in size compared to others, but we make up for it with dedication and commitment. My most sincere appreciation to all of you!

I hope you had a great time attending the 77th annual Convention, and I would love to hear the good and bad things from you.

Often times, only the good things are what one wants to hear but how do you become better if you never listen or hear the bad or areas for improvement? I urge you to respectfully speak up and

step in. Become a contributing factor in growing our association stronger and even better than ever.

Please give thanks to our sponsors that supported us this year when you see them.

Congratulations to all of the award winners, scholarship winners, Miss Flame, and Officers! I wish you all the best. As my dad would say, "grab ahold and hang on!"

LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE, because kickstands go up on September 10th! I am excited to say there will be a benefit ride with proceeds going towards the 2024 Hoosier Burn Camp Auction. Be watching for more news soon... Speaking of HBCA.. Mr. Mack Garbis, THANK YOU for going above and beyond helping me reach my goal for the auction!

For those of you who do not know, I challenged all of Dist 13b departments to donate money for the Hoosier Burn Camp with a \$10,000 goal. Though we didn't quite make it, we hit a district grand total of \$6,205.85! But why stop there?? Next goal is \$25,000 overall towards burn camp. SLAM DUNK, we did it and it's because of all of you! Thank you!

Larry Curl and District 12, GOOD LUCK and I have zero doubt that you will make 78 great! So far I am hearing the 2024 convention committee is planning a wonderful event!

Now, it's time to get back out in the district and make rounds and make more friends. Please shoot me a call, text or email of your events, meetings and trainings. My work schedule is a 24/48 rotation which has its advantages and disadvantages. I'll be looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Convention 2023 Sponsors:

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- Lazer Creations
- Big Daddy's Guns
- Sugar Creek Packing
- And those wishing to remain anonymous
- Anthony Smith
- District 13B Chairman
- 765-439-0911

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Lee Cannon Sr. - Chairman

Welcome from District 14 I hope everyone is doing good we have been busy here at district 14.

We just finished our convention in Muncie where district 14 had some awards winners and we will get their pictures in the paper next quarter.

Winners was Judy Wirth the Lois Boaz winner Erica Stoffragen Angle award Tammy Heishman Marium Schackel winner

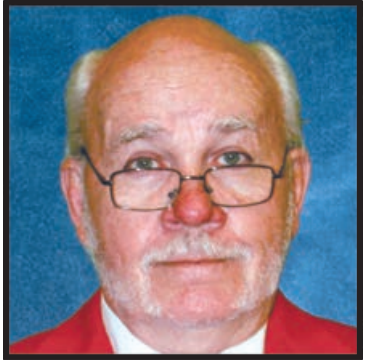
And My fire chief Wayne Williams Vienna Twp fire dept the McQueen award winner.

We also won the 2025 Convention bid to be held at Clifty Falls State Park in Madison.

So if anyone wants to help out with the convention just reach out to me and we will let you know when the next meeting is.

Thanks Rick Cannon district chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greeting from District 17A, April 6th Taylor VFD meeting May 4th Taylor VFD meeting May 5, 6 & 7th State Officers

Meeting in Indianapolis was held and several items were discussed and will be passed on at district meetings.

May 17th - District 17A meeting was held at Baknell VFD. Good meeting and information given to members. Thanks for hosting the meeting.

May 18th - I presented Life saving Awards to Plainville VFD members Kelly Stedman and Megan Burton. A job well done.

May 20th - I went to Tough-a-truck at Bicknell. Lots of good display for all to see.

June 1st - Taylor VFD Meeting.

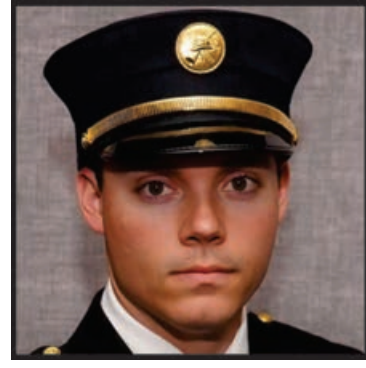
June 2nd - I presented Mark Froelich Worthington Fire Prot. Territory his 50 Year Gold Card and pin, thanks for all your years of service.

June 15-17th - I attending the 2023 State Convention in Muncie. Many thanks to those who put it all together. Everything was well done for all the activities.

A special thanks to Natalee Rickard Miss Flame District 17A for her being there and also the family for all the support.

Hope to see everyone at future meetings. Until next time Stay Safe. Sam Emery District 17A CH

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger- Chairman

Greetings from district 18. At the current time of writing this, we have had eight inches of rain in the last three days in central Spencer County. I don't believe we will need to worry about field fires for now! I would like to congratulate Katlyn Betz of the Schellville VFD. She represented Dist. 18 Well at the State Convention! If you have never been to the State Convention, I would like you to challenge yourself to go! You will want to go back! They're full of hand on trainings, seminars and the best part of all, meeting other fire fighters from around the state. I'd also like to challenge you to go to at least one District meeting this year. Our district is known for some of the best food! Oh, free food too! Thank you for your time, service and effort each and every one of you put in. "Firefighting is and always will be unscripted, How ready will you be?"

Chairman Waninger

The last meeting of the district 18 on May 18th was hosted by Haysville fire department

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by Vice Chairman John Smith

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

Brother Benjamin Brown gave the opening prayer and remembrance of those who passed away Daniel Lautner New Boston

The business meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm by Vice Chairman John Smith and welcomed everyone has joined us tonight.

Roll call was taken with 30 members representing 11 departments answering 306 alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith introduced guest present Larry Curl IVFA Lobbyist, Carol Curl IVFAA board chair Kathy Smith Chairman District 18 IVFAA, Katlyn Betz District 18 Miss Flame. Claire Will from red cross, Todd Amstutz from Hoosier fire State Officer's report

Larry Curl talked about some of the bill that were going through the senate

District Chairman's report

Vice Chairman reported on the senate bill 369 on the AEDs

Committee reports.

Parade and Miss Flame contest will be held on Sunday October 15 2023 hosted by Holland fire

dept. A check for seed money for the parade host for \$250.00

IVFAA District 18 Kathy Smith talked about the miss flame and was handing out the packets for the miss flame contest

New Business

A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to Katlyn Betz for her district 18 project.

Joe Dekemper had a list of items that they were getting rid of from the Dubois fire department.

Nomination committee was formed

Luke Jarboe Ireland, Joe Dekemper Dubois, Tom Kloeck St. Mienard

Vice Chairman Smith thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will be on July 20th 2023 with the Huntingburg fire department host.

Last call for any other business to be brought before this body. There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Secretary/ Treasurer

Stan Seifert

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

IVFA District 19:

As we work through the summer, we all have many things to reflect on from the past winter and spring, look to the future. Our volunteer departments continue to face challenges when it relates to staffing and funding.

We should not allow our problems be the focus of all of our energy. We have the privilege to be called firefighters. And with that privilege comes a responsibility. Sometimes we catch ourselves talking about what is wrong with our younger members, how they aren't like we were. But, is there really something wrong or do they just look at things differently. I remember years ago when I first started in the volunteer fire service and we started trying to push training. We met resistance from some and cooperation and support from others. We really need to make sure we are the ones supporting our new members and passing on our love and passion for the fire service.

When I first became Chief of the Versailles Fire Department there was an older former chief that I could talk to and he always spoke candidly with me and helped me in my new position. I think many of you knew him, past IVFA President Carl Bruns. Carl

always had time to listen and talk and I developed a great respect for him. We need to make sure we take the time to listen to our members, especially the younger members. They are the future of our departments and the volunteer fire service.

At our last two district meeting I noticed the younger members in attendance. They are the future of the volunteer fire service and the IVFA. At our meetings in Aurora, Posey Township and Metamora there were over 120 total firefighters in attendance. We need to find ways to encourage these younger members to be involved and stay involved in our departments. We look forward to seeing good size, large crowds at our meetings as we work to preserve and improve the volunteer fire service. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our future meetings. Our July meeting is being held at the Versailles Station and on September 28th we will be at the Hogan Twp VFD station in Dearborn County.

Ben Sieverding
District 19 Chairman

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

District 21 meeting was held at Clarks Hill Vol Fire Dept on May 22, 2023.

A fried chicken dinner was served. Thank you Clarks Hill.

There were 7 departments and 18 people present.

Regular business was addressed.

Our next meeting will be at Wea Vol Fire Department on August 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm and a light meal served at 6:45 pm.

Don Fultz
District 21 Chairman

From The Secretary
Leighanne Ellis



IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING
May 5-7, 2023
Crowne Plaza Hotel
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at by President Jerry Liston at 1:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Ross Emery. The Invocation was given by Chaplain David Elick.

Roll Call was taken with 19 District Chairman present and 6 absent, 6 Public Relations Officers, 6 past presidents, and Executive Committee present District 12 Vice Chair Lieber and District 15 Vice Chair Campbell present.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Richard Glant made a motion to accept minutes as emailed. Don Cushman second the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurers Report, Treasurer Luke Kluender, report was emailed out to board members for review prior to meeting. Discussion held on new software programming for accounting matters such as QuickBooks. The vendor is changing to a subscription basis online. We will stay with what we have and not change to online version. Motion to accept treasurer report emailed made by Bob Uryga. Second given by Rex Maynard. Motion passed. Discussion held on 2018 account for state convention still open \$15, 518.98 needs to know what to do with this money and close the line item. Motion made by Bob Uryga to move to general fund, Tom Fentress gave second. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Supporting Hero's Gala- last call for attendance will be this weekend.

