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From The President

Steve Anderson



firefighters from holding elected office back to allow such a practice. Although there are certain stipulations, these folks are once again able to give their time, talents, and experience to help protect the community in which they live and serve. It took the hard work of many to get this done, but it would not have happened without the work of our lobbyist Larry Curl. Please thank him as he comes around to the district meetings to discuss current and future legislative efforts.

In early November we initiated a new recognition program geared toward the younger members of the IVFA. The 10 Year Pin award will help give thanks to members with 10-24 years of fire service in their career (keep in mind the NVFC states that the national average career of a volunteer is a little over 7 years). The district chairmen were given these pins at our November quarterly meeting and are making arrangements to get these handed out at one of your department functions. Based on our figures there should be over 6,000 eligible members all across the state ready to receive this award.

On October 24th, we held our pilot PR area Day of Training at Ivy Tech—Kokomo. Not knowing what

to expect going in, the end result was quite pleasing. We had IN-TIME put on their 4-hour incident traffic management class; IN Fire Training hold an instructor in-service class; Angie Biggs held a class on the new Image Trend incident reporting software; and there was an EVOC class. These classes were held at no cost to the students, and we ended up with a total of 32 students attending—more on this later.

We are also in phase 1 of a computer upgrade at the Central Office. Most of this work is going on behind the scenes, but we look to completing the upgrade this coming year. This should give us increased capabilities to better serve our members. And starting in 2016, we have streamlined the process needed to get an IVFA license plate. You will be able to go to any BMV and get your plate without the paperwork from the IVFA office, as was previously required.

Enough about the past—let's look to this coming year (keep in mind this was written before our February state meeting). At our February state meeting the IVFA officers will be discussing goals for 2016. They will probably include (but not limited to):

1. A goal toward increasing membership numbers. There are many volunteer firefighters in the state that do not belong to the organization. Additionally, in most instances, departments do not continue to pay the dues of individuals that retire from active service. Most of our benefits are not based on incident activity. For example our \$3500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy follows a member wherever they go 24/7; and all members are entitled to the Bible, grave marker and IVFA memorial service (if requested), no matter their classification.

2. Legislative goals aimed at A.) Passing legislation that gives volunteer firefighters presumptive cancer and other disability coverage like our career counterparts already have, and B.) Inserting specific language into the blue light law covering LED lights. Since the legislative session started in early January, you will need to check our website or Facebook page for the latest information.

3. Expanding the PR area Day of Training with a goal of hosting one of these in each of the 6 PR areas in the state. These may also include a

couple of new class topics in the schedule. Watch the IVFA website calendar, the IDHS training website calendar, and the IVFA Facebook page for updated information on the classes in your area.

4. A goal aimed toward the continued presentation of the 10/25/50 year membership awards.

Finally, through our involvement with the Indiana Fire Alliance, we have learned of a survey that is being conducted by the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations about the state of readiness for the fire and EMS service in the state. This was initiated out of the Lt. Governor's office and the Fire Alliance is working on the project as technical advisors. We encourage everyone to participate as much as they feel comfortable with. Failing to participate and letting others speak for you may cause a worse than expected outcome, just like it did about 10 years ago.

I look forward to serving in this capacity again this year. Keep sending the emails and phone calls as you have concerns, comments, or questions.

S. Anderson

Happy New Year to all of our members and your families!! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas season, and a great start to 2016. 2015 was a really good year for me personally, and for your organization. Here is a look back at some of the IVFA's accomplishments in the last year.

We were able to convince the legislature to change the portion of the law that prohibited volunteer

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I obtain my volunteer firefighter's license plate?

A. Beginning January 1, 2016, customers may purchase their Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association's license plate directly from the BMV branch of your choice or online at www.mybmv.com. An Authorization Form will no longer be required.

Q. What is the cost of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) license plate?

A. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association license plate has an annual fee of \$25.00 with \$10.00 being returned to the volunteer firefighter's association to support Line of Duty Benefits and three scholarship awards of \$1,500.00 annually.

Q. Who is eligible to purchase the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association License Plate?

A. All Indiana residents who own or lease passenger cars, recreational vehicles, motorcycles and trucks weighing 11,000 lb. or less.

Q. Is an authorization form needed to purchase the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's License Plate?

A. No! Beginning on January 1, 2016, an authorization form is no longer needed.



IVFA Benefits www.ivfa.org

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

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

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

- Department Listing page, which allows departments to post current department information in a directory (i.e. address, contact name, phone, e-mail, website addresses, etc.)

- IVFA Officers, District Chairmen and Public Relations page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail).

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

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

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

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

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

- "Links" page to many emergency related websites, both at the state and federal levels.

- Finally, a Benefits Information page that describes the benefits you receive as an IVFA member.

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

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

The IVFA Website – another benefit to the IVFA and its members.
www.ivfa.org



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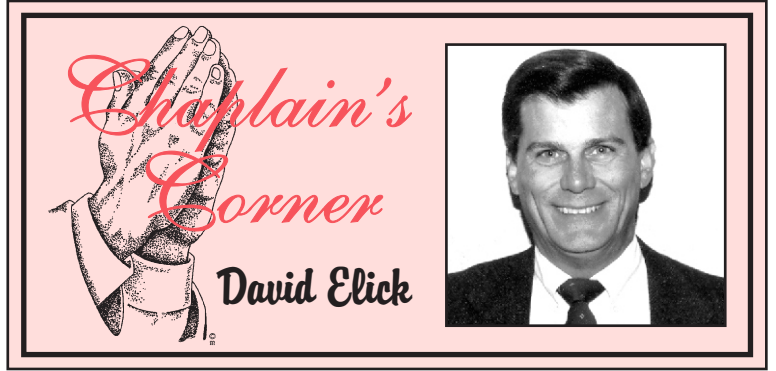
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Greetings all.

As 2015 is now in the history books, and we look forward to what 2016 has to offer, I ran across the following:

Recipe for a Happy New Year: Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing—don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

One of the key ingredients for this job is our associate chaplains. Without the effort and hard work of these individuals, our recipe would not be complete, so to each I give a heartfelt thank-you and huge atta-boy. May God's guiding, healing hands be with each of us throughout the upcoming year.

Stay safe, and God bless –
Dave Elick

Faith Calls Love More Than Cards on Valentine's Day

Now very soon will come the day
That's been established to convey
Our love for someone very dear
With feelings that are quite
sincere,
Just by expressing our regards
On sentimental greeting cards,
To show this love that we
disperse;
Yet love is more than just a verse.
It's doing any kindly deed
For someone known to be in need.

It's giving something to the poor
To ease the hardships they
endure,
And also praying for the ill,
That they'll recover, through
God's will.
All this is love, whose true design
Is more than just a Valentine.

– Gloria Nowak

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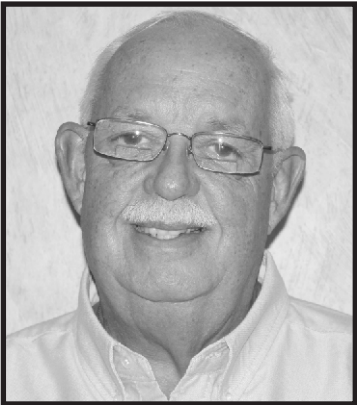
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I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and New Year. Barb and I enjoyed time with some of our friends on vacation, and spent time with our family on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We joined our friends for New Years and brought in the New Year.

Since my last article our family has gotten bigger with the addition of a Great-Granddaughter, Addison.

My travels and visits have taken me to the District 11A Miss Flame Dance. I was asked to be a judge for the Miss Flame contest and found it to be very rewarding, all the young ladies were deserving. I would like to congratulate Katie VanLannen for being named District 11A Miss Flame.

My district meeting took me to District 15 at McCutchanville Vol. Fire Dept. and Chief Neil Reitz being the host. I missed the District

17A, 17B and 18 meetings as I was on vacation. I attended the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. rededication of their addition to their fire station.

I also attended the meeting in Charlotte, NC with the National Volunteer Fire Council. I set in on the NVFC's Legislative, Awards, Membership and Presumptuous Cancer Committees. Be sure and look on the NVFC website at nvfc.org and sign at portal.nvfc.org and look at the Recruitment materials that are available to you to customize for your department's use. This is free to your department.

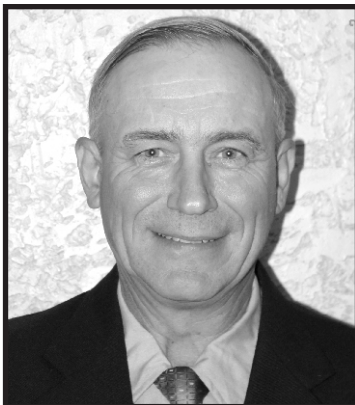
I have put this reminder in my last three articles that you no longer have to send for an IVFA License Plate request form. You may now go on-line, mail or go to the license branch and get your IVFA plate. The cost is now \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 plus the license plate fee. **BE SURE AND ASK FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER LICENSE PLATE.**

Keep me informed of your District meetings and your activities so I can attend. You can email me at mcfchief@aol.com, or call me at the office at 877-606-4832.

Remember to start documenting your run activity and what the exposures were. You will need this information if and when the IVFA can get a presumption cancer bill passed as legislation. Now is the time you should be documenting your exposures. Attend your District meeting and find out more about this piece of legislation.

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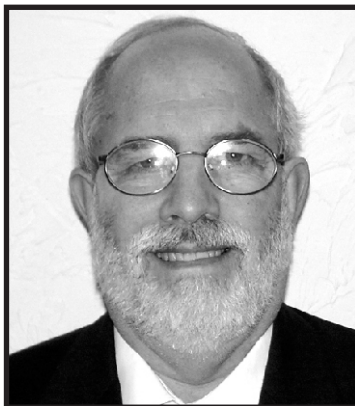
As I am writing this article it is starting to look like winter, cold and snow flurries. I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas season and a happy New Year.

Be sure to get the scholarship applications into the IVFA office. They need postmarked by Feb. 29th.

The 2016 convention is June 15-17 at Belterra Casino near Vevay. The committee is working on a fun filled family event for all. Come to southeastern Indiana and enjoy your convention.

Ed Scheele
PRSE

**Public Relations
Director
Northeast
Jean Smith**



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we look to the New Year.

It is legislative time again. IVFA is working on adding volunteers to the current Presumptive Cancer Law; IC 5-10-5. Adding the word LED to the current Blue Light Law; IC 36-8-12-11. The current Green Light Law; IC 9-19-14.5-1.5 addresses the LED lighting. Under the current Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Rules 655 IAC 1-3-6 states that a Volunteer Firefighter shall successfully complete mandatory training before being elected to membership in a volunteer fire company. The goal is to change the ruling to say, Any Indiana full-time firefighter newly hired or rehired, or any Volunteer Firefighter being elected or appointed to membership in a volunteer fire company shall successfully complete mandatory training prior to performing the duties of a firefighter for a political subdivision, or a volunteer fire company.

Keep in contact with your District Chairman and Public Relations representative and ivfa.org for

updates.

I am looking forward to meeting you at your District Meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me, your Public Relations Representative or your District Chairman.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

**Public Relations
Director
Northwest
Leighanne Ellis**



Hello All,

Hope your holidays went well, and new year is going well. We are right in the middle of lovely winter weather. As I look back on the past year, I am thankful for being able to serve those of you in my respective area, and that you have been understanding with my time constraints in attending meetings and events due to the birth of our 3rd child, a little boy. We also lost a great man who gave many years of service to this position, Jim Bradford, whom I have large shoes to fill, and shortly afterwards, Tom Orrell, our District 1 Chairman passed unexpectedly. Moving from these, if you happen to have a death in your area, please contact your district chair or myself to make sure your member receives their memorial service, Bible and grave marker benefit.

Another benefit is our 10, 25, and 50 year pins. We just launched the 10 year pin program, so please bear with us as we make it to different stations to get them passed out. If you have an event in your area, or dinner, please feel free to invite us to make these presentations to your members. They deserve the recognition for the years they have put in. A study has been done to show that a volunteer firefighter serves less than 5 years as a volunteer on average, so making it to 10 is great and now to 25 is an achievement. Please help us to get them recognized.

I have started to compile a list of different activities from around the state that we can partner with to provide to our membership and families for less than cost or free of charge. Hopefully we can create some family activities (i.e. Children's Museum, Sports Teams Games), and family memories. If you have any places or groups you like, please email them to me to add to the list so I can contact.

I have also started a resource list for training and new product contacts. If you have any contacts you would like to be added to this for later publication, please contact me as well.

We have been very busy trying to create new things for our membership that is current and up-to-date that is beneficial to our services. I encourage you if you have any ideas to please

contact me with thoughts, concerns, or ideas at prnw@ivfa.org, or 765-564-0256.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leighanne Ellis
PR Northwest

**From The
Vice
President**

Paul Holcomb



As winter is now upon us I hope you all had a great holiday season!

I have traveled our great State quite extensively over the last quarter and have enjoyed meeting those that have been in attendance at all of the meetings I have been to. I have tried to get to as many events and meetings as my schedule allowed and I am grateful for all of your invitations.

Please take the time to go to the legislative page on our website and see where we are with the legislation we are trying to get passed and that we are following. We have now started distributing our newest member benefit, the ten year pin. Everyone that has ten to twenty-four years of service will be presented a ten-year pin from our Association. Please keep in mind that it will take some time to get them out to everyone.

If you have an event that you would like to have them presented at, please contact your district chairman or just attend your next district meeting.

As always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb

**From The
Secretary**

Diane Harrison



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and wishing you a safe and prosperous new year.



From the State House to the Fire House



Greetings, fellow IVFA Members

As I sit here this evening on December 20th attempting to meet the Jan. 5th deadline for a February 2016 edition of the IVFA paper, Carol and I hope and trust that everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a Great New Years (thus far).

I am very thankful for the weather so far, (Dec. 2015) but fearing what might yet come, BRRRRRRR, with inches.

Our 119th session of the Indiana General Assembly will be about one half over by the time this article comes to you, and all I can say at this time is, let's be hopeful. We really never know what the outcome of a requested bill might be but, that is why we need to stay vigilant, watchful, and continually monitoring, all of which is part of my JOB and seeking support, which is part of our JOB.

This year we are seeking to add Volunteers to the existing law, the Presumptive Disability Law in Indiana (or better known as an Occupational Cancer Law) – Title 5 Article 10 Chapter 15 or IC 5-10-15.

This occupational disease has grown in awareness several times over in the last few years, maybe it is just that we have paid much more attention than we have in the past, but we are discovering, learning, and becoming much more educated on the cause and effects this dreadful disease is having on many members of our profession. We are hopeful by the reading of this article we have at least gotten a bill drafted, had a first reading, and it has been assigned to a committee for review and action, in a positive sense.

If we are to that point we will be needing “many” of you to contact your legislator(s) and ask for their support. Please monitor the IVFA website, Legislative Section for daily action and updates on this and all other bills that have an impact on Fire and EMS. You may also find the names of your legislators on the IVFA website.

I have talked with some of you, explaining that not only is this session (as well as all others) important to the IVFA, but we also

have discussed a newly Commissioned State Fire and EMS study that is being conducted by the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, isn't that a mouthfull (also known as IACIR), the same group that did the Kernan Shepard Report with one exception, we (FIRE & EMS) have been invited / asked to participate in this study, so it is critically important to all of us to help out. This study will address the readiness / preparedness of our State's services and capability (both Career and Volunteer) to handle the Public Safety needs for fire and emergency medical all over the state of Indiana.

Each department should have gotten a survey that asks several questions regarding your service, service abilities, service readiness, and capabilities to serve your communities' needs. This study very well may shape the future of our service and we certainly want to be a part of that process so, if you have gotten the request to fill out a survey please do so, honestly, completely, and with as much information as you can of what is asked.

If you have not gotten a request, please advise one of the IVFA Leaders, the Central Office, or myself so that we can help put you on a list to receive the survey. The more that are filled out and returned, the more accurately the information becomes. PLEASE DO YOUR PART, OUR FUTURE RESTS UPON THIS STUDY...

As I attend several District Meetings I see a trend (and not necessarily a good one) of a fewer number of members attending the meetings. While this has nothing to do with Legislation, it has everything to do with our Association. “The best way to predict the future is to shape it”, and the best way to help shape it is to be informed, that is what our District Meetings are all about, sharing information; so please when your District has a meeting ATTEND. You can find most meeting dates, times, and locations on the calendar on the IVFA website. If you are not receiving meeting notices at your

department, ask your department IVFA contact or your District Chairman why, be a part of the informed audience vs. the uninformed. Let's make 2016 our best year for attendance at our State District Meetings.

Also by the time you receive this paper, we will be getting much closer to State Convention and our Annual Meeting of the members. I hope you are making plans now to be in attendance, hear from your leadership, learn from others, and return home more informed about the future of the IVFA.

We hope 2016 is shaping up to be a great year, if so congratulations, if not change what you can to make it great.

I would like to thank our 50 year members who will be receiving their “GOLD CARD” this year for all your years of service, dedication, and commitment to your community. As a part of that “thank you” we need to thank your families for standing behind you all these numbers of years, supporting and helping you get to this point in your fire service career. Yes, I did say career as I believe any time you spend that much time providing a service it truly is a career.

Look forward to visiting with everyone during our District and Annual meetings.

Respectfully,
Larry Curl
IVFA Member/Lobbyist



Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour March 13, 2016

Miss Flame Notes...

Excitement is already growing for the Miss Flame Contest for 2016. Several of you have already held your contest and your selection has been made. It is hard to believe that Convention is only five months away and we will be crowning a new Miss Flame to represent us.

Our 2015 Miss Flame, Tressa Steward, has done a great job as our 2015 ambassador. Thanks to all who have included her in your activities around the state. She has been very busy and started her first year of college. We wish her continued success.

There will be a few new rules that will be in place before our contest this year. Each contestant will receive a copy as well as district chairmen. We have been very successful over the years to have a program that is planned and geared toward young ladies who are willing to represent our organizations and who are looking toward the future to achieving their own goals. Hopefully our program is helpful in obtaining both of these goals. We are proud of each of our participants.

If you have held your contest and have not sent in your entry with 2 pictures and your check for your entry fee, please do so. All applications must be in to Barb Kerney before March 10th. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Letters of information for participants will be forthcoming. We want to make sure each girl gets all the information, so letters will be sent after the 10th of March. Any questions, you may call Barb at 812-867-2541 or E J at 260-639-3231.

Barb Kerney,
Co Chairman



From the desk of the Historian John Davies

I sincerely hope that everyone had a very pleasant holiday season. For those of us who didn't receive what we thought was in all of the packages under the tree, all we can do is wish for next year with a little more effort on our part. As you get older it becomes a little more difficult to purchase that special gift for those that you have loved and cherished for so many years.

The great Fire Chief in the sky has been good to us over the years. We are grateful for the fellowship of so many friends that we have become acquainted with over so many years thanks to the fire service.

I sincerely wish for a better and stronger new year so that I can resume my duties that was entrusted in me by my superiors. This past year has been very difficult for me. My main wish to Santa was to get rid of all of these unpleasant medical problems that have bugged me during 2015. To all of those out there in our state who agreed to protect our citizens through the fire service. I say "Have a wonderful and safe 2016".

Your Historian,
John Davies

Secretary . . .

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It's not too early to start thinking about the Hoosier Burn Camp auction held at convention every year. If you would be willing to donate to the auction, it would be greatly appreciated. If you're not able to attend but would like to donate, please call me and we will make arrangements to get it to the auction. Remember it takes approximately \$1,000.00 to send one child to camp, and now they have added activities that run all year long for these children.

If anyone has any old axes that you don't have any use for, please consider donating them to me, my niece Emily is wanting to paint them and donate to the auction.

Thank you to everyone who participated in last year's auction. Stay safe and keep paying it forward,

Diane Harrison

**May 5, 2016 deadline
is April 5, 2016
12:00 p.m. Noon CST**

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 and 2 Meeting
Morgan Twp. VFD
November 18, 2015

Meeting called to order - 7:30 p.m.

Pledge by District 2 chairman.

Roll call taken: District 1 - 3 members - 2 depts., District 2 - 19 members - 5 depts.

Thanked Morgan Twp. VFD for hosting meeting.

Chief Bradley King gave a brief history of department.

Guests: 50 year Gold card members: Bub Wise - CPFR, Jerry Miller - Merrillville VFD, Bill Casbon - Porter Twp. VFD, Harvey Lanigan - Schererville VFD, Ed Morales - Porter Twp. Trustee, Jim Crowell - Sklarewitz Uniforms, Buz Koehler - Past President IVFA.

Motion made to dispense with reading of the minutes by Wally Cook, seconded by Bill Casbon. Motion passed.

