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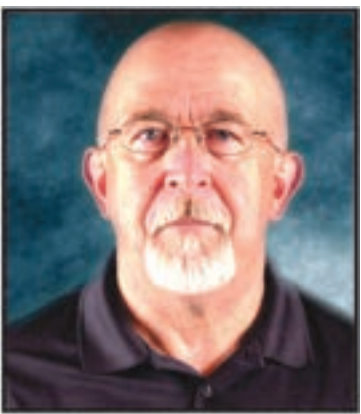
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From The President

Jerry Liston



Greetings from Central Indiana!

WOW! We are officially halfway through 2024 and well into Summer. I just realized writing this article for the August Indiana Volunteer Firefighter that I have 6 months left to serve as your IVFA State President.

Remember with Summer here, it presents different challenges for the way we go about and do our jobs as emergency first responders. There are different scenarios such as structure fires, automobile accidents, EMS runs, lost persons, grass, and brush fires, as well as the heat that comes with the Summer months that we as first responders must deal with on these types of incidents. Please be sure to take the necessary precautions and steps to keep your members and yourself safe on these incidents.

The 2024 State Convention has come and gone. This year's Convention was a good one with several well-known national speakers from the local and national fire service world. The 2024 Convention was held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in Indianapolis. Congratulations to Convention Chairman Larry Curl and his committee for putting together and doing an outstanding job this year. It is not an easy task to host a Convention, let alone

plan and find a location, as it takes a small committee of volunteers and a minimum of two years to plan and put things in place for a Convention. Good job!

The winner of the new truck raffle drawing at the Convention was the Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department in District 9A. Congratulations to Chief Edward Schroder and the Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department.

Congratulations to the new Officers-elect for 2024-2025. They are President Ross Emery, Vice-President Larry Curl, Treasurer Luke Kluender, Secretary Leighanne Ellis, Chaplain Dave Elick, PRNW Jeremy Reef, PRNE Sam Bisel, PREC David Israel, PRWC Don Fultz, PRSE Ed Scheele and PRSW Jack Kerney.

I want to thank Larry Bartlow and Steve Nolan for their time and many years of service to the Association as PRWC and PRSW, respectively. Both have decided to step down from those positions.

Congratulations to all the award winners from Friday and Saturday nights. In addition, it is time to start thinking about nominations for next year's Association and District MacQueen Excellence Awards. The Association Awards can be found on the IVFA website, nominations can be made from the website. The nominations for the District MacQueen Excellence Awards can be given to the District Chairman throughout the year.

This year's Hoosier Burn Camp Auction on Thursday night raised over \$19,500.00 for a good cause. Thanks to Diane Harrison, her family and volunteers for a job well done again this year and thank you for those in attendance, especially Wally Cook from District 1, who placed bids on the items.

The 2024-2025 Miss Flame is Grace Lyle from District 1. Please let Grace know of any upcoming department events around the State. Grace can be reached at

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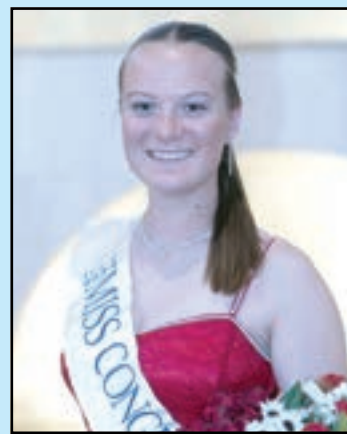
2024 Convention Award Winners



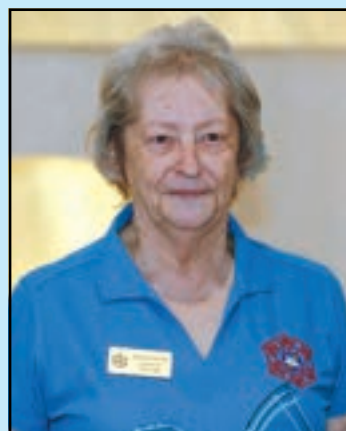
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Mariam Schaeckel Award
Winner Jo Ann Smith



Junior Firefighter Award
Winner Lloyd Darringer



Ollie Sandberg Award
Winner Jay Davis



Truck Raffle Winners Royal Center Fire Department

Royal Center FD members, Craig Breedlove, Jenny Smith, Bill Haselby, Ed Schroder, Nick Rodgers, Lucian Eller, Bob Pifer with last on the left is Jerry Liston IVFA President, Larry Curl IVFA Lobbyist, last on the right is Jeremy Reef PRNW Photos by John Buckman See story on page 21



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This year's Miss Flame Service Project benefited the Wheeler Mission in Indianapolis. Again, as in past years, the District Miss Flames knocked it out of the ballpark with donated items. Thank you, ladies for your determination and hard work on the 2024 Miss Flame Service Project.

The 2025 State Convention will be held in Madison Indiana at Clifty Falls State Park hosted by District 14. Chairman Rick Cannon and his committee are already busy working and planning to make it a memorable experience for those who attend in June of next year. There will be a camping option offered to attendees next year for those families that like to camp. Hope to see you there!

We are still needing active members, retired members, female members and yes, even non-members to take the time and complete the online NIPSH Ascension Health Cancer Survey. It is important and needed to collect data that will hopefully be used to add the Indiana Volunteer Fire Service to the existing Presumptive Cancer Law in Indiana. Go to the IVFA website or past newspapers to find the link or QR Code to take the survey.

The Quarterly Officer Meetings are held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in Indianapolis in February, May, August, and November. The meetings are usually held on the first weekend of the designated month, unless

a high-level event is in the area, then the dates are tweaked for the hotel to be available. If you would like to attend the Officers meeting on Saturday contact your District Chairman.

Remember to periodically check the IVFA website for legislative updates, meeting locations, and member information. Check your department contact information. If something needs to be updated contact your District Chairman.

I recently learned a 75-year member of our Association, Ellis H. McFadden, passed away back in April. Mr. McFadden served on the Poe Volunteer Fire Department for 75 years and was a lifelong farmer in the Fort Wayne area. Mr. McFadden was appointed to the Southwest Fire District Board in 1987 and served until December of 2020.

In closing, I have shared with many in the past that I am a big history nerd person. It is important that as an Association we preserve our history for the generations that will come after us. Having said that, Buz Koehler is the Association's Historian. Buz has been busy compiling, scanning, and archiving old documents, photos, articles, and newspapers of the Association. Should you have something that needs preserving please reach out to Buz and share what you have with him. All items will be returned. Buz's contact information can be found in the newspaper.

Stay Safe!

Jerry



Greetings; Fellow officers & members;

As of the writing of this quarters newspaper article, spring is done, summer is here the 78th IVFA convention is in the history book and the 123rd session of the Indiana General Assembly has come to a close as well.

We hope by now you have taken full advantage of the opportunities afforded us during our last session but now its time to begin the process of putting together our legislative package for the 124th session of the General Assembly.

We want to continue to market and promote our wins in 2023-24 but also share our concerns moving forward.

We continue to market and promote the cost savings study as of the 2020 Cost Savings Study but we think its time for an update. Taxes have risen, costs has gone up and simple put what it cost for our service in 2020 is not even close to what it costs today. So we are reaching out to get a cost to provide us an update to that study. Hopefully it will continue to service us and share with our newly elected officials since

2020 what it costs today for the service we provide.

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. Our hope is that this will not stop here as a one time offering. We need to continue to reach out to our elected officials asking them to continue the process of building training sites allowing us even greater opportunities to training, education and hone our skills to better serve our / their constituents.

Additionally I hope (and need your help) we can see the benefit provided again in this upcoming years budget to provide turnout gear to our volunteers. While we are all very grateful for the \$10 million from the last session, that took care of only 66 (+-) departments. We have a lot more that shares the need as much as the last group, so I hope to be able to convince our need to our General Assembly to keep that benefit going. Again it will take all of us promoting this to our elected officials. To make it happen. Please join me in our efforts.

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. As well I will be seeking out your thoughts, concerns and desires to help us better serve our members

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 you may have heard or read about a few times by now is the "Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Survey Study" If you have taken the survey thank you, if not why not. Its there for our protection and to help our families should you unfortunately develop such a dreadful disease

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
IVFA Lobbyist

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Greetings all, and welcome to summer 2024!

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

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

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

Stay safe –
Dave Elick
IVFA Chaplain

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Burn Camp at the convention

I would like to personally thank everyone involved to make this event a success, to all who brought items to donate, all the bidding and all who made monetary donations. Thank you for helping a child attend camp. This year's auction raised \$19,540.77. It costs \$1,100.00 to send a burn victim to camp for a week. Mark Koopman, Director of the Hoosier Burn Camp and his staff and volunteers have activities all throughout the year for the kids. I want to thank everyone for helping these children who have not only suffered physical pain but mental and emotional pain. From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone!! Let's make 2025 the best auction ever!!

Diane Harrison
Asst. Secretary



From The Vice-President

Ross Emery



Greetings everyone
WOW, where did time go? 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 different at our house this year, our oldest son has graduated and started his career as a machinist, and our youngest will be beginning his sophomore year of high school.

This year's convention was hosted by District 12 in Indianapolis in June. I want to commend the convention committee for putting together a good convention. I heard a lot of positive comments during and since the conclusion of the convention. Also, I want to thank the vendors and sponsors for their participation. Without the vendors' and sponsors' participation, it would be very difficult to plan and host a convention. Planning a convention takes a minimum of two years. I would like to congratulate all of this years winners for our awards. MR. IVFA, Joe DeKemper, from Dist.18, The Ollie Sandberg award winner Jay Davis, from Dist. 15, Angel Award Winner Misty Wallace, from Dist. 15, IVFA Miss Flame Grace Lyle. All of our Macqueen Excellence Award winners, and our Bridgeport Scholarship winners, Jr. Firefighter Competition Award Winner Lloyd Darringer from Dist. 19. I would like to thank Larry Curl and crew for an outstanding convention, the seminars with national renown guest speakers were wonderful and I hope that future conventions can continue to have such great seminars.

One of the highlights of this convention for me was the Inaugural Jr. Firefighter Competition, we have be trying to do this for several years and was unable to get any participation. After we almost gave up on the idea, I decided to try it onw more time in 2024. I am sure glad I did, we were able to get 4 Jr. Firefighters from different parts of the state to come and compete. I could not be prouder of the way everything turned out. I want to thank everyone who helped set up, judge, sponsor, provided gifts and for this, I hope 2025 we at least double the number of entries. Please check out the article in this issue for a more detailed look at the JR. Firefighter Award and Competition. Thank you to Jack Kerney the originator of the JR.

Firefighter award for having faith in me to make this happen. It's never to early to start nominating for the 2025 awards, please check out the IVFA website www.ivfa.org to nominate. The 2025 IVFA Convention will be held at Clifty Falls State Park June 18-20, 2025. Please watch the newspaper and the website for more information.

At convention we elected our 2025 officers, President, Ross Emery, Vice President, Larry Curl, Secretary Leighanne Ellis, Treasurer Luke Klunder, Sgt. Of Arms Brent Bush, Chaplain David Elick, PR Northeast Sam Bisel, PR Northwest Jeremy Reef, PR East Central David Israel, PR West Central Don Fultz, PR Southeast Ed Schelle, and PR Southwest Jack Kerney. I would to thank Larry Bartlow, and Steve Nolan who both decided it was time to step away from serving as State Officers, both these guys have served the IVFA in multiple capacities for lots of years, I wish them both the best.

Again this year I had 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. I would like to thank all the IVFA, IVFAA, officers and families, some IVFA members, and some Miss Flames who attended and helped cook lunch for the campers, Thanks again everyone.

We will soon be putting together our legislative agenda for the next legislative session, we want to hear from our members, if you have ideas of things we can pursue please reach out to us, we work for you!!!

We are still conducting the Cancer Research survey, time is running out to get this done so please take the time to fill it out., We are still partnering with SAVIK group this can bring great saving to your department so please check it out and sign up today.

We should be launching the IVFA app for you mobile phones soon this will be a free download, and hopefully we will be able to get you information quicker.

Like I previously stated we elected our 2025 state officers at convention, I want to thank the membership of this association for putting faith in me to be the next president of this great organization. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way to make it to this point, there are to many to name, but they know who they are. I could not do what I do with this association if it wasn't for my wonderful wife Jenny and our boys. Thank you for being so understanding. The greatest part of doing what I do is traveling the state and meeting the wonderful members and families of this association, so thank you to our membership and their families for serving their communities. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the future.

If there is anything I can do to help you or your department feel free to reach out.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director East Central *David Israel*



I hope everyone that attended the IVFA 2024 Convention had a great time at the Conference. There was a lot of good training and info to take back to your Departments. Hope to see you at Madison at the Clifty Falls State Park in 2025.

On behalf of all the IVFA Districts of PREC Districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A, 13B. Thank You for allowing me to serve as your East Central PR for another Year, Thank You.

WE THE OFFICERS OF THE IVFA NEED YOUR HELP WITH DUES PACKETS COMING OUT. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DUES PACKET BY NOW CALL THE CENTRAL OFFICE NOW!! THEY ARE DUE AND NEED TO BE POST MARKED BY JULY 31, 2024. YOUR DEPT. CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD BY CALLING THE CENTRAL OFFICE. COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT INFO IS CORRECT.

WHEN I DRIVE 2 HOURS TO A DIST. MEETING TO SEE AND VISIT. I AM HOPING AND PRAYING YOUR ADDRESS IS CORRECT. IT LOOKS BAD ON US OFFICERS SHOWING UP LATE BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T UP DATE YOUR FIRE DEPT. ADDRESS AND THE DIST. CHAIRMAN DIDN'T EITHER.

Some of the District Chairman in PREC have made changes on how, when and where there meetings are with Training on Saturday Mornings and a short Meeting. That's right 10AM on Saturday Mornings (8B) will be having Saturday morning meetings and a training meetings in 2024. You don't have to look them up. They are already posted on the IVFA Calendar. You don't have to wait to find out when they are, there on line. Where THE IVFA CALENDAR ivfa.org. Since the District Chairman

can't seem to get your DEPT. email address, WOULD YOU THE Fire Chief or someone. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR CURRANT FIRE DEPT EMAIL ADDRESS and MEETING NIGHT TO David Israel at prec@ivfa.org.

I have a plan.

Congratulation's to those Departments RECEIVING NEW TURN OUT GEAR which is very much need to our Indiana Fire Departments.

We have Twp Trustee's that don't even have a tax base to be able to fund a Fire Dept BY LAW.

I hope our New Governor whom ever it is continues the 10 million for SCBA's and Turnout Gear. Next year will be a Budget year hopefully the Governor will keep the SCBA/Turnout Gear, line Item in the next two years.

We need the District's input (all of them not just one or two, all of you) to make things better, on the training side, did you know you can down load all the IFSTA books from the book store?

District Chairman need two contact people from each Dept. so we can communicate to see what you need. We all have more going on in our lives than we can handle. Hey Ron and Bill when are we going on the road trips in the coming months of 2024? We better hurry up. Maybe Ron will drive us in that new to him Jeep.

But could we at least try to make an effort to have two people at a District Meeting from each Department. Please go to the IVFA web site (ivfa.org) look up your Dept. INFO and make sure your INFO is correct or not, send me the corrections that need to be done and I will correct them on the web site. Thank You

Now is the time to start THINKING about the 2025 IVFA Awards.

