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### From The President David Israel



Welcome IVFA members to a New Year 2021,

When you think things can't get any worse guess what (in my opinion). I think sometimes we are better off to leave the TV off and our stress levels won't be near as high and just take care of our families, friends and our communities and make sure everyone stays safe. Get well soon, Ron.

The COVID-19 virus struck home real close with the passing of Peggy's sister-in-law before Christmas and I know a lot of you have experienced the same. Our hearts and prayers go out to those families that have lost friends and family to the COVID-19 virus. We're thinking of 'ya Phil. The COVID-19 vaccine is available; it's free of charge, you do have to schedule an appointment for your shots; the IVFA forwarded that info to you from the Fire Marshal's Office.

We have finished the Purdue Globe Education and it should have been kicked off by this time. Also don't forget about the IVY TECH two year program. I know we are behind with pins and Gold cards and several things but hang in there as the virus clears up some more. We will get caught up when possible. Hey, Bill don't forget to look both ways, Ron will be back.

Please nominate individuals for

our Awards that are posted on the IVFA web site. Hopefully we can have a Convention this year at Clarksville June 9-12, I think, and we will get caught up on 2020 and 2021 Awards. Pretty sure we will not be doing our 50 year Member Awards program at the Statehouse this year but we are going to try and do something special for them.

Please watch your emails. Legislation is in full swing, they are coming after Township Government again; please watch our Legislative updates on the

IVFA web site. Please watch the Bills and read them and let us know if we need to add any of them to our Bill watch list. There are so many Bills, it's hard to watch all of them, so please help us out.

Everyone be safe and stay safe.

If you need something give me a call.

See you at the next District Meeting.

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### Ferdinand VFD member surprised with 2020 MacQueen Excellence Award



Brad Haas

At the December meeting of the Ferdinand VFD of Dubois County a surprise presentation was made to one of its members. Prior to the presentation of the District 18, 2020 MacQueen Excellence Award, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith said, "When I asked about this year's recipient, several people responded with, "the one behind the scenes that you can always count on". I personally can attest to, and agree with that statement. This year's recipient is not a newcomer to the fire service, having joined more than thirty years ago serving as both a firefighter and an Emergency Medical Responder. Later rising to the rank of Truck Captain on his department. This year's recipient is a member of the Dubois Co. Hazmat Team, and was an early member of the Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Assoc. and even served as its President. On his department he has served as the trainer for the department's Junior Firefighter Program. Members of his family are active with department functions, and membership in the IVFA Auxiliary. All three of his children were winners of the IVFA

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### Miriam Schaekel Award

Welcome to the new year. 2020 was indeed a year that taught and brought us many new things. Praying that 2021 will bring about peace and harmony, findings of how we may deal with Covid and other health issues facing our nation.

We have missed being able to meet and have conversations and discuss the business of our organization. I apologize that as chairperson of the Miriam Schaekel Award that I did not realize that we were able to make another selection for 2021 and that we will honor two award winners at our upcoming convention.

There are a number of ladies who would be great candidates for this award. I am asking that you take a few minutes to send our committee a letter nominating one of your choice. A number of our ladies served alongside of Miriam and helped us to grow, form friendships, and make our organization one we could be proud of.

Please send your letters to the following committee persons by March 1st:

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Thank you for taking time to honor a deserving lady.

Barb Kerney, Chairperson



Sunday,  
March 14,  
2021  
at 2:00 A.M.

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# From the State House to the Fire House



by  
*Larry  
Curl*

Some "Political" talk and more  
By Larry Curl,  
IVFA Member and Lobbyist

Greetings my Fellow Officers, Members, Firefighters, Emergency Service Responders, EMTs, Paramedics and IVFAA Members.

Another quarter has passed since my last newspaper article "Fire House to the State House". So let's talk about some legislation, education and information, my three favorite topics.

Welcome to 2021 and good-bye 2020 (and not a minute too soon). Oh what a year it was as we take just a minute to look back. I have reached the age where I not only can talk about the past but have had the opportunity to live some of the past and never in all my years have I seen what I have seen in 2020. Bet I am not alone in this conversation and thought. We could talk about what was but I would rather put yesterday in the past (and learn from it) and talk with you about the future that we see today.

There will be a time sooner rather than later we hope where we can once again meet in a business or social environment, talk to each other and see the expressions on someone's face rather than via zoom video, conference call, computer aided conversations and meetings not that we can't do all of

that and be thankful we can, but sometimes being "old" school and seeing in person while you are sharing information just seems more personable to me. And I base that thought on my generational background (generation meaning a group of people born around the same time).

So where are we as we head into the Indiana General Assembly 2021 Session?

Where to begin; let's start with IVFA requested legislation. We have asked that a bill be drafted that would address "ROAD CLOSURES" with any "planned" closure of a Road, Street, Highway, Interstate, Bridge, RR Crossing or Intersection be it by private, government or public means that would cause public safety responders to alter an otherwise most direct response route.

We are also monitoring as always all bills that will or could have an impact on our opportunity to serve our communities. This sometimes becomes a challenge when we end up with 500- 600 bills proposed so I ask of each of you is this; should you see, hear, be told of a bill that the language of said bill might impact either positive or negatively our ability to better / best serve, please let us know so we can look into it, monitor it, support or oppose (as appropriate) during the process of this year's session. You can contact any of the IVFA

Officers, District Chairmen, and Public Relations Reps or contact me direct as your lobbyist. Our contact information can be found on the website or in this newspaper. It never hurts to have a second, third or as many as possible, set of eyes watching legislation before it becomes law rather than after it becomes law.

So how is this legislative session going to operate facing the current state of safety our local, state, and nation is facing. Glad you ask, in normal times (ha ha ha) as your lobbyist I go to the State House nearly every day during a session calendar, with a clear vision of what bills and what lawmaker(s) I need to look for to be able to share our position. In 2021 that has all changed beginning with the location where I go. We now have the Senate with its 50 members meeting in the State House in the Senate Chambers, while the House of Representatives, due to the number of House members (100), they have moved to the Government Center just west of the State House for their sessions. Oh, it gets better, so if both chambers are meeting on the same day at the same time which is the norm, it's no longer walk around the halls of the third floor of the State House and watch, listen, or see what is going on and sending in a message to ask a legislator if they have time to sneak

with you standing outside the chamber, you have to move from the Government Center to the State House depending upon where you have bills being heard and there is sometimes shall be that bills being heard will be in both chambers at the same time. Does all of this stop our opportunity to address issues, bills, and proposals with members of the General Assembly, NO, absolutely not, it just makes it a little more challenging and gives me a forced means of weight control as we walk from building to building vs around a hallway. So when we look back on the 2021 session we might say "that was different" and we will be glad to return to the NORM whatever the norm will become.

Speaking of getting back to the norm, let's talk COVID-19 vaccine. By now I hope all our membership and possibly our families have taken advantage of the opportunity to have taken the vaccine. If you are a first responder (fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, volunteers, reserve officers), you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. You should have gotten some information on this early January via email from the Central Office or an officer of the IVFA, your District Chairman, your Public Relations Representative. If you did not, please reach out and make sure your contact information is available through one of these sources. It's important on many levels that the IVFA has accurate and current contact information

on you, so please only you can assure that happens.

We are still accepting applications for grants at IVY TECH for those who serve as a volunteer fire or EMS member, so if you, a member of your family, or a member of your community wants this opportunity to take advantage of a "free" grant with a very few exceptions, please visit the IVFA website and click on the Still Accepting Applications IVFA and IVY TECH Public Safety Scholarship box. Remember you must be an active member to participate in this grant program.

As the latest Educational offer the IVFA has signed an Indiana Academic Advantage Program MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING with Purdue Global (Purdue's Online Educational Program) to offer a Tuition Reduction to members of the IVFA. While all the details of the marketing and promotional is still being worked out, the offer is now available.

So as you can see the IVFA continues to work for the betterment of our members, with promotional education opportunities, legislation and keeping you informed as to information to help you the member.

Let's all hope for a better 2021, with less drama and more normal day-to-day ways and means of serving our communities.

Visit the IVFA website to stay in touch, in tune and informed about the legislation for 2021.

Please stay safe, stay  
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## MEETING DATES AND TIMES

#	Area	Date	Time	Time Zone
1	Middlebury	01/11/21	5:30 PM	EST
2	Plymouth	01/12/21	5:30 PM	EST
3	Michigan City	01/13/21	5:30 PM	CST
4	Merrillville	01/14/21	12:00 PM	CST
5	West Lafayette	01/19/21	5:30 PM	EST
6	Kokomo	01/20/21	5:30 PM	EST
7	Wabash	01/21/21	12:00 PM	EST
8	Fort Wayne	01/25/21	5:30 PM	EST
9	Muncie	01/26/21	5:30 PM	EST
10	Indianapolis	01/27/21	5:30 PM	EST
11	Danville	01/28/21	12:00 PM	EST
12	Covington	02/02/21	5:30 PM	EST
13	Terre Haute	02/03/21	5:30 PM	EST
14	Bloomington	02/04/21	12:00 PM	EST
15	Richmond	02/09/21	5:30 PM	EST
16	Aurora	02/10/21	5:30 PM	EST
17	Starlight	02/11/21	12:00 PM	EST
18	Odon	02/16/21	5:30 PM	EST
19	Huntingburg	02/17/21	5:30 PM	EST
20	Evansville	02/18/21	12:00 PM	CST

### ONLINE TRAINING

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### PROGRAM

- Know the Operators.....Know their Products
- Receive up-to-date safety protocols
- Virtual Incident Scenario
- On-Scene Chemistry/Hazmat Basics
- Safe Digging Practices (811)



### REGISTRATION

To register please visit [inpa.org/meeting\\_schedule](http://inpa.org/meeting_schedule). Select the meeting you wish to register for. Once completed you will receive a confirmation email with links and instructions on how to join the virtual meeting. For questions or additional information, contact us at (844) 693-7788 or visit our website at [inpa.org](http://inpa.org).

