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Greetings,

I hope that since the holiday season has passed us and as we begin year 2023, that all reading this article had a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and quality time was spent with family and friends. If not, take the time to do so. Life is too short to have any regrets.

Please keep those members struggling with medical and other issues in your thoughts and prayers as those individuals negotiate treatment and advice to deal with those issues.

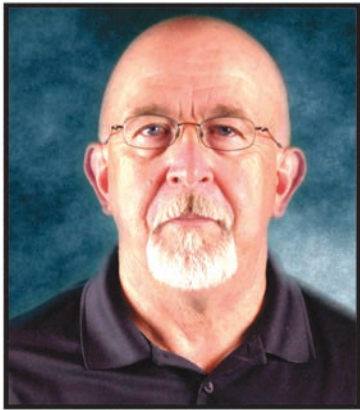
First, I want to say how humbled and honored I am to be writing this article as this Association's 41st President. Never in my wildest dreams if someone would have said back in 1976 when I started my fire service career that I would be in this position today, I would have said "you're crazy". But here I am 47 years later into this journey and ready to take on this responsibility head on, wholeheartedly and lead this Association as your President.

Second, I want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing President David Israel for his wisdom, leadership, mentorship, and friendship over the last three years while serving as Vice President. David truly has a servant's heart. I want to wish David and Peggy all the best as David transitions into the role as Chairman of the Board for the Association.

Now, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my family and how I got to this point in my life. I was born in Tipton County to parents, John and Pauline Liston. I was raised in Atlanta, Indiana, a small town of 700 friendly people and a few old soreheads in northern Hamilton County, also known for the Town's New Earth Festival each September. I have a sister, Debbie, who is three years younger and much smarter than me, just ask her and I am

From The President

Jerry Liston



sure she will tell you so. I am a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School's Class of 1976. My wife's name is Maureen, we have been married for 29 years and together we have two beautiful, smart, and creative daughters, Emilee, and Brenna and four spoiled fur babies, Zoey, Bo, Seger and Sloane. I am known for being a "simple man" and if you do not believe me just ask the girls. I am sure both will agree.

The last forty years I have been employed by Hamilton County in the Surveyor's Office as a drainage inspector.

Now on to my real passion (other than my family)! My fire service career began, as I mentioned earlier, in March of 1976 when I was accepted onto the Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department, where my father was the Fire Chief, as a probationary firefighter. In my forty-seven years, I have served not only on the Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department, but the Cicero Fire Department and White River Township Fire Department too, all departments being in northern Hamilton County.

This is a quick look at my

personal and professional life, and my experience in fire and emergency services. I hope this small snapshot helps you trust me with the reigns of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association for the next year.

One goal as President is to continue to execute and direct the mission of this Association and be fully transparent in doing so. My Officers and Committees will be working to continually pursue what is best for this Association and more importantly yet, for the volunteer and combination fire and emergency personnel across our great State.

Since July of 2022, President Israel, and the leadership of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, along with our Lobbyist Larry Curl has conducted roundtable meetings, 11 in all, across all six public relations areas of our State. The intent for these meetings was to discuss the Cost Savings Study, but more importantly, to show our members and invited state elected officials what the Indiana volunteer fire service saves the taxpayers of Indiana annually.

That figure amount is an unbelievable 4.5 billion dollars. Yes, you heard me right, 4.5 billion dollars annually by providing the services we do.

Initially, the main topics of discussion were Recruitment and Retention, Funding, and Training. Later in those meetings Health and Wellness, along with Communications were added to the discussion list. Now is the time we start engaging and working with our local and state elected officials to capitalize on the success of those meetings across the State and to improve the conditions and benefits for our members and we will.

I will focus on Communications briefly. I have seen, heard, and come to realize, as an Association, we struggle with getting information out to

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Muncie, the place to be in 2023 June 14th, 15th, and 16th



By Anthony Smith, District 13B Chairman

The annual IVFA convention is quickly approaching and we want to pack the Horizon Convention Center and Courtyard Marriott Hotel with record attendance of our membership by providing great training, seminars, food and entertainment!

The District 13B convention committee has worked extremely hard to keep costs as low as possible but promises that you

will get your BANG for your buck! We have raffle tickets available for purchase for your chance to win 1 of 4 Henry Rifles- Firefighter edition, EMS edition, Law Enforcement edition, Golden Boy edition OR \$500. Winner's choice! We will draw for a total of 4 winners. Contact anyone on the convention committee for tickets.

Don't forget to purchase our one of a kind 2023 convention challenge coin, proudly designed by District 13B member Brian Obershlake from West College Corner Fire Department. Coins are \$20 each.

Wednesday will be a traditional day starting off with the annual Golf Scramble and wrapping up the evening with the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction.

Crestview Golf Club, conveniently located 5 minutes directly south of the host hotel. 7:30am check in with a 8:00am shotgun start. For a low rate of \$45.00 per player, we can guarantee you the golf course is above par. We would like to thank Reid Health for being our premier sponsor for this event! *please register early by using the golf scramble registration form either on the website or in this issue of the newspaper *

Thursday and Friday, we will have a ton of training opportunities available indoors and outdoors. Please bring your turnout gear and SCBA. We will have vehicle extrication, live LP extinguishing, confined space search and rescue, live burn training trailer, and grain bin rescue!

There is a great chance we can have departments winning FREE grain bin rescue tubes and augers. All you have to do is show up and actively participate in the grain bin training. What a deal!

Of course we can not forget our brothers and sisters that have entered their eternal resting place. It is always a somber, yet honorable time when we give our attention to each individual during the memorial service.

But wait - there is more, Food, fun and awards!

Come hungry and plan to eat! Plenty of hospitality room times will be available in between all of the action packed trainings, banquets

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From the State House to the Fire House



by
Larry
Curl

“Political” Talk & More By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and Lobbyist

Greetings; Fellow officers & members.

As of the writing of the first Legislative report for 2023 let me begin by saying **HAPPY NEW YEAR (as I am writing this article on Jan 1st, 2023)**

Let me start by saying congratulations to our newly elected leadership that will be guiding, directing, and promoting the IVFA from the office of President Jerry Liston who moved from Vice President to President on Jan 1st 2023 and the office of Vice President Ross Emory who moved from IVFA District 15 Chairman to Vice President as well.

I would also like to thank our outgoing President of the last two years David Israel, who worked hard to assure the needs and desires of the association, was addressed and who will now by virtue of his

office as president now serve as Chairman of the Board

CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK to all newly elected office holders for 2023

Even though as of the writing of this article we have not officially began the 123rd General Assembly other than a ceremonial day November 22, 2022, by the time you are reading it we should be into week 4 or 5 of the session.

The IVFA has been in meetings with legislators to share our thoughts and concerns about sustaining and growing our volunteer services in Indiana.

We shared with many elected officials during our speaking tour across the state during the Summer and Fall of 2022 where we gathered in 11 locations, at least once in each Public Relations District and twice in most, to conduct a presentation and listen to our membership, State Senators, State Representatives, Township Trustees, and in some

cases the media on the State of Readiness of our Hoosier Volunteer Fire Service.

We discussed topics that included Staffing, Funding, Training, and Mental Health and received comments from both members as well as elected officials as to our state of readiness or as in some cases the lack of readiness.