2. Savvik Buying Group- met with them during FDIC to finalize information. They want names of fire dept. and addresses. They converted from pdf to their program from the paid and not paid list from the fire depts. Going to try and make a push at convention.

3. Cancer survey- Health and Wellness committee is going to work on this program to help doctor.

Central Office Report:

Jack Kerney, Reports are going to be processed and emailed out as requested. Pin lists have been sent out. 91 deceased members to date. Name Badges mailed out. Bridgeport scholarships mailed to chairman. Website lists are updated. Dues packets have all been mailed out. 13,367 addresses prepared for newspaper. 312 addresses on hold for newspaper mailing. 12,680 Active members, 35 service members, 100 associate, 2 honorary members, 60 individual, 707 gold members, 13,605 members of association. 3 pending AIL Claims, \$207,736 paid out to date from AIL. License plates sold in Jan. 371, Feb. 598. March 579, Total of 1548 in first quarter.

Executive Committee Report:

Bridgeport scholarships were graded during this time.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Vice President Ross Emery- Ollie Sandburg winner was decided, all MacQueen winners chosen and awards received. Recommending that every 50-year member's names will be announced and awarded at the state house function. If they are not present, then it will be given to the district chairman to be delivered after

the statehouse function. Richard Cannon made a motion to accept recommendation, Ben Siverdin made the second, motion passed. The cards will be mailed to the Vice President and then distributed after the State House Proclamation Day.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison- will meet Sunday to decide on the winner.

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney- nothing to report.

Mr. IVFA Larry Curl- nothing to report.

Ivan Nevil Leadership Award- Larry Curl- nothing to report.

Bridgeport:

Past President Richard Glant, winners have been chosen.

Budget:

Treasurer Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s:

Chaplin Dave Elick, Code of Conduct is being reviewed. Discussion brought up about the By-Laws and SOG's being online and possible needing password protection. Recommendations is to not password protect the bylaws since there is a way around it and we have hard copies. New copies of 2023 By-Laws and SOG's will be passed out.

Clothing Claims:

District 5 John Grolich, brought up a change of raising the limit to \$150 for glasses. Will present change next meeting in July.

Convention:

David Israel- 2023 Jeff Biehl and Anthony Smith- Jeff has rooming list call him. Registrations go to Jeff. Golf outing is Wednesday, hole in one sponsor, \$10,000 worth of fire items. Burn camp auction, plan to try and raise \$25,000 to honor their 25th anniversary. Meal plans were discussed. Raffle tickets and challenge coins are available. Training and FF Combat challenge are going to be present.

2024- Larry Curl- changed hotel to Wyndham hotel in Indianapolis.

2025- have 2 districts that had bids in currently. District 14 in Madison, and District 16 Clarksville.

EMS:

Tammy Wright, report given by Tom Fentress, discussed personnel changes at IDHS, Kari Lanham in education, Candice Pope no longer with IDHS, Travis Cleary is going to Dist. 1 and 4 for EMS. Acadis portal discussion changes and updates. Will have to renew portal every 2 years. IERC in Sept. and IEMSA Conference is in December in French Lick. Discussion on AEDs in schools and the law changes for action plan and exercising the plan for use of AED with school functions. SB 369.

Insurance:

Luke Kleunder, Workman's Comp premium paid and updated.

Legislation:

Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, nothing to report.

LODD:

Dave Elick, nothing to report

Logo:

District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report

Membership and Marketing:

District 7 Sam Bisel, reported by Leighanne Ellis, trying to figure out how push more grant services and options out to membership,

development of a fire leadership course for volunteers for newly elected officers and understanding how to keep departments in compliance.

Newspaper:

Past Pres. Buz Koehler and Sam Bisel, report given by President Liston, 40 pages, 15 advertisers 13,516 papers printed.

Public Relations and Education:

Steve Nolan and Don Cushman, FDIC we are April 15-20, 2024. 34,320 in attendance. Need more supplies. We are going to do away with the clock. Will have shirt orders in the booth for ordering at FDIC. Need to get a new backdrop for the show because issues with handling the other is hard. Has yard sign that goes into the trailer to be advertised with the trailer. We have 3 sets of waterball equipment in the trailer now. We will have the trailer repainted and sealed to protect it. Computer in trailer needs updated or replaced. It is outdated with Windows 7 and does not have compatibility for current technology. Look into a payment system for cards. Also discussed an IVFA Coin only available at special conferences.

Social Media and Website:

Webmaster Josh Reisert, report from Anthony Smith, app that was discussed for "free", ended up not what it was advertised to us as. If another dept. buys the app, then it's free to use to develop, if not the start-up is \$14995 with a \$5995 yearly maintenance. We will not be doing this endeavor. Discussed subscribing to the IVFA Calendar to have up to date information. Have more photos to be uploaded onto the website. Also look into PSA ads through radio stations. June 25 deadline for the 75-year history book.

Special Projects:

Past Pres. Buz Koehler, report given by Steve Anderson, deadline for bio submission is June 15, 2023. Purchase dates have been extended as well. Worked on last 25 years of history. Review as committee in Sept. and will be mailed out Dec. 2023 if everything remains on schedule. Older issues missing we will be looking for a finding for history.

Training:

Past President Steve Anderson, lot less work is going on due to lesser variances. Discussion on trying to get the NVFC training division for HazMat train the trainers within the state. How to interact with our elected officials better training topic was brought up. Looking at doing some video format trainings to keep costs down and bring up to all members.

Younger Membership:

District 6 Jerry Sprague, discussion on phone app, Facebook communication is working, and career centers and the SkillsUSA program. Youth Camp in 2024 looking for sponsors and prepping that program.

Health and Wellness Committee:

District 2 Tom Fentress, baseline physicals for dept. BioCare physicals have a mobile unit and can stay 2-3 days, discussed pricing with NFPA standard is \$350, other options are available to lower pricing. Spoke on a MOU to this group to partner

with the association. Trying to figure out how to gauge the need and response of the members. Spoke on CISM debriefing, we have a list, there are trainings out there that we can take to start getting our peer support team available for the state and membership. Looking at getting a form survey together to identify who has interest in becoming a part of the team. Cancer study was discussed.

Representative Reports:

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education:

Steve Anderson, meeting cancelled.

Fire Alliance Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, report given by Steve Anderson, full certification class is available and working on getting positions filled.

Hero's Competition, District 11B Jason Ryan nothing to report.

IN-Time Jack Zeeks, severe weather conversations held.

IDHS Senior Advisory Committee: Jack Zeeks, new appointment that will be coming up, this will be a grant review committee.

National Volunteer Fire Council Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, NVFC was awarded a \$2.9 million-dollar SAFER Grant.

Legislation on PSOB extension of cancer benefits to be introduced. Legislation on Federal Grant process and how consuming reports to file are, they created a statement to ease compliance. CFSI public housing sprinkler system bills for \$150 million. Tax credits for volunteer firefighters bill plan to be introduced. NVFC discrimination and harassment toolkit available online.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, starting to do smoke detector drives again.

Officer's Reports:

President, Jerry Liston, 2500 miles, chamber dinner, 6 district meetings, FDIC.

Vice President, Ross Emery, 2500 miles, 6 district meetings, 50-year luncheon, FDIC.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, nothing to report.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

Chaplain, David Elick, 91 members on memorial list, 14 on auxiliary list, need to make sure all paperwork is in for the convention deadline. A rose will be presented with the bible and grave mark service, so no one is missing their rose from the convention service.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, nothing to report.

Historian, Buz Koehler/ Jason Ryan, report given by Ross Emery, has scanned 3,272 pages from past newspapers to be uploaded. Convention digests, officers' reports and other documents from history are scanned.

Chairman of the Board, David Israel, 50-year luncheon, 3 convention mtgs. Chamber dinner, 3 county and 3 district meetings, memorial service.

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, absent

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, attending all district meetings and some fundraisers, FDIC.