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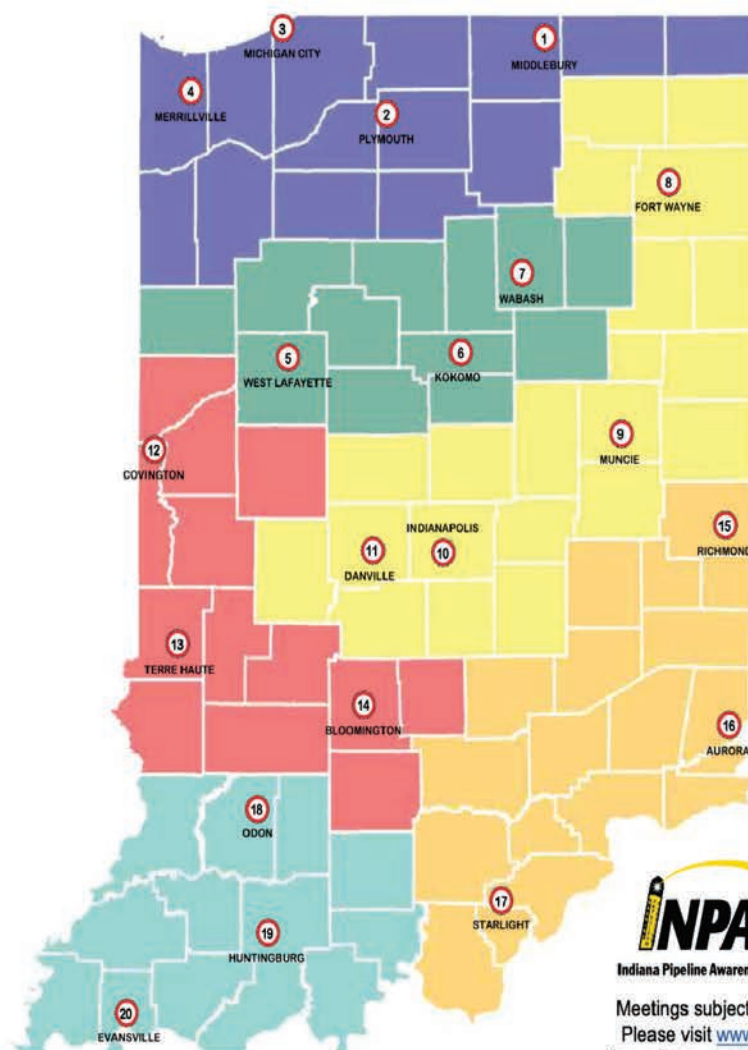
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Attendees will be eligible to earn gift cards during the meeting based on participation.

You may attend any meeting but the meeting in your area will have pipeline operators that are local to the area.



Meetings subject to change. Please visit [www.inpaa.org](http://www.inpaa.org) for updates and to learn more about your local pipeline operators.



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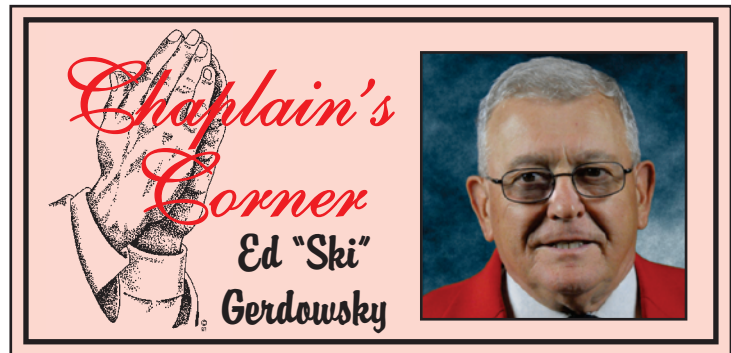
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While we still have this pandemic to deal with, I know it has been really hard for us all to deal with. Hope your Christmas was a good one and God will bless us with a much better New Year!

I have attended the November meeting in Indianapolis and brought up many Bibles. If you need any more and anything at all please let me know.

I attended a funeral for Guy (Hoss) Lee Craig in Osgood, IN and a Line of Duty Death for Robert Cree in Lucerne, IN. Please keep the families in your prayers.

Thanks to all my associates who have done funerals in their districts also. Each and every one of you are so important to our wonderful organization.

Praying for all of you and hoping to see you in February. God bless us all for a better 2021.

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky  
 12-24-20

*But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
 whose confidence is in Him.  
 He will be like a tree planted by the water  
 that sends out its roots by the stream...*

Jeremiah 17:7,8

**GOD WILL LISTEN TO YOUR PRAYER AT ANY TIME OR PLACE :**

There are many misconceptions about prayer, as well as many misuses of it. Some people think that the only time and place for it is at their House of Worship, or at bedtime. *The truth is that any time or place is appropriate, because God is always on hand to listen*, if the prayer is of the right kind and for any good purpose. A prayer should begin with an expression of gratitude for our blessings. Next, it should never be a "shopping list" of the material things we would like to have, but instead, a plea for recovery of someone who is ill, the comfort of a person who has just lost a loved one, help for the unemployed, or any number of unselfish requests. We may well find those prayers answered, and possibly receive some unasked for blessings for ourselves.

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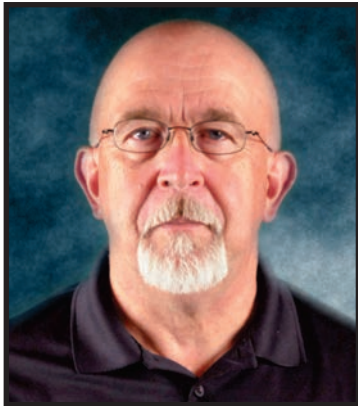
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# From The Vice-President

Jerry Liston



Greetings,

Where did 2020 go? I know as you get older the years seem to fly by more quickly. It almost seemed like a dream, but we all know it was not a dream. I am writing this article in early January for the first IVFA newspaper of 2021. When you are reading this article in late January or early February, we will be off and running into 2021. Let us hope that 2021 will be better for us, our families and our departments and State.

I would like to start this article off by saying THANK YOU to all of our members and first responders who are supporting their community on a day-in and day-out basis with all the activities and issues that COVID 19 has brought on all of us across the State. I have been told and have seen many stories of individuals working tirelessly to help their

agencies stay on top of the ever-changing guidelines and still maintaining their jobs and family's lives and most importantly, staying safe and healthy themselves.

This last year has been uncharted waters and we seem to keep staying ahead of the curve and I commend you all that have made that happen. Let me remind you, we are still not out of the PANDEMIC woods yet, so we need to keep following the guidelines set by the CDC and your local County agencies while responding on all incident types.

Remember away from runs, continue to wear your masks, continue to practice social distancing and continue to wash your hands frequently until we are told differently. I truly believe these three simple tasks helped tremendously in keeping this Pandemic under control and in-check somewhat.

We are starting to see the vaccine for COVID 19 be available for our first responders and front-line medical workers around the State. It will be up to you to receive the vaccine or not. I suggest that you do when it is offered to you. If you have questions, DO NOT be afraid to ask questions about the vaccine. I suggest you reach out to your local hospital or county health department with those questions.

I want to touch briefly on workplace stress. Workplace stress contributes to poor physical and mental outcomes. The damage stress causes to both physical and mental health is well documented. Studies by major universities found that common workplace stressors increase individuals' risk of self-rated poor health, self-rated

mental illness, physician reported illnesses and even mortality. If you or you suspect someone of struggling with PTSD or stress related issues DO NOT be afraid to ask for help. There are agencies in our State that are there for assistance with these matters.

Ivy Tech Community College and its Foundation has graciously announced they will continue with the First Responders Public Safety Scholarship by allocating another \$250,000 dollars towards the program. Remember, the intent of this program is to help your department recruit new members but can also be used to retain existing members on your department. If your department has not reached out to your local high school and informed them of the program, please do so. If you need help in doing this, you can reach out to your District Chairman or Public Relations Representative in your area for directions and assistance.

I have been told we currently have around 130 members enrolled in the initial offering of this program across the State. Again, THANK YOU, Ivy Tech and its Foundation.

We are going to try to hold District Meetings again across the State starting in January/February. It has been some time that some Districts have held a meeting. If the District Chairman or the Department feels a meeting cannot be held safely in their area then it will be up to both to properly cancel the meeting and make the proper notification of the cancellation. Both President Israel and I ask the cancellation of the meeting NOT be done on the date of the meeting. Please follow the IVFA and District Facebook pages for any future meeting cancellations.