Buz - Legislation - Trying to add volunteers to current Bill to cover them for cancer, thyroid cancer being the most serious.

Add blue L.E.D. lights to current Blue Lite Bill. Green L.E.D. lites are currently used by EMS.

IVFA Plate - No authorization form needed after January 1, 2016. License Bureau should be aware of this change.

Treasurer's report: \$244.00.

Old business: None.

New business: 10 year pins - 5 members of Morgan Twp. received pins.

Chief Bradley King was presented with his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate.

Leroy Kleist of Morgan Twp. VFD was presented with the District 2, 2015 Global Award, he also received a 10 year pin.

District chairman Paul Watland also reminded them of newspapers, decals and IVFA booklets were available at the front table. Also reminded them to fill out attendance slips for the drawing.

50/50 drawing: \$30 to the winner.

Announcements: Christmas Auction at Lincoln Twp. VFD.

By-law changes voted on and passed to accept them.

Next meeting: January 20, 2016 at Griffith VFD Station 3, 1601 Indiana St., Griffith, IN.

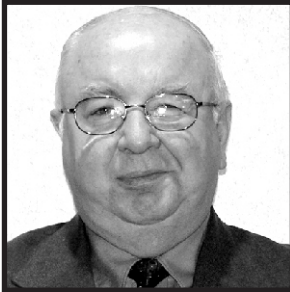
Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn meeting. Passed 7:58 p.m.

Notes by Bob Szot

Submitted by Paul Watland,
District 2 chairman

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DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on October 8, 2015 at Osceola Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge led by Terry. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 10 members and 2 guests. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Chairman Smith discussed the free class which will be put on by the I.V.F.A. This class will be held in one of the six P.R. Districts throughout the year. The first class will be held on October 24, 2015 at Ivy Tech in Kokomo.

Members were informed that a nominee for the Global Award, Junior Fire Fighter Award, and the Ollie Sandberg Award was still needed and must be submitted no later than February 1, 2016.

The body was informed about the new 10 year I.V.F.A. pin which will be presented.

The Blue Light Law was discussed stating the I.V.F.A. would like to see LED's added to the law.

P.R.N.E. Jean Smith discussed attending the National Fire Council and the concern about the cancer problem facing today's firefighters. The council discussed the decontamination of turnout gear and fire departments keeping proper documentation.

Jean informed the body of the Cancer Presumption Law and that the I.V.F.A. would be working on getting the law to include Volunteer Firefighters.

Jean explained that members can take an on-line Propane Emergency Training Class anytime on their computer at IAFC Academy.

Judy Smith, Chairman for District 4 I.V.F.A.A. introduced Abby Smith from New Carlisle Fire Department and Megan Randes from New Paris Fire Department who competed in the 2016 Miss Flame contest. The winner was Abby Smith from New Carlisle Fire Department.

The next meeting will be held at Osolo Township Volunteer Fire Department, Elkhart, IN on December 10, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on December 10, 2015 at Osolo Volunteer Fire Department which was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge led by Elton Schafer. The roll call consisted of 4 departments consisting of 12 members and 5 guests. Quorum was not met so a Roundtable discussion was held. Chairman Smith asked each of his guests to speak.

Past President Buz Koehler discussed the I.V.F.A. newspaper and how articles are to be submitted and laid out. He discussed that each district now can have their own

section when pictures and articles are received. He also was concerned if anyone had not been receiving their newspaper.

Past President and Board Chairman David Israel discussed the upcoming I.V.F.A. Convention which will be held at the Bel-Terra Casino in Vevay, Indiana which will be held June 15-17, 2016. He also informed the body that a \$5,000 Accidental/Dismemberment Insurance is now available through the military at no cost to you as they are now including firefighters, EMS, and police. Call the Central Office and they will give you the number of the representative who will come to your department and sign everyone up.

Vice President Paul Holcomb explained that the I.V.F.A. car/truck plates are now available to anyone and not just firefighters. The funds received for the plates will support the Bridgeport Fund which allows the I.V.F.A. to give out three \$1,500 Scholarships and the in-line death fund.

Paul also announced that in June at the convention he will be running for President.

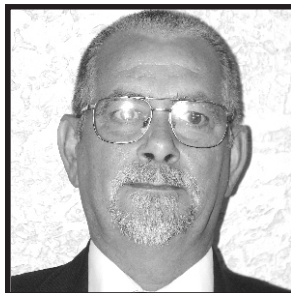
I.V.F.A. Lobbyist Larry Curl discussed the items which are in Legislation which concern Cancer, Equipment Loan, Workmen Comp, Training/Structure Loan, Tax credits for firefighters, and Public Safety Income Tax credit. Larry also informed the members that they are trying to get LED lights added to the Blue Light Law.

Larry explained that the above are very important and that the I.V.F.A. needs everyone to contact their Representative and Senator letting them know your views on these Bills. Larry stated that he will be in Legislation every day fighting and talking on our behalf.

P.R.N.E. Jean Smith informed the body about the AFG Firefighter Grant which is opened on December 7, 2015 and will close on January 16, 2016 for application. He also discussed the Junior Firefighter Award and showed a picture of the award. Jean stated that the Nomax Hood should not be put around your neck after a fire call as this can cause cancer. His department carries hand wipes to wipe around their neck and hands after each call.

The next meeting will be held at Southwest Fire Territory-Portage, South Bend, IN on February 11, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
November 12, 2015
Warsaw Fire Department

Guests: Jean and EJ Smith, Angie Hochstetler.

The 5th District meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1941 hrs. with the pledge to the flag following. The meeting was attended by 19 firefighters representing 6 departments. The minutes from July's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Still in the works to get a volunteer firefighter added to the cancer presumptive law. It is important to be very complete on your documentation for this issue. Date, time of run, address, unit you responded on, your crew members, role you played, etc. Wash ALL ppe frequently. Shower immediately after an incident.

Blue light law to be changed to have LED's covered, currently it does not. LEDs are covered under law for green lights. Looking into the possible change so that a volunteer firefighter can run red lights and siren and the liability it would entail.

IVFA plates as of the 1st of 2016 can be purchased by any person who wishes to display one without the form from the Central Office. The \$5 fee will increase to \$10 and additional funds going into the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Jean reported that he had attended National Volunteer Fire Conference in Charlotte NC and reported on that.

We voted on an amendment to article 15 of the bylaws, it was approved by District 5.

Don Kissinger and Jean Smith presented 10 year pins to several members present.

Miss Flame candidate Angie Hochstetler was introduced and she talked a little about herself.

Don advised that there are 2 District 5 firefighters to receive 50 year pins and Gold cards.

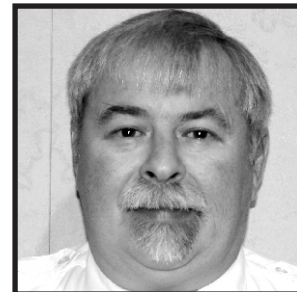
He will attend the Marshall County Firefighter Association meeting to present those.

Next meeting at Winona Lake FD on January 14, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 2038 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast it is starting to look and feel like winter.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and is enjoying the New Year. The cold is definitely here!

Need to thank the Jefferson Twp. VFD for hosting our meeting in November. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. We had a very informative meeting with a surprise visit from Paul Holcomb, the IVFA Vice President. Thanks to Paul for traveling the length of Indiana to attend.

A big thank you to 1 800 Board up for supplying our meal at Jefferson Twp. VFD. Congratulations to Kayla Williams on being selected as the District 6 Miss Flame for 2016. She will represent us well at the IVFA Convention in June. She requests that all the departments in District 6 contact her to have her attend their upcoming events.

In December I had the privilege of attending 3 department Christmas parties. Want to thank the Churubusco VFD, Washington Twp. VFD (Allen County) and the Lagrange VFD for inviting me. Ten year pins, twenty five year pins and

fifty year pins and cards were presented. Congratulations to Jeremy Edwards of the Lagrange VFD in receiving the 2015 Global Award for District 6. Thanks again for the hospitality and good times from all of these departments.

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

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The location remains to be determined, although it will be in DeKalb County. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on March 22nd.

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

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 8A REPORT

Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A,

I hope the start of this New Year has found you all happy, healthy and safe! I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The November District meeting was hosted by Sharpsville VFD. There was a good turnout with 13 district departments represented at the meeting. After a short business meeting the floor was turned over to Angie Biggs, Fire and EMS Data Coordinator from the State Fire Marshal Office. Angie gave a demonstration of the new State Fire and EMS data reporting program Image Trend. I want to thank Chief Paul Kingery and his department for hosting the meeting and for providing food and refreshments for the attendees.

The Association approved 10 year service pins for its members in 2015. I have started distributing those pins to members across the district. Members with 10 to 24 years of service will receive a bronze pin for their service. This is a way of recognizing younger members of the Association for their service to their department and community.

In November the Cicero Fire Department recognized and honored Robert (Bob) Hendricks for 40 years of service to the fire department and Town of Cicero. The Cicero Town Council presented Bob with their Red Bridge Award that night. Thank you, Bob, for your 40 years and as I told you that night I hope you have another 40 years of service in you.

The 2016 Legislative agenda is set by the Association. Our IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl will be talking and working with state legislators about updating language in the Blue Light Law to include LED lighting. The legislative committee has decided to table an attempt with occupational cancer this short session. The reason, there are too many unanswered questions still needing answered by the Association before taking a bill before either House. We feel this is

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an important piece of legislation for our members and volunteers across the State and the Association wants to make sure we have all of our ducks in a row for this one.

If there is something you feel your IVFA is not doing for you or your department we need to know what you are thinking. This organization will be only as good as you allow us to be. Please contact your IVFA or District Officers and let them hear what your concerns are. We are here for you and your department.

The 2016 IVFA state convention will be held at the Belterra Casino and Resort on June 15-18 in Florence, Indiana. Chairman Steve Macke and his convention committee are working hard to ensure another good convention for our members. If you have never attended a convention may I suggest the business meeting on Friday? One registered delegate from each department attending the business meeting on Friday will be reimbursed for round trip mileage to the convention. To register for the 2016 convention go to the Association website at ivfa.org for convention details and forms.

As I wrote in my last article, fire service cancer is real. Remember, we need to protect ourselves and even more importantly we need to protect our loved ones. Recently I came across an online fire column for firefighter spouses called "What Every Firefighter's Spouse Should Know". The author writes about cancer in the fire service, with an article titled Firefighters: "Your loved ones get cancer too". We as firefighters need to remember to be careful not to bring toxins home with us to our loved ones. Remember we need to rinse off or wash our turnout gear after each hot zone entry. Do not keep dirty turnout gear in your personal vehicles and do not ever let your loved ones ride around in the vehicle with dirty gear, as the confined space can increase the exposure. Remember to wash that hood as well - as it often gets neglected. Taking it a step further, if possible, take a shower at the department before coming home to your loved ones. Keep a change of clothes at the department and never bring your dirty clothes home unwashed and throw them in the family laundry. Think of it as a little gesture of love towards your loved ones. Remember today's fire gear is designed to protect us, but if we do not take care of our fire gear it can kill us, too.

Putting together this article got me to thinking when and why I joined the fire service 40 years ago. Yes, in March 2016 I will have 40 years in the fire service. I am a second generation firefighter and it seems like it was just yesterday when I started tagging along with my father, John, to the fire house for meetings, work details, training sessions and when I got older, runs. At age 18 I was accepted onto the Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department in northern Hamilton County as a probationary firefighter. I spent nine years at Atlanta. In 1985 I moved 6 miles south to Cicero and was accepted onto the Cicero Volunteer Fire Department. Thinking back, it was never about structure fires, grass fires, rescue calls ... Lord knows all of them challenging in some way, that's for sure. For me, it

has always been about helping people and giving back to my community. Helping those that were rushing out when we were rushing in or being able to help those that were in need and those who wanted our help. Please always remember, it is their worst day and it is our best day, helping others.

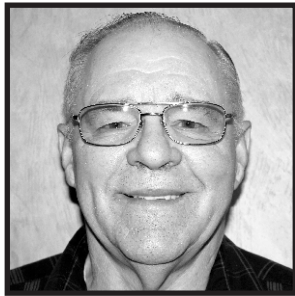
It is important to have a supportive spouse or significant other in this business. I have been very fortunate over the last 22 years to have that supportive spouse. If we as first responders do not have that support doing what we do can be tough on family and relationships. So take the time and thank your spouse or significant other for allowing you to do what you do to help others.

The next District 8A meeting will be at Summitville-Van Buren Twp. VFD on January 27, 2016. Please note that the dates and times have changed for the 2016 meetings in District 8A. District meetings are now on the fourth Wednesday night and will start at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. The only exception in 2016 will be in March and that meeting will be held on March 9. The change was made to eliminate a conflict with another district meeting in the PREC area.

My family and I thank you for doing what you do for your department and community. Be safe out there!

Submitted by
District Chairman Jerry Liston

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

On November 11, 2015 District 88 held their meeting at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright opened the meeting with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken with twelve departments in attendance with a total of 32 present.

The 2016 Miss Flame contest was held with five girls vying for the title. Kristen Clairday from Liberty Township/Selma VFD, Josephine Rammel from Hamilton Township VFD, Aubray Schoid from Eaton VFD, Taylor Miller from Blountsville VFD, and Alyssa Myers from Redkey VFD. Kristen Clairday was named District 8B 2016 Miss Flame and Josephine Rammel was the 1st runner up.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fire runs and EMS runs.

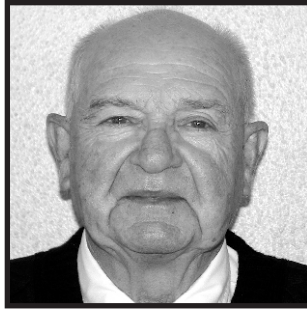
There were 194 fires and 375 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held on January 13, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Wright thanked the Albany Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10, Presentation of 10 year pins was made to 3 members of the Anderson Twp. Vol. F.D. at their Department meeting on 11/9/15.

William B. Loggan, a 40 year member of the Anderson Twp. Vol. F.D. went home to be with the Lord on November 11, 2015. Associate Chaplain, Ski Gerdowsky conducted a gravesite IVFA memorial service with a complete Fireman's funeral on November 16.

District meeting for November was at Needham Community Vol. Fire Dept. We presented 25 year pins to members Wendall Amick, John Asher and Jake Reed. Also, 12 members were presented 10 year pins. During that meeting also, Miss Jaylene Mathews was crowned 2016 Miss Flame for District 10.

December was a big month in District 10 with presentation of 50 year Gold cards, 25 year pins and 10 year pins. David Israel traveled to Carthage for their Christmas party on December 12 to present Larry O. Smith his 50 year Gold card. David also presented 10 members of the Carthage Vol. Fire Dept. with their 10 year pins.

December 13, Connie and I traveled to St. Paul Fire Dept. for their Christmas party and presented Butch Springmeier his 50 year Gold card. Mr. Robert Johnson, Asst. State Fire Marshal, also presented Butch with the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award. David Israel, Asst. Fire Marshal Johnson and I presented Lonnie Mathews and Michael Bayless with 25 year pins and twelve members were presented 10 pins.

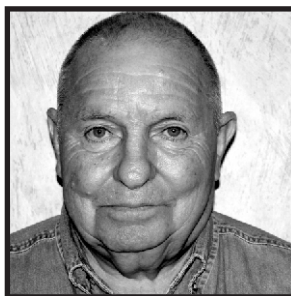
On December 15 we attended the Hope Volunteer Fire Dept. Christmas Dinner at Sirloin Stockade in Columbus and presented 4 members with 10 year pins.

Hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas! We look forward to 2016 with many things happening in District 10.

See you January 20 at IFD Station #55 (Franklin Twp.), 10515 E Thompson Road, Indianapolis, IN at 7:00 p.m.

John M. Ray
District 10 IVFA Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A, Holidays are over and a new year has started.

I have been busy passing out 25 year and 10 pins. I only have 38 10 year pins left.

Starting January 1st you no

longer have to go through Central Office to get IVFA license plates. You can get them at DMC.

I need to know if any of our fire departments have anything going on so I can get out and visit your department.

Our Miss Flame dance was held on November 14, 2015. Our new Miss Flame is Katie VanLannen from Shepardsville Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations, Katie. I know you will go far.

Our Lobbyist Larry Curl is going to support the cancer law that covers professional firefighters to be extended to volunteer firefighters in this legislation. Start calling your representatives to tell them to support this.

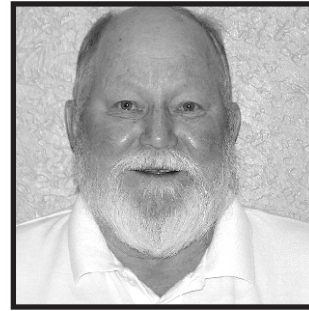
Award letters are due February 1, 2016. You need to start backing some very deserving people.

We need to get better attendance at district meetings. This is where you learn about information going on around the State.

Our next meeting will be January 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Jackson Twp. Fire Dept.

Hope to see you all there!
Till next time,
District 11A chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

DISTRICT 11-B
REELSVILLE
NOVEMBER 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard. The opening prayer was given by Pastor Tim Gillispe of the Big Walnut Church. The pledge to the flag was led by Brent Bush, State Sgt-at-Arms. Roll Call was taken with 10 departments and 34 members present. The guests in attendance were introduced.

A motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was made and seconded. A motion to suspend with the treasurer's report was made and seconded. The Aux. Chairman Bartlow introduced her guests that were present. Larry Bartlow introduced changes to the current by-laws. He then presented the Historian with a 70th anniversary coin. Brent Bush reviewed the license plate requirements for 2016.

Larry Curl announced the activity of the legislature, the bills that had passed. New subjects to be introduced during the next legislative session were mentioned. He also mentioned the future requirements for the ISO. Chairman Southard mentioned the railroads that have good programs that are available.

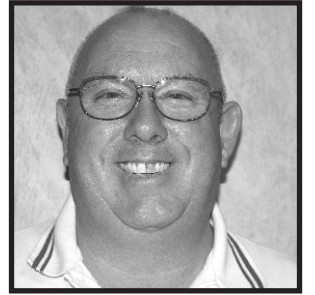
Next was the Miss Flame contest. There were three contestants present and they were Alyssa Doss from Covington, Caitlyn Schilling from Reelsville and Kathryn Melvin from Waynetown. Miss Melvin was crowned the District Miss Flame. Chairman Southard presented the Host Certificate to Chief Brent Urton of the Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept, and also presented 10 year pins to 4 members of the Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept.

The meeting was adjourned by

Chairman Southard.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Mike Dzuba - Chairman

Here's hoping everyone had a good and safe holiday season.

I am sorry I have not been able to make it out to as many stations as I would have liked to over the last quarter but as some of you already know I have been dealing with some family issues.

My wife was diagnosed with cervical cancer and I have been spending a lot of time with doctor appointments and taking care of her. I would like to thank my fellow officers of the IVFA for their support during this time.

I am really hoping to get out more during this next quarter to get these 10, 25, 50 year pins out to all those deserving members.

Keep in mind we have a training day set up for April 2, 2016 that is free to all IVFA members. There will be a total of 6 different classes to choose from. This training will be held at McCordsville Fire Dept. 7580, Form St., McCordsville.

I am hoping we can get a good turn out so that we can continue holding these classes for everyone.

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome to the New Year from District 14.

We have been busy. For the ones who don't know, we now have a 10 year pin that is bronze.

So now we have the bronze 10 year pin and the silver 25 year pin and the gold 50 year pin.

So at this time I am trying to contact all District 14 dues paid departments to set up a time to meet with your members. If I haven't contacted your department please call me at 502-523-2665 to set up a time to get the pins to your members.

I also had the pleasure to hand out 2 life safety awards to Mark Furnish and Doug Dunlevy of the Monroe Township Fire Department.

At this time we had our first Miss Flame run off in our District. Thanks to the two girls that ran and to the special judges Lonna Huffman, Ezzell Group and Tonya Rigsby, California Casualty Insurance and Kent Monihan from Prosser Career Center.

Don't forget to keep up on our Facebook and Web pages set up for the IVFA.

Also at this time you now can purchase your IVFA license plate at

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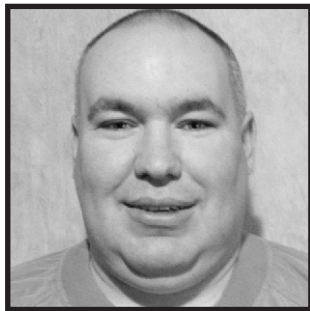
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the license branch, so help us out and buy our plate and we get money back to go back to the Association.

Let me know of any upcoming events so I can attend.

Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from Southwest Indiana.

By now winter is here and hopefully be gone soon.

