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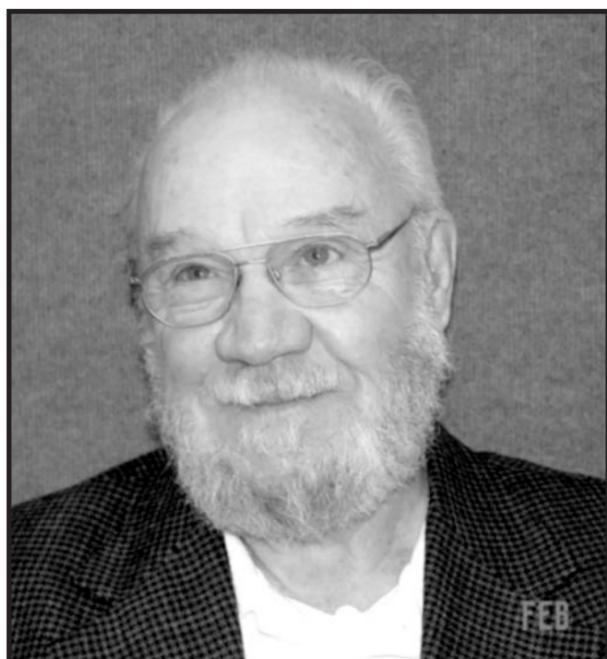
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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association mourns the loss of Past President James Parker



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*Rest In Peace,
Mr. Parker*



It is with a very sad and heavy heart at the passing of one of our Past Presidents. James Parker was a Gold Card member of the IVFA, working for many years in the Association to better the Volunteer Fire Service. Past President Parker retired from the Acton Vol. Fire Department, Marion County.

Jim passed away on January 3, 2022 at his daughter's home in Texas.

Jim was heavily involved in fire service legislation for over 30 years representing the IVFA and played a large role in the Bridgeport Scholarship program.

Please keep the Parker family in your prayers.

*President David Israel
Past President Buz Koehler*

"JIM PARKER - A very loyal and strong supporter of the IVFA. He was always looking to improve the IVFA program to help the volunteer firefighter.

Jim was willing to help you make your ideas work without telling how to do it, only making suggestions of better ways.

My favorite Jim Parker story happened the first Convention after I became Secretary.

After the get-together meal at the Fair Grounds we came back to the motel and sitting outside were Jim and Carl Bruns. As I walked up Carl said, "Larry you got a minute we'd like to ask you something". We talked for about an hour about the way I was putting things in the minutes and things that I wasn't. They never once suggested I was wrong, just offered ways to do it better.

I had several interesting discussions with Jim Parker and learned a lot from him.

RIP Jim, we've got it from here."

Larry Bartlow

'THE LIFE & LEGACY OF JAMES PARKER'

"One of the many duties / responsibilities Jim had overseen for the IVFA was that of Legislative Chairman.

Jim had overseen the legislation that would serve the IVFA and its members for many years helping submit language and information about what our legislative needs would look like and subsequently followed up with assuring the bills were drafted properly and that we had someone to watch and track the bills during the General Assembly sessions.

When I got involved with the process, Jim was still the committee chairman and was part of the team that interviewed me. I guess in short you might say Jim was partially to blame for me being there, good or bad. I like to think it was and is still good.

Jim would still watch the bills long after I became the Lobbyist and was not shy with addressing his thoughts about a bill being proposed good or bad. He and I would speak frequently during the legislative sessions and he was one who always wanted to know what was happening at the State House. I think that is why today I am so concerned and so careful to assure the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' voice is being heard and that the legislators know who we are.

The only time Jim and I disagreed was during the interview process as I was about to become your lobbyist when I offered to take our legislative message to our members by attending District Meetings and activity and he suggested providing an annual report during the state convention should serve our needs. Well Jim, (God bless him); I think going to the members has worked well for not only our members but me as well and I will say after a short period of time I think he, too, say the benefit or at least never again discussed the issue.

Jim will be missed by many, most of all the IVFA with his Institutional Knowledge, his history and the value of what he did with and for the IVFA during his many years as a member, officer, leader and a friend."

Larry Curl



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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 Christmas and New Years gone by and I hope everyone had a chance and a reason to enjoy both, sharing them with family and friends as we look forward to the future, 2022.

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

As I and Carol had the opportunity to travel, visit, meet and talk with many of you during the past year I had much to share, talk about, and discuss but nothing more important than addressing the many ways we are hoping we are helping others.

We've talked about what it takes to provide a quality service, the need for staffing and funding. The many opportunities we have and the opportunities we need to build a stronger, better staffed, well funded Volunteer fire service in Indiana.

We have talked about the money we save as is shown in the "cost savings study" we had done, how to best utilize the data and who to share it with. We have addressed a benefit package for our members as a tool for retention and recruitment (remember the more we can retain, the less we have to recruit the better trained we are as a department and the less it will cost us overall). Ask me and we can talk more about this item in the future.



We have addressed concerns about training our members, both new and old and how to best accomplish the skill set and experience needed to service our communities.

We have addressed many times the benefits of being an IVFA member, the insurance, the award recognitions, the sharing among fellow members' experiences, knowledge and support and simply the opportunity to help our neighbors. We have celebrated together, laughed together, even cried together but that is all a part of being a family together.

So where do we go or what do we see for 2022?

Not being a fortune teller, what I see is we still have work to do to claim that we are providing the best for the best. I see we need to step up our game on retention so as to slow down our need for recruitment. We will never be able to stop recruiting but we should be able to step up our retention, too.

Welcome to 2022 and good-bye 2021. As we begin 2022 we must first stop to look back at what a year 2021 has been. 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 and 2021. 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.

We have finally reached a time where we can 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 2022 Session?

Where to begin; let's start with IVFA requested legislation. Currently we have not requested any specific legislation but fear not we will soon (by the release of the edition of the paper) have plenty to work with, talk about, and even choose a side in some cases as to what works best for the IVFA.

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 may ask each of you is this; should you see, hear or are being told about a bill if 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.

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 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. As of our first day, January 4 all 150 members of the General Assembly are back at the State House, assigned seats in the proper chamber, and can be seen and spoken to in the hallway. What a difference a year makes.

A couple of items worth mentioning, 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 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.

The Purdue Global offer of a reduced cost on tuition for a Bachelor Degree is also still on the table. Please take full advantage of either or both. They are two very good benefits for being or becoming a volunteer firefighter and serving your community.

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 2022, 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 IVFA and legislation for 2022.

Please stay safe, stay protected, and continue to serve.

Remember I am but a phone call, email, text away should you have a question or concern about anything I have shared in our first 2022 newspaper article.

Welcome to 2022!!!

Larry

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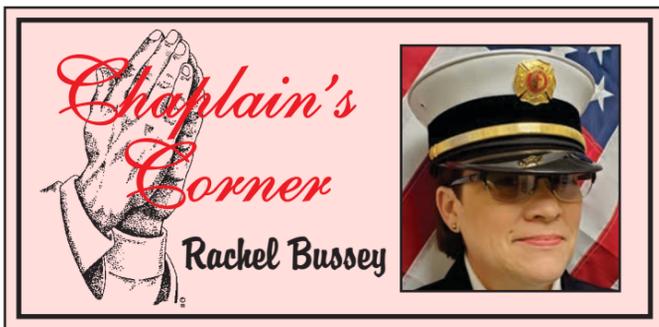
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From my home to yours a belated Happy New Year to all. I look forward to getting to know more of you. I am a 3rd generation firefighter on New Washington Volunteer Fire Department, and I hope to honor my grandfather, Sam Bower, who served in the I.V.F.A. many years ago. I work full-time as an online banking specialist for New Washington State Bank, part-time on duty crew on my department, while volunteering as department victim liaison and Chaplain as needed. I come with many years of service helping others from a single-family structure to hundreds of families within three counties in the aftermath of the March 2, 2012 tornadoes.

I hope this article finds everyone well, and you have had a chance to reflect on the past year along with an outlook for the year ahead. It is a new year, and what better time to refocus your heart toward your Savior and yourself? Leviticus 26:19 NIV "You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new." The words may be old, but much remains the same in the present. A new year has arrived and with it new goals, resolutions, or changes to achieve. Everything has changed in the world; however, we have the same almighty God who is able to bless us with a fresh slate. I hope you take this time to gain a new perspective giving you a new or refreshed purpose.

I am honored that my path has led me here. Past S.E. Chaplain Tom Sellmer asked that I fill his position after many years of correspondence between us in studying Chaplaincy. When I received the call asking to fill his shoes, I realized not only the great honor in what he saw in my heart of servitude, but also what big shoes to fill. Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky served this office for 12 years, and again I find myself reflecting. I am thankful to him and all the Chaplains who live to serve.

As firefighters we are called to duty with a moment's notice whether it is New Year's Eve, a child's birthday, etc. It is upon the drop of the tones that we respond in a common goal to serve, protect, and preserve for the stranger who called for help. So, it is with the

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reflection of being a firefighter and Chaplain that I listen to other firefighters in hopes of providing and building needed services. Please feel free to call because I am here to help. This organization continues to work towards making a difference for all of our members, firefighters, and the beautiful state of Indiana. We are always seeking ways to improve.

COVID-19 is still bearing down upon us, and I pray for a time that reflects our lives post 2020. However, we are not letting it slow us down. I am currently seeking information that can be used to provide help during funerals that includes, but is not limited to: bagpipers, drums, bells, color guards, vehicle bunting, garrison flag, etc. If you have this information please provide name, contact information, primary contact, what services are provided, what they have or can provide, hours of service, and areas of coverage to chaplain@ivfa.org. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

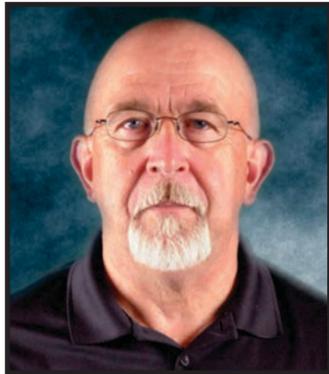
I end with this thought of scripture: "not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the other."

Philippians 2:4 NIV

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From The Vice-President

Jerry Liston



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a pleasant and safe holiday season, that they brought you joy and that you were able to spend time with your families and friends.

Wow, 2022 is here! Where did 2021 go? Did you get everything done that you wanted to in 2021 or did the end of the year slip up on you as it did to me? Oh well, there's always this year to get those things done... or at least, plan to.

As we start the new year, please keep in mind not everyone in emergency services deals the same with issues related to severity of incident types or job-related stress. There is no shame in needing assistance, and there should never be any kind of stigma placed by any of us on someone that needs a little extra help. Pay attention to those around you in your department, and make sure you offer help or get assistance for

those in need.

Although we often talk about "everyone goes home" relating to emergency incidents, it is also critical that "everyone sees tomorrow". Do what you can and do not think someone else will step up to assist someone struggling.

If you or someone needs assistance, there is help available, and we are here to support one another. Our association is in the very early stages of building a network/database to identify those types of help programs and facilities across the state. If you are aware of those types of programs or facilities in your area, please let your district chairman know. The plan is to share this information with the State Fire Marshal Office. All information is welcomed.

Congratulations to the new class of 50 Year Members. There are 81 Gold Card and Pin recipients for 2022. This is a larger group this year than from years past. Thank you for your dedication and service over those last 50 years. Thank you to those families who shared those individuals with us over those 50 years. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate with this year's 50 Year recipients and their families down at the Statehouse later this year during the legislative session.

The IVFA is highlighting departments in the quarterly newspaper. Have your department be highlighted in the newspaper: go to www.ivfa.org, download the form, fill it out and share what is special about your department. Submittals for the departments will be handled on a first-come basis and will be printed in the paper as space permits.

While you're on the website, check your department's contact information. If you find the information needs updated, contact your District Chairman or a State Officer whose contact information is in the paper. Keeping the information up-to-date is vital and important to your department. This information is also important to us too, as it is used by our state officers as they travel the state to attend meetings and events.

It has been approximately seven months since the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education approved Emergency Response Support (ERS) to help with recruitment and retention. This new 30-hour standard is intended to replace the 90-hour plus mandatory training standard. There has been tweaks to the ERS standard since being approved at our State Convention back in June. The tweaks have been confusing at times to those departments attempting to utilize the new standard. Whenever a complaint or concern is received regarding the new ERS standard the state has responded with direction and assistance. Let us know how this new standard has helped your department.

