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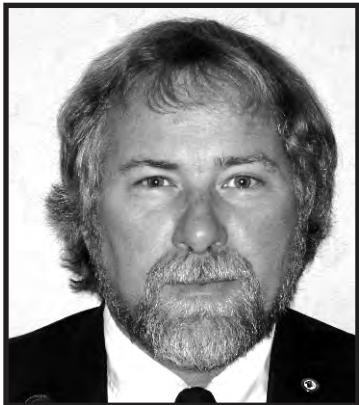
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From The President

David Israel



Happy New Year Everyone:

I would like to thank all of you for your help, support and friendship this past first year as your President in making the IVFA what it is and look forward to the second year as your President.

We have a lot of work to do this year in the Statehouse and the ONLY way HB 1005 will be changed is if YOU contact your Senators and Representatives. There will be a mirror bill filed in the House and

Senate to get this Bill changed or amended.

But before you pick up the phone or send that e-mail (it would be better if you talked to them in person); you better make sure you have the facts right. I am sure our Lobbyist Larry Curl will have an article in this edition of the paper or maybe even on the website. But if not, PLEASE CONTACT him before you call your people that represent you, his contact info is (317) 605-6660, or email: lobbyist@ivfa.org.

All of you have set in on the training class and the Instructor tells the first person in the row something and passes it down and when the Instructor asks the last person what he was told, 9 times out of 10 it isn't even close to what the first person was told. So call Larry.

Larry is working on some things for us to do at the Statehouse if possible. I think a lot of you would enjoy, more to come on this later. We are looking at a weekly update to be on the website under the Legislative tab. Please get involved and make those calls when asked to do so.

Make plans now to attend the 2013 Convention at Muncie. The committee has been working hard to put together a good time for us; several of the hotels are filling up

fast so do not wait too long.

The IVFA Speakers Bureau is up and running. We are wanting to visit those departments that have not belonged for a few years. We want to see if there was a problem we can work through and get you back as a member. You want to call us first (that would be great). Go to the IVFA website, click on the Leadership Tab and then click on the Speakers Bureau Tab and contact the closest member. They will be glad to attend your next meeting.

The IVFA website is getting close to where we want it. Hopefully by the end of February or March 2013 the Fire Departments will be listed under the Districts. I still cannot believe none of you want to post your apparatus or pictures of awards or anything (appropriate) on the picture gallery.

The attendance at some of the district meetings is not very well attended, a lot of people go through a lot of work in planning and scheduling a place to meet and departments plan a meal, vendors go out of their way to attend, to show or tell you the latest and the greatest on the market only to find a handful of people and departments present let down.

For 2013 let's all try to bring the attendance up at all of the district meetings.

If there is a problem, let someone know, call me if you want. But you are missing a lot of information when you do not attend. All of the District meetings are posted on the IVFA calendar website. Your department wants to host a meeting and the district chairman has not contacted your department, call him or her.

Get those fund raisers posted on the calendar. It is amazing how many fund raisers are going on throughout the state and no one knows about them. If you do not feel comfortable filling out the form on the web site, get the info to the district chairman or myself and we will make sure it gets on there.

Everyone have a safe and prosperous new year.

Hope to see you at the next IVFA district meeting.

David Israel

Rensselaer Volunteer Firefighters mourn the loss of its Past Chief

Lawrence K. Swartz, 83 of Flagler Beach, FL, passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012 at his home in Rensselaer, IN.

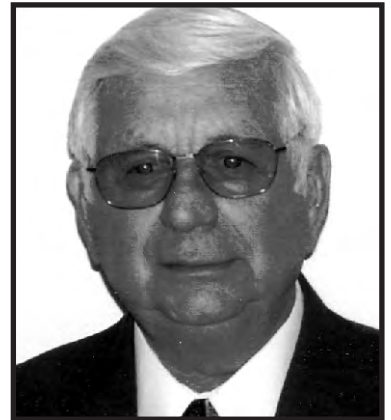
Lawrence was a member of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department for more than 46 years. He had served as Firefighter, and then Chief for 20 years. He started with the department in January of 1966.

Among his many accomplishments, he served as President of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association 1987-1988, Public Relations Director, and District Chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Lawrence was awarded the President's Award in 1994 and was given the Mr. IVFA Award in 1999 (the highest honor given a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association).

Lawrence retired from the City of Rensselaer where he worked as Superintendent of Streets and Sanitation for 13 years. He was a Life Member of the VFW Post 1279, and a 49 year member of the American Legion Post 0294.

A Celebration Of Life Gathering was held on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Members of the Rensselaer Vol. Fire Dept. attended to honor their fallen brother's passing. He will be missed.

Submitted by Retired Chief Buz Koehler



Lawrence K. Swartz

Longtime firefighter retires

By WHITNEY RIGGS
wriggs@thehj.com

REYNOLDS -- After 32 years, firefighter Judi Snowberger has decided to retire from the Reynolds Fire Department.

As a Reynolds resident since 1962, Snowberger blames her age for calling it quits to active duty.

"I'm not as strong as I was," said Snowberger.

As a first responder, firefighter and then a secretary, Snowberger made her mark on the department.

"I've done it all," said Snowberger.

Snowberger got involved when her late husband was working at the department in the 80's.

After her four kids were grown up, she went on a run with her husband one night and made the decision to join the department.

"I got really interested in it," said Snowberger.

She said years ago, training to be a firefighter was based on experiences and trial and error.

"You learned as you went," said Snowberger.

Standing at about 5-foot-2, Snowberger was one of the only women to be a firefighter on the department from 1981 to 2011.

"Nobody seemed to want a female at the department," said Snowberger.

But she said she overcame that quickly.

Her bond with the guys grew



strong, and she said she never found a problem with being the only woman.

"I had to kick a few butts," said Snowberger with a chuckle.

She says the men have become like family to her.

"I got along with the guys really well," said Snowberger. "I kind of got the status of 'mom'."

With years of service under her belt, Snowberger has seen a lot of emergency situations that cloud her memory.

She remembers a time when her son, Jason who once worked at the department and is now a firefighter for Chalmers, tried to pull a side wall down of a burning building.

She heard yelling and when she came closer to the scene, she caught a glimpse of Jason running away from the falling wall covered in flames.

However, he made it out OK.

Another stand-out memory was when Daniel "Boone" Buschman, a firefighter in the 90's for Reynolds, died in a fire.

She said they tried to save him,

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I.V.F.A. Benefits www.ivfa.org

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association was established many years ago to support the needs of Indiana's volunteer firefighters.

Throughout the years the IVFA has continued to grow in size, and continues to provide members with quality information on a wide range of various issues. Providing timely and useful benefits has also been one of our goals.

Having been "off-line" for almost a year, the IVFA returns "on-line" with the re-introduction and complete overhaul of the www.ivfa.org website. This site has several new features including:

- Department Listing page, which allows departments to post current department information in a directory (i.e. address, contact name, phone, e-mail, website addresses, etc.)
- IVFA Officers, District Chairmen and Public Relations page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail).

- Training Events Calendar that allows you to submit electronically your "open enrollment" training programs and courses to be held, including class description, location, dates, contact person(s), e-mail contacts, etc. This list would be maintained by date. Users can view what training is available in their area and how to contact the related "host" department to schedule people to attend.

- Events Calendar that follows the same structure as the Training Events Calendar. Having a fund-raiser, muster or other "public" event to raise funds? Then post it here so others can see and attend.

- For Sale page that provides space for departments to post "sale" items that other departments may be interested in purchasing (firefighting related only, not personal items), and sorry, but NO trucks, please.

- The Department Spotlight page to provide special recognition to fire departments around the state. The "Spotlight" information would be provided by the department via e-mail, based on the number received, (along with pictures), would run on a monthly or quarterly cycle. Information is included in the site as to how to "nominate" your department.

- Forms page, which contains many of the forms used to submit information for the web-site, as well as the IVFA License Plate and Change of Information forms. Other forms will be targeted to be included soon as well.

- "Links" page to many emergency related websites, both at the state and federal levels.
- Finally, a Benefits Information page that describes the benefits you receive as an IVFA member.

While this provides a good starting point, there are many other ideas being considered for the site - such as, being able to post some of the articles found in the newspaper version, along with, other special recognition pages for award winners, an advertiser/sponsor page that will provide links to many of the same emergency service vendors. Also a guest book, an Indiana map which pinpoints the locations of the departments who have submitted information, and special pages for Fire Schools and the IVFA convention.

But... we know that you may have ideas as well as to what you want to see on the site. We want your ideas, they can be e-mailed to the IVFA webmasters at webmaster@ivfa.org. Also, please note that NO information on any department will be posted without their consent, via use of one of the electronic forms or via e-mail.

The IVFA Website - another benefit to the IVFA and its members.

www.ivfa.org

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June 12 - 15
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**Check Inside For  
Forms and More  
Information**



# From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



Happy New Year to everyone! Last year was a busy one, but a good one. Here are some things to keep an eye on this coming year. We are now into this year's Legislative session. Please try to stay abreast of actions taking place in Indianapolis that may have an impact (both positive and negative) on your activities. There are many websites that can be used as resources for this. Get an email notification list of your legislators to see what their thoughts are; and you may get the opportunity to respond to surveys they send out.

The Board of Firefighters Standards and Education is in the midst of a rules re-write. One of the proposed changes is breaking the Firefighter 1/2 class down into modules - allowing for a more flexible schedule. You can find more information on all of the proposed changes at the IDHS website - on the Fire Certification page. Try to attend one of the board's meetings; or for those unable to attend in person, you can watch online via webinar.

Don't forget about the Bridgeport Scholarships the IVFA has. Three (3) \$1500 scholarships are available yearly to members, spouses or their children. The deadline for applications is March 1. The forms are available on the IVFA website.

This year's IVFA convention is coming to Muncie. Scott and his crew are planning a great time. Check out the details elsewhere in this issue, or on the website.

I want to close with a personal learning experience from last year. I was lucky to be heavily involved in my department's ISO evaluation. I can truly say that I learned that taking a few extra minutes to fully document the activities within the department goes a long way. Please take a night, or even an hour out of a meeting, to evaluate your department record-keeping process. Look for ways to make those records more valuable - it probably can be done very easily and the work shared by everyone on the roster.

S. Anderson

**May deadline:  
April 5, 2013  
12:00  
Noon CST**

## Miss Flame Notes . . .

March 10th -- That is the date that all Miss Flame entries are to be in to Barb Kerney. Please remember that along with the application, you must include two photos and a check for \$25.00 made out to the Mary Mackin Fund.

I know a number of the districts have held their contests already and have their selections made, but they have not been sent in. It is important that they get sent in right away so they will be in by the deadline. Also, we need to get information out to the girls and their parents as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to this year's event and along with the Convention committee are working to plan many activities for the girls.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 812-867-2641.

Thanks for your support to the program.

Barb Kerney  
Miss Flame Chairman

## Santa visits Cordry Sweetwater Lakes



Santa and Mrs. Claus made their annual visit to the clubhouse at Cordry Sweetwater Lakes on December 1. The event is held for the children and grandchildren of members of the fire department.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at the clubhouse on Engine 21 driven by Chief Bernie McGaha.

Prior to Santa's arrival, the children were treated to cookies and other treats prepared by department members and their spouses. One of the highlights of the evening is to see all the children line up at the windows to see the fire truck pull up with Santa and Mrs. Claus aboard.

The children gathered around Santa and Mrs. Claus as she read them a classic Christmas story. After that, Santa and Mrs. Claus handed out a present and candy cane to each child. Then it was time to say goodbye to the Clauses and the kids again waved from the windows, this time with toys in hand.

-- submitted by Brian Lucas, PIO, Cordry Sweetwater Fire Dept.



## Crane observes 20 years with Crown Point Fire/Rescue

Bob Szot (L) congratulates Crown Point Fire/Rescue Fire Inspector David Crane on his 20 year membership with Crown Point Fire/Rescue. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

## Firefighter retires . . .

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but when they pulled him out of the house, they lost him.

"He was already gone," said Snowberger.

She said it was really hard for her and the department because they were so close to each other.

"We were a close-knit family," she said.

Although considered a retiree from the department now, Snowberger's work ethic has not slowed down.

She continues her other job as a receptionist for the White County sheriff's department, which she has held for over 15 years.

But when she does find spare time, she likes to paint rocks, make tables with cut glass, take photographs and go bowling.

Not to mention, she says more than willing to volunteer her time at the department.

"I'd be more than glad to help out," said Snowberger.

With tears in her eyes, Snowberger says the one thing she will miss the most is working with the people at the department.

"I feel honored and blessed to have served my community and department," said Snowberger.

(Editor's note: Permission to re-print this article was given by the Herald Journal editor Gwen Rodenberger).



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# Annual memorial and dedication held

On Thursday, October 11, 2012 the IVFA District 18 conducted its annual Memorial Service. Hosted by the Carter Fire District of Dale, final remembrances were made for Carson Brown of the English VFD, Frank Daunhauer of the Carter Fire District, Glenn Ellis of the Jackson Twp. VFD, and Gary Rahman of the Ferdinand VFD. Prior to the Memorial Service, members of the Carter Fire District dedicated a monument in honor of Frank Daunhauer.



Carter Fire Chief Dan Reinke spoke of the many years of service and the accomplishments that Frank made in the Fire and EMS services.

In the Dale Volunteer Fire Department and Carter Fire District, Frank held many positions, including Secretary/Treasurer, Training, Equipment, and Rescue Officer, Battalion Chief, Assistant Chief and eventually Chief. He also served as Vice-Chairman as well as Chairman of the IVFA District 18. Frank also earned several awards including Departmental Chief's Award 1988, Safety Award 1998, and Firefighter of the Year 1985, 1987, &



1994. He was also named Spencer County Firefighter of the Year in 2004 and received the District 18 Midwest Award in 2002 as well as the Global Award in 2008. In front of the Carter Fire Headquarters is a statue of Smokey the Bear, the national symbol representing fire prevention. On the Carter Fire District, Frank Daunhauer was a symbol for the fire service as a whole. This area was a project of Frank's and one that he was very proud of. In respect for a man who was loved by all and will never be forgotten, Carter Fire and Spencer County EMS dedicated this area now known as "Frank's Circle of Honor". A tribute to the name and to the man Frank Daunhauer. — Article and photos provided by John "Bull" Smith Chairman, IVFA Dist. 18



## English VFD members receive awards

During a ceremony honoring local Military, Police, Fire, and EMS personnel on 11 November 2012, several members of the English VFD (Crawford Co. Dist. 18) were presented with awards honoring their years of service to their Department and Community. Pictured front row left, Linden Roberts 62 years of service, front row right, Curtis Benham 64 years of service. Pictured back row (left to right) with 25 years of service and membership in the IVFA, Terry Dearborn, Clifford Kinnaman, Larry Williamson, and Bob Smith. — Photo and article submitted by John "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chairman

## Lincoln Township VFD celebrates 50 year anniversary



submitted by Ray Chambers, Fire chief, Lincoln Twp. FD



## Station receives IVFA clock



#1 Amity Fire Department received an IVFA clock for the new station at the Amity Fire Department open house and dedication of their new station.