We marketed and promoted the cost savings that we are able to enjoy as a state because of the services we provide, and we addressed the many reasons for our membership shortages, funding shortages, lack of support for the mental health concerns that impact our membership, as well as some training concerns.

So with the feedback we are attempting to work with the 123 General Assembly to improve on some of those items.

As of this writing the bill lists for both the house and the senate has not been released so please visit our website at www.ivfa.org

and watch the legislation section for information as it becomes available.

For a listing of the entire bills the IVFA will be monitoring during the session go to the IVFA website, click on the legislation tab at the top and then click the link marked Weekly Bill Track on the left hand side of the page.

I will be traveling to as many District Meetings as time permits during the session and will be providing an update on legislation during those visits. To hear those updates you have to be in attendance so check the IVFA calendar on the website to see when and where your district will be hosting your next district meeting.

Remember this year we will have the 77th annual IVFA State Convention in at Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center June 14-16 2023. Check out the IVFA website for a full convention schedule of meetings, activities, events and things that might be of interest to a member of the IVFA, or contact this years convention committee by reaching out to District Chairman Anthony Smith (you can find his contact information on the IVFA website or in this edition of the IVFA newspaper) or any member of this

year’s convention committee.

The partnership between IVY TECH and the IVFA has done well and we hope it continues during 2023, we are hoping to be able to show the members of the General Assembly that with some financial assistance we do have folks in public safety that will benefit if they will pass legislation providing education as a part of the state budget. Keep up the marketing and continue to promote this service to our membership or potential members who you are attempting to recruit. By now we should have been in every High School, talking with every administrator, councilor, and a very large group of the student body, showing and sharing with them the value and benefit if they are willing to step up and volunteer to serve their communities in public safety.

Lastly we are preparing to host a 50 year member’s celebration day again at the State House where we will honor the IVFA members who this year completed 50 years of service to their departments, communities and most importantly to their fellow citizens. Full detail of the event and date will be announced as we finalize them.

Be safe, and be proud of the service you provide.

Larry Curl

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our members in a time effective manner. The days of throwing a letter or packet in the mail is obsolete, slow, and in-effective. Like it or not, social media is here to stay, and our younger members demand faster notification practices.

Social Media is a tool Individuals, Associations, Organizations and yes, Fire Departments can use to build goodwill and share pertinent information across the different platforms. An important goal of mine will be to improve these lines of communication by identifying what types of social media platforms are available, especially

those being utilized by the younger members of the Association.

Health and Wellness of firefighters is a hot topic of discussion today, especially the mental health of firefighters. Most emergency responders have a mind set to be calm, levelheaded, and able to face even the most challenging situation with courage. The fire service has built the stigma that it was not allowed to see someone on mental issues they were just told to tough it up and forget the bad things and move on. However, we are all human and it is easier said than done. We see many volunteers’ experiencing PTSD, anxiety, depression and having suicidal thoughts. Let us

be supportive and understanding where everyone is aware of the warning signs within themselves and each other. Also, an important part of talking it out you must be ready to listen and support them.

In closing, I would like to take a minute to talk about Pride in the fire service. It is a lot more than just a badge and t-shirt. The fire service is built on Pride and Tradition. It is a privilege to be a firefighter and to serve our communities but sometimes it seems that many have forgotten what the fire service stands for today. The fire service has never been about the individual firefighter, it is about the communities we serve and the fire service as a whole. The fire

service is one of the most loved services because the citizens know we will put those in need above our own wellbeing. That is the public image our forefathers built and that is what we need to protect and build upon. Pride should be at the center of everything a firefighter does. We should have Pride in our appearance, Pride in our training, Pride in our ability to perform the duties the citizens expect. Pride is a driving force, and it is our responsibility as the leader of this generation to remind our young firefighters it is a privilege to be a firefighter and a lifestyle not to be tarnished. So, let’s hold ourselves to a higher standard. Take Pride in everything you do, and the

community will take Pride in you.

For recruitment and retention, remember how you were treated as a new member of your department. Were you treated with respect and mentored or with malice and disdain? Think about what would have made that time better and treat your new members that way.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the IVFA, please feel free to call or drop me or any officer a line. Our contact information is on the website at www.ivfa.org or in the quarterly newspaper.

Stay Safe!
Jerry

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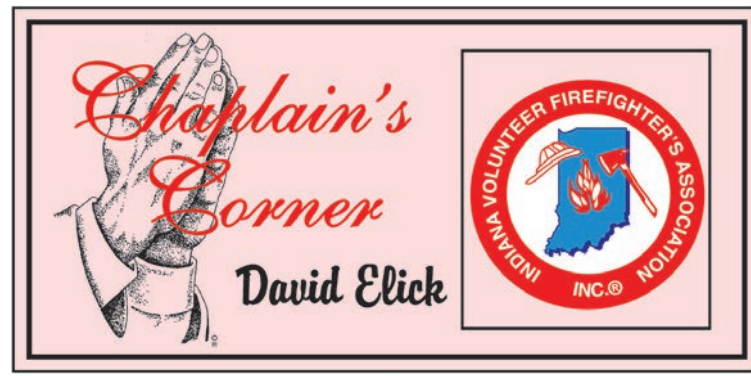
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A new year is well under way, and hopefully winter will be over sooner than later. I would like to thank Rachel for her service as our chaplain, and glad she has chosen to remain an associate chaplain for the Southwest PR District.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

We never know what plan the Lord has for each of us. All we can do is face each day as a new and exciting challenge, and trust that God will guide and direct us to do the right thing. After all, isn't that what each of us strives for, to teach our children, to be the example of, to do the right thing? The right thing is not always the most popular, or easy choice.

I am honored and privileged to serve as your chaplain for the upcoming year. Without the help of all of the associate chaplains, this job would be very overwhelming. These dedicated individuals do a tremendous job of representing our organization, and for that we should be grateful, and thankful. If there is anything that any of us can do to assist you, or your department, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Once again, thank you for the privilege to serve as your IVFA Chaplain.

God bless, and stay safe -
Dave Elick

"Be strong and courageous ... For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

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From The Vice-President

Ross Emery



Hello IVFA membership and welcome to 2023

I hope everyone had safe and enjoyable holidays. I would like to start off by saying thank you to our membership for allowing me to serve you as the Vice president of this great organization.

I have no intent to bore you with a long biography about me, but I would like to give you a little background on myself.

I have been a member of the IVFA for 27 years and I am a second-generation volunteer firefighter. I soon will have 28 years in the fire service. I have served on three departments over the last nearly 28 years, Richland-Taylor (Greene County Bloomfield, IN), Haubstadt (Gibson County Haubstadt, IN), and Elberfeld Fire (Warrick

County Elberfeld, IN). Yes, I am truly a southern (gentleman) Indiana born, Indiana raised and still live in southern Indiana. The wife might have some thoughts about the gentleman part.

I currently live in Haubstadt Indiana with my wife Jenny (who is a saint for putting up with me) and we have been married since 2003.

We have 2 sons, Lucas who is 17 and a junior at Gibson Southern High School, and Nathan who is 13 and an 8th grader and will attend Gibson Southern this fall. Our boys keep us busy they both are involved in sports at all times of the year.

I am currently employed at Kaiser Aluminum in Warrick County as a Firefighter/EMT.