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The volunteer fire service in the State of Indiana saves the taxpayers 4.5 billion annually. Back in March of 2021 an economic cost savings study completed by the American Economics Group for the IVFA was mailed to all paid up departments. Those departments not a member of the IVFA, the study was given to the district chairman to hand deliver those studies to the departments. If you become aware or know of a member or non-member department in your area that has not received the cost savings study yet, please let the district chairman in your area know.

Please try to attend district meetings in your area. Some district chairmen are utilizing and implementing Teams or Zoom formats into their meetings to increase attendance at their meetings and some are even offering incentives to increase attendance.

It is time to start thinking about the Annual Meeting or as it is better known as, State Convention. This year's convention will be held in Evansville in June. The dates are 15, 16 and 17. The committee is hard at work finalizing the details to ensure attendees and guests have a wonderful experience in 2022. The 2023 convention will be held in Muncie.

Winter is here. I am sure you are aware it brings increased risks of injury to first responders, whether on the fire scene or roadway? Be careful of slippery conditions, as fall injuries grow with icy winter conditions. Awareness can prevent injuries and downtime for the individual.

I hope the best for each of you as we move into 2022. We will, no doubt, be faced with many challenges as an organization, state, country, and world. Make sure you are doing your best in each facet of your lives and take time to enjoy your family and friends. As always, if any of the officers or I can assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Be safe!

Jerry Liston
IVFA Vice-President

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southwest
Steve Nolan



Greetings,

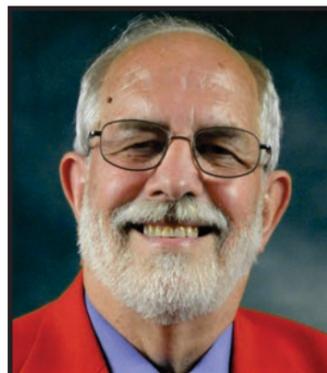
I hope this finds everyone well at this time with the COVID going around, with some departments not having meetings or fund raisers.

Since the last quarterly meeting I have attended the FDIC, 911 memorial, station dedication, fundraiser, 2 memorials and 3 district meetings and have traveled 1100 miles.

Remember, only you can protect yourself from CANCER and the COVID. Please clean your gear and trucks after every run and get your COVID vaccine shots.

Steve Nolan,
Southwest Public Relations Director

Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith



Captain Shawn Doyle had been a member of Aboite Fire Department for 10 years. As the son of a paid firefighter, he grew up being involved with the fire service and followed in his dad's footsteps as both an officer and instructor. Never more than a phone call away, friends and fellow fire fighters describe Shawn as a loving, caring person, always willing to help day or night. He was dedicated to teamwork, honest, trustworthy and hardworking, always looking for opportunities to serve both the fire department and the community. Although often found at the fire house talking for hours about new firefighting techniques, no matter the task, if friends were doing it, he'd be there! Copied from his obituary.

I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends of those who are no longer with us this past year. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

The most recent in my area....

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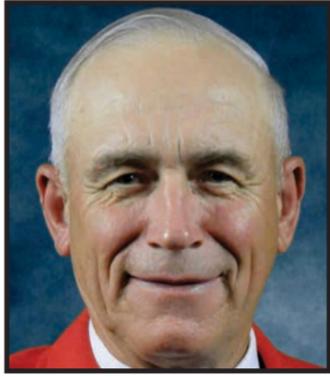
website at ivfa.org.

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.

JeanSmith
Public Relations Northeast

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Public Relations Director Southeast
Ed Scheele



Happy Valentines Day

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

We have had a warm and wet winter so far but January is getting colder. Be very careful when working in the cold and slippery conditions.

The state convention will be in June in Evansville.

This year there will be four \$1500 scholarships given. Applications need to be postmarked by March 1, 2022. Application and information can be found on the IVFA website.

Keep yourself safe with the rapid spreading of Covid. Be sure to protect yourself when you go on emergency runs.

Thank you.

Ed Scheele
IVFAPRSE

From The Treasurer

Luke Kluender



What's new for '22?

At the end of the year, it is customary to look back for the highlights. This past year (or two) have not held much to enjoy. The pandemic surged again and again to take more lives, break

our supply chain, cripple our economy. Everywhere we look, there is much to do, but less to do it with.

These problems are not new to us. The volunteer fire service was born out of situations where the need was great but the resources few. We have continued the fine tradition of serving our communities, the best way that we can.

The fire service is steeped in tradition, but we must not stand stagnant. The challenges we face require us to be ever more resourceful. Volunteer firefighters are, as a group, older, more experienced, and perhaps wiser than most. We must use our skills to make our service ever more efficient and effective.

This new year may be just the opportunity to adopt that new tool, new technique, new tactic, or new technology.

I encourage you to look optimistically for opportunity in 2022!

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DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese - Chairman

introduced their Miss Flame candidate: Mia Cheeseman, representing Griffith VFD. She sold Christmas wreath raffle to help her raise funds.

Old business: none.

New business: none.

No deaths in Districts.

Next meeting TBA.

50/50 winner: \$44.00.

Thanked department for hosting; meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Absent for the award was Marjorie Wozniak from Michiana Shores VFD.

The minutes of the September meeting at Kingsbury were read and approved.

Chairman Uryga spoke about the IVY Tech program and various grants that are available. Bob reminded all about the cancer exposure study and the danger of cancer agents in fire gear.

Chairman Uryga reminded everyone that any nominations for awards and scholarships need to be turned in before February 1. They are to send a written letter to him.

The 2022 Convention will be in Evansville at Valley Casino.

Next meeting will be January 20, 2022 at Scipio VFD.

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

Thank you to Springfield Twp. VFD for hosting and providing refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
Secretary

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

November 17, 2021
at Union Twp. VFD

Notes by Bob Szot
- submitted by Paul Watland,
District 2 chairman

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

IVFA District 3 Meeting
November 18, 2021
@ Springfield Vol. F.D.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Uryga at 1900 hours.

Springfield Chief Steve Marvel led the pledge to the flag.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll was taken with 15 members present representing 6 departments.

Ten guests were present.

Chairman Uryga presented a 25 year pin to Todd Martin of Cass Clinton VFD.

A 50 year State Resolution award was presented to Roy Cohen from Springfield VFD.

A 50 year State Resolution award was presented to Jim Hall from LaCrosse VFD and a 50 year State Resolution award to Leona Uryga from Michiana Shores VFD.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

September 9, 2021
Silver Lake Fire Dept.,
Silver Lake, IN

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

Guests:

Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice President

IVFAA Vice President, EJ Smith

District 9A Chairman, Pascal Moon

9A Miss Flame Sydney Moon

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

November 11, 2021
Syracuse-Turkey Creek Fire Department, Syracuse, IN

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

Guests:

Jean Smith, PRNE

EJ Smith, IVFAA Vice President

Kay Shumaker, IVFAA 5th District Chair

Madyson Shumaker, 5th District Miss Flame

Meeting was called to order 1932 hours by chairman John Grolich with the pledge of allegiance following. The meeting was attended by 9 firefighters representing 4 departments. September's

minutes were read and approved as submitted.

The IVFA is looking into a benefit package for volunteer firefighters to help maintain interest in the volunteer fire service.

Volunteer firefighters need the same recognition as the career firefighters.

The discontinue use of class B foam and the free pick up and disposal by the state. This is a free service with NO additional requirements to the fire service. It was questioned as to whom is picking up the cost for replacement foam.

John discussed the training opportunities available. Advised of an instructor 2 class available online.

E.J. Smith discussed the Miss Flame program and who is eligible. Any questions contact E.J.

Next meeting January 13, 2022 at Urbana Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned 2020 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul W. Martin
5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings everyone. Hello to all from up here in the northeast. Hope everyone had a safe Holiday season. Winter is here and it is cold up here. Hope everyone has had a good year so far.

Happy to say we are having meetings again in person and it

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stays that way for 2022.

Thanks to all that were able to attend our meeting in November. Special thanks to the Washington Township Fire Department for hosting the November meeting. Thanks also goes out to Jerry Liston, IVFA V.P. for attending our meeting. Also want to thank the IVFA Lobbyist, Larry Curl for attending the meeting.

A special thanks to Terry Bradner of 1-800 Board-up for attending and supplying a lunch for us.

Need to let everyone know in District 6 that at our November meeting we had the judging for our Miss Flame. Congratulations goes out to our 2022 District 6 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight from Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. Please let her know about department events so she can attend. She is on Facebook!

The next meeting as of this publication will be on February 22nd, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. As of this publication, it will be held in Dekalb County. Flyers should go out the first week of February. It will also be on the IVFA website on the calendar. (ivfa.org)

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

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on February 22nd.

Please visit the IVFA website (ivfa.org) as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. STAY SAFE!!

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
November 15, 2021
Berne 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

27 members representing 7 departments.

September Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith – PRNE, Jeremy Reef – PRNW, Pascal Moon – Dist. 9A Chairman, Jeff Starbuck – Dinges Fire Co., and Sydney Moon – 2021 IVFA Miss Flame.

Chairman Bisel – No deaths reported in the district since last meeting

Fire Marshal Thacker made a presence at the quarterly meeting and presented information.

43% of departments in the state are using Image Trend. Would like to get up to 75% using it. If you are having any issues with Image Trend, get in touch with the Marshal's office to work the issues out.

The state will pick up and dispose of your AFFF foam. There is a form on the website to fill out and schedule your pick-up. There is no funding at this time to replace the foam. Contact your EMA's for possible assistance with this

A Doctor from NIPSH is doing a survey for cancer deaths in the volunteer fire service in Indiana.

The Emergency Response Support training is available on ACADIS.

The state is starting its new Mandatory Fire Chief class for career chiefs. It is recommended but not required for new volunteer chiefs.

If you contact the Fire Marshal's Office with a question or concern and don't get a response within 72 hours contact Marshal Joel Thacker directly at (317) 945-2770. He will get your concerns answered.

District 7 has a Facebook page. If you wish to add something to the page contact Randall Conger (260) 849-2553 or Kip Bunch (260) 543-0701.

Get applications in for Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. A reminder that the fund will begin awarding 4 scholarships in 2022.

The Hoosier Burn Camp Auction, District 7 was able to donate \$250 to the fund.

The IVFA started "Department Highlights" in the newspaper. There is a form on the website to submit your departments information.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Legislative session will be starting in March. Will be looking into volunteer benefits packages and also presumptive cancer inclusion.

NFG fire grants are open for applications.

Jeremy Reef, PRNW – Thank you for the invitation to attend your meeting.

Jeff Starbuck, Dinges Fire Co. – "Thanks for letting me attend the meeting; we are available for your sales needs. Currently looking for another sales representative in this area."

Pascal Moon, Dist. 9A Chairman – "Happy to be here. Sydney Moon, the 2021 IVFA Miss Flame is my daughter. It has been an education for her getting around and meeting different departments. She has been able to make meetings in about half of the districts so far and her goal is to make it to all of the districts in the state."

Be aware when buying

replacement foam that you are getting the new formulation. The old stuff is still out there and able to be sold so "Caveat Emptor" "Buyer Beware" when purchasing your new foam. Also pay attention to manufacturing dates when purchasing.

Chairman Bisel – Attendance prize at last quarterly meeting went to District 10.

Presented 50 Year member Proclamation to Walt Reiter of Decatur and Rich Sprunger from Berne.

5177 IVFA license plates have been sold this year.

Next district meeting will be at Bippus East, 9296 N 300 W, Huntington, IN 46750 on January 17.

Berne has a Soup and Sandwich Dec. 4.

Hoagland will have Christmas trees for sale.

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

Second roll call answered by 27 members representing 7 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Hey, everyone,

Hope everything is going good in this new year. If you have new officers in your department please send me their name, phone, E-mail address so I can update my list for your department.

This year's convention will be at Tropicana Hotel Casino Evansville; we would like to see you there. The date is June 15-17, 2022.

The next District meeting is March 23, 2022 at Cicero Twp. VFD., Tipton, Ind.

If you have any fundraisers let me know. If any Department or firefighter has any problems or concerns, please give me a call or send me an e-mail I will try to help you if I can.

Stay Safe,

Rex Maynard
District 8A Chairman



DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and was able to spend time with their families over the holidays.

District 8B held their meeting at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department on November 10th. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Wright thanked the Pennville Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Roll call was taken with 3 departments present. There were 21 IVFA members present. There were 6 guests in attendance, Jerry Liston, Jeff Biehl, Sam Bisel, Kristy Bisel, Pascal Moon, and IVFA Miss Flame Sydney Moon.

The 2022 District 8B Miss Flame contest was held. Hannah Armstrong from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was named the 2022 District 8B Miss Flame. Sydney Moon IVFA Miss Flame had the honors of crowning Hannah.