Pictured are from left: state IVFA president David Israel, Amity Chief Jackie Brockman, Miss Flame Haley Teltoe and District 10 chairman John Ray. — (photo submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.)

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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#### OLD ADDRESS

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT

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FF2 training. Testing would be done after each module was completed.

He reported that the novelty lighter issue is being worked on again in the new term. 37 States have a novelty lighter law in the books.

Ashley Byrer sponsored by the Atwood Fire Department was introduced as our new District 5 Miss Flame.

Next meeting @ Rochester Fire Department, January 10, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 2055 hrs.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Martin  
Secretary/Treasurer*

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



**Jerry Sprague - Chairman**

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings to all. Up here in the north wintertime is here! Snow on the ground and it is cold outside. I need to extend a big thank you to the folks at Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in November. The desserts and hospitality were great. Also, a big thank you goes out to Paul Davis Restorations for providing our dinner. Need to express thanks to the three young ladies for participating in our District 6 Miss Flame contest. They were Katie Enfield of Hamilton Fire Department, Kayla Williams from Hudson Fire Department and Tianna Schuerman of Southwest Fire District. All three done a wonderful job representing their respective Departments and themselves. Congratulations to the 2013 District 6 Miss Flame, Tianna Schuerman. Way to go girl!! Thanks to the District 6 ladies for their work putting on the Miss Flame contest.

It would be great to see better attendance at our District 6 meetings. Come on guys and gals. It is only one night every other month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting as of this printing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. Location to be announced at a later date. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on March 26, 2013.

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

In closing I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department of Allen County and the Haudenschild family for their loss in the passing of Mark A. Haudenschild II in November. Thanks to all of the Firefighters for their show of support and comfort during this time of need. It was great to see the Fort Wayne Fire Department step up and help with

anything that needed to be done in the loss of a brother. All of the firefighters with the Fort Wayne Fire Department and the neighboring departments are to be commended for their professionalism and respect along with their volunteering for coverage of Washington Township VFD during their time of need. Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

*Jerry Sprague(Spook),  
District 6 Chairman*

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



**Walt Reiter - Chairman**

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
District #7  
November 19, 2012  
Mount Etna Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reiter at 7:31. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 33 members representing 12 departments. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA PRNE, Buz Koehler - Past President IVFA, Larry Curl - IVFA Legislative Representative, Brandon Taylor - Pro Techs, Tim Raun - Station Supply.

Chairman Reiter spoke briefly about recent Line of Duty Death of Allen County Washington Township Firefighter Mark Haudenschild II. Chairman Reiter asked for a moment of silence.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Presented information from Nov. quarterly meeting. Members are able to order license plate forms by calling the Central Office. The IVFA had some discussion with the BMV about an online process, looking into this further. Much discussion with Dave Probo from the Board of Firefighters and Standards on FF 1&2 recert. hours, IVFA formed a committee to make recommendations from the IVFA. Also discussion of FF 1&2 being taught in modules. American Income Insurance death benefit does not expire if it is missed at the time of the member's death.

Buz Koehler - Past. Pres. IVFA Buz discussed the recent Fire Alliance meeting and the possible FF 1&2 in-service hours. He encourages all members to research the benefits that are provided to you by the IVFA, info is available on the web site or contact Walt with questions. Support the license plate campaign, \$3 of the \$5 goes into the Bridgeport Fund and the remainder is used for administration fees.

Larry Curl - IVFA Legislative Rep. On behalf of the IVFA he asked candidates running for governor that when discussion of public services are being held that firefighters are represented in the discussion. He also asked that duties and responsibilities be restored to the State Fire Marshal. The IVFA is making a push to make changes to law 1005 that states that a member of volunteer fire department is

able hold office and vote on budgets. Try to outlaw toy-like lighters, provide tuition assistance for volunteer firefighters, and make mandatory highway notification of road closures.

Tim Raun - Station Supply spoke on products that they represent.

Chairman Reiter presented 50 Year Card to Larry Paulson, Warren FD.

District 7 Miss Flame candidates are Britney Bradtmueller, Hoagland and Merissa Bisel, Geneva. Merissa Bisel is District 7 Miss Flame for 2013.

Walt - would like to encourage everyone to get award nominations in!

Next meeting will be at Nottingham Township VFD January 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 with 33 members representing 12 departments.

Presentation by Brandon Taylor about what Pro Techs has to offer followed the meeting; dinner was sponsored tonight by Pro Techs.

*Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary*

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



**Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman**

On November 14, 2012 District 8B held their district meeting at the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with eight departments present. Three guests were present: Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish and Cindy VanGordon.

Secretary and treasurer's report was read and approved.

Buz Koehler talked about the government bills that they would like the members of the IVFA to know about and to keep an eye on them.

District chairman Wright reminded the group about all of the awards that are given out at the convention. He also told them about the convention which will be held in June in Muncie, IN.

The Miss Flame contest for 2013 was held with Lexi Blumenhorst from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department being named District 8B Miss Flame for 2013. Crowning Lexi was Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame for 2012.

Second roll call was taken with number of fire runs and EMS runs. There were 82 fires and 86 EMS runs.

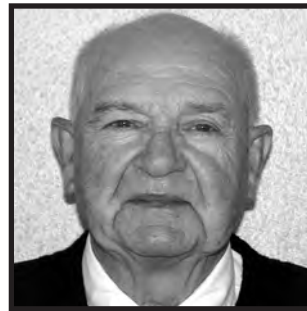
The next District 8B meeting will be held on January 9, 2013 at the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, Salem, IN at 7:30 P.M.

Hope that everyone had a nice Christmas and wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

*Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B chairman*

**2013 Convention  
June 12 - 15  
Muncie, IN**

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



**John Ray - Chairman**

Greetings from District 10,

In November, District 10 gathered at the Elizabethtown Fire Dept. At this meeting, the new Miss Flame, Elizabeth Shields from Burney/Clay Twp., Decatur County Fire Dept., was selected. Also, six 25 year pins were given to Elizabethtown firefighters, Dan Carson, Darrell Polley, Phil Polley, George Hausberger, Tom Nienaber and Coy Smith.

In December at the Hartsville Dept. family gathering, 25 year pins were presented to firefighters Robin Hargitt and Bobby Knight. We were also pleased to have with us State Fire Marshal, James Greeson and State IVFA President, David Israel. It was a special honor for me to present my longtime friend and fellow firefighter, Chief Edward Johnson his 50 year Gold card and pin. Fifty years ago, Ed and I joined the department together. President Israel then presented me with my 50 year pin and Gold card. State Fire Marshal Greeson presented both of us the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Awards. It has been a privilege to be in fire service for these many years with my friends and neighbors.

In December also, I was invited and pleased to attend the Hope Fire Dept. member/family dinner. I always appreciate the opportunity to visit the various departments in the District and speak with members of their concerns and questions, as well as to personally thank them for their commitment to serving their communities in fire service.

I also was able to attend the Bartholomew County Fire Chief's Association banquet during December, which was held at the Sirloin Stockade in Columbus, IN.

Columbus Twp., hosted the first meeting of District 10 in January.

Upcoming meetings: February 20, 2013 - Flat Rock Fire Dept., Flat Rock, IN; March 20, - Westport Fire Dept.; and April 17 - Clay Twp., Bartholomew County.

Now is the time to begin making your plans to attend the 2013 IVFA Convention, which will be held in Muncie on June 12-14. Details are available.

We look forward to serving District 10 and visiting with as many of you as possible during 2013. May it be a blessed, prosperous and safe year for you, your family and community.

*John M. Ray,  
10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman*

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



**Larry Southard - Chairman**  
Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept.

November 11, 2012

The Reelsville VFD conducted a Memorial Service to honor all veterans. The Colors were presented by the Honor Guard. Chairman Southard called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Tim Gillespie, Pastor of the Big Walnut Baptist Church. Roll call was taken with 5 departments and 21 members answering the roll.

Chairman Southard presented 25 year pins to Ruth Schlatter and Brent Urton of the Reelsville VFD. Chairman Southard recognized the guests present and the District Auxiliary chairman announced the ladies' guests that were present. District auxiliary chairman Bartlow presented a 25 year IVFAA pin to Doris Michael. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Chairman Southard discussed the subject of why the membership was down and what could be done to improve the problem. The recertification is in process for Firefighter I & II. An open discussion resulted in a lengthy question and answer session.

Chairman Southard reviewed several documents he had received. Copies of these were available to those who wanted a copy.

Chairman Southard presented Chief Urton of the Reelsville VFD with a Host Certificate.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Southard.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies*

## DISTRICT 12 REPORT



**Larry E. Bruner - Chairman**

Greetings from District 12.

Our November 26 meeting was hosted by Decatur Township Fire Department with 5 members present from 3 departments. Our guests were Gary Robison from Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Tim Raun from Station Supply.

Gary Robison talked with us about training issues and a meeting on December 3rd at Rushville on the certification change and how he would like for as many personnel as possible to be there to voice their concerns. Tim Raun talked about their vehicle and gear wash that are now being used by Monroe and Madison Township Fire Departments.

Our next meeting will be held at Eel River Fire Department on January 21 at 19:00 hours.

Our election of officers for the IVFAA will be held at that meeting.

**May  
deadline:  
April 5, 2013  
12:00 noon  
C.S.T.**

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings,  
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Now old winter has set in with a lot of snow and cold weather here in East Central Indiana, please use caution and use that seat belt when you are in that apparatus.

Remember to invite your legislator to your meetings and discuss issues that affect the fire service with them. We have a new Governor, Mike Pence. Let him know our feelings on legislative issues.

Our next meeting is January 13, 2013 at Centerville Fire Rescue, 6:00 p.m. crowning of our district Miss Flame.

Remember to get names and letters turned in for the awards the IVFA presents.

Please keep the New York firefighters' families shot in line of duty and all service personnel in our prayers.

Let's all be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl  
District 13B chairman

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Happy New Year to all of you out there in District 14.

It has been a busy quarter. We had our elections and want to welcome all the new and all the old officers for all the districts.

We have been busy going to Christmas dinners.

We went to Monroe Township Fire Department where I had a chance to give Fire Chief Mark Furnish's dad, Butch Furnish his 50 Year Gold Card. And this was the first time that I got to see a son pin the 50 year on his dad.

Also, I got to hand out 2 Medal of Valor certificates to Erica Stoffragen and Roger Bender for the above and beyond duty that they did during the recent tornado where they saved a person's life. And to see that person there at the dinner and I also want to thank president David Israel for putting the Medal of Valor medals on the two members of that department.

We also got to see other awards handed out for departments that helped out during the tornado.

Also we had the honor to go to Charlestown Fire for their Christmas dinner where we had a great time. I personally want to thank Chief John Heal.

Also we have had 2 District 14 funerals this quarter.

By the time you get this issue we would have had a district meeting

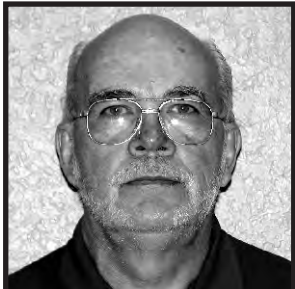
Sellersburg Fire Department and had our Miss Flame crowning and meeting.

Our next meeting will be on March 21, 2013 at 19:00 hrs. at Driftwood Fire Department in Valonia, Indiana.

Anyone needing me to come by your department, call me or e-mail me and let me know a time. Also anyone that wants the IVFA trailer, call or e-mail me ASAP because it is a first-come, first-serve. Also if you have anyone that needs 25 year pins or Gold Cards, call me.

Thanks,  
Rick Cannon

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A,

During the weekend of October 5, 6, 7, I attended the Apple Festival in Bloomfield and ran the annual rifle give-away for my department, Richland-Taylor VFD.

October 8th I attended the Green Cty Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Richland-Taylor VFD in Scotland.

October 12th I took part in Fire Prevention Week at Bloomfield High School and also assisted in a mock drill providing traffic control.

November 2-3-4 I attended state officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

November 7th I attended a meeting at Beach Creek Twp./Eastern VFD and had the honor of presenting Larry Shute his 50 year Gold Card and pin. Thanks for your years of service.

November 12th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Wright Twp. who put on their annual Thanksgiving meal. Great job.

November 13th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Lyons VFD. Items of business of the IVFA were discussed. State officers present were IVFA past president Jack Kerney, IVFAA past president Barb Kerney, IVFA state treasurer Bev Harker and PRSW Jim Abrams.

At this meeting I had the honor of presenting Lyons VFD member Floyd Vaughn his 50 year Gold Card and pin. Thanks for your years of service.

Chief Teddy York (Lyons VFD) also presented Floyd with a plaque from the department for his years of service.

November 14th I attended a meeting at the Bicknell VFD and had the honor of presenting Donald Ray Page his 50 year Gold Card and pin. Thanks for your years of service.

December 1st I attended a Christmas party at Petersburg VFD. At this event I presented 25 year pins to Rich Coan, Ross Elmore and Alan Tegmeyer. Following this I had the honor of presenting Lowry Cooper his 50 year Gold Card and pin. Thanks for your years of service. IVFA past president Jack Kerney and IVFAA past president Barb Kerney were also on hand. A special thanks to Jack for his remarks on what it means to be a 50 year member.

Petersburg Mayor Jon Craig was also on hand with an award for Lowry.

I wish to thank Chief Taylor for having us.

December 3rd I went to the Spurgeon VFD and presented Raymond Brooks his 25 year pin. I also discussed paperwork with them.

December 6th I attended the Richland-Taylor VFD meeting and family Christmas dinner. A good time was had by all.

December 10th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Center Twp. VFD.

December 13th I went to Vincennes Twp. and presented Paul Douglas Thompson with his 25 year pin.

December 19th I attended the ground-breaking for the new Taylor Twp. Fire Station.

I have a lot of snow in my area but I hope to have seen you at the Vincennes Sausage supper.

Until next time - be safe.  
Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,  
I hope everyone had a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On November 10th, the Pleasant Run VFD of Lawrence County dedicated their second fire station in Bartlettsville with past president Jack Zeeks presenting the IVFA clock to the department.