PRNE, Jean Smith, Memorial service, all district meetings, dept. visits, 50-year presentation.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, 3

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district meetings.
PREC, Jeff Biehl, all district meetings, few fundraisers, passed out service pins.
PRSW, Steve Nolan, 50-year presentation, FDIC, 2 memorial services, attended district meetings,
PRSE, Ed Scheele, all district meetings, 50-year luncheon, retirement party, fundraisers. 10 dept. visits.
Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, absent
Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent

Past President's Reports:
Richard Glant, pass
Jack Zeeks, pass
Buz Koehler, absent
Jack Kerney, pass
Larry Ketchem, absent
David Israel, pass
Steve Anderson, meeting with local fire representatives
fire alliance meeting, county meetings, FDIC, had conversation about ISO ratings.
Paul Holcomb, pass

District Reports:
District 1, Marshall Neece, meeting at Washington Twp. 5 dept. and 18 members present. Program on dept. history, state rep spoke, and service pin passed out. 1 memorial service
District 2, Tom Fentress, meeting at Keener Twp. VFD, 8 dept. and 25 members present. Program from Indiana Fire Chiefs Association. 2 fundraisers, service pins passed out.
District 3, Bob Uryga, Meeting at Coolspring Twp. 6 dept. and

25 members present. 50-year presentation and 75-year member celebration.
District 4, Elton Schafer, meeting at New Paris Fire, 6 dept. and 25 members present. Meeting at Walkarusa Fire, 5 dept. and 15 members present. Presentation of service pins.
District 5, John Grolich, meeting at Monterey, 4 memorial services, FDIC, Statehouse luncheon. Having issues with getting notifications of members passing and not receiving memorial benefits.
District 6, Jerry Sprague, meeting at Shipshewana, 8 dept. and 24 members present. Program on 1st responder medical response by Goy Miller from Lagrange EMS. Service pins and fundraisers, statehouse luncheon, and FDIC. Old fire hose collection to donate to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary.
District 7, Sam Bisel, absent
District 8A, Rex Maynard, meeting at Kempton VFD, 6 dept. present. One memorial service. Service pins passed out.
District 8B, Tony Dalrymple, meeting at White River Twp., 7 dept. and 12 members present. Program on Legislation, Fundraisers, and Convention, Dunkirk Dance, Pennville Beef and Noodle Dinner, Lynn Fire Fish and Tenderloin Dinner. One memorial service, 5 gold card presentations, statehouse luncheon.
District 9A, Pascal Moon, report given by Jeremy Reef, district meeting, service pins.
District 9B, Randy Denton, absent

District 10, John Ray, meeting at Elizabethtown, 4 dept. and 15 members present. Meeting at Trafalgar, 4 dept. and 12 members present. Program by CenterPoint Gas, meeting at Clay Twp. VFD, 8 dept. and 20 members present. 3 fundraisers, statehouse luncheon, 2 gold card presentations, 2 county and 3 dept. meetings.
District 11A, Pete Taylor, meeting at New Goshen Fire and Rescue, 8 dept. and 15 members present. Program by John Shafer, Director of Training. Statehouse luncheon, 2 memorial services, service pins passed out, FDIC, awards dinners.
District 11B, Jason Ryan, report given by Brent Bush, service pins passed out.
District 12, Larry Curl, absent
District 13A, Don Cushman, unable to hold district meeting.
District 13B, Anthony Smith, passed out service pins, district grant writing class with 40-50 people in attendance. District meeting coming up. 2 life members memorial services.
District 14, Rick Cannon, meeting at Kent Fire Dept. 8 dept. and 30 members present, program from Fire Marshall's office by Chuck Gunter, Dingus Fire Brett Roberts, Miss Flame present her Miss Flame Project. A few deaths, service pins, Dupont Fire dept. limited funds and pump went out and were able to have a dept. donate a new truck to them during their fish fry.
District 15, Steve Anderson, Vice Chairman Campbell gave report, meeting at Lynnville, 12 dept. and 40 members present. The program was training day at Interlake State Rec Area on ATV-UTV usage on the trails, 4 hours medical training and other vital training needed for the area. 2 counties cover the park. June 3, tabletop training is being planned for the next meeting.
District 16, Ashley Armstrong, report given by Ed Scheele, service pins passed out. John Shafer present at the meeting.
District 17A, Sam Emery, meeting at Taylor VFD, 5 dept. and 30 members present. Miss flame program held and crowned. 3-4 dept. visits. 2022 MacQueen Award presented.
District 17B, Tammy Wright,

absent
District 18, Nick Waninger, 4 dept. visits, service pins passed out. Chief retirement party, county meeting MacQueen presentation.
District 19, Ben Siverdin, meeting at Posey Twp. VFD, 8 dept. and 32 members present. Program given by IDHS Manager.
District 21, Don Fultz, meeting at Darlington Fire Dept. 6 dept. and 23 members present. 3 memorials services. 2 gold card presentations, 6 dept. visits. May 31 Burn Camp Day.

Meeting recessed at 1702.
Sunday May 7, 2023, Business meeting continued
Meeting reconvened at 0831 by President Liston.
Chaplain Elick gave morning message.

New Business:
1. President's Progression Plan- passed out to the group.
2. Transitioning Miss Flame Program from the IVFAA to the IVFA. We will be pulling the program back into the IVFA. Jack Kerney made motion to bring program back to the IVFA. Richard Glant gave second. Motion passed.
3. IVFA coin specific to be sold at events we attend. Also talked about 50-year coin. To obtain 300 of each coin would be around \$4,000. Jack Zeeks motions for 1000 for the 50-year coin and 500 of the IVFA coin. Bob Uryga Second. Motion passed.
4. Obtain card readers to run credit cards at events. One will tap and insert is \$100 each. The one that taps, inserts and swipes is \$400. Recommendation would be to order not to exceed \$200. This is to be used for offsite merchandise purchases.
5. Charges for IVFAA emails we have paid \$200 a year and they have not been charged so they currently owe \$1400. The rates will cost \$225 a year with rates increasing. Great Plains was supposed to invoice directly and did not. We have paid their bill, but their agreement was to have their own website and emails. Jack Kerney made a motion to let this past due amount go and to start billing of \$225 per year as of present to the IVFAA. Dave Elick gave the second. Motion passed

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Announcements/ Good of the Order
1. Spoke about license plates and obtaining the vanity plates.
2. Spoke to the worldwide peer support team out of Anderson IN. They would like to partner with us. Will look more into this.
Speakers:
No speakers for the morning.
Same Emery motion to adjourn, second from John Grolich. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 0927.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING May 5-7, 2023 HILTON GARDEN HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, IN
Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board David Israel at 0927.
Reading of the minutes, Jeremy Reef made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by Don Cushman, motion passed.
Board Action- Business:
1. Buz is asking for up to \$2000 to have Matt finish scanning history information into the format needed to be uploaded onto the website. 13 ½ hours to complete scans at \$85/hr. Motion made by Richard Glant and second given by John Grolich. Motion passed.
2. Purchase 2 card readers to be used at off site events such as FDIC and IERC not to exceed \$200/each. Jack Zeeks made motion, Steve Nolan gave second, motion passed.
3. 50-year coin purchase of 1000, Association coin purchase of 500, not to exceed \$15,000. John Grolich made motion and Bob Uryga gave second, motion passed.
4. Computer and External Drive purchase for Public Relations for FDIC and other events. Not to exceed \$1000. Steve Anderson gave motion and John Grolich gave second. Motion passed.
Chaplain gave benediction.
Motion to adjourn meeting by Dave Elick, Second by John Grolich . Meeting adjourned at 0935.

From the Bridgeport Commitee

This years winners of the Bridgeport Scholarships are:

From Dist. 18 is Tyler Verkamp from Celestine Vol. Fire Department attending University of Southern Indiana in the field of Civil Engineering.

From Dist. 17A is Natalie Rose of Vincennes Twp. Fire Dept. attending Indiana State University in the field of Elementary Education.

From Dist. 13B is Kaylee Gabbard of Cambridge Vol. Fire Dept. attending Ball State University in the field of Emergency Management.

And from Dist. 8A is Brianna Lane from Madison Twp. attending Indiana University in the field of Biology and Pre-Med with the goal to become a Neonatologist.

**Richard Glant
Past President
Chairman Bridgeport Commitee**

Local Charity to Donate 30th Ambulance to Community in Need

FORT WAYNE- A Northeast Indiana charity founded by two local firefighters is preparing to deliver its 30th ambulance to a Latin American community in need. One World Medics, a 501c(3) organization founded by paramedics Jerry Shultz and Bryan Peterson with Fernando Zapari, a local Hispanic publisher, recently received the ambulance donation from the Orange Township Fire Department in Rome City. In addition, the organization took delivery of two ambulances from MedCare Ambulance of Columbus, Ohio. At least one of those will be going to Guatemala with the assistance of a local Fort Wayne church.

"The truck will also be loaded with miscellaneous gear and personal protective equipment that is no longer in service here at Orange Township Fire," stated Fire Chief Gene Landers. "Thank you to One World Medics for making a difference and allowing Orange Township to be a part of it."

One World Medics was established in 2019, when the two Fort Wayne Fire Department firefighters enlisted the help of the community to refurbish an ambulance for a group in Tijuana, Mexico, whose last running ambulance suffered a mechanical breakdown while the two were volunteering there. Since then, the organization has delivered 28 ambulances and 3 fire department vehicles to Mexico and Honduras. They have sent emergency medical equipment as far away as Africa, Cuba, and the Ukraine.

The group functions solely on local donations and fund raising events, such as an annual golf outing in August. None of the organization's personnel accept a salary, allowing all donated funds to be utilized "for the cause".

