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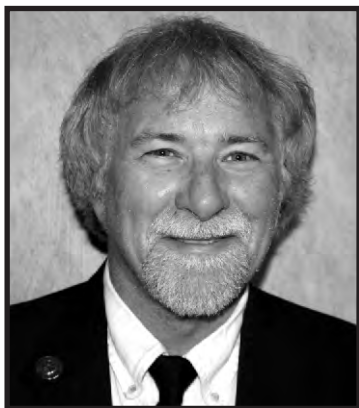
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From The President

David Israel



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous 2014.

I know 2014 already started out with ice, snow, blizzard conditions, house fires, floods, wrecks and a whole lot of challenges. But we as Public Safety Servants to our communities love the challenges that come before us. That is why we do the job we do.

The 2014 Legislative Session has started and two bills we need support on if we are going to change HB

1005. This is going to be an uphill battle. We need you to call your Legislators to have them support SB 167 and HB 1007. You should be able to find these bills on the IVFA Legislative page on the website. If not get ahold of any IVFA officer and they can help you. CALL, CALL, EMAIL, EMAIL YOUR LEGISLATORS NOW!!

It is a shame that HB 1005 was even introduced because of a few bad apples and those that have that power struggle thing that interferes with us protecting and helping our communities. We all have to get along and do what we are here to do, protect and save lives in the areas we serve.

CONGRATULATIONS, PETE ANDEASTER!

As I start my last year as your President, I was thinking WOW!! How fast 4 years have went by. I have a couple of projects to finish up that I think, you, our members will benefit from and like. I have had a blast and enjoyed every part of being your President. When you surround yourself with good people (you, our members and our officers) good things happen.

I told Pam I would keep the article short because I am late again. THANK YOU, PAM.

Get your stuff put on the IVFA calendar and attend the District

meetings. You have a chance this year in each quarter to WIN A \$100.00 GAS CARD and a \$65.00 CLEANING SUPPLY BASKET. Tell our sponsors "Thank You",

California Casualty, The Ezell Group and Station Supply.

Larry B., don't forget what one of your projects is this year.

Be safe.

Hope to see you at the next district meeting in your area.

David Israel

Awarded coin and pin for years of service to Board



At the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education held on 21 October, IVFA Southwest PR Representative Jack Kerney (right) was presented with a Department of Homeland Security Challenge Coin and Fire Marshal's Pin from State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson (left).

The presentation was in appreciation of Jack's years of service to the Board. - Photo and article provided by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith

I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Starting with the first IVFA quarterly meeting in February 2014 a drawing will be held for IVFA members attending IVFA district meetings.

There are only two prizes per Quarterly Drawing.

This program is made possible and sponsored by:

California Casualty Insurance Co. (a \$100 Gas Card February and May)

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The program is as follows:

- The drawing is open to all IVFA members in good standing and will be held each quarter.

- Member must be present at the IVFA District meeting to receive ticket for the drawing.

- You will receive a ticket at each IVFA District meeting you attend.

- Tickets must be filled out completely to qualify.

- Tickets will be collected at the end of the IVFA District meeting.

- District Chairmen must turn in completed tickets at the next scheduled IVFA Quarterly Officers' Meeting. (If they forget to turn them in they will be included in the next quarterly drawing).

- Prizes will be mailed from the IVFA Central Office or delivered by the District Chairman.

IVFA State Officers are NOT ELIGIBLE for the drawing.

Attending your district meeting can be fun, informative, and rewarding.

Questions concerning the program, please contact your District Chairman.

Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Summit recently held

Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, along with members of the Indiana Fire Alliance, convened a summit of fire and emergency service leaders on October 15th in Indianapolis to discuss the need for a state fire and emergency services academy.

More than 50 attendees participated in 2 ½ days of discussion and debate. The attendees represented fire departments staffed by volunteer and career personnel, emergency medical services and emergency managers. The discussions were facilitated by Garry Briese from Colorado Springs, CO. Garry is the former executive director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and currently executive director of the firefighter cancer support network.

State fire training systems from Kentucky, Illinois and Ohio presented about their systems, the training they deliver and how it is delivered.

The topics discussed by the assembly included:

- Advantages of a centralized educational facility
- Deliverables to enhance the training and education system for firefighters, EMTs and EMA personnel
- Funding amount and source(s)
- Proposed assets for the facility
- Program quality

The assembly also discussed:

- The importance of maintaining a regional delivery system that is currently in place.
- Standardized curriculum that increases the consistency of training throughout the state.
- Increased quality assurance program designed to assist the instructors in the proper delivery of curriculum.

The results of these discussions are being formulated into a document that will be used to create short and long term strategic vision, planning and training goals.

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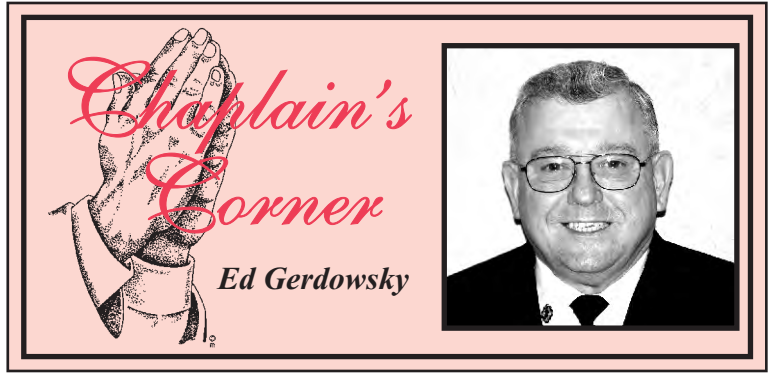
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I hope this blistery wintery mix of snow and ice is letting people continue to do what they need to if they have to be out in any of the cold weather. I am praying that all who do have to go out will be safe as they travel to and from work or wherever they have to go. Praying you will all have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Praying for the victims who have had to deal with fires and losses in the recent months. Chaplain Carl Coffey & President Dave Israel were involved in the house fire at Nineveh giving their support to those who were in need. That says a lot for our organization to have good people out there when they are needed. Thanks to all who helped in any way. We also lost a dear member of the IVFAA. Mort Sorg & family have lost their wife, mother, and grandmother as Toni went to be with Our Lord. Please keep them all in your prayers.

I have done several memorial services as have my associate chaplains. We are grateful to help out when needed. If you need us for anything at all please feel free to contact any one of us. We are all listed in the IVFA paper.

I went to several breakfasts in the area and will be doing a talk for my granddaughter, Taylor's school at career day. They wanted to know what a Fire Chaplain did so I will be doing that tomorrow, December 10.

Will be attending the February meeting in Indy so if you have any questions or concerns please let me know. If you need Bibles or grave markers please let me know. They seem to like them a lot when passed out to families.

Have a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Blessed is the man who listens to Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors.

For whoever finds Me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord. Proverbs 8:34,35.

Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky
December 9, 2013

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*Announced by all the trumpets in the sky,  
Arrives the snow.* - Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Old things are passed away;  
Behold, all things become new.* - II Corinthians 5:17

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# From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



Happy New Year to everyone! Last year I was lucky enough to be a part of several unique projects. The State Fire Academy Summit held in October brought together 75 firefighters from all over the state. This committee is in the process of determining what an Indiana fire academy concept would include. A summary of that summit should be included in this issue of the paper. We still have a lot of work to do, so stay tuned for further updates.

Another group that has been meeting is the Fire and Emergency Service Funding Task Force. This group is looking at ways to improve funding mechanisms for departments across the state. This group includes several state legislators that are concerned about the current funding situation. Again stay tuned to what this group comes up with.

Another group is working with state fire training officials to give students more credit for completing practical skills for the Mandatory, Fire 1, Fire 2 and Driver/Operator certifications. This will be combined with their written test score to determine their final overall score. We hope to be wrapped up with this project by June or July in order for it to be beta-tested.

By the time you are reading this, we will be well 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.

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.

S. Anderson

(Pictured at right) – Jonesboro station clock presentation at Gas City, District 8A in November 2013.

Photos Submitted By Bill Pape District 8A chairman

## IVFAA Miriam A. Schaekel Meritorious Service Award

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

**It is named in honor of Miriam A. Schaekel, who served as the Auxiliary's Sergeant-of-Arms for over 30 years. Her dedication to the betterment of the Ladies Auxiliary Association was unwavering. She performed her duties most honorably and efficiently with a smile and the good of the Association, always in the forefront.**



1. This award shall consist of an 8" crystal-like Flame, on a solid wood platform inscribed with the recipient's name and the year in which the award was presented.
2. It shall be awarded at the annual convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association held in the month of June each year.
3. The selection committee shall consist of: IVFAA President, and the last two recipients of the award.  
If this is not possible, the President of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Ladies Auxiliary shall appoint a member to any openings not filled by recipients.
4. Members may submit an original letter of nomination to the Auxiliary President (no copies please) postmarked no later than the first day of February each year.

With the permission of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary, this award will be sponsored each year by: Buz and Carol Koehler, Larry and Lou Bartlow

## Presentations made in District 8A



50 year award at Gas City, District 8A to Charles Sultz from Jonesboro V.F.D.



## Miss Flame Notes...

The new year has begun and we are gearing up for the 2014 Miss Flame program.

The last several years we have had an excellent turnout. We want to see that to continue. I know some of you have not held your district event as yet, but please do not wait until the last minute to get your girl's application in to us. **REMEMBER MARCH 1 IS THE DEADLINE** for submitting names.

When sending in your entry, remember the following:

1. Application filled out and signed.
2. Pictures (2) to be used for newspaper and convention booklet. We prefer that they be no larger than 3x5 if possible.
3. A \$25.00 entry fee. If check is used make payable to: Mary Mackin Memorial Fund.

It is very important that girls who are entering the contest know when the convention is going to be held and where. It is not fair to the District or the Committee as they make preparations for the contest and then the girl decides at the last minute she cannot participate as she has other commitments.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself (812-867-2541) or E J Smith (260-639-3231).

## 2014 District 10 Miss Flame



From left to right: IVFA District 10 Chairman John Ray, District 10 Miss Flame for 2014 Jaelyn Mathews, IVFAA District 10 Chairman Janet Mathews. – submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

### IVFA MEETING DISTRICT 1 & 2

Keener Twp. Fire Department  
Sept. 18, 2013

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Prayer was led by Randy Wood of Keener Twp. Fire Department.

Pledge was recited.

Chairman Paul Watland thanked Keener Twp. Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 5 members representing 4 departments. District 2 by 30 members and 1 guest representing 8 departments.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests in attendance - 50 year Gold card members Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Jerry Miller of Merrillville Fire Dept., and Bub Wise of Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. Other members: Tom Orrell, District 1 Chairman, Steve Anderson, VP of I.V.F.A., Marge Baumgardner, Secretary 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Martha Thomas - 2013 Lois Boaz winner and Past President, Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Tyler Summers from Global, Jim Daley from Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Randy Wood gave department history.

Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Bill Casbon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Paul Watland gave Treasurer's report with \$223.73 in checking.

Communications: Steve Anderson, VP of I.V.F.A. talked about Firefighter 1 & 2 - testing and written. He also talked about the State in the planning stages of building a State Fire Academy.

The program tonight was presented by Mike Parks and Eric Krutz from IDHS District #1.

Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman of the I.V.F.A.A. talked about Miss Flame. Asking the members in attendance to please go back to your department and see if you have any young ladies who are interested in participating in Miss Flame this year. Applications are due to Phyllis by Oct. 15th.

A moment of silence was given for the following death in District 2 - Found out tonight that Pete Monix from St. John Fire Department passed away this evening. Pete was 2013 Global Award winner.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Paul Watland talked about 2014 Convention will be held in Indianapolis this next year.

### Department Announcements:

Next meeting will be at Wheatfield Fire Department Station 3 on November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 winner was David Witt from Wheatfield Fire for \$61.50.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Bill Casbon. Motion passed.

### Respectfully Submitted:

Marge Baumgardner  
Pro-tem Secretary  
District 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting

November 14, 2013  
Milford Fire Department,  
Milford I

The 5th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Kissinger which was held on November 14, 2013 at Milford Fire Department which began with the Pledge. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 19 members and 6 guests which included Jean & EJ Smith, Judy & Terry Smith, Brooklyn Gephart, and Debbie Campbell. The minutes were read and approved by the members.

Chairman Kissinger stated to the members that nominations were due by February 1, 2014, for the Angel Award (for a female I.V.F.A. member and 5 years service), Global Award, Mr. I.V.F.A. and Ollie Sandberg.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith discussed the new award for an outstanding Junior Firefighter. The award will be in the shape of a bugle on a stand with a green band. The nomination must be for a firefighter age is 14-21, high school diploma or GED, actively involved in an organized Junior Firefighter Program or Cadet Program.

Don informed the members that the I.V.F.A. was trying to change Bill 1005. This is where a Trustee cannot be a Trustee, board member or a firefighter. He informed everyone to write a letter to their representative telling them they are not for this bill. This affects over 500 firefighters for the State.

Don stated that every time you attend your district meeting, you fill out a form and he will take the form to the state quarterly meeting. All the districts of Indiana will put their forms in a bowl for a drawing of two prizes. Station Supply will offer a \$65 detailing kit and the second prize will be a \$100 Gift Card from California Casualty Insurance.

PRNE Jean Smith discussed the Toy Gun Novelty Lighters. Children see these lighters and think they are toys and accidentally light them starting fires. The I.V.F.A. is trying to put a stop to have these on the market.

Jean stated the Fire Marshal's

office is putting on a state training from October 15-17 for 58 people.

655 rewrites in Fire 1 & 2 training are in the hands of legislative services. The Marshal's office is in transition at this time and there are no new changes at this time. The EMS office is in the Marshal's office at this time, but might end in Department of Health. Recertification of Fire 1 & 2 has done a 360 turn to an Accreditation Program.

W. L. Gore Association is having problems with their moisture barriers which are 1 or 2 years old. The seam tape is coming loose and allowing moisture to form.

Questions are arising concerning the "Obamacare" for the Volunteer Fire Service. The National Volunteer Fire Council is working with Congress and the IRS to address the issues concerning the fire service. If it does not get a favorable determination, this will have a drastic affect on the Volunteer Fire Service. It requires employers with 50 or more full time employees to provide health insurance or face a tax penalty. The IRS has determined that for tax purposes, volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel are employees of agencies they serve. Call or write your representative to tell them to exempt firefighters and EMS employees.

Don informed everyone of the 2014 I.V.F.A. Convention which will be held at the Caribbean Cove in Indianapolis from June 18-20. The cost for the room is \$94.77 (rate and tax) per night. If a Miss Flame is calling for a room, they are to give the code "Flames for Girls" so the reservation people will know to put the Miss Flames rooms together. The number to the hotel is 317-872-9290.

I.V.F.A.A. District 4 & 5 Chairman Judy Smith crowned Brooklyn Gephart as the 2014 District 5 Miss Flame. Brooklyn is from the Claypool Fire Department.

Don presented a Gold Card and Pin for Vernon Himes from the Warsaw Fire Department to Vernon's son, Terry, for his 50 years of service in the fire service.

Tony Farrer from Bremen Fire Departments announced that they will be at the Marshall County Fair July 1-5, 2014. He also said that they are receiving a Ford 110 Duly in the Spring.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2014 at the Plymouth Fire Department. The meeting will be held at the Eagles which is behind the fire department one block west.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Smith  
Acting Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Well, firefighters, we made it to a new year. I wish to say that it's about time we made it to a new year.

I wish to thank the Cicero Fire Department for inviting myself and wife, Joan, to their Christmas dinner.

I am asking the people of the district to please keep an eye open for what the Legislature is doing in the upcoming year of 2014.

I wish to remind the departments to please look at your contracts that you have with your governing bodies.

I would like to ask my fellow firefighters to please review the records of the department for training and inventory and repair records for your departments.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy spring.

Please attend your department meetings and district meetings.

Thank you for all.  
Bill

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department on November 13, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chairman Wright thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Pennville VFD for hosting the meeting.

Roll call was taken with 60 members from 8 departments in attendance. There were 4 guests in

attendance, Cindy VanGordon, Larry Curl, Buz Koehler and Don Cushman. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

The Miss Flame contest was held with five girls vying for the title. Amanda Evers from the Bryant VFD, Adrian Badger from the Salem Township Daleville VFD, Menausha VanSkyock from the Bryant VFD, Maureen Ramel from the Hamilton Township VFD, and Lexi Blumenhorst from the Dunkirk VFD. Lexi Blumenhorst was named District 8B Miss Flame for 2014 and Maureen Ramel was the 1st runner-up.

Discussion was held on the old and new business.

Chairman Wright told the group about the new drawing that the IVFA is having. Every time that a member attends a district meeting they will get a ticket for the drawing. The drawing will be held every quarter.

Good of the order was fish fry and tool auction to be held by different departments.

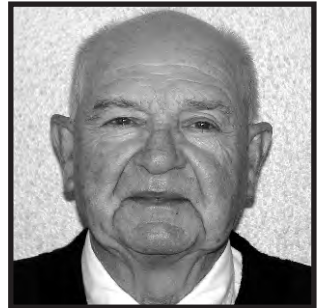
Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 133 fires and 124 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held at the Portland Fire Department on January 8, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope everyone will have a safe 2014.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

I hope everyone had a blessed and joyous holiday season. Our family had a wonderful Christmas with our daughters and their families. We were greeted with the announcement of an engagement from our grandson Jon and his girlfriend, Becca. Our oldest granddaughter, Cortney and her husband Tanner, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first child, our second great-grandson, in April. It appears 2014 will be a busy one in and around the Ray

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT

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household. Granny & Grandpa Great are getting lots of practice with baby Hayden, who is nearly 5 months now.

At the November District 10 meeting held at Moral Twp., Ms. Jaylyn Mathews was chosen Miss Flame for 2014. We welcome and look forward to working with Jaylyn as she participates in various activities and events of District 10 IVFA in the coming year. Jaylyn is the daughter of District 10 IVFAA President Janet Mathews and sister of former Miss Flame Danielle Mathews of St. Paul.

In December I was happy to attend the Clifford Fire Department Christmas party where I presented 25 year pins to Asst. Chief Scott Moore, Firefighter Gary Lewis and Firefighter Marvin Mills. Congratulations and thank you gentlemen for your many years of fire service to your community and IVFA.

Also in December I attended the Bartholomew County Chief's meeting.

Connie and I were happy to attend the Hope Fire Department's Christmas party at Columbus Sirloin Stockade where we enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship with the members. Hope and Hartsville Departments work closely throughout the year supporting each other through mutual aid.

The January 2014 meeting was held at Wayne Township Fire Department (Jonesville) in Bartholomew County.

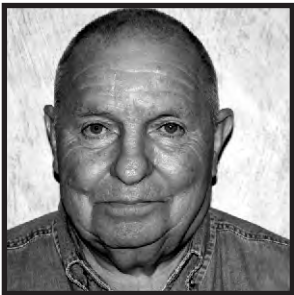
We expect a busy year ahead with new challenges in legislative matters; and it is our hope to visit each department in District 10 this year.

Please keep District Secretary Jim Davis and his wife LeAnn in your thoughts and prayers, as Jim will have hip replacement surgery in February.

As I write this article, we are preparing for another heavy snow storm coming through our area with record cold temperatures. We pray that you a have a safe and fire/accident free winter! Be careful out there while fighting fires and other emergencies, as the extreme cold and other weather related elements can bring additional hardship and danger to these situations.

John M. Ray, District Chairman

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A, Unfortunately Nevins Twp. was on a structure fire and was late getting started to the meeting.

We had a delicious meal of chili and hot dogs.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Pete Taylor. The pledge was led by Diane Harrison and prayer was given by Pete Taylor.

All guests in attendance were introduced.

We started out by passing out tickets to all I.V.F.A. members present for the drawing at state meeting.

Jack and Barb Kerney will sponsor a new award this year for Jr. Firefighters.

We also discussed the Miriam A. Schaekel Meritorious Service Award.

We discussed changing the law about trustees and advisory board.

We now have \$3500 accidental and death coverage.

Convention information for 2014 rates and number for hotel was mentioned.

I have traveled to six fire department meetings and I have given out four 25 year pins.

2014 District 11-A Miss Flame dance will take place at International Union of Operating Engineers Local 841, 6801 S US Hwy. 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802 on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Music provided by Frank Rush.

We adjourned and closed with prayer by state chaplain Joan Hayes.

Until next time, stay safe.

District 11A next meeting January 19th, Posey Twp.

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Washington Twp.

Vol. Fire Dept.