Our last meeting was held at Indian Creek VFD of Lawrence County with a good turnout of members and guests. In attendance were Indiana State Fire Marshal James Greeson, IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl, past president Jack

Zeeks, IVFA Public Relations James Abrams, Rod Pressell and Tim Raun.

A 25 year pin, only a couple years late, was presented to Shawswick VFD Fire Chief Robert Brown.

We also had our 2013 Miss Flame contest and McKinley Norman, whose father is the Deputy Chief of the Pleasant Run VFD, was elected.

Our next meetings will be on January 9th at Van Buren Twp. FD in Bloomington, followed up on March 13th at Brown County VFD in Nashville.

Steve Nolan,  
District 17B chairman

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 15 November meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the West Baden Springs VFD. One Individual member and 38 members representing 13 Departments answered roll call, and reported answering a total of 265 runs.

Guests included: PR Southwest Rep. Jim Abrams, Past President Jack Kerney, Barb Kerney - Central Office, Carl Deel - Fire Marshal's Office, Tanya Rigsby - California Casualty, and Tom Boehm - Tower's Fire Apparatus.

Jack Kerney reported on Board of Firefighter Standards issues. Jack reported on pilot programs for moving Mandatory Training to Modular sessions and plans for splitting the Instructor II/III. Jack also reported that there are plans to make Firefighter I/II a re-certifiable certification. The IVFA is working hard to make sure that the many changes being formulated by the Board of Standards will be to the benefit of our membership. "Change" is a thing which always comes. It may not be wanted or wished for ... but it comes. However, change for the worse is a thing that

many times can be avoided. I will be keeping the Depts. within the Dist. 18 informed as these situations unfold. I urge all IVFA members to keep abreast of these situations and be in touch with your Dist. Chairmen and Board of Standards members with your feeling on these matters.

The new year begins within a few days of this writing, and thus a new year for our legislative agenda. The ban on novelty lighters, information on road closures to Fire Depts. being made mandatory, are just a few of the issues the IVFA will be pursuing in the upcoming legislature. Lastly, cold weather operations can be as difficult as hot weather ones. Be on guard for signs of hypothermia, and of course, dangerous driving conditions. Be determined that your department operates under the motto, "everybody comes home"!!

Until next time -  
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"

John C. "Bull" Smith,  
Dist. 18 Chairman

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT

Stephen Macke - Chairman

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

District 19 ended the year with a meeting at Milan Volunteer Fire Department where we crowned a new Miss Flame for District 19 Jacqueline Ecksteini and a special thanks to Tonya Marsee for organizing the Miss Flame judging.

I would also like to thank our outgoing Miss Flame Tatijana Marsee for all her accomplishments during her reign and good luck in your studies at Ball State.

We also presented a fifty-year Gold Card to Robert Peelman of Bear Branch Volunteer Fire Department. I would like to thank him for his service to his community and the fire service for the past fifty years.

Our next meeting of District 19 will be at Bright Fire Department on January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

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

## 2013

# Convention June 12-15 Muncie, IN

## Jim Ashley receives 50 Year Gold Card



Jim Ashley of the Prairie Twp. VFD, located in Mt. Summit, receives his 50 Year Gold Card from Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman. - submitted by Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman.

## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

- District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011
- District 4 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011
- District 14 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011
- District 17A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010
- District 11A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

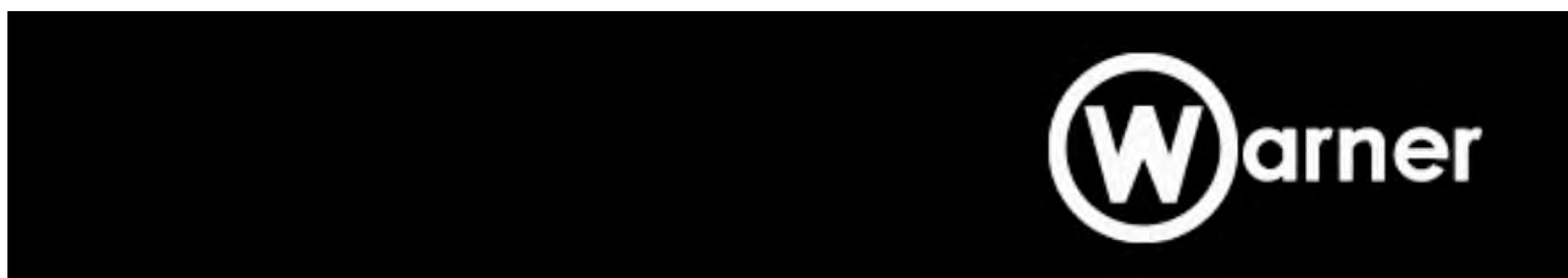
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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



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NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Israel at 1:00 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

President Israel reported that Past President Swartz had passed away this quarter as well as several other firefighters and to please remember these families and our Brothers and Sisters.

President Israel called for the reading of the Minutes of the August 2012 meeting. PRWC Larry Bartlow made motion to accept the Minutes as printed. District 2 Chairman Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel called for the Treasurer's report. District 10 Chairman John Ray motioned to accept the Treasurer report as given. Past President Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel - we talked about vouchers last night at our executive meeting. We have decided to let you have input on what you think should be allowed and what should have limits set. Get your suggestions to Treasurer Harker or President Israel. If you have been denied don't take it personally we just need more information. Remember we need to run this organization like a business.

President Israel asked for an update on Jim Bradford. He is home and recovering well.

District 7 Richard Sorg is here for Chairman Walt Reiter.

District 15 Chairman Harry Logan had emergency surgery this week and is in a lot of pain, but recovering.

District 21 George Buck is here for Chairman Don Fultz.

In August Treasurer Harker passed out proposed budget for 2013; we will vote on it tomorrow. Does anyone have any questions?

### OLD BUSINESS

Provident/Aflac Program - District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made motion to have the 90 open enrollment May, June and July 2013. District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. Keep in mind any member can sign up, but only new members will get the guaranteed issue privilege.

Steve Macke, Tim Deckard and

Don Vermillion need to fill out their beneficiary forms; see President Israel.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Central Office:** Jack Kerney - Thanked everyone for the cards and prayers during his knee surgeries. All reports were emailed to everyone. Membership 15,245. License plates down this year. New dues packets were mailed out to departments that have not paid for 2 years. 360 bad addresses - Harmony House and 75 bad addresses from post office.

**Awards Committee:** Vice President Anderson - Would like to see each district have a nomination for each award. Remember deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Angel Award Committee:** Diane Harrison - Like Vice President Anderson said we would like for each district to have a nomination.

**Membership and Marketing:** Chairman Diane Harrison - Discussed cruises, put an article in this issue of the paper "Legal Planning is not just for your parents". Read it, let us know what you think about it. Discussed the summits that we did a few years ago about maybe bringing some form of them back. Would like for each District Chairman to talk about 2 benefits each meeting that the Association offers.

**Public Relations & Education:** Chairman Carol Thrawley - If anyone wants to use the trailer just let him know. Vice President Anderson asked him to put together a list of where the trailer has been over the last 2 years. Asked Central Office to make a Certificate of Appreciation to Buck Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department for pulling the trailer. Attended the IRC conference in September.

**Supporting Heroes:** Lanett Stewart - Regional Coordinator - Indiana South. Would like to attend district meetings and tell her story and about Supporting Heroes. Heroes Gala March 2, 2013.

Vice President Anderson reviewed the November 2011 meeting. We are starting to hear some rumors of continuing education in our certifications. He then read what we proposed, if it was to become the rules. This summer the firefighter's board put together a work group. Dave Probo from the State Fire Training is here to talk to us today.

Dave Probo - Making Firefighter 1 & 2 a recertifying certification. How will it be administered; what would be required. There were a number of questions asked by your organization. I would like some assistance from your organization as we are exploring this item. How can the fire board mandate recertification if the certification is under a voluntary program? It's voluntary to the fact that you can get the certification or not. There is already a role in place for the instructor's certification; requires recertification so technically it can become a recertifying or an expiring certification. The main discussion was on how the board will add expiration dates to current certifications; it was pretty much determined that this will affect anyone that who is certified from the date that this rule goes in to effect. No current certification would be affected they would be non-expiring. So that wouldn't be

an issue. How will the board handle the issue of second and first class certifications? There would be no impact as this only pertains to future firefighter 1 and 2 certifications. Is there anything in the Indiana Code that would cause an undesirable consequence? None that we are aware of at this time pertaining to this particular issue. Will everyone have the same deadline? How that will work if you got certified on July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year you would expire July 1<sup>st</sup> two years from now. The recertification would be electronic there will be directions you log in hit recertify then if you are audited then you would have to provide documentation. All of these trainings there are not going to be classes you have to attend, it can all be done in-house. As far as my understanding either your Chief or Training Officer or one of your Officers whoever does training would be able to sign off on those training hours. So there is really not going to be anything different as far as you do training now it would merely be a reporting aspect that would come into play with it. You would not have to be an instructor or an instructor 2-3? This is not by any means going to be put in to place and nothing is final and part of what we are asking from you the remaining questions of what the penalty is for not recertifying and if the Firefighter loses their certification does he or she also lose any subsequent certification that is prerequisite? What constitutes continuing education, who can deliver it? What we are asking is that we get some membership, some people from your organization to come up with the answer to these questions. Because you are the prime stakeholder in it this affects you more than anyone else. A career fire department by enlarge will have no problem doing it because they have paid staff they have to train they are there for twenty-four hours they have staff that can go in and actually recertify for them, but you don't. So if this is to be successful it has to be successful on your end or it is pointless. The answer at least in my opinion and this is not the opinion of the State, the alternative is this is a voluntarily State we don't have to get certified in anything and you won't. And that is not the intent of any of this; the intent is to improve the training to make firefighting safer and to improve the quality of the firefighters that is what the intent of all of this is. And we want help from your organization to answer these questions. Because there will come circumstances that are bigger than anyone fire department or than anyone on the fire department or even the fire board or the State or anyone else. One of my examples - if I am a volunteer firefighter and my wife comes down with cancer and I

Take 3 or 4 years off to deal with this whole process and I am not involved with the fire department during that time and after it is all over with I want to go back and get involved again. Do I lose everything?

And these are questions that should be considered and rules put in place because this is a clean slate we can make this so it is beneficial and not a burden. We can make this, whatever we need it to be to be effective and that is really what we are asking for. I am thinking maybe 6 or 7 people it will all be done via webinar so there is no travel involved, we will hold the meetings in the evenings. If this is to go into play we want it to be a good program and we want it to be successful. All of the fire board rules are in review if there is anything you would like to see changed, please pass the information up. We want the rules to be the best they can be. Once these rules go into affect getting them undone is very difficult or getting anything added to them is very difficult.

Dave Probo would like to have our stance ready by the December 3, 2013 Firefighters Board of Standard and Education meeting.

Looking into breaking Firefighter 1 & 2 program down into 4 distinct modules. Final written test after each module, practical skills at the end of each module and then accumulative skills test at the end.

We are talking about splitting instructor 2-3. The reason is the current instructor 2-3 has 27 skills involved in them 15 of them are instructor 3 skills. The instructor 3 literally takes you 3 to 5 months to complete.

Dave Probo thanked us for our time.

11B District Chairman Larry Southard made a motion not to support the recertification firefighter 1 & 2 program. 8A District Chairman Bill Pape made the second. 26 no, 11 yes motion defeated.

Jack Kerney, Larry Southard, John Smith, Larry Bartlow, Steve Anderson, Tim Deckard, Paul Holcomb will serve on the work committee.

Past President Jack Kerney made motion that we put our time and effort into making sure if this goes through we have the right language in there that we want and the procedures that we want this to be documented. Past President Tim Deckard made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Vice President Anderson said the deadline we were given was December 3, 2012 at the Firefighter Board of Standards and Education meeting in Rushville. What we submitted is in their November 2011 minutes at the end.

Past President Buz Koehler stated that we don't want separation between volunteer and career, it should apply to both.

**Website:** Chairman David Israel needs pictures for the picture gallery. On the calendar page maybe we can get it centered. Need physical address for meetings and fundraisers. Everyone needs to remember to look at their district emails if you didn't have them forwarded.

**Facebook:** Chairman Leighanne Ellis - put something in the paper about our facebook page.

**Logo:** Chairman John Smith - Pass.

John Smith - any narrow band problems you heard of? I have received 5 or 6 emails stating poor reception, broken calls and people using hand helds and trucks can't hear them.

**Editor's Assistant:** Mitch Parish for Chairman Jim Bradford - 40 pages this issue total newspaper 16,231. Please check the paper for correct addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses and let me know if there are any corrections to be made. When you get the bad address report from the Central office, please make the corrections as soon as possible. Let me know if you need business cards.

**Convention Committee:** Chairman David Israel - Need letter of intent to bid by the February 2013 meeting for 2014 convention.

**Convention 2012:** Chairman Paul Holcomb and Rick Cannon - They have turned in all financial reports, the gaming license have been done by Treasurer Harker. The money has been distributed.

**Convention 2013:** Scott Harris - All registrations are in the paper. Coins are available. Miss Flame rooms are reserved under their district numbers. Signature Inn is sold out and Holiday Inn is half way sold out. Convention is June 12 - 15.

**Clothing Claims:** Chairman Lloyd Wright - Pass

**Training Committee:** Co-Chairman Larry Southard, Steve Anderson - Pass.

**Board of Firefighter Standards and Education:** Chairman Jack Kerney - At last meeting increased the number of meetings back to 8.

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Please attend these meetings if they are near you. February - Indy, March - Indy, April 29<sup>th</sup> Fort Wayne, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Haubstadt, August - TBA October 21<sup>st</sup> Greensburg, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Pike Twp., January 13, 2014 Firefighters Union Hall.

#### National Volunteer Fire Council:

Jack Kerney / Mitch Parish - Community Para medicine it's a new concept and it seems to be growing strength. Gary Wingrove, For more information [wingrove.gary@mayo.edu](mailto:wingrove.gary@mayo.edu) or <http://cpif.communityparamedic.org/>

#### Wildland Community Meeting -

Senate bill 3341 would allow the transfer of 14 C27J aircraft to the forestry service. This will probably not happen due to lack of funds in the Forestry service to maintain the aircraft after they arrive. NVFC still supports this bill in the hopes that funding will become available.

Recruitment and Retention program is available on the NVFC website go to resources and you can pull up numerous recruitment and retention programs.

Working on getting 10 more states to answer the 1-800-Fireline.

If anyone knows of any department that can't afford narrow banding, please let me know.

Legislative committee can be found on the NVFC website.