We held our last District 15 meeting in November at McCutchanville Station 5; we had 5 departments and 10 members present.

A good meal was provided and a lot of good information was discussed. I passed out a 10 year pin.

In December I attended Christmas dinners at Perry Twp., and Chandler Fire Depts. I had the privilege of presenting IVFA 10 year service pins at both.

At Perry Twp. I had privilege of presenting IVFA President Steve Anderson his IVFA 25 year pin. Thanks to both departments for the great hospitality.

I hope to make it to as many departments as I can over the next few months; if you have an event or a meeting you would like me to attend and present IVFA 10 year pins, please get ahold of me.

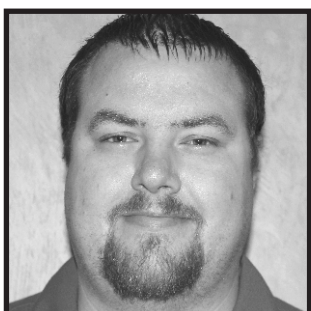
If you are interested in keeping up with the latest legislative updates, which you should be, check the IVFA website for updates.

Our January meeting is being held at Chandler VFD and our March meeting will be held on the 15th of the month.

Till next time STAY SAFE.

Ross Emery, Dist. 15 Chairman
district15@ivfa.org
 812-459-4062

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Josh Reisert - Chairman

Well, another year has come and gone.

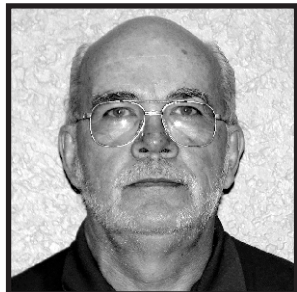
I would like to thank all the departments that invited me to their events. If anyone has any fundraisers coming up, please let me know so I can send it out and try to come.

I'm making my way around giving out the new 10 year pin, so if you have an event coming up or a special meeting and would like for me to present them, then let me know.

Our next meeting will be in February, not sure on date yet.

If you need anything contact me by email district16@ivfa.org or call (502) 643-2114.

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

October 1st attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting.

October 23rd attended Apple Festival in Bloomfield and had fundraiser.

October 9th Fire Prevention - Bloomfield Schools.

October 12th Greene Cty Firefighters meeting at Scotland.

October 24th attended fundraiser at Steen Twp. VFD in Wheatland.

November 5th attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting.

November 6, 7, 8th attended state officer's meeting.

November 9th attended Greene Cty Firefighters Association meeting at Wright Twp. annual Thanksgiving meal.

November 14th attended Loogootee Fireman Ball and presented 10 year pins.

November 18th District 17A meeting hosted by Center Twp. -- 10 and 25 year pins were presented. Thanks to vice-president Paul Holcomb for attending and his remarks.

December 4th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD meeting and presented 10 and 25 year pins. I also presented Johnny Johnson a certificate for his 60 years of service.

December 5th a memorial service was held for Dexter "Shorty" York of the Newberry VFD. He had 40 years of service. Condolences to the family.

December 6th I attended Vincennes Twp. Christmas dinner and presented 10 and 25 year pins.

December 8th I attended a meeting at Cannelburg VFD and presented 10 and 25 year pins.

December 13th I attended a dinner at the Loogootee VFD and had the honor of presenting Gerald Huebner his Gold card and pin for his 50 years of service.

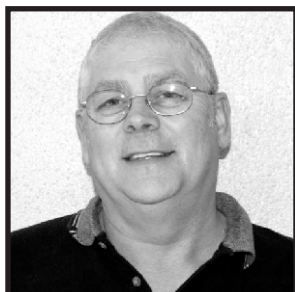
December 14th I attended the Greene Cty Firefighters Association meeting at Center Twp. I had the honor of presenting Brittney Groomer as District 17A Miss Flame.

December 18th I went to the Lyons Funeral Home and presented the family of Eugene Hardesty a Bible and grave marker. No memorial service.

Sam Emery
 District 17A chairman

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 JUNE 15
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 JUNE 17**

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings from 17-B,

I hope everyone had happy and safe holidays. Our last meeting was on 12-9-15 at Marshall Twp. VFD in Lawrence County.

We had 20 members representing 6 departments and the pledge was given by Emma Lynn Harris, daughter of our IVFAA Chairperson Dawn Harris. Our guests were Paul Holcomb - IVFA Vice President, Beverly Harker - IVFA Treasurer and Rod Pressel of Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Taylor McGlocklin (daughter of Tony and Heather McGlocklin) was crowned our 2016 17-B Miss Flame.

Rod Pressel talked about the AFG grant application process while Paul Holcomb discussed the legislative agenda and Blue Light law and Beverly Harker described the procedural changes for getting the 2016 IVFA license plates. I read By-Law changes and they were voted on and passed. We passed around a get well card for Marshal Gresson to be signed.

I want to remind all departments that 2016 dues will be coming in May and please send them in as soon as you get them. Please attend all meetings that you can as we try to give as much information as we can about what is happening in the IVFA and in Legislature.

Our next meeting will be January 13th at Ellettsville FD in Monroe County.

Thank you,
 Steve Nolan, Chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 19 November meeting of District 18 was held at the Ireland Fire Station with the Ireland VFD as our host.

Roll call was answered by 61 members representing 16 departments and reported answering a total of 238 runs. Also answering roll call were 2 Individual members.

Our guests included the new District 18 Miss Flame Katherine Hurst and State Representative Mike Braun.

My thanks and congratulations to Chrisney VFD, Chief Jim Perkins, Kent Groves, and their committee for an outstanding job hosting the District parade and Miss Flame on 11 October. My congratulations to our new Miss Flame Katherine Hurst and my pride to our outgoing Miss Flame Jasmine Vonderheide.

On 23 October, the Haysville VFD lost a member, and District 18 its Sergeant-At-Arms. Malvin "Ed"

Dicus was my "SAA" since my election to the Chairman's position 8 years ago.

Ed was a friend to me and a fellow "Parrot Head". That means a Jimmy Buffett fan! To his credit and to his honor, over 60 members of the fire service were in attendance at Ed's Memorial Service. I am sure he would have been proud of the job Haysville did at the service, I know I was. Ed suffered a heart attack in his home and I want to think, left this earth in the presence of his brothers of the Haysville VFD who responded and did everything possible for him.

On 13 December, the Huntingburg VFD held a re-dedication ceremony for its newly renovated and expanded Station 2. Lt. Gov. Ellspermann was in attendance and helped "un-couple" the ceremonial fire hose to officially open it. By the time of this publication, the New Year is well underway. Stay informed of the efforts of our legislative agenda, and the other information that is forwarded to your departments.

Hey, it is winter out there!! Be on guard during cold weather operations and watch for signs of hypothermia.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on 17 March with the Dubois VFD as our host.

Clean your gear, stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time, "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
 Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hope everyone had a great holiday.

2016 is here and the convention is quickly approaching. Things are coming together for the convention; still can use help. If you can only help for a few hours we can use you.

The IVFA is now giving out 10 year pins. These pins will be given to anyone that has 10 to 24 years of service. I will be getting to your departments to present these pins. If you would like a special time to present these you can contact me at 812-212-5647.

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The district meetings for 2016 will be as follows and all meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. January 28 will be Manchester new station, March 24 Blooming Grove, May 26 Hogan Twp., July 28 Posey Twp. election of officers, September 29 Drewersburg, November 17 St. Leon Miss Flame judging.

With the new year underway let me know of any fundraisers that your departments will be having so we can let Miss Flame know so that if she is available and she can attend as well as the other officers. Hope to see you at the district meetings and bring your young members along.

Stephen Macke,
 Chairman District 19
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DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

Have been busy passing out 10 year & 25 year pins. Have 11 stations done, a total of 93, 10 year pins 4 - 25 year pins.

Will be getting ahold of other stations or just showing up.

Here are the new dates for this year's meetings:

Feb. 29, 2016 will be at Wabash Vol. Fire Dept. located in West Lafayette on 2899 Klondike Rd.

May 23, 2016 will be at Sheffield Vol. Fire Dept., 284 Market St., Dayton IN.

August 29, 2016 meeting will be held at Wea Twp. Fire Dept., 1700 Wea School Rd.

Nov. 28, 2016, will be held at Randolph Vol. Fire Dept., 11508 S. US 231 S Romney, IN.

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. All other Departments are welcome to come and join us.

Next paper I will post who is up for meetings in 2017.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
November 7 & 8, 2015

President Anderson introduced Tim Ruan from Station Supply - Thanked us for letting him be a part of our organization. He just celebrated his fourth year in business, he will continue to donate to the quarterly raffle.

President Anderson -- please put your district meetings on the web site for at least the first 6 months for 2016.

President Anderson - I have set this time aside to discuss the training class before the actual start of the meeting.

President Anderson - We are going to start the day on a follow up on the training that was held in Kokomo on October 24. President Anderson called on PREC Don Cushman. Other officers helping on that day were I, Don Cushman, Jeff Biehl, Jerry Liston, Mike DZuba, Lloyd Wright. We met this morning outside of regular committee meeting and discussed the day what we thought went well and changes that need made.

PREC Don Cushman - We thought it was a very good day. We decided we need to keep it going; the only thing that we are going to change instead of the cancer class since only one person signed up for it. John Buckman said he would teach modern fire behavior and work some cancer issues in with that class.

We already have one class set in the East Central Public Relation's area; it will be April 2, 2016 at McCordsville Fire Station at 8 a.m. The classes to be offered will be EVOC, IN-Time, Instructor in-service, and Angie Biggs will be putting on a class on the new reporting system.

We would like within the next 2 weeks for the other 5 Public Relations area to come up with dates for classes. Need a location with 3 classrooms and if you have a commons area that would be great. You will need a projector for In-Time class.

President Anderson -- the sooner we get dates we can get with the instructors and make sure those dates are good to go.

We had 28 firefighters attend; 24 set in on the new reporting system with Angie Biggs. 14 attended In-Time, 7 attended instructor in-service.

President Anderson called meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

President Anderson called on

Vice President Holcomb to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held followed by the invocation given by Chaplain Elick.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Anderson introduced our guest Peggy Israel, Bobby Brown - vice chairman 17A, Carol Thrawley, Paul Ed Smith and Rex Manard.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. District 18 Chairman John Smith made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report: Treasurer Harker reviewed our finances with us. Advertising for last year, up to this date we had brought in \$16,080, whereas this year we have brought in \$24,278.00. Clothing this year we sold \$1,720, last year at this time we had sold \$1,328. Donation \$280.00 received in memory of Barb Parker. Interest income is way down. License plates are down; hopefully next year with the new way of getting them it will go back up. Last page is the budget that will be voted on later but if anyone has any questions on it, I will take them now.

As most of you know Diane had to do the convention minutes since the court recorder didn't show. Normally we pay a court recorder anywhere from \$350.00 to \$650.00. I don't know how anyone else feels but I feel we should pay her \$300.00. It will be brought up during Board action.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. District Chairman 9A Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Anderson - If you remember Director Kane was here last meeting. I will read his letter in reply to one of our questions that day. At the Alliance meeting Marshal Greeson and John Buckman spoke on this topic.

President Anderson - Larry Curl would you like to comment on this?

Larry Curl - Long story short, I think we owe ourselves a big pat on the back for raising the question, following through with it and getting a response for what is clearly available for the infrastructure monies. My concern is, if we are not careful and we don't watch the different accounts, they are going to try to take some of the training monies to try to develop the state training system, as a matter of fact legislation provided no funding for the state training system.

President Anderson - Last time we talked about missing items from briefcases. If you are missing anything please get with Sergeant at Arms Bush.

President Anderson - If anyone has any updated Provident forms for you or district officers, please turn them in.

President Anderson called for all Past Presidents to come forward. Past President Jack Kerney presented 50 year Gold card and pin to Past President Norm Crocker.

Norm Crocker introduced his wife and chauffeur, "I made every district in the State as either your Vice President or your President. I thank you for my Gold card. Guys keep doing the great job your doing."

President Anderson - Called for

Sharon Wright and Lloyd Wright to come down. President Anderson presented Lloyd Wright with his 50 year Gold card and pin.

Lloyd Wright - Thanked his wife Sharon for all of her support through the years in the fire service.

President Anderson - Talked about the hotel. He visited other hotels in the area. I have signed contract for only the February and May meeting for Crowne Plaza. The dates are February 5, 6, 7 2016, if you don't have a reservation prior to January 12 there isn't anything I can do to help. May meeting will be April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016. August is up in the air; there is something going on in Indy that weekend. I am looking at second or third weekend in August. November is up in the air; working with the hotel. The hotel has hired a new chef, take advantage of the comment section on the letter they handed out as you checked in. Registration process for next year, we will have a form before this weekend is over that you will fill out for February and May and turn in to Peggy. If you do it over the phone make sure to write your confirmation number down.

Past President Jack Kerney made motion to meet the second weekend of August and the weekend that the other group doesn't pick in November. Past President Jack Zeeks seconded the motion. Past President Jack Kerney and Past President Jack Zeeks resented their motion.

President Anderson - All District Chairmen were all given your 10 year pins to hand out. Please make copies of the 10 year reports. I would like to have the majority of the pins passed out by January 2017. Use your Past Presidents and other State Officers and Miss Flames to help you hand out if needed. When you do a 10 year presentation at a department, take a group picture for the paper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - If you can send me the names of the 10 year pins as you present them, that will help me greatly. Daily routines done, answered 10 - 1-800 fire line request, answered blue light questions, contacted all the 1 year not paid departments, got some back in, processed AD&D claims, got request for window decals. JL Systems is working on our new computer, should be done by end of November or December. We will be operating on Windows 10. Old computers are between 5 and 8 years old, had to put hard drive in both of them, are backing up daily. Emailed new address list to Lona, Michelle and Tonya. The new system does not do dot matrix printer, and that is what our membership cards are on. I have talked to our computer people and we are getting a solution. Filed the 3526 form that has to be done for the Post Office; we are waiting on Pam from Printco to send more information. She did it last year so she knows what information needed. I revised the clothing form, processed funeral vouchers, emailed roster paid and not paid, 25 year pins, Gold cards, life member list, membership 14,585. License plate 2,499, membership 794 fire department 633 paid to date 161 have not paid 16 of those 161 departments have less than 5 members, 49 departments not paid this year 3 departments not paid for 3 years, 79 departments not paid for 4 years.

Chaplain Dave Elick - Special projects committee was tasked with

the duty to go back through the deceased list for the past 10 plus years. On your deceased list you will notice a lot of them say per roster or per dues notice, it doesn't show date of death or whether or not these families received their Bible and grave marker. I have been making a list to print off by District so that your district chairman can help me figure out a) did they not request anything b) did not request a memorial service but you went with the department and presented a Bible and grave marker c) if they chose not to receive anything. Otherwise they have a Bible and grave marker coming. The deceased list Jack sent out, he will be changing the heading to read 2016 deceased list Belterra.

Executive Committee: President Anderson - Treasurer Harker is going to proceed with the credit card for the Association. Those having cards will be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board. We also went through convention minutes.

Awards Committee: Chairman Holcomb - February 1st deadline, letters get sent to Central Office.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Harker - I transferred money to Bridgeport account as per Bridgeport guidelines

Budget Committee: Chairman Harker - We will be voting on budget during Board action.

Buz Koehler gave update on Mitch Parish. He broke his hip but he is doing very well.

Jerry Liston reported on Bill Pape. He had a procedure done about a month ago, just going to take time.

Brent Bush gave update on John Davies. Will be having surgery December 16th.

SOG's and Bylaws Committee: Chairman Larry Bartlow -

Proposed by-law change Article XV now reads:

Amendments
Section 1. The amendments may be presented by a district or the By-Laws Committee.

Section 2. An amendment presented by a district must be in writing and passed by the district.

Section 3. An amendment submitted by the By-Law Committee must be in writing.

Section 4. The amendment then must be presented in writing at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors for review by the By-Laws Committee.

Section 5. Upon review, the amendment then will be taken to all districts for a vote before action can be taken on the amendment at the next regularly quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The district chairman must vote the way the district instructed them.

Section 7. Any Section of an Article of the By-Laws that is proposed and addressed by the Board of Directors shall not be revisited for a period of two (2) years, with the exception of an emergency vote in the affirmative of 2/3 of the directors present.

Article XV section 8 was removed at some time over the years; no one knows why.

Section 8 reads - These By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Note: added Section 8.
Take this back to your District meetings and we will vote on it in February.

Proposed SOG change: Under

Expenses and Allowances section 8 it now reads District Secretary shall have an allowance of \$50.00 per year paid annually at the end of their term in office after first board meeting after the annual meeting.

Proposed SOG change: District Secretary shall have an allowance of \$100.00 per year paid annually at the end of their term in office after first board meeting after the annual meeting.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to approve proposed SOG change. District 10 Chairman John Ray made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 2 nays.

Clothing Claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright - 1 claim for eye glasses and it was approved.

Convention 2018: Convention Chairman David Israel - need letter of intent by February meeting for any interested Districts.

Convention 2017: Pass.

Convention 2016: Chairman Macke - meeting Thursday. Coins district chairman help sell \$10.00 each. Registrations forms in paper June 15, 16 and 17.

Convention 2015: Co-Chairman Holcomb - Still waiting on the Horseshoe.

EMS Taskforce: Chairman Mike DZuba - Is trauma representative Mike Cole, is he on our email list of our quarterly meetings.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Harker - Pass.

Logo Committee: Chairman Smith - Pass.

Membership and Marketing Committee: Chairman Harrison - I would like to thank Leighanne Ellis for all of her efforts on these projects.

Leighanne Ellis - I have a letter and list trying to partner with other organizations for family discounts at their facilities. IVFA and your power point project, going to make a list of programs and vendors that would be willing to come and put programs on at your district meetings.

Newspaper: Chairman Buz Koehler - 14,673 November issue. Cost for the year 44 cents a copy. From the Editor: permission has to be received if article has been printed in another newspaper. We lost 2 ads because the vendors were never invited to attend a meeting. Picture clarity is still a big issue.

Public Relations and Education: Chairman Zeeks - Trailer in process of being winterized, need a checklist with price of coins, Carol Thrawley brought up an idea to put LODD of IVFA members names on the trailer.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef made motion to proceed with this project; come back in February with the details. District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 2 nays.

Past President Buz Koehler asked about developing our own coloring book.

President Anderson asked District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef and Past President Buz Koehler to work on this.

Social Media Committee: Chairman Leighanne Ellis - We responded to 2 messages on Facebook. We discussed replacing and keeping it current and researching banner pricing for it.

Special Projects: Pass.

Younger Member Taskforce: Chairman Sprague - Discussed 10 year pins, thumb drives and articles in newspapers.

Meeting reconvened Sunday at

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8:30 a.m.

American Income Life: Tammy Williams – We have sent our letters out. It does include a \$3,500 AD&D. If you return your card, we will call you and set up an appointment. You can find my name, number and email address on your website; feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chaplain Elick gave minute message.

President Anderson follow-up from yesterday, thumb drives don't need Board action.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler - we met yesterday and talked about a lot of issues, turned it over to Lobbyist Larry Curl.

Lobbyist Larry Curl – legislative agenda

1) Attempt to be added to the current presumptive cancer bill.

2) Blue Light law – Change to include LED.

3) Before you can become a volunteer firefighter you have to be trained to minimal level title 655 IAC 1-3-6 title is entry into a program section 6A & B (our hope is to take out career and volunteer and just say Indiana firefighter).

Training Task Force: Chairman Smith – Mr. Buckman stated nothing is being built at this time for the state training academy. Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meetings will now be at same location, Wayne Twp. Fire Headquarters, 6:00 p.m. starting 2016. The next meeting is November 23 at Huntingburg. There was much discussion on this.

Fire Alliance: President Anderson – Board of Firefighter Standards and Education have 2 seats open - 1 EMA fire friendly, 1 EMS paramedic. They are working on a follow-up from a previous LODD. Eric Johnson, Chief Rush Stoff, Jason Smith concentrating on the first 4 hours after LODD has occurred, working on getting a call tree together. Other things in the works are labeling building that is light weight construction and survey of value of volunteer fire service to the State of Indiana. These are not closed meetings, everyone is welcome to attend.

EMS Commission: Chairman Jerry Liston – Pass. I was unable to attend last meeting.

Heroes Competition - April 30, 2016.

In Time: Chairman Zeeks – August meeting re-election of officers, they have had a guy that moved from Missouri INDOT and is making some changes.

License plates: Bev Harker – had a little flyer made for district chairmen to pass out at meetings regarding the changes to getting our plates starting next year.