A short meeting was held and the 2nd roll was taken with the number of fire and EMS runs. There were 34 fires and 92 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held on January 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Portland Fire Station. Hope to see all of you there.

A lunch was served and all enjoyed it.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

Our November District meeting was held at Carthage Volunteer Fire Department with a delicious meal enjoyed by all! Special guests included spouses of the firefighters.

A 10 year pin was presented to James Conley a member of Carthage VFD. Chief Nick Jacquemin presented Firefighter Nick Boling a framed copy of a newspaper reporting his river rescue of six people stranded by high water. Forceable Entry training was demonstrated to the group.

Bibles and grave markers were presented to the family of

Joe Allen Stucker Jr., 36 year member of Fairland Vol. Fire Dept.; and the family of Randall Dettmer, a 37 year member of Southwest Vol. Fire Dept. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these families at their recent loss.

In December we were honored to present Rev. Edward Cottrell the District 10 MacQueen Excellence Award at the Hope Vol. Fire Dept. annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner. Ed joined Warren Twp. in Marion Co. in 1977 as an EMT/firefighter. In 2018, Rev. Cottrell was called to pastor the Hope United Methodist congregation, where he and wife, Lyla relocated and Ed joined Hope Fire Dept. as EMS/firefighter. Ed is a 44 year member of the EMS and IVFA.

On January 2, 2022, President Israel presented an IVFA clock to the Carthage Vol. Fire Dept. for their new Training Center.

Our next District 10 meeting will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the Morristown Vol. Fire Dept. located on St. Rd. 52 in Morristown, IN.

We've been given the gift of a New Year; so let's pray it is a safe and healthy one for all!

John M Ray
District 10 IVFA Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a great holiday. We had a lot of family home and loved every minute.

Our last district meeting was at Center Point. We had Andrew Dryden from IDEM. He was our program - open burn law.

We had six guests, 18 members and 6 departments present. We gave out two 10-year pins and a station clock to Center Point.

I have attended several award banquets this quarter and done some memorials.

FDIC in 2022 will be April 25-30 at Indianapolis. Hope everyone gets to attend.

The 30-hour class is now on Acadis portal.

All departments need to be sending in your fire and EMS reports. They are getting 90% EMS and only 40% fire runs. If you're having trouble with image trend, let the Fire Marshal's office know. A law will be passed this year that you will have to report.

Any department having any AFFF foam has a cancer agent in it and can no longer be used for training. The Fire Marshal's office will pick it up free of charge. Just fill out the survey.

All awards are due by

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February 1st. Let's get some letters written for some deserving people. Bridgeport Scholarship is due by March 1st. We are going to give out four scholarships this year.

Our next meeting will be January 16, 2022 at Van Buren Fire Department. It will be our Miss Flame contest.

Till next time, stay safe!

District 11A chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Well, I really hope everyone had a great Holiday Season!!!

With the new year coming in brings in new officers to some Departments; with that being said please send me a list of officers and contacts with phone numbers and emails, I would love to be able to send out meeting reminders that way also.

The district's last meeting was held November 7th 2021 at Reelsville - Washington Township. This meeting was also the District's Miss Flame contest and Thanksgiving dinner.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain Pete Taylor and the Pledge of Allegiance by Jean Smith, PRNE.

After a small opening we all broke for the wonderful Thanksgiving meal that was prepared by the host department. After returning from the meal, our two Miss Flame contestants which were Jacquelyn Ryan (Marshall Volunteer Fire Department) and Jordan Peebles (Helt Fire & Rescue). While the judges were speaking with the girls we continued the meeting. We had a great turnout of State officers and District officers at the meeting. State Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke about ongoing opportunities in education and how important it is that you do your fire reports with the state; as of August 2021 out of 840 Departments the state has on the graph on 384 departments which is 46% are only reporting. We need to do a lot better.

Was brought up of Micro AFG Grants in 2023 which would be \$50,000 and under grants.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting. Larry Bartlow gave the Treasurer's report and was approved. Discussed upcoming meetings which we are finding problems getting departments to host or are not sure what it involves.

With meeting wrapped up we had good fellowship and time to speak while the judges were deliberating the contestants. Both young ladies were finally escorted out by Reelsville Color Guard and

asked one more question each and the judges spoke for a short time.

Jodi Rohr was then given the honor to announce the 2022 District 11B Miss Flame as Jordan Peebles of Helt Township and Jacquelyn as runner-up.

The next meeting was announced of Sunday, January 9th with a TBD. The closing prayer was given and the meeting was adjourned.

As it says we are having problems with host departments, if you are interested and want details, please feel free to contact me via email or phone and I will be more than happy to explain it to you. Here are the dates that are still open for meetings:

Sunday, March 13th at 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 10th at 1:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 11th at 1:00 P.M. (Joint Picnic with 11A, 11B to host).

November meeting at Reelsville.

Thank You,

Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

"Hello!" and Greetings from District 12,

"Good morning." "Good afternoon." "Good evening." depending upon the time you are reading these updates from our district.

Well, here we are 2022.

I sure hope everyone in District 12 had a happy, healthy and family-friendly 2021 holiday season. It's now time to get serious about 2022.

It's here "2022" and if you follow the zodiac signs (and I don't) you will see this is the Year of the Tiger; 2022 will be the year of the Water Tiger, which only occurs every 60 years. This zodiac sign is known for its power, boldness and predilection. (If someone has a predilection for something, they like it a lot) for doing everything big, and this year is all about going big or going home.

With that in mind during this past year we have addressed such opportunities as a District picnic where we can come together with our members and their families for a meet and greet, food, fun and possible entertainment. We are looking for dates and locations where we might be able to host such activity. If we were to have the interest we could even do some tournament events such as horse shoes, corn hole, or even play a little ball. Remember it's our picnic, we can do what we want as long as it's fun, sportsman-like and legal. I would offer we call it IVFA District 12 Volunteer Appreciation Day Picnic and certainly we could and would invite others who support and

assist District 12. Remember the signs tells us going big or going home, let's take this opportunity to GO BIG.

Other events we have kicked around are a holiday activity such as a District Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Breakfast with Santa; we need your feedback, let's not wait until it's too late, let's get a committee working on this as soon as possible (ASAP).

As a District we have much work yet to do (actually we will always have plenty of work yet to do) but with the help and support of our District members, we will see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are attempting to regroup, rebuild and grow District 12 into the district it once was but we need every department and every member to make that happen. Let's make 2022 the year to rebuild.

Just as a membership update for 2021, District 12 has a total of 308 district members representing 15 Departments.

We have: A & A Twps. Vol. Fire Dept. with 20 members, Advance Vol. Fire Dept. with 37 members, Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. Inc. with 24 members, Brown Twp. Fire & Rescue with 27 members, Coatesville Vol. Fire Dept. with 13 members, Eel River Vol. Fire Dept. with 17 members, Fire Dept. of Liberty Twp. with 31 members, Green Twp. Fire Dept with 1 member, Gregg Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 19 members, Jamestown Vol. Fire Dept. with 28 members, Lizton-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 25 members, Madison Twp. Fire Dept. with 2 members, Paragon Vol. Fire Dept. with 31 members, Stilesville Vol. Fire & Rescue with 12 members, Wayne Twp. Head Quarters with 21 members.

We know we have more than 15 departments in the district as a matter of fact we have some 34 listed on the IVFA website (some of which may not be in service now) but we hope to reach out to all that are and are not currently members to encourage you to consider joining or renewing your membership with the IVFA. We offer many benefits all of which can be found on our website at www.ivfa.org or we (the leadership of District 12) would be happy to attend a department meeting to discuss with your leadership / membership what the IVFA has to offer and why it is important for us to encourage all departments in Morgan, Hendricks, and Boone Counties to be part of the IVFA. We encourage all departments, not only strictly volunteer departments but combination fire districts, and fire territories as well. Please if you are not one of the above named or know someone who is not listed above give us a call, text us or send us an email. My contact information is listed in this newspaper. We want to hear from you so you can hear from us. We know the likelihood of getting every department in District 12 to become an IVFA member; that is our goal. Working on the theory or going big or going home realistically we should be able to see an increase in membership from less than half to almost all. We can do this if we "all" work toward that goal. Can we count on you?

As a District we also have a total of 28, 50 year lifetime members, 99 members between 25 - 49 years and 115 members between 10 and 24 years. Congratulations to all of our long term members who have and hopefully continue to serve in some capacity but equally important is our newly and younger members that have chosen our profession to share their time with. THANKS TO ALLOFYOU.

We attempt to present service pins at every District meeting but if you believe you have as of 2021 - 10, 25, 50 or more years, please let us know so we can verify and correct any error in service pins.

We typically attempt to hold a "special gathering" for our lifetime 50 year members when we present them with their "Gold card, for a lifetime membership. As you can see in pictures (located elsewhere in this edition of the IVFA Newspaper) at a gathering of a group from Wayne Township - Edward D. Nagel, Sr. was presented his IVFA 25 year pin and we followed up at the same time with his IVFA lifetime membership. Sorry Ed, we were a little slow on the 25 year pin.

At the same gathering we were able to present IVFA family Bibles to two families who lost loved ones who were also IVFA members during 2021. Pictured is Bill Tull and his family and a Bible and grave marker were presented in honor of Barbara Tull, wife and mother of the Tull family.

Additionally pictured is the Moore family where we presented a Bible and Grave marker in honor of their loved one, Sherri Crane.

Some of you might remember yet another person in a photograph taken during the WTFD Tailboard Riders Christmas gathering, an IVFA lifetime member, a past IVFA State Chaplain, a former salesman for Midwest Fire & Safety and just an all-around great guy, Charlie Baker. He celebrated his 89th birthday with us. Happy Birthday, Charlie and we wish you many more!

We are here for you, the departments, the members and the families. We encourage you to let us know when your department is having an event or activity and would like to have a representative from the IVFA attend, speak, help you celebrate a special occasion, we want to help wherever and whenever we can.

Remember my challenge to each of you during 2021. Let's start a movement in District 12, "see someone, ask someone" many folks would be willing to join if we were just willing to "ask them". How many new members have you taken on in the last few months, remember the challenge is for a full year so you still have time to recruit.

Our District 12 management team now includes;

Larry, Jim, Chara & Rick and Ed, your District 12 leadership.

Larry Curl - District 12 Chairman, Jim Leaver - District

12 Vice Chairman, Chara Leaver - District 12 Secretary / IVFAA District 12 Chairperson, Rick Rusie - District 12 Chaplain, and most recently Ed Orr - District 12 official Photographer.

We are still hoping to find someone to serve as a training coordinator to possibly bring to the district high quality, up-to-date professional skills for our district. If interested or you know of someone who might be, let us know.

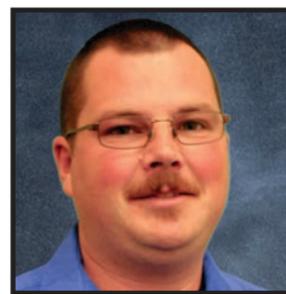
All of us are here to help, work for you, assist you and grow our district.

One final comment as I close - Our District Secretary for the past twenty plus years has stepped down as of our November meeting. I want to personally and publicly thank Brian Edwards with the Lizton VFD for his services to the IVFA, the District, and most of all to all the departments in the District. Brian, we hope you will not become a stranger; you are still an IVFA member and you are always welcome to join in in a District 12 meeting. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DISTRICT SERVICE...

Welcome to 2022!!!

Larry

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

H A P P Y N E W YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hope you had a wonderful CHRISTmas and a blessed New Year!

I have been able to squeeze in some years of service pin presentations to some great deserving folks between the holiday season.

I would like to give special recognition to our 50 year recipient, Thomas Murray of the Mooreland Fire Department. 50+ years is no small task and should be honored in the highest ways. Because of the "old timers or... seasoned veterans", we would not be where we are today...

It is going to be a busy year for our district, as we are planning to host the annual IVFA Convention in June of 2023...NEXTYEAR, WHEW!!

We definitely could use your help. If you have ever had any interest in getting more involved, now is your opportunity. Please reach out to me and I will be more than happy to help get you involved.

We are getting excited to attend the annual convention this year, held in Evansville. Congratulations to our District Miss Flame, Madi Reeder! She will continue to serve our district well and go on to compete for the

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state Miss Flame. She was the recipient of Miss Congeniality at last year's convention.

Let's talk COVID for just a second. We have to end this terrible illness that is taking away our friends and family way too soon. I urge you to do your due-diligence on vaccine research. Please do not make a decision only based off of the TIK-TOKers, Facebook, YouTubers and so on. The only way you will know what's best or not best for you is to actually do the research yourself. Mask up, wash up and help end this pandemic.