Are we covered on mutual aid if we cross state lines? Each department that crosses state lines needs to check on this with your insurance carrier.

Jack Zeeks attended the memorial service at Indianapolis. We honored 1 gentleman from 1919, 3 volunteers and 1 career. It was a very nice ceremony. He recommended everyone to attend if possible. He also attended the In Time meeting. Had discussion on dispatch and all agencies working together.

President Israel presented Past President Tim Deckard his Past President's Gold card and thanked him for his service.

State Miss Flame Jessica Dove - spoke about her program. She would like to visit more District meetings working on getting it patented, and looking for sponsors.

**Legislative Committee:** Larry Curl - Talked about the special edition of the newspaper for elections. There were 2 editions done as first one had a missing picture of a governor candidate.

Past President Jack Kerney and Vice President Steve Anderson talked about the consolidation process that is going on in Evansville; they will be voting on it Election Day. Everyone keep your ears and eyes; open watch and see what is going on around us. I think consolidation might be our next big issue. Remember our legislative agenda 1) Is the exemption of volunteers under the conflict of interest law 2) Attempt to return the Fire Marshal office back 3) Road closures 4) Higher education for the fire service 5) Novelty lighters.

#### Officer's Reports

President Israel - Attended 4 county meetings, 7 district meetings, 1 fire alliance meeting, 1 station dedication, Fire Emergency Services Banquet, attended Friday night IVFA/DHS training session at Camp Atterbury, IVFA training class for Trustee's Conference, 2 meetings with Legislators, 2 memorial services, Haysville Fire

Department 50 year anniversary. I would like to thank everyone for their help in making my first year as President an enjoyable one.

Vice President Anderson - Attended Haysville 50 year anniversary, District 11-A picnic, Fire Alliance meeting, open house and a couple of fundraisers.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - 5 memorial services, 2 District meetings, 1 IVFAA meeting, 1 training, 19 Catholic Bibles 0 Protestant Bibles 64 grave markers 50 new Bibles, discussed funeral vouchers.

Secretary Harrison - Attended Haysville 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their Fire Prevention Parade, 3 county meetings.

Treasurer Harker - Attended Haysville 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their Fire Prevention Parade.

Sergeant at Arms Bush - 3 station clocks, anyone needing anything let me know

#### Public Relations Report

PRNW - Jim Bradford - Absent. PRNE - Jean Smith - Attended 5 District meetings, open house celebration, 1 memorial service, 1 fundraiser.

PRWC - Larry Bartlow - Attended all District meetings, visited 2 fire departments.

PREC - Don Cushman - PRSW - Jim Abrams - Attended 4 District meetings, Haysville 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 3 county meetings PRSE - Al Williamson - Attended 2 district meetings, 1 chief's meeting, 1 memorial service President Israel thanked for the time you put in your Districts.

SOG's Bylaws: Koehler - Pass. Bridgeport Scholarship's: Chairman Harker - Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Past Presidents Report

Jim Parker - Absent. Mitch Parish - Pass. Richard Glant - Pass.

Jack Zeeks - Attended Firefighter memorial at Emmetsburg; honored 85 firefighters 80 from last year and 5 from previous years. 67 line of duty deaths so far this year. Discussed the IVFA flag being at Emmetsburg, he will get information on this.

Buz Koehler - Attended Fire Alliance meeting, 1 memorial service and district meetings.

Jack Kerney - Pass. Larry Ketchem - Pass. Tim Deckard - Attended Round table with the next Lieutenant Governor.

#### District Chairman's Report

District 1 - Tom Orrel - 2 deaths, 1-800 Board up raised over \$50,000 for Hoosier Burn Camp, Handed out 16 25 year pins and 2 Gold cards.

District 2 - Paul Watland - pass. District 3 - Dave Kaufman - November 15 at Pleasant Twp Fire Station will be presenting 2 Gold cards.

District 4 - Terry Smith - Pass. District 5 - Don Kissinger - Attended 5 county meetings; passed 9-25 year pins.

District 6 - Jerry Sprague - 2 deaths.

District 7 - District Secretary Richard Sorg - Selling peanut brittle.

District 8A - Bill Pape - Pass.

District 8B - Lloyd Wright - Pass.

District 9A - Leighanne Ellis - Pass.

District 9B - Randy Denton - Absent.

District 10 - John Ray - Pass.

District 11A - Don Vermillion - Absent; he is in the hospital. Miss Flame Dance February 9.

District 11B - Larry Southard - Pass.

District 12 - Larry Bruner - Pass.

District 13A - Carol Thrawley - Pass.

District 13B - Jeff Beihl - Pass.

District 14 - Rick Cannon - 2 Deaths.

District 15 - Harry Logan - Absent. He is in the hospital.

District 16 - Paul Holcomb - Pass.

District 17A - Sam Emery - January 19 sausage supper. New location Highland Park Community Center.

District 17B - Steve Nolan - 1 death. Pleasant Run will be having an open house next Saturday in their new station.

District 18 - John Smith - Pass. District 19 - Steve Macke - 1

death.

District 21 - Secretary George Buck - Pass.

#### New Business

Planning Washington DC trip. New Chairman and those that have never been before have first chance to go. If you're interested in going turn in your business card. We normally send 10 but if we only get 6 wanting to go that is all we will send.

We had an opening on our Line of Duty Death Committee. Rick Cannon will be taking Jack McFarland's place.

Nominating Committee for 2013 Jack Zeeks (Chairman) Jim Abrams and Ed Scheele.

There will be a new committee list coming out between December and January.

Please remember to check your new email address. If you're having problems, see Paul Holcomb.

American Income Life - Michelle Baxter - Thanked us for

the donation of food. Food is also available to all IVFA members. Please let her know if we know anyone that needs help. Remind everyone that we do have a \$3,500 claim and there is no time limit; if we have missed someone since we partnered, please let her know.

Treasurer Harker reported we did receive \$3,000.00 from California Casualty.

Past President Jack Kerney said they have been getting phone calls in the Central Office asking about availability for medical insurance.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn. Past President Richard Glant made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Harrison*

## Have A Safe Winter!

### Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends of the fallen firefighters throughout our districts. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

The most recent in my area, Line of Duty death, Mark A. Haudenschild II of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the districts in Public Relations area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates -- Abigail Smith, District #4, New Carlisle Fire Dept., Ashley Bryer, District #5, Atwood Fire Dept., Tianna Schuerman, District #6, Southwest Fire District and Marissa Bisel, District #7, Geneva Fire Dept.

*Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast*

### Public Relations Director Southeast Ed Scheele



At the time of writing this article, we are having temperatures around 10 and have about 5 inches of snow on the ground. With the cold weather and snow, be extra careful responding to, and at emergency scenes.

It is too late to write letters for this year's awards, but it is time to be working on letters for next year's awards. Letters need to be turned in by February 1st. Bridgeport scholarship applications need to be postmarked before March 1st.

*Ed Scheele  
PRSE*

## Have a safe winter!

### Public Relations Director Southwest Jim Abrams



Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

I attended District 18's meeting on November 15 at West Baden.

I attended District 15's meeting November 20th at Pigeon Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Shawswick.

I will attend District 15's meeting at German Twp. Vol. FD on January 15th.

I will attend District 18's meeting at Birdseye at Conservation Club on January 17th.

I will attend District 17A's meeting on January 19th sausage supper at Vincennes.

I will try and attend District 18's station dedication at Santa Claus on January 27th.

Hope to see you all at these meetings!

*Sincerely,  
Jim Abrams, PRSW*

## McKinley Norman District 17B Miss Flame

McKinley Norman was elected to represent District 17B as their 2013 Miss Flame candidate at their December 12th meeting at Indian Creek Fire Department in Lawrence County.

Also pictured are District 17B vice-chairman Bob Brown on the left and District 17B chairman Steve Nolan on the right. - submitted by Levi M. Keith, secretary/treasurer, Lawrence County Firefighters Association.





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The Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department was the most recent recipient of a grant in the amount of \$7604.82 from the Subaru of Indiana Automotive Foundation for equipment to support the creation of a rehabilitation vehicle for firefighters and victims on scene of residential fires and other emergencies.

The following Williamsport businesses also provided in-kind donations towards the project: Fowler State Bank, Litzberger Law Office, Jon B. Inman D.D.S., Larson Law Office, Forest Park Insurance and Photos by Tam.

Pictured (left to right): Ed Wulbrecht, SIA Foundation Board; Sue Scholer, SIA Foundation Board; David Rausch, SIA Foundation Board; Russ Van Leer, WVFD Captain; Doug Meyer, SIA Foundation Board; Will Holycross, WVFD Asst. Chief; Tom Easterday, SIA Foundation Board President. – submitted by Will Holycross, Assistant Chief, Williamsport Fire Department.

**LAFAYETTE, IN** -- The SIA Foundation today awarded \$43,575.82 in grants to 9 deserving Indiana charitable organizations during the December 2012 Grant Awards Ceremony held at SIA's Training & Reception Center. This is the largest total grant distribution and the largest single grant ever given. The grants represent not-for-profit organizations in: Tippecanoe, Clinton, Marion, Warren and Clark Counties. Representatives from the charitable organizations along with the SIA Foundation Board of Directors and members of the Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. Operations Committee attended the Foundation's grant celebration.

Indiana not-for-profit organizations which seek funding for capital projects in one of three areas – arts and culture, health and welfare, or education – are eligible to apply for SIA Foundation Grants which are awarded in June and December each year. Information on the SIA Foundation Grants may be found at [www.siafoundation.org](http://www.siafoundation.org).

SIA Foundation Grant recipient organizations for the December 2012 grant cycle are:

**Sheltered Reality** - Clinton County - \$3,500.00 – Arts & Culture  
Sheltered Reality will use the grant funds to purchase a new or gently used enclosed trailer to assist in transporting drums and sound equipment to and from shows. Sheltered Reality, located in Frankfort (Clinton County) is the only Indiana Chapter of Sheltered Reality. The mission of Sheltered Reality is to employ the power of music to engage and motivate audiences to make positive changes both in themselves and the world they live in. Through stories of hardship and triumph and a sequence of Steps for Success, Sheltered Reality teaches personal empowerment and character-building and then encourages the application of these abilities to its primary focus of advocacy in youth.

**The Children's Museum of Indianapolis** - Marion County - \$5,862.00 – Education

This grant will be used to purchase a class set of micropipettes to help the Children's Museum of Indianapolis continue their public science education program entitled,

"Say Cheese" in the Museum's Biotechnology Lab. The program allows families and children to take precise measurements of enzymes used in cheese-making, intended to demonstrate the skills and equipment used in science-related careers, an experience usually reserved for college students and science professionals.

**Lafayette Transitional Housing Center** - Tippecanoe County - \$4,000.00 - Health & Welfare

This grant will purchase 3 sets of washers and 2 refrigerators for Lafayette Transitional Housing Center's facilities. LTHC owns six facilities, which provide housing for up to 13 families and 23 men and women, at any one time. Lafayette Transitional Housing Center helps people find employment, work on budgeting and debt reduction, and find permanent housing when their 12 or 18 month program is completed.

**Town of Williamsport Volunteer Fire Dept.** - Warren County - \$7,604.82 - Health &

**Welfare**  
The Town of Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department will use this grant to purchase necessary fire and rescue equipment for the creation of rehab/incident command/support vehicle. The grant will cover the purchase of health, safety & incident command equipment to outfit the vehicle. The goal of the new vehicle and equipment is to be able to assist in rehabilitating firefighters on the scenes of emergencies and to have temporary shelter for victims of residential fires.

**Matrix Lifeline of Greater Lafayette** - Tippecanoe County - \$3,500.00 - Health & Welfare

This grant will be used to purchase 20 new cribs for young mothers who utilize the services of Matrix Lifeline for infant care and needs. Matrix provides supplies for young mothers at no cost. This service provides mothers a sense of comfort and security regarding the safety of their children, who should use cribs until at least two years of age. Additionally, this can help free the mother's budget for other essential household and newborn necessities.

**Jefferson High School** - Tippecanoe County - \$10,000.00 - Education

This grant will be used to purchase a classroom set of Nook Tablets for the social studies department at Jefferson High School as part of an "E-Readers for Excellence" program. This project will help address the current technology gap at Jefferson High School at a reasonable price point. The successful student today must be able to use technology to obtain reliable information, as well as utilize internet capabilities and applications to help them compete in our global community.

**Yellowwood Terrace** - Clark County - \$1,393.00 - Health & Welfare

This grant will be used to purchase exercise equipment for senior residents at Yellowwood Terrace

including a stepper, walking treadmill, adjustable dumbbell bench with adjustable weight set and ZON exercise balance kit. Residents of the facility who are 62 years of age or older will benefit from accessibility features in the mobility and sensory-impaired apartments.

**Volunteer Ambulance Service (VAS)** - Clinton County - \$2716.00 - Health & Welfare

This grant will be used to update an AED with newer technologies that allow for cardiac defibrillation of pediatric patients. Rossville Volunteer Ambulance Service (VAS) operates two ambulances which cover two townships in Clinton County and one in Carroll County 24-hours per day, 365 days per year. Additionally, the service provides volunteer coverage to many Lafayette area and SIA Community events.

**Amelia Earhart Elementary School (VAS)** - Tippecanoe County - \$5,000.00 - Education

This grant will be used to purchase Nook E-Readers to each classroom teacher to be used for professional development purposes. Each teacher will be able to download books to be used for educator book studies to enhance the education of all students at Amelia Earhart Elementary School in Lafayette.

*The SIA Foundation was established in October 1997, with a One Million Dollar gift from Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. SIA has made a subsequent contribution of One Million Dollars bringing the total contribution to \$2 million. The SIA Foundation uses funding to award grants and matching gifts to not-for-profit entities located in the State of Indiana. Since 1997, the SIA Foundation has awarded over \$158,000 in Matching Gifts and \$714,000 in capital grants.*

## St. Anthony VFD members receive Gold Cards



At the annual Awards dinner of the St. Anthony VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) IVFA Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented 50 year membership pins and Gold Cards to four SAVFD members.

Pictured are: Linus Knies (left) and Raymond Hoffman. Also receiving the award SAVFD members Dennis Knies and Eugene Klem who were not able to attend the dinner.

Photo and article provided by Dist. 18 Chairman Smith

## District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest held



Kami Knies

Cloudy skies and a threat of rain did not deter people from lining the streets as the Haysville Vol. Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 14 October, 2012. A total of 65 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Haysville.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2012 Kami Knies, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 9 lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

The District 18 Miss Flame for 2013 is Jayme Lindauer (left). Jayme is the daughter of Greg and Rhonda Lindauer and Aaron and Sheila Hagedorn. She is a senior at Southridge High School and represented the St. Henry VFD.