NVFC: Jack Kerney – If you know of any firefighter in the State of IN that still has their DOJ pending, we need to know about it, the NVFC has put some pressure on DOJ and they have got some faster response to these that have been on hold. NVFC is under Wisconsin law. Cancer documentation, documentation, John Buckman said that there is an app that is being tried by some departments that the individual tracks their own data. If you have a firefighter that passes away in Indiana with cancer, go ahead and file a workman's comp. claim with the idea that will start some information and data which we

don't have now.

NVFC: Jean Smith – We did a table top exercise how can we improve our organization. Working on a two hood rotation, one hood used at the fire scene, turn it in for cleaning, second clean hood ready for the next response. Some departments have a bucket at the command post for the dirty hood to be deposited so they can be taken back to the station for cleaning. Dirty gear bag should not be a badge of honor.

CSX grants are available, community safety grants target safety, disaster, high-alert and hazardous materials training equipment requirements of first responders, and projects and activities that keep communities safe.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Anderson – attended 3 Alliance meetings, District 14 and 7, IATC conference, District 18 parade, state TEPW, 75th Anniversary, 2 memorials, 5 fund raisers, 4 county meetings, 5 award presentations.

Vice President Holcomb – Attended 3 district meetings, fund raiser, 2 county meetings.

Secretary Harrison – I am looking for old fire axes that can be painted.

Treasurer Harker – Attended county meeting, 3 district meetings, 1 fundraiser and 1 memorial. I would like to thank everyone for supporting me all of these years.

Sergeant at Arms Bush – Pass.

Historian – Absent.

Chairman of the Board Israel – Attended 5 district meetings, memorial service, on behalf of speaker's bureau I went with Jerry Liston, Don Cushman went to Chesterfield Fire Department, attended 5 department meetings. I would like to thank everyone on behalf of the Parker family. Barb's brother was very impressed with the memorial service.

PRNW Ellis – Pass, I didn't do a lot this quarter with the Association; I had a baby.

PRNE Smith – Attended all 5 district meetings, some fund raisers, and 1 funeral. No progress with District 5 chairman.

PRWC Bartlow – Attended 4 district meetings, 1 memorial and a station dedication.

PREC Cushman – I got to most of the district meetings, and county meetings and fund raisers, went to the school at Kokomo. And we have 3 dates out of the 6 already.

PRSW Kerney – Attended NVFC meeting, 4 district meetings, 7 memorials, 1 open house.

PRSE Scheele – Attended 2 district meetings, convention meeting, county meeting and 3 memorials.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parker – Absent, went to Texas with his daughter for 30 days.

Parish – Absent.

Glant – Pass.

Zeeks – Memorial weekend was wet and cold.

Kerney – Pass.

Koehler – Attended Parker memorial, 2 district meetings.

Ketchem – Pass.

Deckard – Absent.

Israel – Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

President Anderson -- wants a realistic goal of how long it's going to take you to get your 10 year pins

out.

District 1 Neese – Attended 2 district, IVFAA meetings, 2 funerals and 11 department meetings, presented 25 year pins, 7 Gold cards and 14 months.

District 2 Watland – Presented 3 Gold cards, 1 station dedication, helped Marshall and 1 year.

District 3 Sandy – had to leave, family emergency.

District 4 Smith – Thanked us for the use of the trailer, 1 memorial service and 14 months.

District 5 –

District 6 Sprague - 18 – 24 months.

District 7 Bisel – Attended 2 memorials, visited 2 department and 6-10 months.

District 8A Liston – Visited 10 departments, attended 4 fund raiser, presented several 25 year pins, 1 Gold card and 6-10 months. Angie Biggs will be at my next meeting on Imagine Training.

District 8B Wright – Presented 25 year pins, Gold card, attended fund raisers and 6 months.

District 9A Reef – Attended 5 department meetings, 1 county meeting presented 25 year pins and 6-12 months.

District 9B Denton – Getting district involved, 6 months.

District 10 Ray – Attended 4 county meetings, 2 department county wide fund raiser, presented 25 year pins and 14 months.

District 11A Taylor – Visited 6 departments, presented 25 year pins attended 2 memorials and signed up a new department and 10-12 months.

District 11B Morphy – Visited 16 departments, 1 county fund raiser and 6 months.

District 12 Bruner – Absent.

District 13A DZuba – had to leave.

District 13B Biehl – Passed out 3 Bibles and grave markers, attended Parker memorial, visited 2 departments and training at Kokomo and 8-10 months.

District 14 Cannon – We have had 3 deaths and 1 year.

District 15 Emery – Absent. 1 year.

District 16 Reiser – 1 year.

District 17A Emery – Attended 3 fund raisers, 1 memorial and 9-12 months, Sausage supper January 16, and attended a training facility dedication.

District 17B Nolan – Absent, death in family. 9-12 months.

District 18 Smith – Visited 10 departments, 4 deaths, spoke about "Project Breath" and 10 months.

District 19 Macke – 1 year.

District 21 Fultz – Attended 2 memorials, Tri-County meeting and 18 months.

Chaplain Elick – Attended memorial service at IREC, and Fallen Firefighter memorial service. 4 memorial services.

Jesse Dove – State Miss Flame 2012 - January 1st her project will go live. She will be putting it on our Facebook and our website.

Tatijana Marsee, 2011 Miss Congeniality – Autism training for Indiana.

Supporting Heroes - March 12, 2016; if you are interested in going, please turn in your card.

Washington DC trip, please turn in your cards if interested in attending.

FDIC – April 21, 22, 23, 2016.

Jesse Dove and Tatijana Marsee drew for the \$50.00 gift card sponsored by Ezell Group and California Casualty - Tim Fortier,

Crown Point Fire Department. Cleaning bucket sponsored by Station Supply, Paul Channell, Lake Ridge Fire Department.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to adjourn meeting. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison - Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, IN November 8, 2015

Chairman of the Board David Israel called meeting to order.

Chairman of the Board David Israel called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PREC Don Cushman made motion to accept minutes as printed. District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to accept 2016 budget as Treasurer Harker presented. District

9A Chairman Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

PREC Don Cushman made motion to set mileage at .40 per mile for 2016. District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to pay Secretary Harrison \$300.00 for taking convention minutes (the court recorder didn't show up) PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

District 10 Chairman John Ray made motion to bring all officers in on Friday night for a training session. District 9A Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed 17 in favor, 12 opposed. It will depend on hotel availability for February.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn. Sergeant at Arms Brent Bush made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 2 nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison - Secretary

Vibes from the IVFAA President Barbara Kerney



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I wish for each of you blessings, good health and friendship of family and friends in 2016. I also want to see our organization grow and prosper thru efforts of all our members. Looking forward to a great 2016.

As we continue to grow and look toward the future, we need to accept changes that will help us in this process. We also need input from all our members. This is our organization and your ideas and thoughts are needed in our growth process.

Don't forget to nominate a lady for our awards: Lois Boaz, Miriam Schaeckel and the Angel Award if the lady is a firefighter. There are many deserving ladies in our Auxiliaries that would be great nominees for these awards. It will only take a few minutes to write about your nominee. Letters should be postmarked no later than February 1st according to our rules.

Thanks to those Auxiliaries who have made me feel welcome when visiting your meetings. Thanks also for sharing your ideas and what you are doing in your communities. We need to be visual in our communities. Hopefully our sharing and caring goes beyond the fire house.

Looking forward to the year ahead and working and sharing as a team.

President, Barb Kerney

From The IVFA Office Jack & Barbara Kerney

IVFA Dues

Remember that your IVFA Dues are **due by July 31**. Please have them postmarked and mailed to the IVFA Office. Don't let your membership lose their Bridgeport Benefits by paying late.

ATTENTION: IVFAA AUXILIARY MEMBERS

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NEWS FROM DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Ten and twenty-five year awards given



These 5 members of Crown Point VFD received their 10 year IVFA pins. Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Bradley King, Chief of Morgan Twp. VFD was presented his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Leroy Kleist (C) received the District 2 Global Award. Leroy is a member of Morgan Twp. VFD. He also received his 10 year IVFA pin. Looking on is Bradley King, Morgan Twp. VFD Chief.

Convention...

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President Anderson thanked District 14 and 16 for hosting convention.

President Anderson: One of the new committees I formed was an EMS Taskforce Committee. We all know that 75% of our runs are EMS; probably 60-70% of our departments are running some type EMS. Mike Dzuba and Jerry Liston are co-chairing that committee, and they pass at this time.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Harker – Pass

LODD Committee – President Anderson: I will tell you we sit in on the Indiana Fire Alliance which is made up of the IVFA, Professional Firefighter's Union, Indiana Fire Chief's Association, State Fire Marshal's office and the Indiana Firefighter's Association. That group was formed about 4 or 5 years ago; we got heavily involved about 3 ½ years ago, and it has been a good thing. There are some things that have come out of there that have been very beneficial. Probably the biggest one to date is House Bill 1182, which is the fire academy training system bill. But there are other things in the pipes. You heard the Fire Marshal, if you were at the Board of Firefighter's Standard and Education meeting yesterday. They talked about some coordination with through that organization. He did misspeak when he used the word respond. It's really not a response side they are looking at, it's more of a coordination and notification to make sure everyone is on the same page to get all the groups to make sure we are covering all the bases. There are already systems in place each group uses. We need to incorporate that all into a coordinated effort based on some previous experiences that happened and they are trying to prevent that from happening again.

Logo Committee: Chairman J. Smith: Selling patches \$3 each.

Membership and Marketing Committee: Chairman Harrison – Pass

Newspaper and Ad Taker – Buz Koehler: If you have any questions see me. Everyone can submit articles. Please make sure if you use photographs that they are good quality when you send them in. Printco's information is on the inside front cover of the newspaper. There is room to expand the newspaper so don't be afraid to send articles in.

Public Relations & Education is led by Past President Jack Zeeks. If you are looking to use the IVFA trailer get with Carol Thrawley.

Social Media – We've increased a little bit more lately. We have tried to go a little more into the Facebook world, anyone big in Instagram or Twitter get with Leighanne Ellis or Paul Holcomb. Unfortunately none of us are into those that well right now. I will say myself and Past President Israel went to Oklahoma City last February for a Summit Benefit conference and social media was a big push. The gals from Texas had it down pat.

I also started a special projects committee led by Steve Nolan and Sam Bisel. There are times when we as officers need to focus on something and we don't really have a committee set and ready to go so they are on standby to help out with that so that one is kind of as needed basis.

Training Taskforce – 2 years ago our representative changed so John Smith has been selected by the Governor to sit on the board. So if you have any questions about Board of Firefighters, he has also been put in charge of our training task force committee since they kind of go hand in hand.

Younger Member Taskforce – 2 years ago we tried to focus on some younger member benefits. Unfortunately it's hard to get people to stay on our departments for 25 years so we have looked at some things and you will see some things coming down the road and we will look to focus even more on some of those younger member ideas.

President Anderson called on Chairman of Legislation Buz Koehler and Lobbyist Larry Curl to come forward.

Buz Koehler – Good Morning, I am going to relinquish my time to the Lobbyist Larry Curl. Thank you.

Lobbyist Larry Curl: Good Morning. Last year at state convention we stood here and we said to all of you we need your help. I got John up last year and said, "John tell them what they need to do."

John Morphy: I told them to get

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NEWS FROM DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Five year, ten year, twenty five year awards, plaques given



Justin Gettler (L) and Jake Kabella received their 10 year and 5 year membership plaques respectfully as members of Crown Point VFD.



These photos were submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman.

- Giving out two year pins at a body meeting. Bryan Denney, Mike Redd and Marshall Neese.

- Griffith Fire Department Christmas party - giving out 5 - 25 year pins and 10 year pins.

- New Chicago council meeting.

- Two firefighters getting a commendation for saving a life having been dispatched to heart attack call, assisted in CPR and brought him back to life. Also gave out 4 - 10 year pins.

- Lake Ridge Fire Department Christmas party. Attending was Mac McBride, a 40 year member receiving a retirement gift for his time serving the Ridge.

- Giving out two 10 year pins at a body meeting,



Mark Schweitzer retired from Crown Point Vol. FD. He received a plaque with his helmet shield and a hand axe. He also received his 10 year IVFA pin. Mark Reed, FD president, made the presentation. Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



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involved.

Lobbyist Larry Curl: Get involved, go talk to your legislator, talk to your neighbors, friends, citizens, tell them how important it is that we get our right back to hold office and volunteer in the same unit of government doing the same thing that is legally our opportunity to do. John, thank you very much because we got 'er done. And we got it done because of folks like you. My only regret is that in 2012 we didn't engage you folks nearly as much as we did in 2015 or we wouldn't have had to go through 3 years of pure hell, trying to hold office and being a volunteer. Unfortunately for some folks it was too little to late because some people made a choice as to whether to hold office or to be a volunteer. You can go back and do both now but you have to wait to go through another election cycle and hope you can get re-elected if that's the avenue you chose. So here is my message to you this morning and it started with John. John got very engaged very early and said we need to get our message out. This will not be the only issue that we will have to address, fight and go to bat for. When we call upon you, when we share an important issue out there, when we are trying to pass legislation to help us to help the citizens, let's repeat 2015. Let's get involved. You know we did a petition drive. All of you signed that, right? I started to bring the box down here with me. I still have all of those in case we need to use. I think we got something like 3,800 signatures, We ought to double that on the next drive if we need to do that. I understand that everybody is under the belief that it is Larry Curl's job to get us through legislation and I am proud to do that, but I can't do it on my own. You folks have already shown me that you can and will step up to the plate if you need to do that, so thank you very much, we got it done. July 1 we can go back to doing both.

Let me cover very quickly a couple of items we worked on this year. We tried to get everybody a tax credit. We had a representative submit a bill to give us a \$500.00 tax credit. We had a state Senator that submitted a bill to give a \$1,000.00 tax credit. I met with the 2 of them and I said we need to work on this together and they agreed and I said "well let me give you the first offer. Let's put those bills together and give them a \$1,500.00 tax credit." That went over about as well as it did here. Not only did we not get the \$1,500.00 tax credit, we didn't get any tax credit. I think I have figured out why we didn't get the tax credit is because they don't believe that we deserve that tax credit. How can we show them that we deserve that tax credit? Show them how much money we save. The state of New York did a study on the volunteers' cost savings. In the state of New York 3, 4 or 5 years ago it might have been longer, 7.2 billion dollars annually, they state the taxpayers. The state of Delaware volunteers save their tax payers in the hundreds of millions of dollars. What do you think Indiana would save their taxpayers? I would say we're going to be real close to a billion of dollars. How are we going to show that? How are we going to do that? I think it's time that this organization commissions a report to be done on the tax savings of our citizens because of our efforts. Anybody agree with that? (applause). I would say be careful what you ask for, it's going to cost and it's going to cost a lot. We cannot create that report internally, and turn that over to somebody because of conflict of interest. We have to commission a third party uninvolved group of people to do the study and those don't come cheap. They come in tens of thousands of dollars. I would challenge the IVFA to produce this report at whatever the cost might be and we will try to do it as inexpensively as possible. But I would also challenge each and every one of you in this room as a department to support that financially. How are you going to do that? We need to come up with a number, an assessment, a onetime assessment - if your department believes they can benefit from a report like this locally, do you think you can do that? If you could take a report back to your local units of government and say to them here is the dollars we save to our community? I think we are going to put together a program where we are looking at trying to get \$5.00 per member per department one time on a voluntarily basis. Let's create a report that has some meaning to it that



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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Officers Meeting November 08, 2015 Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

Breakfast by officers was served at 7:30 a.m.

A moment of silence for Past President Barb Parker was observed by all.

Chaplain Joann Hays opened the meeting with a prayer, "My Daughter No Stranger." President Barb Kerney also asked for everyone to keep Jim Parker in their prayers along with Mitch Parish, Maxine Davies and the wife of Mike Dzuba.

Sgt.-of-Arms Suzie Lewis conducted the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 24 officers, 9 I.V.F.A.A. members and 1 guest.

Barb Kerney reported on Tammy Davis' grandfather who passed away.

The minutes were read with a correction to the spelling of Belterra and the August treasurer's report. It will stand as approved with corrections.

Tammy Williams from American Life spoke to us and asked if there were any problems we may have.

A thank you card was received by Pam Gerdowsky.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasurer's report and was accepted until time of audit.

Vice President Martha Thomas asked everyone to bring the district baskets the day of the convention. She thanked everyone who helped her at the convention.

Letters for the Miriam Schaeckel Award are to be sent to: Carol Koehler, Lou Bartlow, Joann Hays and Sharon Wright before Feb. 1. A letter should be sent to each of these ladies. Letters for the Lois Boaz Award are to be sent to each of the committee members.

Phyllis Vargo has a flash drive with all four auxiliary books on it. She will make copies of them on discs for each district. E.J. Smith made a motion to have Phyllis make a copy of the books on discs for anyone who is interested. It was stated in the minutes that the districts will already be receiving a copy. E.J. resent her motion.

E.J. Smith reported that there will be new guidelines for the Miss Flames. The committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Feb. meeting.

The 25 year pins and Gold cards will be given out at the convention.

The Mary Mackin committee will meet in Feb. at 3:30 p.m.

Beth Caudill will replace Barb Parker as Parliamentarian.

Phyllis Vargo gave out an example of a by-law the way it should be written. All by-laws should be in by Feb. 1 to Phyllis Vargo.

Letters to the Miss Flames will be mailed out earlier than in May.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Beth Caudill to give the secretaries \$200.00 at convention to help with expenses instead of the \$100.00. Motion carried. The SOG's should be rewritten and taken back to districts.

Phyllis Vargo gave a report on her district and what their discontent is with the state. Barb Kerney explained that there are expenses that go out every quarter and we did receive dues

that is spread out through the years.

Larry Curl and Buz Koehler visited and Larry explained the word volunteer should be added to the treatment of cancer that will go into law. A bill will be drafted to the state with the word volunteer and he asked that everyone to call our legislators and ask them to support this bill once this bill is drafted.

President Steve Anderson gave a report on the hotel. The next meetings are Feb. 6-7 and April 30 - May 1. He is looking at other hotels.

Joyce Nevil asked if there should be an increase in the room rate and mileage expense for the 3 night stay at convention to \$75.00. Lou Bartlow stated that it should go to the financial committee first.

Tonya Marsee gave a report on the convention.

Recording Sec. June Cahill reported that there are 56 depts. 172 ind., 823 pd. by depts., and 25 life. Totaling 1020.

President Barb Kerney read, "Giving Time".

Gifts were given out. Suzie Lewis will bring items to make a Valentine vest during the meeting.

Chaplain Joann Hays dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

MOVING?

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman

Osolo Township VFD 10 and 25 year pins

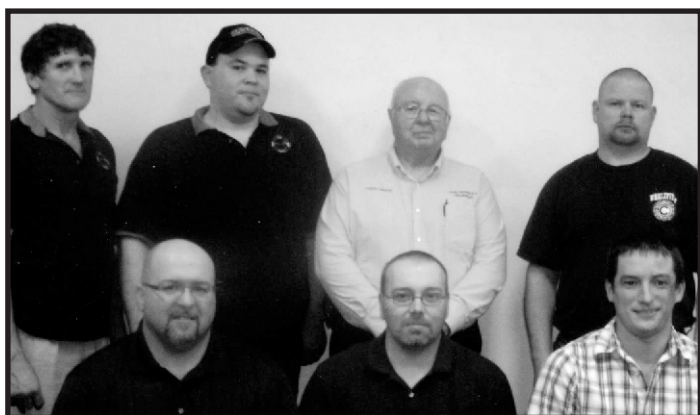


Osolo Township Volunteer Fire Department firefighters who received their 10 year pins. (Left to right): Jeremy Cooper, Troy Stint, Randall Stine, Michael Smith, Jo Bennett Johnston, Garrett Frey, PRNE Jean Smith, chairperson Terry Smith.



Osolo Township Volunteer Fire Department firefighters who received their 25 year pins are: (left to right) Dan Rust, Dean Rentfrow, vice president Paul Holcomb and chairman Terry Smith.

New Paris 10 and 25 year pins



10 year pins were received at New Paris Awards banquet. Front row (left to right): Bill Dunlap, Shane Rolston, Bruce Yoder. Back row (left to right): Daniel Hurtzler, Chris Kupeerus, Chairman Terry Smith and Randy Rolston.



Receiving 25 year pins were – (left to right): Harvey Manges, chairman Terry Smith, Dean Morehouse, Joe Warstler and Lavon Yoder.

Awarded certificate



Lewis Kimble received a Certificate of Appreciation from chairman Terry Smith for his 46 years of service at Southwest Central Fire Territory.

Miss Flame competition held



The 4th District Miss Flame competition was held. Pictured (left to right): IVFA chairman Terry Smith, 1st runner-up Megan Manges, Miss Flame Abby Smith and IVFAA chairman Judy Smith.