In 2014 I was elected Dist. 15 Chairman a position I served till being elected Vice President at the 2022 IVFA Convention in Evansville.

Enough about me, by the time you read this article in early February we will be well on our way in 2023. Our legislative committee and lobbyist Larry Curl will be once again working diligently to assure our voice is being heard for our membership. Please continue to check the IVFA website www.ivfa.org for updates on our legislative agenda.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the roundtable meetings in 2022, we got lots of great input from on members and will be using that input to shape our legislative agenda.

One of my duties as your Vice President is to oversee our awards program. If you are not familiar with the awards program the IVFA offers for its membership please visit our website and check out the awards section. It's not too early to begin nominating someone deserving of being recognized for the 2024 awards.

There is still time to apply for the Bridgeport Scholarship, each year the IVFA gives out 4 \$1,500 scholarships.

Applicant must be a member in good standing of the IVFA; or the spouse, son or daughter of a member in good standing of the IVFA (having paid the current year's dues by July 31). The member in good standing must also have been a member for the (2) two years prior to the year of application.

Applicant must be a current high school senior, high school graduate or earned a GED; and enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited advanced educational institution.

Applications are available on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org. They shall provide the criteria to follow:

The address of the IVFA Office is P.O. Box 4797, Evansville, Indiana 47724. The phone number in Evansville is 812-867-3293 or toll free within Indiana 877-606-4832.

Applicant must provide certain information including personal data, financial statements, recommendations, etc. All pages of the application must be filled out in their entirety.

Family financial statements are to be made by a parent or guardian of the applicant. All information on the application will be treated with strict confidence.

Applicants that are sons or daughters of a Volunteer Firefighter "killed in the line of duty" will receive a ten percent (10%) bonus on points on their graded application.

The entire application is to be mailed to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Office, P.O. Box 4797, Evansville, Indiana 47724. All applications shall be in the Office of the IVFA by March 1 of the year the application is presented. If the Application is sent by registered or certified mail, a postmark prior to March 1 will be considered as eligible.

Stay connected, get involved, build relationships, this is something we all can work on. It doesn't matter if you're the guy with the most seniority or the new guy. Ask questions, you don't know if you don't ask questions. This is important at your department, IVFA District, your community, and with your

elected officials.

You being a member of the IVFA makes us a better organization to serve our communities, our departments, and the state of Indiana. Reach out to your friends, co-workers, your neighbors and family, encourage them to seek out the opportunities of being a member or the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Remember why you joined, share that same reason when asking them to join. Together, we can build back better, a stronger, and a more productive fire service in the communities we all live in. Let's begin a "Just ask Them campaign" you never know who might be looking for something positive to do in their life until you "just ask them". Our current membership statewide is at approximately 13,500. Our strongest membership has been over 17,000. My challenge to you is let's begin a rebuilding campaign, "just ask them".

I look forward to traveling the state and meeting the members of our association. If you have any special events that you would like me to attend, or if you have issues that you feel the IVFA can assist with please email or text me at vicepresident@ivfa.org or 812-459-4062.

Until next time, stay safe
Ross Emery
Vice-President, IVFA

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



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

I had the honor to attend some Christmas Parties and departments to present some IVFA Fire Service Awards.

Southwest Fire District Service Award Recognitions.

Zackery King 10 years, Daniel Piech 10 years, Rachel McColloch 25 years, James Platt 25 years, David Redding 50 years.

Aboite Township Fire Department Service Award Recognitions. Lynnze Martin 10 years, Tyler Martin 10 years, Craig Mattax 10 years, Michael Meyers 25 years, Chad Foos 25 years.

Washington Township Fire Department Service Award Recognitions. Philip Chamness 50

years, Keith Balliet 50 years.

Mike Engle Columbia City & Poe Fire Department 50 years.

Legislation is in process. Adjournment scheduled on April 29, 2023.

To keep up-to-date please go to our page ivfa.org. Click on Legislative, here you can follow the bills that we are tracking through legislation. Please contact your legislator to express your concerns. You can click on a link to find your legislator on this page.

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

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

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and gatherings.

So, what are you waiting on? Make the 2023 convention the most memorable convention that you have ever attended!

Register before June 1st to lock in your price to \$90 per attendee. Registration will be \$100 after June 1st.

Our room rates are almost a thing of the past, \$96.00 a night! The hotel is new and state of the art!

Send an email to district13bconvention@gmail.com for challenge coin and raffle ticket inquiries.

Check out www.ivfa.org for more information and forms for the 2023 convention.

Look for Forms on pages 32 - 35 for Convention Rooms and Golf Outing registration.

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From the Historian's Desk

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Historian



I have always been interested in history. In our great Country and the great State of Indiana, and The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association I will in my articles, try to bring you up to date on some of the happenings and remind you of days gone by.

The IVFA just recently presented our first 75 Year Member and the good news is we have several more 75 year members to make presentations to. What and monumental milestone to attain. Congratulations

Speaking of 75 Years, we are continuing to work diligently on our 75 year book so if you are interested we are taking orders for the book until, our deadline of February 28, 2023.

Early Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association organization meeting in Pine Township, Porter

County.

It was early in 1945 when a few volunteer fire departments of Lake and Porter Counties pioneered the idea to form a state-wide Volunteer Firemen's Association. The names of these early departments are as follows: Kouts, Dyer, Griffith, Cedar Lake, St. John, Independence Hill- Ross Township, Hobart, Munster, Chesterton, Lowell, Black Oak - Calumet Township, Schererville, Porter, Schneider, East Gary, Crown Point and Highland.

If you have a story about the good old days or back in the day just drop me a note to tell me about it.

Always be humble and kind
IVFA Historian

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
November 10, 2022
Argos Fire Territory, Argos IN
Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

GUESTS: E.J. Smith Vice President IVFAA, 4th District Chairman Elton Schafer, Jerry Liston IVFA Vice President, Kay Shumaker Chairwomen IVFAA District 5, Savannah Lyon District 5 Miss Flame

The meeting was called to order by PRNE Jean Smith at 1930 hrs. The pledge of allegiance followed. There were 11 firefighters representing 3 departments in attendance.

Minutes from September meeting were read and approved as submitted.

District 5 Miss Flame judging moved to January next year.

District 5 Miss Flame Savannah Lyon reported on her activities the last several months.

E.J.Smith reported on state awards, deadline for nominations for these awards is February 1st, except the Bridgeport scholarship which is March 1.

Jerry Liston discussed the IVFAs 75 anniversary book. Jean has order forms for this book available. Jerry touched on Volunteer firefighter cancer insurance.

Jerry reported on the state fire call reporting system. If there are problems reach out to EMS District Manager Kari Lanham at 317-719-9433 or Ken Foster at

317-294-0933.

We discussed grain bin rescue training opportunity. Jean passed out a flier on same. Sponsored by Indiana Corn Marketing Council.

Jean talked about solar equipment and firefighting procedures.

Next meeting scheduled on January 12, 2023 at Denver F.D.

Meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Martin 5th District Secretary

Congratulations go out to Katie!