Contact: Bryan Peterson (bryan@oneworldmedics.com) or (260) 417-5808
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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

**IVFAA
President**
Christina Reef



Hello Everyone,
I hope the summer is hot enough for everyone & you are getting some fun but relaxing family time in.
We had an amazing time at the IVFA-IVFAA 2023 convention in Muncie this year. A huge thank you to the convention committee from district 13B for all the hard work they did putting on the convention. Next year's convention will be hosted by district 12 in Indianapolis at the Crown Plaza June 12th - 14th, 2024. If you have never been to a convention, I strongly encourage you to attend one. I promise you will have a good time & meet

some amazing people.
I want to congratulate our 2023 award winners for this year. Lois Boaz award winner is Judy Wirth, State IVFAA Chaplain from district 14, Dupont Fire Department. Ladies Auxiliary. Miriam Schaeckel award winner is Tammy Heishman from district 14, Tri-Township Fire Department Auxiliary. IVFAA President's award winner is Judy Wirth. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work & dedication to your districts, fire departments, auxiliaries & communities. Please start thinking about award nominations for next year. We would love to see at least 1 person from each district nominated.
The Miss Flame contestants did an amazing job this year. They certainly did not make the judge's task easy in deciding who the winner was. I am very proud of all the young ladies that competed this year. You represented yourselves, your district & your fire departments with professionalism, compassion, grace & beauty. The 2023 State Miss. Flame winner is Alexxys Standish from district 9B, Kentland-Jefferson Twp. Fire Department. First Runner up winner is Kaylee Knight from district 6, Noble Twp. Fire Department. Miss. Congeniality winner is Allysen Armstrong

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At our annual IVFAA meeting we elected our 2023-2024 officers. President - Christina Reef, Vice President - Beverly Vanlandingham, Recording Secretary - Kristy Bisel, Corresponding Secretary - Dawn Harris, Treasurer - Martha Biehl, Chaplin - Judy Wirth, Sargent at Arms - Suzie Lewis. I look forward to working with all these ladies in the upcoming year.
This year we will continue to work on building our membership. We will also be sending out a survey to some of you to gather some feedback on how we can improve & better serve our members. If you are interested in receiving a survey, please reach out to your district chairman or any state officer.
Any young lady between the ages of 15 to 18 years old, interested in running for Miss Flame for the upcoming year, should contact their IVFA or IVFAA district chair. The application & information about the program is on the website.
Also, it is that time again to pay your annual IVFAA dues. Dues are \$10 per year. Our membership form is on the IVFAA website. If

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IVFAA President

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you do not have access or you cannot find it, please ask your district chair or our Recording Secretary Kristy Bisel for a copy to be sent to you.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for being so nice & helpful to me in my past year as president. I had an amazing year & met some wonderful people as I went to meetings all over the state. I look forward to getting to as many meetings & events as I can this year as well. If you would like me to attend an event or meeting, please let me know. I will do my best to attend.

Please continue to post your meeting date, time, and location on the website calendar & on the IVFAA Community Facebook page. Please also post any events happening in your district. This will not only help me know when your meeting is but will also let others know in your surrounding areas. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions. I'm always happy to help.

Sincerely,
Christina Reef
IVFAAPresident@IVFAA.org

Corresponding Secretary

Dawn Hillenburg-Harris



I.V.F.A.A. Convention Meeting
Friday, June 16, 2023
Muncie Convention Center,
Muncie, IN

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 8:15 am. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer. Sargent at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Flames were invited in and introduced themselves to the group. Everyone wished them well and would see them tonight at the banquet.

Roll call--24 board members responded with 32 Auxiliary members present. Bev reported that there are 592 members and 31 lifetime members in the State Auxiliary.

Past President volunteered to sit in as corresponding secretary. She read the minutes from Convention 2022. Kim Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second by Tammy Smith. Motion accepted.

Treasure report -- Martha Biehl gave the following report:

- Checking---\$29,844.01
- CD--\$11,196.96
- CD-\$20,085.08
- Gaming

- account--\$7,082.37
- Miss Flame
- account--\$4,050.39
- Mary Mackin
- account--\$2,743.37

Report was accepted for audit. Chaplain report—Judy has been sending Thank You and Get-Well cards. She has traveled 1,300 miles to do memorial services. She ordered new bibles for the organization to have when needed and they are the smaller bible. She thanked all her associate chaplains for all they did.

Audit—will be at the next state meeting.

Budget—Kathy Smith reported that it has been approved for next year.

Chinese Auction—Leona Uryga reported that as of Friday morning they had taken in \$625. Need to sell more and the drawing will be Friday afternoon at 3:30 pm.

Historian—Phyllis Vargo was absent due to her husband's illness.

Installation—Beth Moon said they were ready.

Jewelry—Suzie announced that she received the last order before the convention, and everything was okay.

Lois Boaz—Beth Caudill announced that they were ready. She encouraged everyone to nominate members in their departments. There are a lot of deserving ladies in the state membership.

Mary Mackin Scholarships—Kim Smith that they are going to read the essay's later and announce the winner at the banquet.

Membership flyer—it is ready and on the website.

Carol Memorial Throw—ready when need them.

Miriam Schaeckel Award—will be awarded at a later date.

Nominations—Carolyn Zeeks announced they are ready.

Parliamentarian—Bev VanLandingham said everything was okay.

Social Media—Christina asked everyone to share their events on Facebook.

Vice Presidents project—50/50 drawing—E.J. Smith said they had \$600 so far and will be drawing the winner at the banquet.

SOG/By-Laws—they will be emailed to every member and copies will be given to the District Chairperson. The Dist. Chairperson will be responsible for getting copies to her departments. There will be a vote for one by-law at our next state meeting in July. SOG are on the website, and they are looking for a printer.

Next quarterly meeting will be July 28-30 at the Crown Plaza in Indianapolis.

Carol Curl reported on Convention 2024 that will be held at the Crown Plaza hosted by District 12. Right now, registration for the convention is \$75 each but will raise to \$90 after the deadline.

Christina called for a 15-minute

break. Christina called the meeting back to order. Doors were shut for elections. In order to vote you must be 18 years old. It was decided that at the next meeting a discussion will be held as to whether a young member must provide an I.D. stating they are 18.

Bev did the roll call per district. We have 55 voting members present.

Christina presented Carol Curl with her Past President corsage and Carol presented Christina with her corsage.

Carolyn Zeeks started the nominations.

For President—Christina Reef was slated. E.J. Smith was nominated from the floor. Nominations were closed and ballots were passed out. After the vote, Christina announced president.

Vice President—E.J. Smith was slated. Bev Vanlandingham was nominated from the floor. Nominations were closed and ballots were passed out. After the vote, Bev was announced as vice-president.

Corresponding Secretary—Dawn Harris was slated. With no other nominations, Bev gave one unanimous vote for Dawn Harris as corresponding secretary.

Recording Secretary—E.J. Smith and Christy Bisel were nominated. Nominations were closed and ballots were passed out. After the count, Christy was announced as the new recording secretary.

Treasurer—Martha Biehl was slated. With no other nominations, Bev gave one unanimous vote for Martha as treasurer.

Chaplain—Judy Wirth was slated. With no other nominations, Bev gave one unanimous vote for Judy as chaplain.

Sargent-at-Arms—Suzie Lewis was slated. Kimberly Smith was nominated from the floor. Nominations were closed and ballots were passed out. After the vote, Suzie is our Sargent-at-arms.

In between the voting times, Judy asked for suggestions for the Memorial Service. Everyone said it was very nice. Dist. 14 Miss Flame talked about her experiences this year. Tammy Smith thanked everyone for coming this year. She said the photo booths have went over very well. Christina would like group pictures of line officers, Lois Boaz winner and the District Chairpersons for the paper and the convention book. Miss Flames now and from the past that were present at the meeting shared their experiences. We had 12 past Miss Flames at the meeting.

Installation of officers—each officer was handed a candle to light and Beth Moon read the officer oath followed by the officers response of "I will". Christy Bisel was not in attendance and will be installed at the next meeting. Congratulations to all!

Christina asked if there was

anything else for the good of the order.

Chara Leaver made a motion to dismiss, with a second by Kim Smith. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 10:13 am.

Minutes by
Beth Caudill
Acting Corresponding
Secretary

I.V.F.A.A. State meeting June 15, 2023

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer.

Sargent of Arms Suzie Lewis lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

23 state officers and district representatives were present for the meeting.

A motion was made to suspend the reading of the minutes by Martha Biehl with a second by

Beth Moon. Motion passed.

Martha Biehl reported that she emailed the treasure report. No report was given at this meeting.

The president asked committees who would like to speak at the annual tomorrow morning.

Bev Vanlandingham announced that she will not be sending letters out yet with "dues due". She is waiting till the By-Laws are updated. If there is no By-Law change regarding the dues, she will send the letter out as is and accept dues as received.

Christina asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order. Carol Curl questioned the error in the convention book.

Kim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Chera Leaver. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Minutes taken by Dawn Harris, typed by Beth Caudill

IVFAA Chaplain Judy Wirth



Hello to all of you! The 2023 Convention is now in the history books and it was a grand time for all! Congratulations to all award winners and for those who haven't received their awards yet! I would like to take this time to thank everyone who

wrote letters for me. It was a complete surprise and a very humbling experience for me to receive the Lois Boaz Award! I am the newest member of a very special group of ladies who have paved the way to help our organization grow and go forward! I am proud to help them move us on. I hope I can live up to those standards!

I am humbled the second time for receiving the IVFAA Presidents Award! I don't know what to say but THANK YOU! I am so very proud to serve all of you the membership of IVFA & IVFAA.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Kimberly Smith - Chairman

IVFAA District 6 Chairman Report

Hello!
I hope everyone is getting a chance to enjoy the warm summer weather. It was great seeing everyone at the annual IVFA Convention in Muncie

Congratulations to all the Convention award winners. Our own District Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight was crowned as IVFA Miss Flame 1st Runner Up. Kaylee has done a phenomenal job representing District 6. I know she will continue to do a fabulous job representing the state. Way to go Kaylee!