Meeting locations this year will be:

Jan 16th @ 1300 - Centerville Fire/Rescue (Station 1);

March 10th @ 1900 - Economy;

May 12th @ 1900 - Hagerstown;

July 7th @ 1900 - Dublin (Station 2);

September 8th @ 1900 - Boston;

November 10th @ 1900 - Mooreland.

As always, please reach out to me about any department events. I will do my very best to come support and represent, but I have to know about them.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Anthony Smith
765-439-0911

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Happy New Year from District 14,

It's been busy by the time this article comes to you. We at District 14 have crowned our 2022 IVFA Miss Flame Reese Cannon.

We are trying to get out to our departments for meetings and pins, so if your department is in Clark, Scott, Jefferson, Jennings or Jackson Counties, please contact me with your name and e-mail and address so I can have a contact from each department as our list is not up-to-date.

We would like to come to a meeting to let you know what the association is doing and the benefits we now have in the association for our members and pins and awards that we give away at our convention every year.

If you have any department fund-raisers and need it put on our website, send it to me or call me at 502-523-2665.

Thanks,
Rick Cannon
IVFADistrict 14 Chairman

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DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Tammy Wright - Chairman

Greetings fellow brothers and sisters! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and 2022 rewards you.

I personally want to take this time to say Thank You to everyone who texted, called, sent cards, flowers, and came to my mother's viewing or funeral. It really touched me that so many from other areas reached out. With that said just always remember to tell your loved ones before you head to the scene you love them as life really is short.

Check 17B Facebook page and the IVFA calendar for meetings.

If I can be any assistance to anyone please contact me. Let's all make 2022 a year us "volleys" are remembered for all we do!

See you all soon.
Thank you!

Tammy Wright
17B Chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger - Chairman

Greetings from District 18! The last meeting was hosted by Orange County Rural Fire Department at 33 Brick St.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Chairman Nicholas Waninger.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

Chaplain Jaden Hankle gave the opening prayer. The business meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by chairman Waninger and welcomed everyone that has joined us tonight. Roll call was taken with 54 members representing 13 departments answering 399 alarms.

Sec. Stan Seifert introduced guests present: Larry Curl - State Lobbyist, Tanner Sizemore from Stricker, Carl Deels - State Fire Marshal's office, Audrea Leubbusen - Miss Flame, Kurt Dittmer - Hoosier Fire, and Victor from Dingus Fire.

State Officer's Report

Larry Curl reported on some bills that are going on in the state. Larry also talked about how much that the volunteer fire departments are saving the State of Indiana.

District Chairman's Report

Still looking for a department to host the 2022 parade, and Miss Flame on the 3rd Sunday in October.

Scott Schnell talked about the

Dubois County Fire School coming up in 2022.

Old Business

New Business

Nomination committee Chairman Mark Lautner held an election for the new Vice Chairman. Mark stated that there was one person interested in the position and there was no nomination from the floor so, Justin Naylor was appointed voted in.

Report from Guest present.

Carl Deels stated that he was retrieving from the State Fire Marshal's office.

Vice Chairman Waninger thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will be on January 20th and Birdseye Fire Department as host.

Last call for any other business to be brought before this body. There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Also this month chairman Waninger handed out several service pins. One of those being 50 years to Ray Kissling (see photo elsewhere in this paper) of the Huntingburg Fire Dept. Thank you all members for your service.

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

District 19 held their November meeting at the New Trenton Volunteer Fire Department on November 18th. There was a good crowd on hand, 42 members from 7 departments.

Discussion was held on the new Emergency Response Support Certification program from IDHS. This program is replacing the Mandatory Firefighter program and should help departments with getting members "on the truck" sooner.

The Safer Grant awarded to the Indiana Fire Chief's Association was discussed. This grant was awarded for recruitment and retention for volunteer fire departments. There are 11 departments participating in the process and these departments have recruited over 100 new firefighters so far. Through this grant a training course is being developed for volunteer fire officers. The first beta courses are planned to take place in January 2022. This will provide free officer training to volunteer fire departments. Recruitment & Retention is a major concern for the volunteer fire service in our state. All of us should get involved and help make this a success. The Indiana Fire Chiefs Association is also applying for a second SAFER Grant to involve more volunteer fire departments in the program.

With the legislation session underway every volunteer

firefighter needs to be involved and communicating with their representative and senators. The funding, recruitment and retention of firefighters must be addressed to ensure our communities will continue receiving the services we currently provide. Get involved, don't wait until we reach a breaking point. Let's all work to make things better.

We will be traveling to Dearborn County for our next meeting on January 27th at the Bright VFD fire station. Hope to see a big turnout in Dearborn County.

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

Our meeting for November was at Oxford Vol. Fire Dept. We had 6 departments present.

We elected Larissa Butler as our Miss Flame for the 2022 convention.

A Gold Card and pin was presented to Perry Martin of Sheffield Vol Fire Dept.

Two Gold Cards and pins were

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



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Meeting called to order by President David Israel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jerry Liston. The Invocation was given by State Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Introduction of new officers.

Roll Call was taken with District Chairman 19 present and 6 Absent, 5 Public Relations Officers and 1 absent, 6 past presidents, the Lobbyist and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting; Bob Uryga made a motion to accept minutes as printed. Don Cushman seconded the motion. Motion was

presented at the West Point Christmas Party.

They were Edward Ottinger and Larry Sturgeon.

William Hudelson from the Wea Vol. Fire Dept. also received a Gold Card and pin at Wea Vol. Fire Dept. meeting.

The next meeting will be at Rossville Vol. Fire Dept. on February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

A meal will be provided at 7:00 p.m.

Don Fultz
District 21 Chairman

passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Balance and Profit/Loss Reports handed out with balances to the end of the months mainly. Still have incoming dues. Cost saving mailing was new to payments for this quarter. Motion to approve and accept report was made and motion carried.

Conversation held on how to relay information to membership pertaining to website. Also make sure we are carrying business cards to hand out that has website information and contact information on it. Look at using our business cards to place website and social media information on the back to have contact on it. If you don't have it on there, need to get with Buz to have new ones with this information on it.

Presentation given by Josh Reiser on website information and adding items to calendar and navigation through the site. All awards now have nomination forms for fill in on website. Spoke on adding headshots from Jim Cashe to the website with the officers' names.

Guest Speakers:

Old Business: Zoom meetings can be held with district meetings. Some have had success, others have not. If you would like this set you contact Josh to assist you.

Executive Committee Report: David Israel, speak with Lona and Brandy to go over By-Laws and SOG'S for some issues and see what needs to be added to be updated and current. Friday night reimbursement spoke on and tabled. District chairman duties discussed. Possibly form an ethics committee.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, dues have been processed. July 1 Microsoft update created a print issue that JL Systems is working to resolve. Once resolved we can start printing membership cards and other items. Other reports not printing correctly will be resolved, they have been emailed out. Pin reports have been entered and updated and resent for new pin years. Website will be updated after dues cycle is complete. 13,800 addresses sent to paper. 304 bad addresses, 283 corrected, 11 on hold and 10 purged. 14,230 total members of association. 13,344 active, 55 military, 113 associate, 2

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honorary, 74 individual, 620 life, 22 past president. 352 new members added to the system. No AIL claims paid out over \$190,000 to date, license plate sales totaled 3,204 sold. New badges will be ordered, get information to office for orders.

Buz made a motion to extend dues period to September 30 due to office software issue. Second given by John Grolich. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Awards - Vice President Jerry Liston - discussed how to promote awards across the state in the districts. Talked about enhancing description, adding photo of award and make a QR code and fill-in form for nominations to make it easier to nominate for awards, adding print out to membership packets to increase awareness.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison - nothing at this time

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney - try again this year and make a competition.

Mr. IVFA, Ed Gerdowsky - use old jacket to present in so the jacket can be tailored to the winner appropriately.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, Larry Curl made a motion to increase scholarships from 3-4. Ross Emery gave second. Motion passed.

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership award committee requirements needs a second vote to pass for adding that president can appoint anyone to the committee if there are no other available members. Motion to accept given by Jeremy Reef, seconded by Jean Smith. Motion passed. Discussion on outdate of by-laws and bringing up to date. Planning on making a policy book to cover concerns. Have examples to follow and will be working on those before making any decisions to bring to membership.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich - nothing to report.

Convention: President David Israel, minutes received and will be dissected in November. Need letter of intention for convention 2024 bids.

2021 Convention - Paul Holcomb, Rick Cannon, John Gott - waiting for final expenses to be completed and financial report will be submitted after that.

2022 Evansville - Jack Kerney, Ross Emery - following same schedule as 2020 plan. Meeting with hotel to discuss contract and make sure its squared. June 15-17, 2022 is the date.

2023 Jeff Biehl - be getting a contract signed for 2023 convention in Muncie.

EMS: Vice President Jerry Liston, meetings have been held in a virtual format. IERC will be having a virtual format and in-person meeting TBD. IERC is Sept. 15-18, 2021 and we have a booth for one day. EMS reporting is at 90%+ and fire is less than 40%. Provider report was shown to have 832 EMS providers in the state and there is a breakdown of those. Went to IEMSA conference and made connections, we will be having a booth at their conference

in October in exchange for booth space at our convention.

Insurance: Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, Trustee bill returned and need to make sure we are watching this bill. Cost savings study - need to promote every fire department to spend time reading book to understand what it's about and how to discuss it with elected officials. We are preparing benefits package to present to legislation to recruit and retain members and use our study to push this package. I.C. 36-8-12 volunteer statue with list of benefits available to the state. Has not been updated for awhile. American Rescue Plan brought up and discussed.

LODD: Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, nothing to report.

Logo: District 18 John Smith, nothing to report.

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, discussion on life insurance benefit for \$3000 for members need to research further. Possibly raise dues to \$25 and provide this benefit. Possibly raise it 2.50 and ask for state to match 2.50 and it would part of benefits package. Re-address with membership that we only have an AD&D benefit.

Newspaper: Past President Buz Koehler, 40 issue paper, 20 advertisements, 14,055 printed. Discussed highlighting departments in the newspaper and we will have one department listed in the paper in the November issue. Please promote this program to develop more interest.

Public Relations and Education: PRSW Steve Nolan, FDIC booth is happening this year. Trailer will be at IERC Sept. 16, 2021 meet at 0830. Needs more giveaway papers. Trailer wrap is needing to be fixed. Also need to make sure windows are getting secured from the inside. Books donated to the trailer to sell at FDIC.

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reisert, website had 23,475 visitors and Facebook was 8,718 followers.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, looking at creating an e-book for the history book since there is minimal interest in a printed book and being cost effective.

Training: District 18 John Smith, Emergency Response training discussion brought up by Marshal Thacker and hopes to recruit and retain people and create a quicker response to be on scene and decrease length of certification time. January 2022 will review new training standards.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, advertising the Ivy Tech program with the community foundations and increasing the membership. Still have the Youth Camp on hold. Bringing back waterball to PR events, convention, and department events. Try to get into schools to help with advertising for younger membership.

Representative Reports: Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith, next meeting Sept. 16, 2021 at IERC.

Fire Alliance: Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, nothing to report.

Hero's Competition: unsure of future of program.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, NVFC is working through legislative package to attempt a Volunteer Fire Housing act. HR 4377, S4316. Assist with housing loans for volunteers in attempt to keep them in rural communities. Join NVFC for \$18 and get \$10,000 AD&D benefit. They also have monthly training posted on their websites. Oct. 13-15 in Wyoming is next meeting.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman, nothing to report.

Benefit's Summit: David Israel, Sept. 12-14, 2021, will need to decide who needs to attend and set a budget limit.

Officer's Reports:

President, David Israel, 13 district meetings, 2 memorial presentations, Ivy Tech meeting, Rensselaer anniversary, Gala event, 3 dept. meetings.

Vice President, Jerry Liston, 19 district meetings, excellence award presentation, Rensselaer anniversary, Ivy Tech Meeting, Gala event, Hoosier Burn Camp, 2 fundraisers.

Chaplain, Ed Gerdowsky, 2 district meetings.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, absent.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, out of the office during the month of August but will have business paid for the month. Secretary vouchers due.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, supplies are available.

Historian, Paul Smith, absent.

Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, nothing to report.

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, nothing to report.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, district meeting, memorial service, Gala event.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 8 district meetings, memorial services.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, 3 memorials, 7 district meetings.

PREC, Jeff Biehl, Public Safety Day is August 20, badge gets carload in for free.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, District meetings.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 5 district meetings, convention. Fundraisers, memorial service.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, absent.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, pass.

Jack Zeeks, pass.

Buz Koehler, pass.