The next meeting for District 6 as of this printing will be on March 28, 2023 It will be tentatively held in Lagrange county. Actual location to be determined closer to that date. Flyers should go out the first week of March. 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 fliers. Please take the time to send your departments e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com. All district 6 departments should have receive 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 November 22nd. Please visit the IVFA web site (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 6 REPORT



Gerald (Jerry) Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6

Greetings everyone. Hello to all from up here in the northeast. It has cooled off considerably up here in the northeast! Hope everyone has had safe holidays. Need to thank the Washington Township VFD for hosting the District 6 meeting in November. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Terry Bradner of 1-800 Board-up for attending and supplying a lunch for us at our meetings. Congratulations go out to our 2022 District 6 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight from Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. She done a wonderful job representing District 6 at this summer's events. Kudos Katie! Please let her know about department events so she can attend. She is on Facebook! At our November meeting Katie was voted to serve District 6 as our Miss Flame again this year.

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's
Association
District 7

November 21, 2022

Geneva Volunteer Fire
Department

Meeting called to order by



Fire Marshal Flashpoint

by Steve Jones
State Fire Marshal



Hello fellow firefighters and EMS personnel,

In the four short months since I was nominated as your State Fire Marshal, it has opened my eyes more than ever before about the important role you play in our society. I see the great work each day you are doing in your communities, and I feel blessed to partner with you and work to support you across Indiana. As the new year begins, we have some exciting initiatives to support fire and EMS that are sure to mark 2023 as a transformational year for Hoosier public safety.

Firefighting is a difficult job, especially this time of year as fires are even more difficult to battle in the extreme cold. While much of our communities are sleeping, fire and EMS crews are running quick and lean to respond to every emergency call. No hesitation. No questions, just a commitment to do the job and protect the community.

This year, I am extremely hopeful Indiana can pay back that commitment in a big way.

Governor Eric J. Holcomb recently announced two major initiatives that will have a big impact on firefighting and emergency medical services (EMS) in Indiana. In total, the two projects could bring nearly \$40 million of investment to fire and EMS, impacting fire training, volunteer firefighter equipment, EMS workforce shortages, improved trauma patient transports and more.

The Governor's support of the IDHS Hub-and-Spoke regional training model as well as the recommendations laid out in the comprehensive Governor's Public Health Commission Report represent monumental upgrades to historic shortfalls for fire and EMS. These conditions were not created overnight, and they won't be resolved quickly either. However, this is the first real attempt to reverse trends that, if left unchanged, threaten citizen safety.

IDHS Hub-and-Spoke Firefighter Training Proposal (\$24.2 million)
The Governor supports enhancing the primary, state-supported fire training sites across Indiana (14). Additionally, the plan calls for 16 new sites (total of 30) to support a high-quality, comprehensive physical training location within 45 minutes of every community. The plan would standardize equipment and training at state-supported locations and add consistency to Firefighter I/Firefighter II training (\$13.1 million).

If approved by the General Assembly, the plan also would dedicate \$10 million across the next five years to replace turnout gear and SCBA equipment for volunteer firefighters (\$10 million).

See **Fire Marshal** page 9

Chairman Bisel at 7:38 pm. (219)866-1128.
Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First role call was answered by 29 members representing 8 departments.

September Minutes Read. One correction, TR Hagerty referenced 30 hr, course not 20 hr.that was printed.

GUESTS: Jean Smith – PRNE, Jeremy Reef – PRNW and Miss Flame Judge, Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist, Christina Reef – IVFAA President, Jody Nusbaumer – Chester Twp. Fire Chief and Miss Flame Judge and Abby Nusbaumer – Miss Flame Judge

Aubrie Kruckeberg, daughter of Todd and Cindy Kruckeberg from Poe, was introduced as a District Miss Flame candidate. Chairman Bisel dismissed Miss Kruckeberg and the judges for judging.

Chairman Bisel – No deaths reported in the district since the last meeting but Donald Sorg, Poe VFD, passed in July and was missed at the last meeting.

There is a new editor for the IVFA newspaper. The new email address to submit information to the newspaper is IVFD@hurdmedia.com. If you have any questions or concerns about the paper or submitting information, please contact Buzz Kohler

There is another 75 year member award coming up this year, it is in our district.

75 Year Anniversary book is in the works. Please submit a biography for your department. It is also encouraged for you to submit your personal biography.

By-Laws proposal concerning language for the position of Chaplain was discussed. The proposal was approved by a show of hands vote.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Legislation items proposed for discussion in the upcoming session were discussed. Use of lottery funds to support the volunteer fire service. Income tax incentives for volunteer firefighters. State funds dispersed by county for volunteer fire departments, to be divided equally among all departments within that county.

If you have any other suggestions for legislation proposal contact Larry Curl, our IVFA Lobbyist.

Please contact your area representatives about any concerns that you may have during the upcoming legislative session. You can find your representative's contact information through the Legislative tab on IVFA.org.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist –

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District 7 *continued from page 5*

Organizational Day at the State House is tomorrow. The new legislative session begins on January 10th.

Cost Savings Survey was discussed. He explained how it affects your department's budget and staffing concerns.

The PR Roundtable Meetings were talked about. They were well received across the state. It has spurred some positive conversations for departments and their trustees as well as press coverage.

Jeremy Reef, PRNW – Convention is coming up June 14-16 in Muncie, 2023 Muncie The Place To Be. It is the first time in several years that it has been north of Indianapolis. Please plan on attending to show support for having it further north! Early registration is \$90, June 1st it goes up to \$100.

Hotel reservations are open, the rate is \$96 + tax per night. It is a new hotel in conjunction with their new convention center.

Convention raffle tickets and challenge coins are available.

Training is going to be a main focus at convention this year. Hands on training will be available utilizing the IDHS training prop trailers.

2024 convention will be back in Indianapolis.

Chairman Bisel – At last quarterly meeting the Membership and Marketing committee discussed that the SAVIK Group is now available to be used by your departments. It is a free service for departments to purchase at volume pricing discounts.

If you have any suggestions that would make YOUR organization better, please let Sam or the committee know.

Miss Aubrie Kruckeberg was introduced and crowned as our District 7 Miss Flame. She stated that she is looking forward to representing our district in the state. The judges were invited to introduce themselves and give Aubrie any pointers that they feel would better prepare her for the state competition.

Next district meeting will be at Hoagland VFD January 16.

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

Poe has peanut brittle for sale after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary



DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good Day,
As I sit here typing out this story for the newspaper I can only think of how the time has gone by so quick!

I have been to so many department functions, meetings and then the holidays just went by!

As District Chairman you really get to know all of the department members but maybe not a name?

But you go to a local a hardware and it maybe a firefighter from another county, it's a wave or maybe just a nod of the head, but you get home and try to remember the who, what and where to that fellow firefighter.

The past few months I have had the Honor to be present to give an award of 75 year member, now to think about 75 years, the first thing I think of is how old would they be, and then I watched Richard Myers walk up to get the award and I think about how he got up faster than I do at times!

2023 will go by just as fast and I still may not know your name, or what department, but I will try to give you a wave or a nod.

I want all to Thank all of the Departments in District 9A.
Stay Safe
Pascal Moon

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Ralph (Pete) Taylor - Chairman

Greetings From District 11A

I hope everyone survived the holidays and ready to start the new year.

I have attended several Christmas parties and meetings this quarter.

FDIC will be April 24-29 in Indianapolis.

Dues are past due. If you have not taken care of it please do so right away.