November 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard following the annual Thanksgiving dinner by the host department. The Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-At-Arms Brent Bush and the opening prayer was offered by Doug Hansell, Chaplain of the Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Chairman Southard extended thanks to the host department for the usual fine meal that was offered. Chief Urton of the Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Department introduced the newest members of his department. Chairman Southard presented Jim Proctor of the host department his 50 year pin. Roll call was taken with 50 members from 7 departments answering the roll followed by the introduction of the guests present. Auxiliary chairman Lou Bartlow introduced her guests. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

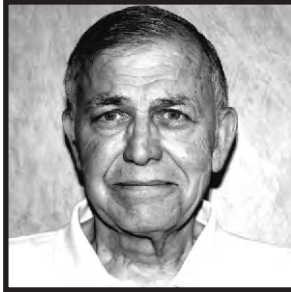
Larry Bartlow announced there will be new awards coming out in the future. Jack Kerney spoke about the Junior Firefighter Award application. John Morphy spoke about the upcoming meeting of the Board of Standards and also he spoke about the tax break for volunteer firefighters thru the legislative committee. Jack Kerney announced the process down the road on certain subjects needs to be addressed. An updated mailing listing is needed.

Chairman Southard presented Chief Urton with the Host Certificate. With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davies, District Secretary

## DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our November 25 meeting was hosted by Lizton Union Township Fire Department with 17 members present from 6 departments and 5 guests.

This was our first meeting for members to sign up for the quarterly give-away of two \$100 gas cards and a vehicle detailing caddy sponsored by California Casualty, The Ezell Group Insurance and Station Supply. These vendors have sponsored these awards to help us build up attendance at our district meetings. We thank them and should support them whenever possible.

Discussion followed for the good of the district, new equipment in the area and convention events and the support of those events.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, the 27th of January at Madison Township Fire Department Station 32, 7047 E. Landersdale Road, Mooresville, Indiana at 19:00 hours. Hope to see you there.

Larry Bruner

## DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley - Chairman

Happy New Year to you! 2013 is gone and 2014 is starting with a BANG! Wow what a snow storm! Hope all were safe and able to enjoy family and friends as the weather howled. To those that had to get out in it, a big THANK YOU from the communities you serve for keeping them safe, taking care of the sick and comforting the broken.

It is with sadness that we have lost several members to the Great Station House not built with hands. David King and Elmer Carlton of Fountaintown, and Ben Rodgers of Sugar Creek. Their boots may be empty but they will not be forgotten.

A new year brings us an opportunity to once again let the communities we serve know that we appreciate their support. As you have your Fish Fries, Pancake Breakfasts or Open Houses this year REMEMBER to thank them! Without their support many of your departments wouldn't function as well or as efficiently as you do. That kindergartener that Sparky played with at Fire Safety Week may grow up to be a Chief. That citizen that dropped a \$5.00 donation off at the station may be your next voice of support at your governing bodies meeting. Take the time this year to say Thank You!

Please try and attend your district meetings. The IVFA has started a new statewide promotion where you attend your district

meeting; your name will be thrown into a "hat" for a chance at a \$100.00 gift card or other prizes. That drawing will be at the quarterly IVFA officers' meetings. We have 6 meetings a year. Sometimes you get 1 chance a quarter and sometimes 2, so attend as often as you can. Attending the district meetings brings you information on the latest legislative happenings in Indianapolis as well as updates on training available to you in your DHS district. We have vendors that stop by to introduce themselves as well as some who put on demonstrations of equipment. If you have a topic that you would like to have someone address at a meeting, let me know and I will get a speaker in for it. I would like to have a district-wide training event where we all can come and get some hands-on training. Maybe an auto/farm extrication day or a good old ladder and hoses hands-on to refresh us old timers. Maybe a RIT class for across county lines mutual aid! Henry County has an EXCELLENT training facility available for that. Let me know your ideas!

Stay safe out there and keep doing what you do best!

Carol and Marlene, District 13A

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Hope everyone had Happy Holidays.

Congratulations to Robert A. Bullock of Hagerstown/Jefferson Township FD 2013 Global Award winner, Mark Crist of Abington Township FD & Steve Cain of Raleigh FD 25 yr. Members, Verlin Custer, Chief of Raleigh FD - 50 Yr. member.

Thanks to Everton Fire Dept. for hosting our last meeting. Larry Curl was present and had a lot of discussion on legislative topics; he reminded everyone to please contact your legislative representatives on getting House Bill 1005 changed.

Remember to get your nominations in for the IVFA awards by Feb. 1-

Chiefs, please check the IVFA website, make sure information is correct, if corrections are needed, please get them to me.

Brothers and Sisters be safe out there these cold snowy winter months.

Keep our military members in our prayers.

Jeff Biehl

District 13B Chairman

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Happy New Year from District 14,

We had a lot of things happen in District 14.

We have been busy; we had a meeting in Sellersburg where Senator Jim Smith came by to speak to us. It was a long good meeting. Also I had a chance to give a 50 year Gold Card to Charlestown fire fighter Carl Hall who passed away a few days later and the Charlestown fire lost firefighter Steve Davenport.

I also went to a funeral for Madison 5 charter member John Hoffman.

So we have been busy in the last 2 weeks.

Also don't forget we have the 2015 convention back at the Horseshoe Casino and need help on committees, so call me if you want to help.

At our next meeting we will crown our new Miss Flame.

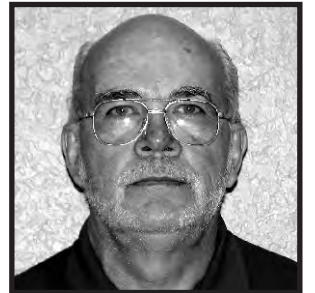
I also need departments to call me, if you have any 25 or 50 year members that you want me to give them their pins at one of your meetings.

Also call if you have any upcoming events so I can come and help out.

Rick Cannon

District 14 chairman

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A,

September 20th a ribbon cutting was held in Scotland for the new Taylor Twp. VFD station. I would like to thank all those in attendance.

September 21st I attended the Scotland Festival and had our fire department stand. We also had a breakfast which was well attended.

September 25th, Steen Twp. VFD (Wheatland) hosted our District 17A meeting. State officers present were Jack Kerney - PRSW, Bev Harker - state treasurer, Barb Kerney - IVFAA president and Marie Emery - District 17A chairman. Many items pertaining to ongoing items pertaining to the IVFA were discussed. I would also like to thank the vendors for being on-hand. I presented 25 year pins to Chief Timothy Yochum and another to Herald Baker. Thanks for your years of service. Many thanks to Steen Twp. for hosting the meeting and the great meal they provided.

October 3rd I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD meeting in Scotland.

October 4, 5 and 6th I attended the Apple Festival in Bloomfield at

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which Taylor Twp. VFD had a stand and also our auxiliary had games for the kids.

October 11th I assisted with Fire Prevention at the Bloomfield School where both demonstrations inside and outside were presented.

October 12th I attended a fish fry put on by the Steen Twp. VFD in Wheatland; good food and a good time had by all.

October 27th an open house and clock presentation were held in Scotland for the new Taylor Twp. VFD station. I would like to thank all those in attendance. A special thanks to state officers present: Jack Kerney - PRSW, Bev Harker - state treasurer and Barb Kerney - IVFAA president. On a personal note, this is my home department and this station has been needed for some time. I feel this station will be a plus for everyone.

November 1, 2 and 3 I attended state officers' meeting in Indianapolis.

November 6th a memorial service was held for Loogootee VFD member Raymond Lee Berry, a 45 year IVFA member. Condolences to the family and the department.

November 7th I attended the Taylor VFD meeting in Scotland.

November 11th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Association meeting at Wright Twp. VFD, who put on their Thanksgiving meal which had everything. Another great job by all!

November 16th a memorial service for Lyons VFD member Floyd G Vaughn, a 50 year IVFA member. Condolences to the family and the department.

November 16th I presented Montgomery VFD member Dwayne S. Murphy his 25 year pin. Thanks for your years of service.

November 20th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Switz City VFD. State officer Bev Harker was in attendance. Larry Curl, Lobbyist, was on hand and gave a very informative talk on items going on in the Statehouse and as to how these could affect the Fire Service.

Many thanks to Switz City VFD for hosting and the meal.

December 5th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD meeting. A short meeting was held. The department had our Christmas dinner. A good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Jesse McDonald selected to represent District 17A as our Miss Flame 2014.

Condolences to the Sorg family on their loss.

Until next time, stay safe.  
Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

I hope everyone had good and safe holidays.

We've had two deaths in the District, James McFarlan of the Shawswick VFD and Ralph Pierce

of the Cordry Sweetwater VFD.

I would like to welcome and thank Morgantown VFD back to our district.

Our last meeting was held on December 11, 2013 at Bloomington Township FD. Our guests included, V.P. Steve Anderson, IVFAA 17-B Chairperson Dawn Hillenburg, our 2013 Miss Flame McKinley Norman, Lona Huffman and Jeff Esposito of Donley Safety.

I would like to thank the judges who judged our 2014 Miss Flame contest and congratulations to Taylor McGlocklin, our 2014 Miss Flame, whose father Tony is a member of the Bloomington Township FD.

Our next three meetings will be: January 8th at Ellettsville FD, March 12th at Brown County VFD in Nashville, and May 14th at Shawswick VFD in Bedford.

Steve Nolan,  
Chairman 17-B

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The November meeting of the District 18 was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month, and was hosted by the St. Henry VFD. 57 members representing 16 departments, and one Individual member answered roll call and reported 270 runs.

Our new Miss Flame for 2014, Lindsey Schaeffer introduced herself to the membership. It was my privilege to present the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin to 3 St. Henry Firefighters including Lindsey's father, Nick. It was also my privilege to "finally" present the Global Award to our 2013 recipient, Scott Schnell. I say "finally" due to the fact that we could not get Scott and all of his family to a meeting at the same time and still keep it a secret from him since June!

The 2014 legislative year is now underway, so be ready to help out with emails, phone calls, or letters if asked to do so by your IVFA Officers. The Huntingburg VFD (my department) will be hosting one of the Leadership Seminars sponsored by the IDHS on 22 February. These are very informative seminars, a meal is provided, and they are FREE!!! Check the IDHS website for registration information.

Also, don't forget about the Dubois County Fire School in Jasper on the last two weekends of March. Go to the Indiana Fire Instructor's Assoc. website for information. Finally, be extra cautious during cold weather operations as hypothermia can be as big a danger as anything else we face on the fireground.

Our next District 18 meeting shall be held on 20 March with the Tell City VFD as our host. Until next time... stay safe and "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,  
Chairman District 18

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

In November we elected a new Miss Flame Alyssa Knueven from Sunman Fire. If anyone is having a function that you would like her to attend you can contact myself or Tonya Marsee.

We will be holding four district meetings this year: Delaware Fire February 27, Posey Twp. Patriot May 22, Brookville Fire August 28, Aurora Fire November 20; all meetings at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see everyone this year at the meetings.

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

## DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

The next meeting for District 21 is at Tippecanoe Township Volunteer Fire Dept. or BattleGround at BattleGround, IN 47920. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

I have one person for Miss Flame. If more than one, will have a run-off to see who will be going to convention in June.

Be safe during this cold weather.

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## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

*Chair, District 18 Term:* January 2012 - December 2015

*Members, District 9B -1 Term:* January 2012 - December 2014

*District 8A Term:* January 2012 - December 2015

*District 17A Term:* January 2012 - December 2014

*District 13B Term:* January 2012 - December 2014

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

## From The Desk of The Historian John Davies



I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful vacation this year. I had a conversation with President Israel prior to writing this article, and had his approval. I have given considerable thought to this subject mainly because it is taken for granted that it will always be there for us. To me, the fire service instructor is a special breed of person. Not everyone can be an instructor. There are a lot of items that enter into this picture. Personality, desire, keeping the attention of the students at all times.

Over my years in the fire service I was fortunate to attend numerous classes. I had some classes that I wished would never end. There were three instructors that stood out in my mind that were a notch above the others. I probably learned more from these three, the others were good otherwise they would not have been

teaching the class. I tried to use them as an example in my classes. I taught for the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association for twenty-five years. This experience I will never forget.

Bill Engle, Richard Lamb and Cooney Tucker taught me the most interesting classes. I remembered their subjects because of their way of presenting them. To those taking classes now or soon will be, remember one thing. Your instructor is doing this because he or she wants to save your life. The articles pertaining to the firefighters killed in the line of duty are down this year. I relate this to the caliber of instructors we have teaching our courses.

At the annual convention we honor many of our brothers and sisters for their accomplishments. I would like to ask our President and the Board to consider another award to be given in the future. "THE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD". I believe there are individuals within our state who are worthy of such an award and I for one would like to see this happen.

Let's keep it safe and have a great year.

Your Historian  
John Davies

## Carl Hall awarded 50 Year Gold card/pin



Carl Hall, a member of the Charlestown Fire Dept. received his 50 years of service Gold Card and pin.

Carl passed away just a few days later. He will be missed. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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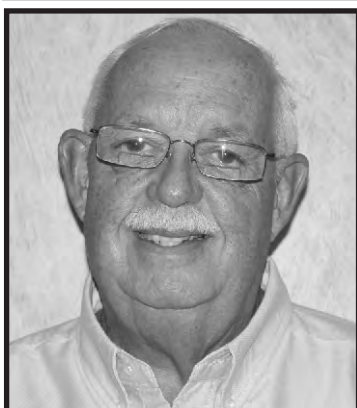
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# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

**Public Relations Director Southwest**  
*Jack Kerney*



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a great New Year. The first thing I would like everyone to think about in your fire department is volunteer retention. Working in the IVFA Office, I see departments removing numerous members from their rosters. I would challenge all of you to make an effort to try and retain and keep these members. The amount of resources and money that we have invested in these members for gear, radios and training are astronomical, not accounting the time we have invested in these individuals to make them volunteer firefighters. Please, this new year make it a priority to take the extra effort to get the volunteer firefighters back into the active status of the fire

department. Remember that every volunteer has something they can offer to you as a fire department, other than firefighting, use their expertise, you may be surprised what they have to offer. You may use the IVFA's benefits to encourage the members to be more active. One benefit is a \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance policy that the IVFA has provided for every one of its members. There are three (3) \$1,500 scholarships awarded each year for the firefighter or his children. This are just 2 examples of what the IVFA can offer. If you would like for someone to come and explain our benefits, call the office at 877-606-4832 or email us at [info@ivfa.org](mailto:info@ivfa.org), and we will get the right person there to talk to your department and explain our benefits.

I have attended all my District Meetings since the last quarter, except the last 17A meeting in which I had another IVFA engagement that night and the last 17B meeting that I had an unexpected family illness, Barb has a fractured tibia below the knee, and has been required stay off of it as much as possible. We should be back on track and getting to all our meetings. Please let me know if you need us to attend one of your department meetings or fund raiser. Remember the Firemen's Code "2N - You Go In Together - You Come Out Together" Stay Safe  
Jack Kerney  
Public Relations SW  
Past President

**Public Relations Director Northeast**  
*Jean Smith*



Once again the Holidays have come and gone, and now we look forward to warmer weather. It is legislative time again. IVFA is still working on trying to remove Volunteer Firefighter from the conflict of interest legislation. Tell Congress to clarify that volunteers aren't employees under the PPACA / Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (or Obama care). Reference legislative bills H.R. 3685 / S. 1798. I am looking forward to meeting you at your District Meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me, your new Public Relations Representative or your District Chairman.  
Jean Smith  
Northeast Public Relations

**Public Relations Director Southeast**  
*Ed Scheele*



It is very cold this year in southern Indiana and a lot of snow so far. As I am writing this it is starting to snow again and tomorrow the temperature is supposed to stay below zero all day. Be very careful on emergency runs, and slow down when the weather is bad. It is too late to send in names for this years awards, but start thinking about names for next year. Get your scholarship applications filled out and sent to the IVFA office. The applications must be postmarked by March 1st. The convention is coming up very fast. It is at Indianapolis in June. This is a good time to meet old friends and make new ones. Good luck to all the Miss Flame candidates and to all nominees for the awards. District 14 and 16 are starting on plans for the 2015 convention at Horseshoe casino in Elizabeth.  
Ed Scheele, PR Southeast



## IVFA Public Relations/ Public Education Trailer

The IVFA PR/Public Education Trailer was busy during 2013. We started out with a Station Dedication at Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department in early May and finished up at Home Safety Days at Home Depot in October. We put on A LOT of miles, 4044 miles to be almost exact. From Reo/Ohio Twp. in the South to Elkhart in the North, Williamsport in the West to Dillsboro in the East, we have crossed the state and stopped along the way and visited with departments who had no idea that the Public Relations/Public Education trailer is available to them. Pulling down the road and having kids in cars waving and semis honking as we passed them (or they passed us) was great. To let the folks of Indiana know that 75% of the State is protected by the Volunteers in their communities was awesome. 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.

I want to thank the Buck Creek Twp. Fire Department in Mt. Comfort for loaning us one of their pickups again this year to move the trailer around this past summer. Also Chief Dan Garner of the Pendleton Volunteer Fire Department, for loaning us his personal truck for a weekend. And a big THANK YOU to the Volunteers who manned the trailer when it was at their events. Without your help the Trailer would not have been such a success again this past year.

The trailer is here for your department to use in promoting fire safety as well as promoting and recruiting for your department. It can be brought to you for a day or dropped off and picked up after a week-long event. If you have the equipment to pull it you can pick it up from us or we can meet half way. Whatever works the best for you!

The calendar is starting to get booked for 2014. If you have an event that you would like the trailer or one of the banners at, contact your District Chairman or area PR Chairman. You can send an email to [district13a@ivfa.org](mailto:district13a@ivfa.org) or call me as well. - Carol Thrawley, Public Education / Public Relations Chairman.

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**Be Safe Out There!!**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith

## District 18 Parade and Miss Flame Contest

Cloudy skies and a threat of rain did not deter people from lining the streets as the St. Anthony Vol. Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 6 October. A total of 71 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of St. Anthony.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2013 Jayme Lindauer, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 7 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 2014 is Lindsey Schaeffer (left). Lindsey is the daughter of Nick and Caffie Schaeffer. She is a senior at Southridge High School and represented the St. Henry VFD. First runner-up was Emma Hurst (center). She is the daughter of Jon and Julie Hurst and represented the St. Anthony VFD. She is a student at Forrest Park High School. The second runner-up title went to Makayla Jones (right) of the Dubois VFD. Makayla was also chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. She is the daughter of Phillip and Amy Jones, and is a student at Northeast Dubois High School.



## Annual District 18 Memorial Service

Thursday, 10 October brought a beautiful fall evening and witnessed the Annual District 18 Memorial Service. The event was hosted by and held at the Carter Fire District in Dale (Spencer Co.). The aerial of Carter Fire held aloft the Flag of the United States above the ceremonies. Members of the Carter Fire Honor presented the colors for the ceremony. The Memorial Display held the roses that were laid for each of the 2 members of the District 18 that answered their last call since the last year's service. The roses were distributed to the families by members of the Carter Fire Auxiliary. Carter Fire Chaplain Robert Duley served as Master of Ceremonies, while Hoosier National Forest Firefighter Ryan Otto was the keynote speaker. The National Anthem and other selections were performed by the Heritage Hills High School Jazz Choir. "Amazing Grace" was performed on the bagpipes by John "Bull" Smith at the conclusion of the service.



## Haysville Members Total 225 Years of Service

At the annual awards dinner of the Haysville VFD, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented IVFA Service Awards to 5 Haysville members that totaled 225 years of service to the Community and the Fire Service. Receiving the IVFA 25 Year Award was Ed Dicus, who also serves as District 18 Sergeant-At-Arms. Receiving the IVFA Gold Card and 50 Year Life Membership Award was Donald Nobel, Lowell Dorsam, and Roger Hoffman. Also receiving this award was Jerry Chanley, who was not present.



## District Award Presented in District 18

At the District 18 meeting of 21 November 2013, the District Award was presented to Scott Schnell, (pictured right) of the Ireland VFD by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

During the presentation speech District 18 Chairman Smith, while listing Schnell's many accomplishments, was quoted as saying, "As an Instructor his efforts have contributed to the education of many of the members of the Fire Service not only in his home County, but within the IVFA District 18 and the Indiana Firefighter Training System District 10 as well. His efforts, expertise, and commitment during the Fire Schools held in Jasper over the past years have benefitted countless members of the Fire Service not only across the State of Indiana but, neighboring States as well. His work over the past years as the School's Chairman has kept the event what it is today, The Best Fire School in the State of Indiana".

Schnell has been a Volunteer Firefighter for a total of 16 years. He is a member of the Dubois County Fire Trainer's Association, and serves the Ireland Vol. Fire Department as Assistant Chief. He has been married to his wife Julie for 19 years, and they are the parents of a son Cody, age 14 and a daughter Leah, age 12.

## Presented 25 Year Service Awards



During the Awards Dinner of 7 December 2013, three members of the St. Anthony VFD were presented the IVFA 25 Year Service Award by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Pictured with Chairman Smith are Clarence Brames, David Fischer, and Keith Welp.



# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2013

President Israel called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

President Israel introduced our guests John Morphy, Tom Sellmer, Peggy Israel standing in for John Ray.

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

The invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Tom Sellmer.

President Israel called for the reading of the minutes of the August 2013 meeting. PREC Don Cushman made motion to accept the minutes as printed. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Israel called for the Treasurer's report. PRWC Larry Bartlow made motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. District 1 Chairman Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. Treasurer Harker presented the 2014 budget; it will be voted on tomorrow.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Israel announced that we are doing away with the Local Government Reform Committee and move those people somewhere else. Keep in mind that even though you are not on a committee you are more than welcome to attend any committee that you would like.

Central Office: Jack Kerney – About 1,000 members down from last year. We met with speaker's bureau this morning and made a plan of action and set targets on what we would like to accomplish. 31 departments not paid this year that paid last year. 11 departments not paid the last 2 years. I have contacted 14 of these departments, 12 of them have paid their dues. Speaker's Bureau will make contact with the 9 departments not paid for 3 years. Our goal is to contact all of these departments and a report given at February meeting. License plates, newspaper labels, corrected bad addresses, we have 310 bad addresses. We had 25 contacts with people wanting dues packets and department rosters. We have emailed paid and not paid, years of service report, deceased report, life member report and department roster and officer report. We are forwarding information to website as we get it, processing dues as they come in, gave an inventory list of clothing at Central Office.

Awards Committee: Chairman

Vice President Anderson – District 19 meeting at East Enterprise made a formal presentation to the Ollie Sandberg 2013 winner. Start writing your letters, talk it up at your district meetings.

President Israel read a thank you card from the family of James Crosbie.

Angel Award Committee: Diane Harrison – talk about the awards at your district meeting and encourage members to write letters.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison – Jack Kerney came to our meeting and spoke to us about the speakers bureau, reviewed the Jr. Firefighter rules that Jack had put together and made a couple of changes. He is going to get the corrections made and then email them out to you. This award will be given out at convention 2014. Myself and Paul are going to get with Gary Robison and work on a grant, anyone having any ideas please let us know. Larry Bartlow has not heard anything from the gentleman concerning the Rookie of the Year Award.

Speaker's Bureau: Chairman Jack Kerney – At the August meeting discussed a contest, trying to boost the attendance at the district meetings. Starting this month at your district meetings IVFA members will fill out a ticket and turn in to the district chairman and we will draw a winner every quarterly meeting in 2014. Members will have to fill out a ticket at each district meeting they attend. State officers and salesmen are not eligible. First place is \$100.00 gas card sponsored by California Casualty and the Ezel Insurance Group and second place is a cleaning supply basket from Station Supply.

Public Relations & Education: Chairman Carol Thrawley – Attended IERC and gained 3 new individual memberships. Need supplies for trailer if anyone has extra handouts. FDIC April 2014, let me know if you are interested in working. We are taking trailer reservations for 2014. Handed out a report of where the trailer has been this year.

Website: Chairman David Israel: I have made a lot of address changes. Have departments check their addresses to make sure they are correct. Committee chairman, submit a brief description of what your committee does. Put pictures in the photo gallery. Chairman of the Board Koehler asked about which email address they should be using. President Israel said everyone should be using the IVFA addresses. Central Office will send to both emails next time he sends something out to see which is working and which is not.

Facebook: Chairman Leighanne Ellis – We are up to 2,600 likes, people are utilizing it more.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith – Anyone needing logo or patches, please let me know.

Editor's Assistant: Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler read Chairman Jim Bradford's report. November paper is 36 pages. Labels 14,904, ad labels 40, Mitch 5, Printco 5, IVFAA 50, Officers 200, total 15,204. Please check the paper for correct information for the officers, 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 any business cards.

Convention 2016 letter of intent by February meeting before meeting starts.

Convention 2013: Co-chairman Ed Smith - all bills have been paid except one. We can only pay \$2,700 back.

Convention 2014: Chairman Larry Bruner – Everything seems like it is on track. We will be doing a walk-through at Carribean Cove tomorrow. Reservation forms 317-872-9290, tell them IVFA convention. Rates same as 2009 \$94.77 and includes 2 bands for water park.

Clothing Claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright – Had one claim, will be waiting till February so they can see article.

Training Committee: John Morphy spoke about the last Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meeting. Vice President Anderson spoke about the Fire Summit held October 15, 16, 17, 2013 about the fire academy 58 of 80 invited members were in attendance. Reviewed Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio on how their state academy is run. Three days of brainstorming on white paper. We will be giving feedback as it is being written. No funding source identified. Attendees have been invited back January 22 for a follow-up meeting. Jack Kerney reported they kept repeating consistency in training, standard curriculum.

Board of Firefighters Standards and Education: John "Bull" Smith is our new representative on the Board. 2 civilian, 1 career firefighter and 1 Department of Homeland Security positions still need filled on the Board. The next 2 meetings are December 2 at Pike Twp., 6:00 p.m., 4881 W 71<sup>st</sup> and January 13, Greensburg Learning Center, 6:00 p.m., 422 E. Central Ave. We need people to attend these meetings.

Recertification that we fought off is now back but it is an Accreditation and it is all voluntary now. It has nothing to do with the Board. We have been invited to serve on this committee. There is nothing set in stone yet. Vice President Anderson will be trying to get data from departments, he doesn't care about the name, he will mark it out. This will help for training, summit and on the legislative side.

Board of Firefighters Standards and Education: John "Bull" Smith – Must have Hazmat Ops to take Firefighter I and II. Train the trainer, hasn't heard any more about it. I am humbled and honored for the chance to serve on this Board.

President Israel thanked Jack Kerney for all the years that he had served on this Board and represented us.

In Time: Chairman Jack Zeeks – Last meeting September 17 we had the incident commander of the crash on I-70, it was a 30 car crash. They are pushing train the trainer. Next meeting is November 12.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Mitch Parish was on a conference call on the budget.

Legislative Committee: Buz Koehler said we have several things to go over and Larry Curl will be here in the morning. Remember it is a short session so we will have to react fast.

EMS Commission: Paul Holcomb – Pass. District 8A Chairman Bill Pape asked about

backboards. Paul said there is movement if patient is not involved in a significant mva or trauma they do not have to be board and collar. Paul stated that he has not seen anything in black and white.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Israel – Attended 6 district meetings, 9 fire department meetings. Meeting at State House, attended the Rural Caucus meeting at the State Fair, 2 meetings with legislators, presented 1 new station clock, 50 year Gold Card and pin, 6 – 25 year pins to Orleans fire department members at their town board meeting, met with Michelle Baxter, American Income Life to resign agreement, put on a break out class for the Indiana Twp. Trustee's Association at their conference, a couple of fund raisers and other award programs and 4 county meetings.

Vice President Anderson – Attended Districts 17B, 1, 2, 3, 19 meeting, rural caucus meeting at the State Fair, fund raisers, Fire Academy meeting, funding task force, District 18 parade, Board of Firefighters Standards and Education, 2 chief's meetings. I stopped at 59 departments, talked to 16 of them. I attended the Fire Summit.

Chaplain - Ski Gerdowsky – I attended 1 district meeting, 1 state meeting, 5 memorials, 1 fallen firefighter memorial and the memorial state memorial service at Indianapolis.

Secretary – Diane Harrison – Pass. Treasurer Bev Harker – I attended 5 district meetings, Board of Firefighter's Standards and Education meeting and a station dedication.

Sergeant at Arms – Brent Bush – Have not been able to get around much due to work schedule. 6 station clocks, on my last case of benefit books.

Chairman of Board Buz Koehler will be working on the new benefit books.

Chairman of the Board – Buz Koehler – I was able to make a few meetings, my work schedule hasn't allowed me to make very many.

PRNW Jim Bradford – Absent.

PRNE Jean Smith – Attended 5 district meetings, 1 memorial, 1 county meeting and 1 station dedication.

PRWC Larry Bartlow – Attended 4 district meetings, 1 firefighter death viewing, Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meeting and 2 department meetings.

PREC Don Cushman – Attended 6 district meetings and fund raisers.

PRSW Jack Kerney – 5 district meetings, 1 fund raiser, 2 memorial services, 2 open houses, 1 firehouse dedication.

PRSE Ed Scheele – Attended 3 district meetings, 1 county meeting, presented 50 year Gold card, fund raisers and 1 memorial.

SOG's / Bylaws – Chairman Buz Koehler – Pass.

Bridgeport – Chairman Bev Harker – Reminded everyone March 1, 2014 deadline and not to wait till last minute as the scholarship application is lengthy.

License Plates – Chairman Bev Harker – Pass.

Insurance – Chairman Bev Harker – Insurance Committee will meet in February with Lona.

### Past President's Report's

Jim Parker – Absent, still having back problems.

Mitch Parish – Pass.

Jack Zeeks – Spent 4 days in

Emmitsburg, Maryland for the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial weekend. I attended Indiana Memorial.

Buz Koehler - Pass.

Jack Kerney – I attended 2 meetings out of my area.

Larry Ketchem – Absent, had eye surgery.

Tim Deckard – Absent.

Richard Glant – Thanked everyone for the cards, thoughts and prayers during the passing of his brother.

Vice President Anderson discussed practical scoring, waiting on second meeting in December, we are in the process of putting points to skills to be able to come with a score with a total.

Lobbyist Larry Curl – Communication is the most important thing we can do with our members and our elected officials. Secure 3 or 4 contacts, people that personally know the politicians in your district and/or county; we need to gather this information and put it in a database. We are going to attempt to change the law 1005. If we have any chance at all to see a change come about we need to have everyone on board. Elections are coming up next year for 100 House members and 25 Senators. EMS issue is the proposed administrative rule 410 IAC. 34 responders need to report to the Board of Health your data. Past President Kerney said we need to write a letter to voice our opinion. President Israel and I met with Representative Hamm, he would like to offer a piece of legislation \$1,000 tax credit for us. Representative Battles has tried to get this done for years. We suggested that maybe they work together for this issue. I am still working on getting a State University to do a study for the volunteer fire service that would show the tax savings versus the cost and the benefit to the communities we serve. They did this study in New York a couple of years ago and the savings were astronomical. You can go to the IN website, go to the DLGF, they have a report of what every local unit of government receives and they have it broken down by categories and they have a category for fire protection. We need to be proactive and not reactive. I am working on getting us set up with I am responding so the officers can be notified and get the information out in the field quickly. Treasurer Harker asked about getting Representative Battles to carry the novelty lighter bill. Lobbyist Curl said that we can.

American Income Insurance – Michelle Baxter introduced Terri Hibbard who has joined the Company. Reviewed with us \$3,500.00 ADA policy on all members of the IVFA, it is accidental and 24/7 coverage, there is no age limit, health discount card, it is supplemental with the health insurance that the members already have, 1 card is good for the household and no limit on how much they can use it. Dental is \$29.95 for first year for the whole family renewal of \$49.95, we still have the child safe kits, the representative will do a needs analysis, it is completely voluntary, it will show them what they have or might need, there is no pressure, it is just for members' knowledge. A second notification will be going out to those who did not respond to the first

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President Israel introduced Jeff Hayes – Heroes Competition second Saturday in May at Lebanon. For those who have smart phones you can go to Remind 101 and set up your own account and you can send messages out to those who you put in and it is totally free. Invite CTE's to your fund raisers and fire prevention programs if you have one in your area. CTE programs are growing again, last year Shelbyville and Anderson and this year Marion IN area. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the Heroes Competition and we are expecting 200 plus registered this year. Go to [Heroes.shutterstock.com](http://Heroes.shutterstock.com) to look at pictures. I would like to invite the IVFA to do a presentation at each CTE. Volunteer your time to work the event. If anyone has any extra equipment that you would like to donate to the CTE's even if it is broken we usually can put it to use. My number is 317-496-9625, email me at [jelfire@aol.com](mailto:jelfire@aol.com) I set up a website [jelfire.weebly.com](http://jelfire.weebly.com) where you can go to see pictures of our kids.

Past President Jack Kerney thanked Jeff Hayes for his commitment to the Board and helping promote the agenda of the volunteer fire service.

Public Relations Chairman Carol Thrawley – We have passed out the print-out of where the trailer has been this year and Carol discussed it. What do you want us to do if we can't get it manned but they requested it? Chairman Carol Thrawley asked how we envisioned the trailer being used. There was lengthy discussion on how we thought the trailer should be used. Chairman Buz Koehler made motion to supply trailer to member departments only and they make arrangements for pickup and delivery and manning it. The scheduling of all movement of the trailer goes through the committee, not one person, and they can meet them halfway if needed. Past President Mitch Parish made the second. Discussion was held on motion. Vice President Anderson said we need to use our officers and membership to move the trailer around the State. President Israel said the trailer has replacement cost and the liability falls on the puller. Sergeant-of-Arms Brent Bush called for the vote. Motion passed by roll call vote 21 yes and 13 no.

## DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Orrell – yes receiving email, average attendance 30, have had 5 deaths.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – yes receiving email, average attendance 30.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy – Absent.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith – don't know if receiving email, average attendance 15.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger – yes receiving email, average attendance 15–20.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – yes receiving email, average attendance 25, Miss Flame contest.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – yes receiving email, average attendance 30.

District 8A Chairman Bill Pape – yes receiving email, average attendance 20, had station dedication and presented 25 year pins and 50 year Gold card.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright – yes receiving email, average attendance 20, Miss Flame contest.

District 9A Chairman Leighann Ellis – yes receiving email, average attendance 15. Please invite State Miss Flame Heather Wickersham to your activities. Presented 1 Gold card and had 1 death.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – yes receiving email, average attendance 20.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – yes receiving email, average attendance 30.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – yes receiving email, average attendance 15.

District 11B Chairman Larry Southard – yes receiving email, average attendance 20.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – yes receiving email, average attendance 8–10, 3 deaths.

District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley – not receiving email, average attendance 18.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Beihl – not receiving email, average attendance 10, 2 deaths.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – yes receiving email, average attendance 30, have had a bunch of deaths.

District 15 Chairman Harry Logan – yes receiving email, average attendance 8–10.

District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb – yes receiving email, average attendance 20, presented \$106.00 to Diane Harrison for Hoosier Burn Camp. This money was raised from playing PLINKO at convention.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – yes receiving email, average attendance 15, we are now in our new station at Scotland.

District 17B Chairman Steve Nolan – not receiving email, average attendance 15, Miss Flame Contest.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – yes receiving email, average attendance 70.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – not receiving email, average attendance 25, Miss Flame Contest.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz – yes receiving email, average attendance 10, presented 2 station clocks, 25 year pins and 2 deaths.

President Israel – Washington DC trip for 2014 we will leave April 30 and return Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> same weekend as our quarterly meeting. If you are interested in going please give Sergeant-of-Arms Brent Bush your business card. Remember, new chairmen are guaranteed to go. We will let you know in February who is going. Remember if you sign up to go and the last minute you can't go, you will have to reimburse the Association for airfare and banquet ticket.

Meeting dates for 2014:

February 7, 8, 9

May 2, 3, 4

August 8, 9, 10

November 7, 8, 9

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made motion to adjourn. WCPR Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Harrison

**2014 Convention  
June 18-20  
Indianapolis**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith



## Scott Bolden receives 25 year award

On 14 December the Birdseye VFD held its annual Christmas Dinner. Following the meal, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 25 Year Service Award to BVFD Asst. Chief Scott Bolden.

## St. Henry VFD members receive IVFA 25 Year Award

At the IVFA District 18 meeting of 21 November, three members of the St. Henry VFD were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Award.

Pictured are St. Henry members, Renny Rickelman, SHVFD Fire Chief Steve Eckert, and Nick Schaeffer.



## Department takes delivery of new engine



The Ireland/Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Dubois County (District 18) recently took delivery of a new engine from Pierce Manufacturing/Global Emergency Products in October and placed it into service in November of 2013.

The new pumper is a 2013 International DuraStar 4400 equipped with 330 HP MaxxForce engine and an Allison push-button automatic transmission. This unit is equipped with 1000 gallon water tank, 1250 waterous pump. A full complement of 2.5" and 6" hard suction hose, ladders and pike poles are all accessed from a rear door. Also included on the rear of the apparatus is a traffic control arrow stick and the optic lens for the back-up camera. Both the arrow stick & back-up camera are controlled from the driver's seat. driver's side compartments include a pull-out tray with fitting, adapters, appliances and strainers mount on it, SCBA storage and a C-Tech 3 drawer toolbox. Passenger side compartments include a variety of pull-out trays and pull-out/tilt down shelves for easy access to larger equipment like chain saws, ventilation fans. Gear Grid Products dual swing-out mounting system is used in middle compartment on passenger side to stow a full complement of forcible entry tools. The body also boast 6 SCBA spare bottle storage per side, 1.5" crosslays above the pump, 1.5" pre-connects, 5" and 2.5" supply line off the rear of the apparatus. There is also a 100 ft. booster line mounted under the extended cab portion on the passenger side. The cab modifications include adding roll-up doors with compartments on both sides of the cab. Driver's side compartment is split by a shelf, with additional storage above, as well as an ideal location for the drivers PPE. Passenger side is equipped with a Kussmaul unit to power a pull-out toolboard that has scene radios, flashlights and an upper shelf for TIC.

The Department opted to replace the optional third seat in the rear of the cab with a dual voltage refrigerator placed between the two extended cab compartment modifications. Access to the refrigerator is thru the passenger side of the cab and the Department specified a Seats Inc. flip-up cushion seat so the cushion is always raised unless the seat is occupied. This unit also has FRC LED brow light and telescoping LED lights on all four corners of the body.

This new engine is replacing a 1980 Ford FMC pumper and it will also help with storage space issues on other apparatus as more equipment will be moved from other units to the new one.

Ireland/Madison Township Fire Department serves two townships of 58 sq. miles, a mostly rural residential population of 3500 and responds to 85 calls a year.

The fire department wishes to thank the Township Trustee, Township Advisory Board and the citizens of Madison Township for their continuing support of the fire department.

(submitted by Scott Schnell, Assistant Chief Ireland/Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Photo courtesy of Astrike Photography with permission granted for use by Bret Astrike, photographer.)

California casualty

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# Legislative Update...

January 1, 2014



## From the Fire House to the State House 2014

Fellow IVFA Members; by the time you read this we will be well into the 2014 Session of the Indiana General Assembly. This year is what they call the "short" session meaning it will have begun on January 6<sup>th</sup> and must be completed by Friday, March 14, 2014. During this short session proposed bills will move at a very rapid pace and things will change daily if not hourly.

While we are particularly interested in a couple of issues, there are many that we will likely be watching very closely. A couple of items we are hopeful for are: a State Fire Tax Rate that is fair and equal for all. The fire tax rate should be based upon your community assessed value and should be the same rate applied against your local assessment regardless of your location within the state but that does not appear to be the case in many areas.

Another item is the former HB 1005, now IC 3-5-9. – The conflict of Interest Law

### IC 3-5-9-4 Firefighters

**Sec. 4. (a) An individual who is serving as a volunteer firefighter for a volunteer fire department or a fire department that provides fire protection services to a unit:**

- (1) under a contract, excluding a mutual aid agreement; or**
  - (2) as the unit's fire department;**
- may not assume or hold an elected office of a unit that receives fire protection services from the department in which the volunteer firefighter serves.**

It is our hope that our members of this General Assembly will see that this is an unfair regulation placed upon a person who chooses to serve their community as an elected official and has a desire to give of themselves for the service to others as a Volunteer Firefighter. We are asking that members of a Volunteer Fire Department be exempted from this law and will allow us to continue to be a Volunteer firefighter and serve if elected in our local government.

We are also working with Congresswoman Jackie Walorski's staff as Congresswoman Jackie Walorski recently signed on as an original co-sponsor of the Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act, H.R. 3685, a bill to exempt volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency responders from the employer mandate included in Obamacare.

The key to the success of this and all legislation is "us" you and I, and our involvement. You need to meet with and discuss your concerns, beliefs, feelings and desires with your elected officials. They need to hear from you.

Their duty is to serve you, the state of Indiana, and the United States of America in the decisions they make. If you do NOT let them know your thoughts on an issue before them, they won't know what it is you are wanting. If you want to see our legislative agenda move forward then "you" must move forward as well. Visit, Call, or Email your Senator(s) and House Member(s) to share with them your thoughts.

To know what the IVFA legislative agenda looks like this year visit our website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) and look at the legislative page. It can be found on the left hand side of our home page.

I hope to visit with and hear from many of you as I continue to attend your district meetings around the state. The dates, locations, & times of your district meetings can also be found on the website on the calendar. These are very important means of communications but emails or phone calls work very well, too.