IVFA Convention Chairman District 12 Larry Curl: THANK YOU and the Committee for a great line up well known speakers for Training.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CANCER SURVEY ON THE WEB SITE: ivfa.org. WE REALLY//REALLY need you to have more of you to go to the IVFA web site and fill out the Cancer Survey.

Here is what we need from you. Participation it's a two way street. I will get off the soap box NOW it's going to be a fun 2024.

OH!! If I don't answer PLEASE leave a message or TEXT me!!

See you at the next District Meeting.

PREC
David R. Israel
prec@ivfa.org
(812) 593-1564

Public Relations Director Southeast *Edwin J. Scheele*



I am very honored to have received the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award. A special thank you to the Nevil Family and committee. Joyce and her family are special friends. When Carl bruns got me involved with the EVFA, Ivan was a leader in the fire service, and I got to know him well. I always Thought this would be a special award to receive, never thinking I would receive it. The award is more special when it is a complete surprise and my whole family, except one grandson, was there to surprise me. A special thank you to my friends that nominated me, and anyone that had anything to do with me receiving the award. I try to do what I can to help the fire service. Again, I think my wife and family who have supported me over the years. Lastly, I thank the good Lord for everything He has done for me. I have been truly blessed throughout my fire service career.

I congratulate Lloyd Darringer on receiving the First Jr. Fighter Award and to all the award recipients. Write letters or go to the website to nominate your members. All depts. have members worthy of these awards.

Ed Scheele
IVFA PRSE

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese

**IVFA District 1 Meeting
09 May 2024
Burns Harbor FD
Total Present 28**
Attendees
District Chair - Marshal Neese
Notes taken by Steve Cope
Special Guests - none
Notes - Meeting called to order at 1928 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chesterton Chief Shane O'donnel

Roll call taken by Marshal
Marshal gave a brief description of the minutes of the last meeting from February. Marshal also mentioned the state convention taking place next month in Indianapolis. Motion and second made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Burns Harbor FD Chief gave a brief description of the department and town.

\$437.03 treasurer report. No bills

IVFA challenge coins for sale. See Marshal if interested.

Marshal spoke about the recent state meeting. Check out

John from the Indiana fire training. Spoke about the OSHA 1910/156 standard. OSHA-2007-0073. Shawn said should this all pass the house, it will have a major financial impact on all departments. Shawn spoke about the State PPE funding program. 66 departments were awarded PPE from the state. This covers a firefighter from head to toe. Current training facilities for our area are. MAAC in Valpo. St. John FD. Gary is in the process of getting theirs put together.

Shawn also spoke on the cancer study that the state is doing.

Marshal announced the 10 and 25 year pin receivers of the night.

10 year. Robert Detterline, Robert Engelhardt, Justin Lewis, Matthew Wesley.

25 year Andrew P Himan jr. Lowell G Black.

Marshal asked for a motion to give Miss Flame a hundred dollars for the convention. Motion made, second - motion

carried.
Marshal thanked Burns Harbor FD for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.

Marshal asked if everyone was receiving their IVFA newspaper. Please update your address if you have moved. For the papers to be returned to the IVFA it costs money.

Events

September 23rd Burns Harbor FD golf outing. River Point golf course in Hobart.

Steve Cope announced events for Griffith Firefighters Association. Raffle, cruise nights and Rock n Rail car show(August 30th)

Porter FD - Porter Perfect Pint. 5k August 4th. October 5th Perfect Pint

Beverly Shores FD Ball July 6th at their station.

Meeting Adjourned - 2019 hrs

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Tom Fentress - Chairman

Minutes of the IVFA Meeting

Location: Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Force, Hebron, IN

Date: May 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was confirmed.

IV. State Officers Introduction
State officers were introduced to the attendees.

V. Acknowledgement of Lifetime Members Present
Lifetime members present were acknowledged and recognized.

VI. 10 & 25 Years Members Acknowledged
Members with 10 and 25 years of service were acknowledged, and pins were awarded to those in attendance.

VII. Darley Fire Equipment Presentation
A presentation on Darley Fire Equipment was given, highlighting new products and services available to fire departments.

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VIII. IVFA Officers Discussion
A discussion was held by IVFA officers on various topics concerning the association.

IX. Old Business
a. Cancer Survey
It was noted that only 313 members have taken the cancer survey, which is just 2% of the over 14,000 members. The survey's results have major implications for the presumptive cancer law.

b. State Fire Marshall Fire Gear Grant
Departments can get fire gear at the state bid price, which is available for two years. Members were encouraged to contact MES or email Fire Marshall Jones for more information.

c. Phone App
Beta testing for the new phone app is ready to roll out, with more information expected at the next meeting.

d. IVFA Convention – Indianapolis, IN June 13-16, 2024

- Registration is still available.
 - Conference pricing for hotel rates ended on May 12th.
 - Raffle tickets are \$5 each, with a deadline of May 31, 2024.
- Members were urged to sell as many as possible.

- Thursday night will feature a Burn Camp Auction.
- Friday will include the Opening Night and Memorial.
- Saturday will host the Awards Dinner and Banquet.

X. New Business
a. HB 1302 – EMS Service Report
Townships must submit their EMS coverage reports by July 2024.

b. HB 1456 – Optional LOIT Tax
Discussion on the implementation and collection of the optional LOIT tax.

- c. OSHA Standards – NFPA 1956.156
Key points discussed:
1. Annual preplans for all buildings.
 2. Requirement for a RIT team prior to interior firefighting.
 3. Physicals must meet NFPA requirements, with costs ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,000 per firefighter.

Members were encouraged to review the Fire Chief's letter and submit responses to OSHA. The NVFC website has additional information.

d. EMS 2025 Vision for the Future
Recommendations are forthcoming, with 4-6 key topics for change. It was noted that 8% of the 202 people audited for the 3/31/2024 renewal did not submit paperwork.

XI. Events Coming Up
a. June 22, 2024
EMT Skills event postponed due to a state EMT Psychomotor skills examination at Kankakee

Valley High School.
b. July 13, 2024
Supporting Heroes Gala in Owensboro, KY.
XII. Next Meeting
• District 2 – August 15, 2024, at Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department, Valparaiso, IN.
XIII. Good of the Order
General comments and updates for the benefit of the organization were shared.
XIV. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

**I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
May 9, 2024
Henry Twp Fire Department
Akron IN.**
**GUESTS: Sam Bisel PRNE,
5th District Miss Flame
Savannah Lyon, Miss Flames
Parents**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hrs. The pledge to the flag followed. There were 14 firefighters representing 6 departments in attendance.

March 2024 minutes were read and approved as summited.
Sam discussed the Osha updates with us and touched on several in particular.

He remarked on House Bill 1454. Sam and John remarked on firefighter cancer and deaths.

Sam conversed on the upcoming convention in Indianapolis and the fire truck being raffled off. Tickets were sent out tp ALL fire departments and if more are needed advise any chairman or officer of such. Sam discussed the address UPDATE for the IVFA office.

IVFA convention is this June 13 to 15 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis.

John reported on training oppertunities available. Indiana weekend at the National fire academy August 3 and 4.

Miss Flame reported about their convention Wheeler Mission Project.

John awarded some 10 and 25 year pins.

2024 I.V.F.A. convention in Indianapolis June 13 -15, 2024

Argos Fire Territory Fish Fry May 11 @ Argos High School, 4 to 7 PM

Next meeting in Claypool July 11.

Meeting adjourned at 2020 hrs. Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary.

**I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
July 11, 2024
Claypool Fire Department
Claypool, IN**

Refreshments were served by the host department.

**GUESTS
Sam Bisel PRNE
Pascel Moon 9A District
Chairman**

**Jerry Listen IVFA President
Larry & Carol Curl**

The meeting was called to order by Sam Bisel at 1903 hrs. with the pledge of allegiance following. May minutes were read, and approved. There were 13 members present representing 7 departments.

Sam Bisel PRNE sitting in for Chairman Grolich. Sam reported on the new State officers for 2025.

He remarked that the IVFA gave \$19,341.00 to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

The convention truck raffle was won by the Royal Center FD. They chose \$30K instead of the truck.

Sam discussed the convention and the speakers.

Larry Curl discussed the OSHA standards and the proposed changes.

Convention on Indianapolis was a good one.

Instructor update meeting in Ft. Wayne on September 28.

Firefighter cancers were discussed. Career firefighters have cancer coverage volunteers DONOT. We all fight the same type fires day in and day out.

Etna Township F.D. having a gun raffle drawing and fish fry on August 17 in Etna Green.

Fish Fry from 4 PM to sold out
Next meeting at Bremen Fire department September 12.

Meeting adjourned 2028 hrs
Respectfully Submitted
Paul Martin, Secretary/
Treasurer

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Mack Grobis - Chairman

***IVFA District 6
Quarterly Update*
*Metz Volunteer Fire
Department Hosts Last
Meeting***

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) District 6 held its latest meeting at the Metz Volunteer Fire Department. This gathering proved to be both informative and engaging, thanks in large part to Lupke Rice Insurance. We extend our sincere gratitude to Lupke Rice for delivering a

comprehensive presentation on the new OSHA standard rewrite, ensuring that our members are well-informed on crucial safety updates. We also wish to thank 1-800-BoardUp for their generosity in providing a delicious dinner.

State Convention in Indianapolis

District 6 proudly participated in the State Convention held in Indianapolis from June 13th to 15th. The convention was a highlight of the quarter, featuring a variety of workshops, networking opportunities, and discussions focused on the latest advancements in firefighting and safety protocols. There were so many great educational opportunities this year!

We are particularly proud to congratulate District Miss Flame, Jenna Mackin, for her exemplary representation of District 6 during the competition. Jenna's dedication and grace were on full display, and she has made us all very proud with her outstanding performance.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on a successful and productive quarter, we remain committed to our mission of supporting and enhancing the skills and knowledge of our volunteer firefighters. We look forward to continuing this momentum and are excited about the upcoming meetings and events planned for the next quarter.

Thank you to all our members and partners for your unwavering support and dedication. For more updates, please follow IVFA District 6 on our social media channels and stay connected with our community.

-Mack Grobis
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July First I would like to thank everyone that come to Indiana Volunteer Firefighter association convention in June at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Indianapolis Indiana. Next year's 2025 Conventions will beat at Clifty Fall State Park Madison Indiana. To my firefighter Friends Please go to the IVFA website and take the Cancer survey it is truly in everyone's best interest. I took it and it took all of 1.5 minutes and I am not the best candidate. We (IVFA) really need the Information

to assist in possible!! I hope you signed up on the Savit group, PPE Replacement and Equipment.

Congratulations to Amby VFD, Jonesboro VFD, Upland VFD, Van burn Twp. VFD for getting Indiana State Grant on new Equipment.

The next District 8A meeting will be at Swayzee VFD Wednesday September 25,2024 at 7:00 P.m. 108 south Washington Street Swayzee Indiana 46986.

District 8A Chairman
Rex Maynard

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10

Our May meeting was held at Carthage Volunteer Fire Dept. Phil Dearing, member and past chief of Rushville Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. reported on his recent trip to Washington DC. To attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. He noted it was a very interesting trip with a lot of walking!

While there, discussion was held regarding several changes that OSHA is trying to make. If these changes are approved, it is highly possible that "volunteer fire departments will go away." Carthage firefighters, Matthew Barlett and Eric Duncan received their 25year pins.

Training was led by Matthew Barlett on burning EV vehicles. He emphasized one thing to NOT do, is put WATER on the fire. There is an App on your smart phone to download with more instructions on what to do, in case they catch fire.

The annual District 10 IVFAA bake sale, to assist our Miss Flame, Natalie Israel toward Convention expenses, was held and raised \$581.

Another successful State IVFA Convention was held June 13-14-15 at Crown Plaza Airport Hotel. Ross Emery was elected President and Larry Curl was elected Vice president for 2024/25. The grand prize raffle drawing winner was the Royal Center Vol. Fire Dept.

We've attended fish fry/fund raisers at Hartsville, Amity, Flat Rock, Elizabethtown and Scipio/ Geneva fire departments. Lots of good food and fellowship!

District meeting dates for the rest of the year are: August 21-New Point VFD, September 18-Clifford VFD, October 18-Needham VFD, and

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November 20-Hope VFD.
 Be careful on the county roads, as some corn fields make pulling into intersections difficult to see oncoming traffic. Enjoy these lazy, hazy days of summer. Take time to relax special and spend some fun with your families!
 Until next time,
 John M. Ray, District 10 IVFA Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A

We had 8 departments and 34 members and two guest at our last meeting in Prairie Creek Vol. Fire Dept. We said the pledge and prayer. Lunch as at 1:00 pm. Thanks for hosting.

Dues are due! Please send them in.
 I have had two memorial services and given out several 10 and 25 year pins.

We need all fire fighters to take the cancer survey on the website. It's a short survey and need it for legislature purpose. Volunteers needs same coverage as career fire fighters.

IVFA is selling challenge coins. If you need one, let me know, I have them.

We had a great convention. Lots of work and fun. Congratulations to the all the award winners. Thanks to District 12 for all their hard work. We had a good Jr. Firefighter challenge at the convention this year. We need more to participate.

Hoosier burn camp brought in over 19,000.00 in auction this year. Good Job!

I would like to thank Johanna Bellvilk for representing our district Miss Flame. She did an awesome job!

If you have any fun raisers lets me know so I can attend.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in Jasonville on July 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm. It would be nice to see someone every fire department there.

Till next time, stay safe,
 Chairman 11A
 Pete Taylor

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DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Greetings from District 11B!!

Well, we have wrapped up the Convention for the year, hope all had a great time!! District 11B would like to Congratulate Miss Flame Grace Lyle of District 1!!! Congratulations to District 11B's Miss Flame Runner up Elizabeth Stone on being awarded a Bridgeport Scholarship. And to all the other award winners Congratulations!!!

District 11B held the May 8th meeting at the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance, roll call was 18 members and 6 departments. Minutes were read from last meeting with them being approved, with the motion of Scott Peebles and 2nd by Jack Giles. The treasures report was given by Larry Bartlow with a total of \$5,209.79, motion was made to accept the report by Allen Brown and 2nd by Anthony Rohr. Larry Curl spoke about the IVFA trip to Washington DC, brought up the hot topic of the OSHA standards that will affect all fire departments. Larry is working hard to lobby for some fund thru the Hoosier Lottery, and the increase in Line of Duty Deaths, and spoke about the Spoke and Hub sites and departments getting the grant for new gear and SCBAs. Larry also mentioned the upcoming Convention in Indianapolis June 13-15th. Larry Bartlow spoke on the truck raffle taking place during the Convention, reminded everyone to get their tickets sold and back in. Allen Brown asked about more on the OSHA situation, it was suggested to contact local elected officials and make them aware of what could happen if it passes. 11B Miss Flame Maddie Ryan spoke on the Miss Flame project that was going on with all donations going to the Wheeler Mission, flyers were available for departments to pick up on it. Convention awards were discussed and how you can nominate for next year's convention on the website, registration cost was spoke about. Jodi Rohr District IVFAA Chairman spoke on the Auxiliary raising dues from \$10.00 to \$15.00 next year. Fundraisers were talked about, the next meeting will be July 14 - TBD, and September meeting will

be September 8th joint picnic with 11A, and will be held in Montezuma at the boy scouts camp at 1:00 p.m.

Jason Ryan
 Chairman 11B

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

Holy smokes 2024 is half way behind us!

