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### From The President

David Israel



Happy New Year everyone, hope 2020 is a good year for all of us.

We have worked hard to bring new things to our members. The **IVY TECH Public Safety Scholarship Program** is a tool to

bring new younger members into the ranks. **If we all don't market it, it won't help us on recruiting; need help contact us.** Check out the IVFA website at [ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org), click on the IVY TECH tab for more information. You might also want to check out Next Level Jobs website for training.

We are working on the cost savings that Volunteer Fire Departments save our State and Communities.

It was brought to my attention some confusion (students needing questions read to them how to get this done) on testing with students that have IEP. IDHS is ADA compliant. There is a process for this to happen. Contact the Course Administrator Fire Certification Supervisor at (317) 232-2222 or email [dsaine@dhs.gov/dhs](mailto:dsaine@dhs.gov/dhs); they can help you.

Supporting Hero's Gala February 29, 2020, go to the Supporting Hero's Gala website and make plans to attend; this is a

very moving program.

Better wrap this up; if you need something contact us.

Hey Bill, tell Ron to slow it down a little, those repairs are

expensive.

Be safe, hope to see you at the next District Meeting.

President, David Israel



**Don't forget to move your clocks forward Sunday, March 8, 2020 2:00 a.m.**

### Rensselaer Historic Fire November 17, 2019

## Fire destroys Rensselaer Town Mall



Rensselaer Historic Fire  
11/17/2019  
Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department  
Justin Bednar  
Lieutenant / Safety Officer

RENSELAER – The fire occurred mid-day on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the intersection of West Kellner Blvd. & North Front St. in the City of Rensselaer, Indiana.

The location is known by many as the old Sear's mall. Currently it is the Town Mall, the original structure was constructed in 1928.

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department was paged just after noon for a report of the smell of smoke and possible structure fire near the R&M Food Market and the Town Mall in the City of Rensselaer.

Firefighter and Captain Randy Denton was first on scene

reporting of smoke visible in the windows and through a roof vent pipe on the west end of the mall complex near N. Front Street at the time of his arrival to the scene.

As first responders arrived on scene to begin working on extinguishing the fire, the building continued to become fully involved. The building quickly became consumed in fire with large flames and heavy smoke that could be seen for miles. It did not take long for the entire complex to become a blaze from N. Van Rensselaer Street to Front Street occupying a city block. The focus on the fire ground was not only extinguishment but also controlling the blaze and preventing the fire from spreading across the alley that separated the mall from other area businesses. The fire took several hours to bring under control. Fire operations lasted late into the overnight hours with firefighters taking shifts so that firefighting continued and the fire remained under control. During this large-scale fire many residents provided refreshments and food which all the firefighters were grateful for. The Trinity United Methodist Church set up an area for the Red Cross, for those business owners that were displaced and the first responders to seek respite. Although the fire was brought under control, it did rekindle several times over the course of a couple of days. For many of the firefighters this is the largest fire that they have had to fight. Some firefighters recall the last large fire for the City of Rensselaer that was in 1990.

Fire Chief Kenny Haun stated the fire is under investigation with the assistance of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office and several other investigators. Chief Haun also stated that it could take several weeks before it is known what caused this fire that displaced approximately 22 businesses, city and county enterprises.

Rensselaer Volunteer Firemen want to thank all the area departments that provided mutual aid for this large fire; this fire could not have been controlled without your assistance.

A full response from Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department and Marion Twp. Fire was made with assistance from the following departments: Remington Vol. Fire Department, Keener Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Wheatfield Vol. Fire Department, Hebron Vol. Fire Dept., Lake Hills Vol. Fire Dept., Morocco Vol. Fire Dept., Monticello Fire Dept., (Brook Vol. Fire Dept., who provided coverage on standby at the Rensselaer Fire Department), Phoenix Ambulance, Rensselaer Police, Jasper County Sheriff's office, Jasper County EMA, Newton County EMA as well as many of the City of Rensselaer utilities.



## I.V.F.A. Benefits

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

#### MEETINGS

#### What Is A District Meeting?

A place to gather information.

A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.

A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.

A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.

A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.

A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.

A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.



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# From the State House to the Fire House



by Larry Curl

## January 2020 "Political" talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

Greetings fellow officers and members, firefighters, emergency service responders, EMTs, paramedics and IVFAA members.

Another quarter / as well as another decade has passed since our last newspaper article "Fire House to the State House" talks, so I just want to briefly bring you up to speed as where we have been and what has happened since our last update.

We are still marketing and talking IVY TECH addressing the opportunity provided us. We will soon be tracking the folks who have taken the opportunity to apply and get registered for the Public Safety Scholarships so if you are asked, see a survey or get a call please let us know so we can account for the success of this program.

And yes, we still believe this truly is our "GOLDEN TICKET" to recruitment. We hope you have taken full advantage of the opportunity to solicit, recruit, and promote to those who are interested and willing to become /

or are currently an "active" member of a Volunteer Department. As a department you need to reach out to members of your community, members of your family, friends and neighbors to let them know this is available.

As well, we are now looking at www.nextleveljobs.org for some additional free education / training. If you have not heard of this, it is a state sponsored program allowing you to receive training for "free" to increase your chance of securing a better job in the future. Visit their website and see the many job training opportunities they have to offer.

Hoosier lawmakers returned to the Statehouse Indiana General Assembly on January 6, 2020.

Buckle your seat belts, Hoosiers. Fast Indiana legislative session begins was the headlines of some and with others it was; Speed will be the theme of the year when Hoosier lawmakers return to the Statehouse Monday for the annual Indiana legislative session. Speed will be the theme of the year. By law, the House and Senate only can meet until March 14 in even-numbered years, and adjournment this year likely is coming March 10.

There seems to be no shortage of bills being offered even with a short session but as of the writing of this article we have not seen all

and don't have a clear vision for what they will be. We will be posting updates weekly on the IVFA website as bills start rolling out and as hearings begin to shape the future of the bills offered.

I know it is still early but many of you will begin to see races for the 2021 session as many of the current members have announced this will be their last year, like the Speaker of the House Brian Bosma who has served in the House for 34 years.

We will need to be alert and watching for those seats that are being vacated and get involved in who might be seeking to replace those leaving.

Your Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association is in the process of having a study conducted to share with us and those we serve, what kind of tax savings our service provides, so as soon as we have the results of the study we will be sharing them with all of you. Our hope is that you will also share this information with your local elected officials so they and the members of your community will have a greater appreciation for the service we as volunteers provide to those whom we serve. This information will be shared by your district chairman so you might want to make sure your departments are represented at the district meetings, dates, times, and location are most often posted on the website calendar.

This year we will be honoring

69 members for their 50 years of service with a gathering at the State House possibly on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> so you might want to be alert to this if you have a member of your department who has served for 50 years.

Thanks, stay safe, and get prepared; we are back into the cold winter...

In closing, by the time you are reading this quarterly IVFA newspaper we should all be thinking of fun in the sun and hoping for both... but until that happens, thanks for your service,

stay safe, and get prepared; we "are" back into the cold winter...

Feel free to contact me with any legislative issues, questions or concerns and I look forward to visiting with everyone at your district meetings. To find the date and location visit the IVFA website calendar for a listing of all district meetings.

Larry

Larry Curl  
IVFA Member & Lobbyist

## From the Webmaster ...

Josh Reisert



Congratulations to our new officers and Thank You to our outgoing; they did a great job and thanks to our now new past president for appointing me webmaster and getting this website up-to-date; this is a get tool to get information out fast.

It's a new year already and our calendar is starting to get some events on it. I would like to see the use of the calendar double this year. Please post your department events and trainings through our website. Also department administrators, please go to the website and check your department's information and make sure it's right; please email for any changes needed.

Share our website with everyone in your department and be sure to check it for news and updates on convention or legislative news and be sure to check the calendar for events near you; never know, there could be a fish fry not far from you. www.ivfa.org

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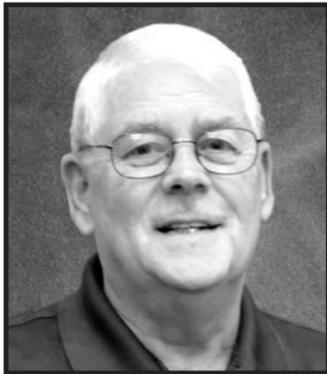
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# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

## Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,  
I hope everyone had a nice and safe holiday and have a safe winter. Have your vehicles ready and drive safely for the winter.

This quarter I have attended all my district meetings, 2 memorial services and an award ceremony.

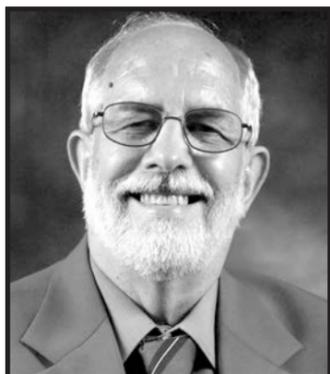
Please remember to clean your rigs after each run and that includes the cab, also along with your gear and equipment. If we get a cancer bill passed we will have to show proof it was caused by a fire run we were on, so documentation on every run is important to document what we were doing on the run.

Lately there have been too many fire truck wrecks, so please drive in a safe manner because you as the driver are responsible not only for your crew but also the public.

If you can help at the FDIC please contact me so I can put together a schedule.

Till we meet again,  
Steve Nolan,  
Public Relations Director Southwest

## Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we look to the new year.

I had the honor to attend some Christmas parties to present some IVFA Fire Service Awards.

Southwest Fire District Service Award Recognitions: Loren Barile 10 years, Nancy Gerding 10 years, Robert Gresley 10 years, Matthew Till 10 years.

Aboite Township Fire Department Service Award Recognitions: Drew Edmonson 10 years, Troy Klepper 10 years, Cody Randall 10 years, Steve Thurber 10 years, Mark Ryan 25

years, Jim Scott 25 years.  
I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates.

Cheyenne Rolston District #4, Madyson Shumaker District #5, Jackie White District #6.  
Congratulations to New Haven

Adams Township installs 22nd and Columbia City Fire Department installs 23rd Safe Haven Boxes.

The 2020 IVFA State Convention will be June 17-20 at Holiday Inn Airport, Evansville. Please look on ivfa.org for Convention information.

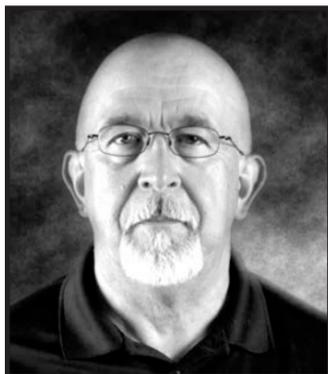
I am looking forward to meeting you at your district meetings and

working with you. If you need any assistance, please contact me, your Public Relations Representative or your district chairman.

Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast

## From The Vice-President

Jerry Liston



Hello IVFA membership and welcome to 2020! I hope all enjoyed the holidays.

Believe me the intent is not to bore you right from the start with this article, but I thought I would begin by giving you a little background information on myself.

I have been a member of the Indiana fire service for 43 years, soon to be 44 years. I joined the fire service in March of 1976. I have served on the Atlanta and Cicero Fire Departments. I am currently a member of the White River Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Hamilton County.

This last November, I have been married 26 years to my lovely wife Maureen (best wife in the world) who has allowed me to chase my fire service interests and dreams over those years. We have two daughters Emilee, a graduate of Manchester University in North Manchester and Brenna, a junior at IUK in Kokomo. Both girls are smart, talented, complete opposites and thank goodness, have their mother's manners and politeness.

I have been employed by Hamilton County since 1982 and in the County Surveyor's Office since

1984.

In 2007 I became the IVFA District 8A secretary under chairman Bill Pape. In 2015 I became the District 8A Chairman. I served in that capacity until elected vice-president at the 2019 State Convention in Michigan City.

In this first article as your vice-president I want to focus on the Ivy Tech First Responder Scholarship Program.

I will start by thanking the following individuals, Ivy Tech President Dr. Sue Ellspermann and her staff, State Representative Randy Frye and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl for making this program possible and available to our members. This program would not exist without the vision and hard work of these individuals.

Most of you, by now, should know this program is a 2-year partnership between Ivy Tech Community College and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. The program offers a tuition free education for those volunteer public safety personnel that qualify. One of the qualifications is the prospective student must be an active member on a volunteer department. The Fire Chief will be required to provide proof of this to Ivy Tech. What a great opportunity and a win-win for those volunteer departments struggling with recruitment and retention of members in their areas.

If you are becoming aware of the Ivy Tech Scholarship program for the first time when reading this article, the main intent of the program is to recruit new members. Because departments, especially rural departments, are struggling to maintain adequate staffing numbers; the program can also be used to retain existing personnel by offering them this free education opportunity, too.

The program is open to all courses offered by Ivy Tech Community College at their 18 campuses across the state except for the Flight, Aviation and General Study Courses. The program does not cover the costs of textbooks but does cover technology fees.

Recently, I learned not all Ivy Tech campuses offer the same curriculum. Demographics of an area plays a huge part in what a regional campus might or might not offer course wise. This means the prospective student may have to drive to another campus for a course.

How can departments help themselves with this program? I suggest department leaders reach out to the high schools in your area and make them aware of the Ivy Tech program. Better yet, if a high school is served by multiple departments, arrange a meeting with all the departments and invite the school officials to discuss the program. If a high school in your area has a career day make sure

your department is represented and finally use social, print and live media outlets to get the word out about the program.