Congratulations to the Mary Mackin Essay Award Winners - CheyAnn Rolston (District 4) and Katlyn Betz (District 18) who through their essays showed their passion and dedication to the fire service and their local communities. Thank you for keeping Mary's legacy alive!

Please continue to submit nominations for these awards. There are many deserving people in District 6 or your own fire department and auxiliary that should be recognized for their hard work and volunteerism.

Thank you to those departments who have donated old fire hoses for our Black Pine project so far. District 6 has partnered with Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion (Noble County) to provide old fire hoses for their animals. Black Pine Animal Sanctuary is one of the only multi species sanctuaries in the Midwest and is the forever home to over 60 species of animals, reptiles, and birds. Animals that live in the sanctuary have been surrendered or confiscated by legal authorities and will remain at Black Pine living peacefully and being well cared for, for the remainder of their lives. The sanctuary became accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries in 2019, ensuring that Black Pine is a true sanctuary.

If your department has any old fire hoses that they would like to donate, please contact me (my contact information is below) or drop hoses off at our collection site at East Central Fire Territory located at 910 Hartzell Road in New Haven 46774. Hoses can be dropped off on the pallet by overhead door #8 at the back of the fire station.

The collected hoses will then be delivered to Black Pine to be woven together to make beds for a variety of animals. To learn more about Black Pine check out their website at www.bpsanctuary.org.

Remember to check out the District Facebook page for upcoming events and meeting reminders.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 260-413-6444 or ivfaadistrict6@ivfaa.org.

Thank you,
Kimberly Smith
IVFAA District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jodi Rohr - Chairman

Greetings from sunny, hot New Mexico! We returned from Convention Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning, our AF son and I drove 16 hours back to his base. I will admit it has been nice to rest and relax.

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for their calls, texts and cards when my mom, Barbara Ketchem passed away in early May. Judy Wirth and Dave Elick provided a wonderful memorial service. Our associations are truly blessed to have such kind, caring individuals at our disposal.

Speaking of the Convention, thank you so much to Anthony Smith and the entire convention committee. Please give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Muncie WAS the place to be in 23! Yes, there was some additional walking involved, a lot of us got our steps in and then some, but the Horizon Convention Center was a great facility.

The Hoosier Burn Camp auction was a huge success Wednesday evening. Last count I heard, over \$24,000 was raised. That means that approximately 24 kids can attend the camp free of charge! Thank you so much to Diane Harrison, Jack and Sherry McFarland and their entire committee.

Our granddaughters, Haley and Makayla presented the Miss Flame trophies in honor/memory of Bert Ketchem, Larry Ketchem and Barbara Ketchem. My grandpa and parents were long-time sponsors of these trophies, making the girls third

generations presenters.

Congratulations to Alexxys Standish, 2023 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight, 2023 Miss Flame Runner Up, and Allysen Armstrong, Miss Congeniality. Our 11-B Miss Flame, Jordan Peebles, represented us well and we look forward to seeing her attend district events this year.

The Lois Boaz and President's Awards went to the same very deserving lady, Judy Wirth. Mr. IVFA was presented to Dave Phelps from District 11-A. Dave has been a volunteer firefighter for 59 years! The Jr. Firefighter was given to a very busy young man, also from District 11-A, Jade Knox. Jade has quite a back story. He currently volunteers on four different departments. It is never too early to nominate individuals for the above-mentioned awards. The forms can be found on the IVFA website.

If you have not had the opportunity to "view" the Living Statue, you have really missed out. This gentleman participated in the Memorial Service following the Opening Meeting. His presence adds so much to the service.

Our next 11-B meeting will be Sunday, July 9th at 1:00 at a yet to be determined location.

Please be mindful of those big yellow vehicles that we will soon be sharing the roadways with. They will be carrying precious cargo.

Jodi Rohr, District 11-B

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone from District 14. Hope everyone enjoyed the convention this year. I would like to congratulate all of the people that received the awards this year. Especially District 14 Judy Wirth, for winning the Lois Boaz and the President award.

The 2025 IVFA convention will be held at Madison with District 14 hosting. More details about this will be coming at a later date.

District 14 meetings for the rest of 2023 are listed below:

July meeting will be at DuPont Fire Station on the 20th at 7:00pm. We will be having election of officers at this meeting.

Sept. meeting will be at North Vernon Fire Dept. on the 21st at 7:00pm. E.T.C building 1200 West O&M Ave., North Vernon, IN. Nov. meeting will be at Ryker Ride Vol. Fire Dept. on 16th at 7:00 pm

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Hope everyone has safe and fun filled summer.

JoAnn Smith

District 14 Chairman
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DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

District 21 meeting for May was held May 22, 2023 at Clarks Hill Vol Fire Dept.

The budget for the State Auxiliary was passed for the next year.

Will be printing the By-laws and Sogs. Each member of the auxiliary will receive a copy. New Bibles are being ordered. They are smaller than the ones we had.

Our next meeting will be at Wea Vol Fire Dept on August 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

A light meal will be served at 6:45 pm Hope you can come.

If your fire department is having any fundraisers, please post them to the website or facebook under IVFAA Community or District 21.

Enjoy the 2023 convention in Muncie, Indiana.

Patti Fultz
District 21 Chairman

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2023 Convention Photos

2023 Miss Flame Contestants



22 District Miss Flames pose in front of the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana, to welcome Indiana Volunteer Firefighters to the 2023 Convention hosted by District 13B, June 14-16 2023.



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2023 Miss Flame Winners



IVFA Miss Flame Winner
Alexxys Standish Dist 9-B



IVFA Miss Flame Runner-Up Winner
Kaylee Knight Dist 6



IVFA Miss Flame Miss Congeniality Winner
Allysen Armstrong Dist 16



Angel Award

winner to be announced later
unable to attend

Mariam Schaekel Award

winner to be announced later
unable to attend

Ollie Sandberg Award

winner to be announced later
unable to attend

ATTENTION

Calling all IVFA Firefighters – We Need your Help!

As you know, cancer is a problem for firefighters. Over the course of the past several months, IVFA leadership has been working with a local Indiana research group to design a survey to help us better understand cancer risk factors among IVFA firefighters.

This summer, IVFA leadership will start emailing a link to this important survey for you to complete. When you see this link, please complete the survey as soon as you can.

Our goal is to have as many IVFA firefighter members complete this survey – as quickly as possible! Cancer is a major concern for all of us. This survey will help us better understand how our lifestyle and firefighting duties impact our risk for cancer.

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*IVFAA President's Award winner
Judy Wirth*



*Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award winner
Tim Deckard*



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Lois Boaz Award Winners - Left to right- Top Row - Joyce Nevill, Sue Glant, Carolyn Zeeks Middle Row - Eula Bush, Dorothy Rider, Carol Curl, Suzie Lewis, Judy Wirth Seated - Beverly Taylor and Marie Emery