Our IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl has begun following proposed 2021 legislation that will affect the Indiana fire service. It is too early yet in the process, but there appears to be proposed legislation again on the horizon addressing township government this session. To follow proposed 2021 legislation, go to [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org), look for the legislative link on the page and click on it to follow any legislative updates from Lobbyist Curl.

In closing, here are some lessons I have learned from 2020. I did not create this list but felt it is appropriate to end this article and to start off the year of 2021.

- The World can change Quickly.
- Kindness is IMPORTANT.
- There are HEROES around us.
- PEOPLE matter more than THINGS.
- Life is a Gift.
- WE can ALL make a

DIFFERENCE.

- Optimism is crucial.
- SMALL ACTS have BIG IMPACT.
- We can Adapt.
- There is HOPE.
- WE are in this TOGETHER.

Until the next time, stay safe and take care of yourself.

Jerry L. Liston  
Vice President

# From The IVFA Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2020  
WAYNE TWP. FIRE HEADQUARTERS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order by President David Israel at 1300. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jerry Liston. The Invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Rachel Bussey.

Roll call was taken with District Chairman present and absent, Public Relations Officers and absent, past presidents, the Lobbyist and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Don Cushman, PREC, made a motion to accept minutes as printed. Larry Bartlow, PRWC, seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. CD was renewed with Bedford Federal Bank who had the best rates. Went over proposed budget and recommended keeping mileage the same. Motion made by Past President Buz Koehler made motion to accept report, District 10 John Ray gave second. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** none.

**Executive Committee Report:** David Israel, have to cover life-saving awards list and guidelines. We are working on them and will have update later.

**Central Office Report:** Jack Kerney/Leighanne Ellis.

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** Vice President Jerry Liston - all district awards have been passed out to chairmen.

**Angel Award:** Diane Harrison - nothing to report.

**Jr. Firefighter Award:** Jack

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protected, and continue to serve. Remember I am but a phone call, email, text away should you have a question of concern about anything I have shared in our first 2021 newspaper article.

Larry

Kerney - nothing to report.

**Mr. IVFA:** Ed Gerdowsky - nothing to report.

The awards could possibly be all passed out at the next convention and put two years of awards out at convention unless they want to be passed out prior to convention.

**Bridgeport:** Past President Richard Glant, nothing new to report.

**Budget:** Treasurer Luke Kluender, nothing more to report.

**By-laws and S.O.G.'s:** PRWC Larry Bartlow, change the amount of money for the webmaster is paid out in the by-laws, Ivan Nevil Award rules are also being amended and worked on.

**Clothing Claims:** District 5 John Grolich, there was to be one claim, but nothing was turned in.

**Convention:** President David Israel, 2021 Convention - Paul Holcomb, Rick Cannon, John Gott - nothing new to report. 2022 Jack Kerney/Ross Emery - ready to go.

**EMS:** Vice President Jerry Liston, nothing new to report. Meeting minutes will be emailed out at a later date.

**Legislation:** Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, Purdue Global grant which follows the Ivy Tech grant in allowing for Bachelor's Degree at a reduced cost of tuition. The paperwork is signed, and marketing meeting will be soon. The state also has an education grant, Next Level Jobs, that is obtainable by residents free of charge. We need to market and promote our education benefits to the membership. Proposal for road closure updates, draft is written for within 48 hours of a planned closure, the party responsible for closing the road must notify department in area of closure. Adding to that asking for dispatch to notify departments when responding of road closure during the dispatch as a reminder. Proposal for interfering with Public Safety official. More research was completed and fire personnel are included in the bill.

**LODD:** Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, nothing to report.

**Logo:** District 18 John Smith, nothing to report.

**Membership and Marketing:** District 7 Sam Bisel, nothing to report.

**Newspaper:** Past President Buz Koehler, 32-page paper, 14 advertisers, pick up papers to take back to district. Cost of paper \$.44/copy. Articles, letters, and pictures get to printer before the deadline. Will be sending out a survey to ask about purchase

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**- secretary**

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traffic from advertisers by members.

**Public Relations and Education:** PRSW Steve Nolan, FDIC is April 22-24, 2021; we will need workers. We will need to get more supplies to restock the trailer.

**Social Media and Website:** Webmaster Josh Reisert, nothing to report.

**Special Projects:** Past President Buz Koehler, nothing to report.

**Training:** Past President Steve Anderson, nothing to report.

**Younger Membership:** District 6 Jerry Sprague, nothing to report.

**Representative Reports**

**Board of Firefighter Standards and Education:** John Smith, Monday, Nov. 19, 2020 next meeting at Wayne Twp. Fire Headquarters.

**Fire Alliance:** Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, Senator T. Young online to discuss Hero's grants (SAFER, AFG), discussion on more grants for Indiana, he agreed to try and work with Marshal's office to try and put out

informational training for grant workshops. If Senator Braun or Senator T. Young's offices are contacted, they would be willing to send letters of support for grant applications. Opioid crisis brought up, HIPPA conversations brought up on what information can be released, no names can be given but can give that there is a potential exposure. If you need PPE, need to check with local EMA Director and then go to Fire Marshal's office. EMResource still available for use of EMS supplies and resources for tracking. Smoke detector program grant ending in November, issue in paperwork being returned to state for tracking is a problem. They are looking to get another grant. CARES Act, keep track of COVID-19 expenses individually so they can be reimbursed, or cost covered through the act. Must be enrolled and submit for assistance.

**Hero's Competition:** Mike Dzuba, nothing to report.

**IN-Time:** Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, virtual meetings for 2 weeks covering 22 hours' worth of information. Sent out report to officers.

**Red Cross Workgroup:** Don

Cushman, nothing to report.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President,** David Israel, 5 districts updated on all their pins.

**Vice President,** Jerry Liston, 5 department meetings updated on pins, 2 fundraisers, 2200 miles.

**Chaplain,** Ed Gerdowsky, 2 district meetings and memorial service.

**Secretary,** Leighanne Ellis, California Casualty contract completed.

**Treasurer,** Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

**Sergeant-At-Arms,** Brent Bush, needs a 2-week notice for station clocks.

**Historian,** Paul Smith, absent.  
**Chairman of the Board,** Paul Holcomb, absent.

**Webmaster,** Josh Reisert, nothing to report.

**PRNW,** Jeremy Reef, 2 district meetings, fundraiser.

**PRNE,** Jean Smith, district meeting, NVFC meetings, 9/11 service.

**PRWC,** Larry Bartlow, 3 district meetings, MacQueen award.

**PREC,** Don Cushman, district meetings, trailer is available until winterized.

**PRSW,** Steve Nolan, absent.

**PRSE,** Ed Scheele, absent.

**Asst. Treasurer,** Bev Harker, absent.

**Asst. Secretary,** Diane Harrison, absent.

**Past President's Reports:**

**Jim Parker:** absent.

**Richard Glant,** absent.

**Jack Zeeks,** absent.

**Buz Koehler,** Alliance meeting, district meeting.

**Jack Kerney,** absent.

**Larry Ketchem,** absent.

**David Israel,** gave update on Jim Parker.

**Steve Anderson,** Alliance meeting, district meeting.

**Paul Holcomb,** absent.

**District Reports:**

**District 1,** Marshall Neece, district meetings cancelled due to COVID-19.

**District 2,** Paul Watland, absent.

**District 3,** Bob Uryga, absent.

**District 4,** Elton Schafer, district meetings cancelled, passed out pins and memorial markers at 2 departments.

**District 5,** John Grolich, passed out pins and memorial

markers, issues with dues and payment, discussion on state statute for dues to be able to be paid from state accounts, John Smith can send it out. I.C. code 36-8-12-5.

**District 6,** Jerry Sprague, absent.

**District 7,** Sam Bisel, absent.

**District 8A,** Rex Maynard, moved a department from old to new station, set up a department with Hoosier Burn Camp, district meeting.

**District 8B,** Lloyd Wright, came back as chairman, memorial service and pins passed out.

**District 9A,** Pascal Moon, absent.

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

**District 10,** John Ray, fundraisers, pins, 50-year presentations.

**District 11A,** Pete Taylor, district meeting, memorial service, passed out pins, fundraisers.

**District 11B,** Jason Ryan, passed out pins, department calls.

**District 12,** David Israel and Jerry Liston, handed out pins, updated fire dept. addresses.

**District 13A,** Mike Dzuba, absent.

**District 13B,** Jeff Biehl, district meetings, MacQueen award.

**District 14,** Rick Cannon, passed out stations clock, pins, MacQueen award.

**District 15,** Ross Emery, absent.

**District 16** John Gott, Maggie Stoltman sitting in nothing to report.

**District 17A,** Sam Emery, 2 district meetings, 2 memorial services, 3 / 50-year presentations, Vincennes supper is cancelled.

**District 17B,** Heather McGlocklin, absent.

**District 18,** John "Bull" Smith, updated on upcoming meetings.

**District 19,** Ben Siverdin, absent.

**District 21,** Ed Watson, 6 department meetings, passed out pins, district meeting 2 memorial markers given.

**New Business:**

1. Hoosier Burn Camp contacted Fire Chief's association who contacted us about assistance with passing items out to the campers due to COVID-19 restrictions, just be prepared if there is a need.