If you have a question or concern about a direction the IVFA is going legislatively, please contact me. My contact info is listed on the website under the leadership section or contact your District Chairman, PR representative, or an IVFA Officer as we all meet quarterly in Indianapolis and they can bring your question to the meeting and I will send back my response via them to you.

I trust you have had a great start to the New Year and hope the weather has not beat you up too bad. Remember this is the critical time for us and we need to remind all our relatives, members, neighbors, friends, and all we meet just how important it is to practice fire safety for the sake of them and their families. According to State Fire Marshal Jim Greason, 2013 fire deaths in Indiana exceeded all of 2012.

Let's make 2014 a year of reduction. Please PRACTICE SAFE HEATING METHODS AND WINTER FIRE SAFETY...HOME FIRES OCCUR MORE OFTEN IN WINTER THAN IN ANY OTHER SEASON ACCORDING TO THE

See you soon (IF) you attend your District Meeting, or talk with you if you have a question and send me an email / text message or give me a call.

Working with/for my fellow IVFA members  
As your State Lobbyist

Thanks

*Larry Curl*



# Dale Holsti receives 5 year membership plaque

Dale Holsti received his 5 year membership plaque. Presented by IVFA District 2 chairman Paul Watland, and Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department Secretary Erik Schmitt.

## 2014 IVFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - TENTATIVE

| TIME                           | EVENT                     | LOCATION           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>WEDNESDAY June 18, 2014</b> |                           |                    |
| 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.               | Golf Scramble             | Coffin Golf Course |
| 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.               | Vendor Set up             | Atrium & Outside   |
| 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.               | PPPSI Antique Fire Trucks | Outside            |
| 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.              | Registration              | Rivera Room        |
| 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.           | Chinese Auction           | Atrium Patio       |
| 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.               | Welcome Meal              | Atrium             |
| 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.               | Miss Flame Mixer          | Rendezvous Room    |
| 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.              | Hoosier Burn Camp Auction | Atrium             |
| 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.              | Hospitality Room          | Room 161           |
| <b>THURSDAY June 19, 2014</b>  |                           |                    |
| 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.               | Registration              | Rivera Room        |
| 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.           | Chinese Auction           | Atrium Patio       |
| 8 a.m. to Noon                 | Miss Flame Pre Judging    | Monaco A Room      |
| 8 a.m. to Noon                 | Miss Flame Judging        | Terrace Room       |
| 9 a.m. to Noon                 | BFPSE Meeting             | Monte Carlo        |
| 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.            | Vendors Open              | Atrium & Outside   |
| 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.            | PPSI Antique Fire Trucks  | Outside            |
| 10 a.m. to Noon                | Seminars/Training         | Grimaldi A & B     |
| Noon to 1 p.m.                 | Miss Flame Luncheon       | Rendezvous         |
| Noon to 2 p.m.                 | Vendor Appreciation Lunch | Atrium             |
| Noon to 4 p.m.                 | Live Burn Trailer         | Outside            |
| 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.               | Miss Flame Final Judging  | Monte Carlo        |
| 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.         | Childrens Room            | Casino             |
| 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.         | IVFAA Officers Meeting    | Grimaldi           |
| 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.         | IVFA Officers Meeting     | Monaco             |
| 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.            | Hospitality Room          | Room 161           |
| 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.            | Hot Dog Bust              | Atrium             |
| 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.            | Opening Meeting           | Monte Carlo        |
| 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.           | Hospitality Room          | Room 161           |
| 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.             | Family Movie Night        | Monaco             |
| 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.             | Water Park – Adults Only  | Water Park         |
| <b>FRIDAY June 20, 2014</b>    |                           |                    |
| 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.               | Coffee Clutch             | Atrium             |
| 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.               | Memorial Service          | Monte Carlo        |
| 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.               | Registration              | Rivera             |
| 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.               | Children's Room           | Casino             |
| 9 a.m. to Close                | IVFAA Annual Meeting      | Grimaldi           |
| 9 a.m. to Close                | IVFA Annual Meeting       | Monte Carlo        |
| 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.               | Vendors Open              | Atrium & Outside   |
| 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.               | PPPSI Antique Fire Trucks | Outside            |
| 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.            | Chinese Auction           | Atrium             |
| 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.              | Miss Flame Outing         | ?????              |
| 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.        | Hospitality Room          | Room 161           |
| 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.               | Banquet Dinner            | Monte Carlo        |
| 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.               | Children's Party          | Rendezvous         |
| 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.           | Hospitality Room          | Room 161           |
| 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.             | Water Park - Adults Only  | Water Park         |

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Don Kissinger



Robert Brooks, Milford FD and Robert Bishop, Plain Twp., Leesburg, receive 25 year pins from PRNE Jean Smith and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



25 year pin – James Ross, Henry Twp., Akron FD and Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman.



50 Year Gold Card – Paul Tyler, Lapaz Fire Department receives his 50 year Gold Card from Chief Chris Oginsky, assistant chief Jon Knepp and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

Terry Himes, Warsaw, receives a 50 year Gold Card for his father Vernon Himes from PRNE Jean Smith and District 4 chairman Terry Smith and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



25 year pin – Tom Clampffer, Lapaz Fire Department and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



25 Year Pins – Darrell Watson, Phil Cripe, Don Kissinger - District 5 chairman, Chief Cam Kissinger and Cary Walters - Chester Twp., North Manchester.



50 Year Gold Card – Glenn Whitmarsh, Culver-Union Twp., receives his 50 year Gold Card from Chief Terry Wakefield and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



25 Year Pin – Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman and Kevin Grindle - Turkey Creek, Syracuse.

## 2014 Convention June 18 through June 20 Indianapolis



**Attention All Departments!!  
The IVFA Public Relations/Public Education Trailer  
Is Available To You!!!**

- ? Great for any event... Open House, Fund Raisers, etc.
- ? Promotion and recruitment for your Department.
- ? Promotion and recruitment for the IVFA.
- ? Free fire prevention material.
- ? Delivery and pick-up is free.

**Contact your District Chairman  
or ...  
Carol Thrawley - Dist. 13A**

# 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.**

**ATTENTION: IVFAA  
AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER  
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B  
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00  
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES  
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128  
(765) 246-6220

## *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.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

Top of Form

**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.**

**MAY 5, 2014  
DEADLINE IS:  
APRIL 5, 2014  
12:00 P.M. - NOON CST**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Terry Smith



2013 District 5 Miss Flame Ashley Bryer crowned Abby Smith as 2014 District 4 Miss Flame.



New Paris Fire Department honored Larry Keck for 50 years of service by chairman Terry Smith, presenting him with his 50 year Gold Card along with a certification of service for 50 years.  
(Left to right) District 4 chairman Terry Smith, Larry Keck and Marilyn Keck.



New Paris Fire Department honored 3 firefighters by District 4 chairman presenting them with their 25 year pins.  
(Left to right) Emil Broni, John Manges, Richard Raston, Chairman Terry Smith.



Frank Hartman from Nappanee Fire Dept. received his 50 year Gold Card and pin and appreciation certificate for his service.

Pictured (left to right): PRNE Jean Smith, Mrs. Hartman, Frank Hartman, chairman Terry Smith, District 4 Miss Flame Abby Smith.



Brooklyn Gephart was crowned District 5 Miss Flame 2014.  
Pictured (left to right) – District 5 chairman Judy Smith, Brooklyn Gephart and E.J. Smith, District 6 chairman.



Volunteers making the delicious pancakes and sausage for their breakfast fundraiser on November 9, 2013.

Residents enjoying the pancakes and sausage breakfast.



Benton Township's new Fire Command Unit.

## Junior Firefighter Award Application

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Attending or Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER AWARD

- Level of training the participant has achieved.
- Number of years in Junior Firefighter program.
- Duties the participant has been assigned to and participated in.
- Number of hours the participant has accumulated in training, fire prevention, fund raiser, etc. (list all that apply with number of hours)
- Letters of reference (church, school, other organizations)
- Outside activities (church, school, other organizations)
- Family and school background.
- Career field the participant would like to follow.
- Any other pertinent information that would be useful.
- In your own words state why you feel you should be selected as the Junior Firefighter of the Year.

### TO QUALIFY FOR THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER AWARD

- Actively Involved In An Organized Junior Firefighter Program or Cadet Program.
- Department Must Be A Paid Department of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.
- Must Be Between The Ages of 14 & 21 Years Of Age.
- Must Be A High School Graduate, Attending High School Or Attending A School of Higher Learning, or received a GED.
- Letters Of Recommendation Must Be Received In The Office Of The IVFA By February 1.
- Award Will Be Presented At The IVFA Convention Held In June.
- The Award Will Be Judged By The Awards Committee And Will Be Overseen By Jack Kerney For The First Three Years.
- Award Will Be Donated And Presented By Jack & Barbara Kerney.
- The Award Will Be A Large Gold Speaking Trumpet With A Green Cord Mounted On A Walnut Base.
- Engraving Will Be As Follows (Sample)

**2014**  
**IVFA Junior Firefighter Award**  
**(Name)**

Sponsored By Jack & Barbara Kerney

**IVFA AUXILIARY OFFICERS - 2013 - 2014**

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

## IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting  
Nov. 3, 2013  
Crown Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

President Barbara Kerney opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m. EST time. Chaplain Joann Hays led us in prayer. The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt. of Arms Marlene Poling. The I.V.F.A. Chaplain, Ed Gerdowsky showed us the new Bibles the men are purchasing. He asked if the auxiliary would like to buy them also. Janet Woodfill asked if we could get a Catholic Bible in the new Bible. There were questions that were asked. Lou Bartlow asked the Chaplain if the men have the old Bibles, would they sell them to the auxiliary at their cost. Beth Cahill made a motion and seconded by Tammy Smith to table the decision on the Bibles until the Feb. meeting and that each district chairman ask her auxiliaries if they would mind if they would receive a different Bible. Voted and approved.

The I.V.F.A. President David Israel stated that we are going to be at the same hotel and gave us the dates for the coming meetings. Feb. 7-8-9, May 2-3-4, Aug. 8-9-10, Nov. 7-8-9.

A motion was made by Barbara Parker and seconded by Lou Bartlow to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Voted and approved.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasurer's report. Approved until time of audit. Barbara Kerney stated that we received the audit back and it was okay. The Board decided to send Beverly Harker a \$100.00 gift certificate as a thank you for

auditing our books at no cost.

A thank you was read from June Cahill. Many other thank yous from the group.

Recording Sec. June Cahill reported that there are 52 depts., 706 paid by depts., 166 ind., 26 life members. Total of 898. At today's meeting there were 28 officers and 9 members present.

E.J. Smith gave her report on the Miss Flames. Miss Flame information should be sent to E.J. Smith by March 1, 2014. Address: 16721 Thiele Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46819.

Phyllis Vargo gave a report on the by-laws. Changes of the by-laws from the districts are to be sent to Phyllis by February. Address: 7756 Durbin St., Schererville, IN 46375. Any questions can also be sent to Phyllis.

Janet Woodfill gave a report on pins.

Phyllis Vargo asked if anyone has anything that could go into Book 1, please give it to her. The dates are from the beginning until 1964. Book 2 has been converted to a disc.

The Lois Boaz is to be sent to Martha Thomas, Dorothy Reiter and Pam Gerdowsky by Feb. 1.

Lou Bartlow had hired a woman who had done the 501C3. She had a bill for \$250.00 for the cost of doing this. She also suggested that we buy the Recording Secretary a file cabinet to keep the minutes and any other information in. Lou made a motion and seconded by Joann Hays to buy a file cabinet. Voted on and approved.

Barbara Parker made a motion and seconded by Toni Sorg to pay Biehl Accounting Service the \$250.00 for doing the 501C3. Voted on and approved.

Committees will try to meet in February.

Joann Hays said a prayer and gave a report that Malinda Bell's husband is ill. Charlie Baker was also sent a card. Carol Curl gave a report on Charlie Baker.

Michelle Baxter from American Life Insurance stated that \$3500.00 coverage for members for accidental death or dismemberment. Also a health discount card at no cost. She talked about the benefits of the card. She also stated that the reps. will call you or do a drive by to contact you.

Phyllis Vargo and Joann Hays conducted a class for the new district chairmen. Barb stated they we will need new brief cases and to think about that. Also, it is the

responsibility of the past chairmen when they pass on their cases that everything that is needed is in them.

Lou Bartlow read the proposed budget for 2013-2014.

Dorothy Reiter stated that in the flower fund, the line officers are to receive a gift and it will be paid for out of the treasury. District Chairman and committee chairman will come out of the flower fund. Also includes those who attend the meeting. A discussion was held and a pass of the hat to help the flower fund. These would include plants, angels, etc. on the decision of the Chaplain. Lou Bartlow stated that everyone is to receive a get well gift for those who attend the I.V.F.A.A. state meeting.

Beth Caudill made a motion and seconded by Phyllis Vargo to accept the budget. Voted on and approved. Beth Caudill suggested that we put the flower fund information in the SOG's.

Vice President Heather Martin reported on her convention project. 1st prize is a fire truck pedal car, 2nd prize is a quilt and the 3rd prize is \$200.00. The cost of the pedal car is \$327.00. Hope to have the tickets in Feb. Will try to get donations and find a cheaper car.

Carol Koehler needs the letters for the Miriam Schaeckel Award by Feb. 1.

Marlene Thrawley reported on the membership committee. Each district chairman is to see that their departments are paying their dues. The committee suggested that a booklet be available that describes what the I.V.F.A.A. is about. Phyllis Vargo described how she works with her district.

Beth Caudill spoke on raising the dues from \$5.00 to \$7.50 or \$10.00. District Chairmen are to discuss the raising of the dues with their auxiliaries and report back at the Feb. meeting. We will vote on this at the Feb. meeting and the amount will be based on the greater amount of vote.

Joann Hays reported that she has \$200.00 in the flower fund.

Carol Curl and Marlene Thrawley reported on the convention hotel which is held June 18-22.

Barbara Kerney told us how someone sent a hateful letter to Joann with a picture of her from the 2003 paper.

Chairman 12 Larry Bruner handed out copies of the registration for the

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2013 / 2014****AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Diana Gray - Chm.  
Barbara Ketchem  
Carol Koehler  
Carolyn Zeeks

**CHINESE AUCTION COMM.**

Lori Parker - Chm.  
Barbara Parker  
Sharon Wright  
Beverly Taylor

**MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD**

Carol Koehler - Chm.  
Jean Parish  
Lou Bartlow

**LOIS BOAZ AWARD**

Dorothy Reiter - Chm.  
Pam Gerdowsky  
Martha Thomas

**HISTORIAN**

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.  
Joann Hays  
Martha Thomas

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Marlene Thrawley - Chm.  
June Cahill  
Dawn Hillenburg  
Carolyn Scheele  
Joyce Nevil

**MISS FLAME COMMITTEE**

EJ Smith/Barbara Kerney - Chm.  
Heather Holcomb  
Tammy Smith  
Joann Hays

**JEWELRY COMMITTEE**

Janet Woodfill - Chm.  
Janet Mathews

**MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

EJ Smith - Chm.  
Phyllis Vargo  
Marie Emery  
Carol Curl

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Lou Bartlow - Chairman  
Dorothy Reiter  
Sue Glant  
Joyce Nevil  
Marie Emery

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Barbara Parker  
Martha Thomas

**VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT**

Heather Martin - Chm.  
Janet Matthews  
Diane Stapleton

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Tonya Marsee - Chm.  
Carolyn Zeeks  
Pat Fultz  
Pam Gerdowsky

**INSTALLATION**

Judy Smith

**PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY**

Beth Caudill - Chm.  
Diana Gray

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.  
Jean Parish  
Judy Smith  
Eula Bush  
Pat Fultz

**SOG'S COMMITTEE**

Janet Hargrave  
Marlene Thrawley  
Tammy Smith  
Barbara Ketchem  
Barbara Parker

**MEMORIAL THROW**

Carol Curl



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Jeff Biehl



Mark Crist of Abington Fire Dept. receives his 25 year pin from District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman, presents Robert A. Bullock of the Hagerstown/Jefferson Township Fire Department the 2013 Global Award.



Steve Cain of the Raleigh Fire Dept. receives his 25 year pin from District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Chief Verlin Custer of Raleigh Fire Dept. receives his 50 year Gold Card and pin from his department.



## Alyssa Kneuve named District 19 Miss Flame



Pictured in the photo are Chairman Stephen Macke, new Miss Flame Alyssa Kneuve and IVFAA chairman Tonya Marsee.

- submitted by Stephen Macke, District 19 chairman.

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red and black

e-mailed to Wabash 1-15-2014

## Thank You!!

"I would like to take this time to thank all of the IVFA and IVFAA members, the advertisers and especially ad taker Mitch Parish, for being so kind and understanding in helping me out with the early November 2013 deadline of September 25, 2013.

With your help and kindness I was able to travel to Hawaii with family and friends for 10 wonderful days and I was still able to make the deadline for the November IVFA issue so that all members and advertisers could have the paper at the usual time. Again, thank you!"

Pamela Barlow  
Rensselaer Printco and IVFA Editor

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

## SECRETARY REPORT

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2014 convention. The code word for the Miss Flames is "Flame" so they will be put on the 3rd floor all together. This is held at the Caribbean Cove in Indianapolis. The room rate is \$98.00 per night. The hotel number is 317-871-5642. The man that is working with the chairman is Ron Walkers at 317-871-5658.

Susie Lewis won a piggy bank door prize from Joann Hays.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Tonya Marsee to adjourn the meeting. Approved.

A prayer was said by Chaplain Joann Hays.

Respectfully submitted,

Corresponding Sec. Leona Uryga

you will need to have a run off. As of tonight we have 1 young lady from District 2. Phyllis also stated that if the Miss Flame is from your department she will need to be added as an auxiliary member.

Donna Szafranski from Lowell Auxiliary, seconded by Pat Missel of Cedar Lake made a motion to not have a Silent Auction, instead hold a 50/50 for tickets 6/\$5 at the November meeting. Motion passed.

### Department Announcements:

Lowell Auxiliary is having a Fall Bunco on 10/20 1 p.m. for lunch, 2 p.m. games. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at door. Contact Sue at 808-4264 or Kellie at 696-8977.

Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary Fire Prevention Open House Sunday, Oct. 6 from 11AM to 3PM. Contact Marge Baumgardner at 662-1977 for more information.

Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary Fall Bunco Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Food served at Noon, Games begin at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. Contact Marge Baumgardner @ 662-1977 for more information.

No 50/50 held.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 14th at Lake Station Fire Department.

Motion by Jackie Rench, 2nd by Martha Thomas to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Marge Baumgardner

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

Minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was led by Paul Watland.

Prayer was said.

Roll call was taken, 13 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 3 individual along with 2 guests.

Phyllis thanked Lake Station Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray the cost of hosting.

Phyllis introduced guests Paul Watland, District #2 I.V.F.A.A. chairman, Miss Flame contestant Lauren Bustamante from St. John Fire Department and her mother Theresa.

Minutes of the September 12, 2013 were read by Marge Baumgardner.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$671.00 checking. The report stands as read for audit.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Phyllis introduced the only Miss Flame contestant for Miss Flame. Lauren Bustamante who will represent District 2 at Convention in 2014. Lauren told the members about herself and her department.

Phyllis talked about Convention, The state raffle prizes will be a Pedal Fire Truck for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Last year's profit from the Chinese Auction was \$1,157.34. Any correspondence needs to be to Leona Uryga or Barb Kerney.

Any By-laws changes need to be to Phyllis by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a new award this year. Miriam Schaeckel Award. Also Phyllis talked about getting your ladies nominated for the Lois Boaz Award. The letters need to be hand written to Martha Thomas by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Phyllis asked for prayers for Ann Moss and Jake Thomas.

At the State Officer's meeting

they discussed about raising the state dues to \$7.50 or even \$10.00. Phyllis asked the wishes of the group. After a discussion the group decided that they ask Phyllis to take back to the state meeting that we are in favor of raising dues to \$10.00. Phyllis advised the group that if you want to pay for your dues ahead of time at \$5.00 you can.

### Department Announcements:

50/50 held, winner is Teresa Easton.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Lake of Four Season Fire Force.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa Easton to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Marge Baumgardner

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

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT

*Diane Stapleton - Chairman*

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. on November 21st after barbeque sandwiches, salads and desserts were served by Michiana Shores.

Chairman Diane Stapleton opened with the pledge to the flag. A prayer was said by Jodi Barkow.

Roll call was answered by 13 members present. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer, Bob Uryga reported on the funds.

Old business: The March 18th meeting will be at Coolspring and the May 20th meeting will be at Pleasant Twp.

New business: Diane explained what happened at the state meeting at Crown Plaza Hotel. Miss Flame contestants must be registered by March 1st.

Prizes for the state I.V.F.A.A. raffle were announced. American Income Life Terry Huber telephone number is 765-336-1373.

