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### From The President Paul Holcomb



I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I am looking forward to working with you all in

the new year!

For those of you that do not know me I would like to introduce myself and give you all a little background. My name is Paul Holcomb and I joined the fire service in 1994. I have served on the Utica Twp. Fire Department, New Chapel Fire Company, and worked for Kings Island Fire & Safety during my fire service career. I am currently both paid and a volunteer here in Indiana. I joined the IVFA in 1994. I served ten years as the District 16 Chairman and two years as your Vice President. I have also served on several committees over the years and have been a member of the Indiana (L.A.S.T.) Team since 2011.

I would like to also take this time to thank my wife, family, chiefs, friends, the membership and everyone else who has supported me over the years. And I most certainly can't forget you "Dad". I cannot thank you all enough! Also without

the guidance from some of the other leadership in this organization this opportunity would have not been possible. I am very humbled and honored to join the elite group that has had the honor of serving as President of our Association.

With that all said I would also like to ask you all to please take the time to visit our legislation page on the

IVFA website and stay current on the issues that we are working on to better the fire service. And as a reminder we have been 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. 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.

Once again I would like to thank you all! And as always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

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## Bicentennial Torch Bearer



On October 12, 2016 Williamsport Fire Chief, Kevin Strickler, was honored to be an Indiana Bicentennial Torch Bearer relaying the torch through the Town of Williamsport. – (submitted by Asst. Chief Will Holycross, District 21)



## I.V.F.A. Benefits

### BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bridgeport program began through the generosity of the Bridgeport Fire Department after liquidating their assets. Your Association was asked to administer the program, which sponsors three \$1,500 Scholarships each year, to be awarded to volunteer firefighters, their spouses or children.

Each applicant must first fill out a scholarship form and submit it to their Bridgeport Scholarship committee by the deadline of March 1st each year. This benefit is available to members in good standing having paid their dues for three consecutive years and with the last year, being paid on time.

Each Scholarship may be used at the college of the recipient's choice.

The Association also supports this program through the special recognition license plate program in the form of a three (3) dollar fee that is used to maintain the program for the long run.

Also, there is a \$3,000 death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an active member killed while on an emergency response (autopsy required and testing for drugs and alcohol.)

## Christmas shopping for children who lost mother in fire



In September 2016, a Williamsport mother of three children lost her life in a home fire. On December 10th the Williamsport Firefighters took the children Christmas

shopping. Santa and Mrs. Claus met the children at the store and assisted with shopping. The day was ended with pizza & breadsticks for lunch at the fire station. WFD would like to thank all individuals, Attica Shopko and Attica Pizza Hut for their generous donations. (submitted by Asst. Chief Will Holycross, District 21)



## Determined to Serve, Determined to Protect

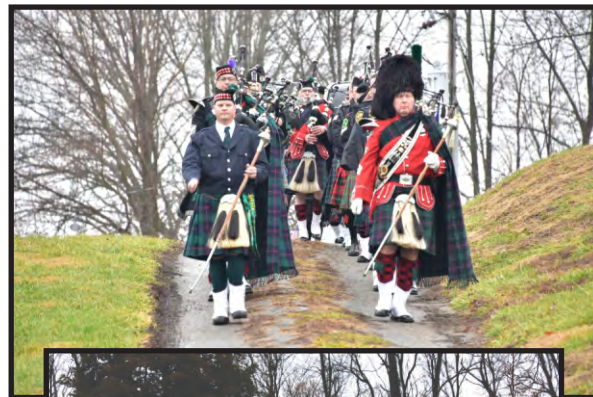
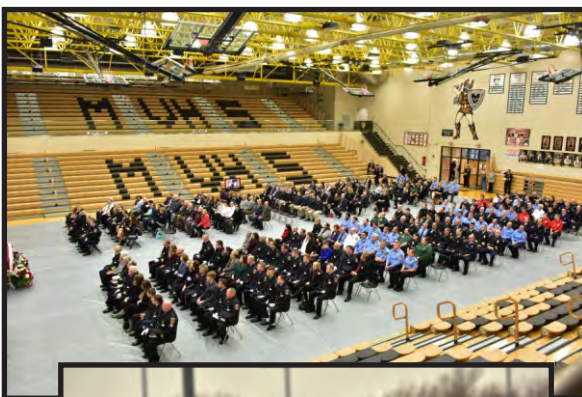
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**MAY 5, 2017 DEADLINE ~ APRIL 5, 2017 - 12 PM (CST)**

# Memorial service held for McCordsville firefighter

Approximately 300 family, friends and public safety personnel attended the memorial services for McCordsville Volunteer Firefighter Richard Rehm on January 3, 2017. The memorial services began at the Mount Vernon High School in Fortville with burial in Saint Paul, IN. - submitted by John Buckman



**Eric W. Johnson**  
Executive Director - Supporting Heroes, Inc.

## What is Supporting Heroes?



your department or one close to you. But it is also bad because Supporting Heroes is a very valuable resource and it is important for us and your department to have a direct relationship.

You see, Supporting Heroes is a joint effort of people who serve in the fire service, law enforcement, and EMS along with citizens who truly appreciate what you and others like you do. Collectively, through our members, partner agencies, supporters, donors and volunteers, we take care of the families of those who make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

In essence, Supporting Heroes represents a pooling of resources

across a large area (currently, three states) to provide the very best to the family of anyone who falls in the line of duty. Let's face it, we don't know where or when another Indiana firefighter will fall. But we know it is inevitable another will. When that happens, we owe him/her and his/her family the absolute best there is – not just the best we have to give, but the best there is to give! Supporting Heroes is a joint effort of MANY to ensure that is exactly what happens!

One of the many ways we support families is that whenever a firefighter, police officer, or EMS worker falls in Indiana, Kentucky or Missouri, we respond immediately with \$5,000 of 'emergency funds' for

the family. We do this because we recognize the immediate financial stress that typically accompanies overwhelming grief and other emotions in the wake of such a tragedy. After all, when the main or only breadwinner falls, the question of how to feed children, make house payments and other survival issues become very real very quickly and can cause a great deal of stress. We remove the financial stress as quickly as possible and free survivors to deal with what is really important – their family and their grief.

In addition to the emergency funds, Supporting Heroes provides many other forms of support that we will discuss in future articles. Just

please know that the very reason our organization exists is to provide the best support possible *whenever* a hero falls.

We encourage you to visit our website:

([www.SupportingHeroes.org](http://www.SupportingHeroes.org)) or our Facebook page to learn more about how you and/or your department can be part of what we do! We would also love to visit your department or perhaps a joint meeting of departments in your area to tell more and to answer any questions.

Please contact us anytime with questions or if we may be of assistance at (502) 585-2282 or

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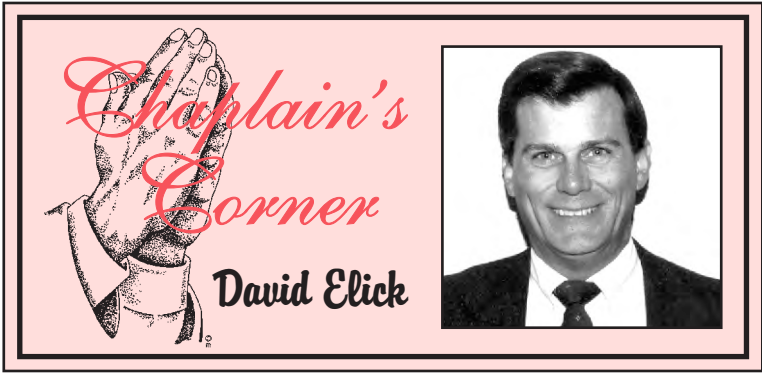
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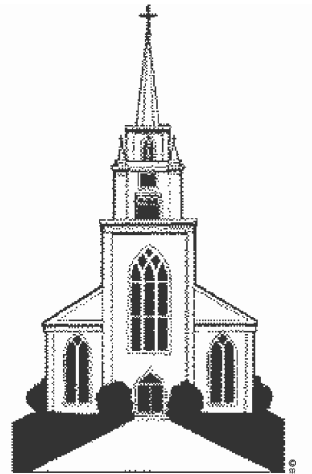
Greetings to all, and welcome to 2017!

As we look ahead to the new year, let us not forget our most precious commodity, our time.

The Bible says:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

This quarter, our associate chaplains and I have been extremely busy with memorial services, and two LODD services. If one thing has been made clear, it is that we never know WHEN our time comes, just that one day it will come. So, as this is the start of a new year, let's not forget to devote some of our time to those that matter most, and enjoy a little time doing something joyful to your heart.



Stay Safe & God Bless -  
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# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

## Public Relations Director Northeast *Jean Smith*



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

The most recent in my area, Frank Hartman, a 53 year member of Nappanee Volunteer Fire Department, and Life member of the

## Supporting Heroes ...

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email me at: [EricJohnson@SupportingHeroes.org](mailto:EricJohnson@SupportingHeroes.org). In the event of a line of duty death, please contact us immediately at (877) HERO-DOWN (that's 877-437-6369).

IVFA. The Fire Department and the community are saddened by their loss. With an inspiring note of happiness and love as Elton Schaffer, District 4 Chairman and myself - presented the family with the IVFA Bible and Grave marker, along with fire personnel from Nappanee and Bremen Fire Departments. We stood in a circle with Fire Department personnel, family and friends celebrating the life and impact that he had on others with stories and memories.

Congratulations to the newly-lected District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer of Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations to those retaining their chairman positions: John Grolich - District 5 Chairman, Jerry Sprague - District 6 Chairman, and Sam Bisel - District 7 Chairman.

Big part of our legislative agenda this year is CANCER. As the legislative session starts we will be focusing on cancer; working on a presumptive cancer benefit for our members. To help keep updated with our progress, please attend your district meetings and look on [ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org) for legislation 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.

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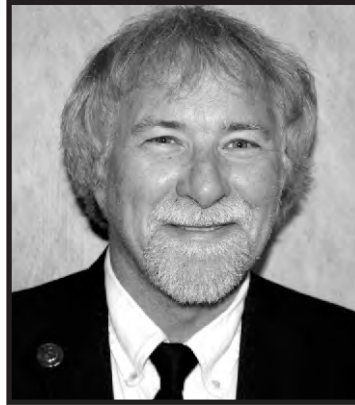
Greetings, I hope everyone had a great Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In the last few months I have attended meetings in District 15, 17-A 17-B and 18, visited some departments and in the coming year I hope to attend many more and visit more departments within the districts. I have also presented pins to some members of the Van Buren Fire Department (Monroe Co.) and attended a couple county meetings.

At this time, I would like to thank Jack Kerney for his years of service as Public Relations Director Southwest. I look forward to representing the departments in the district, and I will do my best to represent the districts to the best of my ability and if any department

needs anything please call on me. Thank You, Steve Nolan, PRSW

## From The Vice-President *David Israel*



Happy New Year Everyone, With a new year there comes changes a lot of times. The IVFA officers are elected at the June convention and take office Dec. 31st at midnight. For 2017 you have elected Paul Holcomb as President to lead the IVFA in 2017, myself as Vice Pres., Past Pres. Steve Anderson will be Chairman of the Board and PRSW Steve Nolan is the only PR change. During your district elections we have gained several new district chairmen to give us new energy to keep this Association going with new ideas and leadership to make the right choices of where your members want us go.

(Jack Kerney, Thank You for all

the hard work you have done as PRSW the last several years in making sure your district chairmen were current on information and the support you gave them. I can't leave Barb Kerney out; Thank You for all you have done for the IVFAA and the IVFA).

But we still need your help. We all have to communicate better somehow, some way, the best way is for better attendance at district meetings by our members to let the district chairmen know what you need or like to see us do for you, one or two members per department would be great. We understand family, kids, work and your own Fire Department comes first; if the above doesn't work invite the district chairmen to your department meeting and have that one-on-one with them. Call Paul or I and we would be glad to come talk to you. Wait, you better e-mail Paul, but call me, I still have a flip phone and it works just fine.

By the time you're reading this February issue of the IVFA paper, Legislative Session is going strong and I hope all of you have signed up for Lobbyist Larry Curl's text message updates on hot issues. If you're not signed up, call or email Larry and get signed up. But be prepared that when Larry sends you a text to contact your Legislator, we hope you do so. You can also follow the Legislative Session on the IVFA web site [ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org).

Paul told me not to write a long column so he could have more room, so I better wrap it up.

Hi! Sis you doing OK?

2017 IVFA Convention, Columbus Indiana, June 14-17, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center.

HEY WE ARE BRINGING WATER BALL BACK ON SATURDAY MORNING. ALREADY HAVE 3-4 TEAMS

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IVFA Convention 2017 Registration Form  
On the Scene in 2017  
2480 Jonathon Moore Pike, Columbus Indiana

June 14 - 17, 2017

Pre-registration Fee: \$ 65.00 per person - Post marked by May 15, 2017

Registration after May 15, 2017 fee \$75.00

(All registration fees are non-refundable)

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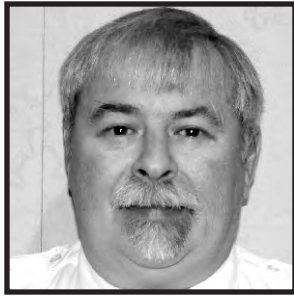
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



**Jerry Sprague - Chairman**

Greetings from District 6,  
Greetings to all. Brrrrr, up here in the northeast it is cold and there is snow on the ground.

Need to thank the New Haven Adams Twp. VFD for hosting our meeting in November. Also need to thank the department for supplying the meal for our meeting. Their hospitality was appreciated by all in attendance.

Congratulations go out to Bailey Sheley, daughter of FF's Kevin and Kirsten Sheley of the Ligonier Fire Department, on being selected as our IVFA District 6 Miss Flame. I'm sure she will represent the district well.

The last couple of months have been busy presenting 10 and 25 year pins in the district. Need to thank PR Northeast Jean Smith for his assistance in presenting 10 and 25 year pins in Allen County for District 6. Thank You, Jean, your help is greatly appreciated!

The next meeting for District 6, as of this publication, will be on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It will be held in Lagrange County, I am unsure of the hosting department at this time.

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

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. 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 May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Vice-president ...

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COMMITTED TO PLAY, SO CONTACT MIKE COLE AT (812) 593-1112 AND GET SIGNED UP - \$50.00 per team. Golf Scramble Wednesday morning, June 14, 2017, \$60.00 per person 9:00 a.m. Tee time at the Harrison Country Club (NO BLUE JEANS OR CUT OFFS).

Remember to say a prayer for the families of our Fallen Brother and Sisters.

Be safe, see you at the next district meeting.

David Israel

**MAY DEADLINE:  
APRIL 5, 2017**

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



**Sam Bisel - Chairman**

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
District 7  
November 21, 2016  
Poe Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:37 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 28 members representing 8 departments.

September minutes R/A.

Guests: Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist, Olivia Lockwood, Dist. 7 Miss Flame, Chris Walker, Dist. 3 Training Coordinator, Dawn Sorg, Nature's Way Animal Rescue.

Chris Walker, Dist. 3 Training Coordinator - Explained his position. Presented training needs assessment that will be coming to your department soon. He explained the training budget and how the funds can be spent. It is very important to talk to your state representatives to keep our local training budget local. Facebook page is District 3 fire training.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist - Asked for a moment of silence for the children killed and police officers injured in the fire in Flora, IN.

A survey was compiled in the state. It should provide hard statistics to talk to state representatives to try and find a way to provide a fund line and recruitment/retention of volunteer firefighters in IN.

Legislation- Presumptive cancer bill. Cancer is #1 killer of firefighters nationwide. Last year had a bill drafted but pulled it at the last minute. New bill is being drafted and discussed how to possibly fund it.

2<sup>nd</sup> bill is to change state training bill for volunteers to be able to become members prior to training, the same wording as it is for career firefighters.

Contact information sheet was passed around, this is the easiest way to make a mass contact of the membership in a timely fashion.

Chairman Bisel - Get awards nominations in by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and Bridgeport Scholarship is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>

3,200 license plates sold so far, this is up from last year.

Membership is down slightly this year.

61 - 50 year members and 315 - 10 year members this year.

Bridgeport Scholarship application is being rewritten to become a little more user friendly to complete. It will take affect for 2018.

Larry Curl - Attended the National Benefits Summit. The IVFA sent 4 representatives. They were able to discuss with peers about similar issues. IN is looking to host the summit in a few years

Chairman Bisel - California Casualty is presenting a Train the Trainer program called "What do you consider Lethal." This

workshop teaches your members how to present to teenagers.

Double check your dues packets when you get them to make sure all information and cards are correct. There were some missed cards and incorrect information sent out.

Make sure to fill out your attendance cards. This quarter awards went to Dist. 7 and 11B members.

Supporting Heroes Gala is coming up.

FDIC is coming in April.

Bridgeport Scholarship applications are down so if you know of any eligible students, encourage them to apply.

Heroes Competition which is for high school students is coming up in Boone Co.

Next year quarterly meetings will be held in Columbus, IN.

2017 Convention will be in Columbus, bringing back waterball.

Chairman Bisel presented 50 year Gold Card to Steve Hormann of Poe. Larry Curl then presented Steve Hormann with state resolution honoring 50 years of service.

Then presented 10 year pins to members of Poe.

Joyce Nevil, IVFAA Dist. 7 Chairperson presented Dist. 7 Miss Flame candidates. They are Maggie Kilsby of Geneva and Olivia Lockwood of Poe.

Judges results were read. Olivia Lockwood is Dist. 7 Miss Flame and Maggie Kilsby is runner-up.