2. Vincennes Sausage Supper has been cancelled. Any meetings that are serving meals must have the meal served to patrons.

3. District vouchers and Secretary vouchers need to be turned in ASAP.

4. Supporting Hero's Gala - April 24, 2021; Paul will handle tables, get names to David or Paul.

5. FDIC workers need to sign up.

6. DC trip those that signed up for 2020 can go in 2021, but make sure to reconfirm with David.

7. If you need a zoom meeting set up, contact webmaster to set it up and make sure we are communicating with

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



**Sam Bisel - Chairman**

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
District 7  
September 21, 2020  
Poe Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 18 members representing 5 departments.

July minutes read with 2 corrections.

GUESTS: Jean Smith – PRNE, Paul Bradley – Indiana State Fire Marshal Office Fire Academy Program Manager, Terry Bradner – 1-800-BoardUp.

Chairman Bisel introduced our guests.

Paul Bradley spoke. All state fire programs are using IFSTA manuals now.

The state has a new Haz-Mat confidence trailer as well as other training trailers available. Go on to ACADIS to schedule for your department.

Keep an eye on grants available to you.

Trying to improve communications between the office and your departments. Paul stated that he is driving out to and cold calling on fire departments in his territory (IDHS Districts 1, 2 & 3.) If no one is present he will call the contact numbers and let the contact know that he is present on site if someone is available to meet. Or at least leave a message to let you know that he had stopped and visually seen your department.

The state is moving more classes to online format. Books and manuals are going to be E-books. Working out logistics of skills sites for hands-on portion of online classes.

EMR classes are going to be available through the state fire program.

Looking at ways to make classes more flexible and work with students on deadlines of classes.

Building materials are available through the state for use on training props and burn trailers. Go through your district training coordinator to obtain these materials.

Terry Bradner – Thanks for the invitation to attend. Gathering E-mail addresses to better get information and opportunities out

to your department.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Legislation, not sure how it is going to proceed with current precautions. Anything that you would like to see move forward in legislation, let Jean or Larry Curl know.

Reviewed handout from NVFC on retention of firefighters.

EMT classes are being provided through Indiana's Next Level Learning program. Contact Jean for more information.

Chairman Bisel – Bad addresses are still an issue. Contact Sam if you are not receiving your paper or other information from the IVFA.

Still working on correcting department E-mail addresses. The IVFA is wanting to have 3 contact numbers for each department.

Attended 125<sup>+</sup> anniversary at Berne. Presented a 10-year pin to Eric Neuenschwander and 25 year pins to Terry Boling and Ryan Neuenschwander.

Berne has put a new tanker in service and now has their old tanker for sale by sealed bid.

Still have 4 departments in the district that have not paid their dues. They have been contacted and new dues packets have been sent out.

A state convention is still up in the air.

This year's MacQueen Award (formerly the Global Award) will be presented at the next district meeting in Poneto.

Next district meeting will be at Poneto November 16.

Second roll call answered by 18 members representing 5 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
District 7  
November 16, 2020  
Poneto Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:40 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 15 members representing 5 departments.

September Minutes R/A.

GUESTS: Jean Smith – PRNE, Terry Bradner – 1-800-BOARDUP.

Chairman Bisel introduced guests.

Terry Bradner – 1-800-BOARDUP – Please give him a call if there is anything that he can help you out with.

Currently building sanitation is very busy, cleaned 26 facilities last week.

Jean Smith, PRNE – January 5<sup>th</sup> new session is to open. No bills

involving money will be presented.

Bill to require a 72-hour notification of road closures is being looked at.

Bill 2020 went into effect January 1, it spells out interfering with public safety.

Senator Todd Young would like to see more grants come to Indiana. Will try to get notice out when new grants are available.

IVFA Cost Savings Survey is going to print and will be presented soon.

There are three opportunities to help fund EMT certifications: 1. Next Level Jobs program through Ivy Tech; 2. Ivy Tech renewed its volunteer firefighter grant program for next year; 3. Purdue University Global offers EMT classes at discounted rates.

From the Central Office still seeing some bad addresses, currently 13,500 IVFA members, 4800 IVFA plates sold to date.

NVFC spring and fall meetings were held virtual.

Anheiser Busch renewed its commitment to can water to be available for national emergencies.

Nationally working to increase suicide prevention. By July 2022, 988 will be suicide prevention hotline.

Buz Koehler asked that a poll take place at the meeting of how many departments received quotes and/or made purchases from our advertisers.

Chairman Bisel – Presented 10 year pins to Poneto members Brian Prible, Mike Prible and Zachary Smith.

50 Year Gold Card and Proclamation were presented to Daniel Anderson of Poneto.

Last year Ivy Tech awarded \$225,000. Sam asked if we could get a breakdown by region or county where funds were distributed so could do more promoting.

Bad addresses are getting narrowed down in the district.

Two departments still owe dues in the district.

Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary – announced that Nature's Way Animal Rescue will be teaching a Technical Large Animal Rescue Class in Montpelier January 16. It is being hosted by Blackford County Emergency Management. Contact Blackford County EMA or Richard if you have any further questions or would like to attend.

Next district meeting will be at Preble January 18.

The following meeting will be at Roanoke March 15 and will be our annual bake sale.

Second roll call answered by 15 members representing 5 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Richard Sorg

District 7 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



**Rex Maynard - Chairman**

New Year is here. I hope you all stayed safe during 2020 pandemic.

I hear some departments are making changes like going combination department and some departments have change of officers. Please let me know the changes because I need to know the name of the office they hold, e-mail and phone number so I can turn it in to the Central Office so we know who to contact at your department.

I hope this year gets more to normal so I can come to your meeting.

The next District 8A meeting is at Wayne Twp. VFD Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m., 18441 East Durbin Road, Noblesville.

I hope you are visiting District 8A Facebook page and the IVFA Facebook page. If you need anything please contact me.

District 8A  
Rex Maynard

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



**Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman**

District 8B held their district meeting on November 11, 2020 at the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright opened the meeting with everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Chairman Wright thanked the Lynn VFD for hosting the district meeting.

Roll call was taken with 14 members present from 4 departments. There were also 6 guests present; David and Peggy Israel, Larry Curl, Jerry Liston and Don Cushman and his wife.

Larry Curl told the group about what was going on with the different bills that the IVFA was supporting in the legislation.

David Israel reported on what

was happening in the IVFA.

Jerry Liston talked about the insurance that the IVFA members have or they can get.

Don Cushman told the group if they want to use the IVFA trailer, they could get ahold of him or let the district chairman know.

The second roll call was taken with how many fires and EMS runs that each department had. There were a total of 33 fires and 73 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held on January 13, 2021 at the Losantville/West Union Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed a lite lunch.

Thank you all for attending the meeting.

Stay safe!

Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B chairman

## DISTRICT 9A REPORT



**Pascal Moon - Chairman**

Good day to all,

Well another year has come and gone; it seems like it was only a week or two ago that it was warm out!

I hope that all are well and that things continue to go well for everyone.

The November district meeting was cancelled and with any luck we can get back on track the next few months; I can only speak for myself and that I need to get out and visit departments!

When I sit at the computer every quarter and try to type some sort of article for the paper, well trust me it is not the easiest!

I guess maybe we should look back and see what we have done on the positive side!

Maybe it was the new equipment, or maybe getting a few new members?

What about your community, did something positive happen?

We have been hearing all the bad things and sometimes you have to look the other way for the good things?

Most department fundraisers were cancelled this year! How did your community react to that? Sometimes the hardest decisions we make as a department really are for the good of the community?

Who do we respond to in times of need? The Community!

Who will respond in times of our needs? The Community!

Thanks, Stay Safe!  
Pascal

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

**Stay safe!**



# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

Several "years of service" pins were presented in District 10 since our last article. Jacklyn Dorsett received her 10 year pin at Clay Township in October at the Bartholomew Chiefs' meeting. Waldron was the meeting location for our October District meeting, where Waldron Firefighter Robert Boucher was presented his 25 year pin. Ryan Hanson from Shelby County EMS had the program about using a Drone to find lost subjects who wandered away from home, have health problems, or children getting lost in fields or remote areas.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> we presented the MacQueen Excellence Award to Tyler Sneed, a 19 year member of Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept. Congratulations, Tyler on your award and thank you for your service to the community! We were pleased to have Gary Davis of MacQueen Fire Equipment, President David Israel, and Trafalgar Chief Mark Dunn present to assist with the presentation. Also in attendance were Tyler's wife, Rachel and children, Emery and Taylor.

10 year pins were presented at Nineveh's November department meeting to Dustin Oneal. Firefighter Oneal's wife, Kelsie received the pin for him as he was on duty at Franklin City Fire. Joshua Snyder of Nineveh also received his 10 year pin.

No district meeting was held in November because of COVID 19.

With 2020 behind us, we are hopeful and planning 2021 District meetings. The schedule as of this time is: January 20 at Moral Twp., February 17<sup>th</sup> at Wayne Township (Jonesville Barth Co.), March 17<sup>th</sup> at Needham Fire Dept., April 21<sup>st</sup> at Edinburgh Fire Dept., and May 19<sup>th</sup> at Southwest. We will notify you of changes or cancellations as they arise.