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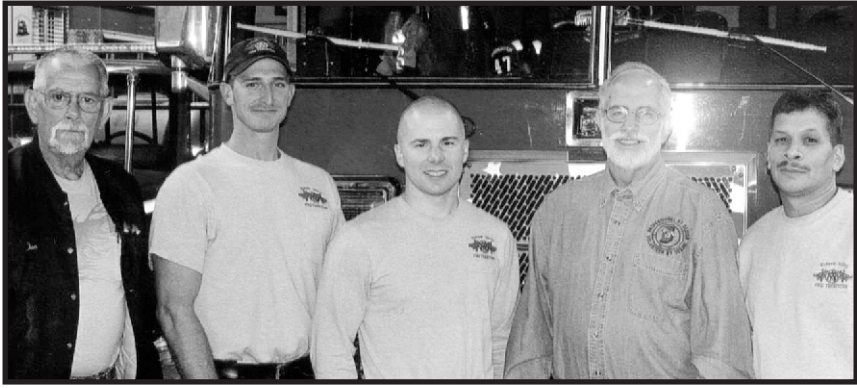
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District Chairman

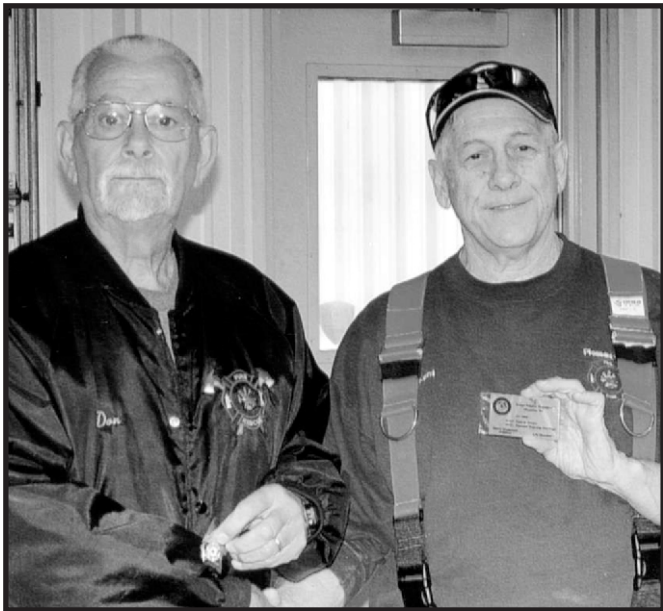
Ten-year, twenty-five year and 50-year Gold cards awarded



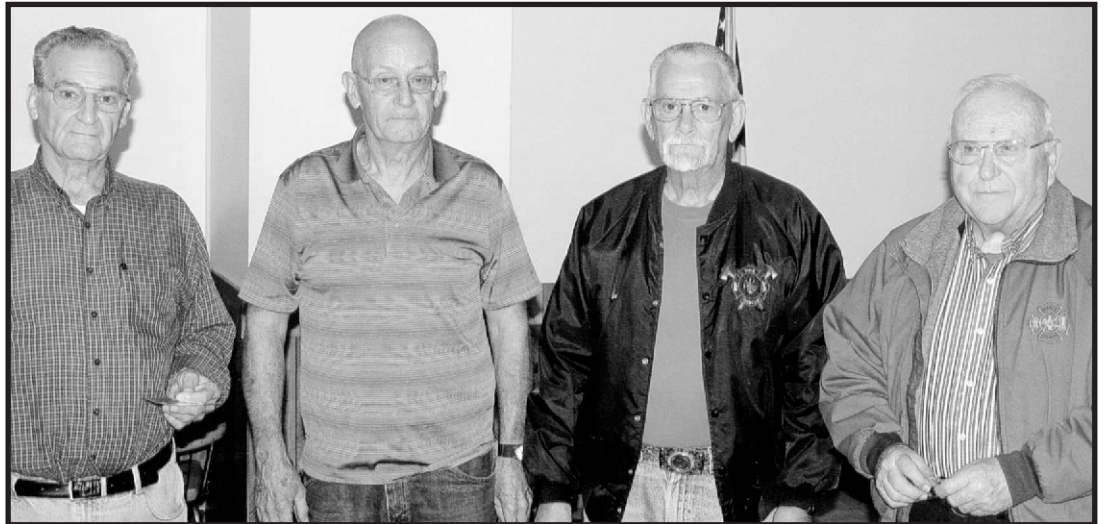
Brandon Allen, Plain Twp., Brent Fifer and Elvin Reyes, receive 10 year pins from Jean Smith, PRNE and Don Kissinger.



Robert Tinkey, Mickey Scott "Chief", Turkey Creek Fire, Syracuse, receive 25 year pins from Don Kissinger.



Kent Trickle, Pleasant Twp. Fire Dept., receives his 50 year Gold Card and pin from Don Kissinger.



Larry Starr - Plymouth, Jerry Lozier - Bourbon, Kent Koontz - Bremen Fire Dept. 5, receive 50 year Gold cards and pins from Don Kissinger.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Kayla Williams, LaGrange Publishing Co. / Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman

Fifty-year service award



Everett "Butch" Warren, William Cochran (not pictured), Mentone Fire Dept., Max Duncan, Milford Fire, receive 50 year Gold Cards and pins from Don Kissinger.



From left to right is Kayla Williams, District 6 Miss Flame, Bill Connelly receiving his 50 year service award, Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman and Dave Elick, District 6 Chaplain.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by Joyce Nevil, District 7 IVFAA chairman / Sam Bisel, District 7 chairman

Miss Flame chosen



Miss Flame of District 7 is Alivia Lockwood from Poe V.F.D. Parents are Andy and Beverly Lockwood.

Runner-up is Kaitlyn Bisel from Geneva V.F.D. with District 7 chairman Sam Bisel and Joyce Nevil.

Twenty-five pin awarded



District 7 chairman Joyce Nevil presenting Bernie Kleinknight her 25 year pin from I.V.F.A.A. at their Christmas party.

She is also a member of the Geneva V.F.D. Auxiliary

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

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the September 3, 2015 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Marge Baumgardner with 19 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 3 individuals.

Phyllis introduced Marshall Neese, new District #1 chairman for the I.V.F.A.A. Marshall gave us his background with 25 years of service on Lake Ridge Fire Department. Also introduced Paul Watland, District #2 Chairman for the I.V.F.A.A.

Phyllis presented LOFS Auxiliary with \$100 for hosting District Meeting.

Phyllis informed the group that the Bible from Ann Moss's Memorial Service was presented to LOFS Auxiliary and they have it on display in the training room in the cabinet. Ann had been a long time auxiliary member of the Lake of Four Season Auxiliary.

Minutes were read by Secretary Marge Baumgardner, passed with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$769.75 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Members questioned the raise of state dues. Cathy Watkuis of Lake of Four Season said her auxiliary was protesting the increase of the State dues since the State is sitting on a large amount of money and still have a Non-for-profit status. She would like to see District 1 & 2 come together and let the State Auxiliary know we are not happy with the increase of dues. Lake of Four Season will come up with a letter and we will forward it to all departments in our District.

Phyllis talked about the By-law change that was to be presented at convention, was thrown out due to it was not presented as a proper By-law change per Roberts Rules of Order. Phyllis is in charge of rewriting it for District 1 & 2 to be presented at convention next year. Phyllis will have it for us to look at the February and May of 2016 meetings before it is presented at convention.

Phyllis talked about the Miss Flame contest. Even though Kylee did not win the Miss Flame she did win the Essay Award, which Phyllis said was a very good written essay. We are very proud of Kylee of this award. Kylee would like to run again.

Phyllis asked the group how many of them received a copy of the state minutes? Nobody in attendance received anything from the state. Phyllis will check into this, every member was to receive them.

Phyllis and Martha Thomas talked about the Chinese Auction at convention. They raised \$1,607.00. There was a great interest in the Mystery Basket from District 1 & 2. With the all the gift cards and

donations from St. John Vol. Fire Dept. and donations from members, the basket was valued over \$200.00. It was sealed shut until the winner was announced.

Phyllis talked about the November District Meeting. Asked the group what were their wishes to have a Silent Auction? She said there was \$220 made off of last year's auction. Motion by Becky O'Boyle and seconded by Jackie Rench to hold a Silent Auction at the November meeting and each auxiliary will bring 3 items for the auction. Motion passed.

Department announcements were given.

Phyllis talked about the different awards that are available for auxiliary members. Please get your handwritten or typed letter to the committee. No copies. See the newspaper for committee members and rules.

Motion to adjourn by Cathy Watkuis, seconded by Jackie Rench. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. - District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

The holidays are over and winter is upon us. Please be careful when using candles & kerosene heaters, they can cause fires.

Our January 26th district meeting will be held at Hometown Fire Department, Allen County, hope to see you there.

Kayla Williams will be representing District 6 at Convention 2016 at Belterra Casino Resort. The annual 2016 IVFA convention will be June 15-18 at Belterra Casino Resort, Florence, IN. Pre-registration \$65.00 by May 16, 2016, after that \$75.00. Room

Fire Fighters experience every day what it means to fight to breathe. Among fire fighters is an increased risk for all lung disease, including lung cancer due to the exposure to hazardous gasses, chemicals and smoke in the line of duty.

Because of the disproportionate occurrence of lung diseases in fire fighters, the Fight For Air Climb provides fire fighters with the opportunity to fight back against the lung diseases that ravish their community. Fire Fighters are invited to participate in the Fire Fighter Challenge at the Climb on March 5, 2016 at Chase Tower in downtown Indianapolis. During the Challenge, teams of four race up the 47-floor building (1,054 steps) in full gear. The team with the fastest combined time wins the coveted Fire Fighter Challenge travelling

rate is \$99.00. Hope you can attend the Convention.

If your Auxiliary is having a fundraiser or function, please let me know, I will try to attend!

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at 260-639-3231 or EJS6District@aol.com

E. J. Smith
District 6 IVFA
-Auxiliary Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

Meet at Markel V.F.D. on Nov. 18, 2015.

Dinner was enjoyed by all.

Meeting was called to order by chairman Joyce Nevil. Pledge was given. Roll call: 11 members, 2 guests. Minutes were read and approved. State minutes were discussed. Talked about by-laws changes, voted to submit 2 changes. Joyce and Beverly Lockwood will work on them. We have 2 Miss Flame candidates being interviewed at this time.

Next meeting at Monroe Jan. 18, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Poe is selling Peanut Brittle. Hoagland selling Christmas Trees. Uniondale having pancake and sausage.

Diana Gray made a motion to adjourn. E.J. Smith seconded it.

We then had our Christmas exchange.

We joined the men, they were handing out 25 yr. and 10 yr. pins.

We have 2 Miss Flame candidates, Kaitlyn Bisel from Geneva and Alivia Lockwood from Poe.

Our Miss Flame is Alivia Lockwood, parents are Andy and Beverly Lockwood.

Our runner-up is Kaitlyn Bisel.

District 7 chairman
Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. Christmas is my favorite time of the year. With family living away, we are all together at Christmas time.

Winter is coming, folks. Hunker down and survive it!

We held our Miss Flame dance at the Engineers Building in Terre Haute on November 14, 2015. Our new Miss Flame is Katie VanLannen from Shepardsville Volunteer Fire Department. We had six girls to choose from. It was a hard job for the judges. They were all winners.

Our district meeting was held at Otter Creek I. They have a beautiful new firehouse and we had a picnic style lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings. Thanks, Otter Creek, for hosting our meeting.

At the dance and district meeting we displayed a new banner we had made. It is 3 x 5 ft. in size and says District 11A IVFA and IVFAA. It is red with white letters and looks great.

You need to write letters for awards at convention. February 1, 2016 is the deadline. We have a lot of deserving people out there.

As of January 1st you can get your special license plates at the DMC. You don't have to go through the Central Office.

Phyllis Vargo will make a flash drive for each district of convention. We can view it at district meetings.

Our next district meeting will be at Jackson Twp. V.F.D. on January 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

If you have any prayer concerns you would like to share with your fire family, contact Joan Hays, state chaplain. Prayer works. God is good.

Till next time,
District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Tonya Marsee - Chairman

Hi!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and wonderful New Year.

We had our last District 19 IVFAA meeting in Morris on November 10th. We had a great turnout as usual!! Morris provided us with a wonderful dinner of soups, salads, and desserts. We also had another successful white elephant auction that will help send our Miss Flame representative at the State Convention that will be held at Belterra this year and District 19 will be hosting it.

On November 19, 2015 we crowned Alyssa Knueven our Miss Flame representative for District 19 for the 3rd year in a row. We were at Moorefield firehouse. We would like to wish Alyssa our best at State this year. She is representing Sunman Fire Department. Alyssa attends East Central High School, loves softball, hunting, and baking. Alyssa also loves helping out in her community. If you would like Alyssa to come help out at one of our District 19 functions, please give myself or Steve Macke a call or email.

Please get those registration forms in for the convention. Also call to make your room reservations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Looking forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces and making new friends also.

Bundle up! It is finally starting to feel like winter out there even though I could skip the cold weather and go right into spring.

Thank you.

Tonya Marsee
District 19 IVFAA Chairman

Fight For Air Climb to be held March 5, 2016, Chase Tower, Indianapolis

trophy.

Jim Campbell, Deputy Chief of Operations at the Pike Township Fire Department has participated in every Fight For Air Climb in Indianapolis. He, along with two teams of firefighters from Pike Township participate in the Fire Fighter Challenge.

As a career Fire Fighter at Pike Township, he knows many people who have fought and lost to lung disease, or who are still fighting today. Soon before joining his first Fight For Air Climb, Campbell lost a co-worker to lung cancer. Participating in the climb was his way of fighting back.

"The importance of lung disease research cannot be over emphasized when it comes to the Fire Service," he said. "Firefighters suffer various types of lung diseases, especially

cancers, at a rate many times higher than a comparative portion of the population. We are exposed on a daily basis to many types of pollutants and the chronic effects of the modern toxic fire ground are only just now showing up in an entire generation of firefighters. It is likely we will lose many, many more firefighters before the combination of utilizing our respiratory protection (SCBA), along with the significant research being done by the ALA, make a dent in those numbers."

The American Lung Association seeks to save these lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. 90 cents of every dollar raised through the Fight For Air Climb will stay in Indiana for research, education and programs supporting the thousands of Hoosiers suffering from lung disease. Event

registration is \$25 with an additional \$100 fundraising minimum due before climbing on March 5.

"This is an incredibly FUN event with lots of good people working hard towards a good cause," Campbell said. "Climbing 47 stories in full fire gear while wearing your SCBA is also an excellent, job relevant, physical challenge. It's a pretty good measure of how you stack up against the extreme physical demands required for firefighting."

The American Lung Association is fighting for clean air and healthy lungs and hopes you'll join the Pike Township Fire Department and step up to the challenge.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Submitted by Jerry Liston, District 8A chairman

New engines put into service



New HME fire engine recently put into service by Wayne Twp. VFD in District 8A.



New E-One engine recently put into service by Converse VFD in District 8A.



Ten-year pins

Members from the White River Twp. VFD in Hamilton County are shown with their 10 Year Service Pins.

L to R - Assistant Chief Buddy Engle, Julie Achenbach, Kenny Geiger and Chief Carl Colbert. Not pictured: James Cody Engle and Mike Henricks.

Pins were presented by District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Ten year pins awarded



On December 10, 2015 chairman Wright presented the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department with 10 year pins. Pictured from left to right are Jimmy E. Wyman, Michael Lee Gordon and chairman Wright.



Chairman Wright presented 10 year pins to the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department on December 7, 2015. Robert Jack Bicknell, Gary D. Devoss, Shane E. Hough, Darin Edward James, Mark Allen Leavell, Terry Allen Miller, West Eugene Moore, John James Reynolds, Andrea Mae Shawver and Randolph L. Young.



At the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department annual Christmas party which was held on December 13, 2015, Chairman Wright presented the following with their 10 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) are Dustin Robinette, Perry R. Coleman, Laura L. Coleman, Christa Ann Hofstetter and Chairman Wright. Not present were Nancy Armstrong and Michael E. Kimmel.



On November 16, 2015 chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented 10 year pins to the Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are: Carlos F. Riddle, Chairman Wright, Kevin Stautamoyer. Not present are Joshua Davis Hazelwood, Gil L. Miler, and Ralph Lee Watterson.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Ten year pins awarded



On December 16, 2015 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas Party. Chairman Wright presented the following with their 10 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) in the front row are Rhonda S. McClain, Ruby Lynn Imel, Margaret Susan Horner, Kathy Corwin, Lonnie Wade Bell and Amy Lynn Bell. Back row (left to right) are Gregory D. Michael, Charles roy McClain, Larry J. Kelly, Timothy R. Smith, Sean Paul Whitcomb and Donald E. Stafford. Not present were Patricia Ann Frazee, David E. Gaskill and Jonny Dean Watkins.



On November 10, 2015 at the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department meeting, Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented the following members with their 10 year pins. Larry William Berry, Shawn Paul Copeland, Robert William Hess, Nick Todd Parrott, Todd Alan Reum, Clifton Allen Rinker and James Arley Teer.



On December 1, 2015 Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented the following members of the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department with their 10 year pins. Chris L. Anderson, Jeffery J. Barker, Matthew Ballenger Cain, Brent A. Davis, James J. Favre, Bradley R. Fisher, Krista Kay Hayes, Travis C. Jones, Mark A. Kniesly, Derek Lee Nicholson, Jonathon Andrew Nicholson and Charles Michale Thorn.



On December 12, 2015 chairman Wright presented the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department with their 10 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) are Chairman Wright, Joshua Allen Samon, Joseph E. Bertram and Alan Gene Morris. Not present was Scott Joseph Symons.



The following members from the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department received their 10 year pins. Brian Steel Buck, Ricky Joe Compton, Anthony H. Cowan, Michael W. Durke, Jack E. Gardner, Robby Edward Grimes, Billy R. Kidd, Ritchie D. Rhoenmus, Randy Ried, John A. Weber, Robert A. Weber, and Richard Duane Wolf.

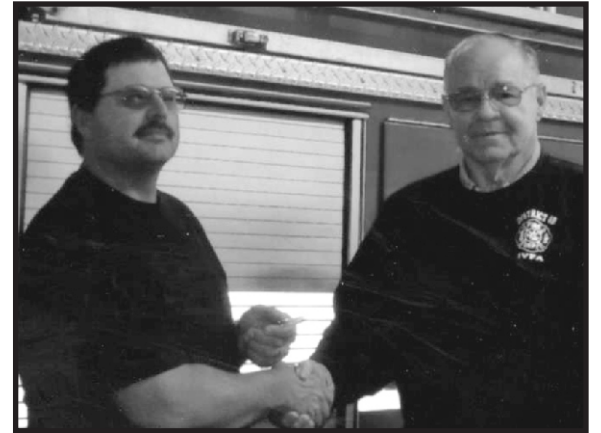
Tom Sheridan also got his 25 year pin.

Pictured with the group is Kristen Clairday, District 8B 2016 Miss Flame.

Twenty-five year pins awarded



(Photo on left) – On December 12, 2015 at the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department annual Christmas party, chairman Wright presented Larry Savage with his 25 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Chairman Wright and Larry Savage.



(Photo on right) – On October 5, 2015 chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Joe Johnson of the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin.



Refurbished truck

The Albany Volunteer Fire Department's 1989 refurb truck. It is 75 ft. with a LTI Detroit engine. It holds 500 gallons of water and has a 1200 gallon pump. It seats 5 with in seat SCBA.

District Miss Flame contest held

District 8B held their November meeting at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department. During the meeting they held their 2016 Miss Flame contest.



Kristen Clairday of the Liberty Township VFD was named District 8B 2016 Miss Flame. Josephine Rammel from the Hamilton Township VFD was named the 1st runner-up.

Pictured (from left to right) are: Kristen Clairday, 2016 Miss Flame, Aubray Schoid, Eaton VFD, Josephine Rammel, 1st runner-up, chairman Wright, Taylor Miller, Blountsville VFD, Alyssa Myers, Redkey VFD, and Adrian Badger, District 8B 2015 Miss Flame.

Rammel, 1st runner-up, chairman Wright, Taylor Miller, Blountsville VFD, Alyssa Myers, Redkey VFD, and Adrian Badger, District 8B 2015 Miss Flame.

Fight for air ...

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“Every firefighter owes it to their fellow firefighters, to do everything they can in reducing the scourge of lung issues facing the fire service,” Campbell said.

Those interested can register for the Fight For Air Climb and Fire Fighter Challenge at FightForAirClimb.org. Contact Taylor Hamilton at the American Lung Association in Indiana with any questions.