Dawn Sorg, Nature's Way Animal Rescue, made a presentation on Technical Animal Rescue and how it affects your department and you.

Next district meeting will be at Poneto January 16.

Second roll call answered by 28 members representing 8 departments.

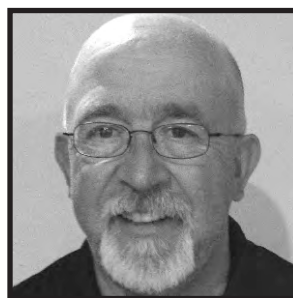
Hoagland has Christmas trees for sale.

Poe has peanut brittle for sale and available after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



**Jerry Liston - Chairman**

Greetings from 8A  
Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, Christmas, New Years, Really! Where did 2016 go? I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday Season and safe travels.

With the start of the new year we will have new leadership leading our Association. I want to welcome our new President, Paul Holcomb and Vice-President, David Israel. I know both will continue to provide the leadership and guidance this Association will need over the next year and beyond. Also, I want to thank President Steve Anderson for his past leadership and wish him nothing but the best as he transitions to the Chairman of the Board for our Association.

As we end the year and start the new year, we as an Association have already begun planning for 2017, and with that planning brings many challenges for our officers and members. One of those challenges

will be an attempt to add volunteer firefighter to the existing Cancer Presumptive Law in Indiana in the spring. As I have written before, Indiana is one of 37 states that currently has an existing presumptive cancer law but that it only covers paid career firefighters in the state, and rightfully so. But we all know CANCER does not discriminate between volunteer and career firefighters as we fight the same type of fires as our career brothers and sisters.

There is a 10 member Cancer Workgroup that was put together by President Anderson this past summer. The workgroup has been tasked over the last few months by President Anderson and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl to research existing state presumptive cancer laws and on-line articles to come up with suggestions, language and ideals for the upcoming legislation effort. The make or break component for this piece of legislation is finding a funding source to pay for health screenings (physicals) for our members across the State.

Does your department require or offer health screenings (physicals) for your members?

I know some departments do and some do not because of the costs associated for them. If your department does then you are ahead of the curve on this important item. Whether you realize it or not you are creating important baseline information for your members, especially the younger members on your department.

Has your department heard of "Wash Your Hood Sunday"? This is a fairly new initiative from the Firefighter Cancer Support Network intended as one way for us in the fire service to reduce our risk of cancer. Early data says that hoods may be a big part of the problem. Recently the NVFC passed a resolution urging fire departments to provide firefighters with two hoods. Please consider issuing two hoods to your members. Remember to wash or rinse off your fire gear after each "hot zone" entry. Chemicals and carcinogens can stay on your fire gear and be absorbed into your body.

Another important challenge to the officers of the Association in 2017 will be how to address and disseminate the information released through the Fire and EMS Survey. I was informed the survey received about a 50 percent participation from all fire departments across the state which is great news. There is an eager workgroup waiting on the information to disseminate and process it. I believe we will be surprised on the information gleaned from the survey.

The ultimate goal from the survey is to create a white paper from the survey information that will be used to help our legislative efforts in the future.

Did you know the Association is required to hold an Annual Meeting/Convention? This year's convention is in Columbus, Indiana at the Clarion Hotel in June. The convention host is District 10 and the committee is working very diligently and hard to bring a successful convention to the attendees. The dates for the convention are June 14 - 17. I challenge my departments across the district to send a delegate or delegates to the convention in June.

Does your department like to play water ball? The convention committee has announced that water ball is being brought back to this

year's convention on Saturday, June 17. If your department plays water ball bring your team to Columbus.

Check your IVFA paper for additional information on the convention or go to the Association website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) and click on the convention tab.

The PR directors around the state are preparing and planning the next round of training workshops across the state in the different PR areas. The plan is to have the next training workshop for PR East Central in the spring or early summer in the Anderson area. Richland Twp. VFD has agreed to host the training. Details are still being worked out with more information to follow soon.

Please remember, the growth of our Association is the responsibility of all, if you have a suggestion or idea on how to make our Association better, reach out and engage your state officers.

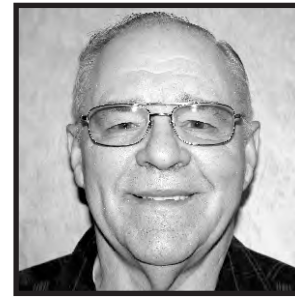
I want to thank Chief Carl Colbert and members of the White River Township VFD for hosting the District 8A meeting in November. There were 8 departments in attendance and 17 members at the meeting. Also, a big thank you to Dawn Pence from "Axing Out Cancer" for talking to the group. She reminded us how important it is for us to track and document our exposures on our incidents.

In closing I would like to leave a thought with all of you. The average price a home owner pays for Fire Protection is approximately \$1.40 a day. That same home owner has a smart phone and pays on average \$3.40 a day. That smart phone won't die for you, protect your property, save your life, cut you out of a car after an accident or perform CPR on you. Volunteer firefighters do all that and much more. You are PRICELESS.

Thank you all for what you do for your communities...and be safe!

Submitted by  
District 8A Chairman  
Jerry L. Liston

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



**Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman**

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and got to spend time with their family.

District 8B held their November meeting on the 9th at the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 30 members from 8 departments present. There were 3 guests present: Don Cushman PR Director, Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman and his wife Martha.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

The 2017 Miss Flame contest was held with Kylee Hashell from the Daleville/Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department being crowned as the new Miss Flame. Kearsten Cox from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department was named the 1st runner up.

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

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Lloyd told the group about the 2017 convention coming up in June. He reminded them to get their letters in for all the awards before the 1st of February.

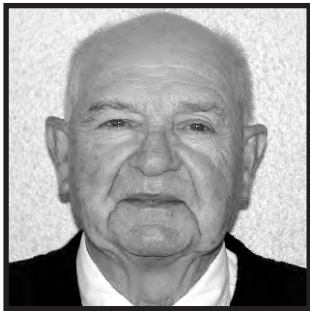
Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There was a total of 60 fires and 90 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Hartford City Fire Department.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEWYEAR!!!**

Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B Chairman

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



**John Ray - Chairman**

Greetings from District 10,

Our November meeting, the final one for 2016, was held at Hope Fire Department. Jaylen Mathews will continue her reign as she was crowned Miss Flame for 2017. The evening program was presented by Mr. J. T. Doane, recently hired Town Manager for Hope, IN. He spoke about plans for forming an emergency action committee which would go into action in the local area of northeast Bartholomew County in the event of a major emergency or disaster.

Our district Miss Flame Jaylen Mathews, was on hand in December to help at the annual Hartsville Vol. Fire Department's Breakfast with Santa which was well attended by the children of the area. She visited with families and helped serve the breakfast prepared by the firefighters. Bartholomew County Volunteer firefighters also assisted as Santa's Elves, helping Columbus City Fire Dept. distribute Christmas boxes to needy families throughout the county.

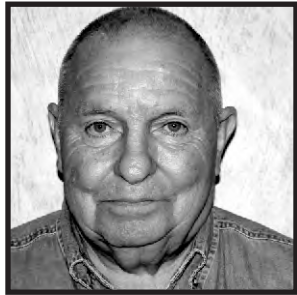
The 2017 IVFA Convention Committee is well into the planning for the upcoming Convention, which will be held in Columbus from June 14-16. After an absence of many years, one of the events we are working on is a Water Ball competition, which will be held on Saturday, June 17. Start putting together your teams and making plans to attend and participate in this exciting event!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday with family members and friends and you are now settled into the new year! May it be a safe and prosperous year for all.

Our January district meeting will be Wednesday, January 18 at Manilla Fire Dept. and we begin our first meeting of 2017 with a 50 year Gold presentation! February 15 we will be meeting at Amity Community VFD. On March 15 we will travel to Marietta VFD; April 19 we will gather at Clay Twp. VFD. (Barth. Co.) and May 17 will be in Greensburg.

John M. Ray,  
District 10 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



**Pete Taylor - Chairman**

Greetings from District 11A, Holidays are over and things are getting back to normal. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

District 11A had a meeting at Sheperdsville on November 20th. They had pulled pork and all the trimmings. Thanks Jeff VanLannen for hosting. We had eight departments present, 16 members and 3 guests.

We had our Miss Flame dance on November 19th. We had three girls running. Our past Miss Flame was the winner for this year, Katie Van Lannen. Katie has been very active in Fire Service. She served us very well.

I have attended several Christmas parties and passed out 10 year and 25 year pins this quarter.

I attended the PRWC training classes held at Veedersburg. Very interesting. I attended traffic incident management (TIM) class and (LODD) Line-of-Duty-Death.

New officers take office in January of 2017. Congrats and good luck for the coming year.

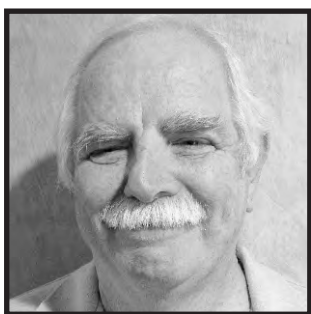
Our next meeting will be January 15, 2017 at Seelyville, IN. Hope to see you there. Global Fire will be on our program.

If anyone has any functions going on, let me know. I will try to attend.

Until next time, stay safe.

Pete Taylor  
Chairman District 11A

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



**John Morphy - Chairman**

DISTRICT 11-B  
VEEDERSBURG VOL.  
FIRE DEPT.  
JULY 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman John Morphy. The opening prayer was given by Charles Melvin of the Waynetown VFD. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Jared Rohr. Roll call was taken with 8 departments and 16 members present. The introduction of guests present was taken along with the guests of the auxiliary.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was made and seconded and the motion carried.

Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke on the upcoming proposed bill for those contacting certain types of cancer as volunteer firefighters. The professional firefighters are

covered. Larry Curl stated that now is the time for the volunteers to be covered also. Following his presentation, a lengthy discussion followed.

Larry Bartlow stated that membership dues are due by July 1st. Bob Burgner mentioned there is an upcoming grain bin rescue class in the making. Also there will be a benefit for Bob Dean of the Fire Marshal's office to be held on Aug. 20th.

The election of district officers was held. The results were:

Chairman: John Morphy  
Vice Chairman: Don Klinge  
Secretary-Treasurer: John Davies  
Sgt-at-Arms: Jared Rohr

The host certificate was given to Terry Shields, chief of the Veedersburg VFD.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 11th at the Forest Park in Brazil; it will be our annual picnic.

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

John Davies  
District Secretary

DISTRICT 11-B  
REELSVILLE FIRE DEPT  
NOVEMBER 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by chairman Morphy. The opening prayer was given by Greg Goodrick. The Pledge to the Flag was led by chairman Morphy. Roll call was taken with 23 members from 8 departments answering the roll. Chairman Morphy introduced his guests. Aux. Chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Larry Curl spoke on the training code which he said was the same as the career firefighters. Next was the cancer bill. You will be provided with coverage. Further information is being researched at the present time. He spoke about the statewide beverage tax also share of revenue from the lottery. He stated there were 38 states that have a cancer bill. He also mentioned it is the responsibility of our leaders to retain our membership.

Larry Bartlow, West Central PR, stated the latest PR class held had good attendance. The dues packages are mailed, any problems, you are to notify your PR representative or the district chairman.

Jack Giles and Mike Allie of the Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept. were awarded their 25 year pins. Chief Ray Urton was given the host certificate by chairman Morphy. The next meeting will be held at Perrysville VFD on January 8, 2017. With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

John Davies  
District Secretary

DISTRICT 11-B  
PERRYSVILLE VOL.  
FIRE DEPT.  
JANUARY 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by chairman John Morphy. The opening prayer was offered by Kurt Flora. The Pledge to the Flag was led by chairman Morphy. Roll call was taken with 21 members from 7 departments answering the roll. Chairman Morphy introduced the guests present. Aux. President Lou Bartlow introduced her guests.

The minutes of the previous

meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Larry Bartlow announced that the names for the yearly awards were due. Also a revamped form was in the making for the Bridgeport Scholarship program. Larry Curl stated that a fight to retain the volunteer firefighters in the cancer program is now in effect. He strongly stated that each member contact his or her legislator to sign this bill. Also he stated that the minimum training standards is correct as printed.

Bill Bush reminded everyone present that the IVFA grave marker flags are badly needed. A lengthy discussion followed his request and chairman Morphy appointed Larry Bartlow to follow up on this subject and report at our next meeting. Steve Anderson stated that the membership of the IVFA had increased over the last five years. He gave a list of statistics on departments within the state. A lot of topics were discussed.

Chairman Morphy presented Perrysville Fire Chief Erick Smith with the host certificate. The next meeting will be held on March 12th at 1:00 P.M. in Waynetown.

The Benediction was given by Jason Dean of the Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept.

John Davies  
District Secretary

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



**Jeff Biehl - Chairman**

Greetings from District 13B,

I would like to thank Steve Anderson for his past leadership as our state President and would like to welcome our new leadership for 2017.

There are some legislative issues our IVFA lobbyist is working on. The big one is a cancer bill; we all need to support him and this issue.

Our last meeting was held at the Everton FD. Attendance was very low and has been at our last few meetings. Please attend the meetings to keep up on issues that affect our fire service.

I have visited a few of the departments in the district to hand out our ten & twenty five year service pins. I still have a few to get done.

Remember the 2017 IVFA Convention will be held in June at Columbus, IN.

We would like to take a moment to remember all the brothers and sisters of the Emergency Services we lost during 2016.

Please keep our Armed Service personnel and families in our prayers.

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



**Richard Cannon - Chairman**  
Happy New Year from District 14.  
We at District 14 have been busy

trying to get all 10 & 25 year pins passed out.

So if you haven't heard from me please call or email me a date of a meeting so I can get them to your people.

Also don't forget our Facebook page and our Website for the IVFA; start looking at it for legislation and all calendars to see what's going on around the state.

We at District 14 are planning our district free PR trainings on Sat., March 19 at Sellersburg Fire St. 5. There will be morning and afternoon classes.

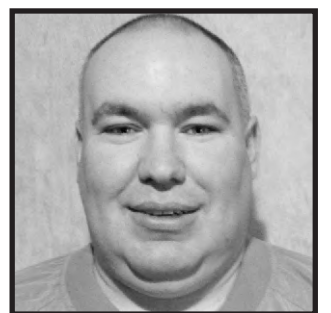
And our annual convention in June is at Columbus this year, so if you haven't been, please take time to come out. Also all award letters for convention need to be in by February. There were not many letters written for the awards last year.

If you have anything coming up please call me and let me know.

By this time we will have crowned a new Miss Flame. Hope to see everyone in 2017.

Rick Cannon

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



**Ross Emery - Chairman**

Greetings from Southwest Indiana,

As I write this article we are getting our first light dusting of snow for this winter season, I guess a couple of my friends from the north decided to share.

I apologize for missing the last paper with my article. I have been fairly busy the last few months. In October we had a death in Dist. 15, Allen Fulling of Buckskin Fire Dept. passed away. I would like to thank Pete Taylor for the wonderful Memorial Service, and the other state officers that attended. I also attended a fundraiser for Elberfeld.

I attended the quarterly IVFA the 2nd weekend of November. We held our November district meeting the 16th at Haubstadt Fire Territory; a wonderful meal was provided by Sandy Hipp and her crew. Ohio Valley Search and Rescue provided a very informative presentation. I had the privilege of presenting James "Jugghead" Leatherman with his IVFA 25 year pin.

I attended a Thanksgiving dinner with the Warrick Chief's Association hosted by Skelton Owen Fire Territory.

I attended Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department Awards dinner. Thanks to Chief Campbell for the invite and congratulations to all their award winners.

Just a reminder that IVFA license plates can now be done online. Please keep informed of news from the legislative sessions, this information can be found on the IVFA website.

I still have a few departments to visit for 10 year and 25 year service pins. If you have an upcoming event, please let me know, I enjoy getting out to visit your department.

Till next time, Stay Safe.

Ross Emery - Dist. 15 chairman

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**DISTRICT 16 REPORT**



**Josh Reisert - Chairman**

Another year gone already. I'm slowly making my way around the district. If you have any events or meetings you would like me to come to, please contact me. Also looking for our next meeting host for February. Congratulations to the new state officers. If you have any questions, please call or email: Joshua Reisert [District16@ivfa.org](mailto:District16@ivfa.org) (502) 643-2114

**DISTRICT 17B REPORT**



**Bobby Brown - Chairman**

I hope everyone had great Christmas and a Happy New Year. At our December meeting at Perry Clear Creek in Monroe County, we had two candidates vying for 17B Miss Flame for 2017. Both representing Van Buran VFD of Monroe County. Both ladies spoke to the group and individually went and spoke to a panel of 3. They were Lona Huffman of the Ezell Group, Tanya Rigsby of California Casualty and Barb Kerney of the IVFAA, and I would like to thank all three for their support. This is never an easy choice for the group, but the young lady representing 17B for 2017 is Sierra Ford and congratulations to Sierra. If you need Sierra to help or want her to be present to represent IVFA 17B please email her at [smf040701@gmail.com](mailto:smf040701@gmail.com). At our meeting we had some special guests, they were Rod Pressel with Hoosier Fire, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, David Israel Vice President IVFA, Jack Kerney - Public Relations Southwest and Steve Nolan, newly-elected Public Relations Southwest. Larry talked about Senate Bill for Cancer which would include volunteer firefighters and current training laws that affect new members of Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments. Jack talked about license plates for IVFA; anyone can buy one now, discussed nomination letters for all IVFA awards needed to be in by February 1, 2017. David talked about the IVFA web site is going to get a major overhaul. Along with IVFA convention will be at the Clarion Hotel Inn and Conference Center, Columbus, Indiana. Steve Nolan said he was looking forward to serving as Public Relations Southwest. Our next 3 meeting will be January 11, 2017 Rural District II Orange County. March 8, 2017 at Owen Valley Township, Spencer IN Morgantown VFD in Morgan County on May 10, 2017. Look forward to serving and

representing you in 2017.