If you need additional information or would like someone to attend your department meetings to talk about this program, to answer your questions, please reach out to any officer of the IVFA whose contact information is in the newspaper or on the website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org).

In closing, I cannot tell you how honored and humbled I am to be writing this article for you. I am excited to begin this new chapter in my life.

Please feel free to reach out should you have a question or if you have a suggestion for the betterment of the Association. My contact information can be found in the paper.

Until the next time stay safe and keep your gear and equipment clean. In doing so, the life you save may be your very own.

Jerry L. Liston  
Vice-President, IVFA

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

### DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman  
I.V.F.A. 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting  
November 14, 2019  
Pleasant Twp. Fire Department  
Laketon, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Guests:  
P.R.N.E. Jean and E.J. Smith,  
4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman Elton Schafer,  
8A District Chairman Jerry Liston.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hours. The pledge of allegiance followed. There were 11 firefighters representing 6 departments in attendance.

Minutes from September meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Several issues to be resubmitted in the short session.

Jerry discussed the Ivy Tech and IVFA scholarship program. The program will not pay for books or aviation study but will pay for most everything else.

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## - District 5

*(continued from page 4)*

A firefighter working as a career firefighter and is an active volunteer is eligible for the program.

Fire Chiefs should visit schools in their areas and talk with folks who might have an interest in the fire service and advise the program is available.

John talked on line of duty deaths and Firefighter suicides.

He stated that attendance cards he receives are turned in at each quarterly meeting and winners drawn at that time for the \$100 gas cards and auto detail kits.

We were advised that the I.V.F.A. website has been completely re-done and has a wealth of information available.

District 5 has a facebook page account now.

Briefly talked on the training opportunities.

John remarked on county association fund raisers and firefighters illnesses.

Chief Steve Cox from South Bend Fire is new State Fire

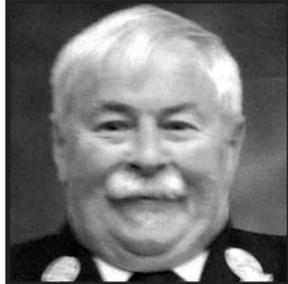
Marshal.

2019 5<sup>th</sup> District Miss Flame Madyson Shumaker was introduced.

Meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours.

Respectfully submitted  
Paul Martin,  
5<sup>th</sup> District Secretary

### DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings to everyone from up in the northeast. It is wintertime up this way. Hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

Want to thank the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in November. Thank you for your hospitality and

fellowship, it was appreciated by all in attendance. Special thanks goes out to Terry Bradner and 1-800 Board-Up for providing the meals at our meetings.

Need to thank our IVFA State Lobbyist Larry Curl for attending our meeting in Arcola. Larry gave us a presentation on the IVFA - Ivy Tech scholarship program and an update on the IVFA legislative goals for 2020. What a great tool for the recruitment of volunteers for all of the volunteer departments statewide. Thank you Larry for your continued support, dedication and commitment to the IVFA and the volunteer firefighters in Indiana.

During our meeting in Arcola, a new District 6 Miss Flame was selected. Congratulations goes out to Jackie White, from the Ligonier Fire Department. I am sure she will represent District 6 well. If any of the District 6 departments would like to have our Miss Flame attend any department functions, please give me a call (260-894-1038).

The next meeting for District 6 will be held on March 24th, 2020. Tentatively the meeting will be at

the Topeka V.F.D. at 7:00 P.M.

As always, it would be great to see more departments in attendance at our meetings. I don't believe one night every other month is too much to ask. If your department is not receiving the meeting fliers, please send an email address to: spralawn@ligtel.com

If any department or firefighter has any problems or concerns, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I will do my level best to help you out.

In closing, hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Year.

E.G.H.  
Jerry Sprague (Spook)  
District 6 Chairman

**2020  
convention  
June 17  
through  
June 20**

### DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
District 7  
November 18, 2019  
Mount Etna Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:47 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 33 members representing 11 departments.

September Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE, Terry Bradner - 1-800-BoardUp.

Chairman Bisel - One death in the district since the last meeting, Brad "Cody" Booher, Geneva.

Stephen Cox is the new State Fire Marshal, he was South Bend's Chief.

How many departments are distributing smoke detectors from the Marshal's office? If so get the paperwork turned in so the Marshal's office can apply for more detectors.

The Miss Flames are collecting can tabs for Riley's Hospital. Please bring them to the meeting and Sam will collect them.

Elizabeth Westfall is the new contact for questions about Image Trend. She can be reached through the Marshal's office.

The IVFA currently has 12,400 members.

Attendance prizes went to District 10 and 21.

If you did not get a letter recently about the Ivy Tech Program, your address is probably on the bad address list. Please check with Sam or the Central Office to verify your address. Jean Smith, PRNE added further information on the Ivy Tech Grants. The grants are good for almost all Ivy Tech programs. Jean Smith, PRNE - Legislation will be short session this year. A couple bills being looked at are trying to get novelty lighters off the market and a bill to provide for free hunting and fishing permits for volunteer firefighters in Indiana.

Hope to have the first draft of the Cost Savings Report Survey by the end of the year. American Economic Group is the company conducting the survey.

Chairman Bisel - District 7 Miss Flame Madysyn Johnson was introduced to the body. She is the daughter of David and Tara Johnson of Huntington Twp. VFD.

If you are not receiving the IVFA paper, see Sam to double check your address.

Get your award nominations turned in by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Most can be completed on the website. Get your Global Award nomination in to Sam.

The IVFA is looking at

**Bob Poynter**

CHRYSLER RAM DODGE // Jeep

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## - District 7

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reprinting 25- and 50-year Yearbooks as well as putting together a 75-year Yearbook. Please let Sam know if you are interested in any or all of the books.

Next district meeting will be at Nottingham Twp. The meeting will be at the Petroleum United Methodist Church, 3625E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Petroleum.

Second roll call answered by 36 members representing 11 departments.

Hoagland Christmas tree sale will be starting.

Poe Peanut Brittle sale is going on, it is available after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT

**Rex Maynard - Chairman**

Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday.

Now that the new year is here, I hope you are all taking advantage of the Ivy Tech Scholarship Program to recruit members to your fire department.

I'm making my rounds to visit each department. This takes time, will see you soon. Hope to see all of you at our next district meeting.

Pipe Creek Twp. VFD January 29, 2020. Pleasant Twp. VFD March 25, 2020. Richland Twp. VFD May 27, 2020. Sharpsville VFD July 29, 2020. Summitville - Van Burn VFD September 23, 2020. Swayzee VFD November 18, 2020.

District 8A  
Rex Maynard

## DISTRICT 9A REPORT



**Pascal Moon - Chairman**

Good day to all,

As we have moved into the year 2020 let's all remember who and what got you started in the fire service; some of these members are still around and some have since passed, but as brothers and sisters we cannot forget them. I ask all of my departments to do just that, look at the members who have retired from the department or just left because it was time and think of the accomplishments they helped with! The 50 year Gold Card is something that is a great feat in this day of the fire service, why?, because it shows a dedication to the community!

I have worked with a few of these members that have received the card and think of what they gave me in wisdom, community service and life questions in general.

I have been busy this last quarter with all the fund-raisers and Christmas meals, I hope this new year will be a good one for all the departments; our new IVFA officers will be working hard to make the IVFA better, as all the previous officers have and will, we are a big organization and I want to be involved with the future. I thank all the support the departments have given me and hope that we can continue to grow at each meeting.

Thanks and stay safe!

Pascal Moon, District 9A

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



**Pete Taylor - Chairman**

Greetings from District 11A, Winter is in the air. It's cold, so stay warm and be careful out there.

It's been a busy quarter so far. I have given out several pins and cards. I have attended meetings and several Christmas parties. I try to inform everyone what I.V.F.A. is doing in Legislature and benefits of being in IVFA.

Ivy Tech is a big topic. They are giving grants to volunteer firefighters for a two year scholarship to earn a degree. This is a great recruitment, too.

Our last district meeting was November 17, 2019. We were at Sheperdsville. We had five departments, 14 members and one guest. We had a delicious meal.

Our new State Fire Marshal is Steven Cox. He has the same phone number as previous Fire Marshal. He said he has an open door policy.

If your department needs an Image Trend class, contact Elizabeth Westfield. She is at the I.D.H.S.

You can visit District 11A Facebook page and the I.V.F.A. Facebook page. Check them out, go to the website and get a lot of information, ivfa.org, if your department has any event you can post on these pages.

It would be nice to have someone from every department to come to our District 11A meetings. You can receive a lot of good information from the I.V.F.A.

Our next meeting will be March 15, 1:00 p.m. at Nevins Twp. Hope to see you there.

Till next time,  
Pete Taylor  
District 11A chairman

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



**Jeff Biehl - Chairman**

Greetings from District 13B, 2019 is over and 2020 is upon us; hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Special thank you to Hunter Davis of Centerville and Madilynne Reeder of West College Corner for running as our Miss Flame candidates. Congratulations to Madilynne Reeder who will be representing 13B at the state Miss Flame contest.

Ivy Tech is giving grants to volunteer firefighters for a two year scholarship to earn a degree. This is a great recruitment and retention tool for volunteer fire departments; attend your district meeting to find out more.

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

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

Remember the 2020 IVFA Convention will be held in June at Evansville, IN.

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

Our next meeting is March 12, 2020 at Abington FD, 7 p.m. Be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl  
District 13B Chairman

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



**Richard Cannon - Chairman**

Welcome from District 14, hope everyone has had a great time during the holidays.

Been a little busy this quarter with 3 memorial services and getting out to Christmas parties and fish fries and handing out pins.

As most of you know District 14 lost its chaplain Tom Sellmer Sr., who has been my chaplain since I have been a district chairman and has married some of my family and

vice chairman Charlie Heishman's family members so it has been a hard time for the officers of this district.

Then we find out that Tom and Betty Sellmer's dog passed away, so they are going to put her with Tom and Betty at the gravesite, so please keep the Sellmer family in your prayers.

So now the district had to find a district chaplain and since Tom set the bar high as a chaplain it was hard to find one.

But I and Charlie thought of people we could call but one person stood out the most so I called this person, who Tom was working with to be a chaplain for her department and with no hesitation she took the position and I told her I wanted someone with the same passion that Tom has set and she said she would love to.

Your new 2020 District 14 Chaplain Rachel Bussey is from New Washington Fire Department and she has already done one memorial service.

Also we will be crowning our Miss Flame at our January meeting.

If you need anything or I have not gotten pins to your department, please call me because some department information is wrong on who to contact.

Rick Cannon, chairman

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



**Ross Emery - Chairman**

Greetings from District 15, Hope everyone survived the hustle and hectic times of the holiday season.

As we move forward into a new year it seems the same issues continue to confront the volunteer fire service. The IVFA will continue to strive to ease the burden of recruitment and retention issues facing the fire service. The partnership forged with Ivy Tech is only a start of things that we can try and accomplish for our volunteers. I know that the Ivy Tech program is not a fix all, but it is a great opportunity that I hope our membership takes advantage of. Hopefully we can continue to work with our legislators to bridge ideas that can benefit our membership. The IVFA is also looking at the funding issues that face some of our departments.

I would like to send my condolences to the Chandler Fire Department and the family of Billy

Musgrave. Billy passed away in December; he was a member of the IVFA and Chandler for over 40 years; thanks to everyone who participated in his memorial service.

As we have turned the calendar to 2020 it is time to set our sights on the 2020 convention that District 15 is hosting. If you are interested in helping with convention, please contact myself, Jack Kerney or Steve Anderson. There is plenty to do, please keep a look-out for emails and the District 15 IVFA Facebook page for updates. We hope to have lots of fun, keeping up the tradition of the convention, but hopefully introduce to some, new fun events as well. Hopefully we have lots of Miss Flame contestants and several Jr. Firefighter competitors for the first Jr. Firefighter competition to be held at this year's Convention.

I had a pretty busy month of December traveling to various departments for Christmas dinners and handing out 10 and 25-year service pins. Thanks to all the departments that invited me. I enjoyed the great meals and great fellowship with your department members and their families.

Our January 2020 meeting will be on January 21st at Skelton Owen Fire Territory at 6:30 P.M., March 17th at Buckskin, May 19th at Poseyville.

If your department has a fundraiser or a function going on please let me know, I will try to attend. I hope to get to several departments for 10 and 25-year pins in the next few months.

In closing I want to send my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Johnny Johnson. Johnny was a 65-year member of the IVFA serving on the Bloomfield, Richland-Taylor and Taylor Fire Departments. Johnny was a mentor of mine in my early years. Even after I moved south when I saw Johnny he always made time to talk and continue to mentor me. Johnny was my Dad's first fire chief in 1977, when Richland-Taylor was formed. He always had words of encouragement and some sarcasm while helping out any he could. Johnny was one of the key fixtures for anything going on in the fire service in Greene County. He will be deeply missed by all.

Until next time,

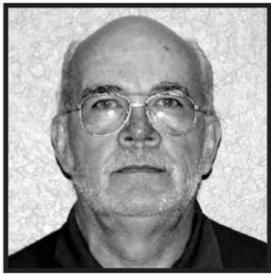
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District 15 Chairman

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

November 2, 3, 4 attended state officer's meeting in Indy.