Taylor.Hamilton@Lung.org, 317-210-8554.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Jeremy Reef, District 9A chairman

Ten year IVFA members



10 year IVFA members: Neal Winn, Jeff McKee, Bill Ferguson, Brad Pasquale, Bob Davis from Howard Co. Emergency Management.

Back Row (left to right): Jeremy Reef, Neal Winn, Jeff McKee, Bill Ferguson, Brad Pasquale .

Front Row (left to right): Bob Davis, Rick Abresch, Janice Hart.



10 year IVFA members: Josh Disinger, Pat Clawson, Dan Dulin, Jeff Cox, Justin Darling, Curtis Borden, Ben Mears, Dough Bender, Jeff Delaney, Pat Hankins, James Bishop, Ephina Disinger from Delphi Tri Twp Fire Territory.

Back Row (left to right): Josh Disinger, Pat Clawson, Dan Dulin, Jeff Cox, Justin Darling, Curtis Borden, Ben Mears, Dough Bender, Jeff Delaney, Pat Hankins, James Bishop, Jeremy Reef.

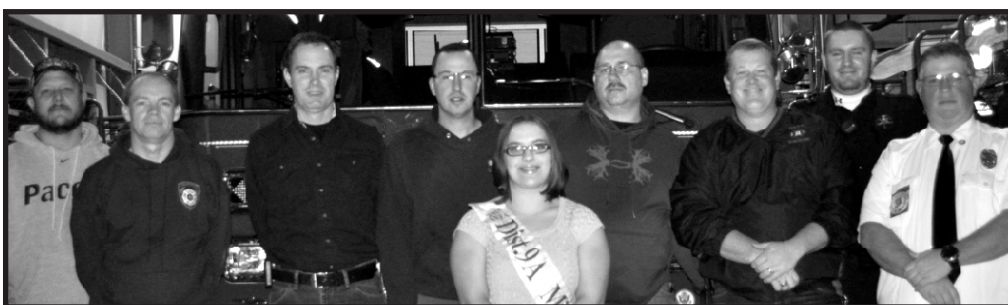
Front Row (left to right): Allison Reef, Ephina Disinger.



10 year IVFA members Chris Frank, Jason Gunning, Kevin Humphery, Justin Kennedy, Dustin Moss from Taylor Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.

Back Row (left to right) Jeremy Reef, Jason Gunning, Chris Frank, Dustin Moss, Justin Kennedy.

Front Row: Allison Reef.



10 year IVFA members: Brent Ahrens, Sam Baker, Terri Clark, Curtis Edens, Ryan Elson, Robert Hale, James Harris, Brian Henry, James Morgan, Shawn Nelson, Betty Weaver, Bill Young, Zach Zimmerman from Galveston Fire Dept.

Register now for the 2016 IVFA convention!!!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Jeremy Reef, District 9A chairman

Ten year IVFA members



10 year IVFA members: Rob Buttice, Derek Eikenberry, Chad Handy, Dewayne Pirtle, Adam Randle, Eric Randle, Jeff Shuman, Jack Switzer from Flora Volunteer Fire Dept.

Back Row (left to right) Jeremy Reef, Rob Buttice, Jeff Shuman, Derek Eikenberry, Adam Randle, Dewayne Pirtle.
Front Row: Allison Reef.

Twenty-five year IVFA members



25 year IVFA members: Ken Cripe, Kent Chism from Galveston Fire Dept.

Back Row (left to right) Ken Cripe, Kent Chism, Jeremy Reef.
Front Row: Allison Reef.



10 year IVFA members: Cody Miller, Jeff Bordner, Chris McGrew, Wes Peters, Brenton Peters, Jeremy Reef, Robert Goris, Josh Hayden from Democrat Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.

Back Row - Left to Right: Cody Miller, Jeff Bordner, Chris McGrew, Wes Peters, Brenton Peters, Jeremy Reef, Robert Goris.
Front Row: Allison Reef.



25 year Member Mike Titus from Flora Volunteer Fire Dept.

Back Row (left to right): Jeremy Reef, Mike Titus.

Front Row: Allison Reef.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Jeremy Reef, District 9A chairman

25 year members

Ten year IVFA members



(Top photo) – 25 year IVFA member Jay Bordner from Democrat Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.

Left to right: Jeremy Reef & Jay Bordner.

(Bottom photo at right) – 25 year IVFA Member Mark Michaels, Burlington Volunteer Fire Dept.

Back row, left to right: Jeremy Reef, Mark Michael.

Front Row: Allison Reef.

10 year IVFA members: Jeff Leslie, Eric Forman, Brian Graf, Shane Chapman, Lee Click, Jason Cree, Mike Gillam, Bob McCain, Gary Stanley from Camden Jackson Twp Fire Dept.

Pictured: Back Row (left to right) Jeff Leslie, Jeremy Reef, Eric Forman, Brian Graf.

Front Row: Allison Reef

EDITOR’S NOTE When submitting articles and photos, either by mail, e-mail or fax please include the District # along with the submission. THANK YOU!!

Convention ...

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we can take back to our communities, our state legislators and show those people our value and our worth. But we got to have the study done.

We talked about the state fire training academy system. The Fire Marshal went into it yesterday at the board meeting very well. Simply put, we now have a coordinated effort to do state training in the state of Indiana to bring to you state training. In the state of Indiana everybody is in the belief nothing less than and nothing more than a brick and mortar structure in the west side city of Indianapolis. All of you are going to be forced and required to go there. Not true for 2 reasons. One, I don't think we could force you to go. Second I don't believe you will go. The point of this bill is to make training fair and equal for everybody in the state of Indiana and an opportunity to gain better quality training. Watch our website for more information as it comes available.

Where do we go from here you know? What my biggest fear was when we got this bill passed? What am I going to talk about when I go to the district meetings? That's all I have talked about for three years but guess what, I have found something new to talk about.

Probably the most serious thing happening to all firefighters today is cancer, the number one killer, number one problem, and number one concern. We are going to try to get a presumptive cancer bill passed next year covering volunteers. I think we are deserving of that. We are owed that and I think we ought to go fight for that. So that will probably be the number one target this next session. To get a bill passed like our counter parts, the career firefighters - have a bill on presumptive cancer, all I'm going to ask for it is to be really simple; add the word volunteer right in that bill. I think we deserve this but it's going to take your help to make it happen.

The other thing we are going to work on this year; we are going to work on the Blue Light law; I would say 50 - 75 % of our people running blue lights are doing it illegally because they are not meeting the law. The law does not say anything about LEDs and a lot of you are running LED lights, and some fire and emergency apparatus that are running red and blues and that's not covered under our law. All that we are going to try to do is get that law to comply with what we are already doing. So it's backwards isn't it, but we are doing it, so let's try to get at least in compliance.

We are here to talk about whatever else you want to talk about. Whatever issue you have that you think is a value to the serving of your community, bring it to your District Chairman's attention, and we will be happy to talk about that. We need to start putting our legislative agenda together for next year at the August quarterly meeting because it takes a little bit of time to get those things run through a legislative committee, and then to find legislators who are willing to sponsor those bills.

President Anderson turned the floor over to Nominating Committee Chairman Jack Zeeks.

Mr. Zeeks: For President we have the name of Steve Anderson. Are there any other

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

Submitted by Randy Denton, District 9B chairman



District 9B 10 year pins at Winamac Fire Department

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman

Ten year IVFA members

(Photo at left) – Anderson Township Firefighter, Rob Puckett receives his 10 year pin from District 10 Chairman, John Ray.



Hope Fire Chief Bruce Neal looks on as Jeff Janes, & Chris Allen receive 10 year pins from District 10 Chair, John Ray.

New station clock



Firefighter, Jake Reed, of Needham Vol. Fire Dept. receives an IVFA clock for their new station, from District Chair, John Ray.

IVFA 2016 Convention

Wednesday

Time	Event	Room
9a-3p	Golf Scramble	Golf Course
Noon-5p	Registration	Pre-Function Area
Noon-5p	Chinese Auction	Pre-Function Area
5:15p-6:00p	Miss Flame Mixer	TBA
6p-8p	Meal	Ball A
7p-close	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	Ball A
9p-close	Hospitality Room	TBA

Thursday

8a-4p	Registration	PreFunction Area
8a-4p	Chinese Auction	PreFunction Area
8a-10a	Vendor Setup	TBA
8a-12p	Miss Flame Judging	TBA
9a-close	Board of Firefighters Standards	TBA
9a-10:30a	Breakout Seminar	TBA
10a-5p	Vendors Open	TBA
12p-1:30p	Hospitality Room	TBA
12:30p-1:30p	Miss Flame Luncheon	TBA
2-close	Miss Flame Final Open Judging	TBA
3p-4p	IVFA Officers Meeting	TBA
3p-4p	IVFAA Officers Meeting	TBA
3p-4p	Children's Room	TBA
5p-6:30p	Vendors Hot Dog & Beer Bust	Ball A
6p-9:30p	Children's Room	TBA
6:30p-9:30p	Open Meeting & Memorial Service	Center Stage
9:30p-12a	Entertainment - Karaoke/DJ	Ball A,B,C
10p-close	Hospitality Room	TBA

Friday

9a-2p	Registration	PreFunction Area
7:30a-9a	Coffee Klutch	Hospitality Room
9a-12a	Children's Room	TBA
9:30a-12p	IVFA Business Meeting	Ball A,B
9:30a-12p	IVFAA Business Meeting	Ball C
11a-4p	Miss Flame Party	TBA
12p-3p	Chinese Auction	PreFunction Area
12p-1:30p	Hospitality Room	TBA
1p-3p	Breakout Session	TBA
1:30p-close	IVFA Business Meeting – if needed	Ball A,B
1:30p-close	IVFAA Business Meeting – if needed	Ball C
5p-9p	Children's Party	TBA
5:30p-9p	Banquet	Ball A,B,C
9:30p-12a	Entertainment Karaoke/DJ	Ball A,B,C
10p-close	Hospitality Room	TBA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman



Ten year pins

Needham Community Firefighters receiving their 10 year pins from District Chair, John Ray.

25 year pins



Needham Community Fire Dept. Firefighters, Wendell Amick, Jake Reed, and John Asher receive their 25 pins from District 10 Chair, John Ray.



Lonnie Matthews, of St. Paul receiving his 25 year pin from past President David Israel.

10 and 25 year pins



St. Paul firefighters receiving 10 and 25 year pins: (not in order) Timothy Baker, Harold Boyce, Steven Cardill, Garrett DeBaun, Heath Dillon, Gary Fogle, Brent George, Janet Matthews. Also pictured, John Ray, Robert Johnson and David Israel.

Fifty-year Gold Card



From Left: Josh Cooley, Chief, Larry Smith & David Israel. Firefighter, Larry Smith receives his 50 Gold card from Past IVFA President, David Israel.

2016 Convention vendor information

**2016 IVFA CONVENTION
VENDOR COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 155
Milan, IN 47031**

December 1, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

First of all we would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are the vendor committee for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association 2016 Convention. The convention will be held on June 15th through the 17th of 2016 at the Belterra Casino and Convention Center in Florence, Indiana. Florence is in Southeast Indiana near the town of Vevay, which is along the Ohio River. The Convention is held annually with approximately 350 firefighters and EMS personnel attending from across the State of Indiana. This is the 70th convention of the IVFA.

We are asking if you would be interested in setting up a booth and showing your wares. You may also be interested in helping to sponsor a luncheon or an event. During the luncheon you may display any product that you want to make Firefighters or EMS personnel aware of. Even if you are not interested in sponsoring an event, we would still like for you to participate in the vendor's show.

If you feel that an event would be too costly to fund on your own, we could team you up with several other vendors to sponsor an event. We will need to get a commitment to a booth and/or sponsorship by no later than March 15, 2016, the sooner the better.

Also, if you have any ideas that would help to make our Convention more successful, please contact us at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Ed Scheele
Ed Scheele, Chairman
(812)212-5766

2016 IVFA CONVENTION EXHIBITION RULES, REGULATIONS, AND CONDITIONS

1. Offer and Acceptance. Submission of the 2016 Vendor's Agreement from attached hereto, along with a 50% non-refundable deposit. The remainder of payment is due by June 1, 2016.

2. Arrangements of Exhibits. Exhibit must be arranged by Vendor so it does not obstruct the general view of other exhibits. Convention 2016 reserves the right to prohibit an exhibit or part of an exhibit that, in its sole judgment, it deems inappropriate.

3. Soliciting. Vendors are prohibited from disturbing literature, souvenirs, or other items from outside the boundaries of the assigned booth, except for material handed out at events the Vendor is sponsoring.

4. Remedies. If Vendor fails to make any payment or otherwise breaches any part of the Agreement, Convention 2016 has the right to pursue (without further notice) any one or more of the following remedies: (1) cancel the Agreement in whole or in part; (2) evict Vendor from any or all of the space being occupied; and/or (3) exercise any other remedy available by law. Upon cancellation of the Agreement, Convention 2016 may (without prejudice to any other available remedy) offer Vendor's space to any other exhibitor, or use such space in any other manner, without any obligation to Vendor.

5. Liability. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association ("IVFA"), including Convention 2016 representatives, will not be responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur to Vendor's employees, visitors, or property, from any cause whatsoever. Under no circumstances shall IVFA or Convention 2016 representatives be held liable for: (1) any actual, special, indirect, incidental or consequential loss or damage; or (2) any loss of profit, loss of use, loss of opportunity, or any cost or damage resulting from any such loss. Vendor acknowledges that the risk allocations of this section are reasonable. Vendor shall obtain, at its own expense, adequate insurance against any such injury, loss, or damage. The IVFA or Convention 2016 shall not be liable for failure to perform its obligations under the Agreement as a result of strikes, riots, acts of God, or any other cause beyond its control. Anyone visiting the Vendor's booth is deemed to be a visitor of the Vendor, not a visitor of the IVFA or Convention 2016. The Vendor assumes full responsibility and liability for the actions of its employees or agents, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the IVFA and Convention 2016, the hotel, and their respective representatives, harmless from and against claims resulting directly or indirectly from the actions or omissions of the Vendor.

6. Insurance. For the term of this Agreement, Vendor shall at all times maintain insurance. The amount and scope of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000.00. Such insurance shall also provide coverage for Vendor's contractual obligations to defend, indemnify, and hold the IVFA harmless, as stated in enumerated paragraph 5 of this Agreement.

In case the exhibition hall is damaged or destroyed by fire, the elements, or any other cause, or if circumstances make it unreasonably difficult for Convention 2016 to permit Vendor to occupy the assigned space during any part or the whole of the exhibition, Vendor will be reimbursed a proportionate share of the booth rental.

7. Activities at Exhibition. Convention 2016 shall have the right to restrict, alter, or close any exhibit which, because of noise, odors, method of operation, or any other reason, becomes objectionable or otherwise detracts from or is out of keeping with the character of the exhibition as a whole. Such restrictions may be applied to persons, things, conduct, or printed materials. No refund shall be made to Vendor under such circumstances.

8. Cancellations. In the event that Vendor wishes to cancel some or all of its allotted exhibit space, Vendor may request and Convention 2016 may grant such cancellation, subject to the following understandings: (1) all cancellations must be requested in writing and sent to: 2016 Convention, P.O. Box 155, Milan, IN 47031 by June 1, 2016; (2) the IVFA nor Convention 2016 is required to refund any portion of the money (the 50% deposit, full fee, or otherwise) previously paid by Vendor.

9. Changes. If Vendor requests an increase of its booth space after the Agreement has become effective, Convention 2016 will use reasonable efforts to accommodate such request, subject to space availability, additional fee payment and other prevailing circumstances.

10. Registration. Registration fees are not included in the vendor fees. If anyone would like to participate in any of the events that you do not sponsor (IE: meals) you must complete a registration form for each person that would like to have access.

Each inside space includes: an 8' x 10' booth with, (1) table, and (2) chairs.

*Other items (IE: power, phone lines, Wi-Fi) can be rented from the hotel.

Apparatus area description: Apparatus displays will be in the north parking lot (Vendors are responsible for tables and chairs).

By signing below, Vendor acknowledges that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions set forth herein and is authorized to sign on behalf and bind Vendor to the terms of this Agreement.

(Signature) for _____ (Vendor)

- SEE PAGE 4 FOR THE VENDOR APPLICATION -

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	FF Tee Shirt- \$20.00			
	Black Golf Shirt Tan Collar- \$25.00			
	White Golf Shirt Navy & Tan Collar- \$25.00			
	White Golf Shirt Navy Collar- \$25.00			
	Yellow Golf Shirt- Discounted - \$15.00			
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DATE OF ORDER

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman

Pins and Fifty-year awards



Carthage Firefighters receiving pins from past IVFA President David Israel: William Clemments, Michael Erwin, Anita Smith, Jerry Landuyt, Josh Cooley, Crystal Trueblood, Robert Smith, Travis Spencer, Marcus Steinmetz, Michael Swaffard. Also pictured, is 50 year Gold Card recipient, Larry Smith.



From Left: District 10 Chairman, John Ray, Pam Springmeier, Butch Springmeier, 50 year Card member receiving his Meritorious Service Award from Assistant State Fire Marshal, Robert Johnson, and past President, David Israel.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman

Twenty-five year pins



Pictured at left – Kenneth Trimble from Carlisle Haddon Fire Dept. received his 25 year pin on December 20, 2015 from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

Pictured at right – On November 19, 2015 David Heaton, Union Fire Territory, received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman

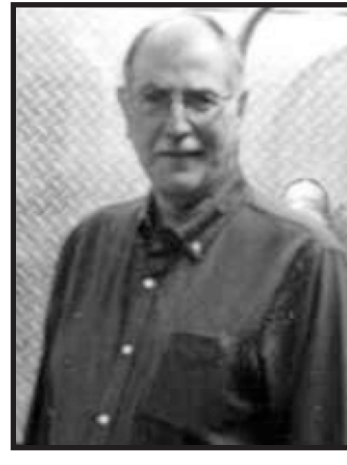
Twenty-five year pins



On December 12, 2015 (left) Terry Hubbard and (right) David Neal from Jasonville Fire Dept., received their 25 year pins from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



On November 20, 2015 Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman presented Steve Tichenor with his 25 year pin at Honey Creek Fire Dept.



On December 10, 2015 Melvin McCullough, Center Point Fire Dept., received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



On November 11, 2015 Ronald Miller, Bowling Green Fire Dept., received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman, presented 25 year pins to Nick Morgan, Chip Dudley and Harold Morgan on October 8, 2015 at Carlisle-Haddon Fire Department.