2023 Memorial Service



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Ronald	L.	Cassoday		Griffith Vol. Fire Dept.	1
Rick	E.	Delor		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #74	1
Robert	C.	Esserman		Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	1
Roger	Dale	Jackson	Sr.	Lake Ridge Vol. Fire Dept.	1
Joseph	Chester	Putnam		Merrillville/Ross Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. #71	1
Raymond	Michael	Wesley		Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	1
James	E.	Bullock		Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept.	2
Robert	Wroe	King	Jr	Lake Dalecarlia Vol. Fire Dept.	2
Robert	Eugene	Ligda		Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept.	2
Fredrick	D.	Martin		Kouts Vol. Fire Dept.	2
Michael	L.	Muenich		St. John Vol. Fire Dept.	2
William	Brian	Hughart	Jr	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	3
Carson	A.	Parker		Springfield Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	3
Michael	Phillip	Turner		Coolspring Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	3
Roger	Allen	Gelbaugh		Winona Lake Fire Dept.	5
Armando		Salazar		Bremen Vol. Fire Dept.	5
Ellis	D.	Shepherd		Mentone Fire Dept.	5
Larry	D.	Weaver	Sr	Turkey Creek Fire Territory	5
Robert	Lewis	Wulliman		Winona Lake Fire Dept.	5
Thomas	D.	Boardman	Jr.	Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	6
Thomas	Lee	Clark		Jefferson Twp.-Whitley Co. VFD	6
Leo	F.	Johnston		Howe Vol. Fire Dept.	6
Harold	Wayne	Ryan		Laotto Vol. Fire Dept.	6
Jerry	Neil	Stewart		LaGrange Vol. Fire Dept.	6
Donald	L.	Sorg		Poe Vol. Fire Dept.	7
Clifford	Earl	Biddle		Sheridan Vol. Fire Dept.	8A
Samuel	Joseph	Gibbons		White River Twp. Fire Dept.	8A
Edward	A.	Jernigan		Jonesboro Fire & Rescue	8A
Donald	E.	Leach		Gas City Fire & Rescue	8A
Richard	Allen	McCarty		Sheridan Vol. Fire Dept.	8A
Michael	James	Pratt		Wildcat Twp. Fire & Rescue	8A
Donald	Lin	Ross		Cicero Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	8A
John	M.	Weaver		Lafontaine - Liberty Twp. VFD	8A
Donald	Ray	Corn		Portland Vol. Fire Dept.	8B
Robert	J.	Walker		Galveston Vol. Fire Dept.	9A
Raymond	F.	Cooley		Francesville Vol. Fire Dept.	9B
Fredrick	L.	Litke		Francesville Vol. Fire Dept.	9B
Douglas	A.	McCombs		Buffalo-Libery Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	9B
John	Keith	Windler		Boswell-Grant Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	9B
Kent	D.	Cherry		Morristown Vol. Fire Dept.	10
Edwin	Leroy	Stone		Hope Vol. Fire Dept.	10
Robert	E.	Robinson		Manilla Vol. Fire Dept.	10
Barry	Neil	Ward		Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	10
Ronald	Lee	Chamberlain		Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	11A
Thomas	Alan	Edington		Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	11A
Eldon	Emmerson	Hoggatt		Posey Twp.-Clay Co. Vol. Fire Dept.	11A
Carolyn	Sue	Hubbell		Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	11A
Kathy	Marie	Martin		Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	11A
Kenneth	Charles	Miller		Thunderbird Fire Protection Dist.	11A
Robert	I.	Burgner		Veedersburg-Van Buren Fire Dept.	11B
William	Frederick	Newgent		Greencastle Fire Dept.	11B
Larry	E.	Bruner		Fire Dept of Liberty Twp.	12
Brook	Rene	Zander		A&A-Decatur-Brown Twps. Vol. Fire Depts.	12
Richard	L.	Berry	Sr	Fountain City-New Garden VFD	13B
Jerry	Dean	Marshall		Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	13B
Richard	Leonard	Pollitt	Sr	Milton-Washington Twp. VFD	13B
Francis	J.	Williams		Fountain City-New Garden VFD	13B
Charles	Alvin	Banister		Owen-Salt Creek Vol. Fire Dept.	14
James	Bernard	Boldery		Hanover Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	14
Gerald	Ray	Hall		Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept.	14
Jason	Ronald	Hall		Kent Vol. Fire Dept.	14
Paul	Joseph	Hemmer		Fair Play Fire Co. #1	14
Joseph	Harold	Knoebel		Fair Play Fire Co. #1	14
Michael	J.	McNames		McCulloch-Sellersburg Vol. Fire Dept.	14
Marvin	Eugene	Smith		New Washington Vol. Fire Dept.	14
Alvin	Leslie	Williamson		McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept.	14
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Paul	Rickie	Baker		Lyons Vol. Fire Dept.	17A
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Robert	D.	Showalter		Montgomery Vol. Fire Dept.	17A
James	Alan	Teising		Vincennes Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	17A
Roger	D.	Johnson		Hamblen Twp. Fire Dept.	17B
Gary	D.	Faubion		Pleasant Run Vol. Fire Dept.	17B
Dwight	L.	Jones		Pleasant Run Vol. Fire Dept.	17B
Michael	Edward	Berg		Birdseye Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Melvin	J.	Daunhauer		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Dennis	Mark	Gerlach		Cannelton Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Donald	George	Kramer		Holland Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Jerome	Peter	Kunkler		Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Gene	B.	Sherfick		Lost River Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Brother	Giles	Mahieu		St. Meinrad Archabbey Vol. FD	18
Arthur	F.	Sonderman		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Anthony	Joseph	Moster		Morris Vol. Fire Dept.	19
Wayne	Leo	Blacker		Clarks Hill-Lauramie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	21
Robert	E.	Bowman		Sheffield Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	21
Richard	Keith	Eberly		Pine Village Vol. Fire Dept.	21
Joshua	Allen	Synesael		Clarks Hill-Lauramie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	21

IVFA Auxilliary Deceased List

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Department	District
Betty	A.	Johnson		East Gary-Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	1
Lucille	M.	Cohen		Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	3
Dorothy	Marie	Moffitt		Coolspring Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	3
Barbara	J.	Simpson		Monroeville Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	7
Marcia	Lynn	Mitchell		Clifford Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	10
Edwin	Leroy	Stone		Individual	10
Geneva	Pauline	Waterman		Prairieton Twp. Aux.	11A
Eva	Lou	Bartlow		Hilmon Firefighters, Inc. Aux.	11B
Larry	E.	Bruner		Wayne Twp. Tailboard Riders Aux.	12
Mary	Thomas	Shain		Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	14
Alvin	Leslie	Williamson		Individual	14
Jody	Guy	Mowery		Edwardsport Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	17A
Luoma	Pearl	Stiles		Indian Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.	17B
Bertha	May	Kreinhop		Batesville Fire Dept. Aux.	19

2023 Memorial Service Order of Service

Prelude	
Call to Worship – Siren	District 8A
Bagpiper	TBA
Pledge of Allegiance	Chaplain George Buck
Invocation	Chaplain Josh Watts
The Lord’s Prayer	Chaplain Tom Keller
Scripture Reading	Chaplain Rachel Bussey
Message	IVFA Chaplain Dave Elick
Rose Ceremony	IVFAA Chaplain Judy Wirth
Remembering IVFA Members: Placing of the Roses	
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Reading of the Names	IVFA Chaplain Dave Elick
Ringling of the Fire Bell	District 8A
Bagpiper: Amazing Grace	TBA
Benediction	Chaplain Pete Taylor
Memorial Cross	Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Bush
Placing of Roses	2023 Miss Flame Court



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Tom Fentress, District Chairman



Wheatfield VFD Fire Chief Mark Ratliff Awarded The MacQueen Award



MacQueen Award – D2 Chairman Tom Fentress awarded Wheatfield VFD Fire Chief Mark Ratliff with the MacQueen award for excellence. Tom Fentress spoke about why he nominated Chief Ratliff. Chief was presented with the award and gave a small thank you speech.

Pictured above is D2 Chairman Tom Fentress, Alexis Standish - 2023 Miss Flame, Wheatfield VFD Fire Chief Mark Ratliff and Miranda Ruvalcaba, District 2 Miss Flame, Keener Twp Vol Fire Dept cadet, all present for the MacQueen award for excellence.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by JBob Uryga, Chairman



75, 50 & 25 Years Awards Given



Les Jensen from Bass Lake VFD was presented with a IVFA 25 year service pin given by Chairman Bob Uryga.



Seated is William Garner from Hana Twp.VFD celebrating his 75 year of service. Back row is District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga, District 5 Chairman John Grolich, Chief Tony Wallace of Hana VFD, IVFA State President Jerry Liston, Public Relations Director Northwest Jeremy Reef.



David Childress member of Coolspring VFD received his 50 year pin and resolution given by Sec Rick Bradford and Chairman Bob Uryga.



Miss Emery Jensen from Bass Lake VFD representing Distict 3 Miss Flame



IVFAA Chairman Leona Uryga presented past Chairman Diane Stapelton a past president pin.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Elton Schafer, District Chairman - Submitted by Jean Smith PRNE



District 4 Grain Bin Rescue Training at Smithfield Grain and 50 Year Gold Card Awarded



Attendees' at the District 4 Grain Bin Rescue Training at Smithfield Grain. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Walker Carrico Lakeville Fire Department practices cutting into a grain bin. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Lakeville Fire Department Matt Schafer volunteers to be victim in grain entrapment training. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Elton Schafer District 4 Chairman presents Mark Esenwein 50 Year IVFA Service Pin and 50 Year Gold Card. Assisted by President Jerry Liston and Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Gerald Sprague, District Chairman - Submitted by Kimberly Smith IVFAA Chairman



Thank You for Donations!



Thank you to those departments who have donated old fire hoses for our Black Pine project so far. District 6 has partnered with Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion (Noble County) to provide old fire hoses for their animals. Black Pine Animal Sanctuary is one of the only multi species sanctuaries in the Midwest and is the forever home to over 60 species of animals, reptiles, and birds. Animals that live in the sanctuary have been surrendered or confiscated by legal authorities and will remain at Black Pine living peacefully and being well cared for, for the remainder of their lives. The sanctuary became accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries in 2019, ensuring that Black Pine is a true sanctuary.

If your department has any old fire hoses that they would like to donate, please contact me (my contact information is below) or drop hoses off at our collection site at East Central Fire Territory located at 910 Hartzell Road in New Haven 46774. Hoses can be dropped off on the pallet by overheard door #8 at the back of the fire station.

The collected hoses will then be delivered to Black Pine to be woven together to make beds for a variety of animals. To learn more about Black Pine check out their website at www.bpsanctuary.org.

Kimberly Smith - District 6 IVFAA Chairman

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- 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.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Sam Bisel, District Chairman - Submitted by Richard Song, Secretary & John Petro



Ron Crider, a retired member of Berne Fire Dept., receives his 50-Year gold card from Dist. 7 Chairman Sam Bisel left. Berne Fire Dept. Ron's brother Chief John Crider is pictured on the right. picture courtesy of Randall Kongar

50 Years in Fire Service



Wendell Brown, of Warren Vol. Fire Dept., receives his Proclamation from the State honoring him for his 50 years of service to the IVFA and the State of Indiana. Pictured left to rt. Sam Bisel, Dist. 7 Chairman; Wendell Brown and Richard Sorg, Dist. 7 Secretary. Picture courtesy of Kristy Bisel



Leonard Bultemeier of Poe Vol. Fire Dept. receives his 50-Year Proclamation from IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl.