We hope everyone is having a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!

John M. Ray  
District 10 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,  
This thing called Covid 19 was a huge game changer for our Association and totally changed the way we did things.

I'm looking forward to seeing an end to quarantine, social distancing and masks.

Cancellations of meetings and get-togethers were evident over the holidays this year.

Ivy Tech has announced it will continue the Scholarship Program in 2021. The program is intended to receive new members to fire service with offering a free two-year education from Ivy Tech. Great opportunity!

The district Global Award has been renamed the MacQueen Excellence Award.

I have passed out a few pins and went to a memorial service.

Looking forward to a new normal, whatever that is!

Any department needing anything needs to give me a call.

Till next time,

Pete Taylor  
District 11A chairman

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B,

Happy New Year everybody; 2020 is gone, 2021 is here.

Covid 19 has taken over the country and shut everything down. The vaccines are out and I hope it slows the virus down. Even the IVFA cancelled meetings and events throughout the year 2020. Please pray it gets back to normal before long.

When we get back out to visit I will get the rest of my service pins issued.

Ivy Tech is giving grants to volunteers for a two year scholarship to earn a degree. This is a great recruitment and retention tool for Vol. Fire Depts.; attend your district meeting to find out more.

The District meeting schedule for 2021 has been mailed out.

The cost savings study is done and we will be having a meeting to go over them and pass them out.

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

The Henry County Firefighters held their annual Shop with a Firefighter program, they took 95 children shopping. Special thanks to all county firefighters for support of this program. Thank the New Castle City Firefighters, Scott Teague, Spiceland FD & Jeff Biehl, Mooreland FD for chairing this program.

David, sis said "hi".

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

Brothers and Sisters, be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl  
District 13B Chairman

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome to 2021,

I hope everyone is doing okay.

We are trying to get out to meetings. If you are holding meetings, please let me know so I can come out and speak at a meeting.

We have a lot going on this year and will be hosting the 2021 convention in Clarksville, so if anyone wants to help out give me a call 502-523-2665.

**MAY 2021  
DEADLINE IS:  
APRIL 5, 2021**

**From The  
Treasurer**

Luke Kluender



## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18,

"I want to bid a sincere goodbye to the year 2020"! I, as I am sure all of you hope that 2021 will be better in all of the ways that we can imagine.

The District 18 meeting of November was cancelled due to a "Code Red" being issued for the County.

I have been trying to visit departments in District 18 to present Years of Service Pins to our

members, inform them of legislation that was passed during 2020, and inform them of the Cost Savings Report that the IVFA has commissioned and received.

As I always say at this time of year, it is winter out there! It's cold! Be on the lookout for signs of hypothermia in your members especially during extended operations. Until next time, stay alert, stay safe, and "keep the wet stuff, on the red stuff"!

John "Bull" Smith  
Chairman, District 18

**- secretary**

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committees.

8. Benefit Summit for May 16-18, 2021 is still planning to occur.

9. February meeting will be announced when closer to time for what format it will be held in.

10. We have the zoom program that if departments are needing the service, they can use it; they need to contact Josh Reisert to set this up.

PREC Don Cushman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, District 21 Ed Watson second. Adjourned at 1512.

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2020 WAYNE TWP. FIRE HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson at 1516.

Reading of the minutes, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept them as emailed, District 14 Rick Cannon second was made by. Motion passed.

### Board Action - Business:

1. 2021 Mileage, Larry Bartlow motioned to keep mileage at \$.45; second was given by John Ray. Motion passed.

2. 2021 Budget, Buz Koehler made a motion to accept budget as presented, second was given by Ski Gerdowsky. Motion passed.

3. CD renewal, CD at Old National, Brent Bush made a motion to allow treasurer to renew CD as deemed appropriately. Don Cushman gave the second. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ed Watson, second by John Smith. Meeting adjourned at 1520.

## Invest in Yourself

The end of the year is a traditional time to look back and vow to do better. This past year may go down as one of the most unusual times in our lives. The contagion, the caution, and the controversy have left us confused and confounded. We cannot live our lives as we might like. Taking in a movie, dining out, even gathering with friends and family has been difficult, if not impossible.

Front-line workers know that the needs have not changed, only become more difficult to meet. Resources are constrained and teamwork is more important than ever. How do we improve our effectiveness in this era of isolation? How do we bridge the gap from where we are to where we need to be?

This pandemic may give you a pause in your personal or professional life: some extra time on your hands. Now may be the best opportunity to improve yourself: adopt a healthier lifestyle, manage your finances better, or get some more education. There are many educational opportunities now available to first responders with a reasonable investment of time and energy. Check with your IVFA District Chairman if you are not aware of these programs.

Perhaps the best legacy of this pandemic may be a more skilled, capable workforce, ready to take on the challenges of society, when things return to normal.

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# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

## Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



Hello Everyone,

We just finished the year 2020. It will not be forgotten due to a Pandemic that has changed all our lives. I express my deepest sympathy for those that lost someone to this tragic event that we are going through.

Due to the pandemic our quarterly meetings have been held as a Zoom meeting to keep in contact and keep everyone updated.

Meetings in PRNE have been limited. District 7 has held a couple of meetings.

District 4, 5, and 6 have not held meetings due to the Pandemic severity in those areas.

I feel as essential personnel in public safety that we get enough exposure. I feel we need to be a leader

not a follower in this pandemic if we can help you limit your exposure. I feel this is what we should do to be safe. If you need anything please contact your Public Relations representative or your District Chairman. We are still here for you!

Legislation is in process. Adjournment scheduled on April 29, 2021.

To keep up-to-date please go to our page [ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org). Click on Legislative. Here you can follow the bills that we are tracking through legislation. Please contact your legislator to express your concerns. You can click on a link to find your legislator on this page.

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

Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast

## Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,

The world has changed, wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, food should be served, only a certain amount of people to be in dinners, meetings, etc., flu season around the corner, please get the FLU shot. When will we be able to get back to our normal life or will we???

This quarter I have only attended 2 district meetings and 2 memorial services.

The IVFA trailer is now available to use and we would like to see it out and visible to the public.

Please keep your trucks and gear clean, only YOU can help to prevent yourself from getting CANCER.

Keep yourself safe this winter and do what you can to keep yourself safe from COVID.

Till next quarter,

Steve Nolan, PRSW

### 2021 IVFA CONVENTION VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM Radisson Hotel Louisville North Clarksville, IN June 9-11

Vendor Setup: Thursday June 10, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM  
Exhibit Hours: Thursday June 10, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Matt Schafer



## A visit from Santa!

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## Receives 50-Year service pin

Paul Martin receives his 50 years of service pin from IVFA District 4 chairman Elton Schafer and fire chief Manges.

*Congratulations!!*

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary

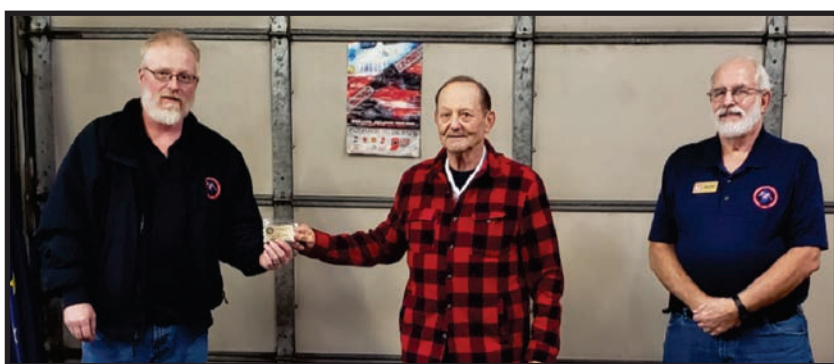


## Smith awarded 10 Year service pin

Zachary Smith, Poneto VFD, receives his 10 year pin. Pictured (left to right) are Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman, Zachary Smith, Len Smith, Poneto VFD Chief and Jean Smith, PRNE. (Picture by Richard Sorg).

*Congratulations!!*

## Anderson receives 50 year Gold card and Proclamation of Service



Daniel Anderson, Poneto VFD, receives his 50 year Gold card from District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel and Jean Smith, PRNE. (Picture by Richard Sorg).



Daniel Anderson, Poneto VFD, receives his 50 year Gold card and Proclamation of Service. Pictured (left to right) is Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman, Daniel Anderson, Len Smith - Poneto VFD Chief and Jean Smith, PRNE. (Picture by Richard Sorg).

***May 2021 deadline is : April 5, 2021***

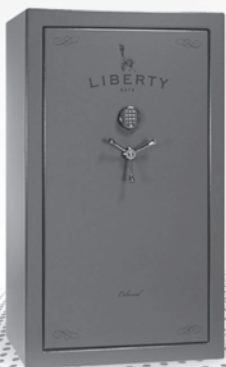




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**I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

**Corresponding Secretary**  
*Janet Matthews*



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting  
Saturday, November 11, 2020  
Wayne Township Fire  
Headquarters, Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m. by President Carol Curl. Chaplain Beth Caudill opened the meeting with prayer. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis.