Raising the dues was discussed with multiple rates of \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00. A vote was taken with 5 votes for \$5.00 or no change and 8 votes for \$7.50 to raise the dues.

The state convention was announced for June 18th thru the 20th in Indianapolis. Miss Flame contestant Annabelle Andrisco was elected to represent District 3.

Motion by Sue Utpatel and seconded by Dorothy Moffit to pay \$25.00 for entrance fee for Miss Flame and \$175.00 toward expenses. The motion carried.

A bake sale and white elephant sale followed the closing of the meeting. The 50/50 was won by Anna Andrisco and Leona Uryga. Motion to close meeting was made by Jodi Barkow and seconded by Steve Millick.

Respectfully submitted,

Sec. Bob Uryga

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



*E.J. Smith - Chairman*

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank Tianna Schuerman for serving the district very well the last three years as our Miss Flame. I would also like to congratulate our 2014 Miss Flame Kayla Williams from Hudson Fire Department. If your department is

having an event, please contact Kayla so she can try to attend.

Our January district meeting will be held at St. Joe Twp., Allen County, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

If your Auxiliary is planning an event please contact me at 260-639-3231 or 260-413-3040, [EJS6District@aol.com](mailto:EJS6District@aol.com) and I will try to attend. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Please try to attend your Auxiliary and district meetings; there is valuable information for you.

E.J. Smith,

District 6 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



*Beverly Taylor - Chairman*

Hello again,

Winter is here. I don't like cold!!!

I hope you have your dues paid. I have talked to several that said they were in the mail. They are delinquent after September 30. They are only \$5.00 a year. Cheap insurance!

It is time to start writing letters for all the awards given at convention. They are Mr. I.V.F.A., Lois Boaz, Ollie Sandburg and Angel Award. We have a new one this year, Miriam Schaeckel Award. Get those letters out, ladies.

Convention is in June at Indianapolis Holiday Inn, Caribbean Cove.

Our district meeting was held on November 17, 2013 at Nevins Twp. The weather was terrible. We were having tornado warnings and severe wind and rain. We didn't have enough turnout to have a meeting, so we stayed in the men's meeting.

District 11A will be sponsoring a Miss Flame dance on January 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. at International Union of Operating Engineers Local 841 on 6801 S US Hwy. 41, Terre Haute, IN.

I'm sad to say we attended a good friend's memorial service. Tony Sorg passed on November 26, 2013. She will be greatly missed.

Until next time, this is District 11A chairman IVFAA Beverly Taylor.

Stay warm.

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



*Jerri Johnson - Chairman*

Hello to all,

On December 4th I attended the Ohio Township Woman's Auxiliary meeting. I spoke to the ladies about joining state.

I also got a chance to hear everything they are working on. Ohio Township has a great group of ladies. Our next district meeting is January 21 at McCutchanville Fire Department.

Thank You,

District Chair 15

Jerri Johnson

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



*Marie Emery - Chairman*

Hello to all,

By now the holidays have come and gone. Hope everyone had safe ones. I, myself, am looking forward to warm weather. Think I will be looking for awhile!

I would like to offer my condolences to the Sorg family. We will miss Toni very much.

I attended the ribbon cutting for the new Taylor Fire Station in October. The new station will serve the community very nice.

Thanks to Wheatland VFD for hosting our meeting in September. A very good meal was enjoyed by several members that were present.

Thanks to all members for helping at the Scotland and Apple Festival stand. It's one of our fundraisers of the year.

We attended the Steen Twp. VFD in Wheatland. Tim and the crew sure know how to fry fish. It was very good and we had a very good time.

On October 27th we attended the open house and clock presentation at the new Taylor station in Scotland. This is Sam and mine home fire department. We are very proud to have this new station.

Thanks to Jack and his crew at Wright Twp. for hosting the Greene Co. Firefighters annual Thanksgiving dinner. A very good traditional Thanksgiving meal and meeting was enjoyed by all who attended.

November 20th our district meeting was held at Switz City Fire Department. Thank you for hosting this meeting for us.

Our family Christmas dinner of the Taylor Fire Department was held December 5th. A good time was enjoyed by all.

I would like to welcome the members of the Spurgeon VFD who recently joined the IVFAA.

I would like to congratulate Jesse McDonald of the Lyons VFD and daughter of Russell and Michelle. She was selected to represent District 17A Miss Flame 2014. Good luck, Jesse.

District 17A chairman

Marie Emery

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT

*Dawn Harris - Chairman*

Hello everyone!

I hope ya'll had happy and safe holidays!

I am honored to be given the opportunity to support the district once again.

Our last meeting was held December 11 at Bloomington Township. We held our Miss Flame judging at this meeting. A big "Thank You" to both of the young ladies that entered the contest.

For those interested in attending, our meetings are held same day, time and department as the IVFA meetings.

I look forward to meeting with individuals and departments as we build our district IVFAA memberships.

God Bless,

Dawn

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## DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



*Phyllis Vargo - Chairman*

Minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was given by Donna Szafranski of Lowell Auxiliary.

Roll call was taken with 13 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 3 individual along with 2 guests.

Phyllis thanked Lowell Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray the cost of hosting. Lowell Auxiliary thanked them for the donation but has voted to return the \$100 back to the District.

Phyllis introduced guests Paul Watland, District #2 I.V.F.A.A. Chairman and Tom Orrell, District #1 I.V.F.A.A. Chairman.

Motion made by Martha Thomas to suspend the reading of the minutes, Jackie Rench 2nd, motion passed.

Correspondence: Sue Caster from Cedar Lake was given a red rose and program from the 2013 Convention Memorial Service.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$606.00 checking. The report stands as read for audit.

**Old Business:**

Phyllis thanked Lake of Four Season Auxiliary for making the Traveling Basket for the Chinese Auction at the State Convention. They did a beautiful job.

Phyllis talked about the district dues. Phyllis asked the members in attendance if there was any questions regarding District or State dues. They are due by September 1st. If you have not paid them please do so. And remember they need to be sent in (2) two checks. One made out to the State and one to the District for \$5.00 per member.

**New Business:**

Phyllis talked about the Miss Flame contest. Applications for young ladies from the age of 15 - 18 need to be to Phyllis by October 15th. If you have more than one applicant from your department,

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT**



Tonya Marsee - Chairman

Our District 19 IVFAA meeting was held at Sunman Volunteer Fire Department on November 12, 2013 at 7 p.m. Bert Struewing, our chaplain, had a reading entitled, "Today is the day to live like it matters". We had a light lunch prepared and served by the ladies of Sunman Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. We had delicious soups and desserts! While eating we were entertained by pictures from the State Convention prepared by Holly Eckstein. Everyone received a first hand view of the Miss Flame Contest!!

Pam Scheele, Secretary-Treasurer, had roll call, to which 20 members were present. Jack Eckstein, our Miss Flame representative for an additional 2 days, gave a brief overview of the convention and thanked everyone for their support, financially and moral.

Tonya Marsee, President, reported that Milan Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary has been disbanded.

Upcoming meeting sites:

February 11, 2014 - Milan (with the Marsee's hosting)

May 13, 2014 - Blooming Grove

50/50 drawing was won by Pam Gerdowsky. Many door prizes were given out.

Meeting was adjourned by Kim Laker and Jack Eckstein.

On November 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. our Miss Flame Contest was held at Eagle Fire Department in Oldenburg, Indiana. We had two contestants - Jade Schutte of Batesville Fire Department and Alyssa Knueven of Sunman Fire Department. Alyssa Knueven was crowned our new District 19 Miss Flame representative. She will represent District 19 at State from June 18-21, 2014. We would like to wish her good luck. Thank you to both Jade and Alyssa. If you have any parades or events you would like Alyssa to help out at, please contact me in advance.

Merry Christmas to all and have a Happy and Safe New Year. Hopefully we will see many new faces at the State Convention this year.

Tonya Marsee, District 19 Chairman IVFAA

**Quips from the IVFAA  
President Barbara Kerney**

"There is always an opportunity to make a difference." -- Michael Dell

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope everyone had a good holiday and was able to enjoy time with family and friends.

I have set goals for myself as your leader as to how we can grow and make our organization one we can all be proud to be a part of. I cannot do this on my own, so I am asking that all of our members work together as a team, bring new ideas to the table and be willing to go beyond what is asked of you.

We have experienced a few bumps in the road in the past couple of years; but we are a strong group and we will consider the bumps to be a learning experience. Thanks to all of you who have offered your assistance and support.

I have received a letter of resignation from our vice president Heather Martin. She will begin a new phase in her life as she moves to Delaware. We wish her the best in her new venture and thank her for what she has contributed to the IVFAA. We will be electing a new vice president to serve the rest of the year till convention. The person who is elected will have a busy few months getting our VP Project ready for convention. This project is very important to the Auxiliary as this is our main source of revenue each year. Good luck, Heather.

If you are a committee chairman and you have not gotten your committee together for a meeting, please make plans to get together. It is good for all to know what your group has in the works and how each person can contribute to the group.

Remember to get your nominations in for Lois Boaz and Miriam Schaeckel Award. There are many deserving ladies who should be nominated for these awards. Hopefully you are working toward getting a Miss Flame for your district. We would like to see every district with a candidate.

Please feel free to call me if I can help. I enjoy visiting different areas and seeing what you are accomplishing in your district. I appreciate your service and support.

Barb Kerney  
IVFAA president



**IVFAA  
Vice President**

Heather Martin



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

New years are a time for new beginnings, a time to start fresh. Some people choose to start a new diet, a new exercise plan, or change the way they save or spend. I have chosen to start a whole new life journey. By the time this article comes out I will be living in Smyrna, DE.

I will greatly miss this organization and the friends I have made in my years I have been involved. I have been honored to serve as a District Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, and your Vice President over the past several years. It has been a great honor to serve this organization. I will always value the lessons I learned from all of you amazing ladies. I will miss attending the quarterly meeting as well as the convention every year. I will continue to support you from the sidelines and will continue my membership. I will visit when I can and I wish you all the best.

Please keep in touch as I will have the same phone number and email address. I am also on Facebook. I will miss all of you terribly, but will always remember what wonderful, caring ladies you all are.

I hope 2014 treats you all well.  
Your former Vice President,  
Heather Martin

December 16, 2013

Well here it is, 2014. Time sure goes by. Hope you all had a safe and peaceful holiday and stayed well.

Went to Prairieton's Auxiliary Christmas party at a restaurant. Those ladies are so wonderful.

Boy, the weather is something else. Brr! Brr!

Hope you got your letters in for all of the awards that will be presented at the annual convention in Indianapolis. Deadlines are February 1, 2014.

Went to 11-B's meeting. They had a nice crowd. It was held at Reelsville. Bob won a turkey. Talk turkey! They always have a good meal and of course, turkey and all the trimmings. Guess what, they also had an ice cream machine. Of course, that was a big hit. A lot of ice cream cones!

**IVFAA  
Chaplain  
Joann Hays**



Also Bob, Pete and Bev Taylor and I went up to Dana to get some of those good chicken and noodles. Of course, we got to see all of our friends - Bill and Eula and Barb and Larry Ketchem and their families.

Now to my sad news and hurting heart. We lost one of our past IVFAA presidents.

Toni Sorg passed away November 26, 2013 after a battle with cancer. She was a wonderful lady and I know she'll be missed by her family and friends. Just keep all of her laughter in your hearts. This is what she would want and those smiles.

I did her memorial on Friday, November 28 in Decatur. Thanks to her family for asking me to give her memorial. Thanks to all of those who attended.

We, the IVFAA, extend our sympathy to the Sorg family. You are in our prayers.

Thank you to Barb Kerney for seeing me thru a rough time. I know it was hard on you, but you did a wonderful way of presenting my problem. It was sad, but I know it's okay. My friends, I just want you to know what kind of IVFAA president you have. I hope you realize just how wonderful and caring a president we have. Barb, I just can't thank you enough. My dear friend, bless you.

Barb, hope you are doing better. Barb had some leg problems and was off work for a few weeks. Thanks, Jack, nurse! for taking good care of her.

Martha, hope you are doing better after your leg surgery. Be careful and take care of yourself and mind (my phone calls).

My dear friends, take care, watch the weather and hope to see you in February.

Need to start getting registration and reservations in for convention 2014.

Until we meet again.

Love and prayers,  
Joan - IVFAA chaplain

**In Memory of  
Antoinette  
"Toni" Sorg  
9/16/44 - 11/26/13**

On Tuesday, November 26, 2013, I received a call from Carol Curl, District 12 chairman that Toni Sorg has passed away this a.m.

On Friday, November 29, 2013, I, my husband Bob, Pete and Beverly Taylor traveled to Decatur, IN where I was asked to give a memorial service for Toni. (Thanks, Pete, for taking us).

It was on November 3rd at the state meeting that Toni and I had a long talk. She told me at that time what she wanted. She wanted to make sure the past president afghan would be ready. Carol Curl makes them and she assured Toni it would be ready. Toni wanted it on her casket in place of floral arrangement. This was her request and her request was filled. (Thanks, Carol, for taking it up to Decatur).

As we parted that day, we both cried and hugged each other and she said to me, "it's okay." She had a great attitude, she knew it probably wouldn't be long. I said, "you'll be in my prayers, my dear friend."

After receiving word of her passing and asked to do her memorial, I tried to prepare the service. It was a little hard to do, but I knew I must because I had promised her I would be there for her.

Toni served the IVFAA for over 40 years. She served as president for the IVFAA 1988 - 1990. She was a member of the Poe Auxiliary for over 40 years.

She was the recipient of the Lois Boaz Award in 1999 in Columbus, IN.

Toni was very active in her auxiliary helping when needed. She would always talk about Poe Fire Auxiliary and worked hard helping make peanut brittle. I know she sold a lot of peanut brittle at the November state meetings. Everyone looked for her bringing.



Toni was a wonderful lady, always smiling.

She was a caring and loving person and thought a lot of her auxiliary and the IVFAA.

As the memorial service began, there were 56 ladies and firemen that joined in around the room.

I know her family appreciated the fact that there were so many.

Toni was the daughter of August and Harriet Willing, born on August 16, 1944 and went home to be with God on November 26, 2013.

She married Mort Sorg on November 18, 1963.

They would have been married 50 years on Thanksgiving Day; which there had been a celebration planned (she even helped make centerpieces). The family went ahead with the celebration as she wanted it. Her daughter, Becky, told me it was hard, but they made it. Probably about 100 in attendance.

Toni was the mother of Edward, Richard, Becky and Beverly and grandmother to 6 grandchildren.

Toni was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church Hessen Cassel in Decatur.

She was director of the food pantry for her church.

Our IVFAA president Barb Kerney was not able to attend the service, but she sent a letter of apology and her condolences.

EJ Smith, District 6 chairman, read the letter from Barb.

Gifts from the IVFAA were presented to the family. They were presented by Joyce Nevil, District 7 chairman, who gave the Bible to

Mort; Diane Gray presented the rose to Beverly. Diana is an IVFAA past president and Dorothy Reiter, IVFAA treasurer, presented the candle to Becky.

As we started to close, I invited the family and friends to the memorial service at IVFAA convention in June in Indianapolis. At that time, Toni will be remembered on the cross. A rose will be presented at that time.

In closing, I read this poem:  
"When tomorrow starts without me"

We of the state extend our deepest sympathy to the Sorg family, the Poe Auxiliary and the fire department, to her friends and her church.

May God bless you all.  
Love and prayers  
Joann Hays  
IVFAA chaplain

Antoinette "Toni" Sorg  
August 16, 1944 - November 26, 2013  
Services

10:00 a.m., Sat., Nov. 30, 2013  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Hessen Cassell

A golden heart stopped beating  
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to prove to us  
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April 5, 2014 12:00 Noon CST**

# 2013 IVFA Convention minutes

**PRESIDENT ISRAEL:** Welcome and good morning. I call the 67th annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association to order.

If you're going to speak, go to the mic, state your name and your district. At this time, with it being Flag Day and all, we want to recognize that it is Flag Day as we do the Pledge to the Flag. Please rise and remain standing for the invocation afterwards.

**CHAPLAIN GERDOWSKY:** Before I give the invocation, anybody who hasn't picked up their rose for the memorial service, see me right after the first break.

Let's bow our heads.  
(Whereupon Chaplain Gerdowsky gives the invocation.)

**PRESIDENT ISRAEL:** Please sit down. If for some reason somebody has a question or wants to make a comment - please go to the microphone. At this time the district chairmen should have their voucher packets. You can get the delegate vouchers ready. Each department is allowed three delegates to vote only.

Credentials Committee, please come forward and prepare for the meeting. Diane Harrison's the chairman, Larry Bartlow, Jack Kerney, Jean Smith, Ed Scheele, Mitch Parish. Mileage Committee, Bev Harker is the chairman, Don Cushman, Richard Glant, Buz Koehler, Jim Parker. At this time we'll have the reading of the minutes from the 2012 Annual Convention at the Horseshoe Casino.

**MR. ANDERSON:** Mr. President, Vice President Steve Anderson. We have one correction we need to make. The motion to approve last year's minutes, the name is incorrect. We need to change it to Robert Esserman.

Don Kissinger, District 5.  
**MR. KISSINGER:** I move to make a motion to approve the minutes with the exception of the changes.

**PRESIDENT ISRAEL:** With the changes. Do I have a second?

**MR. HOLCOMB:** District 16. Second.  
**PRESIDENT ISRAEL:** All those in favor, aye.

**PRESIDENT ISRAEL:** Opposed, same sign.  
**PRESIDENT ISRAEL:** When the districts get their delegate vouchers done and the roll call sheets done, turn them in as soon as possible. At this time I'll have Larry Curl come up here to introduce our guest this morning.

**Mr. Curl:** Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, on a serious note, I do appreciate, the opportunity to be here and to serve you as your lobbyist. Our speaker today is Representative Bill

Davis. Bill Davis' career started in the Statehouse in 2004 and continues today. It's House District No. 33. He will tell you what that - what all those districts are, but I can tell you it includes Jay, Randolph and a portion of Delaware County. Representative Davis is a chairman of the Public Policy Committee, Elections and Unemployment, Employment, Labor, Pensions, Growth and Transportation, Rules, Legislative Procedures, Committee on Joint Rules. He is an auctioneer, as one of our members already has found out. He is involved in his community as the past president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, founding member of the Jay County Economic Development, past board member of the Jay County Boys' Club, past council member of the Zion Lutheran Church, served on the Jay County Hospital Board and a former volunteer firefighter. Let's give a big, warm welcome to Representative Davis.

(APPLAUSE)  
**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** Well, thank you very much, Larry, for asking me to attend today, and I kind of got the message. We had a session this year, and we adjourned that session fine, and I thank you.

**MR. CURL:** You're welcome.  
**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** Well, good morning, everyone. And let me just say to the IVFA I want to shout out to District 8B Lloyd Wright. That's the district that I was a part of in my 17 years as a volunteer firefighter in my community. Like Larry, I also understand what you folks do, how important you are, not only to your communities, how important the firefighting service, especially the volunteer firefighting service, is throughout the state. And it's not that - I mean, obviously the paid professional firefighters play such a role in keeping our community safe, but without the 16,000 volunteer firefighters, the state would be in terrible shape without you folks volunteering your time and your families' time, and I know what you sacrifice to do that, and I just want you to know how much not only I appreciate that but how much the General Assembly appreciates that. And we'll talk about a couple of bills here later on that, I think, will show exactly where the legislature stands on our public service people, firefighters, police, first responders and all that kind of thing, so Larry asked me to come today and speak about the General Assembly and this session. This session with a new governor was about three major issues, I think, that will serve us all well in the future, financial security for the future, bridging the skills gap. We still have an eight percent unemployment rate in the State of Indiana, which is far beyond where we need to be.

We have a lot of folks without work, so we need to bridge the skills gap. We have a lot of jobs that are available without qualified people, trained people to fill them, and so we spent a good deal of our time working on that particular issue this year. Education is always in the forefront at the Indiana General Assembly. It's an issue that, again, we need to make sure that we're educating our children to the best fashion that we possibly can. It's the largest part of our budget. As you may well know, we spent well over half of our \$13 billion budget on an annual basis for education from preschool through college, so it is a very important part of what we're doing.