November 7th attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

November 15 a memorial service was held for Bloomfield VFD Johnny Johnson, a 65 year member of the IVFA. He was also the first chief of the Taylor VFD and turned over his job after 17 years and continued to serve. A good friend, a fellow firefighter. Condolences to the family.

November 20th District 17A meeting was held at the Bloomfield VFD. State members in attendance having remarks for those in attendance were Steve Nolan, PRSW and Larry Curl, IVFA lobbyist. Also in attendance was Carol Curl, IVFAA state president who spoke on information for those in attendance.

December 2nd I went to Madison Twp. VFD (Odon) and assisted them for a memorial for retired past chief Bob Kollmeyer and presented a Bible and grave marker. Condolences.

December 2nd I presented Madison Twp. fireman Ron Bell is 50 year Gold card and pin. Thank you for your years of service.

December 5th Taylor Twp. VFD meeting was held at Scotland.

December 6th Taylor Twp. VFD had a Christmas dinner after which Santa and his elf came with gifts for the children.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. Hope to see you at the Vincennes Twp. VFD sausage supper and IVFA 17A meeting January 18th.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery  
IVFADistrict 17 chairman

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

The District 19 IVFA met at the Dillsboro VFD Station on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

There was a large crowd in attendance for the November meeting.

Kayla Scranton from the East Enterprise VFD was named as the District 19 Miss Flame for this year.

Ross Keasling, Fire Investigator from IDHS was in attendance and gave a short presentation related to the relationship between fire departments and the Fire Investigation Division at IDHS. Mr. Keasling covered topics such as what a fire department should do to prepare for requesting an investigator, when it is recommended to request and an overview of the staff at IDHS and how the response will be handled.

Membership pins were distributed to members of the Dillsboro Vol. Fire Department. The following firefighters were recognized: 10 year pins - Kevin Turner, Donnie Thompson, Ladessia Thayer, Darren Thayer, Jason Sullivan, James Seymour, Chris Holland, Kris Heitmeyer, David Disbro, Steven Carter and Charles Baker. Members receiving 25 year pins were: Greg Beetz, Daniel Gall, Thomas Lewis and Paul Moore. James Vinup was recognized for 50 years of service by receiving his 50 year Gold Card.

The next meeting for District 19 will be at the Morris VFD Fire Station on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ben Sieverding  
District 19 Chairman

## From The IVFA Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
November 1-3, 2019  
CROWNE PLAZA  
INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order by President Paul Holcomb at 1404. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Roll call was taken with 21 District Chairmen present and 4 absent, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 6 past presidents, Lobbyist, Webmaster, and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PRNW Jeremy Reef seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

IDHS Director Bryan Langley spoke on progression of the fire service in Indiana and what the future plans are in the near future for loans and federal money and what is available. Also spoke on work with the Acadis system. Introduced the new Indiana State Fire Marshal.

State Fire Marshal Steve Cox working on making training

accessible to volunteers throughout the state. Wade Wahling promoted in the training division and will be in charge of looking at an all hazards training systems - Idea 1 provide a centralized location for training that provides certain specialty trainings which are harder to get all over the state to provide access to all; Idea 2 Marshal is very focused on making sure to providing training across the board for all areas of the state and making sure that the access is available. Idea 3 provide online trainings when the personnel are able to do it on their own time and then provide skills validations at proctored approved sites during set up times. Brought up a spoken request for leadership training from around the state, looking into investing props for use by all, Community Reduction plan for preventative measures in fire deaths and fires. On the EMS side, provide training and continuing education plans. Looking at rolling out QI hours and availability to easier access for certification holders. Chief Kender is in charge of Investigations and is working to fill new vacancies open within the state. Recruitment and Retention - use the tool we have with Ivy Tech to promote recruitment for your department. Marshal Cox is wanting to have an open-door policy and planning to try getting around the state to develop relationships with local departments. He is wanting to work on making sure that funding is available for the fire service and EMS across the board and not worrying about where the funding is going to come from. He wants to make sure he is lobbying to make the environment for the public safety division is better for the State of Indiana.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. All accounts maintained and in good standing. Rolled over CD as directed from last quarter. We can use an exemption for gaming, so we no longer need a gaming account per new rules. Convention motion to accept is being used for a specific use. Income and expenses from 2018 show we reached 95% income and 99% of expenses by

this quarter. Spoke on the budget that was handed out and will vote in board action. Letter of Engagement was requested for the tax season so all parties are in agreeance of work to be requested. Report was given motion to accept reports made by Past President Buz Koehler. Second given by PREC Don Cushman. Motion passed.

Old Business: Nothing to report from last meeting.

Executive Committee Report: Paul Holcomb - we met with PR Directors to review status update, covered review of year with accomplishments and goals over the past year and the future.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney getting a lot of calls and emails in the office about our website. They are interested in run reports and fundraisers and other items. They are being directed to the correct contacts when applicable. Paid and not paid dept. list, pin reports and dept. rosters, deceased list all sent out. There will be 69 new Gold card members this year. Sent out another 19 dues packets. New name badges ordered and mailed. Post office mailing report filled out and completed. We have to show inventory of papers to the post office. Make sure to note cause of death on the funeral voucher for tracking of cause, i.e., cancer. We want to begin our own registry. 14,164 addresses sent out to paper for mailing, 331 addresses corrected, \$.61 paid per bad addresses at post office. We need to make sure these are corrected. Office has been working on making calls and sending emails to individuals and departments to get this corrected. Membership count 12,426 active, 48 military, 96 associate, 37 individual members, 495 life members, 10 past presidents, 13,113 totals. American Income Life totals paid out \$186,500 to date. License plate sales totals are 4,099 plates.

**Committee Reports:**

Awards - David Israel - Awards are due in by Feb. 1, 2020. They

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## News From Among The Flames

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. Even though it is always a busy time of the year, it is a good time to step back and remember why we are celebrating and how much our families and friends bring to our lives.

I hope you have March 10th circled on your calendars as that is the last day that your Miss Flame's application can be accepted. We are looking forward to having a good number of girls competing this year. I know some of you have already had your competition and have your contestant already. Please go ahead and send those names and paper work in, as often times we get busy and forget the deadline. Thanks to all who have taken time to promote this important part of our convention.

Our convention host and your Miss Flame committee have been busy making plans for the girls to have a remembered time while in Evansville. Please make your plans to stay the entire time, participate in all the planned events and are willing to fulfill your commitment if you are selected. You will be receiving information after the March 10th deadline on what your schedule and information you will need. If you have questions, you may call Barb Kerney at 812-867-2641.

This year's convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport in Evansville, IN. You can obtain information in the newspaper for registering and securing rooms. We are looking forward to you spending time with us.

Barb Kerney,  
Miss Flame chairman

# BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

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*Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship applications!*

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will go to Jerry Liston. If officers attend for department presentations, those officers should be recognized. Discussion on trailer and items and checklist. Discussion about having clocks on hand if needed in case of emergency or delay from provider. Jack Kerney wants the new Junior Firefighter information in by March 1 and it is also listed on the website now.

**Bridgeport:** Past President Richard Glant, applications due by March 1, 2020.

**Budget:** Luke Kluender, nothing more to add from earlier.

**By-laws and S.O.G.'s:** PRWC Larry Bartlow, no changes are going to be made with Gold card and convention voting issue. Adding guidelines to the S.O.G. for Ivan Nevil Award.

**Clothing Claims:** District 5 John Grolich - pass.

**Convention:** David Israel, 2019 convention still needs to turn in a complete convention report. Updates from the 2020 committee, 2021 contract signed.

**EMS:** District 13A Mike Dzuba, 25% increase in wheelchair transport and only receiving \$20-25 per transport. IEMSA doing a study to increase providers in EMT and Paramedic. EMT skills have been revised. 97% of providers are now reporting. Senate Bill 498 was discussed, covers home health nurse calling for a paramedic to assess patient before calling EMS.

**LODD:** Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, pass.

**Logo:** District 18 John Smith, pass.

**Membership and Marketing:** District 7 Sam Bisel, looking into another benefits package for membership with a few different companies, would like to have speakers come to the group. Looking more into recruitment video.

**Public Relations:** PRSE Steve Nolan, PRSW Training Day went well. Supply the "Hot Items" that were passed out at FDIC. Give each district chairman door prizes to give to members who attend the district meetings for the year. Trailer Wrap - get the trailer painted and then have it wrapped again to update it.

**Social Media and Website:** Webmaster Josh Reisert, 16,900 viewed website this quarter, Facebook has 7,600 likes. Make sure to like the State Association page and share it to pass out to more audience and give more information.

**Training:** Past President Steve Anderson, the Board is making changes to Hazmat Ops and Awareness updating to NFPA Standards. Reviewed PRSW training day.

**Younger Membership:** District 6 Jerry Sprague, discussed Social Media working in the groups. Talked about the Ivy Tech program and making sure that all campuses are aware of the program. Spoke about the Summer Youth Camp and the progress that has been made.

**Special Projects:** Past Pres. Buz Koehler, discussed the history book. Trying to gather a number

for interested in book, it has been sent out on the paper. Collecting data to enter into the book. Listed out what they would like to have placed into the book as a definite. Would like to make sure that the past president writes out what "legacy" they left or project they worked on during their term to better the Association. This should go to Steve Anderson. Target date for 50-year reprint is Nov. 2021.

**Newspaper:** Past Pres. Buz Koehler, 14,417 newspapers printed. 13 banners on website, looking at putting advertising from paper onto the website but will have to carry an ad in the newspaper. We will go ahead and make their ad into a digital ad on the website when uploading the digital copy of the paper.

**Legislation:** Larry Curl and Buz Koehler, we are going into a short session this year, our agenda is covering the possibility of getting a free hunting or fishing license for our members. Ivy Tech program: every member should have received a letter that covers the program and partnership. We need to show the need and make sure our members are going to spend the \$250,000 so it shows the need to the general assembly for the funding of education for legislation. Talked about completing a cost savings analysis. We entered a contract with American Economics Company to complete the analysis. They will use our survey from a few years ago and contact the State to complete the analysis with a first draft by December 31, 2019.

Representative Reports

**Board of Firefighter Standards and Education:** John Smith, last meeting cancelled due to lack of material. Next meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**Fire Alliance:** Larry Curl, the Get Alarm program needs to have paperwork completed and returned when getting fire alarms. Needs to be completed so they can go re-apply for another grant to replace the passed-out ones. 871 residential requests have been made, unsure if they have been installed. Discussion on assistance for those diagnosed with PTSD and getting help for them. New proposal for a State Training Academy to be held at the Brownsburg Fire Territory and no longer at the State Fairgrounds.

**Hero's Competition:** District 13A Mike Dzuba, looking for a new location, still looking into Lafayette for the location.

**IN-Time:** Past President Jack Zeeks, group held a move over day at the fairgrounds to allow for Touch-A-Fleet day. Conference held in Ohio, and still pushing the 4-hour classes.

**Red Cross Workgroup:** PREC Don Cushman, if anyone needs smoke detectors call the Indianapolis office and get onto the list.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** Jack Kerney and Jean Smith spoke on their seminars and committees they attended. Motivational speaker came in to speak on Conflict and Resolution and another one with Toxic Leadership.

**Officer's Reports:** Vice President, David Israel, 2

county meetings, 6 dept. meetings, 2 district meetings, convention site meeting, legislative function and Ivy Tech kick off.

**Chaplain,** Ski Gerdowsky, need to look for associate chaplains in a few PR areas.

**Secretary,** Leighanne Ellis, received two cards, one from Jack Giles and one from Joann Hayes.

**Treasurer,** Luke Kluender, discussed in new business.

**Sergeant-At-Arms,** Brent Bush, pass.

**Historian,** John Davies, absent.

**Chairman of the Board,** Steve Anderson, pass at this time.

**PRNW,** Jeremy Reef, 4 meetings attended, 4 department visits, few fundraisers.

**PRNE,** Jean Smith, 5 meetings attended, 3 department visits.

**PRWC,** Larry Bartlow, 4 meetings attended, 7 department visits.

**PREC,** Don Cushman, all district meetings attended, few departments visited, few fundraisers.

**PRSW,** Steve Nolan.  
**PRSE,** Ed Scheele, 6 meetings attended, promoted Ivy Tech Program, several fundraisers, Tom Selmer memorial service.

**Asst. Treasurer,** Bev Harker, not in attendance.

**Asst. Secretary,** Diane Harrison, not in attendance.

**Webmaster,** Josh Reisert, pass.

**Past President's Reports:** Richard Glant, pass.

**Jack Zeeks,** attended State Fire Memorial Day, attended Marshal Greeson retirement,

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June 1, 2019

The future of the IVFA and the Volunteer Fire Service depends upon the youth of our departments. Our youth should be encouraged to join as a junior and grow into a member that will provide, assist, give, and participate as a value to not only our association but to the departments and the COMMUNITIES we all serve.

The IVFA president shall select / appoint a committee of seven that will include the Founder of the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year award, Jack Kerney (as a permanent member) to Manage, Operate and Oversee the IVFA annual selection of an IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year during the IVFA State Convention. This committee shall have appointed one new member each year replacing the longest serving member annually. (During the first selection each member shall be designated as to the way they shall be replaced over the next six years). This committee shall select a chairperson each year to oversee the committee activities.