**Recording Secretary:** Tammy Smith not in attendance today and no one has member listings or organizational count. There were

14 members in attendance of the meeting today and 1 guest present.

**Correspondence Secretary:** Janet Matthews reports that the recording from the Zoom call in August was a file that was too large for Josh to send via email. He will download it on a flash drive for me today. I will see if I am able to get any minutes taken from that to have for our records. Maxine Davies' family sent a Thank You card to the state for the Bible that was given in her passing.

**President Report:** Carol Curl reports that since there is not a quorum here today that there will not be any voting for the change of officers. The 50-year plaque for 12B Dana Fire Department Auxiliary has arrived and will be delivered to them at the department's Christmas party. In 2022 the IVFAA State Organization will be active for 70 years. Carol reports the audit was not completed for 2020 but will be done in February 2021 for the 2020 year. Miss Flame 2020 candidates can be the district's 2021 Miss Flame candidates, no matter their age at the time of convention. Carol informed the group that Tammy Smith has

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accepted a new position at her work. She will no longer have the time to do the duties of the recording secretary. Lou Bartlow has agreed to step in and finish out the term of the recording secretary. Members have until the end of the year to pay dues for 2020. No one will lose their time or their insurance coverage related to delinquent dues. Please send any/all dues with completed forms to Lou Bartlow. Lou's mailing address is: P.O. Box 12, Montezuma, IN 47862. Carol will work with Tammy to obtain the office equipment and get it to Lou so she can begin to get the membership records caught up.

IFVA President David Israel came in to speak to the group. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today and following the social distancing provisions while here. The organization will decide later of what to do for next year's quarterly meetings. 2021 convention will be in Clarksville. Awards from 2020 will be presented at the convention along with the 2021 awards.

**Vice President Report:** Christina Reef had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report:** Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was

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

### 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.

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 we have not been able to have meetings since the middle of March of 2020. I hope everyone is healthy and doing okay. Please stay safe.

If your Auxiliary has any questions or concerns or functions you would like me to attend, please contact me at 260-413-3040, EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith  
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

### DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



**Beverly Taylor - Chairman**

Hello Everyone,

Winter is here, like it or not.

Hope everyone is hanging in there with all this mess we have to deal with these days.

Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 we have not been able to have meetings. I hope everyone is healthy and doing well and staying safe.

If your auxiliary has any questions or concerns, please contact me at 812-448-3232.

Till next time,

Beverly Taylor  
Chairman 11A Auxiliary

### DISTRICT 14 REPORT



**Judy Wirth - Chairman**

Happy Holidays and hope 2021 will be a smoother year for all of us.

Thank you to all our departments, first responders, auxiliaries and supporters for staying safe and trying to keep the communities we serve as safe as possible. Staying safe starts at home and then we can do our part as best we can.

Not much new from District 14. Take care! If you need something, holler.

### DISTRICT 19 REPORT



**Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman**

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a blessed New Year! We have really had a difficult year to deal with, some more than others. We have had to cancel meetings and convention, but hopefully will get to have it again in February and June. Thanks to Carol and those who could make November meeting and get things back to normal as best they could. Our State Chaplain Beth Caudill decided to step down to take a chairman position with Franklin County State Fair. Congratulations Beth and thanks for your past years as IVFAA State Chaplain. I want to thank Judy Wirth for filling in for Beth. She has been Chaplain years ago and will do a very good job with the help of others like Joann Hays.

I also want to thank Tammy Smith and Lou Bartlow for getting the membership dues caught up for everyone.

That is truly a hard job to keep up on with all departments. Our local Morris VFD department did a November breakfast drive-through which did a wonderful job for what everyone had to go through. Thanks again to all who have helped others through the pandemic and have sent cards and made calls so we can stay in touch with our fellow auxiliary members.

May God Bless us all and give us a better 2021.

District #19 Chairman  
Pam Gerdowsky  
12-24-20

## IVFAA Chaplain

**Judy Wirth**



Hello to all!

I hope each and every one of you and your families had a very blessed Holiday Season.

With all the craziness in the world I know how difficult things are right now to keep things as normal as possible but we have to

put all our faith in our Heavenly Father to get us through.

Those of you who do not know, State Chaplain Beth Caudill has moved on to a new step in her life and was unable to continue her position as State Chaplain. I am wishing Beth the best of luck in her new endeavors. I held this office from 1991 to 1995 and so enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Association. I hope I can continue as Beth and the other past State IVFAA Chaplains to assist in any way I can until elections in June at Convention. (Hoping we can hold one this year.)

A new year is upon us. Anticipation is still great that 2021 will be easier, happier, HEALTHIER, and somewhat normal, (if there is such a thing anymore!)

Proverbs 3:5-6 is always a comfort to me I hope it will comfort you as well -

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*

*In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will direct your paths.*

Take care and if you need anything, holler, you know where I am at!

Judy Wirth  
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## IVFAA President Carol Curl



### A chat from Carol ...

February 2021

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members,

Well, we have said bye (don't wish to use the word good in front of bye as there has not been much good, so a simple bye) to 2020 and not with many tears. Wow, what a year from coronavirus to mask wearing and lock downs. Then a year without quarterly meetings, no convention, very few District Meetings and the only means of communication with our members and leaders seem to be zoom calls which most of us are not well comfortable with, so a year with little to no face-to-face information sharing.

Then comes the holidays with requests / suggestions, no group gatherings so those with large families found it hard to observe the holidays or at least with all

## - corresponding secretary

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passed out by Suzie Lewis. Connie Ray made a motion to accept the treasurer reports as reviewed, Sharon Wright seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, treasurer reports accepted and are subject to audit. Lou Bartlow made a motion that the IVFAA pay half of the cost for the lunch that was served today for the IVFA & IVFAA. \$198.42 is cost of half of the bill, Marie Emery seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Martha Biehl will write a check to pay our portion.

**Chaplain Report:** Beth Caudill reviewed the list of member deaths from the IVFAA that was submitted to Ski Gerdowsky. Crosses/Angels are to be given only in place of the Bible, both items are not intended to be given to the family upon a member's death. Beth announced to the group that this is the last meeting that she will be state chaplain, as she is stepping down from her position. She informed the group that she has accepted a position in her county that will take a lot of her time and she will not have time to do both roles. President Carol Curl thanked her for all her time and efforts in supporting the organization. There are 6 assistant chaplains that can be contacted for any needs and Carol will be looking for a person to temporarily complete the term. Judy Wirth made a motion that if a family has a need/want for a cross/angel for another family member of the deceased member that the chairman can give them that in addition to the Bible. Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried that if the family has a request for a cross/angel in addition to the Bible that one be given to the family.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Suzie Lewis reported she will be getting the 50-year cards and pins from the company making them for us. Beth Moon made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, Christina Reef seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting closed with prayer from Beth Caudill at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Matthews  
Corresponding Secretary

their families, so yes, bye to 2020.

So welcome 2021. I hope we will see some better opportunities to meet, greet, and be able to gather and conduct the business of our association but I'm not holding my breath. As of this writing I've not heard about a February Quarterly meeting but with the serious nature of the virus it's not looking good.

So what do we do as an association in 2021? First and foremost we need to continue to reach out to our members and leaders, stay in touch with each other and share communications and absolutely keep up with our members who have medical concerns and let them know we care and we are thinking about them and their families like the one I recently learned was diagnosed with the coronavirus. We need to keep those with issues in our thoughts and prayers and remember their families as they struggle to overcome, remember we are family and families look out for each other.

Looking forward, there is still business we can take care of like those who have membership questions or concerns. We have Lou Bartlow who has stepped up when we found that we were having issues in our membership and agreed to temporarily assist by taking on the duties of the recording secretary after Tammy Smith had to unfortunately step down for personal reasons, so if you or your members have a membership question please contact Lou and she will do her best to assist and please let me say thank you to Tammy for all her hard work the years she held the office.

In closing let me say we still need to be thinking about and nominate folks for the annual awards, reaching out, communicating and praying for a return to something that looks, smells, feels, and reminds us of normal times.

Until our next visit either in person or on paper, please stay healthy and safe and **Happy Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.**

Hope to see all of you somewhere, sometime during 2021.

God Bless everyone!

Carol Curl,  
IVFAA President

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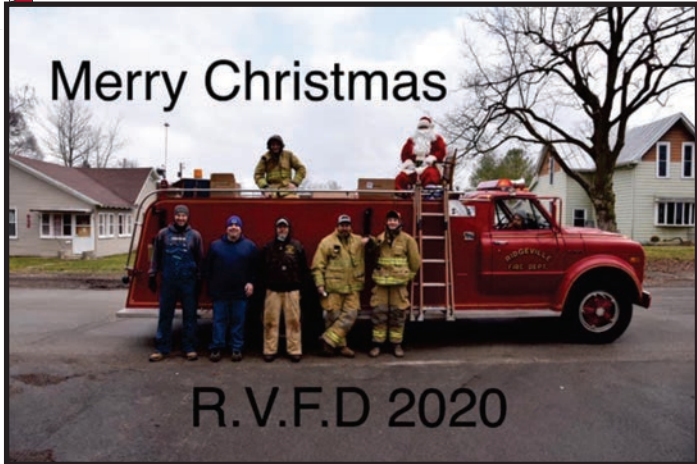


# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



## Santa comes to town!!



*The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department welcomed Santa to their town on December 20th.*



*The town of Lynn, IN had a Christmas parade on December 19th. The Lynn Volunteer Fire Department brought Santa to Town.*

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



## Santa comes to town!!



The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department helped out with having Santa come to town.