Thanks,  
Bobby Brown

**DISTRICT 18 REPORT**



**John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman**

Greetings from District 18. The 17 November meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the Luce Fire Territory. Roll call was answered by 48 members representing 19 departments, and 1 Individual member. A total of 262 were reported answered. Guests included IVFA Past President Buz Koehler.

I have been busy these past few months with distributing years of service pins to members in the Dist. 18, but it is a duty that I feel privileged to do. My thanks go out to Ferdinand VFD Fire Chief Dan Lindauer and his committees for the wonderful job in hosting the 2016 Dist. 18 parade and Miss Flame contest. I am proud to say that Huntingburg has been selected as one of the sites for the Fire Marshal's Leadership Seminars. The date will be Saturday, 11 March. The dates for the Dubois County Fire School in Jasper are 25-26 March and 1-2 April. Sign up information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

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 the alert during cold weather operations and watch out for signs of hypothermia in your firefighters.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on 16 March with the St. Meinrad 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

**Golf Scramble and waterball**

**2017 Convention Golf Scramble**

June 14, 2017 at the Harrison Lake Country Club, 588 Country Club Road, Columbus, Indiana 47201.

TEE TIME is 9:00 a.m. -- cost is \$60.00 per person.

NO CUT OFFS or BLUE JEANS.

You can pre-register and send payment and team names to:

2017 IVFA Convention  
Attn: Jim Davis  
Golf Scramble  
P.O. Box 127  
Hartsville, IN 47244-0127

**Water Ball Games**

are on for the 2017 IVFA Convention. It will be held the morning (Saturday) of June 17, 2017.

We have at least 4 teams committed. Cost per team \$50.00.

For more information contact:  
Mike Cole  
812-593-1112



**February 2017 "Political" talk**

*By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist*

Greetings fellow members, I hope each of you had an enjoyable Holiday Season (Christmas and New Years) and please don't forget (or I hope you did not forget) that someone special in your life on Feb. 14th (Valentine's Day). While you go about celebrating March 17th, Irish or just Irish-at-heart, please be mindful of your position in the community and that your assistance may be needed to assist others.

Our 2017 legislative session is well underway and we are hoping to see some success on the couple of issues that we have brought to the attention of our elected officials.

We have asked that the training code that states;

Any volunteer fire fighter shall successfully complete mandatory training before being elected or appointed to membership in a volunteer fire company be changed to read:

Any volunteer firefighter shall successfully complete mandatory training before performing the emergency response duties of a volunteer firefighter. This would give a department the legal right to accept someone as a member and then train them.

The second proposed bill is adding volunteers to the current existing law Title 5, State and Local Administration Article 10. The public safety employee benefits chapter 15. As written and passed into law in 2006 this law offers some financial support to career fire service and we are hopeful that we can add Volunteers to the same coverage.

Please watch the IVFA website, [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) on the left hand side of the home page under the legislative tab for weekly updates on the process and hopeful progress of this year's session.

I am sure there will be other fire service related issues that we will need to watch and monitor and it will appear on the website as well.

I hope to see many of you as I attend the district meetings that I am able to over the next three or four months.

For your district meeting date and location as well as other valuable / good information visit our (yours and mine) Association website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) and take a look at the calendar. Listed you will find the date, time, and locations for most of the district meetings as well as some other important events like department fund raisers.

Be careful and be safe out there, we have a much greater chance than most for danger, injury, or worse.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon... if I can assist, help, answer any questions with your legislative concerns please give me a call, send me an email. You can find my contact info listed in this newspaper and or on the website.

See ya... Be safe

*Larry Curl*

**From The Desk of The Historian John Davies**



Well, we face another year ahead of us. I hope each of you had a successful holiday season and are ready to meet the challenges for the new year. To some of us 2016 brought new meaning to the phrase "Be Prepared". Yes, it is the motto of the Boy Scouts. Sometimes when we get older, we forget just how important those few words really mean.

The beginning of 2016 was not a favorable one for my family. Spending a considerable amount of time in a rehab center puts your life in a different perspective. It makes you realize just how fortunate you are that those surgeons who you have entrusted your life with did their job and did it in a manner that you can tell others about.

The President has entrusted the office of the Historian to me for another year. For this I am extremely humble. I am gaining strength in my body so that I can do the tasks that are required of me by others.

I wish each and everyone of you a pleasant 2017 and hope you achieve the goals that you have set for yourselves in the coming year.

Your Historian, John

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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 12, 2016

President Anderson called meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Anderson introduced our guests: Ski Gerdowsky, Carol Thrawley, Don Fultz and Steve Nolan.

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 Dave Elick.

California Casualty: Tanya Rigsby - Presented us a power point program on texting and driving geared toward teenagers. They

would be happy to come out and help put the program on at the schools. [www.impactteendrivers.org](http://www.impactteendrivers.org)

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PRWC Larry Bartlow made motion to accept minutes as printed. District 10 Chairman John Ray made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 3 nays.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report: Treasurer Luke Kluender. He passed out Profit and Loss versus Actual and Balance sheet. He held a discussion on the proposed budget that he presented last meeting. Past President Jack Kerney made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. District 17A Chairman Sam Emery made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 3 nays.

Treasurer Luke Kluender discussed the logo paperwork that he has been working on, also discussed Secretary of State web page shows wrong address, amendment to article of incorporation, cost to amend is \$30.00. Past President Buz Koehler made motion to follow through with it and make the necessary changes. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Treasurer Kluender will draw up paperwork and bring back next meeting.

President Anderson - Any discussion on 2017 budget will be voted on tomorrow. President Anderson would like to add an amount to the budget for educating our members on cancer and research.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to put \$5,000.00 in Public

Education category. PRNE Jean Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Anderson asked if anyone needed forms from Provident for any new district officers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - Please go through list that I email out and if you find a problem please call me at office and we will get it straightened out. Very busy quarter, we need to work on a couple of reports that we can't produce right now, they are working on a solution, one of them being the report that has the department officers, addresses and emails. We have emailed out the not paid list, have paid list, bad addresses and 25 year pin, 10 year pin report, deceased list. We mailed out 37 second dues packets that were requested by departments or district chairmen. We corrected 217 bad addresses, and corrected addresses from August issue, corrected 440. 2 requests for how to join a fire department. AD&D - 4 claims filed and mailed checks to district chairmen; we are waiting on one more check. President Anderson signed new contract for new postage meter. 61 new Gold card members have been ordered. We sold license plates; 337 in September, 271 October, 3,244 year to date total. Membership count as of November 8<sup>th</sup>, we have 13,185 paid members, 49 armed forces, 67 associates, 41 individuals, 572 life members and 10 past presidents for a total of 13,925 members. If you hear of someone who didn't get the newspaper, please email President Anderson and Central Office immediately. District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl stated that his membership roster doesn't have

member numbers.

Executive Committee: President Anderson - District 4 Chairman Terry Smith resigned as of September 30, 2016. President Anderson appointed Elton Schafer interim district chairman. Past President Richard Glant made motion to appoint Elton Schafer interim district chairman. PRNE Jean Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Miss Flame Kelsey Walton has decided to step down because she doesn't have time to do the job. State Miss Flame Auxiliary committee, we now have a representative from our side, is Leighanne Ellis.

Entity Report form has changed to a 2 year cycle, it's \$20.00 every 2 years. If you change officers you have to file an amendment.

Awards Committee: Chairman Vice President Paul Holcomb - Pass.

Buz Koehler announced that the Ivan Nevil Leadership Award will now be a letter writing campaign; deadline will be February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Angel Award: Chairman Diane Harrison - Pass.

Jr. Firefighter award: Chairman Jack Kerney - Please encourage department to nominate people; a department can nominate more than one person.

Mr. IVFA Award: Chairman Richard Glant, Jean Smith, Ski Gerdowsky, Sam Emery, Larry Bartlow - Pass.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Richard Glant - Applications are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. February we will be having a committee meeting to revamp applications for 2018. Discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship being for only fire science, this will be discussed at February meeting.

Budget: Chairman Luke Kluender - Pass.

By-Laws, SOG's Committee: Chairman Larry Bartlow - Pass. They will be put on website.

Clothing Claims Committee: Chairman Lloyd Wright - Pass.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel -

Paul Holcomb reported that 2016 Convention - Belle Terra \$47,340.76, payment \$30,156.66, balance due \$17,184.10. Convention host has exhausted their account. Paul Holcomb spoke to Christine Robbinette from the hotel, said total due is \$1,850.00 and convention 2016 wasn't able to pay back the \$4,000.00.

Convention 2017 Co-Chairmen David Israel and John Ray - Convention book cover done, our slogan will be "On the Scene in 2017", working on coins, golf outing country club, we will check on dress code, water ball is coming back, need at least 5 teams, it will be held on Saturday morning.

Convention 2018 - Chairman David Israel - Convention will be at Crowne Plaza, State committee will be putting it on.

Convention 2019 needs letters of intent by February 12017.

EMS Taskforce Committee: Co Chairman Mike Dzuba - Trauma representative Tim Smith, Vincennes Township. Next meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Fishers town hall.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Luke Kluender - Pass.

LODD - Chaplain Elick - Brookston Prairie Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Michael Payne passed away 11-08-2016 after fighting a vehicle fire. Viewing will be November 13 at 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. memorial at 1 p.m.

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Chaplain Elick will be doing the memorial.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith - Pass.

Leighanne Ellis - Miss Flame resigned, decision has been made not to fill the position since it's already half over for this convention. District 10 Miss Congeniality will help guide Miss Flames at next year's convention. Your District Miss Flames will have to step up. It was discussed to change age limit; decided to leave it alone at this time. The committee will be sending her a letter to ask her to return \$100.00 from Mary Mackin scholarships, unless she turns in mileage then they will allow her to keep the other \$100.00 and she will not be turning in a voucher for mileage to us. The committee has made plans in case this ever happens in the future. New form of consent that parents/guardians and girls have to sign to state they know the rules, if parents/guardians or the girl refuses to sign they will not be allowed to run. If rules are not abided by, they will not be allowed to continue to compete for the title.

Legislative committee: Chairman Buz Koehler - Lobbyist Curl has met a couple of times with Senator Koch concerning presumptive cancer bill. Our attentions are to get attached to the bill that already exists for the paid firefighter's presumptive cancer. We will be having face-to-face meetings with the three work groups.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison - We met this morning and discussed about membership being down, ideas brought up were to get out to your fire department meetings, fundraisers, hold the district

meetings at different locations throughout your district, make sure you take care of any deaths that occur in your district and any special events happening in your district, get pictures, get them in the newspaper and on facebook.

Newspaper: Chairman Buz Koehler - 13,858 copies, 16 advertisers, we picked up Indiana Awareness Pipe Line Safety group, they will be running a 1/2 page color ad for the whole year. PR people, we need your PR classes put in the paper.

Public Relations and Education: Chairman Jack Zeeks - We have a place to store the trailer for the winter, restock handout over the winter. FDIC April 24-29 and IREC September 20-23, we will have same booth. Heroes' competition will be the first weekend in May. We will be having the hitch checked for wear and tear.

Social Media - website still working on temp plates. Chairman of the Board David Israel said to look at your information on website to make sure information is correct, if not let him know.

Special Projects Committee: President Anderson spoke about what they learned at the summit. South Carolina broke down their dues, how much is member benefit, office administration, district officer expense, we are going to try to do the same thing.

Training Task Force: Chairman John Smith - Talked about a couple of variances. Next meeting will be November 28 at Wayne Township Headquarters. There will be 2 non-Indianapolis locations for 2017 other than convention.

PR Trainings completed; 2 this fall Jasper South West and Veedersburg West Central. PR

dates, classes, locations needed for 2017. Coordinate your dates with Don Cushman. Earlier the better so we can get the information out to the districts.

Younger Member Task Force Committee: Chairman Jerry Sprague - Pass.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese - 3 funerals, 2 IVFAA meeting and 1 IVFA meeting.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland - Marshall Neese is running the district while Paul is out for medical reasons.

District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga Sr. - Keep Tim Sandy in your prayers.

District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer - no quorum last meeting, so no election was held. Pins are all done.

District 5 Chairman John Grolich - Attended 1 district meeting, 1 social meeting, 3 fundraisers, 2 county meetings, 3 funerals.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague - Attended 1 funeral, several fundraisers, and a fundraiser for a firefighter that was burnt during a dust explosion is coming up. I presented several 10 and 25 year pins. We had a presentation for the 2 Firefighters from Howell and 2 Sheriff Deputies that saved a guy's life in a restaurant.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel - 2 deaths, 1 50 year card and have arrangements to present 10 and 25 year pins.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston - 1 death, 1 fire department closed, attended 1 district meeting, 9 department events, 10 department meetings and 2 mutual aid meetings.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright - Presented 3 - 50 year Gold cards, 2 - 25 year pins, finished 10 year pins and attended fundraisers.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef - Attended 8 department meetings, 1 fundraiser and 1 county meeting.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton - 3 deaths.

District 10 Chairman John Ray - Attended 5 department meetings, 3 county meetings, 3 convention meetings, passed out pins.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor - Attended 9 department meetings, 1 memorial, Sullivan County Chief's meeting and the PRWC school in Veedersburg, presented 10 - 25 year pins and 8 - 10 year pins.

District 11B Chairman John Morphy - Attended 3 Vermillion Emergency Responders meetings, 4 fundraisers, 3 Tri-County meetings, 1 Chief's meeting, 2 memorials and 1 Board of Firefighter's Standard and Education meeting.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner - Attended 2 district meetings, 3 department meetings, 1 fundraiser, 2 Chief's meetings, 1 open house and 1 awards ceremony.

District 13A Chairman Mike DZuba - Attended 2 station meetings, 1 fundraiser, 1 awards ceremony, 2 district meetings and 1 county meeting, presented a Gold card and 10 - 25 year pins.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl - Attended 4 department meetings and a fundraiser.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon - Presented a lot of pins this quarter and attended 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Fairplay.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery - 1 death; thanked Pete Taylor for doing the memorial service, attended PR training at Jasper.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reisert - 1 death, attended a fundraiser, 2

department meetings, presented pins.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery - presented 1 - 50 year Gold card, 10 and 25 year pins, attended 2 memorials and 4 fundraisers. January 21, 2017 is the sausage supper at Vincennes Twp.

District 17B Chairman Bobby Brown - 1 death, attended 3 county meetings, 1 fundraiser, 2 district meetings, presented 10 and 25 year pins.

District 18 Chairman John Smith - Presented Global Award and 2 resolutions, 2 deaths, district parade and crowned our Miss Flame.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke - Attended district meeting, 1 death, presented 50 year Gold card, 25 and 10 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Lewis Watson - Lewis thanked Don Fultz for all of his help. Don passed out all the pins, attended fundraisers, county and Tri-County meetings and 1 death.

President Anderson - Tomorrow we will be signing up for the Washington DC trip April 5-7, 2017 and the Supporting Heroes Gala March 4, 2017. Check your calendars tonight.

President Anderson reconvened meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Elick gave the minute message.

American Income Life: Tami Williamson - Anytime there is a claim send to Central Office. You will be asked to donate a non-perishable food item when our representatives are visiting you. If you know a member that needs help, let me know and I will put together a food basket for them.

## OFFICER'S REPORT

President Steve Anderson - I have traveled 2,600 miles, attended 2 Alliance meetings, 2 parades and a fire chief seminar.

Vice President Paul Holcomb - I have traveled 2,200 miles, attended 4 district meetings, awards presentation and a fundraiser.

Vice President Paul Holcomb in 2017 we will be moving our quarterly meetings to Columbus. I am also going to start what we used to do years ago, if you don't wear your name badge you will have to pay \$1.00 per day, we also used to dress up on Sundays I will be encouraging everyone to do that. We are also looking at new badges; it's a smaller badge pin or clip or magnetic; we will be researching prices for February meeting.

Secretary Diane Harrison - Thanked everyone for their help and encouragement over the past 5 years. Do to my job I will not be seeking reelection in 2017.

Treasurer Luke Kluender - Please attach receipt and sign vouchers when turning in. Try to get all your vouchers in by end of year.

Sergeant at Arms Brent Bush - Pass.

Chairman of the Board David Israel - Pass.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis - Attended 2 district meetings, and I have started nursing school.

PRNE Jean Smith - Attended 6 district meetings, 1 memorial, 1 fundraiser, and 1 social meeting

PRWC Larry Bartlow - Attended all district meetings, 2 memorials, 2 fundraisers and a district fire school.

PREC Don Cushman - Attended all but 1 district meeting, county meetings and fundraisers.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Attended 2 district meetings, 1 memorial, 1 fundraiser and 1 speaker's bureau.

Incoming PRSW Steve Nolan - Attended 2 county meetings, 1 memorial, 3 district meetings.

PRSE Ed Scheele - Attended 2

district meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 memorial and a 175 Fairplay Anniversary.

Updates: Ed Smith - he is up and walking, he had 2 aneurisms and a stroke.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland - he is in rehab and doing better.

Past President Jim Parker - he is doing great.

District 11B past Chairman Larry Southard - he has good and bad days, they have changed some of his medication, having trouble with his eyes.