Convention

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nominations from the floor? (Called for three times) Ms. Secretary:
 Ms. Secretary: I cast one unanimous vote for Steve Anderson for President 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For Vice President the nominating committee has the name of Paul Holcomb. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called for three times) Ms. Secretary:
 Ms. Secretary: I cast one unanimous vote for Paul Holcomb for Vice President 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For the office of Secretary the nominating committee has the name of Diane Harrison. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called for three times) Mr. President:
 President Anderson: I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison for Secretary 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For the office of treasurer I was informed by our treasurer Bev that she wants to step down, retire and enjoy life. So we have 2 names, the first is Jeff Beihl who is now 13B District Chairman and a past District Chairman from 17B Luke Kleunder.
 Jeff Biehl – I would appreciate everyone’s vote. I would also like to thank Bev for her years of service and dedication to the IVFA.
 Luke Kleunder – I had been a District Chairman several years ago and I think I know a lot of you in the room. I put my name in for this position because I think I have skills and ability to do that, I have been the treasurer for my home department for over 20 years. I would like to thank Bev Harker for all her years of service and I think whoever gets the job after her has some big shoes to fill. I would appreciate your support.
 Mr. Zeeks: The doors are now locked. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called for three times). District Chairmen, poll your districts.
 President Anderson called for Bev Harker to come up front.
 Bev Harker – I’m going to talk about license plates right now. As you know we have always required the form from Central Office to get our IVFA license plates, we have kept it to where only members can get our plate. This year we voted to change it to where it’s open to the public, anyone can walk in and get our specialty plate. We decided it would be more beneficial to let people in our community who want to support our organization to allow them to do that. The reason for this was, as an example back in 2003 we took in \$21,300.00 for the \$5.00 fees for license plates. Each year since the license branches have allowed you to go on-line and renew plates, and ours you have to get the form from Central Office and take the form and go to a license branch to get our plates, each year our plate income has dropped. It was down to \$15,352 for year 2014. So as you can see each year it has gotten less and less and we figured if we kept it this way we are going to continue to get less and less each year. So we voted to change it for that reason. I did talk to the Director over the specialty plates last week, she said if you don’t have an IVFA plate and would like one when you go to renew your plate next year (this will start January 1, 2016) and you do it on-line. All you have to do is go into it like it tells you, but then there will be a little box that either says change my plate or new plate, click on that, then you can go in and pick whatever plate you were wanting. However if you are getting a plate for a new vehicle then you have to go to the BMV. We are hoping this will increase our sales I know that there are some that don’t want the public to have our plate, but the girl at the license bureau said if someone with our plate should get in trouble it doesn’t reflect on our organization at all. It’s just like if you have an IU plate or a Purdue plate, it’s just whoever you want to support, that is where your money goes. Hopefully this will help us. Thanks again for all the support you have given me over the years.
 District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague: Can you let us know how much that did increase the cost to the members from \$5.00?
 President Anderson: A couple of other things to mention; number 1 you don’t have to get the form through Central Office as of January 1 - so it’s made it easier on our members to get our plate. Secondly, we did increase the fee (our part) to \$10.00. We upped it from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The license branch will collect it and direct deposit it monthly in our account. Hopefully that will increase our plates revenue because how many of you are running career plates just because of the ease of getting them?
 PRNW Leighanne Ellis: Clarification; it will be a \$25.00 fee, \$15.00 of that is a specialty plate charge from BMV and then we get \$10.00.
 President Anderson: Bev will have a title come January 1 - we will make that official down the road, but she is not going to ride off into the sunset and disappear. She is going to be here to help the transitions.
 President Anderson: Vendors please make your way to the glass and look down. Please visit our vendors. Vendors, on behalf our Association, I would like to thank you for coming and supporting us. California Casualty, the Ezzel Group and Station Supply have stepped up to sponsor our district meeting attendance raffle.
 Mr. Zeeks: Our new treasurer for year 2016 Luke Kleunder.
 Mr. Zeeks: For Chaplain the nominating committee presents the name of Dave Elick. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary:
 Ms. Secretary: I cast one unanimous vote for Dave Elick for Chaplain 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For Sergeant at Arms the nominating committee presents the name of Brent Bush. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary:
 Ms. Secretary: I cast one unanimous vote for Brent Bush for Sergeant at Arms 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For Public Relations North West the nominating committee has the name of Leighanne Ellis. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary:
 Ms. Secretary: I cast one unanimous vote for Leighanne Ellis for Public Relations North West 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For Public Relations North East the nominating committee presents the name of Jean Smith. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Ms. Secretary:
 Ms. Secretary: I cast one unanimous vote for Jean Smith for Public Relations North East 2016.
 Mr. Zeeks: For Public Relations East Central the nominating committee presents the name of

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-A

Submitted by Mike Dzuba, District 13A chairman

Ten, twenty-five and fifty year awards

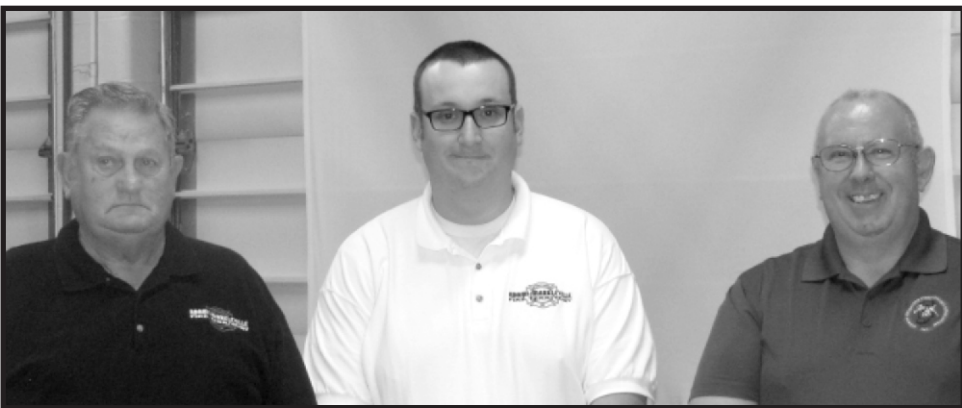


Adams Township Markleville Fire Protections Territory annual Christmas party and Award Ceremony.

The following members received their 10 year pins: Andrew Bagienski, Joseph Best, James Chaplin, Stephen Fulk, Linda Gustin, Daniel Heffernan, Jason Lowe, Denise McCurdy.



Kathy Collier was presented her 25 year pin.



Charles Muterspaugh was presented with his 50 pin and Gold card.

Also during the ceremony Adams Township dedicated their new ambulance to Charles for his 50 years of service.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman

Ten year pins



Dublin Firefighters were presented their 10 year pins by District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Cambridge City Firefighters were presented their 10 year pins by District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Perry Twp. Firefighters were presented their 10 year pins by District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman



Twenty five year pin

Norman Sherwood of Dublin Fire Department was presented his 25 year pin by District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman

Ten to twenty-five year pins



Members of Vernon Vol. Fire Department receiving their 10 - 25 year pins.



Monroe Township members receiving their 10 - 25 year pins.



New Washington Fire Department receiving 10 year pins.



District 14 vice chairman Charlie Heishman giving 10 year IVFA pin to son, Chad Heishman.



North Madison Volunteer Fire Company 5 - 10-25 year pins.



Ten year pins to Charlestown Fire Department.



New Washington Fire Department's Mike Dicky receiving his 25 year pin.



Honoring our military

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



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
Michael	R.	Dickerson	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD
Daniel	Joseph	Simmons	Hayden	Spencer Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday	Farmland	Farmland VFD Inc.
Michael	B.	Dickey	Charlestown	New Washington VFD
Anthony	J.	Clayton	Henryville	Monroe Twp. VFD
Jeremy	Wade	Watkins	Forest	Forest VFD
Andrew	T.	Sparks	Petersburg	Petersburg VFD
Matthew	F.	Gaff	Ligonier	Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy	Ft. Wayne	St. Joseph Twp. FD
David	C.	Perry	Merrillville	Merrillville VFD #2
Joel		Storm	Madison	Western Fire Co. #3
Darin	Ray	Scudder	Rising Sun	Rising Sun VFD, Inc.
Odis	Ray	King	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
William	Jason	Goings	Boonville	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Cean	L.	Pemberton	Wahiawa	Sandborn VFD
Todd	Morris	Daniels	Alexandria	Richland Twp. Fire Dept.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert	Wawaka	Rome City Fire Dept.
Robert	Christopher	Nunez	Muncie	Monroe Twp. VFD
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth	Poneto	Chester Twp. VFD
Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
William	M.	Kendall	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
Brandon	Joe	Johnson	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Edger	Leonel	Lopez	Crown Point	Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force
Dallas	William	Hutts	Kingsford Hts.	Kingsford-Union VFD
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder	New Albany	New Chapel FD
Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Jered	Alan	Stettet	Dubois	Dubois VFD
Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
Casey	John	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Jared	Patrick	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Brandon	James	Duff	Georgetown	Lafayette Twp. VFD
Schyler	D.	Clark	Bicknell	Vigo Twp. VFD
Michael	Jacob	Collins	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Rodney	E.	Pentecost	Greens Fork	Clay Twp. VFD Inc.
Kendall	Jacob	Kerzan	Vincennes	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Chad	Allen	Warner	Lewisville	Lewisville-Franklin Fire Dept.
Casey	W.	Foye	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Elizabeth	Nicole	Ireland	Kingman	Jackson Twp. VFD
Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
Zachery	Michael	Powers	Chesterfield	Richland Twp. FD
Adam	David	Luecke	Seymour	Jackson - Washington Fire Dept.
Justin	L.	Yagel	Columbia City	Union Twp. VFD Inc.
Matthew	Allen	Theurer	Portland	Salamonia Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman

Life Saving award



Monroe Township's Doug Donlevy and Mark Furnish receiving the IVFA life saving awards for saving the life of Steve Montgomery.

Monroe Twp. FD members



Members of Monroe Township Fire Department.

Twenty-five year pins



DISTRICT 15 – Newburgh VFD Chief Paul Campbell (center) presenting 25 year pins to Mike Wilson (left) and Scott Foreman (right).

Firefighter of the Year



Newburgh VFD
Firefighter of the Year Erica Wolfe
– District 15

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Thank you!!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Photos submitted by President Steve Anderson / Ross Emery, District 15 chairman

Ten-year pins



District 15 Chairman Ross Emery presenting Chandler Volunteer Fire Dept. 10 year IVFA pins.



From left to right - PRSW Jack Kerney, McCutchanville Firefighter Jose Coby receiving his IVFA 10 year pin and Ross Emery, District 15 Chairman.



District 15 Chairman Ross Emery presenting 10 year pins at Perry Twp VFD.



Newburgh VFD 10 year pin recipients.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Submitted by Joshua Reisert, District 16 chairman

Ten year pins



Lafayette firefighters getting their 10 year pin.



Northwest Washington receiving their 10 year pins.

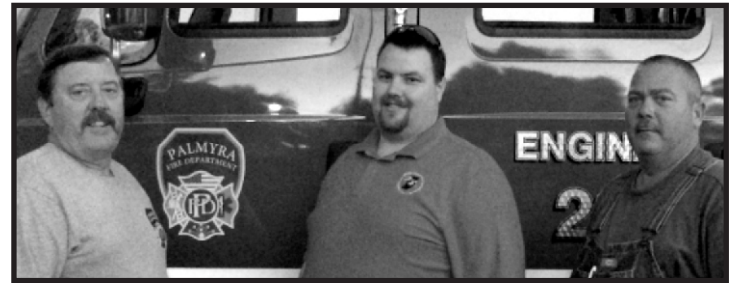
Twenty-five year pins



Lafayette firefighters receiving 25 year pins: Vice President Paul Holcomb, Chief Jeremy Klein, Charles Drescher, Chairman Josh Reisert.



Chairman Josh Reisert presenting Lanesville firefighter Ricky Burton a 25 year pin.

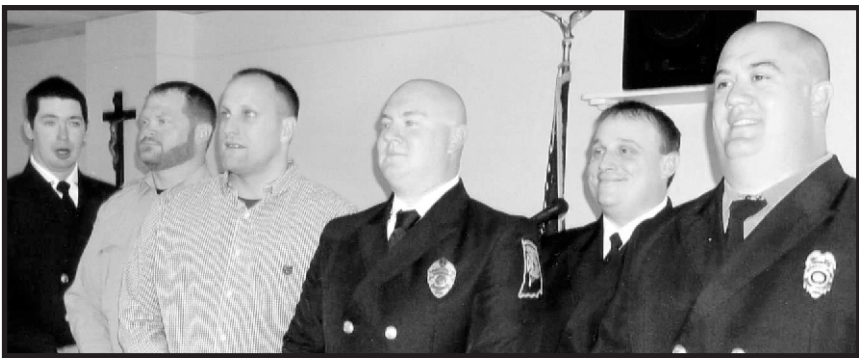


Palmyra firefighters get their 25 year pin. Steve Simpson, Chairman Josh Reisert, Rex Frederick.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman

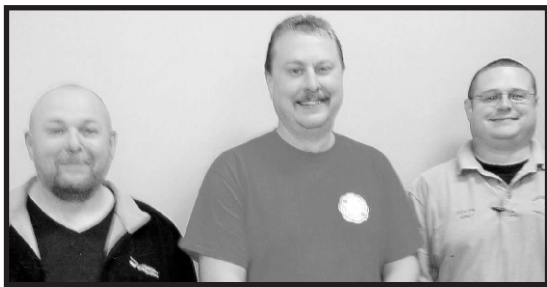
Ten year pins



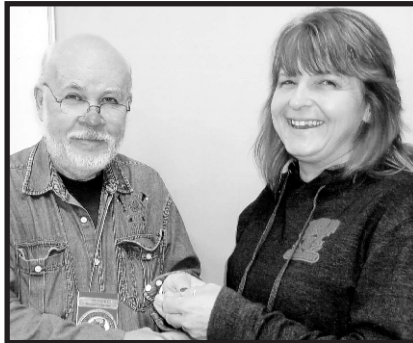
Loogootee VFD



Taylor Twp. VFD



Center Twp. VFD



Presentation



Vincennes Twp. VFD



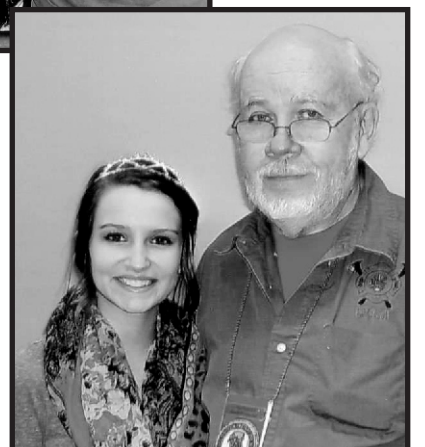
Johnny Johnson receives award for 60 years of service.



Cannelburg VFD

District 17A Miss Flame

Brittney Groomer
- Center Twp. VFD



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman

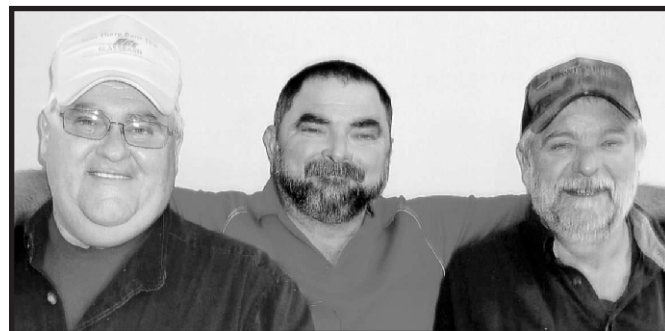
Twenty-five year pins



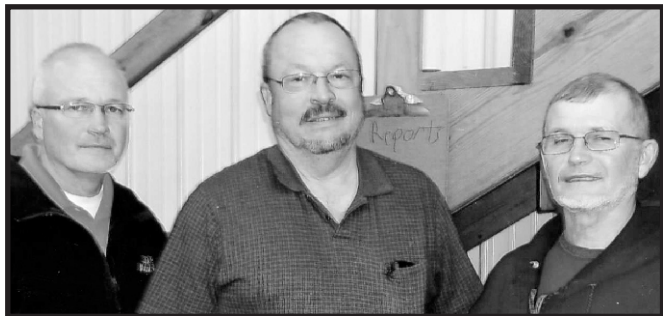
Tim Cliff, Newberg VFD, presented his 25 year pin.



Vincennes Twp. VFD members - Beverly Harker, Christopher Holscher and James Teising.

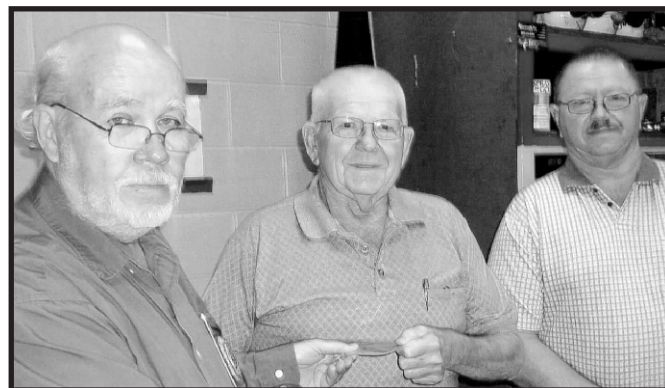


Taylor Twp. VFD members - Jonas Johnson, Mike Cahill and Scott Byers.



Cannelburg members - Jerome Graber, Earl Wagler and Marvin Graber.

Fifty-year Gold card



Pictured at right - Gerald Huebner, Loogootee VFD, is presented his 50 year Gold card and pin and pictured with his son Morgan, Loogootee Chief (at right).

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by Steve Nolan, District 17B chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins



IVFA Chairman Steve Nolan (center) presented 25 year pin to Jerome Rector, 10 year pins to Chad Hayes and Sheldon Kinser of Marshall Twp. VFD and Jeff Long of Perry Twp. VFD.



17-B Chairman Steve Nolan presented 25 year pin to Lisa Dawn Beasley and 10 year pins to Jeremy Hedge, Wayne Holt, Russell Ingle, Kent Pritchard, Paula Sallee, Steve Sallee, Richard Vandagtiff, Jeremy Willis, Joshua Willis of Orange County Rural VFD District #2.



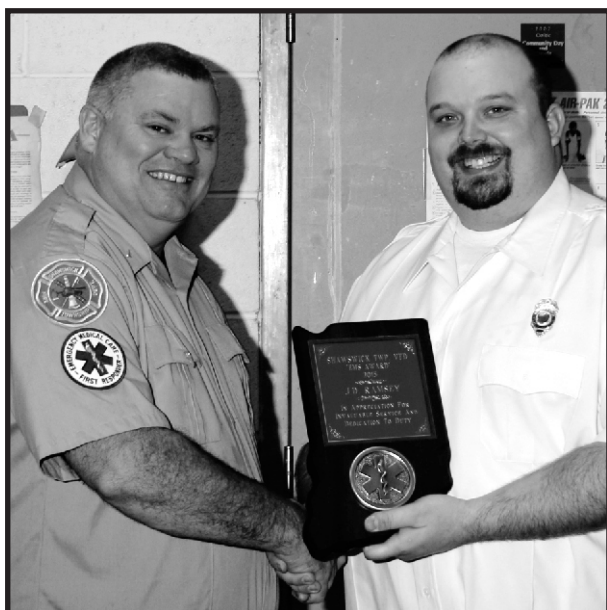
Chairman Steve Nolan 17-B presenting 10 year pins to Robin Hillenburg and Ronnie Blackburn of the Pleasant Run VFD.



Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence County, Bedford, Indiana, held their annual Christmas Dinner at Station 3 on December 13th, 2015. District 17-B Chairman Steve Nolan held an award ceremony and presented 25 year and 10 year service pins to the following members: L to R: Jason Fisher, Jack Voightschild, David Dalton, Steve Nolan, Chairman Dist. 17-B, Kyle Brown, Luke Kluender, Danny Gillespie, Robert Brown, Shawswick Fire Chief, Jon D. Ramsay. - photo by Robert E. Barber, Shawswick Vol. Fire Department.

EMT / 1st Responder

(Photo at left) - The 2015 EMT / 1st Responder Award was presented to Jon D. Ramsay Lt. by Asst. Fire Chief Kyle Brown. - Photo by Robert E. Barber.



Firefighter of the Year

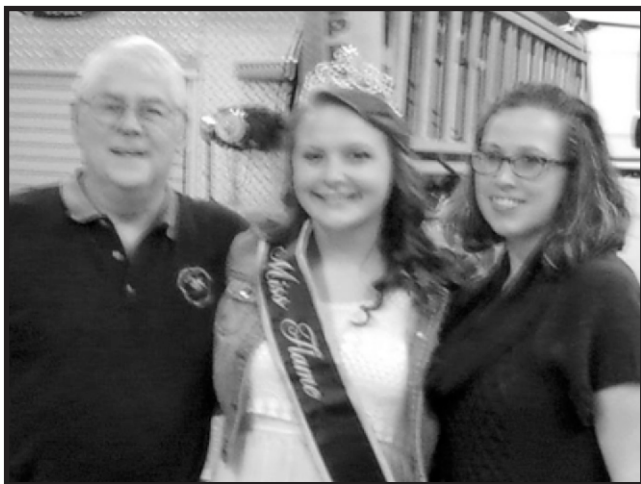
Firefighter of the Year for 2015 Award was presented to Lt. Keith Brown by Asst. Fire Chief Kyle Brown. - Photo by Robert E. Barber



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by Steve Nolan, District 17B chairman

District 17B Miss Flame



IVFA Chairman Steve Nolan with Taylor McGlocklin (2016 17-B Miss Flame) and Dawn Harris 17-B IVFAA Chairperson.

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Ground breaking ceremony held

Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department held a ground breaking ceremony at 1325 Sunny Acres Drive, Lawrence County, Bedford, IN on December 30, 2015.



Lawrence County Commissioners in attendance were Millard Jones, Shawswick Township Trustee, Jennie Edwards, Chairman Advisory Board and Janie Craig Chenault, Board Member.

Contractor selected for construction is Larry Neidigh, President of Neidigh Construction Corporation, Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Neidigh

attended the ceremony to answer questions about when his company will start construction and the projected tentative completion date is scheduled for April 2016.

Shawswick Vol. Firefighters present were: Robert A. Brown, Fire Chief; Keith Brown, Secretary-Treasurer; Austin Brown; Jon D. Ramsay; Adler Ramsay; Ashton Ramsay; Charity Elliot; Andy Kimmel; Jack Voightschild and Robert E. Barber.

Sara Kuhl of the *Times-Mail* interviewed the commissioners and Chief Brown for an article in the newspaper about the needs for a new station and why the old station is no longer suitable for housing the departments' trucks, equipment and functions as the main operating station.

Photo line-up:

Front row: Millard Jones, Shawswick Township Trustee; Jennie Edwards, Chairman Advisory Board; Janie Craig Chenault, Board Member; Robert A. Brown, Fire Chief; Larry Neidigh, President of Neidigh Construction and Keith Brown, Secretary-Treasurer Shawswick Vol. Fire Department.