First runner-up was Kayla Smith (center). Kayla is the daughter of David and Shelly Smith and represented the Birdseye VFD. She is in her senior year at Forrest Park High School.

The second runner-up title went to Kaytlynn Dodd (right) of the Dubois VFD. Kaytlynn was also chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. She is the daughter of John and Catina Dodd and Steve and Sheila Sturgies, and a junior at Northeast Dubois High School.

Article and photos submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, Dist. 18 Chairman

# INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

## IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

When you have completed the information below, print this page.

**The State of Indiana** provides **Special License Plates** to qualified members of organizations such as the **IVFA**. This program is administered through the **Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. The **IVFA Central Office** coordinates the program for members of the association. You **will not** be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plates You Must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Requests to the IVFA Central Office no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

| Beginning                   | Ending |                       |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Corporate fleet vehicles    |        | Saturday, January 31  |
| AAAA                        | ARNN   | Saturday, February 7  |
| ARNO                        | BATE   | Saturday, February 14 |
| BATF                        | BLAI   | Saturday, February 21 |
| BLAJ                        | BRID   |                       |
| Rental fleet vehicles       |        | Saturday, February 28 |
| Heavy vehicles              |        |                       |
| Trailers                    |        |                       |
| BRIE                        | BUSD   | Saturday, March 7     |
| BUSE                        | CHAN   | Saturday, March 14    |
| CHAO                        | CONN   | Saturday, March 21    |
| CONO                        | CURL   | Saturday, March 28    |
| CURM                        | DICE   | Tuesday, April 7      |
| DICF                        | EDDY   | Tuesday, April 14     |
| EDEA                        | FERG   | Tuesday, April 21     |
| FERH                        | FRYA   | Tuesday, April 28     |
| Personalized license plates |        | Thursday, April 30    |
| FRYB                        | GLOR   | Thursday, May 7       |
| GLOS                        | GUMZ   | Thursday, May 14      |
| GUNA                        | HART   | Thursday, May 21      |
| HARU                        | HILE   | Thursday, May 28      |
| HILF                        | HUCH   | Sunday, June 7        |
| HUCI                        | JERR   | Sunday, June 14       |
| JERS                        | KEEL   | Sunday, June 21       |
| KEEM                        | KNUD   | Sunday, June 28       |
| KNUE                        | LAWR   | Tuesday, July 7       |
| LAWS                        | LOPE   | Tuesday, July 14      |
| LOPF                        | MART   | Tuesday, July 21      |
| MARU                        | MCKI   | Tuesday, July 28      |
| MCKJ                        | MILL   | Friday, August 7      |
| MILM                        | MUND   | Friday, August 14     |
| MUNE                        | NUNG   | Friday, August 21     |
| NUNH                        | PATT   | Friday, August 28     |
| PATU                        | PONT   | Monday, September 7   |
| PONU                        | REDM   | Monday, September 14  |
| REDN                        | ROBE   | Monday, September 21  |
| ROBF                        | SANC   | Monday, September 28  |
| SAND                        | SERM   | Wednesday, October 7  |
| SERN                        | SLON   | Wednesday, October 14 |
| SLOO                        | SPRI   | Wednesday, October 21 |
| SPRJ                        | SUCE   | Wednesday, October 28 |
| SUCF                        | THOP   | Saturday, November 7  |
| THOQ                        | VANO   | Saturday, November 14 |
| VANP                        | WALD   | Saturday, November 21 |
| WALE                        | WATT   | Saturday, November 28 |
| WATU                        | WILK   | Monday, December 7    |
| WILL                        | WRIG   | Monday, December 14   |
| WRIH                        | ZZZZ   | Monday, December 21   |

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out only the one application per person not per license plate.
4. You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year.
7. Refer to the BMV procedures below:

### **BMV PROCEDURES**

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$15 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow ALL directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

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AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

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## *Guidelines for submitting news articles*

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization – the information needs to be in writing.
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**MAY 5, 2013  
DEADLINE IS:  
APRIL 5, 2013  
12:00 P.M. (CST)**

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**IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)**

Name  IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew

Day Time Phone  Evening Phone  # Plates Requested

County Of Residence  Amount Paid \$  Check #

( \$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

**Mail Checks to:**  
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney  
P.O. Box 4797  
Evansville, IN 47724  
1-877-606-4832

**\*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.**

# From The Secretary

*Diane Harrison*



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

It's time for the fund-raising season to start. Be sure to put all your events on the website.

Hope to see everyone at convention.

If you have any items you would like to donate for the Hoosier Burn Camp auction, please bring it with you or if you are not able to attend we can make arrangements to pick it up.

Stay Safe,  
*Diane Harrison*

# From The Treasurer

*Beverly Harker*



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I guess we are all ready for a new year. Hopefully it will be a good one.

A lot of our members had health problems in 2012 and I pray that with the Grace of God, things will be better in 2013 for everyone.

Be sure and get your Bridgeport Scholarship applications postmarked by March 1st.

I am preparing for the annual audit to be started on this month. I should have the results in the May paper.

Submitted by:  
*Beverly Harker, IVFA Treasurer*

# From The Desk of The Historian

*John Davies*



First off I would like to wish each and every one of you a very "Happy New Year" and that all of your wishes for 2013 come true.

The recent event in the state of New York where two of our brothers were gunned down while performing their duty really sticks in the back of my mind. How many of us have ever given a thought of this happening to ourselves? Never in my time as a volunteer firefighter even thought about not returning to the station after a run.

My heart goes out to the men and women of their department as well to the families who have lost a loved one. Believe me, when I say this is a very difficult time for me to even think about this situation. I have as I know many of you have also, two members of my family who are firefighters, whether they be paid or volunteer, the task is the same for everyone.

I receive a notice every time there is the loss of a brother in the line of duty. I say every year, I wish there will not be a list again this year. It is going to happen, we all know that. We just have to be a little stronger and watch over our brothers when on a response. They are always making the equipment better in order to protect those first responders. I think of the instructors who have put in so many hours of certain subjects to prepare their classes in order to make the students better firefighters. To those I say "Thank You". I have had some very good instructors over my years and because of them I appreciate their efforts and time.

In closing I would like to say, let's try to make this year as safe as we can for every citizen in this great state. God bless all the firefighters in this state.

*Your Historian, John Davies*

## Twenty-five and 50 year recipients from Hartsville VFD



John Ray and Edward Johnson are shown after receiving their 50 year pins and State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Awards.

Indiana State IVFA president David Israel and Indiana State Fire Marshal James Greeson, respectively, presented these awards.

Also pictured in the center is Donald Workman, a 59 year member of the Hartsville Fire Department. - (photos submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.)

## Pleasant Run VFD receives station clock



IVFA past president Jack Zeeks presents Pleasant Run VFD with IVFA clock for dedicating their second station. - submitted by Steve Nolan, District 17-B chairman

## District 5 Miss Flame chosen



Pictured is Jean Smith, PRNE and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger with Ashley Byrer, the new District 5 Miss Flame, Atwood Fire Department. - photo submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE.



Robin Hargitt and Bobby Knight are shown receiving their 25 year pins at the Hartsville Volunteer Fire Department Christmas dinner, December 1, 2012.

## District 7 Miss Flame crowned



IVFA District 7 crowning of Miss Flame - Pictured are Joyce Nevil, District 7 IVFAA chairman, Kaylea Konger, 2011 state Miss Flame, 2013 District 7 Miss Flame, Marissa Bisel, Walt Reiter - District 7 chairman and Britney Bradtmuller, runner-up. - photo submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

# May deadline: April 5, 2013



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

## CORRESP. SEC. REPORT

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by Toni Sorg. Motion carried.

Phyllis Vargo asked why the men were asked to help with the V.P. project. Toni Sorg expressed to the men that it was not authorized.

Diana will send a letter of apology to the I.V.F.A.

The Line officers will meet at 4:00 on Feb. 2.

Miss Flame, Jesse Dove, spoke on her medical alert stickers.

Sandra Hile talked about a blood drive in her community and saved 64 lives.

Tony Sorg said that her daughter-in-law who is on animal rescue was deployed to the east coast. She also thanked everyone for the cards. Her great niece is home and doing better.

Barbara Parker's granddaughter-in-law is doing better.

Marlene Thrawley reported that former Dist.13A Miss Flame Jenn, is doing better.

Martha Thomas' husband is doing well.

Dorothy suggested making your room reservation now and for future dates.

Barb Parker's husband caught an elk.

Martha Thomas made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Phyllis Virgo. Motion carried.

Prayer by Joann Hays and meeting ended by 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Corres. Sec. Leona Uryga*

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



*E.J. Smith - Chairman*

Hello ladies,

My name is E.J. Smith. I'm your new ladies' district chairman for District 6. We are working on building up our membership and attendance to our meetings.

Please join us at our next district meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at Washington Township Fire Department, Whitley County. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at EJS6District@aol.com or my home phone 260-639-3231.

Our last meeting held at Hamilton Fire Department we had our Miss Flame contest. Tianna Schuerman, Southwest Fire District was crowned District 6 Miss Flame. We had three contestants -- Katie Enfield - Hamilton Fire Department, Kayla Williams - Hudson Fire Department, and Tianna Schuerman - Southwest Fire District.

All three girls were very deserving to be crowned Miss Flame.

*E.J. Smith*  
District 6 chairman

# Convention Muncie, IN June 12-15 2013

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



*Joyce Nevil - Chairman*

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary Association

November 19, 2012

Mount Etna

The meeting was opened by chairperson Joyce Nevil with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 14 members from six departments, one individual and one guest.

The minutes of the September 17 meeting were read.

The treasurer's report was given.

The November officer's meeting minutes were read and discussed. The Chinese Auction was discussed and we decided to go with a basket containing items from the District 7 area. Please check your area for items that could be placed in the basket.

We had two candidates running for Miss Flame. They were Brittany Bradtmueller of Hoagland and Marissa Bissel of Geneva. The judges met with the girls individually.

Upcoming events: Hoagland is selling Christmas trees. Poe is selling peanut brittle.

We adjourned to have our Christmas exchange. We then joined the men for presentation of awards and the announcement of the 2012 - 2013 Miss Flame Marissa Bissel of Geneva.

2013 meetings are:

January 21 - Nottingham Township

March 18 - Poe bake sale

July 15 - Preble election of officers

September 16 - Roanoke

November 18 - Uniondale

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

*Antoinette L. Sorg*

District 7 secretary

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



*Marie Emery - Chairman*

New Year Greetings to all,

November 13th our last district meeting was held at the Lyons Fire Dept. Thanks to Teddy and the rest for being such a good host.

December 6th, Sam and I attended the Taylor Fire Department family Christmas dinner. Before the dinner a short meeting was held for the fire department and auxiliary. Election of officers for the auxiliary will stay the same as of last year. You gals did a great job. A good meal was enjoyed by all; it was nice to see everyone.

Congratulations to Jesse McDonald. She was elected to represent 17A District Miss Flame. Jesse is the daughter of Russle and Michael McDonald of the Lyons

Fire Dept. Jesse attends the White River Valley High School and is a very active girl in sports and school organizations. We wish her lots of luck at the convention this year. I am sure she will meet and make a lot of new friends and have a very good time.

We attended the Petersburg Fire Department family Christmas dinner. We saw a lot of nice people and even Santa. Sam presented a Gold Card. A good time was enjoyed by all.

I have attended several meetings with Sam in November and December where he has presented Gold Cards and pins and 2 - 25 year pins to fellow firefighters. Congratulations to these fellows for their years of service to their departments.

The next District gathering will be the annual sausage supper at Vincennes in January.

*Marie Emery*

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



*Tonya Marsee - Chairman*

Happy Holidays everyone,

The 19th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Auxiliary met on November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Rising Sun Volunteer Firehouse. This was the first meeting Rising Sun has held and they did a wonderful job. We were served a meal of Subway sandwiches, chips, desserts, salads and drinks. We also held a "White Elephant Auction" that did quite well!!! This will help our Miss Flame with her expenses as she travels to state convention this year at Muncie. I want to extend a sincere "THANK YOU" to Rising Sun for hosting this meeting.

On Thursday, November 15, 2012, District 19 held their Miss Flame contest at the IVFA meeting at Milan Firehouse. We had three lovely contestants, Rachael Struewing from Morris, Jade Schutte from Batesville, and Jack Eckstein from Sunman. It was a very difficult decision!!! The District 19 crowned Jack Eckstein, District 19 Miss Flame 2013. We wish her all the luck at State Convention this year where she will have a great time and meet a lot of new friends. If you have an event that you would like Jack to attend please contact me at tmarsee8@hotmail.com or you can also call me.

I hope everyone has their dues paid because if you don't you have no accidental death and dismemberment insurance till they are paid. As of now, you have \$3,500 in coverage instead of the \$3,000 it used to be. If you can get your men to join too that would be great, then they will have double the coverage. So I encourage all Auxiliaries to encourage membership.

The next meeting will be held at Milan Volunteer Fire Department on February 12, 2013. I would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Stay safe and warm!!!

*Tonya Marsee*  
District 19 chairman

## IVFAA President

*Diana Gray*



Another year, 2012, is behind us and we are looking forward to a Great 2013. There are a lot of things that we need to accomplish and we have five months to do so.

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It was great to have all the family together and watch the little ones opening their gifts

We are ending our year with the birth of a great-granddaughter who was born on December 27th. She makes the first girl and we have 3 great-grandsons. So, the Good Lord was very good to us!!

With convention only a few months away, we have to work to get things done so that we can have a productive convention.

Just remember all the committees need to have meetings with their staff, so that everyone knows what is happening. It takes all of us working as

a 'TEAM' to get things done.

The VP Projects are the biggest concern at the moment, as they are our ONLY money-making projects we have. We all need to sell tickets so that we can exceed last year's earnings.

I hope all of you have gotten your letters in for the many awards that are given at convention. There are a lot of deserving men and women out there that can be nominated. Make it hard for the committees that are in charge to make that final decision.

We have had some members that had illnesses and some hospitalized since our last meeting and hope they are all doing well now. It is no fun when you are not yourself and then when we are all so far apart, a card sure does lift one's spirits. Make sure we (Joann or myself) are notified and we will get the word out, if there is an illness, hospitalization and the worse, a death.

If there is anything I can do for anyone of you, please give me a call and/or e-mail me ... I am here to help in any way that I can. IF I do not know .... I will surely find an answer.

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting and have a safe trip to Indy. God Bless.