Jack Kerney, pass.

Larry Ketchem, absent.

David Israel, pass.

Steve Anderson, pass.

Paul Holcomb, pass.

Tim Deckard, absent.

Jim Parker, absent.

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, 4 dept. 11 members present at meeting, 3 memorials, no program.

District 2, Paul Watland, absent, in hospital.

District 3, Bob Uryga, rescheduled meeting due to fair, 2 memorials attended.

District 4, Elton Schafer, 5 dept. 20 members at meeting, service pins and 50 year Gold card

presentation, station clock presentation, 2 memorial services.

District 5, John Grolich, district meeting, memorial service, 2 county meetings, 39 year anniversary of fire truck accident with 5 fire deaths.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, absent Mack Grobis in attendance,

District 7, Sam Bisel, district meeting, annual award presentation, catching up with memorial Bibles.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, 2 memorial services, district meeting with 7 depts. and 15 members. IDEM opening burning and Miss Flame Programs.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright, district meeting 3 depts. and 7 members, no program, district meeting 4 depts. and 10 members present. No program, 2 memorials.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, district meeting, Memorial service, issue with chaplain service during memorial, Twelve Mile has a bell that can be used for services if needed.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent.

District 10, John Ray, 8 dept. meetings, 4 county meetings, 2 50-year Gold card presentations, 2 fundraisers, 3 memorial presentations, service pins

District 11A, Pete Taylor, district meeting 6 dept. 21 members present, state fire marshal program. Service pins and several fundraisers

District 11B, Jason Ryan, district meeting 4 depts. 15 members present, 2 memorials, general information program. District meeting 5 depts. and 22 members present, general information meeting. Fundraisers attended.

District 12 Larry Curl, district meeting with 8 depts. and 25 members present, McQueen Excellence Award presentation, service pins awarded, Gala Event. Marshal Thacker and Senator Crane spoke to group.

District 13A, Don Cushman, advised on next district meeting.

District 13B, Anthony Smith, advised on next meeting.

District 14, Rick Cannon, district meeting 6 depts. and 25 members present, Miss Flame Pie Smash contest program raising \$25, held election of officers. District meeting 8 depts. and 40 members present, service pins handed out, Cost Savings study reviewed.

District 15, Ross Emery, fundraisers attended and next meeting.

District 16 John Gott, absent.

District 17A, Sam Emery, district meeting with 5 dept. and 45 members present, elections held, discussion on legislative issues held as program, attended fundraisers, service pins and 50-year card.

District 17B, Tammy Wright, nothing to report; recently elected.

District 18, John "Bull" Smith, 5 dept. visits, 2 district meetings, MacQueen Excellence award presentation, fundraiser, service pins presented, memorial service, county training meeting, district meeting 18 depts. and 76 members present, program on

State By-law and SOG changes, ERS training standard and election of officers. Miss Flame and Fire Prevention Parade.

District 19, Ben Siverding, absent.

District 21, Ed Watson, absent, Don Fultz in attendance, passed out 50 year pin and service pins, next meeting announced. Brought paper that has information with township trustee issues. Hoosier Burn Camp presented plaque to Perry Martin for service to Burn Camp for cooking.

New Business:

Next meeting Nov 5-7, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Airport. Meeting Recessed.

Sunday August 1, 2021

Business meeting continued. Meeting reconvened.

Chaplain gave morning prayer.

Hannah Williams with AIL spoke, letters are going out to members in the next month, updated and enhanced cost savings benefits plans available to members which is available on an app. \$635,000 paid out to members throughout our partnerships. Asked her about doing a group policy for members of the association for life insurance. She will look into what can be provided.

Luke Kluender - When filling out convention vouchers, \$75/night for two night and \$25 for two meals with receipts. Also make sure to fill out secretary voucher for \$100 for districts. Please make sure to include addresses so they can be mailed straight to the person.

Quarterly Drawing: Gas Card winner: Ed Lindsey, Irvin F.D, Dist. 5. Another winner from District 6 won a second card.

Ross Emery motion to adjourn, second from Jeremy Reef. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

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Board Action business meeting called to order by the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb.

Reading of the minutes, Jeremy Reef made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by Don Cushman, motion passed.

Board Action - Business:

1. Cost of Benefits Summit and who will be attending, discussion held; Buz Koehler made a motion to allow a total of 10 people to attend Summit and cover their costs. Larry Curl seconded motion, motion passed.

Washington D.C. trip - if you want to attend, please turn in business card to show interest. Will be held in April 6-7, 2022.

Make sure to update the calendar with events so the State Miss Flame can schedule her calendar to attend your events.

Chaplain gave benediction.

Jack Zeeks, motion to adjourn meeting by, seconded by Richard Glant. Meeting adjourned.



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

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting Sunday, November 7, 2021 Holiday Inn Indianapolis Airport

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Christina Reef. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with a prayer. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis.

Announcements: President Christina Reef was presented her president's pin by Past President Carol Curl. Phyllis Vargo informed the group that upon Martha Thomas' passing she was left a

project to complete by Martha. She was left all of Martha's jewelry with a request that Phyllis create something with it for the members of the IVFAA. Phyllis created items with said jewelry & passed them out to all members in attendance. There is a card going around the room for everyone to sign that will be sent to Diana Gray & her husband. Next year the IVFAA organization will be 70 years old, discussions being had to have a celebration of this at the convention. Christina thanked everyone that participated in bingo yesterday as well as the cookie exchange today.

Recording Secretary: Beverly Vanlandingham took roll call for the meeting, it was answered by 26 officers, 4 IVFAA members today. Organizational count 33 life members for a total of 638 paid members.

Correspondence Secretary: Janet Matthews was asked to read meeting minutes from 8/1/2021. Phyllis Vargo made motion to dispense the reading of the minutes & accept them as written, Tammy Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. President Christina Reef asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made to them; no corrections

needed made.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. President Christina Reef asked if anyone had any questions regarding the accounts. Carol Curl made a motion that \$20,000 be put into a new CD of the general fund; Carolyn Zeeks seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Martha Biehl will take care of this. Treasurer report is accepted & is subject to audit.

Chaplain Report: Judy Wirth discussed the prices that she obtained for Bibles and that they can be engraved with IVFAA on them for extra cost of \$5.00. Judy reports she only has 13 Bibles in her possession. Prices were obtained for heirloom Bibles & the memorial Bibles. Carol Curl made motion that we go back to the heirloom Bibles when more are ordered; Kristen Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Judy will order that type when her supply goes down. Judy has a supply of crosses with her & will ensure that each assistant chaplain has one in their possession. Judy reminded the group the crosses are to be used for dual members of the IVFA &

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IVFAA, if the family does not want 2 Bibles.

Vice President's Report: E.J. Smith informed the group that she plans to attend district meetings as she is able. Encouraged everyone to use the IVFAA Facebook page to post when & where meetings are being held.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Suzie Lewis reports she has the magnetic bars for the officers here & she passed them out to each officer present. Suzie reviewed with the group the list she has of those officers wanting to order magnetic bars with their name on them. Each one is \$16.00 & the money can be paid to Suzie for them.

President's Report: President Christina Reef presented Leona Uryga with her 50-year Gold card. Christina announced that in May 2022 at the quarterly meeting Phyllis Vargo & a few others will be putting on a District Chairman class for every district chair to attend. There will be a craft at the February 2022 quarterly meeting. Christina is also asking each one that attends the February meeting to bring a list of 3 facts/truths/hobbies about yourself. Do not put your name on the paper & we will take time for a "getting to know one another better" in February. Steve Anderson has the 2022 convention reservation forms if you want one, please see Steve. Also, Steve wants me to inform you all to not call for reservations this year, please wait until 2022 to do so.

Committee Reports: Line officers will continue to meet each Saturday of quarterly meetings at 1 p.m. The chairman of any committee can post in the IVFAA Facebook group of a time that they would like to meet up on these Saturdays as well.

Audit: Carol Curl, nothing to report.

VP Project: E.J. Smith reports that committee met yesterday & this year will be doing 50/50 drawing as the project. She will be applying for the appropriate gaming license for the convention. Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday of the February meeting.

Miriam Schaekel Award: Phyllis Vargo reports that letters need to be received by February 1st for those being nominated. Letters need to go to Joyce Nevil, Phyllis Vargo, Eula Bush.

Lois Boaz Award: Leona Uryga reports that letters need to be received by February 1st. Remember that whomever is chosen for this must come to convention so the award can be presented to them.

Miss Flame: Janet Matthews reports that committee members met yesterday & reviewed many documents that have been updated so that the organization will have only one set. Working on creating a fillable word document for the application that will make it easier for the contestants to complete. The hope is that these documents will soon be available on the IVFAA website.

Budget & Finance: Kathy Smith reports to the group that her committee has been discussing that there does not seem to be an allotment for the treasurer position for printing & mailing purposes.

The committee will be working on this.

Mary Mackin: Kimberly Smith reports her committee met yesterday & they will be having a silent auction at the February quarterly meeting.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks has nothing to report.

Membership: Diane Stapleton reports committee is reviewing membership pamphlet & going to work on it.

By-Laws & SOG: Christina Reef reports the committee met yesterday for an hour reading line-by-line & fixing verbiage to be gender neutral. This is what will happen every meeting that we have until all completed. Will have lawyer review By-Laws once they are completed before dispersing them to everyone.

Historians: Phyllis Vargo has nothing to report. President Christina Reef gave Phyllis the CD of last year's convention.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow, nothing to report.

Social Media Communication: Tammy Smith reports that the private Facebook page is going well for communication. Committee has discussed the creation of a public IVFAA Facebook page to post generic organization information, fundraisers, events happenings to see if it would draw in more interest to our organization. Diane Stapleton made a motion for a public Facebook page be created for the IVFAA; Tammy Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried; Tammy will set up a public page.

Chaplain Assistants: Judy Wirth reports working on updating forms for all to have.

New Business: President Christina Reef informed the group that she has been in contact with Matt, the web guy about adding to our current web page. We can get 4 folders/sites added that has our organization's information in it. One for By-Laws & SOG's, Awards, Miss Flame information, Documents / Forms of organization. Christina is working on getting the forms together & updated & will be in contact with Matt. Any IVFAA information that is on the men's IVFA page will be mirrored on the IVFAA page, so the information is same in both places. Using fillable word documents for those forms that require information to be added to them, to make them user friendly. Communication is a big part of what can make our organization much better. Working on making an email list of those members that do want emailed minutes or updates. Phyllis Vargo will be working to see if she can get email addresses for past presidents. Beverly Vanlandingham has created a 25-50 year member list so we can ensure that we are staying on top of them. If you are presenting a 50-year member please contact Christina Reef & E.J. Smith as they will try to attend the presentation. When any chairman presents 25-50 year pin, please let Beverly Vanlandingham know so she can mark in membership that it was presented.

President Christina Reef asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order? No one had anything to add. President Christina Reef asked for meeting to be closed with prayer. Closing

prayer given by Judy Wirth. Chara Leaver made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Sharon Wright seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

IVFAA President Christina Reef



Hello Everyone,
I hope you all had a safe & wonderful holiday with your friends & family. I know that our family definitely did.

The By-Law & SOG committee is working diligently to review all of our documents. We will be making some minor corrections to some of them & will be sending those out to the districts to be voted on later this year.

The Miss Flame committee has updated all their documents & forms. They will be added to the website in the next month or two. If you have already completed an older version of the form for this year's Miss Flame contest, that is fine. We will accept the older version of the forms for this year. Next year & beyond, we would like for everyone to go to the IVFA website to obtain the new documents & forms to use.

Miss Flame deadline is approaching fast. The deadline to have your Miss Flame's application, picture & other paperwork sent into Janet Matthews is March 10th. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Miss Flame committee chair Janet Matthews or co-chair E.J. Smith.

The Membership committee is in the process of creating an information flyer about the IVFAA that our District can pass out. This will hopefully help us increase our membership numbers by letting people know a little about our history, what we do & what the benefits are of being a member. If you have any ideas on how to help build membership in our organization, please reach out to our Membership committee chair Diana Stapleton or co-chair Kimberly Smith.

We currently do not have a fellowship building event scheduled for the quarterly meeting in May. If your district would like to organize a fellowship building event for the May meeting, please let me know.

Please continue to post your meeting date, time, and location on the website calendar & on the IVFAA Community Facebook

page. Please also post any events happening in your district. This will not only help me know when your meeting is but will also let others know in your surrounding areas.

Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions. I'm always happy to help.