## Awards given at annual Christmas party

The Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on December 12th. Pictured is Brian Lykens and Tom Sheridan for 30 years of service. Also Johnny McCormick was honored for 5 years of service. Shown are the members of the fire department. Shown are members of the fire department Auxiliary.



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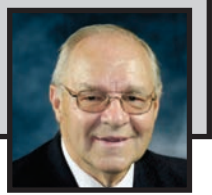


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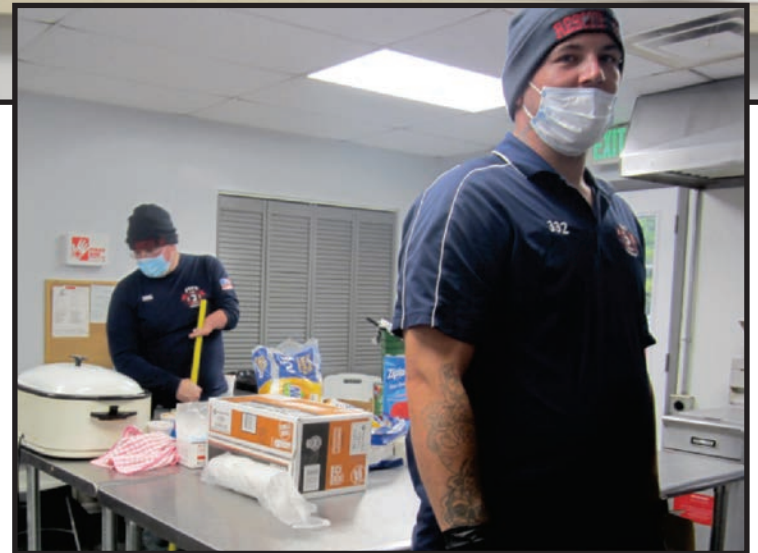
# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



## Pennville VFD happenings . . . . .

The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a truck muster during the Pennville Pumpkin Festival on October 17, 2020. Shown are some of the trucks that attended it.



Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on October 17, 2020 during the Pennville Pumpkin Festival .

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B



## New engine for Bryant VFD

The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department got a new Engine. It's a 2003 E One Custom Cab with a 2000 GPM pump, 750 gallon water tank, and with a few extras such as the deck gun and hydraulic tools that include spreaders, cutters, a combination spreader/cutter, and rams. We bought the truck from Fire Unlimited in Gillett, WI.



### Bryant VFD receives donation

Bryant Volunteer Fire Department received a \$1,000.00 donation from the Vore's Welding and Steel, Inc. Pictured are Mike Kimmel, fire chief, Steve Vore, and Josh Kimmel. We will be buying extrication equipment with the money.



### White River VFD receives clock for new fire station

The White River Volunteer Fire Department built a new fire station. Shown receiving a clock from the IVFA for their new station is Jim Thrope, Fire Chief.

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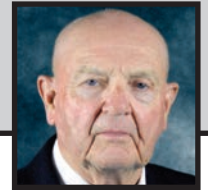
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



## Robert Haunert honored for 50 years of service

District 10 Robert Haunert, a 50 member of Clarksburg Comm. Vol. Fire Dept., receives his 50 year Gold card, pin, Meritorious Service Award and a copy of the State legislative resolution honoring all the 50 firefighters for 2020.

Pictured (left to right) Fire Marshal Joel Thacker, Chief Robert Speer, Robert Haunert, Mrs. Haunert, District Chairman John Ray and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl.



## Pins awarded for 10 years of service



Robert Duckworth (left) receives his 10 year pin from State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker (right). Robert is a member of Clarksburg & Comm. VFD.



Koby Schneider, a member of St. Paul VFD, receives his 10 year pin from John Ray, District 10 chairman.

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Joshua Snyder, a member of Ninevah VFD, received his ten year pin from John Ray, District 10 chairman.



Kelsie Oneal of Nineveh VFD receives 10 year pin for her husband Dustin Oneal from District 10 IVFA Chairman John Ray.



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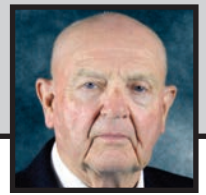
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



## Pins presented to members



District 10 pin presentation to Jacklin Dorsett, a member of Clay Township VFD, from District 10 Chairman John Ray.



District 10 pin presentation to Robert Boucher of Waldron VFD from John Ray, District 10 chairman.



**District 10 MacQueen Excellence Award for 2020.** Tyler Sneed of Trafalgar Volunteer Fire Dept. shown accepting his award from John Ray, District 10 Chairman.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

– Submitted by Pete Taylor, district chairman



## Ten and twenty-five pins awarded



District 11A chairman Pete Taylor presented Eddie Hastings his 10 year pin at Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Department on 10-25-2020.



Lonnie Eberhardt received his 25 year pin at Union Fire Protection Territory on 11-1-2020 from district chairman Pete Taylor.



Earl Hutcheson received his 25 year pin at Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Department on 10-25-2020 from Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

- submitted by Jeff Biehl, district chairman



## Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded



Richard DeCraos and J C Messer of Liberty Twp. FD receive their 10 year service pins from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Lisa Sembach of Glenwood FD receiving her 25 year service from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Mike Langdon of Liberty Twp. FD receiving his 25 year service pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Gary Winstead of Glenwood FD receiving his 25 year service pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



David Reeder of West College Corner FD receiving his 25 year service pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

— submitted by Jeff Biehl, district chairman



## *Honored for 60 years of service to department*



Steve Ward of Raleigh FD honored for 60 years of service to the Raleigh Community and Fire Department.



## *Second anniversary of West College Corner FD new fire station*



Second anniversary of West College Corner FD in their new station. This station was built with a lot of community donations and lots of work from the firefighters; they were able to pay it off in the first year. — photo submitted by Martha Biehl, 13B Secretary.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman and Rachel Bussey



### Dupont Lancaster Fire Department fish fry held recently



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### Hanover FD pins awarded



Congratulations to Ron Kroger III, Johnny Burselson, Chris Litsey and Ryan Ryan, Matthew Kelley, Cory Thomas, Phillip Meredith Jr., Chuck Justice and Greg Riley on receiving their service pins. Thank you so much for all of your dedication and years of service. (submitted by Leah Kroger)



Hanover FD new Engine 32

## Public Safety Day sponsored by City of Madison FD

October 10, 1-5. City of Madison Fire Department had a waterball competition between the Madison Fire Department and Milton Volunteer Fire Dept., KY. Milton placed first. They provided bouncy houses, kid's house fire simulation that children got to put out with a waterhose, K-9 simulations, visit from the Paw Patrol flown in by Air Methods medic helicopter, prize give-aways, and free food for the community. Fun was had by all who attended. All of the fire engines, rescue trucks, and the quints were all parked on display for the public and kids to explore.

(Photos courtesy of LeTiscia Wilson, Madison Fair Play firefighter Katie Napier, and Chaplain Rachel Bussey).



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## Public Safety Day continued from page 25



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

– Submitted by Robert E. Barber, SVFD 125

Due to Covid-19, Shawswick VFD did not have their annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Presentation. The dinner allows all firefighters and families to mingle, eat and have some relaxing time sharing stories about this fire or other family events and get to meet and greet the new members on the department. Dinner is also the time the department elects the next year's Fire Chief and Board Directors.

## Two honored for outstanding dedication to their department

During a special meeting Fire Chief Robert A. Brown and Austin Brown, Training Officer, presented two awards for outstanding dedication to the fire service:

Tammy Wright was voted EMS Responder for 2020 for her dedication to Shawswick VFD and the community by her completing the EMS Responder Course and passing the test. Tammy also racked up the most runs attended for 2020 and is the department's administrator entering all run data in the Image Trend Program.



*Kyle Brown  
2020 Firefighter of 2020  
and Austin Brown*

*Tammy Wright  
EMS Responder for 2020  
and Austin Brown*

## **Congratulations!!**



# Support Hoosier Burn Camp



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John C. Smith, district chairman



## Ten and twenty-five year service pins awarded to members in District



In December, Zachary Taylor of the Anderson Twp. (Perry Co.) Vol. Fire Department, was presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin.



At the December meeting of the Chrisney VFD (Spencer Co.) two members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service award by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Pictured (left-right) are Chrisney Firefighter Nickolas Perkins and Chrisney Firefighter and IVFA District 18 Vice-Chairman Chris Anderson. Also receiving the award, but not present was Chrisney Firefighter Jean Trulock.