Governor Eric Holcomb has named Brownsburg Fire Territory fire Marshal Steven Jones as the new Indiana.

State Fire Marshal. He is trying to visit and get to know everyone. Invite him to your next District meeting.

I know he will try to be there.

Convention for 2023 is in Muncie Its the 77th convention hosted by 13B registration and hotel information is on the website IVFA.org.

Please continue to put your fund raising events on the IVFA calendar an your face book page, thats how I hear about.

Activities and try to attend them.

Until 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 Department's, 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 6th 2022 at Reelsville – Washington Township. This meeting was also the District's Miss Flame contest and Thanksgiving dinner. The opening Prayer was led by John McPherson of Reelsville, and the Pledge of allegiance by State Lobbyist Larry Curl. After a small opening we all broke for the wonderful Thanksgiving meal that was prepared by the host department. After returning from the meal are 2 Miss Flame Contestants which were Madalynn Ryan (Marshall Volunteer Fire Department) and Jordan Peebles (Helt Fire & Rescue), were dismissed to for judging. While the judges were speaking with the girl's we continued the meeting. The 1st to speak was Chris Overpeck with Dinges Fire, Chris gave us some information on equipment and ongoing supply chain issues within the equipment world. State Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke about ongoing opportunities in education, the roundtable meetings that has been going on, and more about the Cost saving study. Jeremy Reef, PRNW spoke of the upcoming 2023 Convention that is going to be held in Muncie and had Coins and raffle tickets for sale. Bylaw changes for the State Chaplin was brought up and approved by the

District membership. Minutes were approved from the last meeting. Larry Bartlow gave the Treasurer's report and was approved. Discussed the use of that Acadias Portal, if you are not logging into the system it will make you an inactive user and you will have to contact the state to be able to get back in. Talked about grain bin rescue that was brought up at the quarterly meeting, if you are interested in this information, please contact Chairman Ryan. We discussed the District to approve \$200 to be gave to the winner of the Miss Flame to help with cost, which was approved, also approved to repay Chairman Ryan gift cards that were purchased for the Miss Flame contestants. 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 why the judges were deliberating the contestants. Both young ladies returned, and asked one more question each and the judges spoke for a short time. Jodi Rohr was then given the honor to announce the 2023 District 11B Miss Flame as Jordan Peebles of Helt Township and Madalynn as Runner Up. The next meeting was announced of Sunday January 8th 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 still open for meetings.

March, May, July, and November

September Joint Picnic with 11A

Thank You Jason Ryan,
Chairman 11B

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As of the writing of this article on Jan 1st, 2023

"Hello!" and Greetings from District 12 "Good morning." "Good afternoon." "Good evening." depending upon the time you are reading the updates from our district in your IVFA quarterly newspaper,

Well it's 2023 and as we say Goodbye to 2022 (without regret I may add) we welcome 2023.

What will be different, what will change, what needs to change; all good questions just wish I had good answers.

We are still 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. So since 2022 was not the rebuilding / rebranding of IVFA District 12 that we had hoped for, let's attempt to make 2023 our year.

We hope to reshape our District with continued support from our current active members we hope to grow our District with the joining or rejoining of many other members. If you are a department that has belonged and want to rejoin or if you simple have 5 or more members within your department who want to become members of the IVFA please let us know, you can contact any of the IVFA District 12 leaders (all listed at the end of this article) and we will make sure we meet you and talk to you about how to become a member of the IVFA.

Also we would be happy to attend a meeting at your department to simply talk about the value of being a dues paying member, just let us know when you have time for us to attend and market the IVFA.

Hope you will take the offers seriously as we really would like to have every department, every firefighter, every EMT that lives, works, or raises their family with in the boundaries of our district, a member. That includes most of Boone, Hendricks, and Morgan counties and a few departments in other areas. Again our contract information is located at the bottom of this article.

As we shared in a couple of newspapers in 2022 District 12 has a total of 308 district members representing 15 Departments. We know there are more and we would like to represent you as well.

During the last quarter we have been honored here in District 12 to be able to have an awards dinner (hosted by Paragon VFD and thanks for hosting even though the day was interrupted by a Hugh Field Fire that took out several of our departments and members) we were able to present several longevity pins and recognize many for their years of service. We hope to repeat this event in 2023

We also had the opportunity to present a 50 year "Gold Card" to James W Mohr, a member of the Lizton-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Lizton Indiana. Assisting in the presentation was State Representative Jeff Thompson, State Fire Marshal Steve Jones, our IVFA then Vice President (currently President) Jerry Liston and a member of the press all to assist in honoring Mr. Mohr for his many years of service to his department, his community and the state of

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Indiana. Congratulations Jim for a job well done and an honor well deserved.

We invite you to visit our website to look at the most current activates going on in the IVFA and many of our departments across the state. Check out our website for information about the Association, Legislative updates for 2023, the Calendar for dates of meetings, trainings or other venues / actives of interest and importance to you as an IVFA member, take a look at what is happening with the IVFAA and we have a section marked for Members that offers a wide variety of information.

You will find information about the 2023 Convention which will be held at the Courtyard in Muncie Indiana at Horizon Convention Center. The dates are June 14-16 2023. Congratulations District 13B Anthony Smith and the full convention committee as hosts for this years state convention.

Hope you plan to join us at the 2023 state convention and be a part of three day learning, meeting, and training, greeting and information sharing opportunity with your peers. If you can not find time to attend the full convention at least attend the annual meeting of the membership to find out the latest happenings for the IVFA.

We should also put in a plug for our own District 12 for 2024. Yes, District 12 will be hosting the State Convention in 2024 and we are currently looking at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield as the location. We will be reaching out to our members to seek support, assistance, and to help make District 12 a great convention location. If you want to be a part please, again reach out to us and let's get you on the convention committee list to work the 2024 state convention.

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, or help you celebrate a special occasion, we want to help where ever and when ever we can.

Just as was our challenge to each of you during 2021 and 2022 I want to continue the same during 2023. Let's have a "membership movement" in District 12, "see some one, 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 every member of Dist 12 to recruit a new member. Let's be proud of what we are doing and let's give that same opportunity to others who might want to be a part of an organization that serves the emergency needs of the residence of our great state.

Your District 12 management /

leadership team 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 Ed Orr – District 12 official Photographer Reach out to any of us if there is anything we can help your department with. Welcome to 2023!!!

Larry PS We have a couple of District members who are or have recently gone through some health issues so please just say a prayer for any one in District 12 that you know who has undergone or is going through some medical concerns.

DISTRICT 13 REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a very Merry CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year!

Can you believe it, just like that it's 2023! Let turn the page and get this party started! If you haven't already checked out the convention article, please do so. We have been working very hard to keep this convention very affordable for our members and that could not be possible without some amazing sponsors and donors. By our next issue of the paper, please make sure you check out the list of our sponsors and if possible, give them a shoutout of appreciation. Those of you that have purchased our district convention challenge coins and Henry rifle raffle tickets, THANK YOU! All monies collected go straight to the funding of convention.

We have plenty more coins and tickets available, so there shouldn't be any excuse to not have one, two or ten!

Don't forget, I have challenged each department within district 13B to chip in for the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction. Everton Fire Department accepted the challenge immediately and set the bar to \$500 per department. EVFD stepped it up a notch and gave another \$500 on top of that! Red Line EMS, a private ambulance service also jumped on board and donated \$500 for this challenge. To the following, are you up for the challenge?