*Diana Gray*  
IVFAA President

## IVFAA Vice President

*Heather Martin*



Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

There are a few changes for the IVFAA raffle this year that I'm hoping you will all be happy with. As much as we all have loved the fire trucks that we have raffled the past couple of years and the quilts are always beautiful we have decided to not raffle either of those this year.

This year our prizes will be \$500 for First Prize, \$300 for Second Prize and \$200 for Third Prize. The tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Your IVFAA District Chairmen will have them for you after the February meeting.

As always we will have the Chinese Auction at Convention as well. We have 5000 tickets printed and we are hoping to sell them all, of course if I have to order more I won't be too upset.

I am looking forward to everything this year has to offer. It is a great honor

for me to be serving as your Vice President this year. I hope to make you all proud. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, my information is in the paper and on the website.

*Heather Martin*  
IVFAA Vice President

## IVFAA Chaplain

*Joann Hays*



December 31, 2012

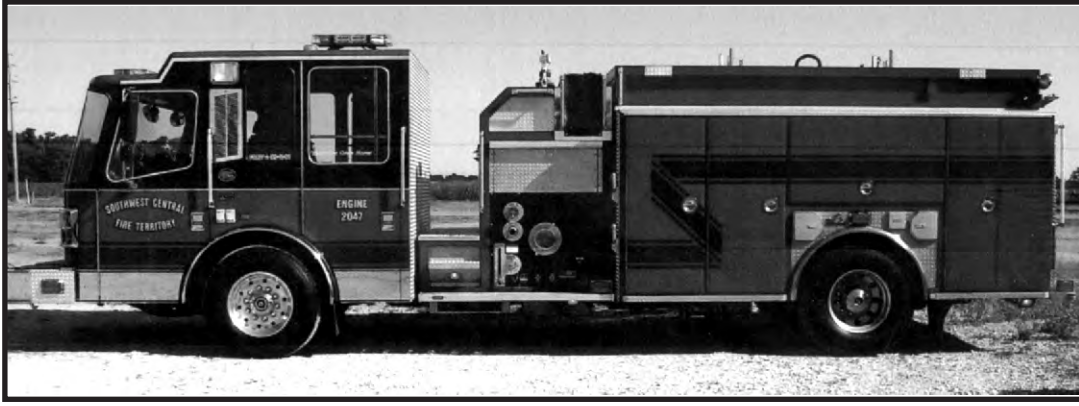
Hello everyone,

Hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday and was able to stay well and warm.

At the state meeting in November we had a dear friend, Martha Thomas (past president) of District 1, Merrillville, join us. We haven't seen Martha since Convention two years ago (in Terre Haute). It was so good to see her. Welcome back, Martha. She reports Jake is doing pretty good. (Jake is in a nursing home in Merrillville.)

On December 4th, I was invited to the Prairieton Auxiliary Christmas party at the Teppanyaki Restaurant. It was so nice. Those ladies are such a beautiful bunch of





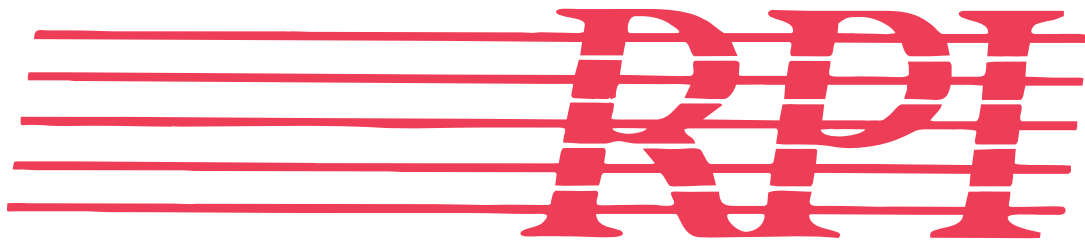
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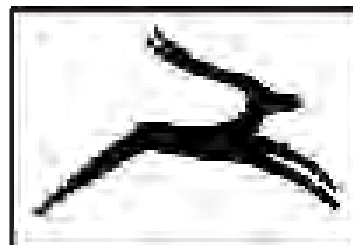
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# Twenty-five and fifty year awards presented



IVFA president David Israel presents Danny Wicker, past Chief and member of the Dublin Fire Dept. his 50 year card and pin at Wayne County Firefighters meeting. Congratulations, Danny.



John Murley of Milton / Washington Township Fire Dept. receives his 50 year Gold card and pin.



Milton / Washington Township firefighter Scott Minton receives his 25 year pin. Pictured (left to right) are Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman, Scott Minton, Milton Chief Scott Hicks. -photos submitted by Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman.



Centerville Firefighter Tammy Smith presents a check to Lanett Stewart of Supporting Heroes. \$600.00 was raised at a Wayne County softball tourney and presented at District 13B meeting held at Dublin.

## I.V.F.A.A. Chaplain . . .

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ladies. They are still making rugs.

Congratulations to our IVFAA president Diane Gray and her husband Dale. They became grandparents to a beautiful girl (Knsey Kay), weight 5 lbs. 3 oz. on December 27, 2012. Be looking forward to seeing pictures of her in February at the state meeting. They probably won't have any! (ha)

Prayers go out to Jack Kerney. He had knee surgery just before Christmas. Understand he is doing well. Prayers go out to Lou Bartlow. She was in the hospital before Christmas with bronchitis and was able to be home for Christmas. Hope she is resting well.

I also had a call from Carolyn McCarty. She's over in Carmel where she is taking therapy and in rehab. Said she would like to be back home by February. She was very pleased hearing from so many friends.

On December 2, Bob and I were invited to the Sandford Vol. Fire Dept. It was their awards dinner. The firefighters were presented with beautiful plaques for years of service. Then Sue Biggs presented plaques to the ladies who had been a member of the Sandford Ladies' Auxiliary. She then read about the history of the department.

Don Vermillion was presented his 50 year Gold Card from the IVFA. Larry Bartlow, PRSW, presented him his card.

They also had a beautiful cake with a picture of Don on it to honor him. "Congratulations" Don for your years of service.

Dear friends, I'm here for you (as your IVFAA Chaplain) if you ever need me, please feel free to call 812-299-1574.

I pray 2013 will be a better year than 2012 has been.

Bless each and every one of you.

Love and prayers,

Joann Hays, IVFAA Chaplain

### A Little Humor

You do know what would happen if it had been three wise women instead of men, don't you?

They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, make a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts.



Jerrold Dickey, Aboite FD, is shown receiving a 25 year pin from Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

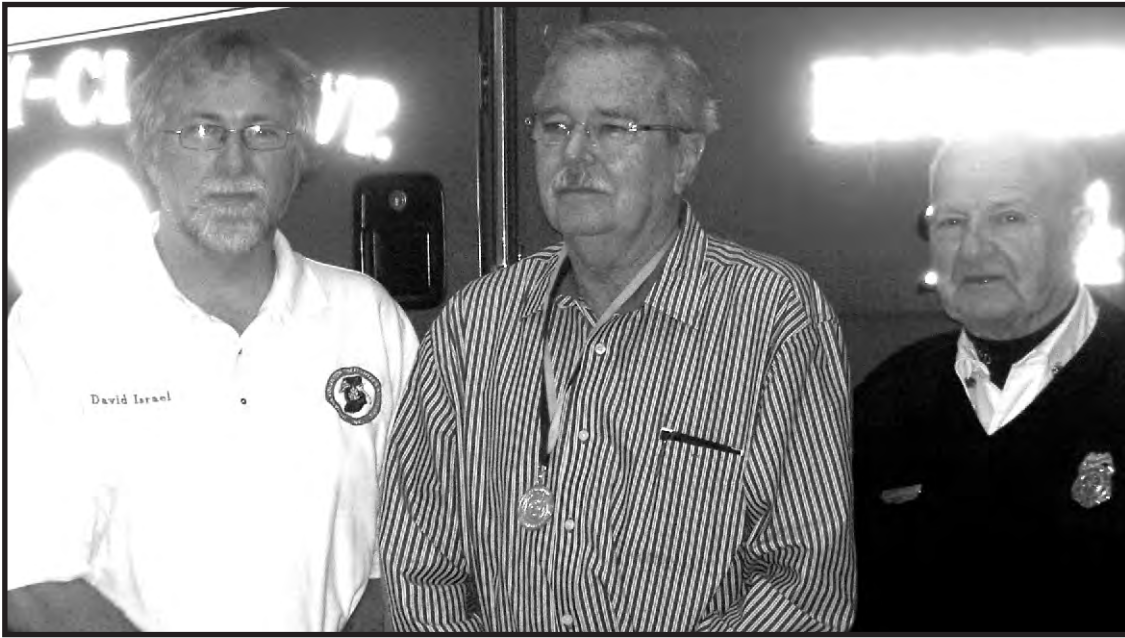


Pictured are District 7 Miss Flame, Lee Poulson (son of Larry), Larry Poulson, Warren VFD is shown receiving his 50 year pin and certificate from Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman and Jean Smith, PRNE. - photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

## IVFA Convention

June 12-15, 2013 - Muncie, Indiana

# Twenty-five and fifty year awards presented



From left, state IVFA president David Israel, Frank Hoban - 50 year member of the Burney Volunteer Fire Department and District 10 chairman John Ray. - photos submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.



Elizabethtown firemen who recently received their 25 year pins from District 10 chairman John Ray are (from left) Phil Polley, Darrell Polley, chairman Ray, Tom Nienaber, George Hausberger and Dan Carson.

## District 3 awards presented



District 3 chairman presents 25 year pin to Diane Dove of the Pleasant Township VFD. Miss Flame Jessie Dove, looks on. Jessie is the daughter of Diane.

## Elizabeth Shields chosen District 10 Miss Flame



Pictured is District 10 chairman John Ray, 2013 Miss Flame Elizabeth Shields, IVFAA District 10 chairman Janet Mathews and state IVFA president David Israel. - (photo submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.)

## Next deadline: April 5, 2013



### 2012 IVFA coins now available

The 2012 IVFA Convention coins are now available. If you would like to purchase one for \$10.00 each, please contact: Paul Holcomb (502) 664-5736, Rick Cannon (502) 523-2665 or Al Williamson (502) 299-1046.



District 3 chairman Dave Kaufman presents a 25 year pin to Jeff Matchette of the Kingsbury VFD. Miss Flame Jessie Dove looks on.

Chairman Dave Kaufman presents 50 year Gold cards to K.C. Freeland of the Kingsbury VFD and Phill Blum of the Pleasant Township VFD.

Miss Flame Jessie Dove looks on. Jessie is the granddaughter of Phill Blum. - (photos submitted by Dave Kaufman, District 3 chairman).



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# Celebrating 30 years of service



Aboite Township Volunteer Fire Department celebrated by saying "thank you" for supporting them through 30 years of service to Aboite Township and the surrounding area.

They put on a huge celebration for the public with a Hog Roast, activities for kids of all ages, free live concert, fire/emergency vehicle show, fire safety trailer with demonstrations and much more.



Pictured (top left) - Proudly displaying our colors at the opening ceremony of the 30 year celebration.

Pictured (bottom right) - Assistant Chief Jeff Burke and firefighter Jared Burke serving food at the hog roast.

Pictured (top right) - Fire/Emergency Vehicle Show. - photos submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE.

## DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley- Chairman

Happy New Year to All!

2012 is gone. 2013 is here. For those departments in 13A who were fortunate enough to get FEMA grants this past year, congratulations. Congress has extended grants again to help those of you who are still struggling with the lower taxes that are coming in. They did cut the amount but at least the program is still alive. Keep filing for them. Write the best narrative that you can for what you NEED, not what you want. That makes all of the difference in winning the grant or being passed over.

All of you in 13A have some form of new political representatives in both the Statehouse and in Congress. Keep in contact with them. Let them know that you are watching their vote and how they do or do not support the Fire Service. The times have

changed and we must keep up with how they look at us. Volunteers save the citizens of Indiana hundreds of millions of dollars every year. The pancake breakfasts, fish fries and community fairs we all do to raise money aren't enough. The least these elected officials can do is see that we have the funding for the equipment to protect Life and Property in our jurisdictions.

We lost two (2) 50 year Gold card members this past year. Both of these men were leaders of their respective departments as chiefs and mentors. Their combined service of over 110 years in the Hancock County communities they served will greatly be missed. Robert Applegate from the Wilkinson Vol. Fire Department and Don Vail from the McCordsville Vol. Fire Department, rest in peace. Your last fire has been fought. Your last alarm has been sounded.

Our next District meeting is at McCordsville on January 15<sup>th</sup> before this paper comes out. A large number from 13A will also be traveling to the National Fire Academy on January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. There are lots happening in your local departments. You "old timers" be good mentors to the probies. Keep up the good fight and "stay safe out there."

Carol and Marlene



## IVFA Public Relations / Public Education trailer busy in 2012



The IVFA PR/Public Education Trailer was busy during 2012 -- From the Ride the Spectrum for Autism ride in April to Home Safety Days at Home Depot in October. We put on A LOT of miles.

I want to thank the Buck Creek Twp. Fire Department in Mt. Comfort for loaning us one of their pickups to move the trailer around this summer. We passed out hundreds of fire safety coloring books as well as fire safety tips to the folks that stopped by the trailer to chat; Local fish fries to County Fairs and many events in between.

The trailer is here for your department to use in promoting fire safety as well as promoting and recruiting for your department. We will bring it to you for a day or drop it off and pick it up after a week-long event. If you have the equipment to pull it you can pick it up from me or we can meet half way. Whatever works the best for you.

In 2012 we purchased a new eight foot by eight foot (8'x8') background banner to be used at FDIC and other events. We also have two three feet wide by seven feet (3'x7') tall banner displays that you can use.

The calendar is starting to get booked for 2013. If you have an event that you would like the trailer or one of the banners for, contact your District Chairman or you can just email or call me as well.

Carol Thrawley,  
Public Education / Public Relations  
Chairman.

## Don Vermillion receives May deadline fifty-year Gold Card is April 5

(In the photo at left) – Don Vermillion (left) of Sandford-Fayette Twp. Volunteer, is shown receiving his IVFA 50 year Gold Card from Larry Bartlow (right), Public Relations West Central.

The picture was provided by Myka Wells and submitted by Larry Bartlow, PRWC.

12:00 p.m.

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# Travis Miller Memorial Cruise held



A Travis Miller Memorial Cruise was held July 28, 2012.

Pictured (bottom right) is Tianna Schuerman, District 6 Miss Flame playing one of the kids' games. A group picture (top left) was taken with Travis' family and a picture (bottom left) was taken with Travis' family after presenting them with the IVFA Convention Memorial Rose. -- photos by Amanda Paulsen and submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



## RATE SCHEDULE FOR INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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# Crown Point VFD recognizes members



(Photo - left) – Mark Baumgardner Jr. (rRight) is congratulated by board member Mark Schweitzer, on his 10 year membership with Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Mark Baumgardner is a firefighter/paramedic with Crown Point Fire/Rescue.