The other part of this session also dealt with relationships and bipartisanship, and the Speaker of the House made a very concerted effort this year to make sure that we looked at legislation from a bipartisan position, and the very first bill that we passed, House Bill 1002, was the bill for the Council on Education and filling the skills gap. And for the first time since I've been there in my nine years, this bill was authored by the Speaker of the Indiana House and the Minority Leader, Scott Pelath. And, like I say, it's the first bill passed. It set the tone for the legislative session. And if you looked at, took the time to look at legislation that was passed this year, you will see by far and away bills were passed with bipartisan support both in the House and in the Senate. I think that any time we can work closely together with our counterparts across the aisle, it's better legislation, we end up with better laws, and our constituents are better served. You know, the new two-year budget maintains a strong fiscal reserve, prioritizes education and road funding for the first time. We have made some major changes to the highway budget and how it's funded and who it's funded from, gasoline taxes and state taxes we pay on gasoline, which puts some 275 million more dollars into the highway funding this year. It's about a 60/40 split. About 60 percent of that money goes to the state. About 40 percent of it comes back to local government to help in maintaining their highways. And we did this under the pretense that we can't be called the Crossroads of America with an infrastructure that's not well maintained, and so at a time when we have a surplus and we have the ability to put more money into those areas, especially at the local area where people have been hurt by tax gaps, this gives them a little extra boost in funding their highway programs. This budget also has historic tax cuts in it. We passed the largest tax cuts in the state's history in this session of the General Assembly, one, by doing away with the death tax, actually retroactive back to January. We were one of about 13 or 14 states that still had

a death tax, so we've abolished that, like I say, retroactive back to January. We also are continuing to be on the road of reducing taxes on corporations in an effort to bring more people and more jobs to the State of Indiana. We've started to lower one of the higher corporate taxes in the State of Indiana from 8.6 percent down to six and a half. We're doing that over about a five-year period, so we continue to do that. And, as the governor asked, we also reduced income tax on individuals, state income tax. And, again, this is going to be done over a four-year period, I believe, that will cut the income tax by about 10 percent going forward. The other thing this budget does is pretty unique. Because of the fiscal responsibility the State of Indiana has shown, we were able to, for the first time in a long time, pay for our capital projects for our universities and for the state and those types of things with cash rather than asking those units of government to bond. When we do that, we reduce the costs to our universities in particular, and that was of special interest to us because as the cost of education, higher. Education, continues to grow, we have less and less people that have the ability to attend, so by paying for their capital projects, their building projects and things that they need with cash rather than with bonding, we reduce those costs. They don't have to add it to their tuition charges, and hopefully we can make education more available to more people. So there's a real change. We also paid off some debt, some bonds that were out there for some projects that we've done in the past we were paying a higher interest rate on because they're older bonds. This allowed us to pay those bonds off and, again, save additional money. We pledged going into the session that we would restore public education funding to prerecession levels, and I'm sure most of you if you're involved in your community understand that during the recession, we reduced funding for education by about \$300 million over that period of time. This budget restores that. Now, it does not restore it and then add the \$300 million back. Okay? What it does is takes schools back to where they were prerecession. So this is not a huge windfall for our educational systems. They're still, like most units of government, working as hard as they can to keep those costs in line, but it does restore the \$300 million that they lost during that process. And, again, our cash for projects velocity, we think, will be a huge savings for people trying to send their kids to the state universities. The other thing that we talked about was bridging the skills gap. I talked to you briefly about House Bill 1002. 1002 will address that skills gap. And right now what happens in our efforts to put people back to work, in our work force development efforts and those kinds of things, we have lots and lots of people around the State of Indiana doing really good work trying to educate people, trying to train people, trying to get people back to work. Unfortunately, we have not had a very cooperative effort. Not that people are uncooperative, but the fact is that that whole thing has been kind of out there with each group doing their own thing, and the result of that is that we have some areas say who have people that need jobs, but it's not the kind of jobs that the people in their communities or in their districts or in their areas were looking for. What the Career Council is going to do - and by the way, this Career Council is going to be manned by the Governor. He's going to be an active participant. The Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House, our highest education people, Ivy Tech, all those folks are now going to be a part of the Career Council. They will bring all of our workforce development groups together to focus on area training. So Delaware County has a career center, the Muncie Career Center here on the northeast side of town. As a matter of fact, it's in part of my district. I have about a third of Delaware County from about the Bypass east of the Ohio line is my district, a third of Delaware County, all of Jay County and all of Randolph County, so we have the Muncie Career Center. This council is going to look at the Muncie Career Center and look at the type of jobs that are needed in this area so that the training that are being done, that's being done at Ivy Tech, at the Career Center, at the John Jay Center for Learning in Jay County where I live, is focused on the kinds of jobs that we need in each area of the state. Not every area of the state stays the same. Up around the Lafayette area, Purdue, where they have a lots of life science, is a different skill set than what we may need in Delaware County or Anderson or whatever where we're in heavy manufacturing, where we're in automotive. It takes a different skill set. So we want to make sure that we're training people to the jobs that are required, the jobs that are needed, where the needs are, and we can hopefully fill those jobs, and we won't have industries that are without employees and yet still have people on unemployment that aren't properly trained. So those were the major issues that we dealt with at the State. I want to preface it. We didn't just work on three issues. Larry could tell you. And I've got to tell you, folks, you don't know how fortunate you are to have someone like Larry representing you at the Statehouse. Again, he is a firefighter. We all know that. Everybody knows that. He works on a daily basis for you folks, and I can tell you as a member of the Labor Committee. But when I look out in the hallway or when I look out to see who's in the Labor Committee, Larry is always there, not because we're always dealing with things that deal with volunteer firefighters, but to make sure that if we are, you have a voice, and that's exactly what it takes is someone that will give your voice the ability to be heard. And I can tell you that this man can get heard in any committee that he shows up in. He's very well respected, and he does you a great job. Did I say what you wanted to hear?  
**MR. CURL:** Yes.  
**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** All right. So with all that being said, I wanted to talk just a little bit because I think sometimes we in the fire service,

the police service or whatever, kind of believe that, you know, those guys are just down there and they don't know we exist and they don't care about us, they don't get it, they don't understand what we do, they don't - we've dealt with - I'm going to talk about one, two, three, four, five, six pieces of legislation that - seven pieces of legislation that dealt with public service, the State Police, Alzheimer's training for public safety officers, the Outdoor Equipment Committee that I served on after we had the tragedy at the Indiana State Fair. The Blue Alert Program creates - you know, when a law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured and it requires the State Police to put that blue alert out so that people are aware of it that we've had a public safety officer injured or hurt and to look for the perpetrator immediately. Chaplain? I saw your chaplain here a little earlier. This gives the chaplain the same abilities with a green light that we have with blue lights so that he can operate his vehicle and be there in a safe manner, notify the people that he's enroute to a safety incident. And the last one was allowing people that are trained in the military, coming back from the military as medical people, EMTs, whatever, allow that training that they got in the military to count toward whatever they need to work in the State of Indiana in our first responder areas. I only bring this up because of those seven pieces of legislation that we dealt with for public safety, there is not one "no" vote. There is not one "no" vote in those seven pieces of legislation. Zero people of the 150 people in the legislature voted against the public safety measures that were going forward. So we do get it. We do understand what you folks do and what you mean to our communities, and we want to do everything that we can to protect you and to make your life easier so that you can continue to do what you do. These seven pieces of legislation, I will guarantee, and then I will stop and take questions, not one of these pieces of legislation went through our House without Larry's input, without him having the ability to let us know what this was going to mean to you folks in your service. So we appreciate what you do. We appreciate what your families allow you to do, and we know that it's a huge inconvenience sometimes, and we certainly thank you for your service. And I'll be glad to take questions.

**MR. NOLAN:** Yes, Representative Davis. Thank you for your service, first of all. Steve Nolan. I'm Fire Chief of Pleasant Run Fire Department in Lawrence County. What I would like to ask, I would love to see the state come up with some type of an incentive for the volunteer firefighters, not only to help us maintain the firefighters that we have but to help us recruit new firefighters. I think it's a long time overdue that we get some type of incentive to really help us.

**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** Okay. I guess my question is, what are you meaning? When you say for the state to come up with some kind of an incentive, I'll be real honest with you. I like the idea of local units of government dealing with those issues and actually not asking the state to get involved. Can you give me an idea of what kind of incentive you're speaking about?

**MR. NOLAN:** Well, in our area, we don't have enough money to even operate - I've got two stations now - operate two stations, EMS and fire, off of \$29,000 a year.

There's no other money there our local government can give us. I'd just like to see the state come up with some type of way to help us with this to where we can, like I say, keep our volunteers that we have and to recruit new ones. Maybe Larry's got some ideas up there.

**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** Sure. Absolutely.

**MR. CURL:** Representative, I think a couple of things we're looking at that we're going to try to bring to you and bring to the legislature, first of all, we have what we call the - and this is just a name for a program. It's called the Length of Service Award Program, LOSAP program. Insurance based program that you pay into it. At the end of a period of time, it will turn into an annuity or retirement program. Now, we can do that on a local level, and some departments have done that, but it would certainly be nice if we could do that unilaterally across the state and every volunteer firefighter could enjoy that same benefit. We have some that are doing it. A lot of them are not. It's an opportunity. It's an incentive for the fire service to be able to bring the young folks in and a reason for them to stay long term. The other thing that I have talked to a couple of legislators about and now that we have a friend in the fire service here with us, we need to look at higher education, not just for fire service but for educating our young folks at a discounted price or a reduced price at a state university, a state college, some kind of an incentive to be able to give to them that will allow them to go to school, continue to volunteer, work a job. And they've already got a pretty good (inaudible).

And most of them are at the beginning of their career and they're not making a lot of money. If we could somehow give them an opportunity to continue their education at some reduced price, I think that would be a type of benefit. So something along those lines.

**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** Maybe what we should look at, Larry, we did a lot of good work this year for veterans and veterans education and some of those kinds of things. Maybe there's a program that we could mirror.

**MR. CURL:** Yeah.

**REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:** - that we have for veterans and their families. So we can look at those options. I have tried on a couple of occasions to allow volunteer firefighters to participate in the state's retirement program, even if you paid your own, your part of the matching fund, so you would pay it all actually, but it would

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

Articles and photos submitted by Leona Uryga



District 3 Miss Flame Annabelle Andrisco with her mother Lee Dunham and District Chairman Diane Stapleton.



District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy and Miss Flame Annabelle Andrisco.



Mike Knapp receives his 25 year pin from District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy with Miss Flame Annabelle Andrisco.

## Dwayne Murphy presented 25 year service pin



25 YEAR PIN – Dwayne Murphy, (right) Montgomery VFD, presented his 25 year pin by District 17A chairman Sam Emery (left). - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Steen Twp. VFD fish fry



50 YEARS AND STILL GOING! – Alan Roberson, Steen Twp. VFD, doing his part at the Steen Twp. VFD fish fry.



Members take a break!



Tim Yochum, Chief, hard at work!

## 25 year pins awarded - Steen Twp.



Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents Chief Tim Yochum, Steen Twp. his 25 year pin.



Herald Baker receives his 25 year pin from Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

## District 17A Miss Flame



Russ McDonald, Jesse McDonald, District 17A Miss Flame and Teddy York, Chief, Lyons VFD.

## Taylor Twp. VFD new station dedication



Members of the Taylor Twp. VFD present at the new station dedication.



CLOCK PRESENTATION – Sam Emery presents Chief Randy Baker, Taylor Twp. VFD, a clock for the new station with Jesse McDonald, District 17A Miss Flame, assisting.

25 YEAR PIN – Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents Taylor Twp., fireman, Roy Ferguson his 25 year pin.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



On December 8, 2013 the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department honored Clayton Hummel for his 50 years of service on the department. Clayton received his 50 year pin and Gold Card.

Pictured from left to right are: Clayton Hummel, Lexi Blumenhorst - 2013 District 8 Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's office presented Clayton Hummel with a Gold medallion for his 50 years of service. Putting the medallion on Clayton is his wife while family members watch.



The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department honored some of their members with service awards at their Christmas party.

Pictured (from left to right) are Nancy Armstrong - 15 years, Larry Petro - 40 years, Laura Coleman - 15 years, Lexie Blumenhorst - District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Above ... Bryant VFD / Below ... Farmland VFD



On December 14, 2013 at their annual Christmas party, Melvin Nott, fire chief of the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

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



On October 12, 2013 Farmland Volunteer Fire Department honored William E. Savage for 50 years of service. William received his 50 year pin and a Gold Card.

Presenting the pin and Gold to him is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman with members of the fire department watching.

## Hartford City VFD



On December 10, 2013 the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department honored Richard Tarr for 50 years of service. Presenting a 50 year pin and Gold Card to Richard is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



## Salem Twp. Daleville Emergency

On October 12, 2013, Salem Township/Daleville Emergency held a pork chop supper.

Brad Real and Kevin Imel received their 25 year pins.

Pictured (from left to right) are Brad Real, Kevin Imel and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Gaston VFD



On December 7, 2013 the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department honored Mike Delaney for 50 years of service at their Christmas party.

Pictured presenting Mike with his award is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Gaston Volunteer Fire Department honored Mike Dobbs for his 25 years of service.

Pictured (from left to right) is Mike Dobbs and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Ridgeville VFD

(PICTURED AT LEFT) — The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry on September 11, 2013 at their station.

Pictured (from left to right) are Jim Tharp, Stacey Chalfant and Tom Friend, getting ready to serve the people.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



On December 18, 2013 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party. Gene Horner received his 25 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Lexi Blumenhorst - District 8B 2013 Miss Flame, Gene Horner and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Joe Downing received his 25 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B, Joe Downing and Lexi Blumenhorst, District 8B 2013 Miss Flame.



William Daniels received his 50 year pin and Gold Card at the annual Christmas party. Pictured (from left to right) are Lexi Blumenhorst - District 8B 2013 Miss Flame, Williams Daniels and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's office presented William Daniels with a service medallion for his 50 years of service.



The Pennville Fire Department honored members of the department with 25 or more years with the department.

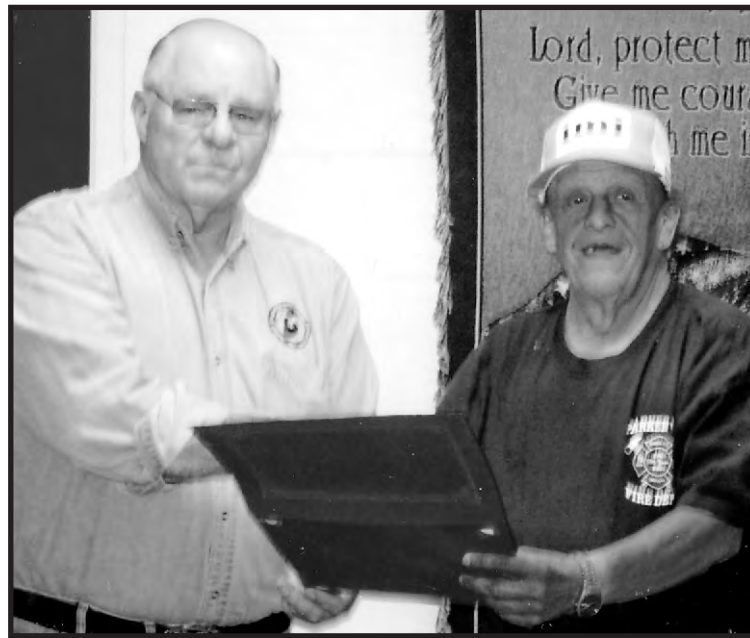
Pictured in the front row from left to right are: Bob Daniels, William Daniels, Ralph Frazee, Vic McEwen, and Carl Imel.

Back row, from left to right, are Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B chairman, Jr. Norris, Gene Horner, John Corwin, Joe Downing and Gary Robinson. Also pictured is Lexi Blumenhorst, District 8B 2013 Miss Flame.



On November 13, 2013 Pennville Volunteer Fire Department hosted the 2014 Miss Flame contest.

Pictured (from left to right) are Menausha VanSkyock - Bryant VFD, Lexi Blumenhorst - Miss Flame 2014 - Dunkirk VFD, Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B chairman, Maureen Rammel - Miss Flame 2014 1st runner up - Hamilton Township VFD, Amanda Evers - Bryant VFD and Adrien Badger - Salem Township VFD.



## Parker City VFD

On September 11, 2013 the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department honored Terry Wright with his 25 year pin for his service on the department.

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

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still be an opportunity for you to have the state's retirement program. And I have not been successful in doing that for various reasons. A lot of them have to do actually with the way the program is set up and who's allowed to be in it how all that has to work. So now we combine a lot of our retirement programs into one group, not really combined funds, but we now have one group of people looking at that. And so it hasn't gotten any easier, but that was another area that I looked at early on when I was in the legislature and was not successful. But if that's the kind of incentives you were talking about, we certainly — like I say, maybe we can mirror something we're doing with veterans that would make some sense.

MR. CURL: You know, I think from our perspective — and we certainly understand everybody is looking to the state to give them back, to give them something. I think from our perspective, and you understand this in your former position, it's not that we're asking for something. We're asking to be recognized and assist us for that time and dedication that we give of our own selves. So it's not like we're coming in asking for something and not giving something back in return, because if you was to take the cost savings to the state from a volunteer perspective, you would be shocked. You would be absolutely shocked, I can tell you. And we're talking about that right now. We're talking about doing a study to show what our cost savings is to our communities. The State of New York did something some five, seven years ago, and they're like — I'm afraid to say the figure because I guess I'm getting a little bit older, not a whole lot, but it's hard to remember all the numbers. But it's something like five million — no, five billion dollars in savings to their state for volunteer services, a lot of money, a lot of money.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Well, and I would encourage that, Larry. Oftentimes it's not because people don't appreciate — when they see you going down the road and the blue light, you know, they understand and they appreciate you, but it's one of those things where kind of out of sight, out of mind. And yet when you do a

survey or you do a study or you do that kind of thing by an outside firm, a third party — I would suggest looking at Purdue or someone like that to show the impact that first responders, volunteer firefighters, our sheriffs and police reserves and those folks, the impact that you have not only fiscally but in other ways, and then have those figures in black and white, hard numbers. There was just a study done. And I'm going to reference this because Larry brought this up, and I think it makes a lot of sense. There was just a study done on motor sports in the State of Indiana. And I've been involved in motor sports for a long, long time in the State of Indiana. I had no idea that every county in the State of Indiana but one, 91 of our 92 counties is impacted in some fashion by motor sports. We have 23,000 primary jobs in the motor sports industry with an average pay of \$65,000 a year. That is information that came to the General Assembly from a study by Purdue University for the motor sports industry, and we had no idea. The legislature had no idea of how broad motor sports were in the state. And everybody knows about the Indianapolis 500, and everybody knows that Indiana's the racing capital of the world. Not everyone knew that there were 23,000 jobs, primary jobs, and another 160 something thousand jobs that are in some way involved with motor sports. I'll give you an example of that. In Jay County, Portland, Moser Engineering manufactures axles for racing for drag cars, and that's the primary moment sports company in Jay County. Well, what we've also got to look at is the steel that's used in those, it's forged at our forging company. So it's not only the jobs that are involved with Moser. Also we have jobs at the forging plant, ATI in Portland. So these things mushroom. My only point in bringing that up is if in fact you do a study and you can show the fiscal impact and the other impact that you have in your communities, there may be a lot of things that the legislature can look at not only in incentives but in other areas that we haven't thought of. So I think that's a great idea, Larry. I think it would be money well spent to find someone that would do that for you, and you'll probably find someone to do it that's

already interested in public safety, has a lot of information about public safety. I think that's a good idea.

MR. NOLAN: Thank you, Representative Davis.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you.

MR. SALE: Representative, first of all, I also want to thank you and commend you for your support to the fire service in Indiana. I think I'd like to know — I'm sure Larry knows your position and the rest of us where we stand on the legislature's current persistence to penalize the volunteer firefighters that want to also serve in their community politically, township boards. I know there was a study and a committee was supposed to be started on where we stand and why this legislature's persistence.

MR. CURL: You talked about the Study Committee. Let me just bring you up to date. Then we'll turn it back to the Representative. We did ask for a Summer Study Committee to be commissioned to study the impact and effects of former House Bill 1005, the conflict of interest nepotism bill. It's currently Indiana Code 3-5-9. And in there it does state that if you're a volunteer firefighter, you cannot serve an elected position within the same community that you serve as a volunteer. The Summer Study Committee was rejected. We will not be doing a Summer Study Committee. Don't take offense to this, Representative.