This committee shall utilize and take full advantage of such existing programs as but not limited to;

- o National Volunteer Fire Council - [National Junior Firefighter Program \(found on the NVFC website\)](#)

- o VCOS Silver Ribbon Report: - [Guidelines and Best Practices for a Successful Youth Fire Service Program](#)

- o [Junior Firefighter Program - Kentucky Fire Commission](#)

**RULES FOR CADET/JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS...**

All these and many other programs already exist and can be valuable in the process as the IVFA Junior Firefighters Program moves forward.

**DURING OUR STATE CONVENTION WE SHALL AWARD A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, GUIDELINES AND JUDGING...**

**SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER CONTESTS SHALL...**

- Be selected / chosen from a field of contestants. (Only one contestant from each IVFA District)

- Any IVFA member department may submit one candidate to the District Level.

- Each District shall be entitled to select a Junior / Cadet firefighter who shall represent his/her district and participate in the competition / judging at the state convention for the title of IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year.

- The maximum number of contestants will be 25. (One per IVFA District)

- Skills judging will occur on Thursday morning of the convention.

- Personal interviews and essays will be judged by a panel of judges on Friday morning of the convention. (The panel shall consist of three fire chiefs).

- The winner being announced during the annual banquet.

- The currently awarded Junior Firefighter shall serve as the IVFA Junior Firefighter over the next year's full convention and shall provide guidance and directions to all who enter the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year each year.

### JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER CONTESTANTS SHALL...

- Be between the ages of 14-18 at time of convention.

- Department to be represented must be an IVFA member.

- Contestant must be a paid member of the IVFA.

- District entries must be in the IVFA Office by March 1.

- Each contestant shall be responsible for all expenses at the convention, i.e. registration, room, meals and transportation. It is recommended / suggested that the contestant's department and district support the contestant financially to cover such expenses.

- Be a member of an organized Junior Firefighter or Cadet program of an IVFA Member Department.

- Maintain (and show proof of) a 2.0 grade point average (C) in the school course work during the year prior to and the year of the contest. (Must be provided with application.)

- Contestants and their parent or guardian must sign a waiver that includes full disclosure of risks and releases the IVFA from liability should they become injured.

- At least one parent, guardian or chaperone shall attend with the contestant during all phases of his/her registration, judging, award presentation during the State Convention. (It is suggested and encouraged that the department of each contestant have representation present at all activities to show support to the contestant).

- Must be in attendance at the IVFA State Convention at a minimum of or during the judging process and the Annual Banquet.

- Each Contestant shall be responsible for his/her own PPE including:

- o Footwear
- o Coat
- o Pants
- o Gloves
- o Hood
- o Helmet
- o Eye Protection

### JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER JUDGING SHALL CONSIST OF...

- The contestant will be

required to submit a 500 word essay of his/her duties, trainings, activities (including but not limited to, Church, Family, School, Community, Fire Department and other organizational participation. (Must be provided with application).

- Hands on "Accuracy & Timed" Competition (**based on the minimum (mandatory) State Training Standards**) during the IVFA State Convention. (Judged by three (3) Certified Instructors who will judge each of the event stations).

- A final judging by a panel of three Fire Chief's chosen by the IVFA Junior Firefighter Convention Committee who will:

- o Review the essay
- o Review the Hands On results.

- o Ask a series of three questions (provided by the committee) and two questions of the judges choosing.

- o Grade each contestant based on their overall activity during all phases of the judging.

- o And select the "IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year"

### JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR WINNER SHALL...

- Be recognized at the IVFA State Convention Banquet as the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year.

- Be presented with a Trophy sponsored and presented by Jack and Barbara Kerney the founders of the State Junior Firefighter Award Program.

- Be nominated for the National Volunteer Fire Council NVFC Junior Firefighter of the Year Award competition (if all criteria have been met).

- Become the IVFA Junior Firefighter Ambassador.

- o Attending State Activities
- o Attending Department Activities

- o Talking at events about the value of becoming a Junior Firefighter

- o Addressing events as requested (and available) to promote Junior / Cadet Fire / EMS programs within departments.

- During the State Convention all Junior Firefighter / Cadet contestants will be invited to participate in a social activity of their peers, provided by the Convention Hosts on Wednesday evening.

### MARKETING / ADVERTISING OF THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR CONTEST SHALL BE...

- Developed by the committee

- Shared on the IVFA website

- Advertised in the IVFA newspaper

- Placed on the IVFA Facebook Page

- Promoted at every District meeting

The IVFA reserves the right to cancel or change the competition upon notification to all participants.

6/4/19

## CHANGES TO JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The Junior Firefighter of The Year Program will see some changes for 2020.

We will be changing the program from a letter writing competition to a hands-on competition to be held at the Convention in Evansville in 2020.

The competition will be hands-on skills, judged by Certified Instructors, along with a 500 word essay and a personal interview judged by Career Fire Chiefs with volunteer experience.

All information for entering your Junior Firefighters is included in this issue of the paper. If you have any questions you can contact Jack Kerney at the IVFA Office 877-606-4832.

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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

**Buz Koehler**, Fire Alliance Meeting, District meetings.

**Jack Kerney**, quarterly meeting, 5 district, 2 memorial, open house, 6 NVFC Conference calls, 2 convention meetings.

**Larry Ketchem**, absent.

**David Israel**, pass.

**Steve Anderson**, covered insurance meetings, memorial services, fundraisers and district meetings attended.

### District Reports:

**District 1**, Marshall Neece, 2 memorial services and district meeting.

**District 2**, Paul Watland, 2 memorial services and district meeting.

**District 3**, Bob Uryga, 1 memorial service and district meeting.

**District 4**, Elton Schafer, Miss Flame judging at district meeting, 50-year Gold card presented, 3 fundraisers, 3 department visits.

**District 5**, John Grolich, 3 memorial services, district meeting, Motorola radio presentation.

**District 6**, Jerry Sprague, 25-year pin presentation, Ivy Tech Program, district meeting, memorial service.

**District 7**, Sam Bisel, district meeting.

**District 8A**, Rex Maynard, pass.

**District 8B**, Paul Smith, Ivy Tech program, Miss Flame judging, district meeting, 2 memorial services.

**District 9A**, Pascal Moon, Ivy Tech program, District meeting.

**District 9B**, Randy Denton, absent.

**District 10**, John Ray, 50-year pin presentation, 10 department meetings, memorial service, 4 county meetings, 4 fundraisers, apparatus report from chiefs within district.

**District 11A**, Pete Taylor, district meeting, memorial service.

**District 11B**, Jack Giles, district meeting.

**District 12** Steve Butrum.

**District 13A**, Mike Dzuba, district meeting.

**District 13B**, Jeff Biehl, district meeting, election of officers, (12) 25-year pin presentations,

**District 14**, Rick Cannon, district meeting, presentation on website and Facebook, convention, awards, benefits, and search and rescue, memorial service.

**District 15**, Ross Emery, district meeting, memorial service.

**District 16** John Gott, district meeting.

**District 17A**, Sam Emery,

district meeting, 50-year resolution and pin presentation, legislative discussion.

**District 17B**, Heather McGlocklin, district meeting, 50-year card presentation, Burn Camp check presentation to Diane Harrison.

**District 18**, John "Bull" Smith, District meeting, Ivy Tech program presentation.

**District 19**, Ben Siverdin, District meeting, IDHS Hazmat presentation.

**District 21**, Ed Watson, district meeting.

Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky made a motion to recess the meeting, PRNW Jeremy Reef seconded. Recessed at 1812.

*Sunday, November 3, 2019 Business meeting continued.*

Meeting reconvened at 0836 by President Paul Holcomb.

Chaplain gave morning message and prayer.

### New Business:

**1. 2020 Budget**, Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to accept proposed budget, PRWC Larry Bartlow made a second. Will carry to board action

**2. 2020 Mileage**, District 10 John Ray motioned to leave the mileage at the same rate. Past President Buz Koehler made the second. Motion carries to board action

**3. Washington D.C. trip (April 28-May 1)**, pass business card in to get onto list.

**4. Supporting Heroes Gala (February 29)**, pass business card in to get onto list.

**5. Information about gaming rules from age and times and amounts allowed covered by Luke.**

**6. Accountant Letter of Engagement is for a review with audit but not a list of changes needed to reduce costs of the audit.**

**7. CD coming up for renewal; Past President Jack Kerney made a motion to allow for treasurer to find another rate and CD at his discretion in the interest of the association. Past President Jack Zeeks gave second. Motion carried.**

**8. Steve Anderson gave notification of a program happening in District 12 with Hendricks Regional Health.**

**9. Miss Flames are being asked to start collecting pop tabs and stuffed animals for their service project during convention. They are also going to be doing the posters for their hotel doors this year.**

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JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER SIGNATURE FORM

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of:

And do hereby give our consent to her participation in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Junior Firefighter Competition. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association are in no way obligated or under contract to any person/persons or firms to supply any requirements for contestants, parents, legal guardians, or chaperones.

Parent/Legal Guardian Date

I concur that is an active member of and will represent our Fire Department in the State Junior Firefighter Competition.

(Chief/President of Volunteer Fire Department)

I concur that will represent District

In the Junior Firefighter Competition at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring junior firefighter member's dues are current with the IVFA

(District Chairman) (Date)

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE IVFA OFFICE

IVFA OFFICE PO BOX 4797 EVANSVILLE, IN 47724

\*\* THE IVFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR CHANGE THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

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Junior Firefighter Award Competition

Name:

Address:

City: Zip: Phone #:

Birthday: Age (at time of Convention) Email:

Parent or Guardian's Name:

Name of School Attending or Attended:

Name of Sponsoring Fire Department:

Fire Department Address:

City: Zip: Phone:

Fire Chief's Name: Phone:

Affiliation with IVFA Father Mother Self T-Shirt Size: (Adult Size)

District #: Chairman IVFA: Date: (Signature)

Organizations, Honors, Hobbies:

Signature Date

This form and the attached consent forms must be completed and returned to the IVFA District Chairman for the District Contest, if needed. Only (1) one Junior Firefighter from each IVFA District will be allowed.

Entry Forms for the State Competition must include the following: One Color Photo, digital quality and a 500 word essay, and proof of C grade average.

Must be in the IVFA Office by March 1.

IVFA Office Junior Firefighter Competition PO Box 4797 Evansville, IN 47724

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Ross Emery 812/459-4062

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN IVFA HISTORY BOOK?

75 anniversary

As the 75th anniversary of the IVFA approaches, we are trying to determine the interest level in a book covering the years 1997 - 2021. Your input will help us decide if this is a feasible project; and if there is interest in reprinting the 50th anniversary book.

Please e-mail your name, phone number, department and which book(s) you are interested in to prwc@ivfa.org. Sending the e-mail does not commit you to purchasing, there will be official order forms in the future.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

— photos submitted by Paul Watland, chairman

## Awarded jacket for 60 years of service



Bub Wise received a jacket for his 60th year as a member of Crown Point VFD and also the IVFA.

## Ten year members



David Oszust, member of Lake Hills VFD presented with his 10 year IVFA pin by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Jake Kabella, member of Crown Point Fire/Rescue received his 10 year IVFA pin presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Todd Bennett and Andrew Semethy received 10 year IVFA membership pins.

## Twenty-five year members



Michael Pouch and Len Dunlap received 25 year IVFA membership certificates and pins.



Debra Lowe and Shane Adams, Lake Hills VFD Chief, presented with their 25 year IVFA membership pins by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Gina Kennedy and Michael Smith, members of Lake Dalecarlia VFD received their 25 year IVFA pins presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

## We Respond Because You Do. - secretary

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10. New Convention Guidelines have been sent out to all state officers and they are located in district emails.

11. Need ideas on celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> convention and anniversary of the Association at the next meeting.

12. President-Elect David Israel spoke on Benefits Summit and receiving an email asking the Association to host the summit for 2020. Richard Glant made a motion to move forward with this program with the guidance of David Israel, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, Jerry Liston. District 8A Rex Maynard gave second. Motion carried.

District ticket drawing \$100 gas card winner District 10 Charles Emsweller with Clarksburg Fire Dept., Cleaning caddy from Stations Supply winner District 21 Jim Smith with Perry Twp. Fire Dept., Facebook department winner of Decon Wipes from Volunteer Firefighter International, District 11A Thunderbird Fire Protection Territory. President Paul Holcomb gave a

sincere thanks to the association and officers for being able to hold the office of President.

PRNW Jeremy Reef made a motion to adjourn, second from Past President Richard Glant. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 1014.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING November 3, 2019 CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Board Action Business Meeting called to order by the Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson at 1028.

Reading of the minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Bush made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by PREC Don Cushman, motion passed.

### Board Action - Business:

1. 2020 Mileage Rate, District 10 John Ray made a

motion to keep mileage at \$.45. PRNW Jeremy Reef made a second. Motion passed.

2. 2020 Budget, Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to accept budget as proposed. District 13A Mike Dzuba made a second. Motion passed.

3. Tax Review without the full audit from accountant, Past President Richard Glant made a motion to pay \$3000 for the review to be completed. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second.

4. 50-year celebration luncheon 2019 for up to \$1500. Past President Jack Zeeks made a motion to make this event a line item budget for future years to come and the limit to be set at \$2000. He also included into his motion that this amount be included into this year's event. Second was made by President Paul Holcomb. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Past President Richard Glant, second by District 7 Sam Bisel. Meeting adjourned at 1039 a.m.



This insurance is underwritten by continental National Fire and Casualty Company and other fine companies, and provided through Bliss McKnight, Inc. and local independent insurance agents.