- Abington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
- Bentonville Vol. Fire Dept.
- Boston Comm. Fire Dept.

- Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.
- Centerville Vol. Fire Dept.
- Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
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- Raleigh Fire Dept., Inc.
- Straughn Vol. Fire Co. Inc.
- Webster Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
- West College Corner Fire Dept.
- Williamsburg Vol. Fire Dept.

Our next district meeting will have been January 8th at Centerville Fire/Rescue. March 9th at 1830 we will be meeting at Webster Fire Department and April 8th, we are offering a grant writing class, hosted at Everton Fire Department. This class is FREE to any and all! See flyer for more information.

Please get with me if there is anything that I can do for you. Stay safe and warm during this cold weather that we are starting to see more frequently.

Anthony Smith
765-439-0911

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Lee Cannon Sr. - Chairman

Welcome to 2023 from District 14 Hope everyone had great holidays I'm looking at getting to all my departments if I don't contact you then that means I don't have a good contact from your department.

With that being said can you email me a good contact for your department so i can set a time to get to one of your meetings to give you some info about our organization and 10 and 25 year pins.

You can email me at district14@ivfa.org or call me at 502-523-2665.

Thanks Rick Cannon
District 14 chairman



DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Steve Anderson - Chairman

District 15
November 15, 2022
East Gibson Fire Territory

The meeting was called to order by IVFA Vice-President Elect Ross Emery at 1905 hours. There were 19 members present representing 6 departments. Guests were PRSW Steve Nolan.

The pledge was led by Past President Jack Kerney. The minutes and treasurers report of the September 20, 2022 were approved as printed.

New Business:
The District March meeting will include a training session at Lynnville with the topic being, ATV & UTV operations.

Ross awarded Chris Duncan and Ed Brown from East Gibson Fire Territory their 25-year pins. 10-year pins were awarded to Woody Wilkins and Jeremy Nichols from East Gibson Fire Territory.

Ross stated that the District 15 Miss Flame registration deadline is December 31, 2022.

Ross went over the Qualifications and Deadlines for the numerous IVFA State Awards. Nominations for awards are due by February 1, 2023 and can be made on the website or mailed to the IVFA office. Jack stated the IVFA awards four \$1,500 Scholarships per year. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2023 to the IVFA office.

Proposed 2023 legislation is being prepared by the Legislative Committee with emphasis on Recruitment and Retention. The 75 Year IVFA History Book deadline for articles is February 28, 2023.

The IVFA Round Table discussions were well received throughout the State. Ross thanked East Gibson for hosting one of the events. The IVFA is compiling all of the information discussed at the round tables. The IVFA will also be involved in a Cancer Survey, with the intent to survey at least 500 of our members. It is important that if you receive a survey that you respond. More information will be forth coming.

A Bylaw/SOG change is being proposed to include guidelines for the State Chaplin. A motion was made and seconded to accept the change as written.

Steve Nolan stated that the IVFA will again be at FDIC on April 27 thru the 29, 2023. He

also stated that the IVFA trailer is unavailable due to the roof being repaired.

Any of the new Life Members are invited to attend IVFA Legislative Day at the statehouse on April 3, 2023.

The District 17A and Vincennes Sausage will be held on January 21, 2023. Ross thanked East Gibson for their hospitality and the meal. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Tammy Daily

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger - Chairman

District 18
IVFA

Greetings district 18. I hope everyone has had a safe and happy new year! I'd like to start off by thanking St. Henry Vol. Fire Department St. Henry Volunteer fire department for hosting the last district meeting. The barbecue chicken was excellent! If you haven't been to a district meeting recently, now is your chance to start 2023 off right by attending, as well as enjoying food provided graciously by the host departments. We THANK YOU!!

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Nicholas Waninger

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

Chaplain Jadon Henkel gave the opening prayer, and remembrance of Melvin Dannhauer, Aurthr Sonderman of Ferdinand, and Brother Giles of St. Meinrad archabbey

Roll call was taken with 55 members representing 16 departments answering 401 alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith introduced guest present Steve Bartels district 74 representative Audrea Leubbusen District 18 Miss Flame. Vice chairman Smith stated that Katyn Betz of Schnellville will be our new district 18 Miss Flame.

No state officers report District Chairman's report

Nominations for awards are due February 1st 2023. looking for a department to host the 2023 Miss Flame, and the parade

District officer's report Vice Chairman Smith talked about updating your department

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roster in the acidic portals, also talked about the 75 year book that the IFVA is putting together

New Business

Chairman Waninger handed out 10 and 25 year pins.

Holland Dustin Boehm 10 years, Brian Luker Morgan Huber 25 year

St. Henry Kyle Sherman 10 year, and Richard Schwartz 25 year

Chairman Waninger also talked about the SOG/By Law changes request for the state chaplain Report from Guest present.

Steve Bartels's talked about IDEM if you are having a hard time getting burn permits. He is trying to change the fire service to get the permits faster.

Announcement- good of the order.

FDIC 2023 will be April 27-29 in Indianapolis

IVFA 2023 State convention will be held in Muncie on June 13-17.

The 2024 state convention will be held in Indianapolis

Facebook is up and running half pot \$ 100.00

Chairman Waninger thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will be on January 19th 2023 with the Jasper fire department as host. It will be held at the Jasper outdoor Rec.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM Secretary/ Treasurer Stan Seifert

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

New from District 19

As another year comes and goes, we all take time to reflect on our lives. Each year brings new challenges and rewards. The volunteer fire service faces many challenges, the most challenging

Deadline for May is April 1st

being recruitment, retainment and funding. We can, at times, forget how blessed we are and all the good things that are happening around us.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the annual Christmas Dinner with the Brookville VFD. I saw a department that is alive and well, with members working together to serve their community. During this visit I had the privilege of presenting a 50 year membership Gold Card. It was presented to retired Chief Daniel Bruns. Chief Bruns had served Brookville for many years, 20 years as Chief. You could tell he was proud of his community and his department.

We all have members current and retired that have served our communities over the years and have made a tremendous difference in many lives. We need to make sure we take time to honor and recognize them for their service and dedication to the fire service.

Our most recent District 19 meeting was held at the Brookville VFD station on November 17, 2022. Our district had over 40 firefighters from 12 different departments in attendance. We love seeing big crowds, the IVFA is your organization and the more we are active the better it will be for all of us. Our next meeting is January 26th at the Aurora Fire Rescue station. We are looking forward to another big crowd as we all work to improve the volunteer fire service.



Don Fultz - Chairman

District 21 Meeting was held at Williamsport Vol Fire Department on November 28, 2022.

A lite meal was served.

There were 7 departments and 8 guests present making a total of 18 people.

There were 10 year and 25 year pins presented at the meeting.

A By-law was presented and passed at the meeting.

Our new Miss Flame for District 21 for 2023 was introduced. Her name is Tatum Moore from the Colfax Vol Fire Department.

Our next meeting will be February 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darlington Community Center which is across from the fire station.

A lite meal will be served.

Don Fultz District 21 Chairman

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING Nov 4-6, 2022 Crowne Plaza Hotel INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at by President David Israel at 1:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jerry Liston. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rachel Bussey.