John Davies - says he is feeling better than he has felt in a long time.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Past President Mitch Parish - Pass.

Past President Richard Glant - Pass.

Past President Jack Zeeks - Pass. My department had the privilege of escorting the moving wall.

Past President Buz Koehler - Pass.

Past President Jack Kerney - Pass.

Past President Larry Ketchem - Pass.

Past President David Israel - Still working on his bucket list.

Fire Alliance meeting: President Anderson - Survey results, still trying to process some things, hopefully we will get results at next meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>. Moving forward on State Academy, engineer lumber working on legislation.

Heroes Competition: Carol Thrawley - May 5 & 6, 2017.

In Time: Mike DZuba - talked about winter weather.

National Benefit Summit: President Anderson - \$677.57 - 3 nights, plus mileage for 4 people to attend the summit.

Buz Koehler - thought it was fantastic and ran very well. Each state representative gave a report. They covered a tremendous amount of information all concerning firefighters.

President Anderson - A couple of highlights they talked a lot about social media, recruitment and retention offering classes and workshops to assist association members, [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org) this website deals with cancer, marijuana policies for employees in states that legalize - how to police it.

Recruit New York 561 departments participated in open houses at each station, working on retention and recruitment, they have a nursing home for firefighters, they also started a high school program with their recruitment kit.

South Carolina training [scfiretraining.com](http://scfiretraining.com) - 1) video 2) individual presentations, 3) general websites, 4) online training, 5) drill night drive thru.

Nebraska - took 9 years to get a \$250.00 tax credit for firefighters.

NVFC diversity committee, is there language in your personnel statement?

Maine does TV commercials with car dealerships for recruitment and retention for volunteers.

Indiana cancer discussions need to look at the SC website and cancer survey. In the first month they had 68 entries.

NVFC website Share The Load behavioral health help.

2017 event in Kerney, Nebraska last week of September.

2019 event NVFC may be going to North Dakota, waiting to see if North Dakota wants to host summit. We did informally step up to possibly host if North Dakota

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

**IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga**



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting Nov. 13, 2016 Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-of-Arms Susie Lewis.

A prayer was said by Chaplain Beth Caudill. She recited "A Symphony".

Tami Williams from the American Income Life Ins. Co. stopped in to see if there were any questions or if anyone needed help.

Roll was answered by 13 IVFAA members, 29 officers and 3 guests.

Carolyn Watson is the new District 21 chairman.

Corresponding secretary Leona Uryga gave the report on the minutes.

Accepted with addition of the proposed Miss Flame SOG's rule.

The proposed Miss Flame SOG's rule additions are: 23 - A representative from the IVFA shall have a seat on the State Miss Flame committee. They shall have full rights and privileges as all other committee members. 24 - A representative from the host convention committee will have a seat on the State Miss Flame committee. They shall have full rights and privileges as all other committee members.

Christina Reef and Diane Stapleton retracted their motion of the Miss Flame SOG's.

Christina Reef made a motion and seconded by Diane Stapleton to accept the Miss Flame SOG's. Motion carried.

Paul Holcomb visited and informed us that the next meetings will be in Columbus at the Clariton and the room rate will be \$85.00. The next meeting is Feb. 3-5.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave the Aug. 4, 2016 report. Balance on hand as of Nov. 10 is \$46,250.44 and \$4,032.76 in the Mary Mackin Fund.

Chaplain Beth Caudill gave a report on the Bibles. We talked about the Bibles and the change. It was decided to use up the Bibles we have. She reported that there were 5 deaths in the Auxiliary.

Recording secretary reported that there are 50 departments, 185 individuals, 680 paid by departments, and 25 life members - totaling 891.

Buz Koehler reported on the paper. The IVFAA is trying to get the Cancer Fund for all volunteer firefighters to

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be included.

Barb Kerney reported that the Miss Flame has resigned because of school work. The committee decided not to have a Miss Flame this year. She would like the Miss Flame committee and the Mary Mackin committee to get together.

Carolyn Zeeks made a motion and seconded by Heather Holcomb to dispense with getting back the Miss Flame trophy. Motion carried.

There is an officer's meeting at 11:00 a.m. on February 4.

Vice president Tonya Marsee stated that there will not be a second raffle at the convention. Baskets for the Chinese auction can be as many as they like.

Janet Woodfill gave out Gold cards and pins to past presidents. Susie Lewis will co-chair the jewelry committee.

A change in the SOG's number 4 which states that the corresponding secretary instead of the recording secretary will carry the paper supplies. This will be done at the February meeting and taken back to the districts. The assistant chaplains will cover the same districts as the men do and will receive mileage.

Any by-law changes are to be submitted 60 days before the convention.

Heather Holcomb gave information on how to get in the calendar of the IVFA. You would go to IVFA.org. Central Office, Forms and type in your district. For Mail. IVFAA.org and use password flreflghter.

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2016 / 2017**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Barbara Kerney - Chairman  
Diana Grey - Co-chair  
Dawn Harris  
Carolyn Zeeks

**CHINESE AUCTION COMMITTEE**

Tonya Marsee - Chairman  
Leona Uryga - Co-Chairman  
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Lori Parker  
Suzie Lewis  
Pam Gerdowsky  
Carolyn Scheele  
Diane Stapleton  
Carolyn Watson  
Beverly Taylor  
Diana Gray  
Joyce Nevil  
Marlene Thrawley  
Martha Thomas  
Tammy Smith  
Kay Shumaker

**MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD**

JoAnn Hays  
Sharon Wright  
Suzie Lewis

**LOIS BOAZ AWARD**

June Cahill  
Carol Curl  
Joyce Nevil

**HISTORIANS**

Phyllis Vargo - Chairman  
JoAnn Hays - Co-Chairman

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Suzie Lewis - Chairman  
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**MISS FLAME COMMITTEE**

Barbara Kerney - Chairman  
Janet Matthews - Co-Chairman  
Sharon Wright  
Tonya Marsee  
E.J. Smith  
1 - Rep. from 2017 IVFA Convention  
Miss Flame Committee  
1 - Rep. from the IVFA

**JEWELRY COMMITTEE**

Janet Woodfill - Chairman

**MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

E.J. Smith - Chairman  
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Heather Holcomb  
Joyce Nevil  
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**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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June Cahill  
Marie Emery  
Christina Reef

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Lou Bartlow - Chairman  
\*Mtgs. will follow By-Laws & Roberts Rules of Order

**VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT**

Tonya Marsee - Chairman  
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Joyce Nevil - Chairman  
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Marlene Thrawley  
Janet Woodfill  
Jean Parish

**MEMORIAL THROW**

Carol Curl

**CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT'S COMMITTEE**

Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Joyce Nevill  
Central - Janet Matthews  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

**COMMUNICATION**

Heather Holcomb  
Tatjana Marsee

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

### DISTRICT 6 REPORT



**E.J. Smith - Chairman**

Hello Everyone,

Our last district meeting was November 29<sup>th</sup> at New Haven Adams Township Fire Dept. on Broadway Station #1, Allen County. We had a very nice meal thanks to New Haven Fire Department. At this meeting we held our Miss Flame contest. 6<sup>th</sup> District 2017 Miss Flame is Bailey Sheley from Ligonier Fire Dept. If your fire department is having an event, please contact Bailey so she can try to attend.

Our next District meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Auburn Fire Dept. on 902 S. Grandstaff Drive in Auburn.

We talked about the 2017 Convention that will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus, June 14-17. We discussed the basket for the Chinese auction at convention.

If your fire department would like to start an auxiliary or would like your auxiliary to join the State Auxiliary, please contact me so I can get you the information and answer any questions you may have.

If your auxiliary is planning an event, please contact me at 260-639-3231 or 260-413-3040, EJS6District@aol.com and I will try to attend. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. Please try to attend your Auxiliary District meetings; there is valuable information for you to take back to your auxiliary.

E.J. Smith  
District #6 IVFAA Chairman

### DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



**Beverly Taylor - Chairman**

Hello from District 11A,

We can slow down from all the hustle and bustle of the holidays. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. Good to have family home from far away. Grandkids make the season.

All good things must end, so back to reality. I have attended several meetings with Pete as he has passed out pins and awards. Congratulations to all for their service.

Our Miss Flame dance was November 19, 2016. Katie VanLannen is the winner. She served us last year and did a great job. A very sweet young lady that will go far. Very active in fire service and school programs. Congrats, Katie!

All letters for awards are to be submitted by February 1, 2017. We have a lot of deserving people that should be considered. If you haven't gotten your letter written, now is the time.

Our last district meeting was at Sheperdsville, IN. Great meal, great people. Thanks for hosting.

Our next meeting will be January 15, 2017 at Seelyville, IN. Lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. and meeting follows.

Hope to see you there and remember the sick and needy in your prayers.

Till next time,  
District 11A chairman  
Beverly Taylor

### DISTRICT 19 REPORT



**Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman**

Hope everyone has enjoyed the nice warm weather we have had for November and wonderful Thanksgiving celebrations with family & friends.

Since being elected District #19 chairman I have only had one meeting the 8th of November.

Sunman was a gracious host with a meal and lots of nice door prizes. We all enjoyed our time together.

I think we will have a wonderful year ahead as those newly-elected will take on the roles of their leaders before them. Thanks to all who have served so willingly and done so much for the good of our organization.

Sometimes things can get a little chaotic as we try to approach new ways and ideas but together we can make it a great organization.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 14th at Morris Fire Dept.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Pam Gerdowsky  
District 19

## Miss Flame notes . . .

As I crawled out of bed this A.M. all I could see was "White". The weatherman had promised us our first snowfall of the season and it was indeed delivered. I know some of you have been experiencing lots of the white stuff before now.

It made me quickly turn my thoughts to warmth and June and our Convention.

Your 2017 Miss Flame team is already working and preparing for this year's contest. As in the past we are working to present a positive program and provide a fun-filled few days for the girls.

Just a few REMINDERS:

All applications, pictures and checks must be in to Chairman Barb Kerney by March 10<sup>th</sup>. There can only be one candidate per district. The district is responsible for the sash that will be worn during all activities at the convention. Each girl that is selected must be committed to compete in all activities during the days of the convention. Parents or guardians are responsible for their daughters. All girls are representatives of their departments and their district and their actions should be that of respect and be responsible young ladies. The committee will have the discretion to see that the girls adhere to the rules and that they conduct themselves accordingly.

We are looking forward to seeing a girl representing each district. Please get the word out to all when your contest is being held. Questions can be directed to members of the Miss Flame Committee. Your first packet of information will be mailed in a few weeks.

Barb Kerney,  
2017 Miss Flame Chairman

## Corresponding secretary ...

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The Ivan Nevil Award is to be submitted by February 1. Letters are to be sent to Larry Curl, David Israel, Jack Kerney and Larry Bartlow.

A motion was made by Jerri Johnson and seconded to buy a small safety box to keep the historian records that are on CDs to June. Motion carried.

Rules for the Miss Flames are to be sent out to all fire departments.

District minutes are to be sent to the corresponding secretary.

Chaplain Beth Caudill recited a closing prayer.

A motion was made by Christina Reef and seconded by Carol Koehler to adjourn.

Motion carried.

We all enjoyed a cookie treat.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corresponding secretary  
Leona Uryga



February, 2017

Greetings my fellow IVFAA members,

By the reading of this article another year will have come and gone and we can welcome in 2017. Seems like the years move by much faster than they used to, but I guess that is just what happens to busy folks, or those who are getting a little older, too.

That being said I just wanted to remind you of the many opportunities upcoming for 2017:

Convention – what a wonderful activity for our Association, a time to reflect, a time to reunite, a time for business and a time for being social and having fun. So please if you have not made your reservation; it's time. We hope you will join us for all the regular and sometimes not so regular festivities.

Awards – we will again be given an opportunity to nominate those special folks that have done so many great things and deserve to be nominated for an award. Check out the IVFA website for all the awards, the rules, the meaning of each and the time for the nominations.

Miss Flame – another great part of our Association(s). We have been very blessed over the years to have had so many young, beautiful (both inside and out), and talented girls being chosen to represent their districts, and go on to win the State Miss Flame, Runner-up, and Miss Congeniality. It always seems like such a fun and exciting time for the young ladies. Make sure your district has a candidate. Again all the rules and forms can be found on the IVFA website.

Don't forget about the District Basket – as a fund raiser for the IVFAA we ask each district to bring a basket to be raffled during the state convention and we have certainly seen some wonderful gift baskets that has drawn much interest, so please plan to help by donating your district basket(s) for this year's raffle.

The last item I would like to address is our membership... When I was elected I shared with all of you my number one goal was going to be membership. That has not changed and I hope it is your number one goal as well. When we speak of membership I think of two things;

"First" individual membership – those who become members of their local or district auxiliaries or possibly join the State Auxiliary as an individual member and "Second" the forming of new auxiliaries. We still have many IVFA districts that do not have a district auxiliary and I have reached out to some but certainly need your help in contacting all districts to help start / form / build a district Auxiliary.

I or any of the State officers would be happy to come and assist you if you know of a district or department that might have an interest in forming an auxiliary. All of our contact information is listed in this newspaper or on the IVFA website (under the tab of IVFAA) and again we would be happy to help if asked.

I'm not sure the date when this issue of the paper will come out, but I wish each of you a Happy Valentine's Day (or hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day) receiving and giving that romantic Valentine's Day gift to that someone special to you and don't forget the "Luck of the Irish" on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green. Hope you will share in this year's Luck of the Irish.

Until next time, your support and guidance has been heartwarming.

Carol Curl

## Honored as Chaplain Emeritus



Upon retiring as the IVFAA State Chaplain, JoAnn Hays was presented on August 7th with the honorary title of Chaplain Emeritus, having faithfully served the IVFAA for many years as the IVFAA State Chaplain.

On September 11, 2016, at her district picnic JoAnn was presented with a plaque and an embroidered throw honoring her as IVFAA Chaplain Emeritus by IVFAA president Carol Curl, IVFAA District 11A chairman Beverly Taylor, IVFAA District 11B chairman Lou Bartlow and the current IVFAA state chaplain Beth Caudill.

CELEBRATING



Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are Priceless. We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a service to others. To others they feel our service is special.

Phyllis Marshall has been volunteering for twenty five years and at her home department's (Gas City, IN) Christmas celebration this past year (2016) she was presented her 25 year service pin by the State IVFAA President Carol Curl. Congratulations, Phyllis.



## Quarterly meeting minutes

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declines.

David Israel – Idaho fire service is made up of mainly women.

Jack Zeeks – brick is installed at Emmetsburg.

NVFC Jack Kerney – Share the load – calls to the helpline are increasing. VFIS is mailing the Share the Load poster to 7,000 policyholders. 85% of the calls they receive are firefighters suffering PTSD. Cancer subcommittee – developed a tag line – objective of the committee – legislation, educate, advocate, decimate, know firefighter cancer, sample of cancer policies, VFIS and Provident have cancer policies. PSOB regulations – Dave Finger advised that DOJ has released new draft regulations. The big news is that they redefine “fire suppression” to include job tasks performed by fire police officers. This will allow agencies to classify fire police officers as firefighters for the purpose of qualifying for PSOB. The draft regs also redefine “volunteer fire department” to make it easier for agencies that are private, non-profits to qualify as “public” and therefore eligible for the benefit. DOJ is getting rid of the requirement that applicants must provide detailed health records in most heart attack and stroke cases. DOJ is making it easier to award PSOB to firefighters and police officers who take extraordinary action to save a life when they are not on-duty.

NVFC Jean Smith – Tom Miller provided an update on Drive Safety/Emergency Vehicle Response Project. There are four areas of focus and he used the BEST model, they are 30 minute modules. NVFC supports annual medical assessments for all firefighters. In some cases firefighters may not have health insurance or even a personal physician to conduct or consult with regarding the results of the assessment. Additionally, it can be cost-prohibitive or administratively challenging for many departments to implement an assessment program. The following are options for departments to consider in developing a firefighter medical assessment program. 1) Preventive care/wellness check 2) DOT assessment, 3) Department-specific assessment, 4) NFPA 1582-compliant assessment. Diversity & Inclusion task force meeting: task force has talked about developing an Anti-Bullying Statement. The task force can determine if a stand-alone statement is still needed or if the draft Code of Conduct could also address this. UL Research training sessions free online at [www.ULfirefightersafety.com](http://www.ULfirefightersafety.com)

Convention picture CD's are for sale for \$10.00.

Jack Kerney, Leighanne Ellis will work on certificates for the thumb drives. It will be district chairman job - 5, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 years, retirement over 25 years. It has to be done statewide if the Association does it, it can't be hit and miss in districts. Several district chairmen voiced concerns. This subject will be tabled till February.

Ezzel Group and California Casualty sponsors of the gas card – District 7, Dale Gray, Markel Fire Department.

Station Supply sponsored a cleaning kit – John McPherson, District 11B, Reelsville Fire Department.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn. Past President Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 3 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Harrison – IVFA Secretary

## Expected training

John M. Buckman III

Program Director

State Fire Marshal Office

A question we receive at the State Fire Marshal Office is “what training is required by the State?”

OSHA rules expect the employer to provide commensurate with the functions of the job the employee is expected to perform.

Firefighter In-Service training is required by OSHA. An individual is required to attend training annually in the following subject matters: Safety, PPE, Chemistry of Fire Behavior, SCBA, Fire Streams, Hose, Pumping Fire Apparatus, Ladders, Rescue, Forcible Entry.

OSHA requires annual in-service training for hazardous materials.

OSHA further states the employer shall assure that training and education is conducted frequently enough to assure that each member of the fire brigade is able to perform the member's assigned duties and functions satisfactorily and in a safe manner so as not to endanger fire brigade members or other employees.