Leonard Bultemeier proudly shows off his proclamation honoring 50-Years of volunteer fire service to the IVFA and the State of Indiana. left to rt. Jean Smith PRNE, Sam Bisel Dist. 7 Chairman, Leonard, Aubrie Krueckeberg Dist. 7 Miss Flame (also Leonard's granddaughter) and Jerry Liston IVFA President. Pictures courtesy of Ron Hamrick



At the April 5th meeting of the Poe Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. three members were presented their 50-year life memberships to the IVFAA. left to rt. Aubrie Krueckeberg Dist. 7 Miss Flame (and Chris' granddaughter), Chris Bultemeier, Dot Cole and Carla Dekoninck.



Phil Meyer honored By the IVFA

Phil Meyer, former firefighter with the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department, was recognized recently by District 7 as a 50-year member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

The recognition took place on Monday January 16, at the district meeting at the Hoagland Fire & EMS.

Meyer served his local community as a volunteer firefighter (1973-1982) and as Town Marshall with selfless commitment until his retirement.

Meyer and his wife, Ava, reside on Barnhart Street in Monroeville.

Submitted By Lois Ternet
Photos above and to the right



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Sam Bisel, District Chairman - Submitted by Richard Song, Secretary & John Petro



Liberty Center Fire Department conducts BLS Skills Day
 Saturday April 8th 2023 the Liberty Center Fire Department (Wells County) conducted our first all Wells County BLS Skills Day / Extrication Training along with landing zone training with Lutheran Air.
 We ran approximately 35 FF/EMT's and FF/EMR's through BLS skills and 25 through Extrication training, making this first annual event a huge success.
Submitted by John Petro



Honoring 75 Years of Service

At the January 16, 2023 District 7 Meeting, Ellis McFadden of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department received an award from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association honoring his 75-year commitment to the fire service.

Ellis was raised in the Poe area and went to school in the school house in Poe. That school would later be converted into the Poe fire station. He was a life long farmer along with his wife Marilyn, of 74 years, and their 5 daughters. He and his wife still live on the family farm where they have lived for over 50 years.

His love of farming led him to serve on many committees and boards that garnered good stewardship for soil and water health. He was awarded the Indiana Master Farmer Award by the Indiana Farm Bureau in 1975.

Ellis started his fire service in 1948 with the Poe Volunteer Fire Department. Over the years he served the department in most every executive position, often more than once. He was always willing to help with fund raisers as well as offering his equipment to work on and around the station. During severe snow conditions, especially the Blizzard of '78, Ellis would use his large farm tractor fitted with a front v-plow to assure that emergency vehicles could respond. During the Blizzard of '78, he cleared a path all the way to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne so that the ambulance could get through!

In 1986, Ellis was appointed to the Southwest Allen County Fire District Board. He would serve on the board until he retired as president in 2020?

The fire service is a big part of the McFadden family. His wife Marilyn and daughter Carla are both members of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and both are 50-year members of the IVFAA.

Ellis stated that he has seen a lot of change in his 75 years. Everything from equipment to standards to staffing have changed so much. Moving forward he sees that consolidation of departments is what it will take to continue to provide service. And it is his vision that the Poe Volunteer Fire Department will, in some form, continue to provide fire protection to the community for years to come, just as it was promised to the community when the department was formed!



Family was present so see Ellis McFadden receive his 75-Year Award. Pictured left - rt. Carla Dekoninck, Kaitlyn Tilden, Ellis McFadden, Rita Tilden, Tom Tilden and Brian Tilden. Picture by Ron Hamrick



Ellis McFadden receives 75-Year Award left-rt. Sam Bisel, Dist. 7 Chairman, Jerry Liston, IVFA President, Ellis McFadden, Jean Smith, PRNE and Aubrie Kruckeberg, Dist. 7 Miss Flame. Picture by Ron Hamrick



Members of the Southwest Fire District were on hand to honor Ellis McFadden on his 75 Year Award. Pictured left - rt. Nate Thompson, Ellis McFadden, Rachel Heaston and Chief Don Patnoude. Picture by Ron Hamrick

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.

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Members On Military Leave Updated 2/11/21



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Member Name	Department	City	State
Andras, Jarred Jude	Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept.	Merrillville	IN
Banter, Blake Andrew	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Liberty Center	IN
Barton, Steven Daniel	Prairie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brookston	IN
Blanton, Jake Thomas	White River - Hazleton V.F.D.	Hazleton	IN
Blevins, Toby	Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Richmond	IN
Bloom, Stephen Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Colgate, Nicholas Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Dickerson, Michael Ryan	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Middletown	IN
Doane, Joshua Tanner	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	Shoals	IN
Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
Garver, Jeron Blaze	Clinton City Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Clinton	IN
Gill, Gary Dwight	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bloomington	IN
Gillett, Matthew Steohen	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc	Pacifica	CA
Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
Hollingsworth, Brian Lee	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bluffton	IN
Johnson, Franklin Delano	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Goshen	IN
King, Jacob Davis	Highland Twp. Fire Dept.	Bloomfield	IN
King, Odis Ray	Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.	Mitchell	IN
Kirby, Michael S	Oolitic Vol. Fire Dept.	Oolitic	IN
McCoy, Jason Evan	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fort McCoy	WI
McCoy, Timothy Russell	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hubbard	OH
Miller, Tracie Jeanette	Columbia City Vol. Fire Dept.	Columbia City	IN
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Osgood, Cody Michael	Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Farmland	IN
Pemberton, Cean L.	Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.	Victoria	TX
Perez, Lidia Lizania	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	Porter	IN
Pugh, James Christopher	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Real, Christian Joe	Daleville-Salem Twp. Fire Terr.	Daleville	IN
Rhea, Owen Parker	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
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Stewart, Jacob Donny	New Middletown Fire Dept.	Corydon	IN
Tharpe, Riley Cole	Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept.	Mountain Home	ID
Thompson, Courtney Loraine	Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept.	Beaufort	SC
Uffelmann, Conner James	Poe Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Vance, Eric Robert	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Walters, Joshua	Culver-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Culver	IN
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Yoakum, Christopher G	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Belvoir	VA
Zehnder, Dustin Thomas	New Chapel Fire Company	New Albany	IN

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Tony Dalrymple, District Chairman



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

John Ray, Chairman



**Farmland Volunteer Fire Department
Assistant Fire Chief
Kyle T. OsGood
was laid to rest on May 31, 2023.
More than 200 firefighters attended the
memorial services.**



Pictured below with John Ray, 10th District Chair, after receiving 10 yr Pins, are Trafalgar firefighters: James Armstrong, Mark Dunn, Kevin Chaney, Brian Cramer, Todd Bridges, & Matthew Spurgeon.



Pictured below from left to right: David Stone, Toni Collins, Steve Stone, Julie Gilliland, Tim Stone, Cindy Mayer, & Kenny Stone.

Challenge coin now available



District 13B and the 2023 Convention committee are selling challenge coins. \$20 each. All proceeds go to assist with funding the convention. Get with District 13B Chairman/Convention Chairman Anthony Smith or the committee to get your coin while supplies last!

I would like to give a special thank you to Matt Bartlett from Interstate Towing. Matt sponsored our challenge coins as soon as he heard of the opportunity. Matt is also a firefighter with Cambridge City Fire Department. On behalf of the convention committee and District 13B, thank you!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

Submitted by - Jason Ryan, District Chairman



10, 25 pins and 50 Year Gold Card Awards



Left: Matt Estes, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, Jay Estes, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, Wesley Fishero, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, Aaron Adams, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, and Brian Harshbarger, Hillsboro VFD, 25 Year Pin, and District 11B Chairman, Jason Ryan



Left - Chairman Jason Ryan, Right- Joseph Wilson, Cayuga VFD, 10 Year Pin



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Brodie England, (right) 10 Year Pin



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Chad Bowman (right) 10 Year Pin



Congratulations to Ronald Helderman of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department who received his 50 year gold card and pin on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Pictured is Ronald Helderman (left) and District 11B Chairman Jason Ryan (right)



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Clint Jackson (right) 10 Year Pin



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Chase Kinkead (right) 10 Year Pin

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by - Rick Cannon, District Chairman



50 Year Gold Card Award



David Freeman of Carr Township fire department receiving his 50 year gold card ND pin from Rick Cannon ivfa district 14 chairman and Carr Township fire chief Joe Barnes

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

- submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



Life Saving and 50 Year Awards



Pictured above are Plainville Firefighters Kelly Stedman and Megan Burton between them are Angie Shake, who they saved. Officers Ross Emery IVFA Vice President, Sam Emery District 17A Chair and Steve Nolan PRSW. Photo by Darrell Wagler



Larry Curl Dist. 12 Chair, Mark Froelich Worthington 50 year member, Sam Emery 17A Chair, and Chief Kyle Steward

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith / Nicholas Waninger, District Chairman



Photos from the 2023 Convention



District 18 Miss Flame Katlyn Betz and father Nathan Betz



Vice Chairman John Bull Smith, State Fire Marshall Steve Jones, Chairman Waninger

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NVFC members will have a total of three opportunities to enter to win an XF1 helmet in 2023. One recipient will be randomly selected after each entry period. To be eligible to enter, applicants must be an active U.S. volunteer firefighter and a member of the NVFC.