# May deadline is ..... April 5, 2020

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

**IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews**



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting Sunday, November 3, 2019 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis

Meeting called to order by President Carol Curl at 8:35 a.m. Chaplain Beth Caudill opened the meeting with a prayer. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis.

**Announcements:** Barb Kerney and Lou Bartlow presented President Carol Curl her 50 year

Gold card after the opening of the meeting. A gift of appreciation and card were presented to Carol as well for the emotional year that she has endured. Celebrated her 50th anniversary as well as having had deaths within her family. Carol "thanked" the group for their generosity and support.

Buz Koehler, Josh Reiser and David Israel entered the meeting to address the group. Buz brought newspapers for the group. Josh asked the group if anyone is having email issues to please see him after the meeting and he will address them. David passed out the IVFA quarterly meeting forms to secure hotel reservations for the upcoming meetings. We will have quarterly meetings at this location again in 2020. Please return form to David today after the meeting.

**Recording Secretary:** Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 26 officers, 11 IVFAA members. Organization count as of today is 160 Individuals, 484 paid by department, 36 departments and 33 life members for a total of 675 members.

**Correspondence Secretary:** Janet Matthews read the meeting minutes from August 2019 quarterly meeting. Motion made by E.J. Smith to have correction made

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to the minutes that it should state "District 7 chairman is Beverly Lockwood note stating she is District 7A". This correction was made by the secretary. Kathy Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read and along with the correction that was made, seconded by Carolyn Zeeks; all in favor minutes accepted as they were read and with correction. Janet had correspondence to share with the group. Thank you cards shared from Joann Hays and Jack Giles.

**Treasurer's Report:** Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. Anthony Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports as reviewed, Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, treasurer's report accepted and is subject to audit.

**Chaplain Report:** Beth Caudill announced that a card is being sent around the room for everyone to sign so she can send to Diana and Dale Gray. Beth informed the group that there have been 9 deaths in the organization so far since convention. Beth thanked the group for the condolences and thoughts during

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Sue Glant

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Lou Bartlow

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Carol Curl

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Beth Caudill - STATE CHAPLAIN  
Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Suzie Lewis  
East Central - Janet Matthews  
West Central - Joann Hayes  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

**CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS**

Beth Caudill - State Chaplain  
Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Suzie Lewis  
Central - Janet Matthews  
East West - Joann Hayes  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

\* Meeting will follow By-Laws and Robert Rules of Order

## - Corresponding secretary . . .

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the loss of her father in August. She reports she has located the stash of IVFAA cards in her supplies. Beth informed the group that there have been 2 male members pass away and that the families received 2 Bibles at the funeral as both men belonged to both organizations. She is wanting opinions from the group that if a male member passes should the IVFAA give a memorial cross in place of our Bible? Beth passed a sample of the cross around the room so all could see it. Discussion was also had about who is responsible to buy the rose and candle upon the passing of someone in your own district. Motion was made by Marie Emery that the district chairmen be responsible to purchase their own candle and rose on their own to have for funerals in your district; E.J. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motioned carried. Beth explained to the group of wanting to bring back the calling tree for the state organization to pass along to all chairmen the death of a member. This will help the communication within the organization and between districts to keep all informed. Beth passed out the calling tree to the officers. President Carol Curl addressed the group, welcoming Joann Hays back to the quarterly meetings and that she has accepted a position of being Communications Representative of the organization. Joann will be sending out "thinking of you" cards and well wishes for the organization. An envelope was passed around the room for postage donations. \$70 was collected and given to Joann to use for postage.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Suzie Lewis, nothing new to report.

**President's Report:** President Carol Curl thanked everyone that brought in snacks for the meeting today and encouraged all to enjoy. Carol reported that Jack Giles can use our support. Carol thanked Joann Hays for the Bingo yesterday and everyone who participated in it. Pam Gerdowsky

reports that District 19 doesn't have an actual department with an auxiliary and the individuals no longer want to attend meetings. Discussion was had that there are many districts with this same issue and that they go to a men's quarterly meeting. Carol suggested to Pam to discuss with the IFVA chairman in the district and plan to go to their meeting to give the updated IVFAA information to that group. Many men are in the IVFAA as well as the IVFA so there may be members at the meetings to hear the updates. Carol informed the group that Barb Kerney was able to get envelopes printed with our logo on them for a reasonable cost. She will be checking to see what they will charge for stationary and cards for the organization. Barb will bring back a price quote in February.

**Committee Reports:** Line officers will have a 1 p.m. meeting on Saturday afternoon before each quarterly meeting.

**Audit:** Barb Kerney reports all is okay.

**VP Project:** Vice President Christina Reef reports her committee met yesterday and will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday at February's meeting.

**Miriam Schackel Award:** Barb Kerney, encouraged the group to write letters.

**Lois Boaz Award:** Beverly Lockwood encouraged the group to submit letters for the ladies.

**Historians:** Phyllis Vargo reports all is okay.

**Membership:** Diane Stapleton not in attendance.

**Miss Flame:** Barb Kerney reports the group met yesterday and working on new ideas for this year. Assured the group that the first letter to the Miss Flames will still be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested. Barb reminded the district chairmen to be having the competitions and get the Miss Flames chosen for their districts. Jaelyn Matthews informed the group of the community service that has been chosen for the girls. 2020 project will be the Ronald McDonald House in Evansville. Will be asking all of the Miss Flames to collect pop tabs and new stuffed animals for this project. Hope to

be arranging touch a truck for the children at St. Vincent Hospital. Many conversations are still to be had to get it all set up.

**Jewelry:** Suzie Lewis reports that she has ordered the 25 year pins and waiting for them to be shipped. She has reviewed and will be signing off on the past president pins. She confirmed with the group that she will be ordering name bars for Districts 5, 9A, 21 and President's bar. If anyone needs one please get with her after the meeting. District 15 has a 50 year member and she will get in contact with Suzie about who it is.

**Mary Mackin Scholarship:** E.J. Smith reports that in February the committee will be holding a silent auction, donations for the auction are welcomed. In May the committee will be raffling off a throw that has both the IVFA & IVFAA logo on it. Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday of February's meeting.

**Parliamentarian:** Lou Bartlow reports all okay.

**Budget & Finance:** Kathy Smith reports committee met yesterday and will meet again at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday of February's meeting.

**Chinese Auction:** Lori Baxter present at meeting, nothing was discussed.

**Nominating:** per Carolyn Zeeks, nothing to report.

**Installation:** per Pam Gerdowsky, nothing to report.

**President's Advisory:** Lou Bartlow reports all is okay.

**Bylaws:** Janet Matthews reports the committee met today and she will be asking all chairmen for their votes from their districts regarding the Mary Mackin Fund that they took back to them from last meeting. Each chairman was to get their district's vote of having the Mary Mackin Fund to be put back into the general fund instead of having its own account. After counting the district votes it was in favor of all districts to have the Mary Mackin money to go back into the general fund and to close the Mary Mackin account. This change will be noted in the SOG's. Treasurer Martha Biehl will transfer the Mary Mackin funds into the general fund and close the Mary Mackin account.

**SOG:** Joyce Nevil will ensure

that the SOG regarding the Mary Mackin account will be updated.

**Chaplain's assistants:** Beth Caudill went over the list of her assistants so chairmen would know who to contact if they could not get ahold of her.

**Memorial throw:** Nothing to report.

**Communications Representative:** Joann Hays thanked those that participated in the Bingo socialization time yesterday. In February there will be a Valentine project happening at 3 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of hotel where we were yesterday for anyone that wants to join. Joann has plans for May as well. She reports it was a great time of fellowship and fun was had. A paper is being passed around the room for everyone to put their name, address, district and DOB on it for Joann to have.

**New Business:** President Carol Curl informed the group that she is putting together a committee to work on cleaning up and aligning the SOG's and Bylaws. This committee will work together to review each one and ensure they are correct. The five people on this committee are Christina Reef, Joyce Nevil, Kathy Smith, Janet Matthews and E.J. Smith. Discussion was held about having age requirements for the organization related to voting as well as holding offices. Group consensus believes one needs to be 18 in order to vote at elections and 21 years of age to be a chairman over a district. This will be written up and sent out so all chairmen can take it back to districts for a vote. Carol informed the group that in 2019 the auxiliary voted and paid for Lori Baxter's room at convention since she spends countless hours running and maintaining the Chinese auction all of convention. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion that the auxiliary pay for Lori Baxter's room at the 2020 convention; Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and Lori Baxter's room will be paid for by auxiliary. Carol reminded the room that we are able to invest in the raffle/auction each year of \$2500.00 and if we stay at that level of investment then we do not have to pay for license each year. Carol asked the group about thoughts of the memorial cross for the male members of our organization upon passing instead of giving the family two Bibles. If the family does want two Bibles rather than the cross, we will give them a Bible instead. Phyllis Vargo made a motion to purchase crosses for those members that may be in both organizations; Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and Beth Caudill will see about purchasing crosses. Carol informed the group that two new laptops were purchased, one for the corresponding secretary and one for the treasurer since that position never had a computer. We now have updated business equipment for the business aspect of the organization to be more efficient.

Barb Kerney gave 2020 convention report. June 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, \$99 room rate at Holiday Inn Airport. Registration fee is \$80 and it includes 2 meals each day while you are there. Wednesday night event will be at the 4-H Center and transportation will be provided to and from the hotel.

President Carol Curl asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order. Lou Bartlow addressed the group letting everyone know that this afternoon there is a district meeting and meal at Reelsville and everyone is welcome. She also told everyone that next Sunday on 11/10/19 there will be an open house of her and Larry's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the community building in Montezuma. Carol Curl reminded the group that membership cards are given out when a person first becomes a member of the organization. Members do not get a new card every year when dues are paid, year stickers are mailed out to each to validate the years you are paid up to. Tammy informed group that the typewriter is out of ink and she is researching alternate ways of printing our own membership cards. Anthony Smith made a motion to get a program that will allow us to print our own membership cards; E.J. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and a program will be obtained to allow us this capability.

Connie Ray made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Beverly Lockwood seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Beth Caudill closed the meeting with prayer at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Matthews  
Corresponding Secretary

### DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the November 7, 2019 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

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

Pledge was recited and prayer was given.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Rachel Suggs with 6 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Minutes were read by Rachel Suggs, passed as read with no corrections.

Treasurer's report - Phyllis gave treasurers' report. Report stands as read for audit.

Correspondence - None.

Old Business - None.

New Business - The age for Miss Flame was changed to 14 and no older than 18 at time of convention. If you know someone who wants to run, please contact Phyllis by January 20, 2020.

We need a new secretary for District 1 & 2. Rachel is stepping down due to taking on a role for her fire department.

We are looking for a "host" for February's meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 7, 2020 at the American Legion in Merrillville at 6:30 p.m. (Address is 7430 Broadway in Merrillville).

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Martha, seconded by

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# IVFAA chairmen reports

## - Districts 1 and 2 report

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Jackie. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Silent Auction was held during meeting to help raise money for the Districts 1 & 2.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rachel Suggs  
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

### DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone,

Winter is here with cold, crisp nights; please be careful when using alternate heaters and candles, etc. this time of year and all year long.

Our November District 6 meeting was held in Allen County at Arcola Fire Department where our Miss Flame contest was held. I would like to congratulate Jackie White for representing District 6 for 2020. Jackie White is representing the Ligonier Fire Department. If you have any activities planned for your fire department, please let Jackie know so she can attend.

I attended New Haven Adams Township on December 29, 2019 when they dedicated their Safe Haven Baby Box. It is the eighteenth in the state of Indiana. A big thank you to the New Haven Adams Township Auxiliary through their fund raising efforts to help getting this project completed.

The 2020 IVFA Convention will be held in Evansville, Indiana, June 17-20, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Airport. Registration is \$80.00 and room rate is \$99.00.

Our next district meeting will be January 28, 2020 at Coruna Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith  
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

### DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,

Winter is here! Stay warm, stay safe. The snow is beautiful but I like it warmer.

Our last district meeting was at Shepherdsville Fire Department. We had nine ladies present.

We have attended several

Christmas parties and presented 10, 25 and 50 year pins and cards. It's a fun time of the year.

We are thinking about our Chinese Auction gift. Need some ideas!

Zoey Larson is representing District 11A as Miss Flame this year. She would be glad to come to any function you have, just call her.

Be sure to read our Facebook page, IVFA District 11A for meetings, fire department functions and additional information. Please feel free to post any event your fire department is hosting.

Our next meeting will be January 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at New Goshen Fire and Rescue. This will be our Miss Flame contest.

Till next time,

Beverly Taylor  
District 11A chairman

### DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Judy Wirth - Chairman

District 14 IVFAA members are always given a chance to speak and share during the District 14 IVFA meeting.

In November we met at the new Campbell Township Fire Station. It is just a grand facility. Their crew did a great job welcoming us and feeding us, too!

It was special to have Larry and Carol Curl in attendance. Miss Flame Bekah Hillenburg helped pass out the door prizes. It was asked of our membership to save can tabs and to gather new stuffed animals for the Miss Flame project at convention.

I did advise I have contacted every fire chief within our district that if they have any questions about IVFAA or their ladies' groups have questions to let me know, that I would be honored to

attend their meetings to help in any way I can.

I would also like to welcome Rachel Bussey as District 14 Chaplain. I am sure she will do a fine job for us. But for sure Tom Sellmer will be greatly missed.