You may note training is required, not certification.

If an individual desires to engage in interior structural firefighting, the individual shall participate in training at least quarterly, is a requirement of OSHA. OSHA requires the employer to provide the training. The employer shall provide training and education for all fire brigade members commensurate with those duties and functions that fire brigade members are expected to perform.

What training is required to be allowed to respond to emergency calls?

The Indiana Legislature created a law that states training to the “mandatory level” shall be completed.

The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education have approved a training program and curriculum that provides the content for the “mandatory level” training. The curriculum is available through the District Firefighter Training System.

What training or certification is required of a Fire Chief? The local jurisdiction determines the level of training or certification required that is appropriate for the size and staffing component.

# Cancer Prevention .... We Must Make The Change For The Good

By Jerry L. Liston, District 8A Chairman

I want to make the main focus of this article about the increased cancer rates in the fire service and how this dreaded disease will affect the firefighters in our great state if we do not make needed changes in the way we do things. Studies and research have shown that the risk of contracting certain cancers increases for firefighters, all firefighters, volunteer, part-time and career, than the general population. Smoke and toxins do not discriminate and all of us are at risk if we do not make changes for the good.

But, we must all be responsible to help reduce our exposures to cancer. Ask any cancer survivor, and I am sure they will tell you there is no benefit to cancer, and whether we are successful or not successful in getting volunteer firefighters added to the existing Indiana cancer presumptive law in the spring, cancer is not something anyone wants.

First of all, we must do a better job to reduce our exposure to cancer causing toxins; we must take better care of ourselves. That means having an annual physical with cancer screenings, maintaining a healthy diet and discontinuing the use of tobacco products.

Secondly, we must begin to educate our members on the importance of a healthy lifestyle that includes fitness, diet and an awareness of those identified cancer causing activities. We must keep our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) clean. The days of dirty gear being a “badge of honor” in the fire service is over. If you are wearing dirty PPE, you are contaminating your body. If you are hanging dirty PPE in the fire station you are contaminating the fire station. Fire service PPE is designed to protect us, but if we do not keep it clean and free of defects, it can kill us too.

Here is what departments need to do starting now to protect members:

- Wash PPE at least once a year and after each working fire. Make sure suggested manufacturer recommendations are followed when cleaning PPE. Failure to do so could permanently damage the PPE.

- Have two hoods. Departments should make it a priority to issue two hoods to its members. After each fire switch to the clean hood and wash the dirty hood. Never place a dirty hood in clean PPE.

- Decontaminate your PPE at the fire scene with a hose line. Get as much debris and soot off the PPE by rinsing it off before you climb into the apparatus and return to station.

- Keep wet-naps or baby wipes in apparatus for your members. Use the wipes to remove as much soot and particulates from head, neck, jaw, throat, and hands immediately after the fire or even while still on the scene if conditions and time permits.

- Clean your helmet, helmet liner and gloves after each use. One of most neglected items when PPE is cleaned is the helmet liner.

- Wash the seats and interior of your apparatus cabs regularly. It is important to remove contaminants from the seats and other cab surfaces. When was the last time this was done in your department?

- Do not remove self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) until the fire is cold and there is no smoke or steam. Declare scene conditions safe before removing SCBA.

- When going through rehab or picking up after the fire do not wear your hood around your neck. Take it off. The hood is a weak point in your PPE protection and is concentrating toxins into your skin. Officers, if on-scene conditions warrant have your members remove all PPE as increased skin temperatures increase the absorption of toxins through the skin.

- Wash your hands when you go to rehab or before you handle any food. Doing so avoids ingesting toxins.

- Take a hot shower as soon as possible after a fire. Hot water opens your pores and allows the water to clear the toxins. If possible keep a change of clothes at the department to change into before going home.

- Workout soon after each fire. A workout helps your body cleanse itself of toxins.

- Never, Never, Never take dirty PPE into your home. There is no further explanation needed.

- Avoid wearing PPE in the living quarters of your fire station. Do not contaminate kitchens, sleeping areas and furniture. Create a policy that states that no PPE should be allowed in firehouse living quarters. Signs can be created and posted on all entrances as a reminder to not wear PPE into certain areas of the station.

- PPE carried in your car should be kept in a closed gear bag. Place it in your vehicle's trunk or in the back of your pickup truck. Keep it as far out of the passenger compartment and away from family as you can. Never expose your family to contaminated PPE. Departments that require or allow their members to carry PPE in personal vehicles should provide gear bags as standard issued equipment to its members.

- Document! Document! Document! This cannot be stressed enough. Document all exposures you might have encountered or were exposed to after each incident. Departments will need to provide a format to document exposures, whether it be an App technology on a smart phone or a good old-fashioned paper form. It is the members responsibility to document, not the Chief, Incident Commander or a Department Officer. It is important to have documentation of all your exposures in case you are diagnosed with cancer down the road.

If you are a chief, implement a new department policy based upon the above actions and make sure your firefighters are educated on those policy changes. If you are a firefighter, do not wait for your department to implement the new policy, start protecting yourself now. You do not need special permission or training to take these actions.

By implementing some of the less expensive items above your department can build a good foundation. A good foundation will make it easier for your department to implement and justify some of those more expensive items down the road. Anything is better than nothing. With cooperation and time, departments can help decrease members risks of an occupational cancer diagnosis.

It is important to note that these ideas are not 100-percent guaranteed to make you or your department cancer-proof. However, these ideas can certainly make it more cancer resistant.

Remember, together we can be successful, together we can change the culture of bad past practices and together we can achieve our goal that everyone goes home, not just today, but every day and to enjoy a healthy life with our families and friends.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / (Elton Schafer, District Chairman)

## New Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department



### 10 year awards

Pictured (from left to right) – John Kobitz, Jack Cook, Joshua Schweizer, presented by District 4 chairman Elton Schafer.



### 25 year awards

Pictured (from left to right) – Christopher Antonucci, Steven Hora, Robert Middlebrook, Thomas Roesner – presented by District 4 chairman Elton Schafer.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Gerald Sprague, District Chairman and Jean Smith, PRNE

## District 6 Miss Flame



From left to right: Jerry Sprague - District 6 Chairman, Bailey Sheley - 2017 District 6 Miss Flame, Ligonier Fire Dept., E.J. Smith - District 6 IVFAA Chairman, Jean Smith, PRNE. – Submitted by E.J. Smith, District 6 IVFAA Chairman

District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley helping serve at Ligonier Fire's annual Breakfast with Santa Claus.

Pictured at right – Southwest Fire District members: Pictured from left to right are: Brad McMonigal, Jason Giszewski, Bernie Noll, Pat Herman, Spencer Mathews, Doug Paulsen, Dawn Otis, Rachel McCulloch, Greg Rust, Rob VanDurmen, Jason Thackrey. Sitting: Sabrina Ziegler. Pins presented by Jean Smith PRNE.

## 10 year awards



### Southwest Fire District

Southwest Fire District member Raymond Knight receives IVFA 10 year service award pin, presented by Jean Smith PRNE.



## 25 year awards



**New Haven Adams Township Fire Department** members receive IVFA 25 year service award pins. Pictured from left to right are: Tom Vachon, filling in for John Bennigan, Michael Walker, Daniel Krinn, Graig Sampson, Jean Smith PRNE, Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



**Arcola Fire Department members** Pictured from left to right are: Jean Smith PRNE, David Cartwright, Thomas Schipper, Jerry Sprague - District 6 Chairman.

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Submitted by Jerry Sprague, District Chairman and Jean Smith, PRNE

## 10 year awards



**Arcola Fire Department members.** Pictured from left to right are Jean Smith PRNE, David Cartwright, Trebor Trahin, Jerry Sprague - District 6 Chairman.



**Northeast Fire Department members**

Trevor Aeschliman, Jeffery Baker, Matthew Beedy, Jeffery Bishop, Robin Bobay, Scott Bobay, James Dougal, Glen Downey, Timothy Gemmill, Timothy George, Chad Jacobs, Ronald Lockridge, Benjamin Schrock, Sandy Schrock, Skipper Shand, Fred Spanuth, Richard Thoma, Christopher Thompson, Heather Yoder, Jonathon Yoder. Pins presented by Jean Smith, PRNE.



**Aboite Fire Department members**

Pictured from left to right are: Gale Stelzer, Barbara Stelzer, Mark Ryan, Dawn Otis, Troy Klepper, Serena James, Elizabeth Ebnit. Pins presented by Jean Smith, PRNE.

## 25 year awards



**Southwest Fire District members**

Pictured from left to right are Don Patnoudé, Bruce MacPherson, Darrell Beverly, Mike Fancher, Chris Forbing, Tom Goodwin, Larry Winget, Mike Heastan, Jeff McBride and Frank Piech. Pins presented by Jean Smith, PRNE.

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**Aboite Fire Department members**

Pictured from left to right are Richard Tutwiler, Thad McCallister, Paul Nielsen, Elizabeth Fiato, Samuel Spring. Pins presented by Jean Smith, PRNE.



**Southwest Fire District member Larry Owen receives IVFA 25 year service award pin, presented by Jean Smith, PRNE**



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by Jon Gray, Lieutenant, Markle VFD and Joyce Nevil, IVFAA District 7 Chairman - (Sam Bisel, District Chairman)

## Appreciation dinner held for Markle VFD members



Members of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department enjoyed a dinner hosted by a local church that showed appreciation for their service to the community.

Members left to right: Rick Asher, Lesa Asher, Nate Schmalzried, Dwayne Brumbaugh, Jon Gray, Jason Cocklin, Neil Brooks, Eric Pike, Robert Gonser, Bryan Cook, Kevin James, Bob Razsa, David Brown, Charles Douglass, Brandon Best.

## IVFAA 25 year pins



Joyce Rhymer, Tammy Wenger, Thelma Gerardot, and District Chairwoman Joyce Nevil. Not pictured: Jane Marquardt.

## District 7 Miss Flame



Left: District 7 Chairwoman Joyce Nevil. Right: Vicki Chaffins. Not pictured: Tonya Nevil.



District 7 Miss Flame Olivia Lockwood of Poe FD, with runner-up Maggie Kilsby of Geneva FD and Sam Bisel (left) and Joyce Nevil (right).

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Submitted by Jerry Liston, District Chairman

## Members receive awards



Shown with Gas City Rescue Squad Chief Roy Eib after receiving their awards at department's Christmas party in December are GCRS members: (Left to Right:) John Lane, Chief's Award; Kim Dunham, Lifetime Achievement Award; Chief Eib; and Troy Holloway, 2016 Member of the Year.

The department provides EMS services to the citizens of Gas City and surrounding areas.



## Rescue Squad truck put into service

Gas City Rescue Squad recently took delivery and put in service a new Ford F450 with utility body. The Rescue unit was built by RPI in Tipton and is used by the department on EMS responses.

Photo submitted by the department. Information submitted by Jerry Liston, District 8A

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

## Five year service award



At Bryant Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas party held on December 4, 2016, chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented John Hilty with a 5 year service award.

## Ten year pins awarded



On December 6, 2016 Andrew Storie from the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department received his 10 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman and Andrew Storie.



On November 25, 2016 the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Tool and Toy Auction. During the auction chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented the following with their 10 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) are Bert Stephens, Adam VanNote, Chairman Wright, James "Levi" Doss and Joday Auker.

## 25 year pins awarded



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party on December 3, 2016 at their station. Chairman Wright presented some 25 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) front row: Jeff Glancy and Russell Ramseyer. Back row: Aaron Harrold, Brad Elkins, Bob King, chairman Wright and Santa (Rich Imel).



On December 10, 2016 the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party. Gil Miller received his 10 year pin.



During the November 2, 2016 meeting of the Albany Volunteer Fire Department District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented 10 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) are: Lloyd E. Wright - district chairman, Caleb Halsemay and Connie McVicker.



Receiving his 25 year pin from Lloyd E. Wright and John Willoughby was Dace Mumbower. The pin was presented at the Dunkirk Fire Department awards banquet held on September 17, 2016.



Receiving awards for 10 to 25 years of service at the Dunkirk Fire Department awards banquet on September 17, 2016 are (from left to right) - front row: chairman Wright, Brian Mahorney, Jack McDonald, Devon Messersmith, Jim Millikaan and Megan Sollars. Back row: Tom Dornberger, Farrel Wells, Layne Wright and Dace Mumbower.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

## Twenty-five year pin



Steven Terry from the Yorktown Fire Department received his 25 year pin from district chairman Lloyd E. Wright.

## 50 year Gold Card and pin



On October 8, 2016 at their Fire Prevention Day, the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department had three gentlemen receive their 50 year Gold Card and pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright - district chairman, Roy Ludwig, Bill Sunday and William Keister. Pictured behind them are the Farmland firefighters.

## Global Award winner



On December 21, 2016 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party. Ralph Frazee was presented the Global Award for his service.

## It's Christmas time!!



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party on December 3, 2016 at their station. Santa (Rich Imel from the Pennville VFD) came to visit. Jeff Glancy from the fire department got to talk with Santa.

## District 8B Miss Flames



On November 9, 2016 District 8B held their 2017 Miss Flame contest at the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department. Kylee Hashell from the Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department was crowned Miss Flame 2017 and Kearsten Cox from the Parker City Fire Department was named Miss Flame 1st runner-up. Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright - district chairman, Kristen Clairday - Miss Flame 2016, Kylee Hashell, Kearsten Cox and Jo Rammel.

Ridgeville Volunteer firefighters and Santa handing out gifts to the kids in their town for Christmas.



## Dedication and ribbon cutting



On December 10, 2016 the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held a dedication and ribbon cutting for their new fire station. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented the firefighters with a new clock for their station from the IVFA.

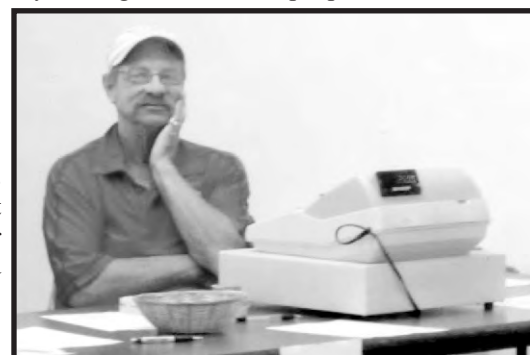
Holding the ribbon is Randy Young - Fire Chief and Don Knisely, Secretary. Cutting the ribbon is Charley Coon, firefighter.

## Pork chop dinner and supper held



On September 24, 2016 the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department held a pork chop dinner and supper at the Harris Chapel Church. Mrs. Harshman and Mrs. Stautamyer members of the fire department's Auxiliary waiting for some more people to serve.

Looks like Carlos Riddle is just waiting to take your money so that you can eat.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

## New fire pumper



The Eaton Volunteer Fire Department got a new pumper and tanker truck. It has a 1500 gallon tank with a 1250 pump. Congratulations on your new truck.

## Fundraisers held throughout district



The Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast on September 9, 2016 at their station. Shown is the crowd waiting in line to be served. The meal was very good.

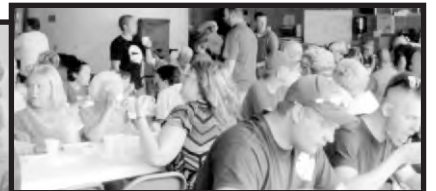
## Cub Scouts given tour



On November 2, 2016 the Albany Volunteer Fire Department held their monthly meeting. Before the meeting the department gave the Cub Scouts a tour of their fire station and explained some of the things that they do to get ready for a fire.



The Salem/Daleville Volunteer Fire Department held a pork chop dinner. Shown is the serving line serving and the crowd enjoying the meal.



On September 9, 2016 the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry at their station. Looks like the serving line has started to serve the fish and the crowd is enjoying the fish.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

## 50 year awards



Butch Springmeier of St. Paul Fire Dept. receives his 50 year award from 10th District Chairman, John Ray.



The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on October 15, 2016. Pictured (from left to right) is the serving line: Matt Cowin, Rich Imel, Dustin Tuel, Phillip Cowin and Lonnie Bell. It looks like the crowd is enjoying the meal.

Pictured at right is Hope Firefighter Ed Stone receiving his award for 50 years of firefighting service from IVFA Lobbyist, Larry Curl, in behalf of the Indiana Legislature, who honored all 50 year IVFA members in 2016. Also pictured is District 10 Miss Flame, Jalyn Mathews.



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## 2016 Convention minutes continued from November

MR. ANDERSON: Brandon Wood come up here and address the body.

MR. WOOD: Good morning. As Mr. President said, I'm Brandon Wood, I have just assumed the duties of the Director of the Training and Preparedness Division for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. And for me that's a big change, because growing up as a volunteer, remaining a volunteer, I've had the privilege of being both paid and volunteer, and I got to tell you, you guys do an awesome job. I'm a firefighter at heart and I'll remain a firefighter at heart, I can tell you. Just to clear up some misnomers or whatnot that people might hear. The Training and Preparedness Division is working hand-in-hand with the state Fire Marshal and his staff on the Fire Academy, which I'm sure Marshal Greeson may have more on this shortly. But the integration of public safety is very crucial to our demeanor, and the only way that we're going to be able to carry that on is to work together. Career, volunteer, doesn't matter, we have to work together. So what my goal is in the next few months is to solidify the working relationship with all emergency partners. Okay? So what my role is, so to speak, is I'm in charge of planning, exercise, training. So we take care of the NIMS, its courses will take care of the state level exercise which is coming up in September. We also take care of what we call a training and exercise planning workshop, the TEPW. And what that TEPW does is very crucial because we bring in stakeholders, training constituents from all over the state to develop a plan, a strategic plan for the next year. On June 22nd, 2016, at Camp Atterbury, we will hold the state TEPW. If you're a local, if you're a training partner, everybody around the state should have the information on that, and we'll have the agenda posted to our website here soon. I know it's a website, so it might be confusing. We're going to try to get that squared away and cleaned up. So with that being said, I look forward to working with everybody. Going from a section chief in the Fire Marshal's office to a director position is very tough, but, again, I'm a firefighter at heart. I know our staff structure needs to carry on, and that's what I plan to do with the fire marshal and his staff. So does anybody have any questions for me before I turn it over to Marshal Greeson?