As I looked down through the list of those appointments that was made for the Summer Study Committee — how many of you members are wine drinkers? I am absolutely appalled to think that over a public safety issue that we will study the making, the manufacturing, the selling,

the distribution of wine in the Summer Study Committee. I am appalled at that. I think that is a slap in the face that we will take — and I'm sure there's a lot of good reasons to do that, but I think there's also a good reason to study our cause.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Okay. I didn't know that we were studying wine. I think the issue, in fact, is not the wine. I think the issue is who can distribute it and whether or not — right now, under the Fair Trade Law, whatever law we pass in Indiana we have to make available to other states, and right now in the State of Indiana there's a lot of people who are interested in small wineries, making their own wine and that kind of thing, and when we allow them to self distribute, we also have to allow a gallon of wine from California to also self distribute. This is a bill that the Farm Bureau has been working on and other people for farm wineries. We want to try to keep it to local folks. And Representative Cook from down in Bedford thought that we had a bill to do that this year only to find out from the ATC that that's not the case. If we passed the bill the way it came out of the House, we would have to open it up to every winery in the country. So I think that's probably why we're studying that. I didn't realize that. There were a lot of study committees asked for this year, and very few of them got approved, and so I'm surprised that that's one of them, but that's the case with it, so. But back to your original question. I think the legislature heard our concerns about the local government issues and, you know, from that nepotism, volunteer firefighters were taken out of the nepotism bill thanks to Larry and his hard work in making sure people understood what that would do to the fire service, how the fire service has evolved over the years and how families have been

a big part of that fire service. So the legislature heard that, and you're not a part of the nepotism bill, so that doesn't affect us anymore. In talking to Representative Mahan before I came here today — Kevin is from Blackford County, was a former sheriff, chairs the local Government Reform Committee. He kind of indicated to me that there's not a big move in local government right now. I don't know. Do we have any bills at all this year, Larry, on local government reform?

MR. CURL: Yeah, there were a couple.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Not near what there's been in the past. There is still the idea out there of what to do with the boards, the township trustee boards. And, in fact, they may at some point in time in the future go away. Other than that, I haven't heard about a lot of local government reform that's at the top of anyone's list. So it's also my understanding today you have some 400 people that are actually — out of 16,000 that are actually a board.

MR. CURL: Yeah. We have over 500 that actually sit as a township trustee or a board member.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Right.

MR. CURL: That doesn't include any county boards or city boards.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Right. So that would — if the boards — we no longer have the advisory boards, township advisory boards, then there's 400 people or 300 people that are not going to be affected any longer. The conflict of interest law, I can tell you, was a bill that passed pretty easily, and it's not just about volunteer firefighters. This is a conflict of interest bill that

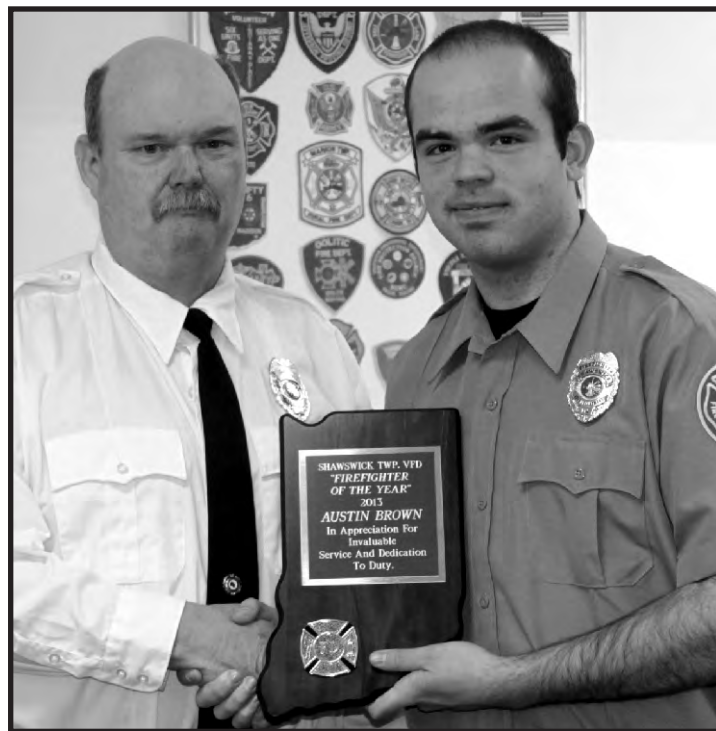
# Shawswick VFD holds annual Christmas dinner



Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department of Lawrence County, Bedford, Indiana, held its annual Christmas Dinner on December 8. The celebration was attended by 19 members of the department and their families. Before dinner Jack Voightschild, Department Chaplain, led everyone in prayer. Pictured are front: Kyle Brown, Charity Elliott, Luke Kluender, Robert Brown, Brett Roberts, Louise Combs, Jason Fisher. Middle: Jeff Combs, J.D. Ramsay, Mike Emmons, Kyle Potter, Robert Barber, David Dalton, Andy Kimmel, Austin Brown. Rear: Robert Ryen, Keith Brown, Dustin White, Jack Voightschild, Jemery Robertson, Josh Robinson.

(Pictured at right) — Fire Chief Robert A. Brown presented FF/1st Responder Austin Brown with the Annual Firefighter of the Year for 2013 Award.

Austin within the last year has completed Firefighter 1 and 2 and 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Courses and has greatly contributed to the department with his new skills. Austin received the award for his hard work, dedication and service to his community.



(In the above photo) — Fire Chief Robert A. Brown presented Jason Fisher, Captain, with the following award:

“Shawswick Twp. VFD, “Jim McFarlan”, EMS Award, 2013, Jason Fisher, In Appreciation for Invaluable Service and Dedication.

James H. “Jim” McFarlan passed away November 16, 2013. Jim was a dedicated Firefighter/EMT and was the department EMS Director from the time he joined the department until 2012. Jim was an EMT for many years, beginning as an EMT when the State of Indiana first certified Emergency Medical Responders. He obtained his EMT Instructor Certification and taught hundreds, if not a thousand Basic EMTs and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders in his career. The Firefighter/EMT/1<sup>st</sup> Responder, who receives the “Jim McFarlan EMS Award” in the following years will have to work hard to be presented with this honor in Jim’s name. Shawswick Vol. FD and Firefighter/EMTs in Lawrence County have lost a great individual and a close friend.

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## Griffith FD honors three

Honored for 20 years of service



(Pictured top right) — The Griffith Fire Department would like to congratulate Firefighter Joe Martin for receiving the 2013 Firefighter of the Year Award.

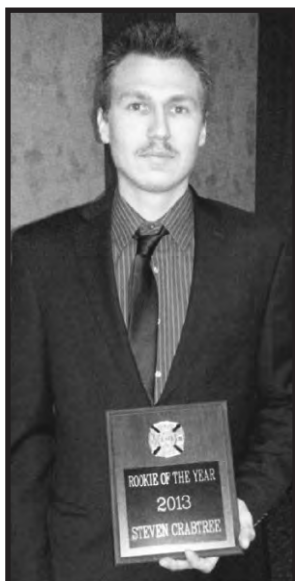
(Pictured bottom right) — The Griffith Fire Department would like to congratulate Firefighter Steven Crabtree for receiving the 2013 Rookie of the Year Award.

(Pictured at top) — The Griffith Fire Department would like to congratulate Firefighter Tim Obermeyer for his 20 years of dedicated service to his community and department. Firefighter Obermeyer pictured on the left received his 20 year watch from Fire Chief Roy Schoon." - submitted by Joe Martin, Griffith Fire Department, Firefighter/Instructor, Certified Child Safety Seat Technician

Firefighter of the Year



Rookie of the Year



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman



(Below) District 11-A chairman Pete Taylor is shown presenting I.V.F.A. 25 year pin to William Todd Rehmel of Wright Twp. Fire Department.

(Left to right) Pete Taylor, William Todd Rehmel and Darion Wilson, state Miss Flame runner-up.

On November 11, 2013, Nolan G. Wilson received his 25 year pin at a monthly meeting. District 11A chairman Pete Taylor, I.V.F.A., presented the pin.

Pictured (left to right) Pete Taylor and Nolan G. Wilson.

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had to do with local government, who can serve on those boards in my community. We have a police officer that sits on the city council, a good friend of mine. This is going to affect him. And Lloyd, where Lloyd lives in Salamonie, Indiana, the fire chief, I believe, is still the trustee. Right, Lloyd? So it affects us locally, and we understand that, but I can tell you that there's a huge concern about conflict of interest and how we handle taxpayer dollars, not only, like I say, at the very local level but in all the major units of government. It was a big problem, and so it was a bill that passed very easily. There was a bill brought last year, maybe the year before — Scott Reske, I believe, was still there — to change that for volunteer fire or other volunteer services. It took a long time for that bill to get a hearing. When it got a hearing, it did not pass. There was no interest in changing that law in that committee. So at the end, the nepotism part of it has gone away for volunteer fire service. The conflict of interest doesn't appear to be going away any time soon with the exception of that that's going with the boards.

MR. SALE: But please explain why the desire of the legislature to do that when these are elected positions elected by the constituents. They are not hiding they're volunteer firefighters. It's not like they became volunteer firefighters after they became board members.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Right. Yeah, well, volunteer fire service only crosses over when it gets into the elections and the boards that it is an elected position. You're elected to a position, and you have to respond to taxpayers. The conflict of interest bill was put in place when one of the big — one of the big issues happened right here in Delaware County where there was a firefighter that sat on the city council. If you recall, some of you folks that live around here locally, at the time it was a big issue and people voting for their own pay, people voting for — okay? And so the legislature, the General Assembly dealt with all types of conflict of interest, not just for volunteer fire services. But because the volunteer fire service now in your new position is an elected position, it puts you in a little different light, and there's a responsibility, and one of the responsibilities that the legislature has is to make sure that we have laws in place that protect taxpayers, and that's the short answer.

MR. SALE: But my understanding is, like in my particular county, the county councilmen froze the vote for LOIT, but a city-paid firefighter and served as a county council member, totally legal because he's a city firefighter, but still he can vote on LOIT that directly goes to the city to affect his pay, and that's not addressed in your bill.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Actually the LOIT and COIT and those are actually approved by an appointed board that includes county council people. But I don't think it's just the county council that does that, but that's — I don't want to get into (inaudible).

MR. SALE: I'm just saying we're being singled out.

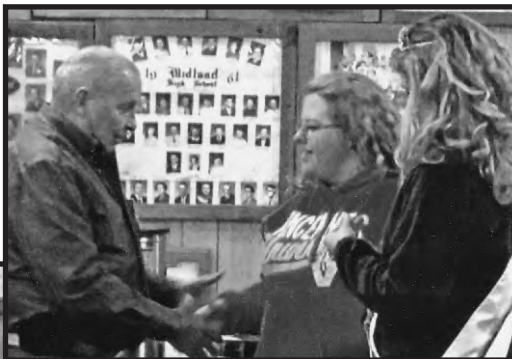
REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Pardon me?

MR. SALE: I do feel we're being singled out for some of the elected positions.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Well, I can tell you that I don't believe that that's the case. I don't think anybody in the legislature singled out volunteer fire services and said, "These guys are corrupt, and we need to fix it." I think you got caught in the sweep.

MR. SALE: Larry, am I wrong?

MR. CURL: I agree with Representative. I think we did get caught in a sweep. And let me share with you, I think how we got caught into that was whenever the bill was introduced, and it was introduced by both Representative Kevin Mahan and Senator Connie Lawson as a dual bill, and it was to include career firefighters, those folks who get paid to do what they do, and it would have a direct impact on their salaries if they were sitting on a board. And I think there was some behind-the-screen, behind-the-scene negotiations that went on to say, "If you're going



Marlena Scott, Wright Twp. firefighter, received her 25 year pin presented by Pete Taylor, 11-A chairman.

Pictured (left to right) Pete Taylor, Marlena Scott and Jesse McDonald, 17A Miss Flame and state Miss Congeniality.



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to include career, you need to include volunteers." I think that's exactly how we got caught up in it.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Could be.

MR. CURL: Now, does that make it right? No. Does it make it easy to change? No. Are we still fighting for it? Yes. As a matter of fact, last year we had two bills that were introduced, House Bill 1287, I believe, Representative Frye, and Senate Bill 329, I think, which was introduced by Jean Leising, and we could not get a hearing on those bills. We could not get those assigned to the committee to get a hearing on them. We finally did get Senate Bill 329 into a committee, but they did what they call a "strip and insert" of that bill, took out all the current language and put in what they wanted, what a particular legislator wanted it to say, and it still didn't pass. Does it make it right? Representative, I've got to tell you, I do believe — I do believe we were singled out based on the fact that we got caught up in that mix. And I do believe if you take the bill that the law enforcement is not included in that bill, which, again, causes hardship to us. Law enforcement is not included in that bill.

MR. SALE: No conflict there, huh?

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Yes. You're absolutely right, Larry, they are not, or EMTs.

MR. CURL: Let me correct that. A reserve law enforcement is not included in that bill. Sorry. You're right. Paid is. Reserve is not. So we have some issues with it. And we're not going to solve the issues here. We're here to have an overview, so let's don't.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: No, but if you have issues, I would appreciate hearing them because, I mean, that's what we do, folks. And, like I say, Larry does a wonderful job of keeping us aware. But I'm more than happy to hear the issues and to see if we can be helpful. I will tell you, in this particular case, I mean, the legislature doesn't operate in a vacuum, and so when we pass a bill to try to hold the conflicts of interest down to make sure the taxpayers are being served, now it's a whole different situation. If someone asks us to go back and say, "Oh, no, no, no. We made a mistake, and we think you should allow this conflict," I mean, it's just hard to get people to vote for that. I mean, it's hard to get people to say, "Okay, we're going to there may be some conflict of interest here, but it's okay and we're going to vote for this." It's going to be very difficult, Larry can tell you, to get people to vote for that kind of a bill. Because, you know, one of the things that is difficult for me with the legislature is I represent rural Indiana. Most of you people work in rural Indiana. You know that there's townships in northwest Indiana that have 200 employees where the township board people make \$25,000,

\$50,000 a year. I mean, our people are lucky if they get their rent back. But, so when we look at this, it's very easy for us in rural Indiana to look at this and say, "What is the problem? I mean, these are hard working folks that volunteer their time, and now we're going to kick them in the teeth." But there are a lot of folks out there that are not in that situation where township government is a huge issue, where they have huge budgets, where the township trustee makes a lot of money. The township boards make lots of money. And so we have to look at the whole broad range of people that we're dealing with, and sometimes, you know, there are casualties. I try to make sure as much as I can that not all of them are in rural Indiana, because my district's totally rural. The biggest city in my district's 7,000 people. My guess is we don't have a township board. Most of our township boards, you'd probably have trouble finding the people to do it because they're too busy working. So it is a little broader than sometimes what it may seem.

MR. CURL: Hang on just a second here. We're going to give the Representative a short break only because — we're not going to let him off the hook — only because we do have some guests out here that would like to come in and visit with us.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Oh, good.

MR. SELLMER: Thank you, Larry, and thank you for your service. Guys, one of things I want to point out, and let me — I'm Tom Sellmer. No. 1, I'm from Clarksville, Indiana. My fire department that I've been involved in now for 50 years — I started out as a career firefighter there in 1960, guys is a combination group. We have union firefighters, we have paid firefighters, and we have volunteers. And what's been pointed out is this concept, and I appreciate your service, and he's just one person. I want to encourage all of you, No. 1, get on Larry's e-mail list or whatever. Know what's going on. And when they send something out that says, "We need your help to contact your legislature," do it. Call the guy. Tell him. You know, I can tell you who mine are, Senator Grooms and Representative Stemler. I'll guarantee you, they don't like seeing my face sometimes, but I'll tell you, I operate and did — I was the chief executive officer. My title was president chief executive officer. I had two volunteer chiefs and a career chief under me. You talk about an interesting work situation when you're doing it as a volunteer. You've got to talk to these people in the legislature. They will listen to you. Enough said. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Sorry about that, Representative, but we needed to run these young ladies through here because they're on a schedule, and they don't want to miss the rounds today. I'd like to welcome, give a round of applause, our Miss Flames.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Barb, do you want to come up here?

MS. KERNEY: Good morning, guys and girls. This is our court for 2013. Good looking bunch, aren't they?

MS. KERNEY: We crowned the new queen last night and a runner-up, and our queen for 2013 is Heather Wickersham.

MS. KERNEY: And our runner-up for 2013 is Darion Wilson.

MS. KERNEY: I'm going to ask each one of these girls to introduce themselves and tell what districts they represent, and then we'll talk.

MS. WATTS: Hi. I'm Kaitlin Watts. I represent District 2 from the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Department.

MS. SMITH: Hi. I'm Abby Jo Smith. I'm from the New Carlisle Fire Department. I represent District 4.

MS. BYRER: Hi. I'm Ashley Byrer. I'm from District 5, and I represent Atwood Fire Department.

MS. SCHUERMAN: Hi. I'm Tianna Schuerman. I am from District 8B, and I represent Southwest Allen Fire District.

MS. BISEL: I'm Marissa Bisel, and I'm from District 15, and I represent Geneva Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. BLUMENHORST: I'm Lexi Blumenhorst. I am from District 8B, and I represent Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. SHIELDS: I'm Elizabeth Shields. I represent District 10, and I am from Burney Clay Fire Department.

MS. VANDIVIER: I'm Carley Vandivier. I'm from District 15, and I represent Hilmon Fire Department.

MS. COOK: I am Ashley Cook. I'm from District 12, and I am from Advance Fire Department.

MS. MAYER: I'm Stephanie Mayer from District 13B, and I am from Fountaintown Fire Department.

MS. BIEHL: I'm Mara Biehl. I'm from District 13B, and I represent New Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. BENNETT: I'm Courtney Bennett. I'm from District 15, and I represent Yankeeetown Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. GOTT: I'm Alex Gott. I'm from District 16, and I represent Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. McDONALD: I'm Jesse McDonald. I represent District 17A, and I am from Lyons Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. NORMAN: I'm McKinley Norman from District 17B representing Pleasant Run Fire Department.

MS. LINDAUER: I'm Jayme Lindauer from District 18 representing St. Henry Fire Department.

MS. ECKSTEIN: Jacqueline Eckstein, District 19, West Sunman Rural Fire Department.

MS. SEARS: Brooke Sears from District 21

representing Battle Ground Fire Department.

MS. DOVE: Hey, everyone. I'm Jesse Dove. I am your 2012 Miss Flame. I am from District 3. I had the honor to represent everyone in the state and my district, and I am from Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department. All I want to say is I told you guys and I forewarned you, so have fun today.

MS. KERNEY: I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support for the program and for the gifts that the girls received today. They all appreciate everything that you do for them. Just remember they're all winners. Be sure and include them in your activities. Thanks, and have a good day.

Mr. Curl: Thanks, ladies. We do appreciate all you guys do, how you brighten our lives when you come into the room. You know, the Representative talked about all the effort, all the work that went into the jobs bill this year, and I'm sure you're sitting there saying, "Okay. We want you to talk about volunteer fire service. We don't care about the jobs." But the reality is we do care about the jobs because as we get those jobs in our community, that's what holds those people to the communities. That's how we can draw on our communities to participate in our own volunteer program. So we do care about those jobs. Thank you very much, Representative. This year's session had some different 20 pieces of legislation that dealt with fire service, not just volunteer but fire service. If you try to track 20 pieces of legislation going on at the Statehouse, you've got a full-time job ahead of you. It's hard. Several of those pieces of legislation got passed, as the Representative told you. We tried to introduce two pieces of legislation, one to correct what we think was done wrong and the novelty lighter bill. You know, the one thing you can always say about the volunteer fire service is we're persistent. Representative, we'll be back. We'll be back with those two same bills trying to do something with those. But for the services that they give us, the things that they do for our state, let's show him a big round of applause.

MR. CURL: And what we're going to do, on behalf of this year's convention, every year we start a new program where we do a convention coin, and on behalf of this year's convention, we certainly appreciate your services and offer it to you.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you very much. May I?

MR. CURL: Absolutely.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: I just want to mention one other thing because I think it's important for you folks to know. Serving in the legislature right now, Representative Tim Wesco from Elkhart County, is a fireman. Representative Dan Forestal is a full-time firefighter in the Indianapolis Department, serves in the General Assembly. Randy Frye is a retired Indianapolis firefighter from Greensburg, Indiana, serving in

the General Assembly, and I've got to tell you, next to Larry, Randy Frye is more of an advocate for the fire service that are volunteer and professional than anybody in the state is. It's been his passion for years that he's served, and he continues to have that as a passion, and he's probably part of those legislations we're talking about. Of course, Kevin Mahan, we've talked about Kevin serving in a little different capacity as a sheriff in Blackford County but has been involved in the first responders for a long, long time, and myself. So there's lots of people in the State General Assembly. There's 100 of us in the House, so this represents five percent of those people. So we do get it. We do appreciate what you folks do, and we thank you for your service, and you are represented, I think, very well in the Indiana General Assembly. Thank you for letting me speak.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Thanks again, representative, for taking time out of your day to come and talk to us. Officer's reports. The President's report is I've traveled a lot of miles this year, and I would like to thank everybody every place I went for their hospitality. I want to thank you for all you've done for me, and I'll try to keep it up for rest of the year. Vice President's report.

MR. ANDERSON: I also want to thank everybody for the hospitality and for all of the events that I've been able to attend. I still have several districts that I want to get to yet this year. So especially you guys up in the north, you know, from Kentuckiana down there, it's a little bit of a trip, but it's on my agenda to try to get up there and visit with you guys.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Secretary's report.