It was a good time traveling to Rykers Ridge to attend their open house of their new grand fire facility.

We will be holding the Miss Flame crowning at the January 16, 2020, District 14 meeting to be held at Dupont-Lancaster Township Volunteer Fire Department.

I do hope 2020 will be a fun, safe, happy year for all.

### DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope everyone is doing well and had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends. The weather has been unpredictable but we have to take what the Good Lord gives us.

Had a meeting at Sunman on Nov. 12 with some good chili and bean soups. Talked about the state meeting and what is going on. Trying to keep things going as good as we can district-wise as Individuals.

Had our Miss Flame crowning at Dillsboro on Nov. 21 with Ben Sieverding, district chairman. We crowned Kayla Scranton as our District Miss Flame. Kayla did a wonderful job last year and will once again represent us very nicely.

Ben also had a presentation on the things they do through the Fire Marshal's office which was very interesting.

Enjoy each day as the dear Lord gives us many blessings to be thankful for.

District #19 Chairman,  
Pam Gerdowsky

### MORE NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

— photos submitted by Paul Watland, chairman

## Receives 2019 Global Award



Ryan Kennedy, Chief of Lake Dalecarlia VFD, received the District 2 Global Award for 2019, presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

## 50 year member

James E. Bullock was presented with his 50 year IVFA membership Gold card, pin and certificate. Jim is also a member of Crown Point VFD, presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



## IVFAA President Carol Curl



### A chat with Carol...

January 2020

Greetings my fellow IVFAA members;

I trust each of you had a most joyful Christmas and are now well into the new year, Happy 2020.

As always with all new years comes new resolutions, new hope, new promises, new intent. So since you are reading this in February where much of the "new" is already turned old; I do hope your new year will bring you health and happiness.

As I sit here writing this article for the February issue, I just want to share some thoughts, ideas and possible suggestions as we continue to build a stronger, more united and hopefully a better auxiliary both at the state level and at our department auxiliaries as well.

First and foremost let's talk **membership**. While our membership count is strong there is room to improve. So how do we go about making that happen? First, may I suggest marketing, talking, inviting and encouraging those who you know that are not a part of your local or state auxiliary to be a participant, come see what it is all about to belong and support and show your community and your department that you want to support them.

Here is a list of some reasons to join / belong (in no particular order):

- To honor and support our members of the fire department both behind the scene as well as possibly on the scene, doing the things that may seem so little but mean so much.
- To help promote the service of our local fire departments.
- To assist in events / activities that brings families and communities together for worthwhile projects.
- To be a voice of support for those who provide the often life-saving service to our communities.

Remember someone must have introduced you to your department, your auxiliary and got your attention, do the same for others.

**Participation;** being a member is great but being an active member takes it to a whole new level. Attending our meetings, working the events, supporting the activities of our auxiliaries and sharing your skills and abilities to grow our auxiliaries are what it's all about. BE A PARTICIPANT not just a MEMBER.

Be engaged in what the auxiliary is doing, make a difference.

As an auxiliary, do your part, help, support, work with, provide for, and assist your department in the many activities they do daily, weekly, monthly and annually, be a part, do your part.

In **2020** we should see "clearly" what it takes to be an active, supportive, engaged auxiliary member.

If you have any special function, meeting or events, please contact me as I would enjoy attending and being a part of as many Auxiliaries as possible. At each meeting I attend I attempt to address those present about the reasons why others should join their local auxiliary and I am attempting to assist in starting auxiliaries in locations / districts that currently have none. Your help and assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

Another reason to encourage new members is for the **AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (AIL)** that I have often spoken about.

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I hope you have not seen many severely cold nights but it is winter and if you are an auxiliary that still responds to the calls to provide (and many are) refreshments to our firefighters we need to be thinking hot drinks vs cold drinks for those long cold nights.

The IVFA website offers much about the IVFA and the IVFAA. Remember as you look at our website it also has a calendar where you can post your auxiliary meetings so anyone who wants to attend can see a date, time, and location. The IVFA website has a lot of great information, so please use it, take advantage of it, and learn from it.

Lastly, even though it's just February, June will be here before you know it, with it will be warm weather and as well State Convention. Now is a good time to start making plans to attend and show the convention committee that you appreciate their hosting of our state convention. This year's convention will be in Evansville and will be hosted by District 15. I am sure you will have a great time being a part of and visiting with members from all over the state. Details are listed on the IVFA website under the tab of Convention. Hope to see you there.

Please let me know if I can assist in any way; I am just a phone call away.

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

Carol Curl  
President, faithfully serving...

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

## Ten year service pins



Elton Schafer, District 4 chairman and Jean Smith, PRNE presenting 10 year IVFA service award pins to Bristol Fire Department Chief Nicholas Kantz and Assistant Chief James Hames. Those not present were James Buck, Joseph Clawson and Mathew White.

## Jefferson Township FD pancake and sausage breakfast



Candy and fire hats were given to children who came for the delicious breakfast at Jefferson Township Fire Department. - photos submitted by Terry Smith, District 4



The community waiting in line for their sausage and pancake breakfast.



Cooking up the sausage for the breakfast.



Jason Bailey displayed his 4 wheel dirt track Pulling For Our Heroes truck.

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## District 4 Miss Flame

Brenda Schafer, District 4 IVFAA chairman and Elton Schafer, District 4 IVFA chairman with District 4 Miss Flame Cheyanne Rolston, Osolo Fire Department.

## District 4 Global Award recipient



Rose Adams, District 4 Miss Flame, Elton Schafer, District 4 chairman, Jean Smith - PRNE, Chief Litteral, Jerry Liston, vice-president IVFA and John Dooms, Global Award winner from Liberty Township Fire Department.

## IVFA 50 year member Cleveland Township IVFA pin presented



Rose Adams, District 4 Miss Flame, Elton Schafer, District 4 chairman, Jean Smith - PRNE, Gene Brems, 50 year member from the Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department and Jerry Liston, vice-president IVFA.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

## District 5 Miss Flames



Madysen Shumaker, District 5 Miss Flame, Bremen Fire Department, John Grolich, District 5 chairman, Carly Gutelius, Miss Flame runner-up.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

## Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded



Aboite Fire Department 10 year IVFA service awards - Troy Klepper, Drew Edmonson, Cody Randall, Steve Thurber.



Aboite Fire Department 25 year IVFA service awards. Pictured Mark Ryan, Jim Scott, not present.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE, E.J. Smith, District 6 IVFAA chairman and Gerald Sprague, District 6 chairman

## District 6 Miss Flame

## Baby Box dedication held



Jean Smith - PRNE, EJ Smith - District 6 IVFAA chairman, Jackie White, District 6 Miss Flame - Ligonier Fire Department, Jerry Sprague, District 6 IVFA chairman. (Submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE)



Chief Josh Hale dedicates Safe Haven Baby Box that was installed at Adams Township Fire Department on Hartzell Road. This is the eighteenth box installed in Indiana. (Submitted by E.J. Smith, District 6 IVFAA chairman).

## 10 and 25 year pins awarded



Members of Waterloo-Grant Twp. VFD receiving 10 year pins. (Submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman)



Members of Waterloo-Grant Twp. VFD receiving 25 year pins.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Sorg, District 7 secretary

## District 7 Miss Flame



District 7 Miss Flame is introduced to the district at the November 18th meeting at Mount Etna VFD. Pictured - left to right: Sam Bisel, District 7 chairman, David Johnson, Madisyn Johnson, Tara Johnson, Ronnie Douglas, Chief of Huntington Twp. VFD and Jean Smith, PRNE.

Please stay safe and warm this winter season!

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

- submitted by Rex Maynard, District 8A chairman

## Members receive 50 year Gold cards



Richard McCarty, from the Sheridan Fire Department, awarded his 50 year Gold card and pin.



Don Kendall, from the Kempton Fire Department, awarded his 50 year Gold card and pin.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

— submitted by Pascal Moon, district chairman

## Ten year members



Pictured with District 9A chairman Pascal Moon (center) are 10 year members of Twelve Mile Fire, Seth Field and Brad Moon from District 9A.

## Twenty year member



Curtis Borden receives his 20 year award as a member of the Delphi Tri Township F.D.



## Fifty-five year member

Chief Darrel Sterrett and Curtis Borden presenting Bill Schock his 55-year award as a member of the Tri Township F.D.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

— submitted by Pete Taylor, district chairman

## Fifty and twenty-five year members earn awards



William Shields of Prairieton Vol. Firemen's Assn. received his 50 year Gold card from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Bryan Husband of Lewis Twp. received his 50 year Gold card from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Lee Dalton and David Brown of Pierson Twp. received their 50 year Gold cards and their Resolutions from district chairman Pete Taylor.



Michael Stewart of Sugar Creek Fire Dept. received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Rick Swan of Wabash Valley Correctional Facility received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Kevin McFarland and Brett Mollenhauer of Lewis Twp. received their 25 year pins from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Phillip Meek of Cataract Vol. Fire Dept. received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

- submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

## Twenty-five year members



Sharon Sanville of Linton Twp. received her 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



Jeremy Elwell of Posey Twp. received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

- submitted by Will Holycross

## Shop with a Cop donation made



December 7th, 2019 - Pictured on left is Tri-County Firefighters' vice president Bart Crowder presenting a donation to Covington Police Chief Keddy Sowers for the Fountain and Warren County "Shop With A Cop" program, presented during Covington Fire Department's annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. Tri-County Firefighter's Association represents fire departments in Fountain, Warren, Vermillion and Tippecanoe counties in IVFADistricts 11B and 21.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

*District 13B  
Miss Flame*

## Ten and twenty-five year pins



District 13 B Miss Flame Madilynne Reeder of the West College Corner Fire Dept.



Jason Rudnick of West College Corner Fire Dept. receiving his 10 year pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Tammy Wheeler of Clay Twp. Greensfork Fire Dept. receiving her 10 year pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Travis Gabbard of Cambridge City receiving his 25 year pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.

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Robert Meadows of Clay Twp. Greensfork Fire Dept. receiving his 25 year pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.

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Top photo: 2019 Fireman of the Year Rick Asher (center). Presented by (from left to right): Assistant Chief Eric Pike, Rick Asher, Fire Chief Jon Gray.

Bottom photo: 20 year service plaque presented to Lesa Asher for her 20+ years of service. Presented by (from left to right): Fire Chief Jon Gray, Lesa Asher and president Robert Gonsler. (submitted by Jack Kerney)

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

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## Crothersville Vernon FD fish fry held



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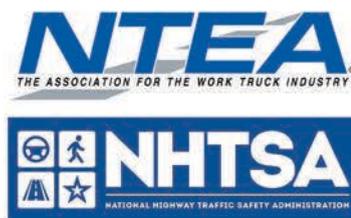
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman

## Ten and twenty-five year service pins awarded



Sam Risley – Perry Twp. 10 year pin



Mike Woehler – Perry Twp. 25 year pin



Elberfeld VFD 25 year pins

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NVFC membership still provides the same important benefits as before, such as access to online training and useful resources that address everything from recruitment and retention to cancer

prevention. What's new? The \$10,000 AD&D insurance policy through Provident that was once limited to Premium Individual members is now included with every membership, and every membership is now priced at just \$18 per person per year!

We know that many department leaders will want to purchase NVFC memberships for every member of their team at this new low price so they all are all protected by the AD&D policy and have access to the member benefits. To join, visit [www.nvfc.org/join](http://www.nvfc.org/join) and select "Individual Membership." To purchase multiple memberships, enter the number of memberships you require at checkout and submit your payment. Next, fill out the roster form at <https://nvfc.wufoo.com/forms/membership-roster-form>.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman



## Receives 10 year service pin

On Saturday, 14 December, the Birdseye VFD held its annual Christmas dinner for members and their families. District 18 is pictured presenting the IVFA 10 year service pin to Brett Stout. Also receiving the award, but not present was Adam Deel.

## Twenty-five year members receive pins



At the 5 November of the St. Henry VFD, two members were presented with the IVFA 25 years of service award. Pictured receiving the award from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith are Karen Hilsmeier and Mark Luebbehusen.

## Celestine hosts open house



On Sunday, 20 October the Celestine VFD hosted an Open House in celebration of the Department's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event included a cookout, equipment demonstrations, awards and recognition of current and retired members. Pictured (l-r) are District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith, District 18 Miss Flame Kira Jones and CVFD Chief Ryan Wineinger.

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Price includes dinner Wed / Thurs / Fri (hotel has free breakfast daily)

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IVFA Aux. Member	_____	_____	
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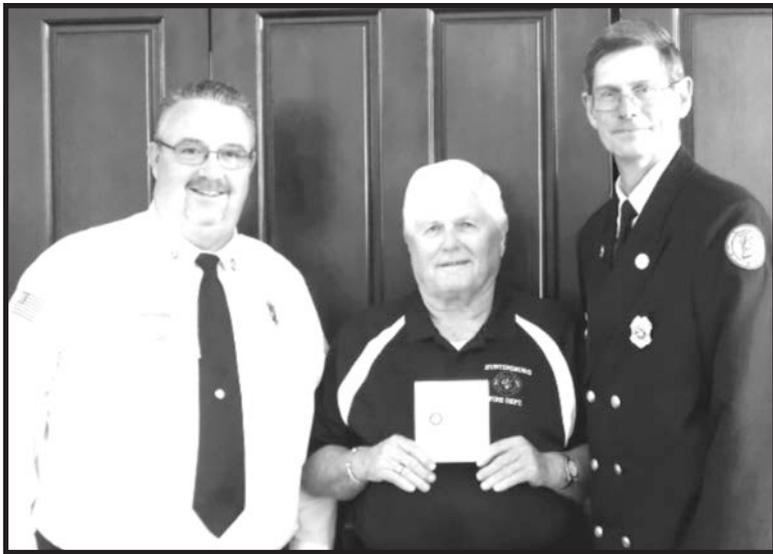
### What is included in your registration fee?