MR. GREESON: Thank you so much. It's been a great couple days to be here and I look forward to working with everybody. Thank you so much.

MR. ANDERSON: Next up will be Chief Buckman.

MR. BUCKMAN: We hear about heart attacks. We're now hearing about cancer and how it impacts the firefighters. Remember, in the heart attack data, volunteer firefighters are included. In the cancer data, most volunteer firefighters are not included. Why? Because we don't track them. In the career service they have pensions so they keep track of them. In the volunteer fire service you could be in for five years, you make a couple big events, you could have exposure, you quit, we don't know that you have cancer. About two months ago I was in Reno at the volunteer combination officer's symposium. I knew we had a guy coming in to talk about suicide prevention, but I really didn't know what he was going to talk about. His name was Scott Geiselhart, he's a volunteer firefighter. He suffered from PTSD for seven years before he took a .44 Magnum, put it to his head and pulled the trigger. The gun did not fire. All six bullets were in the chamber. There was no pin mark on any one of the bullets. God didn't want him, right? That's what it was. It was not time for him to go. He tells his story. In those seven years he'd saved babies, he'd responded to car wrecks. His final event, the one that broke him, was a car, into an icy river. He got in the gummy suit. He rescued the person, the person lived for 30 days, and they died of lung infection. He took that personally. That was the event that broke him to put that gun to his head. Sixty-eight firefighters died in the line of duty last year. Hundreds, maybe thousands of firefighters died from cancer. A hundred and seventeen firefighters died from suicide last year, 117, and I'm telling you, volunteers are not included in that because, again, we don't track them. A lot of us have gray hair in this room, you all have had an event that impacts you still today. Chiefs, leaders, officers in this room, when you go home and make a significant trauma event, do not ignore your people, your firefighters' mental health. I don't want to say our younger people are weaker than we were when we were their age, but they probably are. They've been coddled. They never understood the words "wait till your father gets home," which is what my mother would say to me about 3:00 in the afternoon when I was going to be in trouble, because the consequences were when dad came home the belt came off. And, you know, I see you guys shaking your head, you understand that. We don't do that today. Our young kids today do not know how to process what we are experiencing. Dr. Bob Smith, a retired Indianapolis firefighter who's now a psychiatrist, said about a month ago, I was in a meeting with him, our bodies are not designed to take the stress we are putting them under and includes the mind in part of that. So please be aware, suicide is a significant event in the fire service. We don't know how bad it is in the volunteer fire service because they could be gone from the department five years and suffer from PTSD. Please, I know we have lots to do, we have lots to do from budgeting, responding, training, all those things, so we're throwing something else at you. We've got to start taking better care of our people. We'll start sharing some stuff, there will be more things coming out about suicide prevention from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, so please, please start paying a little more attention to our people. We also have developed a cancer recording app. It will be available on i-phones, be available on the Droid, it's actually in the Apple store and the Droid store now. We are waiting on our PIO to do a press release to officially announce it. Because what we have to do is document our exposures. Twenty years from now, should you be diagnosed with occupational cancer, you're going to have to be able to prove that it was related to events, and that's plural, to

events that you responded to and that you were in the hot zone. You're not just going to be able to go back to your NFIRS report and say, oh, I was on that event. You're going to have to be able to document that you were in the hot zone and were exposed to some of these chemicals. This is a personal documentation app. You can track it on paper if you want. It will be stored in the cloud you will have access to. It's an Excel spreadsheet. You can e-mail it to yourself. If you want to, if your fire department allows you, you could e-mail it to the fire department, they can attach it to the run report so that you could come and get it later. As a former volunteer fire chief, I'm telling you, you don't want to depend on your fire department to track your exposure to a cancer-causing event. You need to take personal responsibility and track it some way, somehow. Again, if you don't like the electronic app that we've produced, and it's been beta tested for about eight months, we've added things to it, it will have the IVFA'S logo on it, the PFI's logo on it, the fire chief's and the fire marshal's logo on it. It's a multiple discipline user type thing. So, again, watch for it to be released here shortly, and, again, please start tracking that. The GE plastics fire down in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, in 1999, seventy-eight fire departments, something like that, three states. There's no documentation on who was where in that smoke. I drove through it for probably four to six hours driving a tanker back and forth 27 trips or however many times I made it, back up what chief was saying, we've got to start documenting. Training documentation, the fire service in general, pretty horrible at it. I know because I do it. Go through an ISO review and then talk about training documentation? Yep. We don't want to do the paperwork. We get back to the station and what's the first thing we want to do? Leave. Forget cleaning the trucks, cleaning the gear, cleaning you, doing the paperwork. So you've heard it before and you're going to hear it as long as I can help you remember it, but we've got to work with the legislators on the presumptive cancer. Hopefully that will also lead to some educational issues as well. I see that as a potential. Marshal Greeson, I'll give it over to you for a little bit.

MR. GREESON: Thank you, Steve. I'll just tell you real quick, I know you got six months left in

your term and next year's a different conference and convention. I've had the pleasure here in the last over eight years now to work with several different IVFA presidents and they've all done an excellent job, but I'll tell you, Steve, you handle yourself very well, you're very organized how you run meetings, how you contribute in all the things we do, so I just want to thank you because I probably won't be with you in a setting like this maybe until you're out of your term. I just wanted to compliment you on your term. You've done a nice job. A few things, I'm going to talk a little bit about this survey, Chief Buckman and I have been going around doing these chief orientations and we talk about the law that governs volunteer fire departments, we talk about line-of-duty deaths, we talk about the services that the Fire Marshal's office can offer you and your department. Have any of you been involved in that? Well, if you haven't, please invite us down to your area. We start in the evening, format, and we've had we've pretty much walked through the whole law, talked about OSHA regulations, just a lot of things maybe we don't cover in the general fire marshal's seminars we do in the winter. So if you would like for Chief Buckman and I to come down and spend an evening with you, we'll be glad to do that. We've been there for four or five hours just talking and listening, and usually we're able to come up with a few problem-solving ideas in your area, so invite us to do that. Call Chief Buckman, or you can call me too. The other thing that we've done over the last couple years is transitioning to a new reporting system for the firehouse. And I don't know if you all have a fire reporting system that you're happy with, comfortable with, and it's working for you, fine and dandy. If you're looking to change to a new reporting system for fire or EMS reporting. ImageTrend is what we bought, the product we bought is free to you. It has several modules for training, staffing, tracking, all kinds of information. It's web based, and it's free. Doesn't cost you a penny. Angie Biggs out of the marshal's office has pretty much traveled the state training people, signing them up, so, again, just something that we offer to you out of the fire marshal's office. So just, reach out to us if you're interested in that. On the survey, this whole idea of a survey started coming up almost a year ago last August. There's a group that meets once a month, it's a C-task group.

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

### 10 year awards



Edinburgh Firefighters receiving 10 year pins from 10th District Chairman, John Ray. From left are: Zack Smith, Travis Tubbs, Chairman, Ray, Tim Bryant, and Kit Logan.

It's a counter-terrorism group of all the agencies here in and it's a very open conversational very good feedback from that because the state of Indiana, along with the Adjutant General, the Lieutenant Governor, the Executive Director of Homeland Security, and several other people. They meet once a month and discuss the security things. The previous Lieutenant Governor, Sue Ellspermann, during the meeting there was a general conversation with Director Kane, our Executive Director. She mentioned a Harvard study that shows sometime in the mid-2020s or 2030 that about 75 percent of the population of the United States is going to start moving into urban areas and there's going to be less people living and working in rural areas. So that discussion kind of gravitated to what are we going to do. What's going to become of public safety in rural areas of Indiana and the country, for that matter, and the Lieutenant Governor asked me if I would convene or do a study on recruitment and retention of the volunteer fire service and EMS in the state of Indiana. Her

initial request was, can you have that to me next month? Oh, that's a little short, I can't do that. So we involved the Alliance and the group from IUPUI with Jamie Palmer, and since January or so have been working on the creation of this survey. And we all met and talked about the importance of this due to the fact that it's the future. It's how do you plan legislatively or just in your own area, how do you plan for the future? And President Anderson's right, the survey's quite lengthy, but we've also tried to put as many questions in that survey that has a check box so not every question you're writing an essay. There's a few in there you have to do some writing, but a lot of things you just have to check a box. So that will help you. At our last Alliance meeting, which was a couple weeks ago, Lieutenant Governor Holcomb came to the Alliance meeting and we talked about the survey with him and the importance of it, and he mentioned it last night. Obviously they're on board with working with us on what this survey

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

## Ten year pins



Pictured here with a special guest from the North Pole are Waldron volunteers who received their 10 year pins from 10th District Miss Flame Jalyn Mathews and Chairman John Ray. From left: Santa Claus, AKA, Billy Stagge Sr., Chairman John Ray, Bill Stagge, Jr., Miss Flame Jalyn Mathews, Justin Byer, Bobby Boucher, and Kyle Pruitt.

## District 10 Miss Flame



Pictured from left are: Carol Curl - State IVFAA president, David Israel - Chairman of the Board, Miss Flame Jaylen Mathews and district chairman John Ray.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

## Twenty-five year pins awarded



Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman presented Tod Haring with his 25 year pin at Van Buren Twp. Fire Dept. on December 4, 2016. Pictured (left to right) – Pete Taylor and Tod Haring.



Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman, presented Darrick Cullison his 25 year pin at Hymera Jackson Twp. on October 29, 2016. Pictured (left to right) are Pete Taylor, Darrick Cullison and Chief Clay Shidlar.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman and Joseph P. Hilburt, Assistant Chief JTVFD

## Recent retirees



**Jefferson Township Vol. FD. Henry Co., District 13A**

Five members of JTVFD recently retired after a total of 213 years serving JTVFD. Pictured are Brian Becker (former Chief), Don Shaw, who was recently honored by the state at a ceremony at the Statehouse for 50 years of service (former Chief), Denny Crum, Ronnie Hinesley and retiring Chief Kip Jones.

Thank you for your years of service to the FD and the Jefferson Township and Sulphur Springs area.

*Photos submitted by  
Joseph P. Hilburt  
Assistant Chief - JTVFD*

## Santa visits JTVFD



*Santa made his yearly visit to JTVFD. Had several of the kids and some of the moms, dads and members working on getting on the nice list. It appears that most of them made the nice list. Candy and surprises for the kids and a drawing for a large stocking of toys was held. Merry Christmas to all from JTVFD.*

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

## Ten year pins awarded



Members of the Prairie Twp. Fire Dept. were presented their 10 year service pins. From left - Jay Davis, Shelly Wilson, Gary Wilson, Matthew Hill, Terry Matney.



Scott Vance of West College Corner Fire Dept. presented his 10 year service pin by 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Anthony Smith of Centerville Fire Dept. presented his 10 year service pin by 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

## 25 year pins awarded



Donald Benedict of Hagerstown Fire Dept. presented his 25 year service pin by 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Kevin Johnston of West College Corner Fire Dept. presented his 25 year service pin by 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Duane McDonald of Centerville presented his 25 year service pin by chairman Jeff Biehl.

## Fundraisers held throughout district



*Bentonville Fire Dept. hosts a fish fry fundraiser.*



*Abington Fire Dept. hosted its annual fundraiser chicken dinner.*

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

## Monroe Twp. Fire Department Christmas party held



Monroe Twp. Fire Department members at their Christmas party.



Monroe Twp. firefighter Chad Munk receiving convention rose in memory of his grandpa Emmett Mull.

### Ten year pin awarded



Monroe Twp. Fire Department member Willy Stoffregen pinning 10 year pin on his son, Guy Stoffregen.



District 14 Tom Sellmer, our Chaplain and District 14 chairman Rick Cannon presenting two convention roses at Monroe Twp. Christmas party.



### Cannons receive 10 and 30 year awards

District chairman Rick Cannon getting his 30 year service award and district treasurer Richie Cannon getting his 10 year award from Sellersburg fire department.

### New Washington Fire Dept. 10 and 25 year awards



25 Year Pins: Randy Burton, James Cochran, James Probst, Larry Wampler.

10 Year Pins: Evan Bower, William Bower, Michael Parkhill, Steven Ray Parkhill.

## BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

## Ten year pins awarded to members



Marengo-Liberty Volunteer Department members



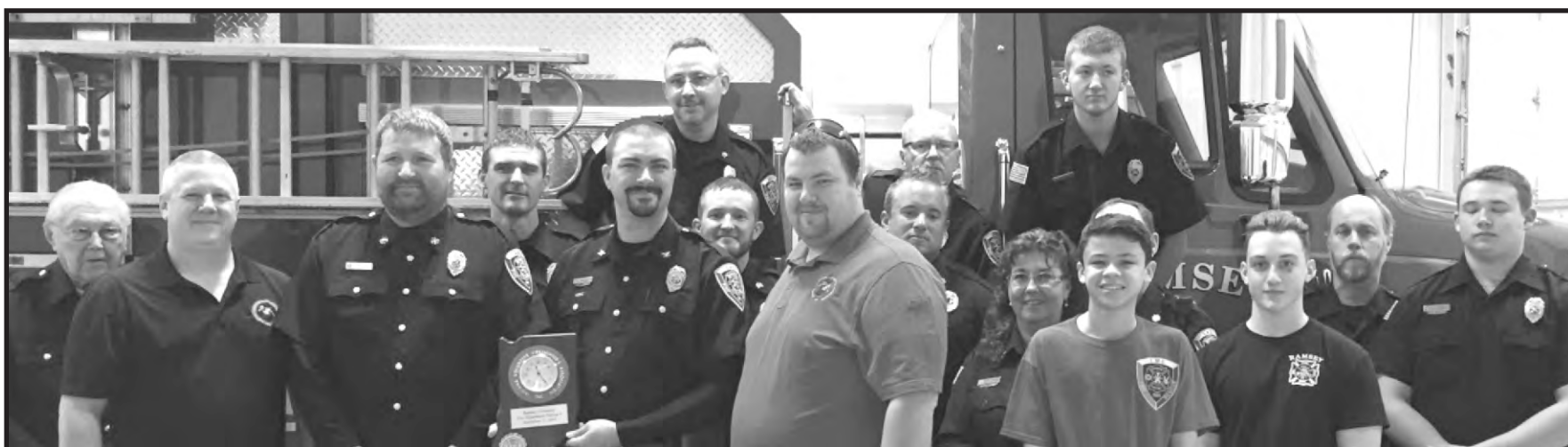
Milltown Fire Department members



Harrison Twp. Fire Department members



Ramsey Department members



*In the above photo – Ramsey receiving a station clock for their new station.*

## 25 year pins



George Nye (left) of Harrison Twp.



Vicki Lemmel from Ramsey



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by Steve Nolan, PRSW / Robert (Bobby) Brown, District Chairman

## Ten year pins awarded



Steve Nolan and Bobby Brown present 10 year pins to members of the Orange District 2 VFD.



## Global Award

Steve Nolan and Bobby Brown presenting 2016 Global Award to Steve Sallee of Orange County District 2 VFD.

## 25 year awards presented



Steve Nolan presents 25 year pin to Darren Weaver of Ellettsville FD.



Bobby Brown and Steve Nolan present 25 year pins to Dale Walker and Robert Bundy of Franklin Township FD.

## 5 year pins awarded at ICVFD Christmas dinner



Terry Godsey presented his pin for 5 years of service to ICVFD by Asst. Chief Micah Keith.



Leyton Craig presented his pin for 5 years of service to ICVFD by Asst. Chief Micah Keith.

## Firefighter of the Year award



Daniel Bruhn presented the Firefighter of the Year award for ICVFD by Asst. Chief Micah Keith.



Travin Craig presented his pin for 5 years of service to ICVFD by Asst. Chief Micah Keith.