(Photo - right) – Tim Boomsma, a new member of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department, is a paramedic / firefighter with Crown Point Fire/Rescue. – (photos submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman).



## District 19 Miss Flame chosen

Pictured is Tonya Marsee (left), Jacqueline Eckstein - 2013 Miss Flame and Stephen Macke, District 19 chairman. – (submitted by Stephen Macke, District 19 chairman.)

## Salsman celebrates 32 years of fire service

Donnie Salsman comes from a family of firefighters. His father was one of the founding fathers of the Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept.

Donnie celebrates 32 years service to the community and received his 25 year IVFA pin.

Pictured (left) are Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman and (right) Donnie Salsman. – (submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.)



## Cannons help at department fish fry



Driftwood Fire Department annual Fort Vallonia Days fish fry was held with District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon posing with Clint Walka. – submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

## 2013 IVFA Convention Coin Order Form



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# Convention 2013

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The Muncie Visitors Guide has everything you could possibly want to know about Muncie and Delaware County attractions, local dining, entertainment and more! If you would like a copy of the Muncie Visitors Guide prior to the convention, simply call the Muncie Visitors Bureau at 800-568-6862 or email your name/address to [shonda@visitmuncie.org](mailto:shonda@visitmuncie.org)



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# Charlestown FD activities



Pictured (top left) – A group picture of the Charlestown Fire Department at their Christmas party.

Pictured (top right) – Charlestown’s annual chili supper and auction to benefit Crusade for Children.

Pictured (bottom right) – District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon poses with Billy Caudwell from Charlestown. –photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Honoring our military

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



| First Name  | Middle Name | Last Name     | City            | Department                         |
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| Joseph      | L.          | Sunday        | Farmland        | Farmland VFD Inc.                  |
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| Jeremy      | Wade        | Watkins       | Forest          | Forest VFD                         |
| Andrew      | T.          | Sparks        | Petersburg      | Petersburg VFD                     |
| Matthew     | F.          | Gaff          | Ligonier        | Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.              |
| Philip      | J.          | Murphy        | Ft. Wayne       | St. Joseph Twp. FD                 |
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| Joel        |             | Storm         | Madison         | Western Fire Co. #3                |
| Darin       | Ray         | Scudder       | Rising Sun      | Rising Sun VFD, Inc.               |
| Odis        | Ray         | King          | Mitchell        | Marion Twp. Rural FD               |
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| Cean        | L.          | Pemberton     | Wahiawa         | Sandborn VFD                       |
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| Spencer     | Louis       | Baumgartner   | Milford         | Milford Fire Dept.                 |
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| Brian       | Douglas     | Ervin         | Coatesville     | Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.   |
| Anthony     | D.          | DiMeglio      | Sunman          | Sunman Rural FD Inc.               |
| George      | Paul        | Altepeter     | Columbus        | Southwest VFD                      |
| Chris       | James       | Moore         | Columbus        | Southwest VFD                      |
| Colin       | Justin      | English       | Florence        | Posey Twp. VFD                     |
| Brandon     | Joe         | Johnson       | Mitchell        | Marion Twp. Rural FD               |
| Brock       | Michael     | Buchanan      | Fort Belvoir    | Vincennes Twp. VFD                 |
| Edger       | Leonel      | Lopez         | Crown Point     | Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force    |
| Dallas      | William     | Hutts         | Kingsford Hts.  | Kingsford-Union VFD                |
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| Zack        | Steven      | Vandergriff   | Underwood       | Monroe Twp. VFD                    |
| Frank       |             | Galvan        | Brooklyn        | Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)       |
| Jered       | Alan        | Stettet       | Dubois          | Dubois VFD                         |
| Michael     | Anthony     | Sabo          | Lake Station    | Lake Station VFD                   |
| Casey       | John        | Maxwell       | Fort Wayne      | North East Allen County Fire & EMS |
| Jared       | Patrick     | Maxwell       | Fort Wayne      | North East Allen County Fire & EMS |
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| Schyler     | D.          | Clark         | Bicknell        | Vigo Twp. VFD                      |
| Michael     | Jacob       | Collins       | French Lick     | Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1     |
| Rodney      | E.          | Pentecost     | Greens Fork     | Clay Twp. VFD Inc.                 |
| Kendall     | Jacob       | Kerzan        | Vincennes       | Vincennes Twp. VFD                 |
| Chad        | Allen       | Warner        | Lewisville      | Lewisville-Franklin Fire Dept.     |
| Casey       | W.          | Foye          | Paoli           | Southeast Twp. VFD                 |
| Elizabeth   | Nicole      | Ireland       | Kingman         | Jackson Twp. VFD                   |
| Thomas      | Michael     | Bedway        | Coal City       | Coal City VFD                      |
| Bradley     | J.          | Zimmerman     | Muncie          | Hamilton Twp. VFD                  |
| Zachery     | Michael     | Powers        | Chesterfield    | Richland Twp. FD                   |
| Adam        | David       | Luecke        | Seymour         | Jackson - Washington Fire Dept.    |
| Justin      | L.          | Yagel         | Columbia City   | Union Twp. VFD Inc.                |
| Matthew     | Allen       | Theurer       | Portland        | Salamonia Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.     |
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# Top Cop Gun Match recently held



First place winner - T J Grace



Second place winner – John Sanders



Third place winner – William Hardin



## Kimmel named Firefighter of the Year



Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence County, Bedford, IN, held its annual Christmas dinner on December 9, 2012.

Fire Chief Robert A. Brown presented Andrew Kimmel the 2012 Firefighter of the Year award. – submitted by Robert Barber, assistant training officer, Shawswick VFD.

## Schnellville VFD members receive 25 year pins



At the December 29, 2012 meeting of the Schnellville VFD (Dubois Co., District 18), two members were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership by District 18 chairman, John "Bull" Smith.

Pictured are SVFD members David Schuetter (left) and Steve Leonard. –photo and article submitted by District 18 chairman Smith.

### Be safe this winter!

Silver Creek Conservation Club along with Shooter Supply and Louisville Metro Police, held its Top Cop Gun Match. District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Richie Cannon held a side match to shoot bowling pins. The proceeds went to charity.

The plaques were made by VIP Sports and donated by Teresa Ball and her company - Indiana Health Careers. Rick is shown (above) giving the winners their plaques. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## Sellersburg hosts parade



Sellersburg celebrated its annual parade and festival. The theme of the parade was "Hometown Heroes."

In the above photo, Sellersburg's Richie Cannon leads the parade.



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon gives a trophy to the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department.



The Sellersburg Moose Lodge was one of the winners.

## Future firefighter?



Pictured is Miles T. Kiefer, 2 ½ years old. Miles' Uncle Todd Keifer has been on the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, Jasper, IN for 12 years. Grandpa Tom Kiefer, retired after 33 years. Great-grandpa William Kiefer retired after 30 years and great-great-grandpa Herman Kiefer was a member of the department for 50 years. – submitted by Thomas Kiefer.

## Department acquires new fire truck



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department got a new International 2007 fire truck.

It is a 5-man cab, 750 gallon tank, and 1000 gallon front mount pump. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

# District 8B chairman Wright busy with awards in 2012

# Brown receives 25 year service pin



Two volunteers from Blountsville Fire Department received service awards from Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Mike Lykins received a service award for 39 years. Jerry Glaser received a 25 year pin.

Pictured (from left to right) are Mike Lykins, Jerry Glaser, and Lloyd E. Wright.

*Photos by  
Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B  
Chairman*



Pictured is Chief Robert Brown of the Shawswick VFD receiving his 25 year pin for over 25 years service from IVFA Public Relations James Abrams.

Also pictured is Steve Nolan, District 17B chairman. – submitted by Steve Nolan, District 17B chairman.



On October 17, 2012 Claude Reffett from the Albany Volunteer Fire Department was presented with his 25 year pin.

Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman and Claude Reffett.

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Tony Ray Terry from the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a 25 year pin on November 19, 2012 by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Mike Delaney from the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year Gold Card and pin on November 20, 2012.

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# District 8B chairman Wright hands out awards in 2012



On December 1, 2012, the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party.

Receiving a 25 year pin was Jerry Anderson.

Pictured (from left to right) are Lexi Blumenhorst, District 8B 2013 Miss Flame, Jerry Anderson, and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



On December 4, 2012, Dennis Brown of the White River Township Volunteer Fire Department, received his service award for 38 years of service.

Dennis will be retiring from the department as of January.

Pictured are Dennis Brown and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



On December 9, 2012 the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presented four members with a service award.

Pictured (from left to right) are Randy Coleman with 15 years, Clayton Hummel with 48 years, Eldon Morriscal with 35 years, and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



On December 10, 2012 Lloyd E. Wright presented service awards to three members of the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) are Bill Shreves with 38 years, Robert Wilson with 38 years, Larry Richards with 30 years and Lloyd E. Wright 8B chairman.



Marvin W. Mock from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department was presented with his 50 year Gold Card and pin on December 11, 2012 by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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# Members of FDLT receive IVFA 25 year pins; 50 year Gold Card



On December 2, 2012 at a Christmas awards dinner, six firefighters were celebrated for their longevity and dedication to the community.

The Fire Department of Liberty Township was founded when three departments in Hendricks County all merged into one department.

(In the top photo at left) – Bonnie Kittle and husband, Tim have 29 years service to the community.

Tim is not shown in this picture because he had to go to work, however, they are a true husband and wife team dedicating their time and service to others.

They both received an IVFA 25 year pin.

(Left) Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman and (right) Bonnie Kittle.



Robert Lanham is a longtime dedicated firefighter. He celebrates 32 years of service to the community and receives his 25 year pin.

(Left) District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and (right) Robert Lanham.



Chief Dixon "Bobbie" is another that comes to us from a family of firefighters. Chief Dixon has 29 years of service and received her IVFA 25 year pin. (Left) District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and (right) FDLT Chief Roberta Dixon.



Robert Powell received a 50 year Gold Card and a 50 year IVFA pin. Bob has 55 years service to the community. We appreciated all your hard work and dedication. (Left) Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman, (right) Robert Powell.



## Lexi Blumenhorst District 8B 2013 Miss Flame

District 8B held their 2013 Miss Flame contest on November 14, 2012 at the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department.

Lexi Blumenhorst from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department was named Miss Flame for 2013.

Pictured (from left to right) are Lexi Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame for 2013 and Courtney Willoughby from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, District 8B Miss Flame for 2012. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

*Photos submitted by Larry Bruner District 12 chairman*

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# District 17A recognizes many with awards



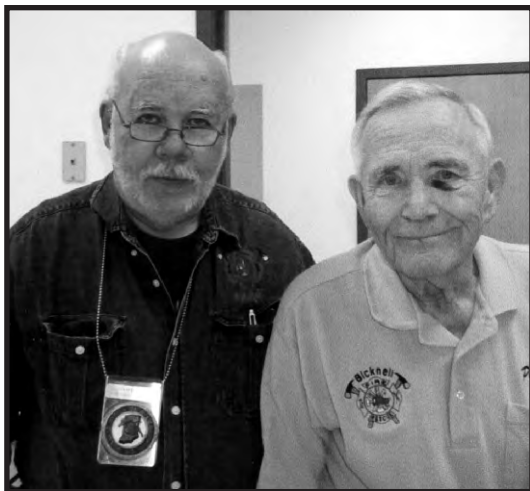
50 YEAR MEMBER – Sam Emery (left), District 17A chairman, presents Larry Shute, Beach Creek Twp./Eastern VFD with his 50 year Gold Card and pin.



50 YEAR AWARD – Lowry Cooper, Petersburg VFD, is presented his 50 year Gold Card and pin and an award from Mayor Jon Craig. Pictured are Mayor Jon Craig, Lowry Cooper, Chief Philip Taylor, District 17A chairman Sam Emery and IVFA past president Jack Kerney.



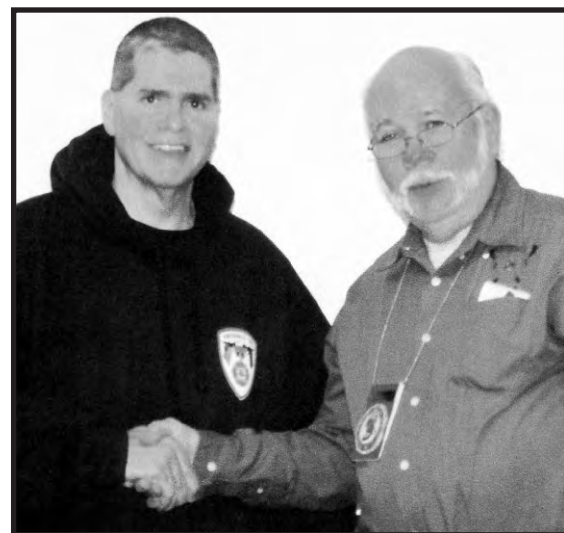
25 YEAR AWARD – Raymond Brooks, Spurgeon VFD, is presented his 25 year in by District 17A chairman Sam Emery.



50 YEAR MEMBER – Donald Ray Page (right), Bicknell VFD, is presented with his 50 year Gold Card and pin by District 17A chairman Sam Emery.

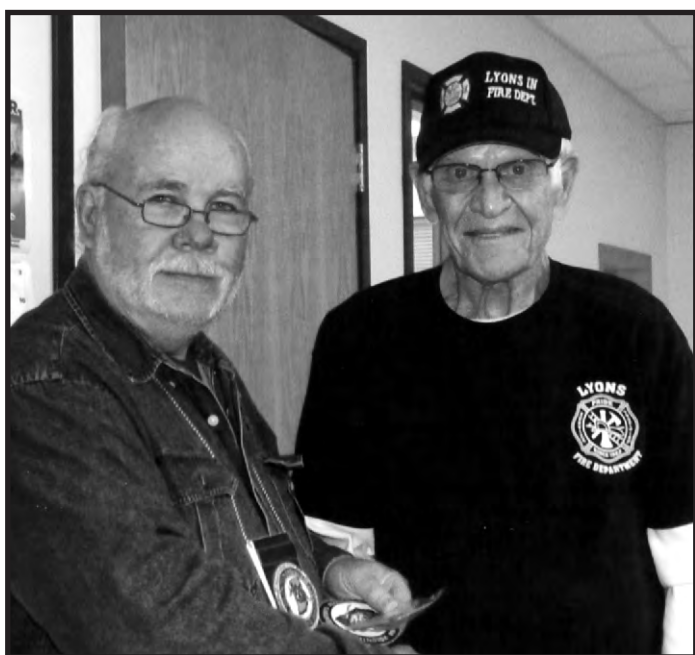


25 YEAR AWARDS – Sam Emery, District 17A chairman presented Petersburg VFD members their 25 year pins – Alan Tegmeyer, Rich Coan and Ross Elmore with Chief Philip Taylor in attendance.