- 1. Access to all events on the convention schedule.**  
Exceptions: Miss Flame preliminary judging and luncheon.  
Also, games participants must sign-up with the Convention Games Committee.
- 2. 3 night meals are provided with each registration.**  
Wednesday: Dinner at the Welcome Party  
Thursday: Dinner at the Tacos/Beer Bust  
Friday: Buffet style Banquet Dinner
- 3. Breakfast all days are provided by the hotel and included in your reservation.**
- 4. Drinks (beer & soft drinks) throughout the convention.**  
Drinks will be available in the Hospitality Room and with most meals. This does NOT include the hotel bar. Cash bars might be available at certain events for other types of refreshments.
- 5. Kids Meals.**  
Kids can eat at all events except the Friday night banquet without a ticket. There will be a kid's party Friday night during the banquet with food and drinks provided for those not attending the banquet. Older kids attending the banquet, instead of the kid's party, will be required to have a ticket. Banquet tickets can be purchased for \$40.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

## Bland receives Gold card



The City of Huntingburg (Dubois Co.) held the swearing-in ceremony for the city officials on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 during which Huntingburg firefighter William (Bill) Bland was honored with the presentation of a plaque in observance of his 50 years of service.

Bland is pictured with HVFD Chief Scott Patberg with the presentation. Then IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith presented Bland with the IVFA 50 year pin and Gold card.

Still an active member and with no plans for retirement, Bland has served not only as a firefighter but also as the

department's assistant chief.

Patberg, when introducing Bland, was quoted, "When I joined the department Bill was the guy you could go to to learn anything from driving the trucks to how they worked."

## Perkins receives twenty-five year pin



At the District 18 meeting of January 16, 2020, District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 25 year service pin to James Perkins of the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department.

### DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

**MAY 2020  
DEADLINE IS  
APRIL 5, 2020**

Greetings from District 18.

The District 18 meeting of 21 November was held at the Schnellville Community Club with the Schnellville VFD as our host.

District Chaplain Jadon Henkel gave the opening prayer and remembrance of Cletus Lubbehusen of Ferdinand. Roll call was answered by 65 members, representing 17 departments. A total of 446 runs answered was reported. Guests included Steve Nolan - PRSW, Steve Anderson - IVFA Board Chairman, District 74 Rep. Steve Bartels, Mike Kidwell of Hoosier Fire and Kira Jones, District 18 Miss Flame.

As the new year begins, keep informed as the legislative efforts of the Association. All members should be ready to make those important phone calls and emails to your State Representatives in Indianapolis.

Until next time, stay alert, stay safe, and "keep the wet stuff, on the red stuff!"

John "Bull" Smith  
Chairman, District 18

### "What's In and What's Out" List for a Safe New Year

Consumers who hope to eliminate hazards in their homes should check what's in and what's out for a safe New Year.

#### What's OUT:

- FALLING ASLEEP AMID SCENTED CANDLES

- OLD CHESTS THAT LOCK AUTOMATICALLY

Lane cedar chests manufactured before 1987 can lock automatically, suffocating children.

- NOT WEARING HELMETS

- OLD FREEZERS WITH AUTOMATIC LATCHES

Chest Freezers made between 1945-1970 can trap and suffocate children

- WRONG TOY, WRONG AGE Small parts can choke kids under 3 years old.

- PLACING BABY ON ITS STOMACH TO SLEEP Increases the risk of SIDS & suffocation.

- BABIES SLEEPING IN ADULT BEDS

Many babies die annually while sleeping in adult or makeshift

beds. - SMOKE ALARMS WITH DEAD BATTERIES

- HOLIDAY LIGHTS WITH NO LABEL Holiday lights without a testing lab label such as UL or ETL may be fire hazards.

- OLD PLAYPENS Some older playpens have top rails that must be rotated when set up. These rails can collapse, entrapping babies.

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# IVFAA district report ...

District 3 IVFAA reports respectfully submitted by Rebecca Ulrich, IVFAA District #3 secretary/treasurer

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT



*Diane Stapleton - Chairman*

IVFA Auxiliary District #3  
Minutes of Meeting  
July 7, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Diane Stapleton at 7:00 p.m.

Leona Uryga opened with prayer.

President Diane Stapleton led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: 12 members present from 3 departments.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Nicole Zeman resigned as Secretary/Treasurer - no report.

Old Business: Leona reading of changes to District #3 Standing Rules reflecting:

1. Change to number of meetings held per year according to State SOG.

2. District Secretary to send all correspondence and minutes to local secretary and meeting minutes to IVFA paper.

3. Changes to judging for Miss Flame.

4. New officer names sent to State Corresponding Secretary within 60 days.

5. Discussion of past District Chair receiving pin or \$25 check.

Vote on changes:

1. 6 meetings a year and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. provided by hosting department - Approved.

2. District Secretary to send meeting minutes to IVFA paper - Approved.

3. Judging for District #3 Miss Flame (Amend change to required attendance of 2 IVFAA meetings and 2 IVFA meetings / discussion of separate set of rules for Miss Flame and list of events).

4. New officer names sent to State Corresponding Secretary within 60 days - Approved.

5. Past District Chair receiving a pin at the completion of their term or a \$25.00 check - Approved.

New Business:

Convention minutes from June 14, 2019 meeting were submitted by Diane Stapleton.

Reading of minutes and report by Diane Stapleton. 73rd IVFA Convention Coins still available for \$5.00 each.

Coolspring Township Summer Ball July 19th and 20th, 2019.

Michiana Shores Pancake

Breakfast October 13th, 2019

Elections:

Nomination for President: Diane Stapleton, motion to close by Amy Bluhm, second Betty Conroy. Diane Stapleton is President.

Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer: Becky Ulrich, motion to close Dolly Millick, second Betty Conroy. Becky Ulrich is Secretary/Treasurer.

Nomination for Chaplain: Anne Marie Bunton, motion to close by Bob Uryga, second Betty Conroy. Anne Marie Bunton is Chaplain.

Next meeting is September 18th, 2019 at Pleasant Township Fire Department.

Raffle - Two wreaths, Thermos, Mason jar/Mug, Zebra Beads for a total of \$53.00 collected.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Leona Uryga, second by Bob Uryga at 8:30 p.m.

IVFA Auxiliary District #3  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18th, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Diane Stapleton at 7:00 p.m.

Chaplain Anne Marie Bunton opened the meeting with prayer.

President Diane Stapleton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: 11 Members present from 3 departments.

Reading of July 17th, 2019 meeting minutes by Becky Ulrich, motion to accept by Leona Uryga, second by Kay Marcum.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: No Report - Diane Stapleton received treasury from Nicole Zeman - will have audit and changing of account information for next meeting.

Old Business: Copies of New Standing District #3 Rules issued. Convention T-shirts available for \$5.00 and Convention Coins available for \$5.00.

New Business: Ladies interested in running for Miss Flame need to be present for the November meeting. Discussion about recruiting possible candidates. Mr. Blaze recently added.

Next meeting November 20th, 2019 at Coolspring Fire Department.

Coolspring \$30 Raffle October 12th, 2019 and Trivia Night November 9th at 6 p.m.

Michiana Shores Pancake Breakfast October 13th.

Westville Pork Chop Dinner October 5th, 4 p.m.

Springfield Arts and Crafts Show October 12th.

Raffle: Large Goody Basket, Convention T-shirt (donated by Betty Conroy), Three Stockings, and Basket totaling \$37.50

collected.

Motion to adjourn by Kay Marcum, second by Leona Uryga at 7:41 p.m.

IVFA Auxiliary District #3  
Meeting Minutes  
November 20th, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Diane Stapleton at 7:07 p.m.

Chaplain Anne Marie Bunton opened the meeting with prayer.

President Diane Stapleton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: 11 Members from 3 departments present.

Minutes of the meeting from September 18th, 2019 read by Becky Ulrich with motion to accept by Leona Uryga and second by Jessica.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: \$25 Miss Flame application, \$175 for the dog. Records were left in Diane's vehicle not with her - audit next meeting.

Old Business: Leona stated approximately \$6000.00 in profit from Convention resulting in a possible \$3000.00 to the District #3 Auxiliary. Will have final numbers later. Discussion about Convention Funding. Still T-shirts and coins available for purchase.

New Business: Leona went down State proxy Diane who was unavailable to attend. Diane read and submitted quarterly IVFAA business meeting minutes from November 3rd, 2019 in Indianapolis. Discussion about types of Bibles given to family after death.

Next meeting January 15, 2020 at Michiana Shores.

50/50 Raffle totalling \$24. Two \$6 winners and \$12 to the Auxiliary.

Motion to adjourn by Dottie and second by Dave Robb at 7:58 p.m.

IVFA Auxiliary District #3  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2020

President Diane Stapleton called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Chaplain Anne Marie Bunton opened the meeting with Prayer.

President Diane Stapleton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: 9 members from 3 departments and 2 individuals were present.

Minutes of the meeting from November 20, 2019 read by Becky Ulrich with a motion to accept by Anne Marie Bunton and second by Dolly Millick.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Stapleton submitted bank statements for 2019. Account balance is \$552.79. Audit to be performed next meeting.

Old Business: Need minutes of meetings e-mailed immediately to IVFA newspaper for beginning of month to make the paper. Anne Marie is in need of Catholic Bibles. Further discussion about types of Bibles and having Catholic and King James Version of Bibles on hand.

New Business: Tentative meeting schedule given as follows:

March 18, 2020 at Coolspring Fire

May 20, 2020 at Kingsford Union Fire

July 15, 2020 at Pleasant Fire

September 16, 2020 at

Coolspring Fire

November 18, 2020 at Michiana Shores

Pleasant Fire Auxiliary Port-A-Pit Chicken in April

Coolspring Fire Spring Raffle in March (like Vegas Night)

Convention 2020 in Evansville

Next meeting March 18th at Coolspring Fire.

50/50 Raffle \$15.00 total. \$7.50 to Marge and \$7.50 to Auxiliary.

White Elephant Raffle with remaining 50/50 tickets.

Motion to adjourn by Anne Marie Bunton and second by

Marge Wozniak at 8:04 p.m.

**May 2020 deadline is**  
**April 5, 2020**

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Ben Sieverding, district chairman

## District 19 Miss Flame



District 19 Miss Flame Kayla Scranton of the East Enterprise Vol. Fire Department and her parents.

## Fifty year member



Ben Sieverding - District 19 chairman, James Vinup - 50 year member from the Dillsboro VFD and state IVFA president David Israel.

### What's in . . .

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#### - OLD CRIBS

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#### - CRIBS WITH SOFT BEDDING

Soft quilts, comforters, and pillows can suffocate babies.

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Children can strangle in cord loops.

#### - BACKYARD PLAYSETS ON HARD-PACKED EARTH, CEMENT OR ASPHALT

Falls can cause serious head injuries

#### What's IN:

- EXTINGUISHING ALL CANDLES AT BEDTIME AND WHEN LEAVING A ROOM.

- LANE CEDAR CHESTS WITH NEW LOCKS

- GETTING THE HELMET HABIT - Helmets can prevent serious head injuries while cycling, skateboarding, skating, scooter riding and in snow sports.

- DISABLING LATCHES ON OLD CHEST FREEZERS

- RIGHT TOY/RIGHT AGE

- PLACING BABY ON ITS BACK TO SLEEP

- BABIES SLEEPING IN CRIBS

- WORKING SMOKE ALARMS

- CHECKING THE LABEL ON HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- NEW PLAYPENS - Top rails lock into place automatically.

- NEW CRIBS - Meet safety standards to protect baby.

- CRIBS WITHOUT SOFT BEDDING

- BABIES ALWAYS WITHIN REACH IN OR NEAR WATER

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- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

## Parker presented Gold fire axe upon retirement



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## New members sworn in



Lowell VFD President Mike Ham and Capt. Matt VanDrunen swear in new members Craig McManigal and Jackie Seberger after finishing their probationary year and obtaining their FF 1&2.

### What's in . . . *(continued from page 27)*

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### Tips to prevent home fires caused by space heaters

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

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

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

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

Here are some CPSC safety tips for buying and using space heaters:

1. Select a space heater with a

- see 'space heater' - page 32

## Submit Your Presentation for the 2020 NVFC Recruitment & Retention Experience

Proposals due by February 1, 2020

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) will host its inaugural NVFC Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Experience on September 25-26, 2020, in Cleveland, OH. The NVFC is now accepting proposals from qualified instructors and speakers for presentations to educate first responders about critical staffing issues in the volunteer fire and emergency services. [Submit your proposal](#) by February 1, 2020.

The 2020 NVFC R&R Experience theme is "A Forum for the Future." The new R&R-focused event will be an opportunity for fire and EMS personnel from across the country to participate in valuable classroom training as well as exchange ideas and best practices with their peers. The conference is open to all first responders nationwide but will be targeted toward department leadership and recruitment officers. Eight breakout sessions will be offered; each will be 90 minutes in length.