### May 2021 deadline is April 5, 2021

## Congratulations to all firefighters!!



Justin Hoffman



Zachary Leinenbach



Derek Steffen

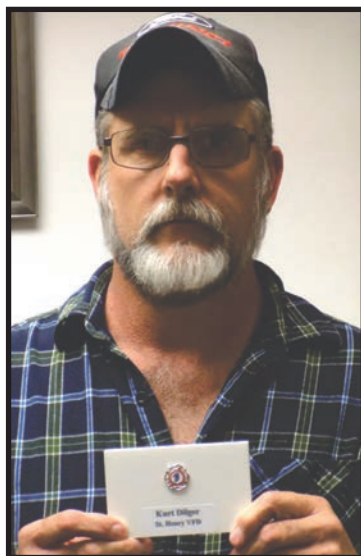
At the year end meeting of the Ireland VFD, several members were presented with the IVFA Years of Service Pin. Receiving the 10 year service pin were Ireland Firefighters Justin Hoffman, Zachary Leinenbach, and Derek Steffen. Receiving the 25 year service pin were Ireland Firefighters Brian Gehlhausen and Mike Hanselman.



Brian Gehlhausen



Mike Hanselman



At the December meeting of the St. Henry VFD of Dubois County, the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin was presented to SHVFD Fire Chief Kurt Dilger by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

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| First Name  | Middle Name | Last Name     | City            | Department                         |
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| Michael     | R.          | Dickerson     | Sulphur Springs | Jefferson Township VFD             |
| Daniel      | Joseph      | Simmons       | Hayden          | Spencer Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.  |
| Joseph      | L.          | Sunday        | Farmland        | Farmland VFD Inc.                  |
| Michael     | B.          | Dickey        | Charlestown     | New Washington VFD                 |
| Anthony     | J.          | Clayton       | Henryville      | Monroe Twp. VFD                    |
| Jeremy      | Wade        | Watkins       | Forest          | Forest VFD                         |
| Andrew      | T.          | Sparks        | Petersburg      | Petersburg VFD                     |
| Matthew     | F.          | Gaff          | Ligonier        | Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.              |
| Philip      | J.          | Murphy        | Ft. Wayne       | St. Joseph Twp. FD                 |
| David       | C.          | Perry         | Merrillville    | Merrillville VFD #2                |
| Joel        |             | Storm         | Madison         | Western Fire Co. #3                |
| Darin       | Ray         | Scudder       | Rising Sun      | Rising Sun VFD, Inc.               |
| Odis        | Ray         | King          | Mitchell        | Marion Twp. Rural FD               |
| William     | Jason       | Goings        | Boonville       | Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)       |
| Cean        | L.          | Pemberton     | Wahiawa         | Sandborn VFD                       |
| Todd        | Morris      | Daniels       | Alexandria      | Richland Twp. Fire Dept.           |
| Anne        | Marie       | Gilbert       | Wawaka          | Rome City Fire Dept.               |
| Robert      | Christopher | Nunez         | Muncie          | Monroe Twp. VFD                    |
| Brian       | Lee         | Hollingsworth | Poneto          | Chester Twp. VFD                   |
| Blake       | Charles     | Forrester     | Columbia City   | Columbia Twp. VFD                  |
| James       | Matthew     | Groves        | Newburgh        | Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)       |
| William     | M.          | Kendall       | French Lick     | Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1     |
| Christopher | George      | Miller        | Patriot         | Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.       |
| Jerome      | David       | Brown         | Bloomington     | Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.        |
| Robert      | Anthony     | Whitaker      | North Salem     | Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.          |
| Zachary     | J.          | Douglas       | Crestview       | Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.     |
| Dallas      | William     | Hutts         | Rolling Prairie | Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.         |
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| George      | Paul        | Altepeter     | Columbus        | Southwest VFD                      |
| Chris       | James       | Moore         | Columbus        | Southwest VFD                      |
| Colin       | Justin      | English       | Florence        | Posey Twp. VFD                     |
| Brandon     | Joe         | Johnson       | Mitchell        | Marion Twp. Rural FD               |
| Brock       | Michael     | Buchanan      | Fort Belvoir    | Vincennes Twp. VFD                 |
| Edger       | Leonel      | Lopez         | Crown Point     | Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force    |
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| Jered       | Alan        | Stettet       | Dubois          | Dubois VFD                         |
| Michael     | Anthony     | Sabo          | Lake Station    | Lake Station VFD                   |
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| Jared       | Patrick     | Maxwell       | Fort Wayne      | North East Allen County Fire & EMS |
| Brandon     | James       | Duff          | Georgetown      | Lafayette Twp. VFD                 |
| Schyler     | D.          | Clark         | Bicknell        | Vigo Twp. VFD                      |
| Michael     | Jacob       | Collins       | French Lick     | Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1     |
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| Kendall     | Jacob       | Kerzan        | Vincennes       | Vincennes Twp. VFD                 |
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| Casey       | W.          | Foye          | Paoli           | Southeast Twp. VFD                 |
| Elizabeth   | Nicole      | Ireland       | Kingman         | Jackson Twp. VFD                   |
| Thomas      | Michael     | Bedway        | Coal City       | Coal City VFD                      |
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| Zachery     | Michael     | Powers        | Chesterfield    | Richland Twp. FD                   |
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| Robert      |             | Ford          | Farmland        | Farmland VFD                       |
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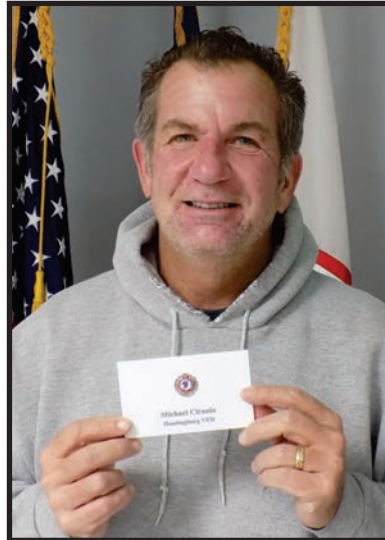
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## Twenty-five year service pins awarded to fire members



At the December meeting of the Birdseye VFD, Birdseye firefighter Jeffery Englert was presented with IVFA 25 Year Service Pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



Mike Ciraulo



Roger Kissling

At the December meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department, two members were presented with the IVFA 25 Years of Service Award. Pictured are Fire Captain Roger Kissling and Firefighter Mike Ciraulo.

## Check out heating units for winter safety

The outside temperature is falling into the twenties, the teens, and lower. Inside our homes fires are built in wood stoves, thermostats are turned up to "take off the chill", or portable heating devices are used to supplement the structure's traditional heating appliance. Regardless of the heat plant used or how it is used, these devices can cause fires.

Heating fires applies to those fires that are caused by functioning or malfunctioning central heating units, fixed or portable local heating units, fireplaces, chimneys, and water heaters. Units use multiple types of fuels such as oil, gas, coal, wood, etc. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) finds that an average of 51,000 residential heating fires are reported each year. It also reports the peak months for heating fires are January-February. Knowing that now is the time for heating fires to occur, let's examine some possible accidental ignition sources to look for while doing the investigation.

It is important to remember to document the area before any form of examination is conducted. The examination of the heat plant is conducted using the same systematic approach as the scene exam. This is exterior to interior and least to heaviest. Begin the exam on the heat plant's exterior. Check the flue pipe(s) and/or chimney for cracks and/or loose connections. Note the distance between the flue pipe/chimney and combustibles especially where there is a breach in structural components. Mentally ask yourself if this distance is sufficient to create pyrolysis effect of area combustibles. Check the unit's connections and controls. Is there any sign of a leaking fuel product? An example of this may be discoloration of the floor overlay or floorboard itself. Can you move connectors easily? Are there signs of tool marks? Observing these things should cause you to inquire with the owner/occupant if there were any mechanical problems with the units. Note the positions of any of the controls. Make sure that controls are in an "off" position if you suspect the heat plant is the ignition source. The interior of the heat plant requires the same basic observations as the exterior. One additional item to consider when examining the interior is the general "housekeeping" of the unit. Does it appear that filters are clean and the unit has been maintained or are there signs of inadequate maintenance?

Fifty-one percent of heat plant fires are attributed to some form of mechanical failure. Twenty-seven percent are caused by improper maintenance, and eleven percent is caused by combustibles stored too close to the unit. Be careful on how much examination of the heat plant is done. If a mechanical failure is suspected, the insurance company will most likely want to have the unit examined for possible litigation. Tampering too much with the unit could raise spoliation issues. Use this to your advantage. If the insurance company hires an engineer to examine the unit, ask for a copy of the report when the engineer is finished. This reduces the chance of spoliation, allows the "expert" to render the opinion about the heat plant, and provides documentation to support your conclusion.

So the next time you are digging out the fire scene this winter and a heat plant is located in the area of origin, keep these suggestions in mind to help you with your examination.



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Bridgeport Scholarship Program. When I said that I concurred with the “guy behind the scene assessment” my example would be that at each District 18 meeting, our raffles have prizes, and the sales of the tickets and those of the half-pot run seamlessly. The man that you all see when you first come in to these meetings is the very definition of the “guy behind the scenes”. So, without further ado, it is my pleasure to present the 2020 MacQueen Excellence Award to Ferdinand Firefighter and IVFA District 18 Sergeant-At-Arms, Brad Haas.”

Haas, being completely surprised by the award, stayed true to his gracious personality and said, “That I have always tried to do what I could, and I just don’t know what else to say, except thanks to all”!

*Congratulations Brad!!*

Article and photo provided by District 18 Chairman Smith



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