Photos courtesy of Daniel J. Bruhn -Public Information Officer -Member, Board of Directors, Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Fayetteville, Indiana, C: 812.583.5260 -daniel.bruhn@icvfd.org

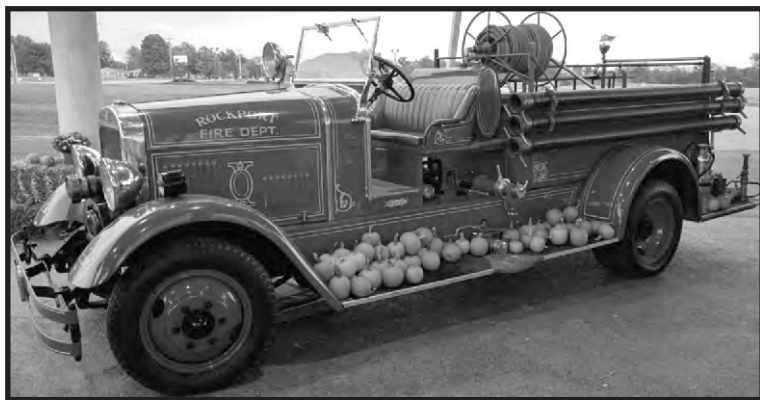
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

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

## Fall Fest and Fire Safety Fair held for children



On Oct. 29, Ohio Twp (Rockport) Fire Department had a Fall Fest and Fire Safety Fair where they hosted children of all ages whom were able to navigate through a mock firefighter obstacle course, find their way through a hay bale maze, paint pumpkins, watch a bicycle safety demonstration where each kid was measured and fitted with a new helmet, having their face painted. Their favorite part was donning kids turnout gear and shooting water on a prop.

submitted by – Chris Anderson, Dist 18 vice-chairman

## District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest held

Sunny skies and perfect temperatures brought people out to line the streets as the Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 16 October. Close to 90 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations, paraded the streets of Ferdinand.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2016 Katherine Hurst, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 11 lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

The District 18 Miss Flame for 2017 is Madelyn Peter (second left). Madelyn is the daughter of Kevin and Denise Peter. She is 15 years old and in her sophomore year at Perry Central High School. She represented the Anderson Twp. VFD. The first runner-up title went to Clarissa Weyer (left third) of the Ferdinand VFD. She is a 16 year old junior at Forest Park High School, and the daughter of Gary and Michele Weyer. Jessica Bertke (far right) was awarded the second runner-up title. She is a 17 year old junior at Heritage Hills High School, and the daughter of Dave and Ruth Bertke. She represented the St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Department. Leah Schnell (far left) was chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. Leah is a 15 year old sophomore at Jasper High School. She is the daughter of Scott and Julie Schnell and represented the Ireland Vol. Fire Department.



## Ten year pins awarded in the District



Cannelton awards presented

At the meeting of the Cannelton VFD (Perry Co.) on 5 December 2016, Mark Kellems was presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin by District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.



St. Henry awards presented - 10 and 25 year pins

At the 6 December 2016 meeting of the St. Henry VFD (Dubois Co.) two members were presented with their IVFA Years of Service pins. Pictured are (l-r) District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith, Fredrick Lindauer (25 years) and Brian "Koonie" Kunkler (10 years).



West Baden award presented

At the 3 January 2017 meeting of the West Baden Springs VFD (Orange Co.) Mark Gilliland was presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

## 25 year pins awarded in the District



Haysville awards presented

At the 12 December 2016 meeting of the Haysville VFD (Dubois Co.) two members were presented with the IVFA 25 years service pin. Pictured are (l-r) Scott Kieffner, District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith, John Fuhrman.



Tell City awards presented

On 7 December 2016 Frank Stiles of the Tell City VFD (Perry Co.) was presented with the IVFA 25 year service pin by District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.



Jackson Twp. awards presented

At the 14 December 2016 meeting of the Jackson Twp. VFD of Gentryville (Spencer Co.) Michael Griepenstroh (left) was presented with the IVFA 25 years service pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

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

## Final skills testing held



On Saturday, November 19, 2016 members of 12 departments in the IDHS District 10 completed final skills testing for the Firefighter I/II. The course was presented by the Dubois County Fire Trainer's Association, and started in May. The students pictured represented the Birdseye, Branchville Correctional, Dubois, Ferdinand, Holland, Huntingburg, Orange Co. Rural One, Patoka Twp., St. Anthony, St. Henry, Schnellville, and Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Departments.

Photo and article provided by John "Bull" Smith, DCFTA

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 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	Salamanca 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.
Robert		Ford	Farmland	Farmland VFD



### Carter Fire District "Fire Mom" retires

After 35 years of distinguished service to the community of Dale, Regina "Jeannie" Daunhauer officially retired at the awards dinner of the Carter Fire District on December 10, 2016. During his address, CFD Chief Dan Reinke spoke of the many accomplishments that Daunhauer achieved over her career. Among them, the IVFA Angel Award, the IVFA District 18 Global Award, IVFA 25 year service award. Reinke then said, "Jeannie has been a fellow firefighter, an EMT, a sister, and a mother to all of us". Daunhauer served with the Spencer County EMS and also served as Secretary/Treasurer for the IVFA District 18 for 6 years. At the conclusion of the tribute, Daunhauer was presented with a plaque and her helmet by Fire Chief Reinke (center), Battalion Chief Adam Hildenbrand (far left), and Assistant Chief Scott Meadors (far right).

## 2016 convention . . .

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shows. I know that's a pretty broad paintbrush right there and it's pretty vague, but at least they're willing to listen. The more accurate this survey is and the more telling it is allows us to have better opportunity to work on the needs of the fire service. All members of the Alliance have an interest in this. Primarily it's geared and directed toward volunteer fire service because that's rural Indiana and 80 percent of the state is covered by volunteer fire service, which you guys do a fantastic job. I had a couple guys stop me last night and wanted to know if they could ask me a question. I told them you can ask me anything, I'll pretty much be open and honest with you. They asked me if I've come into this job if it's exceeded the expectations that I had coming in, and I'll tell you, it has far exceeded what I have learned in rural Indiana traveling the state going to district meetings, phone calls, fish fries, great food, I mean, I just learned a tremendous amount what you all do in your communities. Not just in the firefighting side or EMS side, but all the other things you do as far as emergency response. I got to tell the story about Jasonville. When I first came to this job we had the flood in 2008. I go to Jasonville about midnight on the fifth day of that flood, and these firefighters in that town had been delivering medicine and water to the residents of that town for a week. And it's just things like that that nobody ever hears about, and I would have never known, coming from where I came from up in Indianapolis, but it's that type of education that you've afforded me to have and understand what you all do. So I appreciate that tremendously. So it's far exceeded my expectations. And the relationships, I mean, there's some people in here, Jack over here, he and I have become very good friends. And even Curl and I have become close friends. That's amazing. No, really, seriously, it's been great. I do want to mention the Alliance because I mentioned it a couple times. The Indiana Fire Alliance has been formed about five years ago this month, and it all started from an idea that Joe Waynescott, the Executive Director of Homeland Security had. Representatives from the fire service

come to his office to talk about training and different issues with the fire service, whether it's career, volunteer, whatever. The state Fire Chief's Association was there and IVFA president was there. So out of those meetings grew this thought of having an Indiana Fire Alliance, which is all of the fire service organizations in the state, the IVFA, the Indiana Firefighter's Association, State Fire Marshal's office, State Fire Chief's Association, and the Professional Firefighter's Union. And we have come together in the last five years, and, we may not agree on every issue, but one thing we have agreed upon is that we kind of go to that legislature as a united front. I will say that, they'll all attest that the legislators have become aware of the Alliance and they reach out to the Alliance. And I think with your all's support, the Indiana fire service is a huge, huge power group in this state. So as we move forward, when we get this survey done and who knows what it's going to show or where it's going to go. When we need legislation and we get firefighters up at that Statehouse in your Class A uniform, that speaks volumes. That speaks volumes to legislators. So please help us with the survey. Obviously as we go forward we'll keep everybody informed and work with you also please just help us with that. Thank you guys, I appreciate your time. Thanks again for the invite down here.

MR. ANDERSON: Let's take about a 15-minute break. If you can keep it to ten, that's better, but no more than 15.

(Short break taken.)

MR. ANDERSON: All right. We'll get started back up. We have given a nice break to the fingers of the court reporter so she was very happy. A couple of things real quick. We had in the registration area in a group, I talked earlier about the Axing Out Cancer group that Dawn Pence has formed. They were going to try to make it here and set up in the vendor's area and help answer questions and be visible. That didn't happen, but they did send some information, so we've got

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# FIRE SERVICE

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# 2016 convention minutes continued from November . . .

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some gracious volunteers to help us out with passing those out. Also, Jack Zeeks has over at his location information about Supporting Heroes. They are also in the vendor area, so you can hook up with them down there as well. Later on toward the end I'm going to go over the survey questions, not necessarily word by word but definitely go through the questions that are a little bit maybe harder that will require a little bit of research.

Logo Committee, John Bull Smith.

MR. SMITH: You want to discuss the trademark? MR. ANDERSON: Sure.

MR. SMITH: Luke, can you give us some input on the information that you brought to me?

MR. KLUENDER: I just was made aware of an issue that we could pursue on the organization's logo. Our symbol, Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, that is a registered trademark, US Government Trademark Office, and since it is registered and we maintain that registry, it offers some legal protection of our trademark for us. That does not prevent anybody else from trying to assume it or take some legal action. There's no way you can prevent any legal action, anybody can sue for anything, but we do have some protection with it being registered as a trademark. Since we have maintained that trademark for a certain period of time and continue to maintain it, we are now eligible to additionally file for that logo to be considered an uncontested trademark. That offers additional legal protections to our trademark. Again, it doesn't stop any possible legal action, but anybody who would try and do anything with our logo would have a much more difficult path to take if it were registered as an uncontested logo. The details of that filing of uncontested status I will give to the Logo committee so they can present a recommendation to the body at our next quarterly meeting. It's not mandatory, there is no deadline, but it is an option that we could pursue to further protect our trademark. I was just recently made aware of our eligibility for that status, since - because of the time that we've had it. So that's what will be probably brought up in the future. No action necessary at this time, just information.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, Luke. Mr. President, Logo committee has nothing further on that.

MR. ANDERSON: Membership and Marketing passes. Speakers Bureau, anybody on that from that group? David or Jack?

Speakers Bureau, anything? Pass?

Newspaper, Buz Koehler.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Mr. President. I hope everyone has gotten their last issue of the newspaper, the May issue. I think you all noticed some changes to that newspaper. We are now publishing part of that in full color, and thanks to our advertisers and our supporters we're able to do that. We want to continue to do that as much as possible. The more ads, color ads, that we get into the newspaper the more color we can print, be it your articles or your fund-raisers that you've had. So any questions on the newspaper? Thank you.

MR. ANDERSON: One issue that we've had or we've found with the delivery of the newspaper. Is there anybody in the room that has a summer address and a winter address? If anybody has their mail forwarded because they have a winter home and a summer home, like, they go to our newspaper does not get forwarded and shows up as a bad address. So we have tried to work with the post office, postal service. We are continuing to try to find a solution, but it is a little bit of a hurdle that we've found with that.

PR and Education, Jack Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: Pass.

MR. ANDERSON: Trailer, Carol, anything?

MR. THRAWLEY: Anybody wants a trailer, let me know.

MR. ANDERSON: Social Media, Leighanne Ellis. Pass? Paul, is that you who posted the pictures from last night on Facebook?

MR. HOLCOMB: I think it was Leighanne.

MR. ANDERSON: Thank you for that. I saw those this morning. Feel free to post on Facebook, send pictures to the website. Anything on the website?

MR. HOLCOMB: Make this brief, just somewhat of an update. As everyone should be well aware now, a few years ago we did a total redesign of the website. We're looking at a second modernization that will be going up to our Board of Directors in the next quarterly meeting. However, what I'm going to ask is if anybody has anything they would like to see updated, changed with the website, please contact myself or Dave Israel so we can kind of get it included. With a rebuild or redesign of a website, it's kind of best to do it as a one-shot deal. It saves on costs, production and time. So any of those who are really technologically savvy and you look through the website and you see some functionality that you use on a different website that you would like to see incorporated into our website, please get with one of us on that. As President Anderson just mentioned, if you have pictures that you want to be added to the website, it's not like the Facebook page where you can just go on there and add them. There is a select group, primarily me and Dave Israel take care of that. I know the Central Office also has access along with President Anderson. So if there's things you'd like to see on that photo gallery, please get with one of us also on that. Mr. Curl just asked on the website, if you're having any difficulties - if you have an event, we encourage, just like everything else, go on there and submit that. If you go under the member/central office page, there's a place for submitting things and you hit the calendar and you submit a new item. All you have to do go on there. If that you want to selection submit a training, just make sure you select training versus fund-raiser or meeting. Fill in all the blanks, you submit that, and that goes straight to our webmaster then it will be published on the calendar. I know with a lot of the officers, myself included, that's how we plan our travels through the state. We go onto our calendar, we see your fund-raising events and meetings, and we prepare for our upcoming quarterly travels. So, anything at all you'd like to see, questions, complaints with the website, please get with me.

MR. ANDERSON: I know Lona's in the room. Is there any other vendors that are in the room? I think it's safe to say that you guys also plan your schedule based on the events calendar? Let's see, who am I going to ask of this. Rex. I'll make it easy for you, true or false, anyone can submit events to the calendar, it does not have to be a district chairman, it can be from anyone, true or false?

REX: Anyone can as long as you have the right person.

MR. ANDERSON: True. Yes, it does not have to be an IVFA officer that submits it. It can be from anyone. And if you are not capable of handling that or you want to send me an e-mail and ask me to post it on there, I'll do that for you. It's about seven or eight boxes you have to fill in and it's pretty straightforward.

Let's see, special projects committee, Steve Nolan. Pass.

For those of you have not heard of that committee before, this was kind of one of my ideas where certain quarterly meetings we've got issues that need addressed and there wasn't really a group of people to be able to work on that during that time period, so formed that committee to take on little tasks that we can get accomplished during that time period.

Training Task Force, Bull.

MR. SMITH: Pass.

MR. ANDERSON: And younger Member Task Force, Jerry Sprague.

MR. SPRAGUE: pass.

MR. ANDERSON: At this time Buz Koehler and Larry Curl, Legislative Report.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Mr. President. It's been my pleasure to serve as the legislative chair for the IVFA. I've been around a little while -82.

MR. KOEHLER: - so at least I know my way around the Statehouse. Not quite as much as our

lobbyist, Larry Curl. But at this time I'd like to ask anyone that works or anyone that's assigned to the Legislative committee to please stand. These are the folks that pound away at legislative items that we put forth every year in August. Our quarterly meeting we will be setting our itinerary for the upcoming legislative session. So if you have issues, items, concerns that we need to be aware of, please make sure you let one of us know. And the committee works very hard on this. Thank you.

Mr. Curl will now give the legislative update.

MR. CURL: Good morning. How many want to hear a legislative report? I got one hand, I'm going to do it. Let's talk first about Congress. There was a group of eight of us was fortunate enough to be able to go to Washington, DC to attend the Congressional Fire Services dinner and to visit with our legislators on Capitol Hill in April. We took a legislative agenda with us. We had some items, some issues. First of all, it was an honor to be able to do that. I've been able to attend that function several years. Many of you have joined me on that trip. I think it's a good time for most. But the best part of this year's trip to DC was that Congress was on spring break. Now, what does that mean? They were at home while we were there. So we got to talk to the ones who really make the laws, their staff. It was a great opportunity. I think it's valuable for our state, it's valuable for the country that we come together and do those kind of things. We tried to follow up with that the best we can, but, quite frankly, we do our visit and then we hope that they listen. Then we come home and try to do our work at home. So let's talk about what has happened last year in the state of Indiana for volunteers. You know we had the Blue Light Law. I've been told that that really didn't mean anything. It must have been something to someone because it came forward

and we took a chance to get that introduced as legislation and it passed without any hesitation. We had a presumptive cancer bill that was drafted. We took a serious look at it. It scared us to death. It showed us how ill-prepared that we really were, so we opted and asked the author of the bill, Eric Koch, State Representative, now running for Senate, if he could hold that bill because one of the questions they would be asking in committee hearing is how much does that cost. I don't know, how much does it cost to put in a presumptive cancer bill that assists and funds and takes care of our folks that are diagnosed with cancer? I'm not even sure we can answer that this year what it costs. But what I will tell you is, and, again, thank the President for putting a committee together, there is a ton of information on firefighter cancer. There are I believe 30-some states that have presumptive cancer bills currently. I think there's only, like, 13 that include volunteer. And we want to be the next one. And it's going to take a lot of work to make that happen. I want to be as prepared, I want to have the answer to any question they can bring to us, I want to have a presentation that will explain, but it really comes down to this real simple point, in my opinion. Why were we excluded to begin with? Why were we, as a member of the Indiana fire service, ever excluded from a presumptive cancer bill? Do we not enter the same type of buildings, fight the same kind of fire, encounter the same type of carcinogens that career folks do? And believe me, I'm not negative against the career side for getting that, I think it's great that they have that bill. I think it's great they have a law that protects them. I'm just jealous that we need to be a part of that. And I think we can get there, but there's a lot of things that's going to have to take place for us to get there. First of all, we got to get a bill passed. And with your help, with the committee's help, with the support of the Indiana volunteer firefighters, we

can do that. But after the bill it doesn't stop. John Buckman told you today, if we're not tracking, if we're not monitoring, if we're not recording our activity, you will never ever collect on that benefit because you won't be able to prove and show where you got it at. The good example was what our President said with Marshall, Indiana. Huge fire, tremendous fire, everybody in two or three counties. They had tanker shuttles, they had engines, they had milk tankers out there by huge fire. And I'll bet, you'll find very few people who actually tracked that for years to come. Do you think that could cause cancer? YOU bet it can. So the work doesn't stop once we get the bill passed. The work's continuing and the information and education. But I think we can make it. We're strong enough I think we can make it. My proof in our ability to do something came last year whenever we finally was able to overturn that four-year decision on not allowing us to hold office if we're a volunteer. That took us four years to correct what was done, but we did it. We did it with your support, your help, your contacts to legislators, and I think we can overcome this one too. But this is going to be a big challenge. It's going to be a super challenge for us. Are we up for the fight? Are we up to the fight? Yeah, I believe we are. The committee is going to find out that the workload is going to be enormous. Their dedication and their willingness and their ability to do something is going to be challenged, but I think we're up to that challenge.

I think we can make that happen. John just walked back into the room and he reminded me what he was talking about that we don't have record of those who have cancer in the volunteer system. But one of the things we learned while we were in DC is the National Volunteer Fire Council is actually trying to help us in that endeavor.