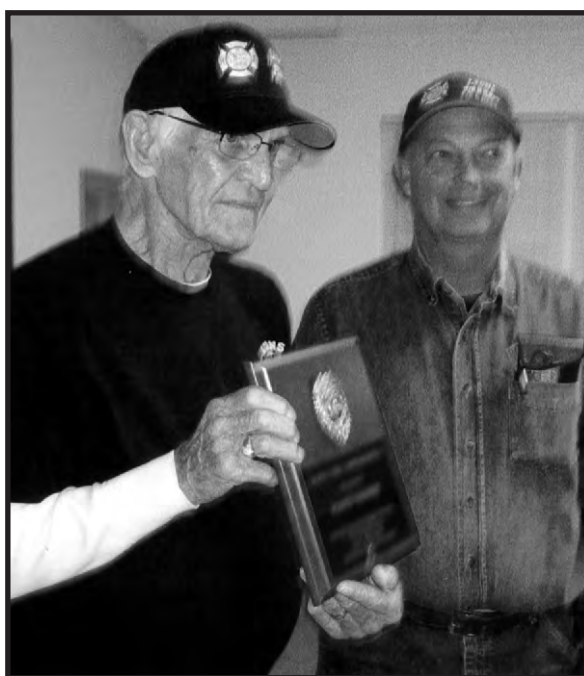


25 YEAR AWARD – Paul Douglas Thompson, (left), Vincennes Twp. VFD, is presented his 25 year pin by District 17A chairman Sam Emery.

*Photos submitted by District 17A chairman, Sam Emery*



50 YEAR MEMBER AWARD – Left photo – Sam Emery (left), District 17A chairman, presents Floyd Vaughn, Lyons VFD with his 50 year Gold Card and pin.



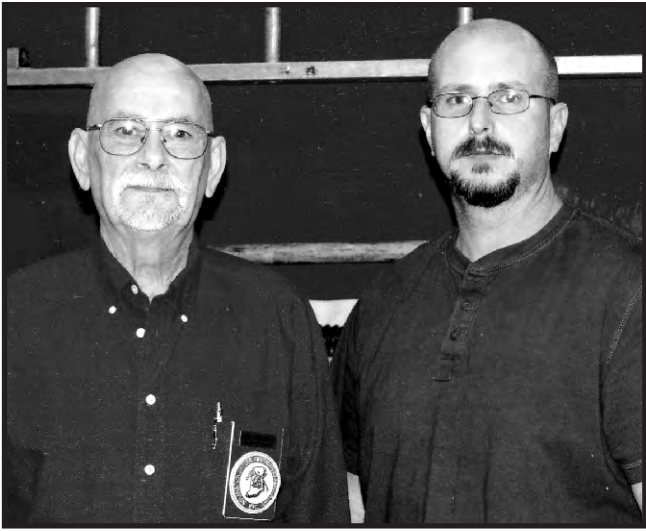
50 YEAR DEPARTMENT AWARD – Right photo – Floyd Vaughn (left), Lyons VFD, is presented with a 50 year department award by Teddy York, the chief.

## *New station ground breaking*

Ground breaking was held for the new Taylor Twp. Fire Station.



# Awards given to members of District 5



Kristopher Warren, (right), Mentone Fire, receives a 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



Kenneth Yost, Mentone Fire, receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger (right), with Chief Michael Yazel.

*Photos submitted by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger*



John Tucker (center), Burket Fire Department, receives his 50 year Gold Card and pin from PRNE Jean Smith and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



Mentone fireman Joseph Good (center), receives his 50 year Gold Card and pin with Chief Michael Yazel and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



Douglas Good (right), Argos Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



James Bonine, Denny Morrison, and Terry Wakefield, from the Culver-Union Twp. Fire Department, receive 25 year pins from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



Mike Grover (center), Culver-Union Twp. Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger (left) and PRNE Jean Smith.

## Abigail Smith crowned District 4 Miss Flame



Abigail Smith was crowned District 4 Miss Flame by the state IVFA Miss Flame Jessica Dove. Abby comes from New Carlisle Fire Department.

Pictured (L to R): PRNE Jean Smith, IVFA Miss Flame Jessica Dove, District 4 chairman Terry Smith and District 4 Miss Flame Abigail Smith. – submitted by District 4 chairman Terry Smith.



KOSCIUSKO CO. FIREMEN RECEIVE 25 YEAR PINS – Joel Peckham - Atwood, Mark Hughes - Mentone, Arlus Schaefer - N. Webster, Kerry Stogsdill - Warsaw, Mark Howard - Warsaw. The pins were awarded by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

## Department acquires new grass truck



The Albany-Delaware Township Volunteer Fire Department got a new grass truck.

It is a Ford F450 with a 350 gallon pump, 4 front nozzle sprayers. Bar in front and a wench that can be used on the side or the front. It has 2 jump seats on the side. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Department holds Fire Protection Day



The Portland Fire Department on October 6, 2012, held their fire protection day at their station.

Pictured is the crowd looking at some of their trucks. Also shown is their smoke training trailer. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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## 2013 IVFA Convention

### Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

#### Wednesday June 12, 2013

| <u>Time</u>      | <u>Event</u>              | <u>Location</u>   |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 9 am to 3 pm     | Golf Scramble             | Player's Club     |
| 9 am to 3 pm     | Outside Vendor Setup      | Convention Center |
| 9 am to 5 pm     | Registration              | Signature Inn     |
| 12 pm to 3 pm    | Cornhole (open play)      | Signature Inn     |
| 3 pm to 5 pm     | Cornhole Tournament       | Signature Inn     |
| 5 pm to 7 pm     | Meal/Benefit Auction      | TBA               |
| 7 pm to 9 pm     | Hoosier Burn Camp Auction | TBA               |
| 9 pm to Midnight | Entertainment             | TBA               |
| 9 pm to Midnight | Hospitality Room          | Signature Inn     |

#### Thursday June 13, 2013

| <u>Time</u>          | <u>Event</u>              | <u>Location</u>      |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 7 am to 10 am        | Vendor Setup              | Convention Center    |
| 8 am to 5 pm         | Registration Open         | Lobby                |
| 8 am to 12 pm        | Miss Flame Closed Judging | Cardinal Creek       |
| 9 am to 4 pm         | Children's Area           | Hackley Reserve      |
| 9 am to 4 pm         | Chinese Auction           | Vendor Area          |
| 9 am to 12 pm        | BFFPSE Meeting            | Interurban Hall      |
| 10 am to 5 pm        | Vendor's Open             | Delaware and Lobby's |
| 12:30 pm to 4 pm     | Various Games             | Park Area            |
| 12 :30 pm to 1:30 pm | Miss Flame Luncheon       | Prairie Creek        |
| 1 pm to 3 pm         | Seminar                   | White River 1        |
| 1 pm to 3 pm         | Seminar                   | White River 2        |
| 1 pm to 3 pm         | Seminar                   | Cardinal Creek       |
| 2 pm to 4 pm         | Open Miss Flame Judging   | Interurban Hall      |
| 3 pm to 4 pm         | IVFA Officer Meeting      | Cardinal Creek       |
| 3 pm to 4 pm         | IVFAA Officer Meeting     | Mississinewa         |
| 5 pm to 6:30 pm      | Hot Dog Bust              | Park Area            |
| 7:30 pm to 9 pm      | Opening Meeting           | Interurban Hall      |
| 7 pm to 9 pm         | Children's Area           | Hackley Reserve      |
| 9 pm to Midnight     | Entertainment             | TBA                  |
| 9 pm to Midnight     | Hospitality Room          | TBA                  |

#### Friday June 14, 2013

| <u>Time</u>      | <u>Event</u>                    | <u>Location</u>        |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6 am to 7 am     | Coffee Clutch                   | Lobby                  |
| 7:30 am to 9 am  | Memorial Service                | Interurban Hall        |
| 8 am to 2 pm     | Registration Open               | Lobby                  |
| 9 am to 2 pm     | Chinese Auction                 | Vendor Area            |
| 9:30 am to Close | IVFAA Annual Meeting            | Prairie Creek          |
| 9:30 am to Close | IVFA Meeting                    | Delaware Hall          |
| 11:30 to 1:00    | Vendor Lunch                    | Vendor Area's          |
| 11 am to 4 pm    | Vendor's Open                   | Delaware/Lobby         |
| 11 am to 4 pm    | Miss Flame Outing               | TBA                    |
| 5 pm to 9 pm     | Children's Party (up to age 11) | Children's Museum      |
| 5 pm to 9 pm     | Children's Party (over age 11)  | Museum/Hackley Reserve |
| 5 pm to 9 pm     | Banquet Meal                    | Delaware Hall          |
| 9 pm to ????     | Family Time                     | Children's Museum      |
| 9 pm to ????     | Family Time                     | Hackley Reserve        |
| 9 pm to Midnight | Casino Opens                    | Delaware Hall          |





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## Anhydrous ammonia training held



On September 24, 2012 the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held training on Anhydrous Ammonia. There were eight different fire departments, police and E.M.S. in attendance. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Liberty Twp. VFD hosts chili supper



The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper at their station on October 6, 2012. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

### DEADLINES

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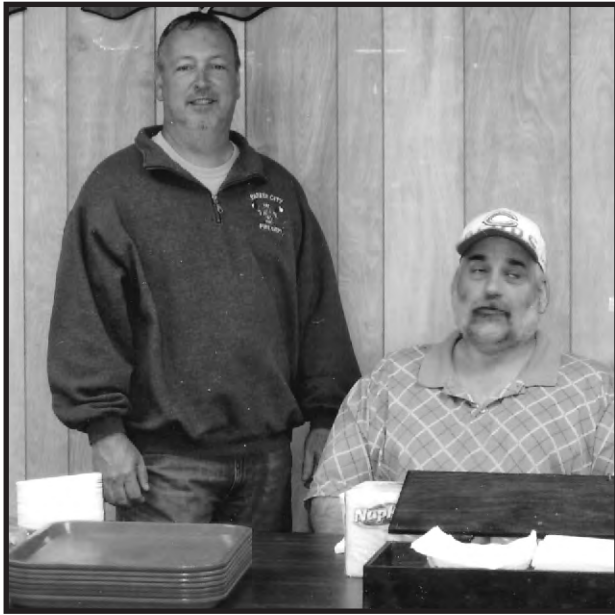
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# Car show and chili supper held



The Parker City Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper and car show on October 27, 2012.  
Come on people, get your chili!  
Look at some of the nice cars at the car show. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

# Tips to prevent home fires caused by space heaters

As fire departments across the country battle winter home fires, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reminds consumers to demonstrate care when purchasing and using space heaters.

CPSC estimates that space heaters, including both fixed and portable heaters, are associated with about 21,800 residential fires every year.

About 300 people die each year in fires by these heaters. Fuel-burning space heaters also can cause carbon monoxide poisoning and indoor air pollution, because of improper venting or incomplete combustion.

There are still too many space heater fires. While CPSC has worked hard with industry to improve safety standards for space heaters, consumers must exercise care in their purchase and use.

Consumers should be aware that older space heaters might not meet the newer safety standards. The CPSC has worked to upgrade the industry standards on electric, kerosene and unvented gas space heaters. An automatic cut-off device is now required, which turns off electric or kerosene heaters if they tip over. More guarding around the heating coils of electric heaters and the burner of kerosene heaters also is required to prevent fires. CPSC worked to upgrade the industry standard on unvented gas heaters, as well, to provide an oxygen depletion sensor to shut off the heater if the oxygen level drops too low.

Here are some CPSC safety tips for

buying and using space heaters:

1. Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element. Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture, or other flammable materials.
2. Choose a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters meet specific safety standards.
3. Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to

provide sufficient combustion air to prevent CO production.

4. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.
5. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Have a smoke detector with fresh batteries on each level of the house and a carbon monoxide detector outside your sleeping area.
7. Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.
8. Have gas and kerosene space heaters inspected annually.

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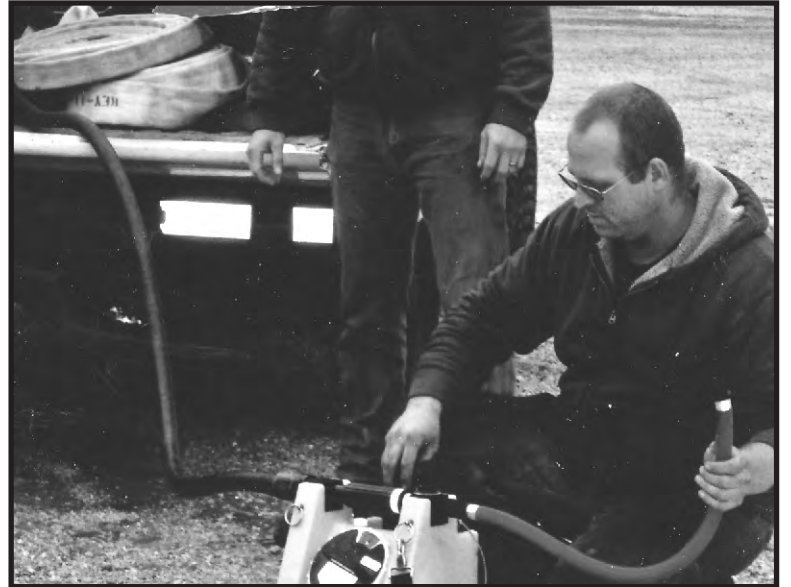
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Huntington Township, Huntington, IN  
Rosenbauer rear mount pumper

# White River Township FD holds training



On September 2, 2012, the White River Township Volunteer Fire Department held training on the Bliss Nozzle and form training. They also held training on the use of their truck.

Pictured is Jeff Sears. Sure hope he knows what he is doing! – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



## Register for Free Fire Corps training

Fire Corps offers free online training through the Fire Corps Academy. A series of webinars are scheduled this winter on a variety of topics, including starting and implementing a local program, recruiting members, funding and support, and activity-specific courses like disaster preparedness and public education.

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## Daleville VFD hosts annual pork chop dinner



On October 13, 2012 the Daleville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual pork chop dinner at their station.

Looks like the guys are doing the cooking. Hope they don't burn them! – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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