Let's give a hand for a "Job well done" to the 2024 convention committee for another successful and educational convention! We only had a run in with law enforcement for a noice complaint one time, so with that said, I think everyone had a great time! I'd like to wish district 14 luck with the 2025 convention that will take place at Clifty Falls.

I'd like to express my appreciation to Jack Kerny and Ross Emery for allowing myself, Dave Reeder, and Mack Grobis to take on their vision of the Jr Firefighter Competition and make it a reality. Our association was fortunate to be showcased on WRTV-6 news and received a significant amount of positive publicity, so thank you for that!

What's going on in district 13b:

I have been getting years of service pins, gold cards, and coins distributed as best as I possibly can and visiting departments. I really like stopping by randomly just to say a quick hello, when I see bay doors open at your stations.

I am writing this article well before July 12th and you are reading this well after July 12. I say that to say this;

Our district elections are/were held at our July 12th meeting at Milton Fire Department. I appreciate the overwhelming support from all of our members over the last few years and allowing me to serve as your district representative. It isn't always easy but it is and has been a pleasure to be there for you for whatever reasons there may be. Firefighter funerals are/were my biggest areas of pride and commitment. Regardless of the duty status of the decedent, honor, loyalty, and respect is what we made sure was provided.

I would also like to thank our Vice Chairman Dave Reeder, Treasurer Brett Leland, Secretary David Comiso, Social Media

assistant Nathan Ulerick, Madi Reeder IVFAA district 13 Chairwoman and their families for their hard work and dedication to not just the association but to our district directly!

I would love to serve as your Chairman for one more year because I've got one more new target I would like to hit for the as your Chairman and for the district. In the event I am not re-elected, I wish nothing but the best to my successor!

I hope you have a wonderful rest of the summer!

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Rick Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from district 14

As most of you know all of our meetings are on the Webb site so come by and see what's going on thru out the Indiana Volunteer firefighters association.

Also we are now full steam ahead getting everything ready for next years 2025 convention at Clifty falls state park and that hotel so far is full unless more officers camp or don't show up to the convention we are trying the best we can.

If you are not in that hotel then I have the Confort Inn ready to book rooms I will get a group code for that hotel.

We haven't been to Madison since 1970 and we plan on making it a great time in Madison our training sessions on that Thursday will be in service hours for anyone that needs some in service hours.

We are looking for sponsors and door prizes to be giving out so please reach out.

Our slogan is:
 Take a Drive in 2025 to Historical Madison
 Rick Cannon District 14 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings once again, March 20th Dist. 17A meeting was hosted by Taylor VFD.

Dist. 17A Miss Flame Natalee Rickard was presented donations

to help her at convention. Her parents and sister were also in attendance. Other guests were Mike Folley, McQueen Rep. and Larry & Carol Curl, spoke on the upcoming convention. Jack Kerney, Cent. Off. Send in your dues. Luke Kluender IVFA State Treasurer gave a report. Thanks to Taylor Twp. VFD for the meal.

April 4th Taylor Twp. VFD meeting

April 21st Attend at Edwardsport VFD to be given pins.

May 2nd Talyor Twp. VFD

May 15th Martin County Civil Defense Search & Rescue hosted Dist. 17A, Larry Curl came and spoke on the OSHA as how it will affect many Depts. Thanks to Martin VFD for the meal and hosting us.

May 4th A memorial service was held for Montgomery VFD member Stephen Murphy a 54 year IVFA member. Condolences to the family.

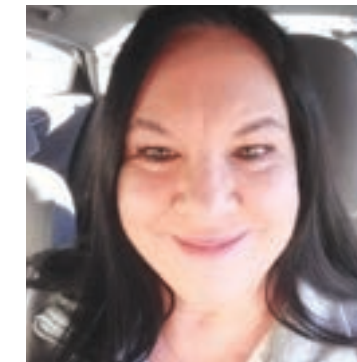
May 6th Taylor VFD meeting.

May 12-16 State Convention was held in Indianapolis. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. Congratulations to every winner. Check your papers to see your new officers and winners.

A special thanks to Natalee Rickard our Dist. 17A Miss Flame, you did a good job as always.

Sam Emery
 IVFA Dist. 17A Chair

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Tammy Wright - Chairman

Meeting Notes

From district Chairman Tammy Wright

Greetings fellow brothers and sisters.

We've been quite busy the 1st half of the year with meetings at Morgantown, Pleasant, Orleans, and upcoming at Marshall.

Would love to see more members attend our district meetings. Lots of informative things going on.

Congratulations to 17B Miss Flame returning is Miss Payton Goodrich from Fruitdale Fire in Brown County.

Get those award nominations in for 2025.

Is your department ready for new OSHA standards? Questions? Reach out to me.

Have an event??Send them to me ill post on the calendar as well as our 17B Facebook page.

A huge thank you to all our host departments this year as well as guest speakers. If there is someone

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you'd like to hear from let me know.

Working on a couple trainings for our members.

Thank you for all the continued support.

Tammy

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

District 19 Article

As we enter the dog days of summer, I hope everyone is enjoying their time with their families. I would like to congratulate the 2024 Convention Committee on holding one of the best conventions I have attended. The list of speakers and training sessions were excellent. As we try to encourage more of our younger members to attend, this is the direction we need to move to.

District 19 would also like to congratulate Ed Scheele, Martin Bush and Lloyd Darringer on their awards. They represented our district very well and we could not be more proud of them.

The volunteer fire service continues to real challenges related to recruitment and retention of volunteers. We all need to think outside of the box as we look for ways to recruit new members. Changing what we do is not comfortable, but at times change that is well thought out and planned can make a real difference.

All of us in the volunteer fire service need be get involved in this effort. The future of the volunteer fire service is depends upon it.

Along with these challenges, we now face an additional challenge. All of us must get involved in the new OSHA rule that will have an impact on the volunteer fire service. Take the time to review the new proposed rule and make thoughtful comments on how we feel this will impact our departments and firefighters. The volunteer fire service must act together to ensure that our interest and concerns are considered. This change is coming. We can sit back and let the train hit us, or we can get involved and try to make a difference.

Our next meeting is at the Morris VFD station on July 25th and we will then travel to East Enterprise VFD on September 25th. We hope to see everyone there.

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

District 21 May meeting was held at Sheffield Vol Fire Department. A great meal was served.

A short meeting was held. There were only four departments present and a total of 15 people.

Our next meeting will be at Johnson Township Vol Fire Department in Hillisburg.

The meeting will be August 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm and a light meal at 6:45 pm.

The address for the fire station is 8983 E County Road 0 NS, Frankfort, Indiana 46041

Hope to see you there
Don Fultz
District 21 Chairman

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING May 3-5, 2024 Crowne Plaza Hotel INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Liston at 1331. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Ross Emery. The Invocation was given by Chaplain David Elick.

Roll Call was taken with 17 District Chairman present and 8 Absent, 5 Public Relations Officers present and 1 absent, and 7 past presidents.

Reading the minutes from the last meeting, Richard Glant made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Rex Maynard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests:

State Fire Marshall Stephen

Jones, talked about spoke on District Fire Training Grounds completions and progress. He also State Level Gear purchase for fire departments around the state. Wants to start to try and go for a goal of gear washers for departments. State Fire Gear program is still open for discount on purchasing gear at a lower rate. Responded to question about OSHA Rule upcoming. He reports he still has to review and study the document still. He believes there needs to be a meeting to come up with a compromise while keeping people safe and fire departments compliant. Reports he would speak on behalf of group to speak with OSHA to come identify issues and be an advocate for the fire service.

Old Business:

1. Phone App- complete and ready to be pushed out. Will need a letter of authorization to complete and release the app.

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Luke Kluender, reports were emailed out. Brought up the license plate increase. The increase will go into effect in 2025 and receive fund in 2026. If you went to supporting Heros and did not yet pay for you guest, it will come out of your voucher return. LOSAP speaker will be set up to come to a meeting. Needs to get with audit committee to clear and be able to present at convention. Postage is increasing. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report given by Richard Glant, second given by Rex Maynard. Motion passed unanimously.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, Dues notices out April 12. Paid/Not Paid lists emailed out. Dept. rosters emailed out. Pin reports emailed out. Gold Cards are being updated and completed to have current list. 106 deceased members- 16 reported from rosters, 15 passed from cancer, 3 LODD, 81 natural, 2 accidental, 5 unknown causes. Notified members in dues packets of the possibility of electronic dues packet. 13,160 addresses prepared for newspaper, 268 total bad addresses. Dues expiring 7/31/24- 12,478 Active members, 44 service members, 749 gold members, 112 members of association. 2,090 new members have been added. 0 pending AIL Claims, \$220,064.53 paid out to date from AIL. License plates 377-Jan., 569-Feb., 593-March, total license plates Jan-March 1539.

Executive Committee Report:

Cancer Survey only has 313 respondents to the survey. Need to increase the response. Statehouse presentation turnout was good. 75-year member was present to see statehouse and be acknowledged. Steve working on past due gold cards.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Vice President Ross Emery- award winners have been picked. Conversations on reading names of winners at convention if they are not present. Decision made to read names and nominations at convention

whether present or not. Boosting of nominations, awards should be talked about at all district meetings. McQueen Awards are turned in and Gary will deliver awards to convention.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison- have a total 4 nominations.

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney- there will be a contest with 4-5 contestants. Open until May 15. Younger Membership Committee has brought interest to helping with this program. After discussion with Jack, he agrees to this change, and would like to remain on the committee as an Advisor of the program.

Mr. IVFA, Brent Bush- 7- 8 nominations and a winner has been selected.

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

Miss Flame- Leighanne Ellis- Program is ready to go, preconvention meeting this weekend and is being well received.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, there are 5 winners selected this year. 18 applications submitted and 17 graded.

Budget:

Treasurer Luke Kluender, covered in treasurer's report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: Chaplin Dave Elick, met and have prepared an SOG Change for the Mister IVFA verbiage. Policy Manual is being reviewed and compared with Bylaws and SOG's. to come in August, and also review of Miss Flame verbiage in SOG.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich, 1 claim, for firefighting gloves. Individual was called and spoke to about loss of gloves and origin of purchase. Unable to confirm actual dept. purchase. After discussion, claim was paid.

Convention: David Israel- 2024-Indianapolis- Larry Curl- preparations are continuing. If you have not gotten registered for convention this year, please do so ASAP. Need to make sure numbers are accurate so there is enough food prepared for everyone. Steve A. has a current room list with confirmation numbers. Hotel room booking deadline for convention and rate is May 12, 2024.

2025- Madison, Rick Cannon- nothing to report.

2026- accepting bid letters- no intent to bids have been received.

EMS: Tom Fentress, EMS WEK 5/19-25,2024, 50 years. New National registry format, July 1, 2024, there is no longer a psychomotor exam. The cognitive exam is more adaptive with the exam. The AEMT and EMT skills will be changing. Scenarios will be given for those levels instead of skills stations. Commission ruling about reciprocity applications will be coming up. Kraig Kinney wants to go to a compact style certification. Company has to hire you and medical director has to sign for you on a paramedic level.

EMT level has to have a company hire you. EMS roundtables are being completed around the state. HB1385 for ambulance services was voted in. 400% of Medicare rates are going to be paid to the ambulance service, and commercial services will pay at this rate as well. Running with Shears, May 11, 5K walk/run being held in Indianapolis. IEMSA November 21&22, 2024. Governor's Cup will be held. Early Bird registration and Speakers bids out. EMS 2025 meetings being held and 889 cert audits, 107 no papers turned in and lost certs. 2024 EMS status pre level, no changes in EMR level, EMT-B 2% growth, Paramedic 7% growth, Primary Instructor 11% Growth. HB1032 covered on county administrators reporting responses for services to calls to identify lack of services and help to correct and increase services to these areas.

Health and Wellness Committee, Tom Fentress, Cancer Survey, 2% of total membership responded. Need to put out to membership, possibly have a QR Code at convention on the table to have them fill out at the table. Wants the marketing team to push the surveys on the Facebook and look at the sponsoring for the survey, asking for districts to place on their district pages as well. Going to work with Marshall Jones to try to get it into the Monthly Bugles. Baseline Physicals, NFPA 1910 standard, repository, and catalyst for departments to be able to get their physicals. Maybe check into a grant to provide physicals through one company for the state so all members can get physicals through grant.

Insurance: Luke Kluender, no outstanding claims and all invoices completed.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, need to have discussion on OSHA Standard 1910-156 stance, involved just industrial fire dept. and changing to cover Emergency Response standard. Currently open for public comment with an extension to June 21. Need to have leaders look at this and respond with comments about their concerns with this standard due to the effect it can have on their department and functions or existence and report back with those to the legislative committee, or the president. There will be no public hearing. NVFC has allotted monies for legal representation in case of lawsuit for this standard. Legislative package needs to be put together. HB1454 how many departments have applied, received or denied? District Chairman please respond back to legislative committee so we may respond back to legislators for assistance. Next session topics, continue to get 10 million for gear continuation, get a tax credit for firefighters, looking into lottery monies for funding the fire service.

Secretary

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LODD: Paul Holcomb, nothing to report.

Logo: District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, discussing paid/not paid list and cleaning up lists for those dept. that have merged and no longer exist.

Continuing to complete study for membership. Marketing, Kevin Orme has a contact for the Prison Print Program.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler and Sam Bisel, 13,374 newspapers printed. Make sure you are aware of the deadline, be on time. Email your information to the editor so she can keep records straight.

Public Relations and Education: Steve Nolan and Don Cushman, trailer is complete, FDIC, set-up on Wednesday for ease of movement instead of in the middle of foot traffic. Large backdrop is no longer usable. Need a more mobile option. Booth space at FDIC, option of Fire Marshall office sharing the space to help with reduction of cost. Laptops on trailer and television on trailer are outdated and heavy and need to be reconsidered or updated.

Social media and Website: Anthony Smith, Mack Grobis gave report, streamlining the website. App is built and ready to be placed online for use. Dues being placed online and the ability to pay electronically is being worked on. Permissions for social media discussed. Discussion on district chairman portal on the website to submit changes.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, final phase of information collection is complete. Copy of history proof will be sent and reviewed and then finalize a second proof. Once finalized, the book will start being printed.

Training: Steve Anderson, ERS Curriculum discussed, going to sit on review committee to possibly update the program.

Younger Membership: District 6 Mack Grobis, discussion in the Jr. Firefighter program and starting within departments, we would be a resource hub for developing of the program. Jr. Firefighter Award at convention and this committee assisting to get the program running. Possibly having district or PR area practice sessions. Look at changing name to Youth Development Committee.

Representative Reports Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: Steve Anderson,

Fire Alliance Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, and Larry Curl, nothing to report

Hero's Competition, District 11B Jason Ryan, Paul Holcomb-Skills USA is now the current competition.

IN-Time Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

IDHS Senior Advisory Committee, Jack Zeeks, getting ready to open new grant cycle for the year.

National Volunteer Fire Council, Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, covered a lot on the OSHA Standard. NVFC have partnered with PIT Crew for free Hazmat trainings. NVFC will offer 15 additional locations for training, and Indiana has been offered 1 training and possibly get it on the calendar. This would be a virtual training. 5 new classes, 10 new locations, over 300 people trained. TransCare gave presentation on hazards. FREE information on website that is helpful. HVAC types and refrigerants discussed and the flammability of certain units and getting them out of buildings. Battery and energy storage facilities discussion. \$7.8 million worth of water used to put out a New York battery facility fire. 44 out of 49 states and 71 directors present at last meeting. AFG grant funding issues were discussed. NERIS presentation given, this is replacing NIFRS should be ready by end of year beginning of next. completed cost survey of \$21 and increase their dues to \$24. Copies of books available to significant other are available with 25 copies free and Jack will be obtaining them.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, President Liston reported that a phone call made reports they did not even know the group even existed, and nothing has been active recently.