Diane's busy.

Treasurer's report.

MS. HARKER: Pass.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN GERDOWSKY: Pass.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Sergeant at Arms, Brent Bush.

MR. BUSH: Pass.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Chairman of the board, Buzz Koehler.

MR. KOEHLER: Pass.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: PR Northeast Jean Smith.

MR. SMITH: Here.

PR East Central Don Cushman.

MR. CUSHMAN: Pass.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: PR Southeast Ed Scheele.

MR. SCHEELE: Pass.

MR. ANDERSON: Past presidents. Jim Parker.

MR. PARKER: Pass.

MR. ANDERSON: Mitch Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. ANDERSON: Richard Glant.

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# Celebrating 27 years of service

On December 14, 2013 several firefighters, friends and family gathered at the Eagles in Plainfield to celebrate the passing of the torch and 27 years of service and dedication to the fire service. Amo's fire chief of over 20 years Mark Belford has stepped down and passed the leadership role to Dustin Strahl.

Mark was presented with several awards, plaques and certificates for his past dedication and service. He was presented a plaque from Danville Fire Department by Chief Mark Morgan for all his support to other departments and his support in training new firefighters.

Mark was presented his past chief's helmet and wall mount by the members of the Amo Fire Department. Mark received a 2014



CHIEF BELFORD RECEIVES POST HELMET AND AMO STATION WALL MOUNT – Left - Deputy Chief Ryan Reach, right front - past chief Mark Belford and right rear, present Amo Chief Dustin Strahl.



CHIEF BELFORD RECEIVES PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION – Left, Danville Fire Chief Mark Morgan and right, Amo Fire Chief Mark Belford.



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MR. GLANT: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: Jack Zeeks.  
MR. ZEEKS: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: Buz Koehler.  
MR. KOEHLER: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: Jack Kerney.  
MR. KERNEY: Oh, pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 1, Tom Orrell.  
MR. ORRELL: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 2, Paul Watland.  
MR. WATLAND: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 3, Tim Sandy.  
MR. SANDY: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 4, Terry Smith.  
MR. SMITH: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 5, Don Kissinger.  
MR. KISSINGER: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 6, Jerry Sprague.  
MR. SPRAGUE: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 7, Walt Reiter.

MR. REITER: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 8A, Bill Pape.  
That was a pass. District 8B, Lloyd Wright.  
MR. WRIGHT: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 9A, Leighanne Ellis.  
MS. ELLIS: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: 9B is absent. District 10, John Ray.  
MR. RAY: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 11A, Pete Taylor.  
MR. TAYLOR: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 11B, John Morphy.  
MR. MORPHY: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 12 is absent. District 13A, Carol Thrawley.  
MR. THRAWLEY: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 13B, Jeff Biehl.  
MR. BIEHL: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 14, Rick Cannon.  
MR. CANNON: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 15, Harry

Logan.  
MR. LOGAN: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 16, Paul Holcomb.  
MR. HOLCOMB: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 17A, Sam Emery.  
MR. EMERY: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 17B, Steve Nolan.  
MR. NOLAN: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 18, John Smith.  
MR. JOHN SMITH: Pass, sir.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 19, Steve Macke.  
MR. MACKE: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: District 21, Don Fultz.  
MR. FULTZ: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: Jack Kerney, are you available to give a Central Office report?  
MR. KERNEY: Give me a few minutes.  
MR. ANDERSON: Diane Harrison, are you available to give a Membership and Marketing report?  
MS. HARRISON: Pass.  
MR. ANDERSON: Pass, okay. Carol

Thrawley, Public Relations and Education report.  
MR. THRAWLEY: Carol Thrawley, District 13A, PR chairman for the public education and the trailer. The trailer has been busy this summer. We started out, we had right at a thousand miles on it. Starting on the 22nd, it's going to be busy, so. Well, actually this week it goes up to Marion to the Grant County Fair, pick it up from there and head down to Reo, Indiana, get done down there and take it over to Wayne County for a week and then take it on back up to the Michigan City area, a Long Beach Fire Department professional up there with the 4th of July.  
We're going to put about 2000 miles on it here in the next couple of weeks, so it's staying busy. I've had some departments call and send a request for the trailer, but the requests, I've had to disappoint them and let them know that we didn't have it. If you guys have a need for it, get out here a let me know about it. The trailer's sitting out front.  
It's looking pretty good. We've got things in it, so let me know if you need it. Thank you.  
MR. KERNEY: The only thing I wanted to report was that I'll give you a count on our license



CHIEF BELFORD RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND IVFA 2014 CONVENTION COIN – Left - District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and right - Amo Fire Chief Mark Belford.

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plates from January 1, 2012, to 6/7/2012 of 1,669. And for the same time period of 2013, we're at 1,668, so only one license plate difference, so we're on track with last year. Dues. Dues are coming in quite briskly. Matter of fact, the same time period of January 1, 2012, to June 7, 2012, we had 3,100 memberships that were paid, and for the same time period in '13 we're at 3,956, so we're about 850 memberships ahead of last year. So everything in the office when we left Tuesday was up-to-date, all membership cards mailed out. Of course, we'll be behind when we get back, but hopefully in about two weeks we should get caught back up, so bear with us during the next two weeks, but as of right now, if you sent it in, everything has been entered and up-to-date.

MR. ANDERSON: Did everybody in the room that is responsible for getting their dues packets, did they get to you okay? I can't emphasize enough how much it is important that the information for each member try to be correct as possible.

So any help that we can get in getting that information corrected out at the department level would be greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: This year we had to appoint a person to the trauma committee meeting. At this time Mike Cole is who I put on that committee. He's a member of Jennings County EMS. He's got an opportunity to go to some of these meetings, and so he was going to give us a little report. He may throw in a little EMS stuff since he was up there at the last commission meeting. If not, he brought his counterparts to back him up. Jason Smith's in the back, so if he's not right, Jason will correct him.

MR. COLE: That's correct. My name is Mike Cole. I'm currently a member with the Westport Volunteer Fire Department in District 10. I'm also the chief paramedic for Jennings County EMS in North Vernon. The Trauma Care Committee, the biggest thing to hit on was the Trauma Registry reporting. Currently everybody should be reporting to the state as far as their EMS and fire runs. Trauma Registry, the only ones it really will affect are the transporting agencies. BLS non-transport does not have to report. This is through the State Department of Health, but it's always encouraged if you'd like to. And, again, if I'm incorrect, Jason is standing back there to correct me, so.

MR. JASON SMITH: I was talking to somebody else, Mike. You're on your own.

MR. COLE: Thanks, Jason. As far as the EMS side goes, if you are with an advanced level service, you already know the ups and downs that the commission has been through with the advanced level EMS certification. There has been some changes since the last EMS Commission meeting, which was last Friday. The new — the advanced levels had the National Registry curriculum. The state has since enacted or reup into their curriculum the Cardiac Monitor, 12-Lead Acquisition and Transmission, not interpretation, and Manual Defibrillation for Advanced EMTs. The only other two things to hit on pretty hard was that the training institutions, if you are a training institution, you are allowed to teach outside of the minimum curriculum if you would like to without a waiver. Also, providers cannot request a waiver. It has to be done individually. So each individual has to request a waiver through the Commission if they would like to practice outside their scope of practice. That's all I have for now, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Thanks, Mike.

Website Committee: How many of you been on the website since we've redone it?

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: We're always trying to keep that up-to-date. But we do have something that you need to do. We do have all of the fire departments listed on the website now. You need to look at your own departments to see what's right, what may be wrong. Sometimes, if you go back to the packet thing, the cover sheet that Jack puts in there, sometimes, I'll admit, it's close enough. We want to leave the P.O. boxes on there, but we do need physical addresses. Maybe the chief has changed and the e-mail address now belongs to the chief that was there 25 years ago, not the fire department e-mail, phone numbers. If you have a website, a fire department website and you'd like to have that on there — I know I've added two or three on there since the first of the year. So if you have a fire department website, get that to us, and people when they check your department out, they can go to the website and check your individual department out. Leighanne Ellis chairs our Social Media, which is Facebook. You have anything you'd like to add to it? Paul Holcomb, you have anything you'd like to add?

MR. HOLCOMB: No, sir.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Logo Committee, Bull Smith.

MR. BULL SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Anyone wishing to use the logo for any type of events or purposes, please give me a call or an e-mail. I do have patches with me today. I don't have it in the room right now. But if anyone needs the IVFA patches, they're \$3 apiece, no shipping if you get it today. If I need to have several, I'll have them tonight at the banquet, so contact me later on if you need some. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Editor's Assistant. Jim Bradford is not with us this morning. But Mitch or Buz?

MR. KOEHLER: Nothing at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Convention Committee will decide later here after a while when we're going to go in 2015 for the convention. Right now, Scott Harris, any last minute convention reports for 2013?

MR. HARRIS: Okay. I'll make this pretty quick because we've got a surprise, Mr. President, I want to ask that we take a brief break so that people can go outside the door here right across here. IU Health is gracious enough, they're getting ready to land a helicopter for the

first time in downtown Muncie very shortly. We are going to be auctioning off tonight the coin No. 1 and coin No. 2 for this year's challenge coins. For your table assignments for tonight's banquet, we do have a printed list out there at the table. If you don't have it, then please see me. We'll get you a number. We'll have enough back there tonight too. As soon as you come in we can tell you as well. But right now, all we want to do is encourage you to have fun this afternoon, remind you that the Meth Lab was cancelled due to the flooding in northern Indiana. So I'd just ask to take a break. And we also are doing 50/50 draw. We'll give that away tonight. We also have the coins for sale that are \$15, and we also have the raffle going on out there where we have a Ryan Newman autographed shirt. We have an angel out there. We have two tickets to the US Nationals for this year. We also have Tim Raun - Station Supply has given us a nice motorcycle cleaning kit.

National Volunteer Fire Council.

Jack Kerney or Mitch? I'll take that as a no. PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Okay. Board of Firefighters Standards and Education. Jack, anything you have for the meeting?

MR. KERNEY: I'd like to thank everybody for coming to the meeting. I think we've had some very good information that came out. I suggest that if you're interested in the subjects that we talked about that you make sure you come to the August meeting at Indianapolis at the Government Center South. There's two issues that are very hot. One is, for lack of another term, the recertification, and the other one was, what was the other?

MR. ANDERSON: Train the trainers.

MR. KERNEY: Train the trainers, for evaluator and instructors. So those items are very hot, so make sure you keep up on those and let your thoughts be known to Steve or myself or David.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Thanks, Jack. Audit Committee, 2012 Financial Audit, Larry Ketchem.

MR. KETCHEM: The Audit Committee met. We went over the records as they stood before us, and we approved them as written in red, and everything was in good shape, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Thank you, Larry. At this time we need a motion to accept the Audit Committee's report.

MR. RAY: John Ray, District 10. I'll make a motion to accept the Audit Committee's report.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: I need a second.

MR. WRIGHT: 8B.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: All those in favor, signify by saying "aye."

(UNANIMOUS AYES.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Those opposed, the same sign.

(NONE OPPOSED.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: At this time we'll just take a break.

(RECESS TAKEN.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: At this time we'll reconvene this meeting. At this time I want to release the Mileage and Credentials Committees. We have a couple of other things to do, but we'll go ahead and start our election process for the 2014 officers. So the Election Committee chairman is Jack Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: Okay. We'll call the election to order. The Nominating Committee places the name of David Israel for President. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final time, is there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for David Israel for President for year 2014.

MR. ZEEKS: For Vice President, the Nominating Committee places the name Steve Anderson for Vice President. Any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations from the floor? Third and final time, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Steve Anderson for Vice President for year 2014.

MR. ZEEKS: For the office of Treasurer, the Nominating Committee places the name of Bev Harker for Treasurer. Any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Bev Harker for Treasurer for year 2014.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. ZEEKS: For Secretary, the Nominating Committee places the name Diane Harrison for Secretary. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor?

Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: I cast one unanimous ballot for Diane Harrison, Secretary for 2014.

MR. ZEEKS: For Chaplain, the Nominating Committee places the name of Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky for Chaplain for year 2014.

MR. ZEEKS: For Sergeant at Arms, the Nominating Committee places the name of Brent Bush. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Brent Bush for Sergeant at Arms for year 2014.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northwest. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Jim Bradford for PR Northwest. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call,

are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Bradford for Public Relations Director Northwest

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northeast. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Jean Smith. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor?

Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Jean Smith for Public Relations Director Northeast.

MR. ZEEKS: PR West Central. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Larry Bartlow. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow for Public Relations Director West Central.

MR. ZEEKS: PR East Central. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Don Cushman. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Don Cushman for Public Relations Director of East Central.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Southeast. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Ed Scheele for PR Southeast. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Ed Scheele for Public Relations for Southeast.

MR. ZEEKS: There's one change. If you saw the paper, the Nominations were in the paper. A month ago I was informed that PR Southwest Jim Abrams will not be running. So the Nominating Committee places the name of Jack Kerney for PR Southwest. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor?

MR. BROWN: Robert Brown, 17B. I'd like to nominate Steve Nolan.

MR. ZEEKS: Is there a second on the floor?

MR. ZEEKS: Approach the microphone.

MR. NORMAN: Yeah. I'm Bill Norman, and I second for Steve Nolan.

MR. ZEEKS: Are there any other nominations? Sergeant at Arms Brent Bush, close the doors. District Chairmen, 17A, 17B, 15, — I think that's all of them — poll your delegates. Nobody leaves. If they leave, they can't get back in. Martha Biehl, would you approach the front, please.

MR. BIEHL: On behalf of Larry Bruner, which he has a family illness - he won't be here with us today - we will be having open registration this afternoon for the 2014 convention. Thank you.

MR. ZEEKS: Where at, Martha?

MS. BIEHL: Wherever Scott tells us.

MR. ZEEKS: Oh, I wouldn't go there. How much is the registration? Free?

MS. BIEHL: Sixty-five early registration.

MR. ZEEKS: Sixty-five. They have to be verified. Credentials Committee back in back. Before they reveal the vote, Steve and Jack, would you like to say something?

MR. NOLAN: No. I just appreciate the support.

MR. ZEEKS: Okay.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: The next item up after this, just kind of a little side note here, but we'll be voting on the 2015 convention site. A lot of you already heard the rumor, but there is only — District 3 had sent me an e-mail that stated that they were going to withdraw their intention to bid on the 2015 convention. "With all that's going on in their district and the uncertainty of its outcome, we feel that it's in the best interest of both the district and the organization as a whole to wait until this matter is resolved. We have spoken with the Blue Chip Casino with regards to putting this on hold and the possibility of bidding next year for 2016." And the hotel is okay with looking forward to the possibility of bidding for the 2016 next year.

MR. ZEEKS: The votes have been tallied. Jack Kerney is the new PR of Southwest.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Paul, get your people headed this way. At this time I will release the Nominating Committee. Larry Curl, you still in here? After the convention bid, any last legislative remarks?

MR. CURL: No.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Then we're done.

MR. HOLCOMB: Good afternoon, everyone. At this time she's hiding behind the scenes, but I want to introduce Stacy Hertel with the Convention Bureau of Harrison County. She's in the back hiding. She is going to come out here and say "hi." And also, I'm now going to turn it over to Taylor Wharton with Caesars Entertainment and the Horseshoe Casino.

MS. WHARTON: Hello. My name is Taylor Wharton, and I am the property sales manager for the Horseshoe Southern Indiana, and thank you so much for having us here today. We are honored to place a bid for the 2015 convention. I just want to share a little bit about our property for those of you that may not have been there, and then we'll show you a short video. At Horseshoe Southern Indiana we have seven on-site food venues, Jack Binion's Steak House, Legend's, which features sandwiches and hamburgers, the Paula Deen Buffet, Pearl Asian Restaurant, which is one of our new restaurants, The Aroma Café, Jack's Corner, and of course Graeter's Ice Cream as well. Obviously our largest amenity is our casino. We have 2100 shot machines and 100 gaming tables, and we are happy to provide each attendee with \$10 in slot play with your registration. Something new and exciting at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, we've recently opened a full-service spa. So that's new since the last time

you've been there. And we are going to extend a 10 percent discount for each attendee. We also have shopping on site as well. We have a beautiful golf course. The name is Chariot Run, and it features 18 holes, 7200 yards of exciting golf, bent grass and of course sparkling lakes.

Our hotel is absolutely beautiful. It features 503 hotel rooms. We have an indoor pool and hot tub, and all of the hotel rooms do have WiFi service and 46-inch flat-screen TVs. And we also have a complimentary fitness center. Our Conference Center is extremely convenient. Everything is located on site, so the meetings are on site as well as your hotel rooms. Some added benefits to choosing Southern Indiana, we have a fantastic convention bureau. The Harrison County CVB will provide multiple services to assist with your convention. They will provide on-site registration assistance, goody bags for each registered attendee. They will stuff all materials into goody bags for convention committees, for the committees. They will also provide an on-site information booth, and they're going to give away today a Harrison County giveaway basket as a door prize. And then they'll also provide a welcome speech at the convention, so we certainly appreciate their assistance. Horseshoe Southern Indiana has a fantastic banquet and catering staff. We can provide gourmet meals tailored to your tastes and budget and unmatched service. You'll have the excitement of Horseshoe to make your conference memorable. Thank you so much. We appreciate your consideration in bidding for the 2015 IVFA Convention, and we do want you in southern Indiana. Thank you. (WHEREUPON A VIDEO WAS PLAYED.)

MR. HOLCOMB: All right. So before I go any further, did everyone get one of these blue tickets that wanted one? Anyone who didn't, please raise your hand up. Last chance. Jack, you don't count. Could someone get Mr. Zeeks' ticket. Just keep your hand up, and we'll bring the ticket. So the important part, as always — it's supposed to still be on the screen. Well, I guess it's a formality anyways. So let's get to the important part as always even though it's just a formality now. Our rates for 2015 convention proposal, our room rates will be \$100 per night plus the 11 percent tax, and our registration fee or preregistration fee, I should say, will be \$60 per person. I want to say the late registration, which we haven't worked out yet, will be probably \$70, \$75. With that in mind, now to the good stuff. So everyone got these nice little red goody bags at your seats.

Two lucky people in this room will find a business card in a deck of cards, and if you are fortunate enough to find two of the hidden cards, you will receive an overnight stay at Horseshoe Casino Southern Indiana and dinner for two at Paula Deen's, golf for two at Chariot Run, and two tickets to a concert of choice at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Paul, does it look like this?

MR. HOLCOMB: Yes, sir, it does. We have our two winners. If you all would like to see Miss Taylor, she will do what she needs to do. I'm not sure. Taylor's over here in the second row now. All right. Now, everyone who got the blue tickets, we

are now going to draw for a three-night stay at any of the Caesars Entertainment Horseshoe properties in Las Vegas. If you can't make it, I guarantee somebody will trade you for it. And the winner is 801111. If there's nothing else and no one has any questions, that's all I have, Mr. President.

MR. BIEHL: I've got a question, Paul. Jeff Biehl, 13B. Are you going to have any activities for kids this year that you didn't have last time?

MR. HOLCOMB: We will have a kids' banquet.

MR. BIEHL: Just Friday only?

MR. HOLCOMB: Friday only, yes. We can include more. We will. Other than that, we can work on it.

MR. BIEHL: Second question. Are they going to be able to go to the pool without having an adult with them this time?

MR. HOLCOMB: You can't go to any pool in the State of Indiana without adult supervision. It's a law. I've got one more blue ticket prize to give away, this Harrison County gift basket 801223. We do have a hospitality room, at the Holiday Inn. It will be open at 9:00 tonight for anyone that would like to come down. There are door prizes. We'll give away some more awesome prizes out of courtesy of the Horseshoe there, so please come and see us.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: You've heard the presentation. Yes, they are the only one that's bidding for the 2015. We do need to vote on this anyway. We can do this as a — like we do a normal vote. So all those in favor of going to the Horseshoe in 2015, signify by saying "aye."

(UNANIMOUS AYES.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Those opposed, same sign.

(NONE OPPOSED.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: The ayes have it.

Motion passed. PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Is there any other business that needs to come before us today at this time? Anything I've forgotten? All right. We'll entertain a motion to adjourn after the dismissal of our Associate Chaplain, Tom Sellmer.

MR. KISSINGER: District 5. So moved.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: I need a second.

MR. TERRY SMITH: So moved.

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: All those in favor, aye?

(UNANIMOUS AYES.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: All opposed, same sign.

(NONE OPPOSED.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: The motion carries. Mr. Sellmer please join me in an attitude of prayer. (Whereupon Associate Chaplain Sellmer closes in prayer.)

PRESIDENT ISRAEL: Everybody have a safe trip. We'll see you tonight.

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