Sincerely,
Christina Reef
IVFAAPresident@IVFAA.org

IVFAA Vice President EJ Smith



Hello Everyone,
I hope that everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

I have attended some district meetings, Christmas parties and Auxiliary department functions. If you are having a district meeting or a department function, please let me know or Christina and we will try our hardest to attend. Also we have an IFAA Community Face Book page where there are meetings, events and other communication found on this page. Please post your events on this page.

The Miss Flame deadline is March 10th. Please send your paperwork, pictures to Janet Matthews, Miss Flame Chairman. If you have any questions contact Janet Matthews, Miss Flame Chairman or E.J. Smith, Miss Flame Co-Chairman; we can help you. Miss Flame entrant must be 15 years old and not more than 18 years old at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention.

The I.V.F.A. Convention will be at Bally's Hotel and Casino Evansville - June 15-17, 2022. 421 NW Riverside Dr., Evansville, Indiana 47708.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail me at ivfaavicepresident@ivfa.org. Stay Safe and Healthy!

E.J. Smith
Vice President IVFAA

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IVFAA Chaplain

Judy Wirth



I am wondering what the new year will bring. I wonder how many new year's resolutions will make it past February? I wonder if finances will get better for ALL? I wonder if we will all start being nicer to one another? I wonder when I'll start remembering better? (That one may never happen! hahahahaha). I wonder if the grandkids will make good grades in school? I guess I can wonder all day but will only find out the answers this time next year.

One thing I don't have to wonder about is the LOVE we all have from our Heavenly Father.

If you need anything give me a holler. Take care and HAPPY NEW YEAR! (now I wonder where I put the remote?????)

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Kimberly Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone! Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with friends and family. I am looking forward to what 2022 brings.

We held our District Miss Flame judging at our November meeting at Hometown Fire Department. We were very fortunate to have three contestants this year. Our 2022 Miss Flame is Kaylee Knight representing Noble Township Fire Department. Our first runner-up is Andrea Weaver representing Ligonier Fire Department and our second runner-up is Jazmine Fischer representing Avilla Fire Department. The girls did a great job representing their fire departments. The judges had a very difficult decision. Please remember to invite Kaylee to any functions that your fire department is hosting. Her contact information can be found on the District 6 Facebook page.

As we enter the new year, I would like to see better attendance at our District meetings. One of my goals for this year is to grow our district with more members. If your department is interested in starting an auxiliary or has

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membership questions, I can help with that. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. My contact information can be found in this newspaper.

Please continue to update the District 6 Facebook page with any event that your department is hosting. We also post meeting reminders on there as well, so be sure to check it out often.

Kimberly Smith
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello to all,
Hope everyone had a great holiday!

We had lots of family and friends at home. Always nice to have them at the same time.

Our last meeting was at Center Point Fire Department. They had a delicious lunch. Thanks for hosting. I gave three 25-year pins.

Our next district meeting will be at Van Buren Fire Department on January 16, 2022. This will be our Miss Flame contest.

Letters are due for awards February 1st: Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Ollie Sandburg, Ivan Nevil, Angel, Jr. Firefighter and Miriam Schaeckel Awards. We have some very deserving people.

If you have any meetings or fundraisers, I will be sure to help. If you have questions, call me; I will be glad to help.

See you!

District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello again from District 14. I hope everyone had a happy and blessed Christmas and a safe New Year.

Not a lot going on that I am aware of in our district. Judy Wirth did come to the New Washington Christmas dinner and meeting and presented six of our members with 25 years pins. I would like to thank these ladies for their service to our department.

If any other department needs 25 or 50 year pins please let me know and I will see that you receive them.

DuPont Fire Company will start their Fish Fry up in January. It's the last Saturday of each

month. If you can support them by coming out for dinner they would greatly appreciate it.

JoAnn Smith
502-380-7532
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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope this finds everyone doing well and getting ready for Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

I wasn't able to make our State meeting in November due to a death in the family and have had three others since.

This year has been quite challenging but God will see us through!

I heard the meetings were very interesting and all enjoyed the games, cookies, and fellowship. Hopefully I will be able to attend in February.

Morris still continues to hold monthly meetings, breakfasts, gun raffles and chicken carry-outs when they can. The ladies had their Christmas party at the Brau Haus November 23 and enjoyed time with each other!

May God Bless each and every one of you with good health and keep you safe during these hard times!

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 Chairman

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

The monthly meeting of the District 21 IVFAA was held on November 29 at 1930 hours with Patty Fultz presiding. There were 9 members present at the meeting including Patty Fultz, Diane Buck, Christina Reef, Carol Curl, Melinda Butler, Shelby Butler, Larissa Butler, Misti Moore and Lou Bartlow.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

New Business

The IVFAA is working on updating the website and adding all the forms to fill out along with making the page more accessible.

The State convention will be held at the Tropicana Casino in Evansville this year. Please make reservations starting on January 1st for the convention.

The next meeting will be on February 28th, 2022 at Rossville Volunteer Fire Department.

There is a committee currently working on updating the SOG'S and bylaws that will be

voted on by each district then go back to the state at convention to have a final vote.

There is an IVFAA community Facebook page if everyone would like to join it so that they can stay up-to-date on

what is happening in our organization.

Shelby Butler is going to work on setting up a District 21 Facebook page also to keep everyone updated; we already have a District 21 IVFAA

Facebook page.

Carol Curl read a firefighter poem that was sent to her and Larry Curl.

The meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, district chairman



Awarded 25 year pin

25 year IVFA pin was presented to Tim Martin of CPFR by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Robert Uryga, district chairman



50 Year IVFAA Gold Card

Leona Uryga receives her 50 Year IVFAA Gold Card from IVFAA President Christina Reef and District 3 Chairman Diane Stapleton. (Submitted by E.J. Smith, IVFAA Vice President).



25 Year pin awarded

Todd Martin from Cass Clinton V.F.D. receives his 25 year pin from Chairman Bob Uryga.

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!!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Robert Uryga, district chairman



Members awarded 50 Year Resolutions



Marjorie Wozniak receives the State 50 Year Resolution from Chairman Bob Uryga.

Jim Hall receives the State 50 Year Resolution from Chairman Bob Uryga.

Roy Cohn receives the State 50 Year Resolution from Chairman Bob Uryga.

Leona Uryga receives the State 50 Year Resolution from Chairman Bob Uryga.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / Elton Schafer, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five service pins awarded to members



District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer presented Nicholas Lechlitner, Nappanee Fire Department his 10 Year IVFA service pin.



District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer presented William Mitschelen, Nappanee Fire Department his 10 Year IVFA service pin.



District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer presented Chief Lehman, Nappanee Fire Department his 25 Year IVFA service pin.



District 4 2022 Miss Flame

Elton Schafer, District 4 IVFA Chairman, Brenda Schafer, District 4 IVFAA Chairman, with District 4 Miss Flame Cheyanne Rolston, Osolo Fire Department. (Submitted by Jean Smith PRNE)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by PRNE Jean Smith, Gerald Sprague, district chairman



Ten year pin



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Bradley Wilson, Southwest Fire District his 10 Year IVFA service pin. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

Twenty-five year pins



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Scott Adam & Greg Rust, Southwest Fire District their 25 Year IVFA service pins.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by PRNE Jean Smith, Gerald Sprague, district chairman



Fifty Year service awards presented



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Larry Winget & Bruce Macpherson, Southwest Fire District their 50 Years of Service IVFA service pin, IVFA Gold Card and State of Indiana House Concurrent Resolution for 50 Years of Service.



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Robert Arnold, Washington Township Fire Department his 50 Years of Service IVFA Service Pin, IVFA Gold Card and State of Indiana House Concurrent Resolution for 50 Years of Service.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Kimberly Smith, IVFAA Chairman



Miss Flame contestants

2022 District 6 Miss Flame contestants pictured - left to right, Jazmine Fischer - Avilla Fire Department, Kaylee Knight - Noble Township Fire Department, past District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley, and Andrea Weaver - Ligonier Fire Department.



Kaylee and Santa meet!

2022 District 6 Miss Flame Kaylee Knight attending Breakfast with Santa at Ligonier Fire Department.



2022 District 6 Miss Flame Kaylee Knight

2022 Miss Flame

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Fire Marshal Flashpoint
by Joel Thacker, State Fire Marshal



With the start of the new year, we find ourselves continuing to face similar challenges as first responders. Indiana public safety professionals must balance the safety of themselves and their loved ones while still performing their duties and answering those calls each and every day. I have never been prouder of our Hoosier first responders, who like health care providers, have stepped up and served as the backbone of what has kept our society functioning. Regardless of the risk, people still need our help and protection, and we must push forward to the other side of this pandemic.

And, by all accounts, we have done so admirably and honorably.

In 2021, Hoosier first responders cleared nearly 1.2 million calls for assistance, from basic life support calls to large structure fires. Although 68 adult and 8 juvenile residential fire fatalities were reported last year to the Indiana State Fire Marshal, many more could have suffered if not for the brave men and women who respond to emergencies. Whether you know it or not, you made a difference in someone's life in 2021.

The job unmistakably takes a toll, both physically and mentally. In early 2022, I am focused on reminding people of the importance of unplugging and appreciating the blessings in life. Amid all the noise and chaos, it is critical to stay grounded and embrace the support of family and friends -- as well as the communities you serve. It is OK to ask for help when needed; that is human nature. Thankfully, Indiana offers a robust network of support dedicated to your health.

PFAS collection and disposal program

One initiative squarely focused on firefighter safety is a new program to collect and dispose of Class B PFAS foam across Indiana. This partnership between the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management follows a 2020 law that prohibited the use of PFAS foam for training purposes. In addition to proven environmental risks, PFAS foam has been connected to four of the top eight causes of firefighter deaths across the country. Governor Eric Holcomb recently included this program among his 2022 priorities.

The program offers a free pickup and disposal service with no additional requirements for fire agencies. While there is no process to replace the PFAS foam with a safer alternative, fire agencies will save thousands of dollars in future disposal fees and put firefighter safety first by limiting exposure to these dangerous chemicals.

The first phase of this 2022 project is to establish an inventory list of agencies with PFAS foam. This quick survey (on.in.gov/foam) will help

the state determine the scope of the project and get the ball rolling on this important initiative.

ImageTrend Elite Data Reporting

Another important focus for 2022 is increasing reporting and data collection from the 841 Indiana fire agencies. Every run made by a fire department or EMS provider that gets reported to the state's ImageTrend system helps to put all Indiana public safety agencies in a better position to save lives. This data not only identifies trends and informs response strategies, but it also is important in acquiring grant funding to support the fire and EMS systems.

Currently, only about 50 percent of fire departments are reporting this information. This level of participation handicaps the state in its efforts to adequately provide the Indiana fire service what it needs to be informed, trained, and supported. This simply must improve, and IDHS is committed to making this happen. With your help, Indiana can rise to the top among states dedicated to working smarter and properly supporting the fire service that sacrifices so much for the public.

The ImageTrend Reporting page on the IDHS site (https://bit.ly/idhs-imagetrend) has all the resources you need to ensure the NIFRS data you already report also is captured by ImageTrend. Several third-party vendors make this transfer easy, while others need to be properly configured. Visit the site and submit an ImageTrend Support Ticket if necessary to help establish this connection with the IDHS system.

The Indiana fire service remains stronger than ever, yet we always can improve. Data and technology, along with continued training and education, are key to optimizing the services we provide. The staff of the Indiana State Fire Marshal and the IDHS EMS Section are strong advocates of this effort and ask for your partnership to elevate public safety across the state.

For more information, visit dhs.in.gov.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6
- submitted by Gerald Sprague, district chairman



Dedication of 911 Survivor Tree



Albion Volunteer Fire Department Dedication of 911 Survivor Tree on October 10, 2021.



New initiative to collect cancer-causing PFAS foam from Indiana fire agencies

Free pickup and disposal

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will launch a program to collect Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) foam from Indiana fire agencies. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, evidence has shown exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse health outcomes in humans.

The PFAS initiative focuses on protecting firefighter safety. The State will remove and properly dispose of PFAS material from any agency that requests it. **This is a free service with no additional requirements for fire agencies.**

In 2020, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1189, prohibiting the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS for training purposes. The new collection and disposal program allows Indiana to protect Hoosier firefighters and the environment.

Minimizing exposure to Class B firefighting foam will have a big impact on the health of firefighters across Indiana.

To better understand how much PFAS-containing AFFF firefighting foam is present in Indiana, **all fire service organizations are asked to voluntarily complete the survey.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation and collaboration regarding this joint initiative.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey

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Any interested students who attend Vincennes University, that live on or off campus, are given an opportunity to volunteer with us. Becoming a volunteer fire fighter is a great opportunity for public safety or fire science majors, students who want to serve their community, and students who are trying to decide on a major. Students of any major who attends Vincennes University also have the opportunity to participate in our Fire fighter Live-In Program. VTFD and the VU Fire Science program have a close working partnership to provide excellent opportunities to gain experience while in school.