Roll Call was taken with 20 District Chairman, 2 District Representatives present and 3 Absent, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 6 past presidents, the Lobbyist, Webmaster, and Executive Council.

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

New District Chairman Tom Fentress was sworn in along with other chairs that did not meet a quorum at their district meeting and were appointed by the president for the next term.

Treasurers Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Budget Sheet and Profit and Loss were reports were emailed out to group earlier to be prepared prior to meeting. Discussion brought up about budget and trends. The budget was a little over in 2017-2018, 2019-2021 we were below due to Covid. We are looking at being over budget this year due to increasing expenses, and no membership coming in. We need to start looking at how to manage the budget and either cutting costs in expenses or increasing membership costs. Look at possible cutting quarterly meetings down to some zoom meetings.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report as presented given by Buz Koehler. Second made by Larry Bartlow. Motion passed unanimously.

Roxanne is the new contact for California Casualty.

Old Business:

Mileage is currently at \$0.50. Discussion held on if we should limit the amount of travel completed by district chairman. Currently things will stay as usual business.

Bible Box was presented by Chaplain-Elect Elick. It is a solid maple box and will come in under budget of the \$50.00. we present

average of 130 per year 150 were ordered. Production of the box will be made in LaGrange, IN and will be able to produce what we need. We need to see if we can find a person to do laser engraving onto the box to identify it is ours.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, Dues and Deceased List Reports have been sent out. Has created a trend report on dues paid in each dept. per district. Attempting to identify cause of death for a death registry and need to place on funeral voucher so we can attempt to get a presumptive cancer bill. Name Badges are in and have been distributed. Website lists will be updated Jan. 1. 13,525 addresses prepared for newspaper. 307 addresses on hold for newspaper mailing, reports mailed out to district chair. 11,781 Active members, 31 service members, 90 associate members, 2 honorary members, 36 individual members, 20 past presidents, 563 gold members, 12,523 members of association. AIL Claims, waiting for 1 claim to be processed. Filed another claim and insurance company will decide. \$207,736.19 paid out to date from AIL. 5,265 license plates sold Jan.-Oct. 2022.

Executive Committee Report:

Medal Of Valor is complete and updated on the website.

Worked with Lona Huffman and Dave Dennison and went through a Policy and Procedures, Code of Ethics, Minors, Workplace Harassment/Violence, to create a manual for us to be protected. We will work to complete these to accommodate the IVFA.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Vice President Jerry Liston- We need to call dept. to get nominations up. Please attempt to get them to submit them online so it reaches the appropriate persons. We will have another 75-year member so this will be 3 currently.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison- nothing to report

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney- we will have a competition at the convention.

Mr. IVFA Larry Curl- received letters for the award.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, nothing to report

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender. Proposed budget was emailed out. License plate sales have increased and the projected totals were carried over to compare from last year to this year. Has a letter of engagement for the accounting firm to complete the yearly audit.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, District 6 submitted a Bylaw Change for Current Bylaw:

Article V- Officers, Section 14- Qualifications of Officers

In order to be elected to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, or Public Relations Director of the Association the person must:

- a. Be an active member of the association;
- b. The local department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the association; and
- c. Shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for

at least two (2) years.

d. The PR Director must live within the PR Area they represent.

Proposed Change:

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- d. The PR Director must live within the PR Area they represent.
- e. To be elected to the office of Chaplain of the Association, the person must:

1. Be an active member of the Association, and Indiana resident;

2. Have served as a public safety, military, associate chaplain/ chaplain, or religious clergy for at least two (2) years; and

3. Have assisted with at least two (2) two convention memorial services.

Jerry Liston made a motion to send change out to districts for review. Marshall Neece gave the second. Motion passed.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich- no claims this quarter.

Convention: President David Israel, Convention Guidelines item 19 changed to add stipulations on the Miss Flame Judges; Host Convention Committee is required to provide three judges for the Miss Flame Judging. Added to this guideline is: the judges shall not be related to or personally know contestants and shall not have been a contestant in the past 5 years.

2022 Evansville- Jack Kerney, Ross Emery- presented the \$4000.00 check back to the association.

2023 Jeff Biehl and Anthony Smith- Registration is on the website along with hotel information. Golf outing has been set up, have a lot more training at this convention. June 14-17, 2023

2024- Larry Curl- planning stages of their convention.

2025- intent to bid needs to be turned in a Feb. quarterly meeting

EMS: Tammy Wright, vice chair is Tom Fentress, comments on temporary paper license and resolved with commission. Guidelines to Fatigue in EMS will be sent out to districts. Committee wants a group text set up to share information between meetings and push out when needed.

Insurance: Luke Kleunder, nothing to report.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, hosted 11 PR Roundtables for Cost-Savings Study. Multiple contacts with legislators and news media outlets. Training, retention and recruitment, funding, were discussed within meetings. 3 senators have called to speak with lobbyist to discuss what is needed for help. Frye is proposing a bill to produce an account in each county to be split throughout the dept. and if businesses want to donate to this fund and then can take it off

their taxes. Cap of \$100,000 tax. Discussion of benefits package, retention and recruitment, clothing and auto allowance, state fire marshal fee schedule, property tax credit, income tax credit, diesel fuel prices and supply, coming a part of cancer presumptive law, baseline physicals, increase in funding in SAFER grant.

LODD: reestablish committee and get names completed for covid deaths that are LODD.

Logo: District 18 John Smith, nothing to report

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, Savvik Group contract is ready to go. Will send a letter and have it prepared to send out to membership. Brought up option to get rid of old inventory in clothing by giving it out as door prizes. Promote the 30 hours course better. Talked about creating a survey to find out what our members want in benefits.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, 12,594 papers printed with a 40-page edition with 17 advertisers. New Editor information was sent out, please direct any questions to Buz so he can streamline the process and assist her with the production and editing of the paper.

Public Relations and Education: PRSW Steve Nolan, FDIC April 27-29, 2023 need to complete sign up for workers. Need roof resealed on trailer looking for a possible cover for the trailer.

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reisert, updated with numbers for hits of the website.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, passed out information about the 75 yearbook. First 50 years are being processed and being worked on for the last 25 years. The more books presold the more pages we can have in the book. We will start with 140 pages. 11 pages and 22 pages for the first 50 years. Need to have biographies written and dept. history stories written for the book and come from members of the organization.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, discussion on difficulty with issues on the training in dept. they are going to gather information and start to get a handle on issues with Acadis.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague (Mack Grobis), discussed youth camp updates, start setting up duties to get camp completed. Spoke with ISA and Lona about insurance and path of camp.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: Steve Anderson, unsure of who is in this position.

Fire Alliance Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, spoke about the cancer study and getting a survey out to volunteers, PFAS program, Youth Academy, Wade Walling spoke on Fire Permits from live burns. Early detection for carcinogen exposures. Legislation for the year.

Hero's Competition Jason Ryan, nothing to report

IN-Time Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

National Volunteer Fire Council Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, went to Bloomington, NC. Dept. are

applying to SAFER Grants and getting them for retention and recruitment and paying for dues for NVFC, or their own organizations. 39 states represented. May 19-21 spring meetings, May 22-23 CFSI Dinner.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, nothing to report.

Officer's Reports:

President, David Israel, will report later.