Back row: Ashton Ramsay; Jon D. Ramsay; Andy Kimmel; Austin Brown; Jack Voightschild; Charity Elliot; Adler Ramsay

Photographer: Robert E. Barber, Safety Officer, SVFD 105 - Shawswick Vol. Fire Dept.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

Ten year and twenty-five year service pins



During the annual awards dinner of the St. Anthony VFD on December 5, Darrin Blessinger was presented his 25 year service pin by District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. Also receiving the award but not present were Tim Beck, Robie Carter and Gary Hochgesang. Also 16 members were presented with their 10 year service pins.



During the annual Christmas Dinner of the Haysville VFD on 5 December, 9 members were presented with their 10 year service pin.

Awards banquet



Beech Creek Twp Eastern Fire Department recently held their annual Awards Banquet for 2015.

Pictured left to right:

Chaplain Don Thie - Chief's Mental Attitude Award, Firefighter Kyle Britton - Cadet of the Year, Firefighter Administrative Assistant Jessica Renn - EMS Responder of the Year & Above and Beyond Award and Captain Steve Thurman - Firefighter Of the Year.

Submitted by Tim Deckard, Fire Chief

Grain Bin Rescue Awareness class held



Jefferson Township Fire Department, Middletown Fire Departments and Salem Township-Daleville Fire Department recently completed a day long Grain Bin Rescue Awareness class at the Bargersville Fire Department grain bin rescue prop. The Instructor was Mike Morris, a Bargersville Battalion Chief.

Thank you to Mary Howell of Howell Farm of Middletown for arranging for this training.

submitted by -

Joseph Hilburt FF/EMT-P, Training Officer
Jefferson Township Fire Department

**May 5, 2016 deadline is
April 5, 2016 -
12:00 p.m. CST**

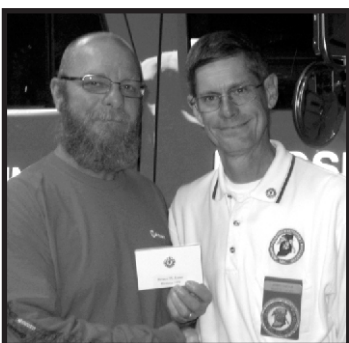
NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

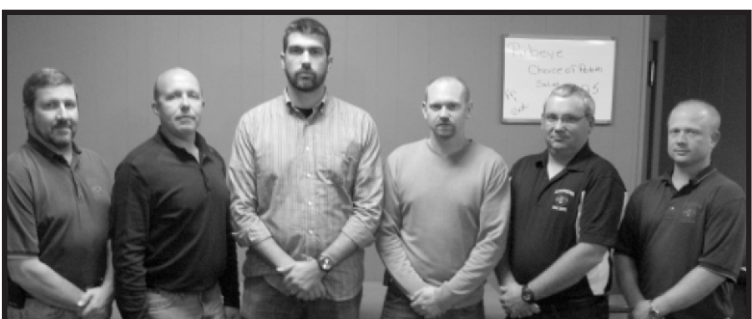
Ten year, twenty-five year and fifty-year pins and awards



During the annual Awards Dinner of the Ohio Twp. VFD on 5 December, four members were presented their 25 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Pictured (l-r) Jim Byam, Jim Wright, and Steve Ramsey. Also receiving the award but not present was Jim Ahl. Also, 9 members were presented with their 10 year service pin.



During the annual Christmas Dinner of the Birdseye VFD on 12 December, Bruce Lane was presented his 25 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Also receiving the award, but present were John Jackson and Rick Morgan. Also, 4 members were presented with their 10 year service pin by District Chairman Smith.

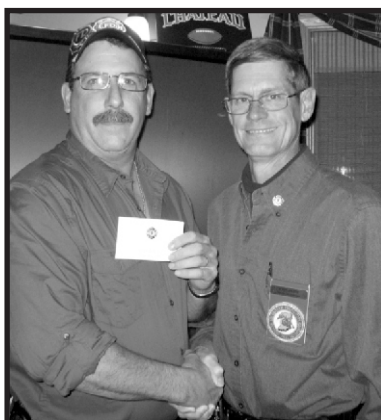
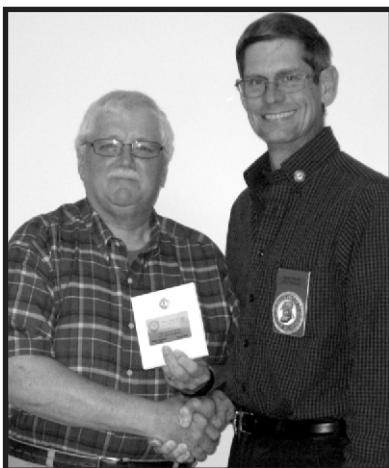


During the annual Awards Dinner of the Huntingburg VFD on 2 December, Bob Veatch was presented his 25 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Also, 6 members were presented with their 10 year service pin.

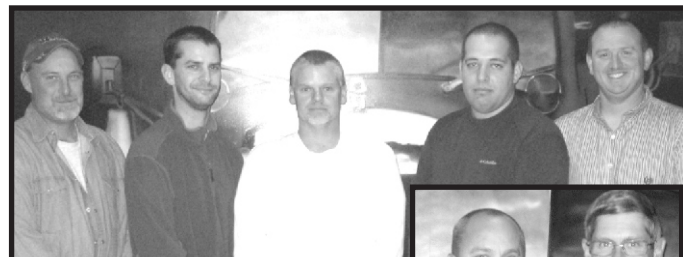
On Sunday, 13 December the Huntingburg VFD held an Open House and Rededication ceremony for its newly renovated and expanded Station 2. Huntingburg Fire Chief Scott Patberg opened the event and gave background information on the project. "The planning for this began 2 1/2 years ago. 23 feet of property was donated by Masterbrand Cabinets on the east side which allowed the expansion. The expansion added over 4,000 square feet which more than doubled the size of the original structure which was built in 1992. The entire structure was reinsulated, and a new LED lighting system will make the Station more energy efficient. Also, no tax money was used in the construction." Patberg said. Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann and Huntingburg Mayor Denny Spinner *uncoupled* the ceremonial fire hose to officially open the new Station. Also in attendance were Huntingburg City Officials, contractors, members of the public, IVFA State President Steve Anderson and PR SW Jack Kerney. The Southridge High School choir provided renditions of the National Anthem, and God Bless America. Afterwards, the HVFD Auxiliary provided refreshments.



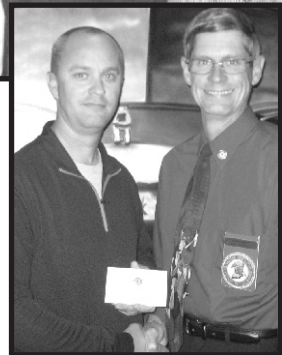
JTVFD on 1 December, Chris Young was presented his 25 year service pin by District Chairman Smith. Also, 5 members were presented with their 10 year service pin.



During the annual Awards Dinner of the Santa Claus VFD on 15 December, two members were presented their 25 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Pictured receiving the award was Drew Knies. Also receiving the award but not present was Jeff Harpenau. Also, 7 members were presented with their 10 year service pin.



At the meeting of the District 18 on 19 November, the IVFA 25 year service pin was presented to David Catt of the Jefferson Twp. VFD by District Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Then during the annual Awards Dinner of the



During the annual Awards Dinner of the Luce Fire Territory on 6 December, Mr. William R. Garrett was presented his Gold Card & 50 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Also, 7 members were presented with their 10 year service pin.



Anderson Twp. members receive service pins

During the monthly meeting of the Anderson Twp. VFD 6 members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin. Also, receiving his 50 year service pin and Gold membership card from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith was Anderson Twp. VFD member Marvin Eugene Howell.



Huntingburg rededicates Station 2



Fire Prevention at school



Fire Prevention brought great education and excitement this year to Eastern Greene School District. As part of the annual fire prevention education program members of the Center Twp. and Beech Creek Eastern Fire Departments take time to share a photo with special guest JOY UN SPEAK ABLE. Famous for his fire service visit the Firefighter mime has caught the attention of both young and old.



Jessica Renn Firefighter Administrative Assistant with the Beech Creek Twp. Eastern Fire Department recently received a Fire Prevention Grant from FM Global for \$2050.00.

This Grant is awarded for the purchase of Fire Prevention material and smoke detectors.

Submitted by Fire Chief
Tim Deckard

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Submitted by Stephen Macke, District 19 chairman

Ten year and twenty-five year pins



Ten year pins Vice Chairman Randy Hornsby, Chairman Stephen Macke, PRSE Ed Scheele, Rick Stevens, Lawrence Monjar, Tom Moore, James Wingate, Assoc. Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky, Mark Marsee.



Members of Sunman Rural Fire Department receiving 10 and 25 year pins.



25 year pin Stephen Macke and Gary Hardin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Submitted by Stephen Macke, District 19 chairman

Fifty-year Gold card



50 year Gold card Randy Hornsby, Ed Scheele, William Scott, Stephen Macke, Ed Gerdowsky, Mark Marsee.

District 19 Miss Flame



2016 District 19 Miss Flame Alyssa Knueven from Sunman Rural Fire Department.

Ten year and twenty-five year pins awarded



On December 12, 2015 the Dunreith and Spiceland Volunteer Fire Departments held their annual joint Christmas party. Attending the party was Don Cushman, PR East Central. Don presented the new 10 year pins to 4 members present. Pictured from the left are Don Cushman PREC, Jody Davis Smith, Dunreith, Marlene Thrawley, Dunreith, Joe Cunningham, Spiceland and Carol Thrawley, Spiceland.



On December 12, 2015 the Dunreith and Spiceland Volunteer Fire Departments held their annual joint Christmas party. Attending the party was Don Cushman, PR East Central. Don presented 25 year pins to 2 members that were present. Pictured left to right are Don Cushman - PREC, Monty Langley, Spiceland and David Dudley of Dunreith. – submitted by Carol Thrawley

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Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
69- Annual Convention
Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Elizabeth, IN
June 12, 2015

2015 Convention Minutes *submitted by Diane Harrison, Secretary*

President Anderson: Welcome and good morning. I would like to call the 69- annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order.

Johnny Johnson District 17A, Bob Esserman District 1, and Mort Sorg, District 7, all three of these members have 60 plus years of service. In their honor I am going to let them lead the pledge.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance (where upon Pledge was recited).

Moment of silence was held. We have lost 2 board members this past month, PRNW Jim Bradford and District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell and remember all of the Brothers and Sisters that we have lost.

Chaplain Elick: Let's bow our heads.

(Whereupon Chaplain Elick gives the invocation).

Mileage Committee please report to the back corner - Chairman Harker, Cushman, Ellis, Glant, Koehler.

Credentials Committee please report to the back - Bartlow, Kerney, Parish, Scheele, J Smith.

President Anderson: please remember to use the microphones and state your name and district when speaking from the floor. At this time the district chairmen should have their voucher packets. Get your delegate vouchers ready. Each department is allowed three delegates to vote.

Armed Forces and Benefit Association: Bryan Weiss - I have met a lot of you since last year but for those of you who don't know let me give a brief synopsis of why I'm here today. Our association was created in 1947 by General Dwight D. Eisenhower in the basement of the Pentagon; the United States Military had just come through 2 World Wars and for-profit companies would no longer insure the military because of all of those casualties in those wars. General Eisenhower thought they should have insurance so AFB was created. We're a military directed non-profit association, we are not part of the government; we just provided the insurance to the military from 1947 on. After what happened on 9/11 some of you have probably heard a lot of the families of the men and women who died on 9/11 were denied their benefits. When AFB heard about that they got the Board of Directors together and decided to take the military coverage they have been offering since 1947 and extend it to first responders. All the departments in the IVFA are entitled to have that coverage that usually was for the military. I have left a card on each of your seats today, if you're interested in having me come brief your department about those benefits, fill out this card and either come see me today or mail it back to me after convention. Each member is entitled to a free \$5,000 policy no exclusions regardless of their health and it is also the supplemental coverage that is available to military. It is also available

for your members today. Thank you for your time today.

California Casualty: Tanya Rigsby - Thank you very much. For the last 2 years I've been working the entire state trying to get to see everyone and I've been somewhat unsuccessful, so I apologize, but a few weeks ago California Casualty hired a new person so those that are in the Northern part of the state, she will be getting in touch with you and will be setting up appointments to visit your departments and district meetings. I just want to take a moment to introduce Lorelei Seip. We will be upstairs so be sure to drop by and see us. Thank you for all you do.

California Casualty: Lorelei Seip - I look forward to working with you guys and I will be in touch with you soon. My number is 765-202-4268.

Indiana Fire Chief's Association Executive Director: Dale Henson - I'm here to promote our conference - the Indiana Emergency Responders Conference, August 19 - 22, 2015 at Sheridan Keystone Crossing. We have 85 classes scheduled for EMS hours, administrative, preparedness, speakers coming in, it's a great conference and I would like to see some of you there. EMS medical directors for the State of Indiana will be on August 19- at the Sheridan as well. Also August 19- be partnering with IU Health Lifeline at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for what is called American Safety Day. It's a free event for anyone who wants to go, they are bringing in vintage cars and lunch is free, starts at 10:00 a.m. All this information can be found on our website Indianaerc.com. We would love to see some of you come. If you need EMS hours we have over 100 hours for people for their continued education. Chief Matt Aker, Matt was the fire chief Portland, IN when he was killed in a motorcycle wreck and was in line to be our President at the time, so we have named our annual golf outing after that. We do give money to Jay County High School Matt Aker Foundation and to the Hoosier Burn Camp from monies raised at the golf outing. August 21 is our vendor day. Last year we had 111 vendors on vendor day inside and outside displays also. Again just appreciate the opportunity to speak to you this morning, have a good rest of your conference. Thank you very much.

DJ Tank Entertainment: Thomas Harris - Thank you for the opportunity to do your sound and lighting. I do travel through the State of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, so any given time that you all have an event whether it be a back yard get together or a fire department fundraiser whatever, be sure to get with me, grab a card. I am a volunteer firefighter for the Sellersburg Fire Department and I love to do things for my brothers and sisters in the fire service, so give me a call, let me know if you need anything.

President Anderson introduced Mr. IVFA 2015 Ski Gerdowsky, 2015 Angel Award winner Tracey Pfaff. Ollie Sandberg award winner is not able to be with us so we will be presenting it later, the family received it last

night but still want to keep it a secret from him.

Studio 4 Productions: Jim Cashe - I would like to say I appreciate the opportunity to come to the IVFA convention, it means a lot to me and I've taken a lot of pictures since I've been here, over 600 and they will all be on a CD. You should be able to get a copy of that. I have visited a lot of locations in the State with Larry Curl taking pictures. Again I can't tell you how much it has meant to me to be involved with the greatest organization in the country. Thank you very much.

President Anderson - Yesterday during our officers' meeting we voted to purchase some CDs so each Miss Flame will receive a CD and then Districts 14 and 16, you will be getting a copy per your contract, then you can make copies and distribute them however you see fit.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes from the 2014 Annual Convention at the Caribbean Cove Hotel and Resort. Jason Le Maser, District 8A, made motion to accept minutes as printed. Mark Marsee, District 19, made the second.

President Anderson - We have a motion all those in favor?

Crowd: Aye.

President Anderson: All opposed.

Few Voices: Aye.

Officer Reports

President Anderson - It's been a great 6 months. I've had a good predecessor, so it was a very easy transition. It was nice working with David because he allowed me to concentrate on some things and he concentrated on other things. I have been to some districts, I have not been to some and I have some on my map to visit. District Chairmen, I will tell you the easiest way to get me to some of your meetings is to put it on the IVFA calendar so that I can start preparing. I made a trip 4 days long that included a memorial service, a district meeting, a couple station visits. I don't mind going and finding other parts of the State. I have a couple of target areas I am trying to get to. If you guys need anything shoot me an email, it's on the website, or you can text. I'm not a big phone person so emailing or texting me is better. If you text, put your name at the end since I won't recognize phone numbers. Let us know what we can do to help you.

Past President Buz Koehler: Mr. President, Mileage committee is requesting all mileage vouchers be turned in at this time.

Vice President Holcomb: I really appreciate the opportunity to serve as this organization's Vice President over the past 6 months. As the new guy it has been a very big learning experience for me on the inner operations of the association. And I am thankful to our past and current leadership to guide me down the ways. I have enjoyed traveling and meeting people from other districts that I probably would have never had the chance to do. By all means if anyone needs me for anything please call, text me. Thank you.

Secretary Harrison - Pass

Treasurer Harker - Pass

Chaplain Elick - Pass

Sergeant at Arms Bush - Pass

Historian Davies - Absent, health issues, he sent his best wishes to us through his district.

Chairman of the Board Israel - Pass

PRNW Ellis - Pass

PRNE J. Smith - Pass

PRWC Bartlow - Pass

PREC Cushman - Pass

PRSW Kerney - Pass

PRSE Scheele - Pass

President Anderson introduced Associate Chaplains present today: Carol Thrawley, George Buck, Pete Taylor, Tom Sellmer, Ski Gerdowsky, and there are about 6 or 7 not present. Thanks for your efforts this morning, things went really well.

President Anderson: Quick comment about this morning. The guy dressed in gold When he showed up, I've known this guy for about 12 years. I didn't know he was going to be at convention, and then he walked in this morning, my first thought was I panicked. I thought "oh no someone is going to think that this is not going to work out well." Did that work out well guys? (applause). We have a card to pass around to thank him, everyone please sign it.

President Anderson thanked Steve Peachey for running the camera to help Secretary Harrison.

District Reports

District 1 Watland - Pass

District 2 Watland - Pass

District 3 Sandy - Pass

District 4 Smith - Pass

District 5 Kissinger - Pass

President Anderson thanked Don for his 12 years of service as an officer as he will be retiring in July.

District 6 Sprague - Pass

District 7 Bisel - Pass

District 8A Vice Chairman Liston - Pass

District 8B Wright - Pass

District 9A Reef - Pass

District 9B Denton - Absent

District 10 Ray - Pass

District 11A Taylor - Pass

District 11B Vice Chairman Morphy - Pass

District 12 Bruner - Pass

District 13A Dzuba - Pass

District 13B Beihl - Pass

District 14 Cannon - Pass

District 15 Emery - Pass

District 16 Reisert - Pass

District 17A Emery - Pass

District 17B Nolan - Pass

District 18 Smith - Pass

District 19 Macke - Pass

District 21 Fultz - Pass

Committee Reports

Audit Committee: Chairman Ketchem - The audit committee reviewed the audit and it was in order. If anybody would like to see the copy of it, I have it here. We will ask for a vote to approve as read. Everything was in order.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made motion to accept the audit. District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Anderson: Called our attention to the Miss Flames entering the room.

EJ Smith: Hello I'm EJ Smith. I'm co-chairman with the Miss Flames along with Barb Kerney. This year we had 21 girls. Your 2015 State Miss Flame is Tressa Steward representing District 11A and runner up is Stephanie Mayer representing District 13A. This year the girls did a project to help Harrison County Food Pantry. They collected \$752.00 and a lot of food for the pantry. I'm going to go ahead and let them introduce themselves.

Each girl introduced herself and thanked the association for their gift.

President Anderson: Let's give them a round of applause.

(Applause)

Past President's Reports

Past President Parker - Absent, he is doing well, Barb having some health issues.

Past President Parish - Pass

Past President Glant - Pass

Past President Zeeks - Pass

Past President Kerney - Pass

Past President Koehler - Pass

Past President Ketchem - Pass

Awards Committee: Chairman Holcomb - Pass

President Anderson: We need at least 1 letter per district nominating someone for each award.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Harker - Pass

Budget Committee: Chairman Harker - Pass

Bylaws / SOG's Committee: Chairman Bartlow - Pass

Clothing Claims Committee: Chairman Wright - Please follow directions on the form and call an officer if you have any questions.

Convention Committee: Chairman Israel - This year our hosts are Paul Holcomb and Rick Cannon. Do you guys have anything to add for us? 2016 Chairman Macke at Bel-Terra, do you have anything to say?

2016 Convention Chairman Macke - Everything is getting in order and we will be doing registration as soon as this year's committee tells we can. Registration will be \$65.00. After May 16- it goes to \$75.00 and we will be at Bel-Terra. We will be upstairs where registration was.

2015 Co-Chairman Paul Holcomb: As per convention guidelines you can start your registration at the close of this meeting.

Chairman Israel: If there is any district that would like to bid on the 2018 convention, we need those letters of intent to bid by February 1, 2016.

This year we will be voting on 2017 at the appropriate time.

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