Officer's Reports: **President,** Jerry Liston, Thanks for going to the Washington D.C.

Vice President, Ross Emery, district meetings, Statehouse event, made 14 hour trip for meetings.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, nothing to report.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

Chaplain, David Elick, Deceased lists were sent out to have district chairman review for any corrections. Deadline to complete the list for convention is 5/4/2024. Anthony Smith makes motion to increase chaplain allowance from \$75 to \$100. Brent Bush gave the second. Motion passes to send to board action.

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

Historian, Buz Koehler/ Jason Ryan, nothing to report

Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, absent, Paul Holcomb- nothing to report.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, district meetings, Mort Sorg memorial service.

PRNE, Sam Bisel, all district meetings. Brought up issue that occurred at district meeting. Mort Sorg memorial service.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, all district meetings, handling raffle tickets for convention.

PREC, David Israel, all district meetings, fundraiser at

Spiceland., 4 dept. meetings.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, nothing to report.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, district meeting, 50-year statehouse, Mort Sorg memorial service.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, nothing to report.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent

Meeting Recessed at 1715. Will reconvene at 0830 Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Meeting reconvened Sunday May 5, 2024.

Meeting was called to order at 0830 by President Liston.

Sunday Morning message was given by Chaplain Elick.

Past President's Reports: Richard Glant, nothing to report.

Jack Zeeks, nothing to report
Buz Koehler, do not text editor to update information for the newspaper, keep on deadline, make sure to contact Buz to correct information in the newspaper if needed.

Jack Kerney, nothing to report
Larry Ketchem, absent

David Israel, nothing to report
Steve Anderson, still working on convention room reservations. Working on pin reports to get them all updated.

Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

Tim Deckard, absent

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, meeting held at Highland Fire Dept., 5 departments and 26 members present. 1 memorial service. Highland Fire Dept. back into the assoc. 3 gold members service pins, cards, and coins passed out.

District 2, Tom Fentress, meeting held at Keener Twp. VFD, 6 dept. and 24 members present. Spoke on the Hub and Spoke training center at Rensselaer. Service pin presented. EMS 2025 meeting.

District 3, Les Jensen, absent
Jeremy Reef reports District meeting at Michiana Shores, 2 fire dept. returned to the assoc. Bob Uryga had a heart attack.

District 4, Elton Schafer, meeting held at Madison Fire, 7 dept. and 27 members present. Service pins presented, 2 memorial services. Service pins passed out.

District 5, John Grolich, meeting at Lagroo Fire, 4 dept. and 6 members present. 2 memorial services, FDIC, service pins passed out.

District 6, Mack Grobis, meeting at Topeka Fire, awards dinners, DC Trip, Dept. fundraisers, Statehouse event, 1 memorial service.

District 7, Richard Sorg, meeting at Nottingham Twp. Fire, 10 dept. and 26 members present. 1 memorial service. Statehouse event, FDIC, 4 dept. in the district received gear grant.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, meeting at Pleasant Twp. VFD, 5 departments present. Statehouse event, fundraisers, service pins passed out.

District 8B, Tony Dalrymple,

meeting cancelled due to severe weather. One memorial service.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, absent, Jeremy Reef reported, district meeting, 2 gold coins, fundraiser, service pins passed out.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent, Jeremy Reef reported, district meeting at Rensselaer

District 10, John Ray, absent, Leighanne Ellis reported, 4 county meetings, 4 fundraisers, 3 district meetings, 5 dept. meetings, 1 station dedication clock, service pin presentations. State House presentation.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, meeting at Pleasant Twp. 6 departments and 31 members present. Station dedication clock presented., Statehouse event, FDIC, fire dept. dinner, service pins handed out.

District 11B, Jason Ryan, fundraisers, service pins handed out. Dist. 11A and 12 meetings.

District 12 Larry Curl, absent, Larry Bartlow reported, district meeting and working on convention.

District 13A, Don Cushman, absent. David Israel reported, past district secretary Dave Southerland just passed away suddenly.

District 13B, Anthony Smith, district meeting, academy at MADE, assisted with Tornado response, memorial service, county meeting, fundraisers. Dennis Spears should be around for convention and doing fairly well, surgery was successful.

District 14, Rick Cannon, meeting at Fairplay Fire Co. 1, 7 dept. and 30 members present. Service pin presentations.

Marshall Jones spoke on New Gear grant, Savvik Buying group discussion, IVFA phone app, Cancer study survey still needs data, Convention info.

District 15, Paul Campbell, attended 6 dept. to pass out years of service pins. One memorial service. Training events 6/29 at Scales Lake, 8/10 at Posey County.

District 16, Vacant position,

District 17A, Sam Emery, meeting at Taylor VFD, 5 dept. and 30 members present. Discussion on upcoming convention. IVFA funding, and dues packets. 2 memorial services. Statehouse event. Service pins handed out.

District 17B, Tammy Wright, district meetings, service pins handed out.

District 18, Nick Waninger, Bull Smith reported, annual parade and District Miss Flame Contest in Daleville October 13, 2024.

District 19, Ben Sieverding, absent, Ed Scheele reported, meeting, service pins handed out.

District 21, Don Fultz, meeting held at Romney Vol. Fire Dept., 5 dept. and 20 members present. two memorial service. 2 fundraisers, service pins handed out, 3 meetings. May 29, Hoosier Burn Camp Visitor's Day.

New Business:

1. Paul has gotten another

round of coins ordered. We will continue process of invoicing coins to district chairman for records to assist treasurer.

2. OSHA ruling, there is a letter Larry Curl has from Dave Dennison that assists with public comment issues.

3. Next Level Gear program, Jerry created a list per district of the IVFA districts on the number of dept. receiving gear in their areas. List and map is located on the IDHS website.

4. May 29, 2024, Hoosier Burn Camp Visitors Day,

5. June 8, 2024, 1-800-BoardUp Golf Outing.

6. June 18, 2024, Governor will be in Wabash for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new training tower.

7. AgriNews reached out about an advertisement in their publication, we agreed to publish a thank you to all the IVFA members and First Responders.

Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn meeting, John Grolich gave second. Meeting adjourned at 0918.

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Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb at 0937.

Reading of the minutes, Richard Glant made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by Buz Koehler, motion passed.

Old Business:

Discussion held on convention room reimbursement for this year, it has been voted and approved but not update into the S.O.G.'s as of current, so the rate will remain at \$75 for 2024 convention and will in

Board Action- Business:

1. Increase the pay for chaplains to complete a memorial service from \$75 to \$100 and change it in the S.O.G.'s. Richard Glant gave the motion and Jack Zeeks gave the second. Comment given by treasurer about this change not being in the budget for this year. Motion was rescinded and repeated with an addition to add that it will not be effective until January 2025 and changed in the S.O.G.'S. Richard Glant gave motion and Jack Zeeks gave second, motion passed unanimously.

Chaplain gave benediction
Motion to adjourn meeting by Jeremy Reef, Second by Jack Zeeks. The meeting adjourned at 0945.

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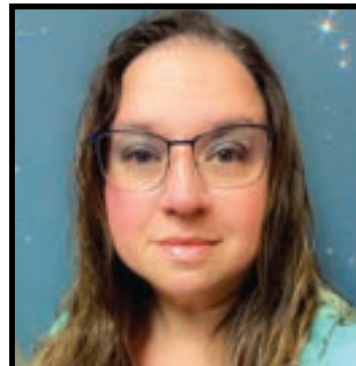
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**IVFAA
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Christina Reef**



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 2024 convention in Indianapolis this year. A huge thank you to the convention committee from district 12 for all the hard work they did putting on the convention. Next year's convention will be hosted by district 14 in Madison at Clifty Falls State Park June 11th - 13th, 2025. 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 2024 award winners for this year. Lois Boaz award winner is Betty Schroeder from district 7, Poe Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Miriam Schaeckel award winner is Joann Smith from district 14, New Washington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. IVFAA President's award winner is Bev Vanlandingham. 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 for each of the awards. I know there are multiple members from each district that are very worthy of these awards.

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,

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compassion, grace & beauty. The 2024 State Miss. Flame winner is Grace Lyle from district 1, Griffith Twp. Fire Department & Auxiliary. First Runner up winner is Molly Goffinet from district 18, Anderson Twp. Fire Department. Miss. Congeniality winner is Aubrie Krueckenberg from district 7, Poe Volunteer Fire Department.

At our annual IVFAA meeting we elected our 2024-2054 officers. President - Christina Reef, Vice President - Beverly Vanlandingham, Recording Secretary - Dawn Harris, Corresponding Secretary - Janet Matthews, 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 continuing our 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,

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CHAPLIN ASSISTANTS

- Judy Wirth - State Chaplin
- Phyllis Vargo - Northwest
- Suzie Lewis - Northeast
- Leslie Spears - East Central
- JoAnn Hays - West Central
- Kathy Smith - Southwest
- Pam Gerdowsky - Southeast

JEWELRY

- Suzie Lewis - Chair
- EJ Smith - Co-Chair

NOMINATING

- Carolyn Zeeks - Chair
- Sue Glant - Co-Chair
- Marie Emery
- Chara Leaver
- Beth Caudill

INSTALLATION

- Beth Moon - Chair
- JoAnn Smith - Co-Chair
- Joyce Nevil

MEMORIAL THROW

- Carol Curl - Chair

LOIS BOAZ AWARD

- Bev Taylor
- Suzie Lewis
- Judy Wirth

CHAPLIN EMERITUS & COMMUNICATIONS

- JoAnn Hays

MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD

- Eula Bush
- Pam Gerdowsky
- Tammy Heishman

*Miss Flame Committee is to be determined by the IVFA.

HISTORIANS

- Phyllis Vargo - Chair
- JoAnn Hays - Co-Chair
- Brenna Liston

should contact their IVFA or IVFAA district chair. The application and information about the program are on the website www.IVFA.org.

Also, it is time again to pay your annual IVFAA dues. Dues are \$10 per year. Our membership form is on the IVFAA website. If you do not have access or you cannot find it, please ask your district chair or our Recording Secretary Dawn Harris 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 or 1 of the other state line officers to attend an event or meeting, please let us know. We will do our best to attend.

Please continue to post your meeting date, time, and location on the website calendar & on our Facebook page, Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary - IVFAA. 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

IVFAA Chaplain



Judy Wirth



and renew friendships, make new ones, learn from training sessions, and seminars and listening to our leaders' advice and goals. The Memorial Service Is always a special event. But the best is talking, visiting, and LAUGHING!!!!!!

What a special time. I am very blessed to have wonderful friends and that makes us a family. The more the merrier. Thank you Lord for this very special time.

Psalm 2:4 But the one who rules in heaven laughs.

Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future.

Have a wonderful safe summer. If you need anything give me a call. Love to all!

P.S.

It isn't early to start thinking of nominating someone for our annual awards. (February 1,2025 is creeping up on us!)

Convention was a very fun time. Thank you, Convention 2024 Committee for hosting this year. Congratulations to all award winners. I am so sorry there can only be one winner per award. Everyone is so deserving.

The heat and humidity is upon us so be careful being out and about with all the summer activities.

I was thinking of the Convention I thought what was the best thing about it? Being with friends and LAUGHING!!!!!!

Convention is a time for everyone to come together

Corresponding Secretary

Janet Matthews



Quarterly Meeting Sunday May 5, 2024 Crown Plaza Hotel Indianapolis, IN

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary: Dawn Harris took roll call answered by 6 IVFAA members, 17 Officers for a total of 23 in attendance today. Organization count, 403 by department, 150 individuals, 27 life members. Dawn is still working on getting the districts caught up, but these are the numbers she has so far.

Corresponding Secretary: Janet Matthews was asked to read minutes from February 2024 quarterly meeting to the group.

Martha Biehl made motion to dispense reading of the minutes & to accept the minutes as submitted, Marie Emery seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved as submitted. Janet read a Thank you note from the family of Mort Sorg for their support during his passing.

Treasurer Report: Martha Biehl reviewed the account balances with the group
General Fund Amount- \$34,705.56

CD #1 Amount- \$11,253.16
CD #2 Amount- \$20,185.90
Mary Mackin Amount- \$2,713.37

Miss Flame Amount- \$4,116.44
Gaming Amount- \$8,266.03
No corrections, or additions & books subject to audit.

Chaplin's Report: Judy Wirth reports that there are many members /family members with illness/injury. There are several cards going around the room to be signed & she will mail them out. Reports 1 funeral in the last quarter.

President Christina Reef called for committee reports.

Auditing: Carol Curl no present at the meeting.

Budget & Finance: Kathy Smith reports met yesterday & Suzie is passing around the proposed budget that was put together by the committee. Discussed the gaming account had adjustments made to it, to support the increase cost of email & technical maintenance.

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Secretary

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The committee agreed to round up odd dollars & cents to the nearest dollar amount. Asked everyone in the room to review the proposed budget & will vote on it before the meeting is over.

Chaplin Assistants: Judy Wirth reports all is good.

Chaplin Emeritus &

Communications: JoAnn Hays not here today

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter reports some items have been brought to her today for the Chinese auction & encouraged everyone to please bring their baskets/raffle items to the table on Thursday morning when they arrive for convention. She will be contacting members on the committee to set up times with them to help man the tables at convention.

Historian: Phyllis Vargo not here today.

Installation: Beth Moon not here today.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis reports she has 10-year pins & IVFAA pins, others are on their way. Just let her know when pins are needed/wanted.

Lois Boaz Award: Bev Taylor reports all is good & committee is ready.

Mary Mackin: Beth Moon not here today.

Membership: Kathy Smith encouraged the group to continue to seek new members & maintain the ones we have. Dawn Harris did report that she did send out delinquent letters to members.

Memorial Throw: Carol Curl not here today.

Miriam Schaekel Award: Eula Bush not here today but sent word that they are ready for convention.

Miss Flame: Janet Matthews reports there is a pre-convention meeting with the Miss Flames today from 12-3pm. This is something new to allow the girls to meet, learn expectations, allow them to practice some interviews, discuss clothing. An opportunity for parents to ask questions that they may have.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks reminded everyone to be thinking of who wants to run for a state office.

Parliamentarian: Beth Caudill reports all is good for the order of the organization.

President's Advisory: Phyllis Vargo not here today.

Social Media

Communication: Madi Reeder reminded everyone to try & post events that are happening in your area so everyone will know. Virginia Elick has been added to this committee.

SOGs & By Laws: Tammy Smith reports that the committee will meet in August for a review of the Code of Conduct. She also informed the group that has some additions that were submitted for a few of the current SOG's, that she wants to review with the group.

SOG Section X under Committees A. Auditing

wanting to add a #2 that reads. In the event of a change of position mid-term an audit shall be conducted at the first officers' meeting following that change. Tammy Smith made a motion to accept the addition of #2 as stated above. Discussion was had regarding the importance of this since we have had line officers leave mid-term & it is important to audit the books upon their departure. Jodi Rohr seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The SOG committee will update the SOG.