Currently 3 positions open for Live-In Program (Do not have to be a student to apply.)

- * Applicants for Live-In position must be either be a full-time or part-time student or have employment in the Vincennes area.
- * Applicants for Live-In position must have and maintain current, Indiana, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification or greater.
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Sorg, District 7 secretary - Sam Bisel, district chairman



10, 25 and 50 year pins awarded



District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel (left) presented Matt Bullock (middle) and Josh VonBank both of Geneva their 10 year pins. (Picture from Sam Bisel).



(At left) – District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel presented Scott Hodle of Geneva his 25 year pin. (Picture provided by Sam Bisel.)

(At right) Ralph Klinker of Monroeville VFD received his 50 year Gold Card. Not pictured is Paul Meyer who also received his 50 year Gold Card. Pictured left to right are: Josh Brames, Monroeville VFD Chief, Ralph Klinker and District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel. (Picture provided by Sam Bisel.)



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Sorg, District 7 secretary - Sam Bisel, district chairman



Members receive 50 year proclamations

Walt Reider of Decatur FD and Rich Sprunger of Berne VFD received their 50 Year Proclamations at the November District 7 meeting.

Pictured (left to right) are Walt Reider, 2021 IVFA Miss Flame Sydney Moon, District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel and Rich Sprunger. (Picture provided by Richard Sorg.)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Miller presented 10 year pin

Fire Chief Gary Barnett from the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department presented Carl Miller with his 10 year pin.

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Wednesday	Event	Room
Time		
8:00a – 3:30p	Golf Scramble Team Time	Cambridge Golf Course
10:00a – 3:30p	Registration Open	Las Vegas Room
Noon – 3:30p	Chinese Auction	Las Vegas Room
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
6:30p – 7:30p	Miss Flame Information Session	4H Expo Hall
6:30p – 7:30p	Jr. Firefighter Informational Meeting	4H Expo Hall
3:30p – 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	Presidential Suite 8th Floor
Thursday		
7:00a – 8:30a	Coffee Clutch	Hospitality Room
8:00a – 4:00p	Registration Open	Las Vegas Room
8:00a – Close	Junior Firefighter Competition	Skanska Parking Lot
8:00a – 4:00p	Chinese Auction	Las Vegas Room
8:00a – 10:00a	Vendor Setup	Conference Center Hallways
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Walnut D
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Pre Judging	Walnut C
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Post Judging	Walnut E
9:00a – 10:00a	Center Point Energy Seminar	Walnut B
10:00a – Noon	BFFPSE Meeting	Walnut A
Noon – 1:00p	Miss Flame Luncheon	Atlantic City Room
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
10:00a – 5:00p	Vendors Displays Open	Conference Center Hallways
10:00a – 5:00p	Vendors Apparatus Open	Skanska Parking Lot
1:30p – 2:30p	Miss Flame Open Judging	Walnut A
2:00p – 4:00p	Hospitality Room Open	Presidential Suite 8th Floor
3:00p - Close	IVFA Officer's Meeting	Walnut B
3:00p – 4:00p	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Walnut A
4:30p – 6:00p	Taco & Beer Bust (Open Bar)	Pavilion
6:30p – 8:30p	Opening Meeting	Pavilion
8:30p – 9:30p	Memorial Service	Pavilion
10:00p – 12:00a	Entertainment Audience Games Open Bar)	Pavilion
10:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room Open	Presidential Suite 8th Floor
Friday		
7:00a – 8:30a	Coffee Clutch	Hospitality Room
8:00a – 2:00p	Registration Open	Las Vegas Room
8:00a - Close	Junior Firefighter Interviews & Essay Judging	Walnut C&D
9:00a – Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Walnut A
9:00a – Close	IVFA Annual Meeting	Walnut B
11:00a – 4:00p	Miss Flame Outing	Ronald McDonald House
8:00a – 4:00p	Chinese Auction	Las Vegas Room
Noon – 3:00p	Hospitality Room	Presidential Suite 8th Floor
Noon – 1:30p	Lunch On Your Own	
1:00p – 4:00p	Seminar Drones In The Fire Service	Walnut F
5:00p – 9:00p	Children's Party	Atlantic City Room
5:00p – 8:30p	Banquet	Pavilion
9:00p – 12:00a	Entertainment TBA (Open Bar)	Pavilion
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Farmland VFD holds Fire Prevention Day; Troy Williamson honored for 50 years of service



On October 9th the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department held their 2021 Fire Prevention Day. Troy Williamson was honored for his 50 years of service on the department. Troy was given a plaque with an axe on it from the department. Sydney Moon IVFA Miss Flame presented Troy with his 50 year Gold card and pin.



Portland Fire receives delivery of new firetruck

Portland Fire received the delivery of their new 2021 LT/Spartan NXT 110' rear mount ladder in November. The new truck is equipped with a 500 gallon tank and 2250 GPM pump. The new ladder is replacing a 1994 KME Firestick that has served Portland and surrounding mutual aid areas. The new ladder will be the third ladder truck to be in service for the City of Portland.



2022 Miss Flame

On November 10th District 8B held their 2022 Miss Flame contest. Hannah Armstrong was crowned Miss Flame. Pictured from left to right are Sydney Moon, IVFA Miss Flame and Hannah Armstrong, District 8B Miss Flame.



Portland FD chili lunch

On November 14th the Portland Fire Department held their annual chili lunch. Hannah Armstrong, District 8B 2022 Miss Flame, visited the department. Pictured from left to right are Mike Weitzel - Fire Chief, Hannah Armstrong and Dusty Hilfiker.



Clock winner

Kris Clapper from the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department attended the FIDC show and signed up to win a clock from the IVFA booth. Kris's name was chosen. Presenting the clock to Kris is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B Chairman.

Miss Flame and "Sparkie"



On October 9th the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department held their 2021 Fire Prevention Day. Shown is Sydney Moon, IVFA Miss Flame riding the fire truck with Sparkie the Fire Dog in the parade.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

- Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



Rev. Cottrell recipient of MacQueen Excellence Award



Pictured at left – Rev. Ed Cottrell, Lyla Cottrell and District 10 Chairman, John Ray are shown after the presentation to Rev. Cottrell of the MacQueen Excellence Award at the Hope Vol. Fire Dept. Christmas Dinner.



Pictured at right – from left: Rev. Ed Cottrell receiving the MacQueen Excellence Award for his dedicated community service of over 25 years, as EMT, previously with Indianapolis Ambulance Service and currently with the Hope Vol. Fire Dept. The award was presented by John Ray, District 10 Chairman.



IVFA clock presented

Pictured is a presentation of an IVFA clock by David Israel, IVFA State President, to Chief Nicholas Jacquemin for their dedication of the new Carthage Volunteer Fire Dept. Training Center.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

- submitted by Ralph "Pete" Taylor, district chairman



Ten year pin

Allen Keegan received his 10 year pin from Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A District. Allen is from Praireton Vol. Fireman's Assn.

Twenty five year pin

Thomas Harney received his 25 year pin on November 8, 2021. Thomas is from New Goshen Fire & Rescue.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

– Submitted by Ralph “Pete” Taylor, district chairman



Ten, twenty-five, fifty year awards / station clock awarded



Center Point was presented their Station Clock on November 21, 2021 along with two 10-year pins. (Left to right) – Cooper Smith – station clock, Tyler Lark and Zeph Smith, ten year pins.



Pete Taylor presented Bryan Husband a Station Clock at Lewis Twp. on October 9, 2021. Bryan Husband (left) and Pete Taylor (right).



Troy Rogers received his 25 year pin on November 1, 2021. He is from Union Fire Protection Territory.



Honey Creek Twp. Vol. Fire firefighters received their 25 year pins from chairman 11A Pete Taylor. Pictured – Jon Shackelford (left) and Matthew McCullough (right).



Pete Taylor presented Jack McFarland his 50 year Gold card on December 12, 2021. Pictured (left) Pete and (right) Jack.



Pete Taylor, 11A District chairman presented Duane Dalton from Pierson Twp. his 50 year Gold card and Resolution on November 9, 2021.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

– Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Ten, twenty-five, fifty year awards presented



Left - Jason Ryan (11B Chairman), Right - Paul Lee, Chief Newport Vol. Fire Dept.

Paul Lee of the Newport Vol. Fire Dept. was presented his 50 Year Pin, Gold Card and Proclamation on Monday January 3, 2022. Thank You, Chief, for your years of service you have given your community and state and keep up the good work.



Left - Jason Ryan (11B Chairman), Right - Scott Long, 10 Year pin, Marshall Volunteer Fire Department.



Left - Jason Ryan (11B Chairman), Right - Shawn Malone, 10 Year pin, Marshall Volunteer Fire Department.

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

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Blevins, Toby	Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Richmond	IN
Bloom, Stephen Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Colgate, Nicholas Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Dickerson, Michael Ryan	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Middletown	IN
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Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
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Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
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Johnson, Franklin Delano	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Goshen	IN
King, Jacob Davis	Highland Twp. Fire Dept.	Bloomfield	IN
King, Odis Ray	Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.	Mitchell	IN
Kirby, Michael S	Oolitic Vol. Fire Dept.	Oolitic	IN
McCoy, Jason Evan	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fort McCoy	WI
McCoy, Timothy Russell	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hubbard	OH
Miller, Tracie Jeanette	Columbia City Vol. Fire Dept.	Columbia City	IN
Mustin, Devin	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Myers, Aaron Dean	Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.	Covington	IN
Osgood, Cody Michael	Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Farmland	IN
Pemberton, Cean L.	Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.	Victoria	TX
Perez, Lidia Lizania	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	Porter	IN
Pugh, James Christopher	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Real, Christian Joe	Daleville-Salem Twp. Fire Terr.	Daleville	IN
Rhea, Owen Parker	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Rickard, Bradley Edward	Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brazil	IN
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Yoakum, Christopher G	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Belvoir	VA
Zehnder, Dustin Thomas	New Chapel Fire Company	New Albany	IN

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

- Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



25 year pin awarded



Left - Jason Ryan (11B Chairman), Right - Shawn Pruett, 25 year pin, Marshall Volunteer Fire Department.



2022 Miss Flame

Jordan Peebles, District 11B Miss Flame for 2022. Miss Peebles was sponsored by the Helt Township Fire Rescue, Dana IN. Jordan is the 16-year-old daughter of Scott and Michelle Peebles.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

- Submitted by Larry Curl, district chairman



Presented Lifetime Membership award

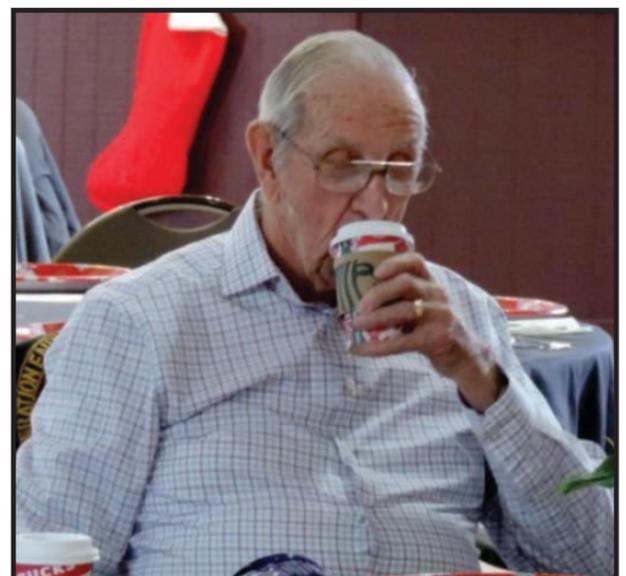
Happy Birthday, Charlie Baker!



Pictured above is Larry Curl, District 12 chairman, presenting Ed Nagel his Lifetime Membership Award.



Charlie Baker, past IVFA chaplain and a 50 year member, was presented a birthday cake to celebrate his 89th birthday.