The first entry period is now open until April 30. Learn more and enter to win at www.nvfc.org/helmet.

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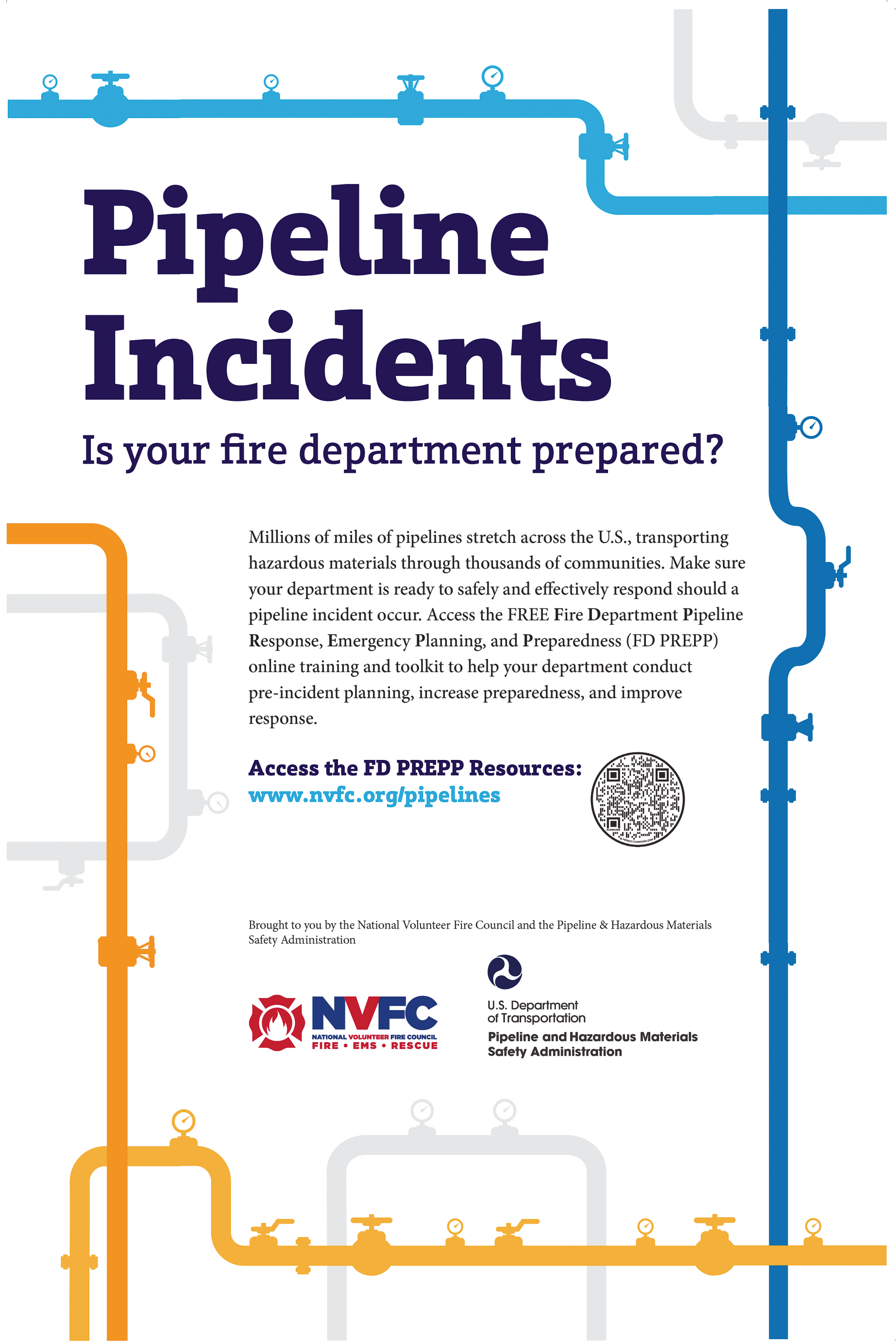
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Ben Sieverding, District Chairman



Cedar Grove Firefighters recognized for years of service at Annual Banquet.



Aurora Firefighters receive Years of Service Pins

Photography 101

Thanks for submitting so many photos of events for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter community. We depend on you to highlight the events around the firefighter community in Indiana and the people who deserve to be recognized. Some of the photos you submit don't reproduce well, so here are some tips to improve the quality.

1. Phones and point and shoot cameras usually work well if you are close to your subjects, and the lighting is good. Unless you are using a professional camera, get as close as you can to the subjects. Phones and point and shoot cameras don't offer enough resolution to capture details more than a few feet away. Don't bother using the zoom function on your cameras. If you do that, your photos will lose resolution and probably will not print well. You can't always control the lighting, but if you are taking headshots or portraits of people (Such as those: who won awards or pins, took new positions, won scholarships, etc.) ask if they would ok with going outside or in a hallway where the lighting is better. If they are outside, make sure bright sunlight is not shining on their faces. If that happens, your subjects' faces might be too dark to print well in the newspaper. Shooting photos

of people near a big window without curtains inside could work, but make sure they are not directly in front of the window, or they will be backlit. Make sure the file size on your photo is large. The larger the file size the better the reproduction. The best sizes are anything over 1MB.

2. Try to take multiple shots. The first photo might be exposed well, but the subject might have her eyes closed. If you have multiple photos, submit more than one to me because I might be able to enhance one photo better than another in Photoshop. (Leave the Photoshop editing to me, please. Once you start editing a photo, I might not be able to undo editing steps that don't work well.)

3. If you are shooting headshots or portraits, think about shooting one or two of the photos with the flash and one or two without. Submit both.

4. Please submit names of people in photos to me, if possible. Please double-check the spelling of names. Greg might be spelled Gregg or Smith might be spelled Smythe. People get annoyed when their names are misspelled in the paper and you can help us minimize

mistakes. Please always include a description of each photo.

5. If you are shooting photos of a performance (Miss Flame, for example), try resting your phone or camera on a flat surface to hold it steady. Better yet, invest in a mini tripod for your phone. You can get a nice one for \$10-\$15 and it will make your family photos better as well as the photos you submit to the newspaper. Get as close as you can without being disruptive. After the event, get headshots or portraits of the people you want to highlight. This is an insurance policy of sorts. That way if the performance photo won't reproduce well, we will still have something we can print with a write-up about the event.

6. Finally, be aware of the background behind your photos. Try to minimize things in the background such as wires or poles that might distract from your subjects. Make sure your subjects aren't standing with the sun or a bright light behind them this can make their features too dark.

Thanks for your help. Keep those photos coming!
Sherri Chaney

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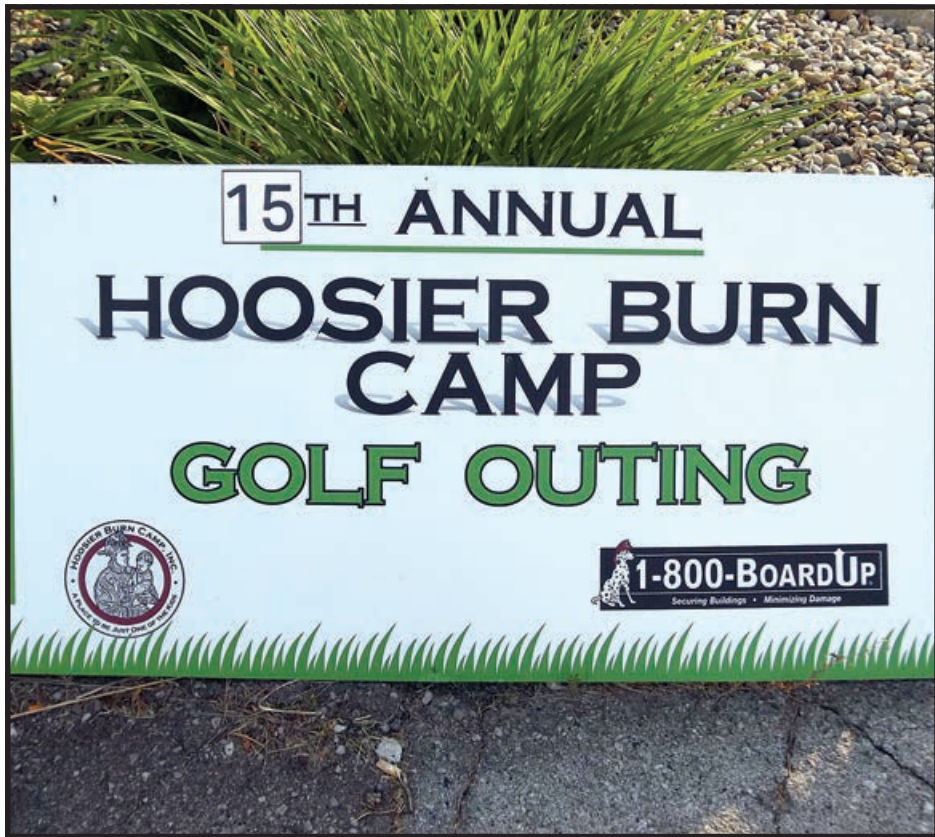
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