SOG Section II under Vice President. A change has been submitted for consideration to #3 of how it reads. Currently #3 reads- Obtain the appropriate gaming license/permit from the State of Indiana. Suggested change of #3 to read will work with the Treasurer to ensure the gaming license/permit from the State of Indiana is obtained. Discussion was had, Judy Wirth made a motion for the rewording of this SOG, Lori Baxter 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The SOG committee will update the SOG.

SOG Section V under Treasurer, to add a #10 that reads. Obtain the appropriate gaming license/permit from the State of Indiana. Sue Glant made a motion to accept the addition of #10 to the Treasurer SOG, Beth Caudill seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The SOG committee will update the SOG. V.P Project: Beverly Vanlandingham reports that she will be getting the 50/50 tickets & has the barrel for the drawing. A copy of the gaming license has been obtained, reminded everyone to please show up at the booth if you have signed up to work it.

Old Business:

President Christina Reef asked for old business for discussion, nothing was brought up.

Buz Kohler brought the newspapers to the room for the ladies to take back to their districts. Convention books are still needed from 1970-1980 to be able scan them for history. Jerry Liston & Ross Emery came to the room to talk with the group about convention. Mentioned registration & room reservations as the room block is filling up fast. See Steve Anderson if you need verification of your room. Tickets are out there for a chance to win the new truck that is being given away, see your local department to purchase. Jerry informed the group of a possible phone app that they are working on that may help with notifications from the state to the members. This is still being investigated, more to come.

New Business:

• President Christina Reef informed the group that IVFAA pins & 10-year pins are in. When handing out pins please, please take your department rosters & note that date you passed out the pins to the members. Email the

list or turn it in at each quarterly meeting to the recording secretary so she can keep a record of it. Please take pictures of the presentation to submit to the newspaper &/or Facebook.

• Mary Mackin Committee- Christina informed the group that a certified letter was sent regarding this committee. Christina read the letter to the group from the Smith family with their wishes regarding what they want done with the Mary Mackin committee. Discussion was had regarding when/who/how the Mary Mackin Memorial fund began. There are several members in the room today that were present when it became part of the organization recalling that Mike Mackin is the family member that started it, with the \$300 that was donated in her memory. Discussion was held & the group suggests that President Christina Reef contact Mike Mackin to get his opinion on the situation & his wishes of what the organization does about continuing the Mary Mackin committee. The letter indicated that the family wishes for the IVFAA to no longer use the name of Mary Mackin as the committee title. Christina will contact Mike Mackin. This year for the convention we will continue to ask Miss Flames to write an essay about their community service, it will be referred to as the Miss Flame Essay Winners. Beth Moon will be preparing a letter to send out to all the Miss Flames. There will be more discussion about this situation at the next quarterly meeting.

• Jodi Rohr brought up in discussion that the organization needs to put a plan in place regarding the District Chairman briefcase & supplies when a chair step down/voted out of office. Suggests the possibility of a way to make the outgoing chairman responsible for what items do not get returned or passed on the incoming chairman. Potentially a bill may/can be sent to the one that did not return or pass on the Bibles & briefcase to the next chairman. Many ideas were voiced; Christina suggested this discussion be tabled for a later date.

• Christina brought up that Suzie is out of cases to give to new District Chairmen, discussion held about types of cases/bags/totes that the chairman prefer. Suzie will get prices of some types & bring back to the August quarterly meeting.

• The special project for the year was the survey of members, Christina asked if we wanted to continue it. She informed the group that we need to be mindful that even a negative survey is useful to us. A letter that was sent in by District 19 was read to the group, this letter was in response to the survey. The letter made mention of the lack of communication from the

state level to those members that are individuals, not in an active auxiliary. Mentions that some do not even get the newspaper each quarter as they do not have an IVFA member in their home. Discussion was had with the group of what we can do as an organization for the members to keep them involved. The survey will continue for now, please encourage members in your area to take it.

• District Chairman must ensure that meeting minutes are being taken at your quarterly auxiliary meetings. It is proof that the meetings are happening, & the minutes need to be turned into the corresponding secretary each quarter. There must be 5 members to be a quorum, you can hold these meetings at the IVFA meetings informing members what was talked about at the quarterly state meetings, take role call of IVFAA on the roster that you are given. Every paid member must be made aware of the date/time of each meeting you're going to have.

• Christina brought up that the recording secretary computer/printer is not working well, it is 6 years old. Judy Wirth made a motion for the organization to purchase a new laptop/printer for the recording secretary position out of the gaming account, Madi Reeder seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Christina will speak with David Camiso to see if he would assist in recommending a good laptop/printer to purchase.

• Christina asked the group if they had reviewed the proposed budget that was given to them earlier. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion to approve the budget as submitted, Marie Emery seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. A new budget has been approved.

Christina asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the organization to discuss?

Janet Matthews brought up that the organization is out of meeting post cards, the supply has been used up. Janet brought up that there is a printing place near her that she is willing to get quotes on making new cards with the IVFAA logo on them. Jodi Rohr made a motion to have Janet obtain a quote & if not too expensive have a small amount made for a sample of them to bring back for review, Lori

Baxter seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Christina will email Janet the IVFAA logo, so she can take it to the printer to inquire about them making them.

Judy Wirth gave a closing prayer

Christina asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carolyn Zeeks made a motion to adjourn, Kathy Smith seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews,
Corresponding Secretary

State Officers Meeting Friday, June 14, 2024 Crown Plaza Hotel Indianapolis Airport

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest asked to speak to the group for a minute, Mike Mackin thanked the body for recognizing his mother Mary Mackin, for all the years of recognition in her honor. He & the family have agreed to stop the "Mary Mackin Awards" & for the organization to do what they see fit. He expressed how thankful he is for all the memories of the IVFAA.

Recording Secretary: Dawn Harris took roll call answered by 1 IVFAA member & 21 Officers for a total of 22 in attendance today. Organization count, 531 by department, 169 individuals, 27 life members for a total of 727 members Dawn is still working on getting the districts caught up.

Corresponding Secretary: Janet Matthews was asked to read minutes from June 2023 officers meeting to the group. Madi Reeder made motion to dispense reading of the minutes & to accept the minutes as submitted, Lori Baxter seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved as submitted in June 2023. Janet read correspondence from the family of Dale Gray thanking the organization for all the thoughts & prayers during their difficult time.

Treasurer Report: Martha informed the group that she will have all the totals for the organizations accounts at the Convention meeting tomorrow.

Chaplin Report: Judy informed the group that there are 4 cards going around the room for everyone to sign as I will get them sent out to those members that need uplifting. Judy let the group know that all is ready for the memorial service.

Business: President Christina Reef thanked everyone for all the thoughts & prayers & cards that she had received following her accident in May. Called on the committees to ensure that all is ready for the opening meeting tonight & the banquet tomorrow.

Auditing: Carol Curl reports will be ready at the next quarterly meeting.

Budget & Finance: Christina reports that Kathy Smith is not at the convention this year d/t health reasons, but the budget was passed last month at the quarterly meeting.

Chaplin Assistants: Judy Wirth reports, all is good.

Chaplin Emeritus & Communications: JoAnn reports all is good & she is thankful for everyone.

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter reports that the tables are set & tickets are being sold.

Historian: Phyllis Vargo not here at the convention d/t husband health condition

Installation: Beth Moon not at the convention d/t passing of her grandfather. Jodi Rohr & JoAnn Smith will be doing the installation of officers tomorrow at the meeting.

Jewelry: Suzie says, nothing to report.

Lois Boaz Award: Bev Taylor reports committee is ready.

Miss Flame Service Award: Christina reports that the committee is reading essays & will have the essay winners chosen.

Memorial Throw: Carol Curl reports, all is good.

Miriam Schaekel Award: Eula Bush reports, they are ready & a winner has been chosen.

Miss Flame: Janet Matthews reported that the competition is going well & that the judges did have a job to do to select a winner. Also reminded everyone that Jason Ryan is willing to meet people to get their donations of items for the Wheeler Mission that needs to go into the trailer & Janet is collecting the monetary donations. The girls are having a great time.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks reminded everyone that tomorrow is the election day for officers & her committee is ready.

Parliamentarian: Beth Caudill reports all is good for the order of the organization.

Social Media

Communication: Madi Reeder reports all is well & reminded everyone to post their events on the calendar & Facebook.

SOGs & By Laws: Tammy Smith reports all is going ok.

V.P Project: Bevely Vanlandingham reports tickets are being sold for the 50/50 drawing.

Christina asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order? Encouraged everyone to enjoy the convention & fellowship.

Closing prayer was given by JoAnn Hays

Madi Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chara Leaver, all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews,
Corresponding Secretary

2024 State Convention Meeting Saturday June 15,2024 Crown Plaza Hote Indianapolis Airport

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary: Dawn Harris took roll call answered by 27 IVFAA members, 20 Officers

for a total of 47 in attendance. Organization count, 531 by department, 179 individuals, 27 life members for a total of 737 members.

Corresponding Secretary:

Janet Matthews was asked to read minutes from 2023 convention, Martha Biehl made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes & accept them as they were submitted, Chara Leaver seconded the motion, all in favor. Minutes accepted as they were written & submitted in 2023.

Treasurer Report: Martha Biehl reviewed the account balances with the group balances as of May 31,2024

General Fund Amount-
\$30,501.79

CD #1 Amount- \$11,253.16

CD #2 Amount- \$20,185.90

Mary Mackin Amount-
\$2,713.37

Miss Flame Amount-
\$4,116.44

Gaming Amount- \$8,266.03

No corrections, or additions & books subject to audit.

Chaplain's Report: Judy Wirth reports that there are several members /family members with illness/injury. There are several cards going around the room to be signed & she will mail them out. Reported 10 member deaths since 2023 convention. Thanked the associate chaplains for all their assistance over the last year & the many miles that have been traveled.

President Christina Reef welcomed the Miss Flames to the meeting, each one introduced themselves & the district that they represent. Congratulations to 2024 Miss Flame is District 1 Grace Lyle & 1st runner up is District 18 Molly Goffinet.

Christina asked for committee updates/reports:

Auditing: Carol Curl reports will be doing audit at the next quarterly meeting.

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter reports that so far have made \$1,176.00 & the drawing will be at 3pm today.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis reports, all jewelry is here & the case is full again. The total bill was \$3,795.50. Please let her know when/if you need any jewelry for the members in your district. Christina Reef called up Brianna Harvey from 11B during this time & issued her a 25-year pin.

Lois Boaz Award:

Congratulations to the winner Betty Schroder from District 7 of this award.

Miss Flame Community Service Award: Jodi Rohr announced that they will be recognizing 4 essay winners this year.

Miriam Schaekel Award:

Eula Bush informed all that the winner will be revealed tonight.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks reports she has a slate of nominees & we will be voting after the break.

Vice Presidents Project:

Beverly Vanlandingham reports that tickets are still being sold & so far, they have \$445. Tickets will continue to be sold & the drawing will be tonight at the banquet.

New Business: President Christina Reef informed the group of the comments that was made yesterday in the officers meeting from Mike Mackin regarding the Mary Mackin fund. The family appreciates the years of honoring Mary, but they feel it is time to change the name of this award. Jodi Rohr made a motion to change the name to Miss Flame Community Service Award moving forward, Madi Reeder seconded the motion, all in favor. The name of the committee/award will be changed moving forward to Miss Flame Community Service Award. This award will be to honor all past Miss Flame committee members that have served on the committee over the years. Christina informed the group that \$300 was the beginning amount that started the fund, she read the letter that was submitted to the organization from the family regarding the disbursement of the funds. The 3 organizations of family choice are American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, National Breast Cancer Foundation. Discussion was held amongst the members about how the entire organization contributed to the fund to help it grow. Marie Emery made a motion that the original \$300 that started the Mary Mackin fund be divided in thirds & each association that the family requested receive \$100 each, Carolyn Zeeks seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The treasurer will send out \$100 to each of the 3 organizations of the family's choice, Carol Curl will submit a response to the family, of the members decision & the donations that were agreed upon to be made. Carol will send the letter as certified mail. Janet Matthews made the group aware that new meeting notification reminder cards are being made & they will be picked up next week. I will bring cards to the next quarterly meeting for chairmen to have so they can send them out to their members.

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bring cards to the next quarterly meeting for chairmen to have so they can send them out to their members.

Christina reminded each chairman that a copy of their district meeting minutes must be turned in at the quarterly meetings to Corresponding Secretary, so the state has record of them. When chairmen are turning in a receipt to obtain the stipend a copy of the minutes must be attached to the request & Martha will give these meeting minutes to Janet.

Next item of business pertains to the treasurer money from District 6 & the meeting minutes from their meetings that has not been turned over to the new chairman, Virginia Elick. Attempts have been made to contact district 6 treasurer, with no response from anyone regarding these monies. Martha Biehl made a motion that Virginia Elick just start over fresh, search for a new secretary/ treasurer in the district & create new account/funds for the district, Lori Baxter seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Beverly Vanlandingham reported that 2 bibles were delivered to her house from district 6 & she has given them to Virginia.

Christina mentioned to the group about ideas for fundraising activity for the IVFAA, it never hurts to have new ideas. Joyce Nevil's granddaughter, Amanda Rogers will research & investigate legal aspects for the organization regarding the options of Venmo &/or credit card square. & Joyce will bring back her answers from the research.

Break taken @ 10:30 am, all members to return at 10:45am & be sure to sign back in the book upon return as voting will be the next item upon return from break. Member count will be the first item of business & doors will be shut.

Recording Secretary Dawn Harris did roll call for all members in the room. 45 voting members in the room. Christina Reef turned the floor over to Nominations committee Carolyn Zeeks.

Nominations for line offices conducted by Carolyn Zeeks, she announced there are 45 voting members in the room.

President- Christina Reef slated, Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Dawn Harris cast one unanimous vote for Christina Reef as President.

Vice President- Beverly Vanlandingham slated, Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from floor x 3, No floor nominations,

Recording Secretary Dawn Harris cast one unanimous vote for Beverly Vanlandingham as Vice President.

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Corresponding Secretary- Janet Matthews slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Dawn Harris cast one unanimous vote for Janet Matthews as Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer- Martha Biehl slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from floor x3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Dawn Harris cast one unanimous vote for Martha Biehl as Treasurer.

Chaplain- Judy Wirth slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Dawn Harris cast one unanimous vote for Judy Wirth as Chaplain.

Sergeant at Arms- Suzie Lewis slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Dawn Harris cast one unanimous vote for Suzie Lewis as Sergeant at Arms.

Carolyn Zeeks thanked her committee for their help during the elections today.

Installation of officers conducted by Joann Smith & Jodi Rohr.

Past President Carol Curl presented Christina Reef with a corsage & Christina presented Carol with a corsage as well.

Marie Emery presented Janet Hargrave from 17A with her 25-year pin. Christina presented Judy Wirth with her 25-year pin.

Madi Reeder will take chairman photos for the newspaper this evening after the banquet. Meet her over by the fountain to get your photo taken.

Christina encouraged the members to let her know the committees for the new year that they would like to work on as she will be assigning the new year of committees. Christina asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the order?

JoAnn Hays closed the meeting with prayer Chara Leaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Madi Reeder seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews,
Corresponding Secretary

NOVEMBER 2024 DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2024



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

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Bev Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A Auxiliary

It's been hot out but the flowers and gardens are growing big and beautiful. Just the way we like them.