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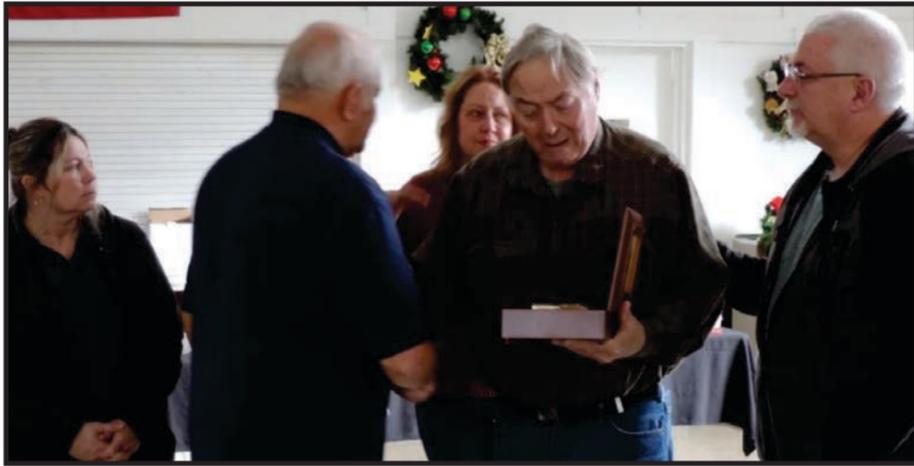
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

– Submitted by Larry Curl, district chairman



Bibles and Grave Markers presented to families of lost loved ones



Bibles and Grave Markers were presented to two families who lost loved ones in 2021 who were also IVFA members. (At left) is the Tull Family and (at right) is the Moore Family.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

– Submitted by Nancy Cushman - Don Cushman, district chairman



On Saturday, December 11th, District 13A Chairman, Don Cushman, was asked to attend the Christmas Party at the Adams Markleville Fire Territory to present IVFA year pins. The pins presented were:

10 year - Laura Meyer and Alan Adams.

Not present, but receiving a 25 year pin was Joseph Best.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

– Submitted by Anthony Smith, district chairman



Ten, twenty-five and fifty year service pins awarded



Will Elgin from Abington Fire Dept. receiving his 10 year pin from Chairman Anthony Smith.



Congratulations to Andy Aughe on receiving your 10 year pin!



Left to Right - District Chairman Anthony Smith, Assistant Chief Nathan Ulerick (Dublin), Chief Gregg Moore (Economy), Captain Ryan Williams (Economy) and Firefighter Eric Pierce (Dublin). Congratulations on receiving your 25 year pin!



Congratulations to Mike Taylor and Lewis Shook of Abington Fire Department on receiving their 25 year pin.



Half Century milestone achieved



Honoring a half century milestone! Congratulations to Thomas Murray for his commitment to the Mooreland Fire Department, the town of Mooreland, Henry County and the great state of Indiana!

From District 14

submitted by Judy Hildebrand

25 year pins awarded to New Washington Auxiliary members



District Chairman JoAnn Smith, Christine Parkhill, Mary Cochran, Auxiliary President Ashley Parkhill.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



Ten year pin

Tammy Heishman from Tri Township Fire Department receiving her 10 year IVFA pin from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

Fair Play Fire Company Christmas party 2021



DuPont Lancaster FD

members awarded service pins

Ten year pin

Aaron Cassidy (right) awarded his 10 year service pin from Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



Fifty year awards

Delbert Reed (left) receiving his Gold card and pin from Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



Pins awarded to members from Lovett Fire Department



Mr. Malcomb recipient of 50 year Gold Card and pin

A 50 year Gold card and pin were presented to James Malcomb, (right), Lovett Fire Department by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

Lovett Fire Dept. fish fry held



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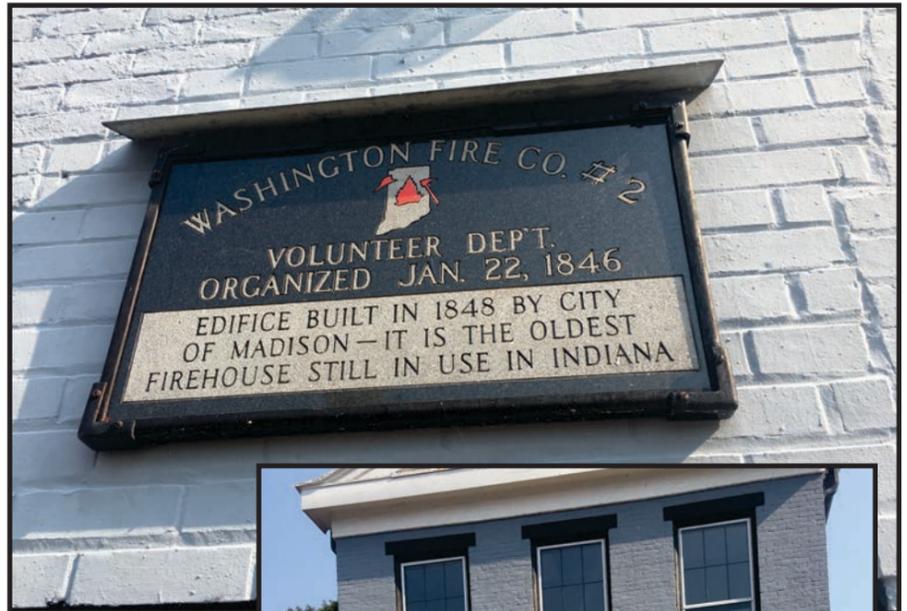
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– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



Washington Fire Co. #2 175th Anniversary celebrated

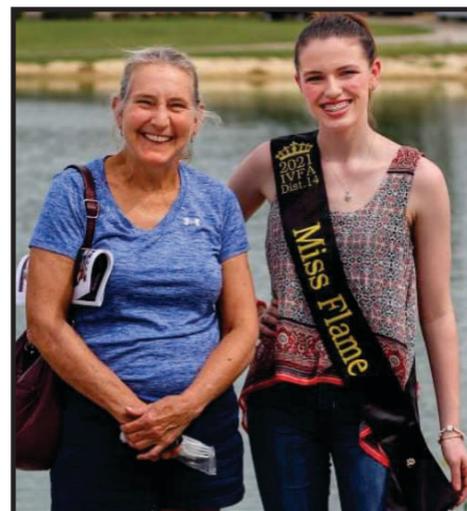


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Cannons attend Supporting Heroes Gala



District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon, Miss Flame Reese Cannon, Holly Cannon, Richie Cannon and Kelly Cannon at the Supporting Heroes Gala.



Miss Flame with Rita Fleming

Miss Flame Reese Cannon with Indiana House District 71 Rita Fleming.



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Please stay safe and healthy!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by John Buckman / Ross Emery, district chairman



Jeremy Tighe Memorial Way Dedication held



Top photo – Chief Nick Adams of the McCutchanville VFD in Evansville speaking to the group assembled to dedicate the Jeremy Tighe Memorial Way. Firefighter Jeremy Tighe died in the line of duty in 2012.



Middle photo – Former Chief Duane Halsema and Brandon Cason hold the sign that will be displayed on the designated roadway.



Bottom photo – The family of Jeremy Tighe assemble at the McCutchanville Station 10.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

- Submitted by Tammy Wright, district chairman

District 17B hosts AFG



District 17B hosted a Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) this year in collaboration with five other Lawrence County Volunteer Fire Departments. In August this grant was selected for an award and the departments received \$394,768.18 in grant funds to purchase equipment as detailed in the grant submission. That equipment was 58 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, 58 new air masks, 116 new air bottles, 15 new Automated External Defibrillators and 15 personal sized thermal imaging cameras. That equipment was divided up and distributed to Marshall, Indian Creek, Marion, Oolitic, Perry and Shawswick VFD's to be utilized in each jurisdiction. The departments collectively had to provide \$39,476.82 as a local match in order to receive the grant funds. Lawrence County Community Foundation (LCCF) assisted the departments by helping raise a portion of that local match. Pictured (left to right) are Assistant Chief Dane Fountain and son Clint (Marion), Assistant Chief Isaac Fender and Chief Ted Maze (Oolitic), Chief Bob Brown (Shawswick), Hope Flores (LCCF), Chief Jessica Voorhies (Perry), Assistant Chief Micah Keith (Indian Creek) and our Chief, Jason Lewis.

Pleasant Run Township fish fry



Pleasant Run District 17B fish fry. Chief Chad Hillenburg enjoys being the fry cook.



Ten year pin awarded



Chris Sites from Shawswick Township Fire received his 10 year pin.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

— submitted by Nicholas Waninger, district chairman



Fifty years of service for District 18 members



Ray Kissling (left) of the Huntingburg Fire Department receives his 50 year Gold Card from Nicholas Waninger, District 18 chairman.



At the 15 July meeting of the IVFA District 18, Duane Goffinet of the Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Department was presented the IVFA 50 Year Service Pin and Gold Card. Pictured with Goffinet are IVFA State Vice-President Jerry Liston and IVFA State President David Israel. (Photo and information provided by District 18 Chairman Smith)

**May 2022 deadline
is April 5, 2022**

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

— submitted by Shelby Butler / Don Fultz, district chairman

District 21 Crowning for 2022 Miss Flame Larissa Butler



Receives 50 year Gold card

Pictured at right – District 21 Perry Martin (left) receiving his IVFA Gold Card from Don Fultz, District 21 chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

— submitted by Asst. Chief Will Holycross / Don Fultz, district chairman

Christmas dinner and awards presentations held



(L to R) Asst. Chief Will Holycross, Lifetime Member Tim Davis, Mikayla Davis, Lieutenant Justin Davis and Chief Wade Armes. The Davis Family works extremely hard each year to make sure the WVFD Annual Motorama Car Show & More is very successful.

On Saturday, December 11th, 2021 Williamsport Firefighters, Auxiliary, Youth Cadets and guests attended their annual Christmas dinner and awards presentation at Robie's Restaurant in Attica. The following awards were presented: Toby Ellis, Firefighter of the Year; Nate Budreau, Rookie of the Year; Beth Armes, Auxiliary Member of the Year; Clayton & Jessica Zak, Excellence in Service; Tim Davis, 30 year Service Award; Hannah Wheeler promoted to Cadet Lieutenant; Dylan Zak, Most Determined Cadet; Annika Ellis, Cadet Unmatched Dedication; Tim Davis retired as an active firefighter and was presented with an Honorary Lifetime Member plaque; Tim Davis, Justin Davis & Mikayla Davis were all presented with a Motorama Appreciation award for their hard work and dedication to our annual fundraiser. A white elephant gift exchange ended out the evening.



Williamsport firefighters receive new plaque

Williamsport Firefighters receiving a new plaque for their station at their annual Christmas Dinner. Front (L to R): Tim Davis, Nate Budreau, Ben Barnett, Justin Davis, Theran Armes, Russ Van Leer. Back: Jerry Shoaf, Ron Turner, Will Holycross, Wade Armes, Tom Purcell and Kevin Strickler.



Annual photo

Williamsport Firefighters, Auxiliary and Youth Cadets 2021 Annual photo.



Santa and the crew

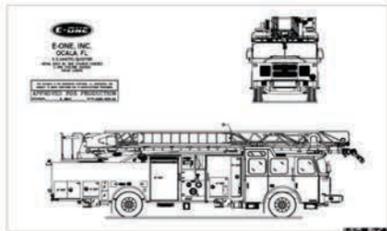
Williamsport Firefighters and Youth Cadets with Santa Claus.

Department hosts Santa Claus and a reindeer

On Saturday, December 4th, 2021 Williamsport Firefighters hosted Santa Claus and a reindeer from Silly Safari. Photos By Tam offered one free photo to each family. Children received a goody bag and hot chocolate. WVFD would like to thank Tammy & John McMahon of Photos By Tam for taking such great photos for us and supporting us each year with photography when Santa visits.

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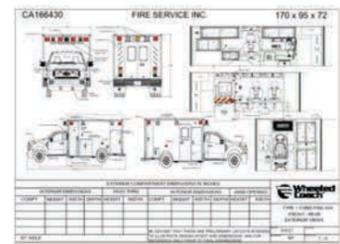
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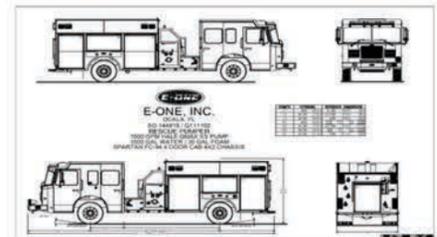
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A few more 2021 district events and happenings

From District 8 - July 4th parade



Pictured (at left) are Randy Coleman, Bryant VFD and Haley Armstrong, District 8B Miss Flame at the 4th of July Parade.



Shown from left to right are Rich Imel, Pennville VFD, Haley Armstrong, District 8B Miss Flame, Randy Coleman, Bryant VFD, Preston Bemis, and Sparkie after the 4th of July parade.



On July 4th the Portland Fire Department held their annual water ball. The 1st place winners were Andrew Storie, Jordan McCord, and Seth James.

From District 14 - Several department dinners held McCullough Fire Department dinner



Spencer Township Fire chicken dinner

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