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## FIRE SERVICE

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

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50 year Gold card Dave Chapman from MillerYork Fire

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2017 Miss Flame Alyssa Knueven

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MR. KERNEY: All right. The National Volunteer Fire Council in April has come up with a national registry bill that they're trying to get passed. And this is a Senate 2799 and also a companion with another bill, House Bill 4625 introduced in February. And what this bill is going to do is help to collect data for this. This cancer is a very serious threat to firefighters, and having the national registry to help us better understand the trends towards the working solutions of this, once this is established, they're hoping to store, consolidate information submitted by health care professionals related to cancer incidents among firefighters. Also made data available to public health instructors, provided comprehensive data set to withstand groundbreaking research. Also hoping to improve our understanding of cancer incidents as the registry grows, which could potentially lead to development of advanced safety and potential protocols and safeguards. And also increase collaboration between the CDC, who's going to monitor this, the public health expert clinics, firefighters in regular and consistent stations to improve effectiveness of the registry. So this is another step that will help us in fighting cancer. And like he had said, you know, we're one of the states that doesn't have a bill with volunteer firefighters for presumptive cancer, but this registry is for volunteers and career. This is for everybody. We're all doing the same. So hopefully the National Volunteer Fire Council gets this cancer registry passed and to help all of us in the future.

MR. CURL: So we are moving in that direction. We're moving in the direction to collect data. And I guess I will admit that we are probably the worst group ever for data collection. We don't track our training, we don't track our run activity, we don't track our involvement. There's a lot of things we don't do. We're getting much better than where we've been. So if we want to see what I'm going to call a comprehensive Workers' Comp. piece of legislation that will include presumptive cancer, we're going to take a look at our disability benefit,

we're going to take a look at our health care benefit and try to put it into a complete package that we can take to the General Assembly and try to get some action on that. It's going to take you and I and everybody we have in the IVFA because once we have the package put together, we're going to have to work the system. The system is, you have to talk to your elected officials. I can't do that for you. I can help you put the package together, the committee can work to make that happen, but it's going to come back to the individual going to their elected official, and that's where we're going to get the support at. Mr. President, I understand that we probably want to take a little time and other things we need to do, so I'm going to step away.

MR. ANDERSON: Jack Zeeks, Nominating committee. Paul Holcomb for president for the incoming year. Is there any other nomination from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor?

MR. ZEEKS: Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Diane.

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Paul Holcomb for president for year 2017.

MR. ZEEKS: For vice president we present the name of David Israel. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final, is there any other nominations from the floor?

MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for David Israel for Vice president for year 2017.

MR. ZEEKS: For Secretary we present the name of Diane Harrison. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final, is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. President.

MR. ANDERSON: At this time I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison.

MR. ZEEKS: For Treasurer the nominating committee presents the name of Luke Klueder for Treasurer. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor?

MR. DZUBA: Yes. Mike Dzuba, District 13A. I'd like to nominate Jeff Biehl.

MR. MEYERS: John Meyers, District 13B. Also like to nominate Jeff Biehl.

MR. ZEEKS: Third and final, is there any other nominations from the floor? Luke, you want to say anything?

MR. KLUENDER: No, I don't think so.

MR. ZEEKS: Jeff?

MR. BIEHL: No, we're good.

MR. ZEEKS: You're good too? Gentlemen, cast your ballots.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we have those names again?

MR. ZEEKS: Luke Klueder, Jeff Biehl, B-I-E-H-L.

MR. CURL: If you're in the middle of that casting the vote, don't stop. Let me talk to you in the meantime so we don't take up a lot of time on the end. We covered the presumptive cancer pretty well. I have been in contact with Lieutenant Governor Holcomb. He was very honored and pleased to be here last night as I think we were to have him. Honestly, we made history last night. I don't know of any other time that we've had a Lieutenant Governor show up at our state convention and address us during the convention, I don't know the Lieutenant Governor that well, but what little bit I do know of him, he appears to be very interested in our service and what we do. Now, he's a politician and I get that, but, you know, I'm of the belief you can trust anybody until they prove me wrong. So he told us last night, he has told me in a different setting, that he is very supportive of the volunteer fire

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### Five Ridiculous Reasons You Need More Liability Insurance

You've worked hard for your home, vehicles, and other possessions. All that hard work could be in jeopardy because of a lawsuit. You hope it never happens, but you could be sued for an auto crash that you or family member caused or for an accident at your home.

Anyone can sue for just about any reason, and here are five examples from the list of most ridiculous lawsuits of 2016 showing why you need to be prepared:

5. A mother and son who sued the Educational Testing Service and the College Board over a typo that gave New Jersey students five extra minutes to take the SAT test.

4. A California woman who sued SoulCycic workout bicycles and the instructor for "gross negligence" after she fell off the stationary cycle at a gym. The woman claims she suffered catastrophic injuries from the pedals which continued to hit her in the ankle.

3. An Indiana man who sued over a printer he bought on Craigslist for \$40 because he claimed it was broken. The original suit was tossed out because the litigant had thrown away the printer. He refiled in March of 2015 requesting damages for fraud, breach of contract and emotional stress. A special judge ruled in his favor, awarding \$30,000. That ruling was eventually overturned by an appeals court because the man who sued is known to be a repeated, flagrant, and continuing abuser of Indiana lawsuit laws, but not before thousands of dollars in lawyer's fees.

2. A woman who filed and won a \$161,000 lawsuit after she walked into a bucket truck lift while texting. Video surveillance showed there were warning cones and she had walked past it three times before the incident. Phone records confirm that she was sending a message at the time.

1. A California woman who filed a suit against Fresh, Inc. over their Sugar Up Treatment balm. She claimed the company conned consumers into thinking there was more balm in the tube than there actually was. The case was thrown out after the amount of balm measured up to what the package stated.

You can read the entire list of ridiculous lawsuits at <http://www.facesoflawsuitabuse.org/>.

While all of these are worst-case scenarios, lawsuits do happen and they could be costly. If someone were hurt because of an accident you caused, you could be sued for their medical bills, loss of income and other damages. These are real verdicts or settlements from recent cases:

- \$7.2 million settlement on behalf of three people injured in a collision with the driver of a pickup truck

- \$3.2 million verdict on behalf of a child killed when a man driving more than 60 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour zone struck the family vehicle

- \$1.5 million for a man who suffered a back injury requiring surgery as the result of an automobile accident

- \$1.2 million settlement on behalf of a police officer hit by an underinsured driver while finishing paperwork at a traffic stop

- \$1.1 million on behalf of a 26 year old motorcyclist who was struck by a left turning automobile operated by a 16 year old driver

You can also be sued if someone slips and falls at your home or your dog bites them.

All this goes to prove that you need to protect yourself. Your auto, homeowners or renters insurance provide some liability protection from lawsuits. However, if you are a high earner, have a lot of assets, or have inexperienced drivers in the house, you should consider an umbrella policy that can give you \$1 million or more of coverage.

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service, or the fire service as a whole. So I think that's a big plus for us in the industry. That doesn't necessarily mean we run to his office, we get anything we want or anything we need. But I think it is a door opener to some of our issues and concerns. I think the Lieutenant Governor will be very supportive of our needs and our concerns on this survey, so let's talk for a minute about the survey. Here's my hope and my desire about the survey. Once that survey goes out and the data starts coming back in and we have the opportunity to review that data, what are we going to find in that survey? I know you don't know the questions yet, but I can give you generalities right now. It's going to talk to you about your level of service, your quality of service, your ability to serve. It's going to have some specific questions in there, Steve will cover those a little later. But what do you think we're going to find in the survey? It's not going to be a surprise, is it? We're going to find that we have a lot of work to do in the volunteer service. If you will answer honestly, fairly, and correctly the questions that are asked, it's going to show that we have a lot of work to do in the volunteer service. We have work to do in the recruitment side of things. We have serious, serious work to do in the retention side of things. We have a lot of work to do in the funding part of things. I know you folks have heard me say this before, I am personally of the belief if you're out doing fund-raising activities for the purposes of keeping the doors open, the lights on, and trucks running, you're wrong. That is not our job to do. Our job is to provide the service and I think we can do that very well, but the members that we serve, it's their responsibility to help fund that process. Whenever you folks go out and spend every day in trying to raise money, you're taking away from the opportunity to be trained. We only have so much time that we can dedicate and give to the volunteer service. We still have family, we still have jobs, we still have schools, we still have all the other things that make it happen. If we spend all of our time in raising money, and, you know, I've had members of our General Assembly say. But, Larry, you guys do such a great job. You fry some of the best fish. You have the best pancakes. You know what? We can have all the good comments we want, the reality is we need to be doing what is best for our department, and that's training our people to provide a better quality of service. Not teaching them how to flip pancakes. Now, don't take that out of context, don't get me wrong, I think to have a fund-raising activity once or twice a year to build the camaraderie, the community support, I think that's great. But if you have to do a fund-raising activity to provide the service, that's wrong. Just my opinion. And I'll be happy to discuss it with anybody, I've done those things. But today's a different world, today's a different time. You know, one of the things I'm starting to hear more comments about from more legislators is, that funding side of the story. I've even had – and he'll be here tonight, hopefully he'll say something about this tonight Representative Randy Frye, he's a Representative

for District 19's area, and he's told a group of firefighters at an annual breakfast that he has what they need to work on a funding program. They, the state, needs to work on a funding program. Here's my difficulty with that. If you'll look at the DLGF, the Department of Local Government Finance, if you'll look at their accounting, I'm of the belief you only get tax dollars one way, and that's based on assessed value property that you protect. There is no other way that you generate tax dollars. Now in my world of thinking, that should be sort of the same no matter where you're at, but it's not. It's terribly different. We have departments who protect a million dollars worth of assessed valuation and get \$50,000 in contracts. We have departments who protect \$500 million worth of assessed valuation and they get a \$5,000 contract. Something's broken with that system. Something is wrong. And now is the time for us to make that right, if we can. Now is the time for us to try to do something with that that equalizes that. If you got a trustee that's willing and able and can give you sufficient funding, God bless you. That's where we need to be at. How many of you contract with more than one agency? It's two or three of you in the room. Are you getting the same payment from everyone of those agencies based on the assessed value of property that you protect? I can tell you no. I was talking to a gentleman here last night has four different contracts. Three out of the four is someplace in the tens of thousands of dollars, 15, 20, \$30,000, and one township gives him \$500 a year. Now, how fair and balanced is that? See, back in my days in Wayne Township, when we contracted with the town of Clermont, history repeats itself and I'll tell you that in a minute, but as fire chief I was approached by the town board president who we did a contract with who said to me, "Chief, you're charging us way too much money." I said, "How do you figure?" "Well, we only do three calls a year in the town of Clermont." I said, "you only die once, but you charge the same amount for your life insurance policy." So that didn't mean anything. Here's what I told the guy and here's what I really believe. If the fire department that's providing you service in the township or the town, the city, whatever it is that has the initial base fire protection, whatever their tax rate is, is what everybody should be paying that we provide service to. Anybody disagree with that? Because here's the problem: If they're not, then the rest of us are subsidizing the fire protection costs for other communities. That's wrong, you thought I talked long. They're still voting. MR. ANDERSON: October 17th of 2015, I may be off a week, maybe October 24th of 2015, anybody remember being in Kokomo? The first pilot program of the PR district training days that we sponsored. Since that time we held one in Batesville, we held one in McCordsville, and we held one in Rensselaer. Topics pertinent to the fire service from instructors that we can get easily so there's no registration fee, the next two that we are planning, PR Southwest in Jasper October 29th, the West Central PR area I believe is the

following Saturday, which is November the 5th. So be looking for these training events. Talk to your PR guys when they're available yet today on topics you might like to see. Possible classes not confirmed yet, instructor update for those that need instructor in-service hours, ISO tanker water shuttle that is now being presented and calculated by computer models not the flowing the two hours of water, the end time traffic safety and management. What else? Insurance is a possible topic, fire behavior is a possible topic. So each of the PR Directors were challenged to put one of these on. We had three in the spring, two scheduled in the fall, and, let's see, the last one to schedule would be Northeast. So we'll be trying to get a date and a location nailed down probably by the August meeting. West Central, is that at Veedersburg? Yes, so that is something that we have started and we'll be expanding on. Somebody want to talk briefly on the Heroes competition? Carol, Dave? Carol Thrawley: Good morning. The Hero competition is the Hoosier Emergency Responder competition held annually at Boone County Fire Training Ground up in Lebanon. This year we had 105 young men and women come from throughout the state of Indiana as well as a large contingent that came out of Kentucky. The group from Greenfield, Indiana, won the competition overall. They were chuckstrong, they were determined, they battled hard in the competition events that they did. Their instructor had passed away, two months before the event, and they fought to set the record. It was a good competition. We fed the young men and women Friday night and again Saturday, and had a good time. For you folks that have career schools in your area, get with Ben and twist his arm. These young men and women are not getting the opportunity to see what is going on throughout the state on how these different groups are coming together and competing. I might sound a little bit political. I'm a little bit selfish. I've been on this committee that has organized this event for the last six years and love to see those young men and women come up and compete. If we can get them from Kentucky, we can surely get them from Versailles. Keep sending your folks up. It's not just limited to the career school, so we have the cadet programs that come in from both the fire service and from the Boy Scouts, so it's a good program. And it looks like we have results, so I'm going to relinquish the microphone. MR. ZEEKS: We have got 122 delegates that will be voting today. Your treasurer for 2017 is Luke Kluender. Nominating committee presents the name of David Elick for chaplain. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? MR. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for David Elick for chaplain for year 2017. MR. ZEEKS: Sergeant-at-Arms, the nominating committee presents the name of Brent Bush. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? MR. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for

Brent Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms for year 2017. MR. ZEEKS: PR Northeast, the nominating committee presents the name of Jean Smith for PR. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Jean Smith for Public Relations Director Northeast for 2017. MR. ZEEKS: PR Northwest, Leighanne Ellis. Is there any other nominations from the floor? MR. WICKERSHAM: I'll second. Steve Wickersham, II, District 9A, and I'll second that. MR. ZEEKS: Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. Bush, watch the doors. Gentlemen, cast your ballots. MR. CURL: Round number three. Hopefully this one doesn't take nearly as long, but it could. During this last Indiana session we were honored and blessed with the opportunity to have a House Concurrent Resolution Number 64 authored by Representative Randy Frye, one of the Senators. House Concurrent Resolution 64 was honoring our 50-year members of the IVFA effective this year, those who this year received 50 or obtained 50 years of service. We were able to have Buz Koehler, fourteen, fifteen of those members showed up at the Statehouse, and they read the resolution on the floor, had them all on the floor, passed it in front of them, took it from the House to the Senate chamber, did the same thing. And I currently have copies of that resolution for everyone of those 54 members. The resolution will be printed, it will include their name in the list of all 54 members. I have them at the IVFA sales booth. District Chairmen, you need to stop by if you had any 50-year members in your district. I will give you a copy of that, but let me ask you to do this: I asked you this last year and some of you followed through, some of you did not. Fifty years is something to be celebrated, is it not? That's a lot of your life dedicated to providing a service to your community and your fire department. We need to recognize that and honor that and show that and support that. Let me give you a couple tips on how to do that. Contact a member or the member's department and have them at a district meeting. It would be nice to be at their own fire department if you could coordinate that to have a meeting at that fire department. Once you have got that set up and they're going to be in attendance, contact their families and let them know about it. It's important that we bring the family into this. I mean, they've taken away from their family for 50 years. We need to bring their family at least in to celebrate that. Notify their family. Try to get as many of the family members there as possible. Once you've got that set up, notify your local media, notify your local news media, tell them what's going on. A lot of small town media will be happy to show up and do an article about that. If they do not, then you do the

article, and I'll be happy to assist. We'll put an article together to put in your local newspaper. And last but certainly not least, notify your state elected official that represents your district because they're the ones that passed this at the Statehouse and ask them to come and present it for you. Fifty years, there's 54 of them out there. Jack Kerney, you told me a month or two ago, how many lifetime members do we have? 535 of our members have achieved that goal, 54 of them this year. Let's not forget them. It's not just a piece of paper, it's not just a trip to the Statehouse. Let's take it back home locally and let's not forget them. MR. ZEEKS: PR Northwest, Leighanne Ellis. PR West Central, Nominating committee submits the name of Larry Bartlow. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow for Public Relations Director West Central for year 2017. Central, nominating committee submits the name of Don Cushman. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Don Cushman for Public Relations Director for East Central for year 2017. MR. ZEEKS: PR Southeast, nominating committee presents the name of Ed Scheele. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? MS. HARRISON: I cast one unanimous vote for Ed Scheele for Public Relations for Southeast for year 2017. MR. ZEEKS: PR Southwest, nominating committee has the names Jack Kerney and Steve Nolan. Steve, you want to say anything? MR. NOLAN: Appreciate it, one of the reasons I'm running is I want to move up in the organization. District 17A, 17B, and 18, Jack does a good job. I would appreciate your vote today because I would like to move up in the organization. By me moving up in the organization if elected, that opens up the Chairman of 17B so that we can get somebody new in there. And I would really appreciate your support and I would do everything I could to attend your district meetings and I will be there. So I appreciate it. Thank you. MR. ZEEKS: Jack, you want to say anything? MR. KERNEY: You know me. Speak to my districts, District 15, 17A, 17B, and District 18. Been around a while. Been around the block a few times. I think I know quite a few answers. So if you have any questions, I think you can count on me to get the answers for you. If not, I know where to get them. I appreciate your vote. MR. ZEEKS: Gentlemen, cast your ballots.

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