We just got back from convention and had a great time. District 12 out did themselves, congratulations to all the winners. We had a lot of good people representing us for awards. We always look forward to seeing friends we don't see at State Meetings. Thanks for all the hospitality District 12.

I donated a decorated chair to the Chinese Auction. It was fire related, very pretty.

The last district meeting we had was a Prairie Creek Vol. Fire

Dept. Station 72. Joann opened with prayer. We talked about the food drive for the Miss Flame project. They did very well. They filled a big truck with supplies. Well done girls!

Our Miss Flame talked about herself at the meeting. Johanna Bellville is our representative and she did a great job, we are so proud of her. We will do it again next year Johanna!

Dues ar due July 1st till August 31st. Please get them in. Send to Beverly Vanlendinghorn.

We had 13 members present and 1 guest. We had a taco bar for lunch, very good.

There are some fundraisers near, look on internet to find them.

We selected a nominating committee for July. Everyone need to think about taking an officer, it's not hard and can be a lot of fun. We need new people in office. Our next meeting will be on July 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Jasonville VFD. Please come and be a part of our auxiliary. We would love to see you.

Till next time

Stay safe, stay well!

Chairman 11A Auxiliary
Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jody Rohr - Chairman

Good evening from beautiful Parke County. District 11-B has been a fairly busy place since the last issue.

Our May 8th meeting was hosted by the Jackson Township Fire Department located in Hillsboro. There were 7 members and one guest in attendance including our Miss Flame, Maddie Ryan.

Hats off to Convention Chairman Larry Curl and his numerous committee members. If you were not able to attend this year's "Racing Back to Indy in 2024", you definitely missed out. A good time was had by all! The Memorial Service was held in the hotel lobby. It was beautiful. Thank you to Chaplains David Elick and Judy Wirth for a touching service. Kudos to Brent Bush and his crew for setting up and taking down the cross. There have been four generations of his family involved with this task.

Congratulations to all the award winners:

- Joe DeKemper – Mr. IVFA
- Betty Schroeder – Lois Boaz
- Grace Lyle – Miss Flame
- Molly Goffinet – Miss Flame Runner Up

Aubrie Krueckeberg- MF Miss Congeniality

Buz Koehler- IVFA President's Award

Beverly Vanlendingham -IVFAA President's Award

Ed Scheele- Ivan Nevil Award

JoAnn Smith- Miriam Schaeckel

Lloyd "Big Country" Darringer – Jr. Firefighter

It has become a tradition that following the banquet, the Miss Flames and their district chairman (or someone of their choosing) compete in a dance off against the other Miss Flames. This is sight to behold!!

Congratulations to our IVFAA officers for 2024-2025:

President - Christina Reef

Vice-President - Beverly Vanlendingham

Recording Secretary - Dawn Harris

Corresponding Secretary – Janet Matthews

Treasurer – Martha Biehl

Chaplain – Judy Wirth

Sargeant at Arms – Susie Lewis

Let's get behind these ladies as they work to improve our

organization and promote goodwill among our members.

I attended a celebration at the Reelsville/Washington FD to present 25-year pins to Jack Giles and Loretta Jolliff (who was unable to attend) and 10-year pins to Brian Stearley (accepted by his wife due to a family emergency) and Frank Coffey. Roy Haddon and John Wells each received 50-year Challenger coins. Their gold cards will be presented at a later date. Brett McCloud, T.D. Stadler and Ralph Selby each received 25 – year IVFA pins, while Wyatt Dunkley and Robert Mason were awarded 10 – year pins.

By the time you read this article, school will be back in session or very close to it. Please be mindful of the added traffic and watch for those big yellow buses transporting precious cargo. Stay safe out there!

Jodi Rohr
Dist. 11-B IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello, hope everyone enjoyed the convention. I would like to congratulate all of the award winners. A job well done.

I would personally would like to thank everyone for the awards that I received. It was a great honor and totally unexpected. Thanks again.

District 14 is busy working and planning 2025 convention in Madison.

Here's to a safe and fun summer for everyone. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

JoAnn Smith
District 14 Chairman
502-380-7532 or
jsmith19513@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Hello to all,
Another great convention has come and gone. Thanks to

everyone who made it possible.

Congratulations to each and every winner, to our State Miss Flame and all of her Miss Flame contestants. You all did a wonderful job. I would like to personally thank Natalee Rickard for representing our District 17A. You all did a great job.

I had the honor at the ladies meeting to presenting Janet Hargrave her 25-year pin. Thanks, Janet for all you do.

It was nice to see the ladies who had not been able to attend our meetings for a while.

Our State Officers stay the same as last year, thanks for taking the job again.

I did attend a memorial service with Sam for Stephen Murphy.

Sympathy and prayers to his family.

Thoughts and prayers to all who are associated with IVFA and IVFAA who have lost loved ones or are in hospitals or recovering.

May God Bless each and everyone.

I will be trying to have a Dist. 17A IVFAA meeting August 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Taylor Station.

Marie Emery
IVFAA District 17A Chair

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

IVFAA District 21 meeting for May 20,2024 was at Sheffield Vol Fire Department. We had 2 members present.

We joined the men's meeting and I was given a few minutes to talk.

The IVFAA members will be receiving their IVFAA pin.

Our dues are still \$10.00 and they are due for the 24-25 year.

The IVFA are selling tickets for a new truck. The coat of a ticket is \$5.00 and tickets are available at your fire department. Drawing will be at convention.

The auxiliary is looking into buying the Corresponding Secretary a new computer and printer. The money will come from the gaming account.

Our next meeting will be at Johnson Township Vol Fire Dept in Hillisburg on August 26,2024 at 7:30 pm A light meal will be served at 6:45 pm.

Hope to see you there
Patti Fultz
District 21 Chairman



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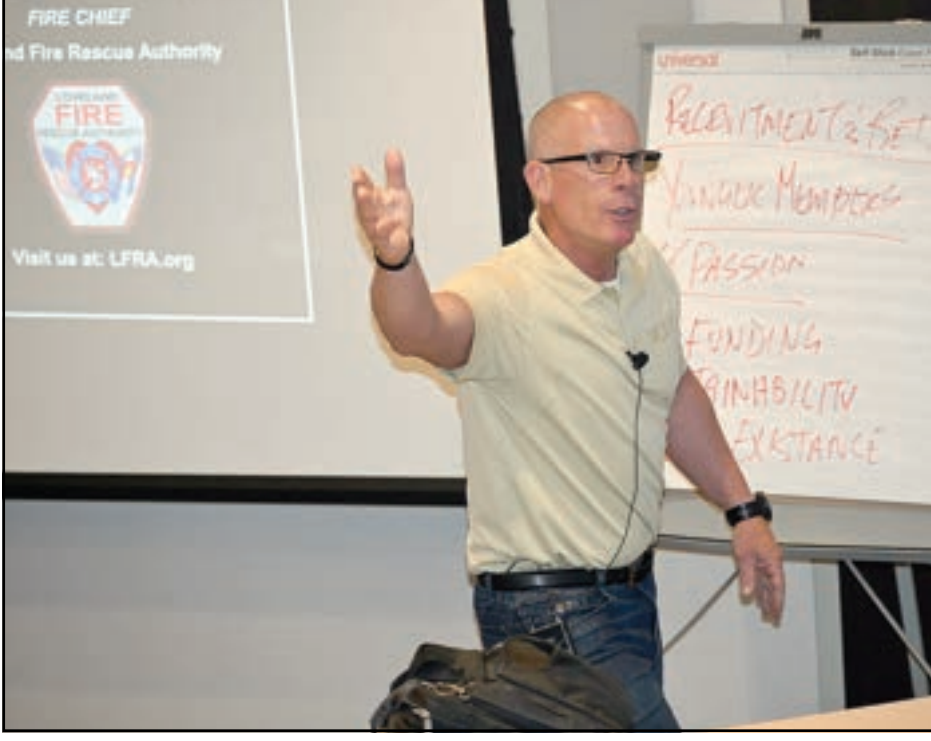
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Trustee Bill Jones speaks at a class on fire territories.



Kevin Schultheis MES Fire Service Supplier with Larry Curl at convention.



Chief Tim Sendelbach Loveland Fire Rescue Authority speaks during a class.



Banquet Keynote Speaker Chief Billy Goldfeder Deputy Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes Fire Dept and co-founder of Firefighter's close calls.

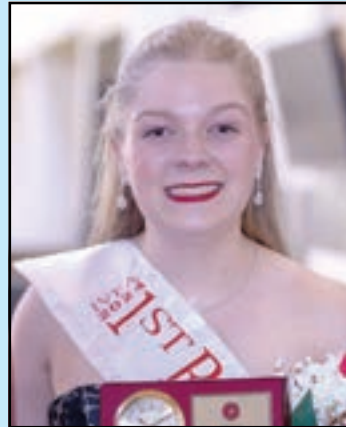


Sprinkler demonstration with Shane Ray President of the National Fire Sprinkler Assoc.

2024 Convention Award Winners



Lois Boaz Award Winner
Betty Shroeder



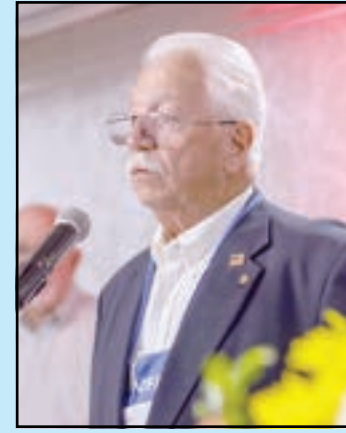
IVFA Miss Flame Runner-up
Molly Giffinet Dist 18



Angel Award Winner
Misty Wallace



2024 Jr Firefighter winner, Lloyd Darringer representing Sunman Rural Fire Department. Pictured L to R: James Darringer (Father) , Lloyd Darringer, District 19 Chairman Ben Sieverding



President's Award Winner
IVFA L.E. Buz Koehler



Convention Hoist Plaque Presentation - Larry Curl



Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award Winner
Ed Scheele



President's Award Winner
IVFAA Bev Vanlandingham

Officers Swearing In

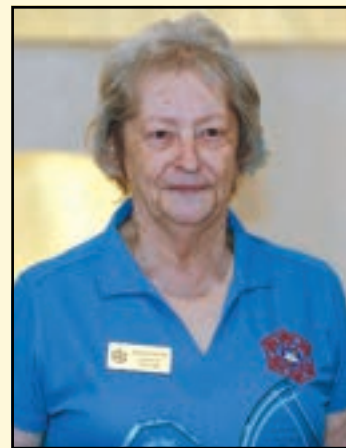


Brent Bush, Jeromy Reef, Sam Bisel, David Israel, Don Flutz, Jack Kerney and Ed Scheele



Ross Emery, Larry Curl, Luke Kluender, LeAnne Ellis, David Elick and Brent Bush

MERIAM A. SCHAEKEL AWARD



Meriam Schaeckel Award Winner Jo Ann Smith

Meritorious Service Award is awarded to a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Ladies Auxiliary, for having set him or herself apart from his/her comrades by outstanding achievement or service to the Association.

It is named in honor of Miriam A. Schaeckel, who served as the Auxiliary's Sergeant-of-Arms for over 30 years. Her dedication to the betterment of the Ladies Auxiliary Association was unwavering. She performed her duties most honorably

and efficiently with a smile and the good of the Association always in the forefront.

It is awarded at the annual convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association held in the month of June each year. The selection committee shall consist of the last three (3) recipients of the award. If this is not possible, the President of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Ladies Auxiliary shall appoint a member to any openings not filled by recipients.

Members may complete the nomination form on (<https://ivfa.org/ivfaa/miriam-a-schaeckel-award-nomination/>), submit an original letter of nomination (no copies please) postmarked no later than the first day of February, or by sending emails to the following committee members:

- Eula Bush – ebbono@gmail.com
- Tammy Heishman – tdheishman@aol.com
- JoAnn Smith – jsmith19513@yahoo.com



Bridgeport Scholarship winners 2024

- Chloe Sprague
District 6
- Sabil Daventriner
District 7
- Elizabeth Stone
District 11B
- Dustin Chandler
District 17A
- Katlyn Betz
District 18



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Miss Flames gather with Chaplin Emeritus JoAnn Hays after this years Miss Flame Contest.



Dr. Kraig Kinney DHS EMS Director



Junior Firefighter Competition



Jr Firefighter candidates surprised with new Structural Firefighting gloves, and THL Fire Equipment swag! We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation supporting the Jr Firefighter program! Thank you to Brett Leland, Heather Leland, and Brian Montgomery of THL Fire Equipment going above and beyond! Pictured in no order is: Vice President/President elect Ross Emery, Lloyd Darringer, Miranda Rubalcaba, Oliver Green, Isaac Lindsey, Brett Leland, Heather Leland, and Brian Montgomery. Photo submitted by Anthony Smith

All convention photos by John M. Buckman III, unless otherwise noted.

Convention 2024 is now a part of the history of the IVFA



Larry Curl

Convention 2024 hosted by District 12 was two years in the planning, one year in the details and one year of let's get ur done. I first want to think those who supported our bid to host the 78th Running of the IVFA State Convention followed by a Huge thank you to our committees, anyone who offered or provided their service before, during and still after this convention. This is not a one or two person task. You've all heard it takes a village to raise a kid (not that I believe that) but I will tell you it takes a committee to run a convention.

So with out mentioning each of you individually and forgetting someone let me just say to all of you (and you know who you are) THANK YOU.

Our goal was simple, work out the details, convince folks to attend, raise money and offer as much as possible for the attendees to do or to be a part of.

So lets start with the details; we needed to make sure our location would work, we could serve your needs, offer as much as possible, and stay focused (sometimes that was the hard part). Following your acceptance of our bid for the 2024 convention in 2022 we began the who, what, where, when and how questioning to assure we were meeting our objective. Our number one objective was to assure we had as many as possible attend so at the 2023 State Convention in Muncie I made a command decision to offer early registration for the low cost of \$75 to get a quick feel for the numbers, and get a quick cash start up fund and begin to see where we would be.

Yes it was successful as we registered over 100 attendees before we left Muncie providing us with two things, a quick idea of the kind of numbers we might have and getting our hands on some quick start up funds.

Following the 2023 convention it was time to put our program together. Our next decision was to go on line for this convention, allowing you to register and to reserve a room on line by use of a credit / debit card and keep us out of the collection business. We believe that was a plus for both you and us. We even offered our vendors and sponsors that same option. All we had to do (which was no small task) was do the marketing and share the website for others to use.

Openly I will admit I wanted to offer something special at this years convention as I am sure all hosts want, so we reached out to some of my contacts in the US Fire Service and the very first one was the US Fire Administrator to be our keynote speaker. We believe you needed to hear from someone other than our own internal leaders (even though we do need to hear from them as well) and we thought we had the

US Fire Administrator locked down but we could not get her to give us a solid commitment.

With in about 60 days or the convention I did hear back from her staff that she was not able to attend and I'll be honest I was in a bit of a panic. That was going to be my one thing that we have never seen at a state convention before so I was sort of in a what to do mode. Well, not willing to take rejection or disappointment lightly it was all out that we had to find a keynote speaker that would bring down the house. We called upon another friend Chief Billy Goldfeder whom I've worked with for several years at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation during our National Memorial Weekend to see if we could call in a favor. Well the results are in, Chief Goldfeder attended and I believe he hit a home run. He was humorous, direct, impactful and most of the time on target. What a great choice at least from my perspective and from the IVFAA President's perspective as well based on her red face and blushing that she did. (pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our new spaper)

So what comes next, we needed presenters, we wanted to find some folks that could and would provide some education that we could not find going to local training's so again based on my travels, including some trips the IVFA has taken and seeing some folks present the search was on.