Examples of relevant presentation topics include, but are not limited to:

- Diversity & inclusion
- Working intergenerationally
- Work-life balance
- Marketing your department
- Finding funding
- Reputation management

Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2020, at <https://nvfc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-nvfc-rr-experience-call-for-presentations>. A peer review team will evaluate all presentation proposals. Selections will be made based on quality, relevance, focus, practical application, and the presenter's experience and credentials. Selected presenters will be notified by February 28.

The NVFC will cover travel expenses and provide a stipend for the selected presenters. Teaching teams are welcome to apply, but only one instructor per course can receive travel reimbursement/stipend. Please note, while organizations can apply to share their subject matter expertise, all courses must be educational in nature.

Learn more about the NVFC R&R Experience at [www.nvfc.org/experience](http://www.nvfc.org/experience). Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, conference planner, at [Rachel@nvfc.org](mailto:Rachel@nvfc.org) or 202-887-5700.

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### About the NVFC

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, education, programs, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Find out more at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

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# EVANSVILLE IS THE PERFECT SIGHT IN 20/20

Wednesday Time	Event	Room
8:30a – 3:30p	Free Breakfast Golf Scramble	Breakfast Area Eagle Valley Golf Course
10:00a – 3:30p	Registration Open	Common Area
Noon – 3:30p	Chinese Auction	Common Area
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
7:00p – 8:00p	Miss Flame Information Session	4-H Auditorium
4:00p – 5:00p	Shuttle to 4-H Auditorium	Load at Lobby
4:00p – 7:00p	Viewing of Local Fire Apparatus	4-H Parking Lot
4:00p – 7:00p	Registration Moved 4-H Auditorium	4-H Auditorium
5:00p – 7:00p	Meal Served (Open Bar)	4-H Auditorium
7:00p – Close	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	4-H Auditorium
8:00p – Close	Shuttle Back To Hotel	Unload in Lobby
9:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room	TBA
<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00a – 4:00p	Free Breakfast	Breakfast Area
8:00a – Close	Registration Open	Common Area
8:00a – 4:00p	Junior Firefighter Competition	Back Parking Lot
8:00a – 10:00a	Chinese Auction	Common Area
8:00a – Noon	Vendor Setup	Atrium
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Ball Room G
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Pre Judging	Ball Room DE
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Post Judging	Board Room
10:30a – Noon	Seminar TBA	Ball Room C
9:00a – 11:00a	BFFPSE Meeting	Ball Rooms
ABIJ		
Noon – 1:00p	Miss Flame Luncheon	Breakfast Area
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
10:00a – 5:00p	Vendors Displays Open	Atrium
10:00a – 5:00p	Vendors Apparatus Open	Back Parking Lot
1:30p – 2:30p	Miss Flame Open Judging	Ball Rooms ABIJ
2:00p – 4:00p	Hospitality Room Open	TBA
3:00p - Close	IVFA Officer's Meeting	Ball Room DE
3:00p – 4:00p	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Ball Room FG
4:30p – 6:00p	Taco & Beer Bust (Open Bar)	Ball Rooms CHIJ
6:30p – 8:30p	Opening Meeting	Ball Rooms ABCHIJ
8:30p – 9:30p	Memorial Service	Ball Rooms ABCHIJ
10:00p – 12:00a	Entertainment Audience Games	Ball Rooms ABCHIJ
10:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room Open	TBA
<b>Friday</b>		
8:00a – 2:00p	Free Breakfast	Breakfast Area
8:00a - Close	Registration Open	Common Area
8:30a – Close	Junior Firefighter Interviews & Essay Judging	TBA
9:30a – Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Ballroom FGH
11:00a – 4:00p	IVFA Annual Meeting	Ballrooms ABIJ
8:00a – 4:00p	Miss Flame Outing	TBA
Noon – 3:00p	Chinese Auction	Common Area
Noon – 1:30p	Hospitality Room	TBA
1:00p – 4:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
5:00p – 9:00p	Seminar Drones In The Fire Service	TBA
5:30p – 9:00p	Children's Party	Board Room
	Banquet (Open Bar)	Ballrooms ABCDEFHIJ
9:30p – 12:00a	Entertainment TBA	Ballrooms ABCDEFHIJ
10:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room Open	TBA

**Plan now to attend the 2020 Convention June 17 thru June 20 Evansville, Indiana**



## Avoid Holiday ID Theft

More of us will be using smartphones and laptops for our holiday shopping. While it may be more convenient than a drive to the mall, online shopping presents dangers to your credit and personal data. Cyber-Grinches are looking to steal your identity and get into your bank and credit card accounts. As you tap in and surf for deals, be cautious where you go and the information you give others – one-in-five Americans have been a victim of identity theft.

### Facts

- There were 1.4 million fraud reports in 2018, resulting in \$1.48 billion – Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
- 16.7 million reported identity fraud in 2017, resulting in \$16.8 billion stolen – Javelin Strategy and Research
- Robocall and phishing scams continue to rise – FTC
- One-in-five adults have never checked their credit report – CNN Money

### Be Secure

Here are some important internet shopping safety tips to remember:

1. Don't open suspicious or unsolicited emails often taking you to dangerous sites
2. Shop with familiar companies, looking for the secure “https” in the URL, and beware of copycat sites with slight misspellings
3. Use strong, unique passwords for online accounts
4. Avoid using debit cards for online shopping
5. Refrain from shopping or banking while using free or public Wi-Fi
6. Be aware of fake charity, pet adoption and lonely-hearts solicitations
7. Check your credit card, bank and other accounts often for suspicious or fraudulent charges

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**2020 IVFA CONVENTION  
VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM**

**Holiday Inn Evansville Airport  
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Vendor Setup: Thursday, June 18 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Exhibit Hours: Thursday, June 18 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50% deposit enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable and mail to: Convention 2020, c/o Paul Campbell 4814 Martin Rd Newburgh, In 47630

Signature below signifies that Vendor has read and understands the “Exhibition Rules, Regulations, and Conditions” sheet, and agrees to be bound by all terms listed.

Vendor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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2018 Vendor Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck #: \_\_\_\_\_ Booth #: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2020 convention vendor information

## Evansville



## A Convention with a Vision

Dear Valued Sponsors and Exhibitors,

It is our pleasure, as the 2020 Convention Chairmen, to invite you to participate in the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association State Convention to be held in Evansville in June of 2020.

Our past attendees have included chief officers and line officers from the volunteer and career fire services, as well as firefighters and emergency services professionals from all around Indiana. Everyone is excited about interacting with our great vendors to discuss the latest and greatest technology and products available to the fire service.

The IVFA convention will be held June 18, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Evansville. As you well know, an event like this couldn't happen without the support of our sponsors and vendors. We look forward to seeing you in June.

To participate, the committee will need to get commitments from our sponsors and vendors for either booth space or sponsorship no later than March 14, 2020. Enclosed along with this letter, you will find the Vendor Application Form and Exhibitor Rules, Regulations and Conditions document.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul Campbell, Convention Vendor Chairman at [paul.campbell@newburghfire.com](mailto:paul.campbell@newburghfire.com) or by calling 812-573-9473. Please leave a voicemail as he cannot always get to his phone.

On behalf of the IVFA, Convention 2020, and our firefighter attendees, *Thank You* for your continued support in making our past conventions a success and our future conventions even better.

Sincerely,

Jack Kerney and Ross Emery  
Co-Chairmen

## 2020 IVFA CONVENTION EXHIBITION RULES, REGULATIONS, AND CONDITIONS

**1. Offer and Acceptance.** Submission of the 2020 Vendor's Agreement form attached hereto, along with a 50% non-refundable deposit, shall constitute an offer. Convention 2020 will sign the form and return a copy to Vendor, which will cause the agreement to become effective. Remainder of payment is due by June 1, 2020.

**2. Arrangements of Exhibits.** Exhibit must be arranged by Vendor so it does not obstruct the general view of other exhibits. Convention 2020 reserves the right to prohibit an exhibit or part of an exhibit that, in its sole judgment, it deems inappropriate.

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

**4. Remedies.** If Vendor fails to make any payment or otherwise breaches any part of the Agreement, Convention 2020 has the right to pursue (without further notice) anyone or more of the following remedies: (1) cancel the Agreement in whole or in part; (2) evict Vendor from any or all of the space being occupied; and/or (3) exercise any other remedy available by law. Upon cancellation of the Agreement, Convention 2020 may (without prejudice to any other available remedy) offer Vendor's space to any other exhibitor, or use such space in any other manner, without any obligation to Vendor.

**5. Liability.** The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association ("IVFA"), including Convention 2020 representatives, will not be responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur to Vendor's employees, visitors, or property, from any cause whatsoever. Under no circumstances shall IVFA or Convention 2020 representatives be held liable for: (1) any actual, special, indirect, incidental, or consequential loss or damage; or (2) any loss of profit, loss of use, loss

of opportunity, or any cost or damage resulting from any such loss. Vendor acknowledges that the risk allocations of this section are reasonable. Vendor shall obtain, at its own expense, adequate insurance against any such injury, loss, or damage. The IVFA or Convention 2020 shall not be liable for failure to perform its obligations under the Agreement as a result of strikes, riots, acts of God, or any other cause beyond its control. Anyone visiting the Vendor's booth is deemed to be a visitor of the Vendor, not a visitor of the IVFA or Convention 2020. The Vendor assumes full responsibility and liability for the actions of its employees and agents, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the IVFA and Convention 2020, the hotel, and their respective representatives, harmless from and against claims resulting directly or indirectly from the actions or omissions of the Vendor.

**6. Insurance.** For the term of this Agreement, Vendor shall at all times maintain insurance. The amount and scope of such insurance shall be not less than \$1,000,000.00. Such insurance shall also provide coverage for Vendor's contractual obligations to defend, indemnify, and hold the IVFA harmless, as stated in enumerated paragraph 5 of this Agreement. In case the exhibition hall is damaged or destroyed by fire, the elements, or any other cause, or if circumstances make it unreasonably difficult for Convention 2020 to permit Vendor to occupy the assigned space during any part or the whole of the exhibition, Vendor will be reimbursed a proportionate share of the booth rental.

**7. Activities at Exhibition.** Convention 2020 shall have the right to restrict, alter, or close any exhibit which, because of noise, odors, method of operation, or any other reason, becomes objectionable or otherwise detracts from or is out of keeping with the character of the exhibition as a whole. Such restrictions may be applied to persons, things, conduct, or printed materials. No refund shall be made to Vendor under such circumstances.

**8. Cancellations.** In the event that Vendor wishes to cancel some or all of its allotted exhibit space, Vendor may request and Convention 2020 may grant such cancellation, subject to the following understandings; (1) all cancellations must be requested in writing and sent to:  
2020 Convention  
c/o Paul Campbell  
4814 Martin Rd., Newburgh, IN 47630 (*by June 1, 2020*);  
(2) the IVFA nor Convention 2020 is required to refund any portion of money (the 50% deposit, full fee, or otherwise) previously paid by Vendor.

**9. Changes.** If Vendor requests an increase of its booth space after the Agreement has become effective, Convention 2020 will use reasonable efforts to accommodate such request, subject to space availability, additional fee payment, and other prevailing circumstances.

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

Each inside space includes: a 12' wide booth with, (2) 6' tables (skirted), and 2 chairs. All chairs and tables will be supplied by the hotel. Space size is approximate.

\*Other items (i.e.: power & phone lines), will be available upon special request .

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

\*\*This location is large enough for all apparatus as it is where Tractor & Trailers park for events.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) for \_\_\_\_\_ (Vendor)



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# Space heating the leading cause of home fires in winter

*Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention*

## New Year's Resolution: Complete a Home Inventory

in the garage, attic or basement (holiday ornaments, lawn and yard equipment, tools).

Completing your inventory will give you some peace of mind if the worst should happen. We've got a handy home inventory guide that you can download.

The new year is also a great time to get a review your policy or get a comparison from California Casualty. Contact an advisor today at 1.800.800.9410 or visit [www.calcas.com/IVFA](http://www.calcas.com/IVFA).

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Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to the latest statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters-gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

Twenty-plus years ago, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

"As winter approaches, we

want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely," said NFPA's vice president for public education. "Simple steps can prevent a tragedy in your home."

NFPA recommends these safety measures:

- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. Be sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.
- If you use a wood or coal stove or a fireplace, have a professional inspect your chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have it cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.
- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

Here's an unsettling statistic - about half of us still haven't completed a home inventory. Of those who have done one, 40 percent haven't updated it in many years. It's a resolution that we urge you to make.

Here's why: you've worked hard make your house a home. Now it's time to create a record of everything that you own. Trying to tally what needs to be replaced is not something you want to do after a major disaster.

That's why a home inventory is so important. It provides a list of your things in case there is a fire, destructive storm or someone breaks in and steals your valuable belongings. Without an inventory, many people have a difficult time pinpointing or recalling everything that might have been destroyed or taken. That could delay your claim or keep you from getting full compensation.

Whether you choose to write everything down or use a video camera (like your phone), now is a great time to get started. Just go room by room and document:

- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Personal care items
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Kitchen items and appliances
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Carpeting
- ✓ Beds and linens
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Sports equipment
- ✓ Yard and garden tools

Don't forget to take pictures of the exterior of your home from all sides (including the landscaping and any decks or porches), and all the stuff

## Stay safe and warm this winter season!

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