First was Dr. Candice Ashley a Battalion Chief from Indianapolis, who began her career as a volunteer here in Indianapolis on the south side and has presented all over this county including right here at the FDIC and I know she had a message that would I thought be pleasing and interesting to our audience. I'll let the 30 plus that attended her session at 9AM be the judge of that but from what I was able to hear I'd say she was spot on with her message. She addressed whether we provide a service as our vocation or avocation its really a profession.

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

Following Dr. Ashby and since we were right in the middle of the OSHA rewrite and seem to have some very big concerns we again called upon a vendor from the FDIC and some one we had met while on our annual trip to DC for the Fire Caucus Dinner David Denniston with McNeil & company as they are deeply involved in the OSHA issue and he got us hooked up with his partner Lee Price to give us some guidance and directions. Again I think it was a home run, but I will let those who attended be the Judge.

A couple of other presenters from afar (not from a fire) was Chief Tim Sendlbach, Chief of Loveland Fire Department in Colorado a world renowned speaker who gave his audience their monies worth and then some. Chief Sendlbach talked about Making Sense of Acceptance for Change – Challenges and Opportunities of the Modern Fire

Service. He provided the attendees with a chance to reflect on their own departments and where they are. As well he offered suggestions as to where we should be and how to get there.

(Pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

Then, Dr Candice McDonald, Dr. Candice McDonald has served as a firefighter, EMS chief, instructor, and inspector for two decades. She is the president of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association and is the deputy CEO for the National Volunteer Fire Council, speaking on a topic she has devoted her career to, Recruitment and Retention or as I like to refer to (Retention and Recruitment) for I believe its more productive to retain than retrain) Dr. McDonald shared some very important and up to date data, statistics and most useful thoughts about R&R.

We also had a full display of information about Fire Sprinkler Systems, brought to us by Chief Shane Ray, the president of the National Fire Sprinklers Association (NFSA)

He spoke about how they work, and why we need to learn about them even if you live in and serve a rural community. Remember that open field close by might very soon be a mega warehouse in your neighborhood complete with a fully charged and sometime needed support system.

Following Chief Shane Ray's inside presentation it was a trip to the outside to witness a full disclosure of how a sprinkler operates on a room and content fire vs a room and content fire non-sprinkled. That was an eye opener for sure. Thanks to the fire crew from Decatur Twp. Fire Department for providing us with an engine and crew to assist with the extinguishment of the non sprinkled room and content fire.

All brought to us via National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) who also happened to be our sponsor for all our educational components for this convection. Thanks NFSA and Chief Shane Ray, a former Chief of a Volunteer Fire Department in Pleasant View Tennessee where he is still an active member and does calls (when he is not traveling the world doing what he does best, promoting sprinklers) and where he also served as their elected Mayor.

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

Not to leave anyone out we had a few other local folks that offered some much needed and helpful remarks from within our state, first we heard from Trustee Bill Jones who talked about funding for our departments and ways and opportunity to possible secure additional (or in some cases first time) funding. Then our very own and very talented musician (see the you-tube video) State Training Director John Shafer, thanks John for the info update and the musical you provided and Kraig Kinney our State EMS Director who offered updates and insight to our State EMS system and some very interesting Q&A.

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

So as you can see Convention 2024 was brought to you with high expectations on information and education sharing, with hope that you would find out what works and why it works across America. Again those who attended will have to be the judge so ask them about the training they attended

Moving on, our second desire was to bring to you a vendors showcase allowing the attendees to talk with those in the business of providing tools, equipment and services and to learn about and see the latest our fire / ems service has to offer. We did that with 27 inside tabletop vendors and three outside apparatus vendors (sorry for the temperatures for those outside). That should have given all of us an opportunity to see, touch, feel, and learn about what is available on the fire service market today.

Thanks to all our vendors and thanks for sharing your products with us.

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

We offered the usual business meetings, the opening session, the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction with some great auctioneers raising over \$19,000.00 this year for the HBC.

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

We had 21 lovely young ladies all vying for a chance to represent the IVFA as our State Miss Flame. After a full day of judging and representing their districts the announcement came for the selection of our 2024/25 Miss Flame from IVFA District 1 Grace Lyle CONGRATULATION and great job by all contestants

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

Following the annual banquet and after a short break there was what has become standard order of business the annual Miss Flame Dance off where each Miss Flame get a chance to dance with (or at least attempt to) with her District Chairman. This was a sight for sore eyes and a must see on YouTube as well and since I am District 12 Chairman that's all I have to say about that event. Fun was had by all, some much more by some than others I might say. Again you would have to see it to believe it.

(pictures find elsewhere in this edition of our newspaper)

During the 2024 State Convention we had another first... this time we actually got the future of our association and the fire service off to a great start by hosting our inaugural Jr. Firefighter State Competition. Inaugural because we hope it turns into an annual competition. This year we started out with four Jr. Firefighters who all competed for the title of IVFA Jr Firefighter of the year. Our four contestants were

Miranda Ruvalcaba from Keener Township Fire Department in Dist 2
Isaac Lindsey from Chandler Volunteer Fire Department in Dist 15
Oliver Green from Sparta Township Fire Department in Dist

6 and

Lloyd Darringer, Sunman Rural Fire Department in Dist 19

It was a rocky start but it was a classic finish as each contestant was required to preform in a variety of categories including tool identification / recognition, downing and doffing of the protective gear (PPE), the proper setting of or laddering of a building and the use of a hand line all in heat (temperature wise) of over 90 degree. After some very competitive challenges we now have our 2024/2025 Jr. Firefighter of the year based on a written letter about themselves and their service, a judging by a panel of fire service leadership, and a hands on competition. Congratulations to all participants and a Special Congratulations to our 2024/2025 Jr. Firefighter of the year Lloyd Darringer, Sunman Rural Fire Department in Dist 19

We look forward to continuing and growing this event in the years to come so departments get your Jr. Firefighters prepared, and get them registered as soon as the convention registrations open for 2025.

Moving on we hosted the State business as usual for a State Convention, opening session, Officers Mtg, Annual Business Meeting and our annual memorial service offered by our State Chaplain David Elick assisted by some associate chaplains and the IVFAA State Chaplin Judy Wirth. Great Job by all and It was great to see Chaplain Baker present and receive the award of "CHAPLAIN EMERITUS" OF the IVFA congratulation Charlie

We should not forget we introduced some adult entertainment (get your minds out of the gutter) this year in the form of AX throwing and three wheel tricycle races for those who was finding it hard to have fun during the convention. Rest assured their was some real entertainment in both of those activities and the winners took home some very nice prizes as well. Be careful who you compete against as we have some very talented large scale tricycle riders (Mr. President)

Oh we should not forget to mention each night we would open our hospitality room for some adult type beverages and some card playing with just some good ole camaraderie and fun.

Lastly and very important to any convention we want to once again thank our many vendors and sponsors as without them we would not be able to afford to host our annual conventions

Sponsors Include
MES – Scott – Fire-Dex - our banquet sponsors (thank you Kevin)
NFSA (National Fire Sprinkler Association) – our educational sponsor (thank you Shane)

Downey Insurance – our past president's reception sponsor (thank you Pat)

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Indiana volunteer firefighters

Why
Your responses are very important to our understanding of cancer among volunteer firefighters and will help inform local, state, and national Fire Service policy to better protect firefighters from getting cancer

What
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Study Details
Research conducted by: National Institute for Public Safety Health (Indianapolis, IN)
Funding Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant #EPHW-2018-FP-00542

To complete the survey, scan the QR code or visit:
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Dear Firefighter,

You have been selected to participate in a firefighter cancer survey. We need responses from volunteer firefighters who have never had cancer and firefighter cancer survivors. To participate in this anonymous survey is your choice.

To help us better understand these cancer risks, we need a large group of firefighters to tell us about their work and lifestyle-related cancer risk factors by responding to this questionnaire.

This research project is very important to our understanding of cancer among volunteer firefighters. Your responses on the questionnaire will help inform local, state, and national Fire Service policy to better protect firefighters from getting cancer.

We expect it will take you about 30 minutes to answer these important questions. You can skip questions you do not want to answer.

The National Institute for Public Safety Health (NIPSH), a research collaborator with Ascension Public Safety Medical, is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to better understand cancer risk among Indiana volunteer firefighters.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board ("IRB"). You may email them at irb@ascension.org.

Thank you for being part of this project.
Survey Link: <https://redcap.link/volunteerfire>

Larry Curl

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Fire Service Inc, - cosponsor of our Hoosier Burn Camp Auction (thank you Shawn)

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So from the eyes and words of your 2024 Indiana State Convention hosts, its a wrap, and we should all be looking forward to 2025, Good Luck District 14, its not your first but we hope its your best

Larry
Chairman for Convention 2024
And on behalf of all, the good, strong, and dedicated committee members



Truck Raffle Winners Royal Center Fire Department

Royal Center FD members, Craig Breedlove, Jenny Smith, Bill Haselby, Ed Schroder, Nick Rodgers, Lucian Eller, Bob Pifer with last on the left is Jerry Liston IVFA President, Lary Curl IVFA Lobbyist, last on the right is Jeremy Reef PRNW Photos by John Buckmansee

The 2024 Convention Truck Raffle Reveal

By Larry Curl
Your 2024 State Convention Chairman

Many of you purchased raffle ticket(s) that we offered for the 2024 78th State Convention and for that we are forever grateful

It all started setting at a Restaurant on a Saturday Evening having dinner with a friend, how would we pay for this convention. I mentioned we needed something to help pay for the convention that District 12 was hosting and the subject of a raffle came into the conversation

So for the next few weeks every Saturday we planned, discussed and even reviewed possibilities until one Saturday I brought to dinner a "draft proposal" for us to get serious about. The concept grew until we finally had a plan

We were going to raffle off three or four items but I wanted a big ticket item to draw attention and sales. So again it was back to review but we finally settled on only one item and obviously that was a truck.

So how would we get the largest amount of ticket sales? Again the thought process, the discussion, and the decision. We finally had a game plan... we would sell ticket so low that everyone would want one and with the massive sales we would have massive amounts of funds. The plan was almost complete. We only had one issue left and that was to decide how to share the profits since we were thinking we would sale and buy a truck (or in the beginning we was sort of thinking since it was for a Volunteer Fire Department we might be so fortunate as to have a truck donated) so we would need to find that way to share.

We had one more part to finalize, the sharing so our plan included a fire department that sold all of their tickets. Oh yes we wanted to get as many departments as possible to sale at least 40 tickets for a chance to split 10% of the profit after all bills were paid, and the raffle was on.

We purchased the tickets, got mailing address for all member departments and sent out ticket. Now all that was left was get a truck donated and collect the money from the sale.

As months went by we begin to realize it was unlikely to get a truck donated or even severely discounted so that was challenge #1 then came

challenge # 2. I guess we thought it would be much easier to get the departments to buy the ticket so funds started coming in slow and are dinner conversation turned to sure hope we can sale enough to be able to get a truck and a few of us begin to get pretty nervous. So the thought process started all over again with the what if question. That's not a good place to be in or a good feeling to have. Finally the thought come to mind what if and how do we make this happen.

So with that on our minds, "the what if and if we don't" conversation we finally came up with and alternative. So if we don't raise enough to buy a truck maybe we offer a cash buy out. The closer we came to convention we stuck with the either - or hoping we could make the winner happy and still make some profit.

Saturday evening June 15th during the convention we did one last pitch to sale tickets then it was time for the drawing.

When we pulled the winning ticket I called the department and ask if they had bought a raffle ticket on the truck raffle and it took them a minute to remember that they had, so I reminded them I'm sure you did as I have your ticket in my hand and your department is the winner

It was a happy monument for the Royal Center Vol. Fire Dept. who quickly agreed to take the cash option of \$30,000.00 and a date and time was set to make that delivery.

On Friday July 5th the Convention Chairman, and members of the IVFA leadership team met with Chief Ed Schroder and members of the Royal Center Vol. Fire Dept. and we presented a check to a very fortunate and very happy department.

Again thanks to all of you who bought / sold tickets and since we did make some profit at the IVFA Quarterly Officers Meeting in Aug 2024 we will draw a ticket from all departments who sold their 40 (+) and one lucky department will to present with 10% of our profit from the raffel and that will put a wrap on the 78th running of the 2024 IVFA State Convention

Thanks for all that joined us, supported us at the 2024 IVFA State Convention and we hope to see all of you and more in Madison in 2025. Until our next convention,



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Jean Smith, Mack Grobis, District Chairman



E.J. Smith holds her new 50 Year Gold Card. Photos provided



E.J. Smith with her family at her celebration for 50 years of service. Photos provided

50 Years of Dedicated Service in the IVFAA

E.J. joined the Adams Township Fire Department Auxiliary when she was 18 years old in 1974. She attended her first Firefighters convention that year.

She has attended 47 of the 50 IVFA conventions. She has worked on 5 State IVFA Convention Committees.

E.J. has been an IVFA Auxiliary member for 50 years. She has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and on several committees throughout the years. She has worked several auxiliary booths at the Fireman's Festival.

When she was Vice President of the

State Auxiliary she designed the new light weight engraved name badge that is in use today.

When she was Jewelry Chairman she was instrumental in the design of the 50 Year Service Pin that State Auxiliary uses for their 50 Year Members and convention charms that the State Auxiliary sold at conventions. She also designed a Miss Flame Pin that was presented to the Miss Flames to hold their sash in place.

She received the Mrs. Waterball Award for International Waterball twice once in 1984 and 1988. E.J. received the Lois

Boaz Award in 2002, this award is given for someone's involvement in her fire department auxiliary, her community, and her family. E.J. received the Angel Award in 2007, this award is only for a Female Firefighter or EMS person. They must be involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service. E.J. received the Ollie Sandberg Award in 2016. The award is being given to honor those people who work a little harder than the others on their department to improve the fire service, their community and to promote the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's

Association.

E.J. has been a IVFA member for 32 years. She is responsible for helping her community by making and delivering reflective address signs. "So we can find them, when responding to them".

She also has helped with numerous fund raisers as Consignment Auction, Festival, and Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Pork Tenderloin Dinner and Fund Drive. She has been on the audit committee for the men's treasury books for years.

E.J. now has retired in 2014 from East Allen County Schools where she was employed for 16 years.

She now works 3-4 days a week at St. Joseph Catholic School Cafeteria. This is where her grandkids attend school. Now she also sees them at school on these days. She also has helped by donating items to their food bank and clothing items for the needy.

E.J. has been married to Jean Smith for 42 years. They have 2 daughters, Kimberly and Kristen. She has 3 Grandchildren, Colton, McKenzie and Ryan.

April 13th she received her 50 Year Gold Card as a life time member of the State of Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary. A 50 Year Service Pin that she helped design when she was Jewelry Chairman.

She is the 79th, 50 Year Life Member of the IVFAA.

We are very proud of her. Congratulations on your 50 Years of Service!

(Submitted by Jean, Kimberly and Kristen)

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by John Petro, Richard Sorg, District Chairman



Liberty Center Fire Department District

On May 4th 2024 the Liberty Center Fire Department hosted their second annual Wells County BLS Skills Training Day.

This year, Parkview Samaritan flew in for landing zone training as well as talking about their two helicopters and their capabilities. We were also grateful to have Parkview Mirro Center Mobile SIM Lab Truck on hand to do cardiac

arrest scenarios as a skills station. Members of Parkview Huntington EMS were also assisting with the different skills stations.

This year we were able to run approximately 20 first responders from throughout Wells County through all skills stations for their continuing education.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A



Submitted by Rex Maynard, District Chairman

25-Year Service Pins Awarded

50-Year Challenge Coin Awarded



District 8A chairman Rex Maynard presentation Twins Brother Kirk Herring of pleasant Twp. VFD and Jeremy Herring upland VFD with a 25-year Service pins.

District 8A chairman's Rex Maynard presentation Ted w Lorts with his 50 years challenge coin from Sharpsville VFD

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Tony Dalrymple, District Chairman



Redkey Vol Fire Department pancake and sausage breakfast!!!!




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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



District 10 Awards

Awards for 50 year Gold Coins, 25 year pins and a IVFA Clock handed out by John Ray in District 10, congratulations to all recipients!



Edward Stone of Clifford Vol. Fire Dept. receives his 50-year Gold Coin from John Ray, District 10 Chairman. John and Edward were classmates and graduated with the class of 1961 from Hauser High School, in Hope.



District Chairman, John Ray presents Manilla Vol. Dept. firefighter, Chris Martin his 25-year pin



East Central PR, David Israel looks on, as District Chairman, John Ray presents Butch Springmeyer of St Paul Vol. fire Dept. with his 50 year Gold Coin.



District Chairman, John Ray presents and congratulates Phil Dearing with his 50-year Gold Coin, as East Central PR, David Israel looks on.



District Chairman John Ray presents St. Paul Vol. Fire Dept. Chief, Dan Pennington with an IVFA Clock for the new station.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B



Submitted by Jody Rohr & John "Scott" Peebles, District Chairman



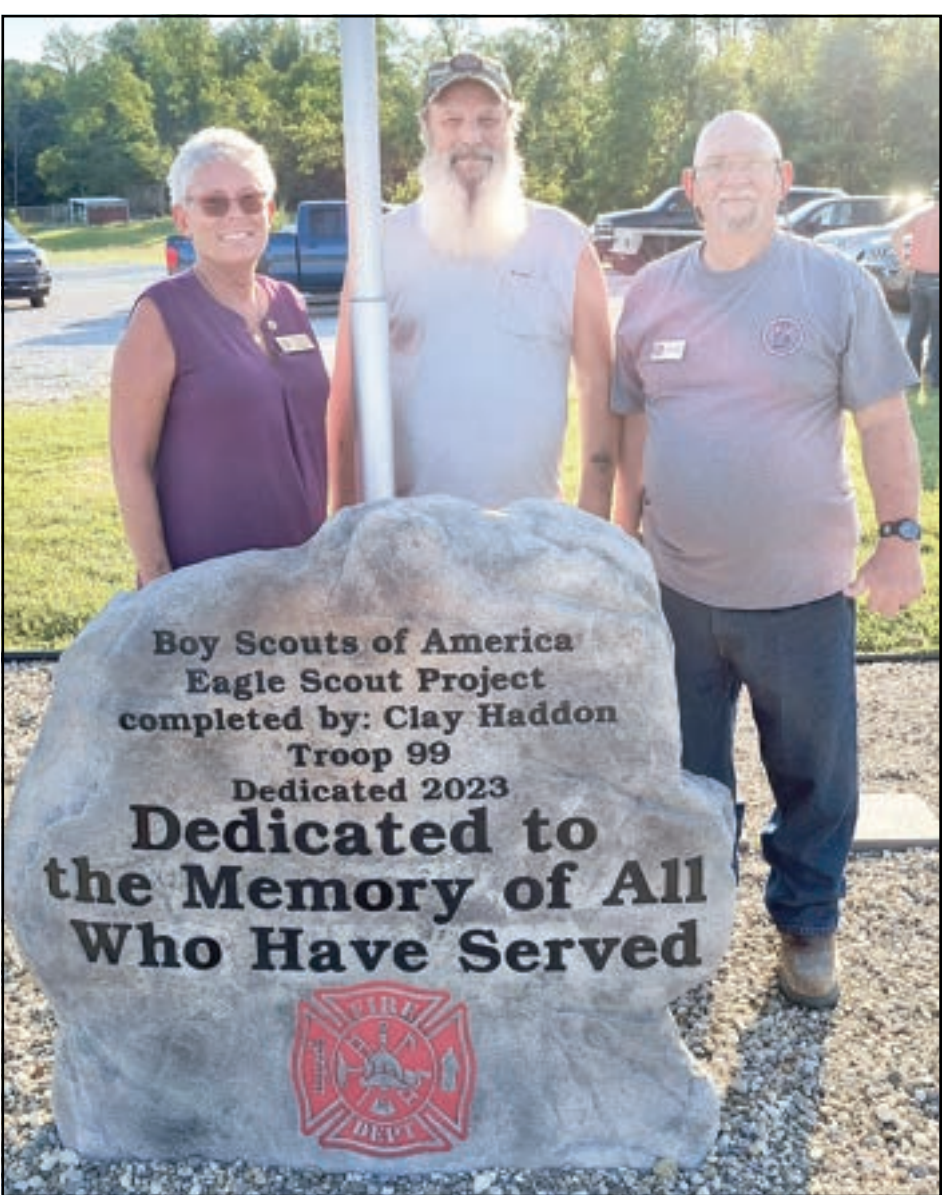
Miss Flame Family Left to Right
Angie Ryan (mom), District 11B Miss Flame Maddie Ryan, District 11B Chairman
Jason Ryan (dad)



Maddies Donations
District 11B Miss Flame Maddie Ryan was happy to be able to transport the donations
that she had for the Wheeler Mission!!!



Reelsville/Washington Twp (Dist 11-B) 50-, 25- and 10-year service pins. Front row
L-R: Larry Curl, Roy Haddon, John Wells Rear L-R: Brett McCloud, Ralph Selby, Wyatt
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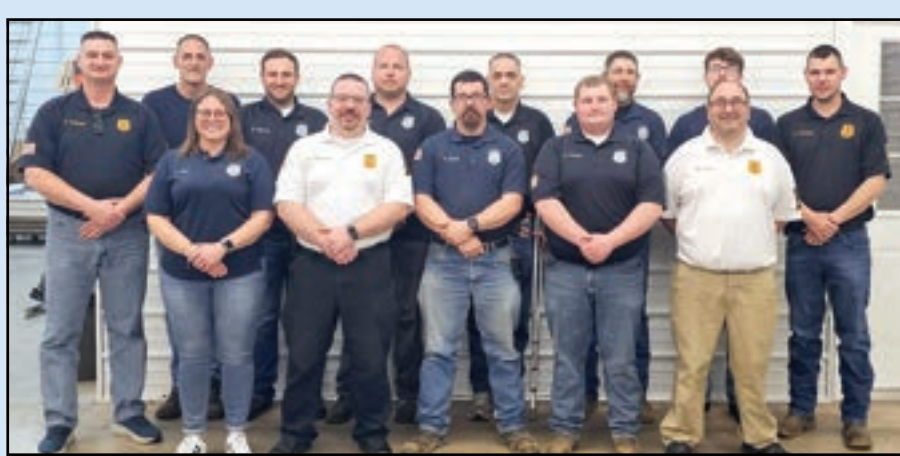


To the left: Delores and Roy Haddon and Grandson Clay Haddon.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



Webster Twp Vol Fire Department recognizes Firefighters who assisted with life saving measures during horrific Randolph County Tornado. Photo from the WTFD Facebook page

FOUR MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACTIONS BY FAMILY

At our monthly meeting last night Assistant Chief Buchs and Township Board Chairman Amy Fouche honored four members of WTFD who responded to Randolph County on March 14th after an EF3 tornado devastated parts of Winchester. Asst. Chief Buchs said "That night Chief McCauley and I decided to split our department into two teams to tackle whatever God was handing us, not realizing we were about to deal with radios that were useless and finger of God conditions. Chief McCauley's team went north to Winchester after holding here as we watched a funnel cloud pass and prayed it didn't take us with it. Once that team arrived in Randolph County, they were then sent to a building collapse with entrapment on Base Road." The team made up of Chief McCauley, Captain Dillman, Lieutenant Whallon and Firefighter/EMT Pardo, were honored and thanked for their actions by the family that was trapped that night, Larry and Debbie Preston, and their



Photo from the WTFD Facebook page

son's dog, Hoggie. Larry and Debbie walked into our department last night to personally thank these men. Larry shared a heartfelt message thanking these men and God for their actions on March 14th. Debbie also presented the department with her famous peanut butter cake, which was delicious! Not very often first responders get this opportunity to meet with family that was in need of help. It was truly an honor to spend some time and talk with the family about that night and the close ties to our community the family has.



Congratulations Chief Tim Brown!



Tim Brown with son: Josh and wife: Kay

MacQueen Excellence Award

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to present the District 13B MacQueen Excellence Award to Retired Richmond Fire Chief, Tim Brown!

The nomination highlighted the hard work Chief Brown put into building a strong foundation and working relationship between all of the Wayne County Volunteer Fire Departments and his department, Richmond Fire Department, which is the only career department in Wayne County. Chief Brown ensured that a "move up plan" and an automatic tanker response plan was

implemented for smooth operations for all 5 city stations. Brown also maintained a close relationship between County Fire Chiefs and County Firefighters. Brown always assured all 5 of his stations and all 13 County Volunteer Departments maintained an open door policy and established a positive rapport.

Chief Brown has been a strong mentor for many, and set the standard for Wayne County that regardless of your employment status, whether you're career or volunteer- fire does not care!



Dist 13b Treasurer Brett Leland, Chief Joe Buckler, Josh Brown, Chief Tim Brown, PREC/Past President David Israel, and District 13B Chairman Anthony Smith.

Congratulations for all the years of service!



Congratulations to Scott Keasling of Liberty Fire Department on 25+ years of service!



Congratulations Marcum Ross of Liberty Fire Department on 10+ years of service!



Congratulations to Christopher Johnston of Boston Fire Department on his 10+ years of service!



Congratulations Zachary Stout of Liberty Fire Department on 10+ years of service!



Special recognition and congratulations to John Bertch of Liberty Fire Department who has served 59 years and still counting! John was presented his "50 year challenge coin" that will compliment his Life Membership Gold Card. Pictured L to R District 13B Vice Chairman Dave Reeder, District 13B Chairman Anthony Smith, Firefighter John Bertch, Public Relations Officer East Central/Past President David Israel.

Congratulations to Timothy Wooley II of Liberty Fire Department on 10+ years of service (not pictured)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14



Submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

District 14 hosts Madison Regatta water ball matches



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A



Submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Awards presnted for 10, 25 and 50 Years of Service & Steen Township Chicken Noodle Dinner



Photo to the left: Cameron Lemont "Monty" Wolf was presented a 50 Year Coin.



Photo to the Right: District 17A Steen Township Chicken Noodle Dinner cooks.



Photo to the left: Ladies serving desserts for Steen Township Chicken Noodle Dinner.

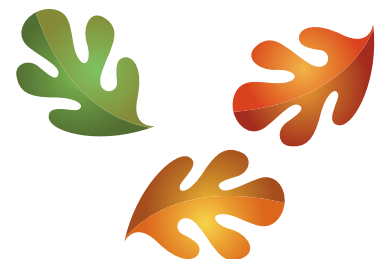


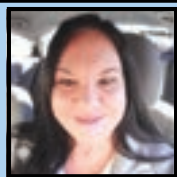
Photo to the Right: Mike Ringwald, Martin County Civil Defense Fire Search & Rescue was presented a 25-year pin.



Edwardsport FD members presented 10 & 25 year pins.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by Tammy Wright, District Chairman



Awards presented in district 17B



Left to right: District 17B Chairman Tammy Wright, 50 Year Member Carl Blanton, Orleans Fire, Secretary Treasurer Doug McCaffry and in front Vice Chairman Dia Jones.



Tammy Wright District 17B Chairman with 50 year member, Orange Rural District 2, Bill Sallee.



Kevin Sichtung, Morgantown, District 17B Chairman, Tammy Wright and Miss Flame Payton Goodrich from Fruitdale Fire in Brown County.



Clinton Chapman of Morgantown Fire, District 17B Chairman Tammy Wright and District 17B Miss Flame Payton Goodrich.



Accepting for their husband's Ronnie Roach (Amanda) & Corbin Tye (Heidi) and Stephen Farris from Orleans fire 10 yr members from District 17B Chairman Tammy Wright.



Chris Ainsworth with Fruitdale Fire, Tammy Wright and District 17B Miss Flame Payton Goodrich.



Brad Reel Brown County with District 17B Miss Flame Payton Goodrich



Michael Levitt with Cordry Sweet Water, District 17B Chairman Tammy Wright and District 17B Miss Flame Payton Goodrich.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Submitted by Ben Sieverding, District Chairman



Miller York Firefighters Receive years of Service Pins



10 year pins: Jim Beard, Todd Biedenharn, Raymond Bowling, Greg Callahan, Cody Dooley, Steve Gessner, Jed Grossman, John Huddleston, Joe Klump, Tom Stevens, Janice Stutz, Joey Warning
25 year pins: Darren Callahan, Gary Honchel, Laurie Patton



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

Submitted by Will Holycross & Don Flutz, District Chairman



50 year coin was presented to Robert Jay Smith from Kirklin Volunteer Fire Dept. By Don Fultz (District 21 Chairman)



Pictured (L to R) Auxiliary Member Chantell Van Leer, Assistant Chief Russ Van Leer, Chief Wade Armes and Tri-County Firefighter's Association President Bart Crowder:



On Saturday, April 6th 2024, Williamsport VFD hosted a retirement dinner for Assistant Chief Russ Van Leer honoring his 30 years of service to WVFD. Russ was presented with a Lifetime Member plaque, a SCBA mask & helmet with a Chicago Cubs helmet shield and a plaque from Tri-County Firefighter's Association. Russ' wife, Chantell, was honored with an appreciation plaque for her commitment and dedication to the department. Attendees were served a great meal provided by Budreau's Steak House while watching the Purdue Final Four game. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed with fellowship by department members, Russ' family and friends. A Purdue win topped off the evening.



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



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
Mustin, Devin	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Myers, Aaron Dean	Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.	Covington	IN
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
Rickard, Bradley Edward	Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brazil	IN
Robbins, Brett Allen	Concord Twp. Fire Dept.	St. Joe	IN
Rodgers, Travis Gene	Jackson TWP. Vol. Fire Dept.	Kingman	IN
Rohr, Heath	Helt Fire Rescue	Cannon AFB	NM
Schnebelt, Saben	Hogan Twp. Fire Dept. Co. 1	Lawrenceburg	IN
Scudder, Darin Ray	Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Rising Sun	IN
Sears, Matthew Douglas	Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Battle Ground	IN
Service, Matthew Shane	Amity Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.	Edinburgh	IN
Skaggs, Andrew Thomas	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Marrero	LA
Snowden, Steven	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.	Fort Bragg	NC
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
Uffelman, 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
Weaver, Michael D.	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Williams, Clayton D.	Georgetown Vol. Fire Dept.	Logansport	IN
Willis, Emmanuel Syphen	Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #71	Merrillville	IN
Windle, Joey Cartell	Jonesboro Vol. Fire Dept.	Jonesboro	IN
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