Vice President, Jerry Liston, pass

Chaplain, Rachel Bussey, nothing to report.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, card read from family of Charlie Hunt.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, pass Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, pass

Historian, vacant position

Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, pass

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, pass

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, 3 district meetings, 2 department visits, 1 roundtable.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 6 meetings 4 dept. visits, couple fundraisers, NVFC

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, attended all meetings and round table.

PREC, Jeff Biehl, 7 meetings, 8 dept. visits, 4 award presentations, roundtable.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, 4 memorial, 3 district meetings 3 50 year cards, round table

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 1 district meeting, 2 roundtable meetings, 7 dept. visits, 50-year gold card presentation

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

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, Meeting at Ogden Dunes with District 2. 8 dept. and 20 members present, Program provided by chief with arson chief and search and rescue chief from Porter Co. 2 memorial services. Roundtable

District 2, Tom Fentress, same as District 1.

District 3, Bob Uryga, meeting at Kankakee Vol. Fire Dept. 6 dept. and 17 members. Program on fire dept. problems. MacQueen award and service pins, Roundtable

District 4, Elton Schafer, meeting at Millersburg Clinton Fire, 6 dept. present. Meeting at Lakeville Fire, 5 dept. and 14 members present. MacQueen award given, round table attended. 3 fundraisers

District 5, John Grolich, meeting at Atwood Fire Dept. 4 dept. and 7 members present. Presented MacQueen award, and Meritorious Award to retired fire chief from state fire marshal. 2 memorial services.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, Mack Grobis representing, pass

District 7, Sam Bisel, meeting at

Decatur, 8 dept. and 36 members present. 2 50 year gold cards, service pins

District 8A, Rex Maynard, meeting at Fairmount VFD, 4 dept. and 15 members present. One memorial service.

District 8B, Tony Dalrymple, absent

District 9A, Pascal Moon, Sydney Moon representing, pass

District 9B, Randy Denton, 2 station clocks passed out, district meetings, start pushing out service pins

District 10, John Ray, 6 county meetings, 4 dept. fundraisers, 8 dept. meetings, 50-year gold card, MacQueen Award, one memorial service, service pins presentations, round table, and moved IVFA trailer in district.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, meeting at Montezuma Park, 5 dept. and 7 members present. District 11B joint picnic meeting. Round table, 5 memorial services

District 11B, Jason Ryan, meeting at Montezuma Park, 4 dept. and 8 members present. District 11A joint picnic meeting, Miss Flame program, round table, 50-year gold card

District 12 Larry Curl, Meeting at Eel River Township Vol. Fire Dept., program was IDHS Director and new State Fire Marshal Stephen Jones, both gave details of updates from their offices, and duties. One memorial service

District 13A, Don Cushman, upcoming meeting

District 13B, Anthony Smith, district meeting, dept. fundraiser

District 14, Rick Cannon, meeting at Western #3, program from Madison Mayor Bob Cortney. Spoke about IVFA updates. One memorial service

District 15, Jack Kerney, made recommendation to make Steve Anderson interim District Chair until they can obtain confirmation from Paul Hamilton who is currently having changes made to schedules.

District 16 Ashley Armstrong, absent

District 17A, Sam Emery, memorial service, fundraisers

District 17B, Tammy Wright, MacQueen award, service pins, dept. meetings, fundraisers, 3 gold cards presented

District 18, Nick Waninger, meeting at Santa Claus, 9 dept. and 44 members present. Program from IDEM. 3 memorial services. Service pins, gold cards, fire prevention parade.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, Meeting at East Enterprise VFD, 11 dept. and 38 members present. Program from IDHS Fire Investigation Division. One memorial service.

District 21, Don Fultz, meeting at Pine Village, 8 dept. 11 members present. 4 fundraisers, service pins and 50-year gold card presented. Roundtable

New Business:

1. New emergency contact call list has been sent out and established.

2. 2023 Budget

3. 2023 Mileage remain the same at \$.50

4. Vincennes Sausage Supper is January 21, 2023, at the Highland

Woods Community Center. 5. FDIC 2023 need to contact Steve Nolan to sign up.

6. Washington, DC trip, May 22-23, 2023. New chairmen get to go first then send other representatives.

7. Use Zoom to host committee meetings throughout the quarter to complete work.

8. Benefit summit in Ohio did not happen this year.

9. Supporting Hero's Gala is July 15, 2023. Must turn names in to Paul Holcomb to get on the list. Must turn in list May 2023.

Meeting Recessed at 4:48pm. Sunday Nov. 6, 2022, Business meeting continued

Meeting reconvened at 0835 by President Israel.

Chaplain Bussey gave morning message.

Larry Curl spoke about the Washington DC trip which is May 22-23, 2023 and the 50-year state recognition is Monday April 3, 2023. If you are wanting to attend the trip, you need to turn your card in to get onto the list. We will be taking up to 10 people and new chairs will get first pick.

Melanie Batalis with Indiana Soybean Alliance, spoke on doing grain bin extraction training and rescue bin tube training and how they do research and support agriculture industries and farmers in the country. They completed 5 trainings and 144 firefighters educated. She is wanting to reach out and find areas to invest \$6000

per training to dept. that need the training. Planning on providing training at convention.

Richard Glant made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Jeremy Reef gave the second. Meeting was adjourned at 0922.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING Nov. 4-6, 2022 HILTON GARDEN HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb at 0924.

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

Paul spoke on managing dept. rosters on Acadis. You can only manage one dept. roster. Look at trainings from Zack on Leadership trainings.

Board Action- Business:

1. 2023 Budget, Buz Koehler made motion to accept the budget as presented by Treasurer. Second made by John Ray. Motion passed.

District ticket drawing \$100 gas card winner, Kevin Welton, Kankakee Fire Dept. District 3.

Chaplain gave benediction.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jack Zeeks, Second by Jeremy Reef. Meeting adjourned at 0929 a.m..

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The proposal also would replace mobile training equipment to help make these training props more available to firefighters across the state (\$1.1 million).

The proposal still needs approval from the General Assembly. Training locations have not been finalized, and the process to support the upgrades of volunteer PPE has not yet opened. More information will be shared when appropriate.

Governor's Public Health Commission (\$14.6 million for EMS)

The recommendations from the Governor's Public Health Commission call for sweeping change and support for the Indiana EMS system, impacting areas such as trauma care, ambulance counts, EMS service in rural areas and a much-needed focus on EMS recruitment and retention. In total, Holcomb has requested \$347 million for the next two years from the General Assembly to support the GPHC recommendations, and \$14.6 million of that would be designated specifically for Indiana EMS initiatives. This proposal also requires approval from the General Assembly.

New Director for the Fire and Public Safety Training Academy system

The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office now is hiring for a Director for the Fire and Public Safety Training Academy, which will be intimately involved in the new Hub-and-Spoke training model. The Academy Director operates and manages the Indiana State Fire and Public Safety Training Academy system. This position is responsible for the daily operations of the Academy, ensuring continuity of operations and instruction while maintaining Academy compliance with federal, state and local training incident safety laws, guidelines and practices. The candidate must have a firm understanding of career and volunteer fire department culture, structure, operations and mission. This position helps establishes effective, safe firefighter training across the Indiana fire service.

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

Corresponding Secretary
Janet Matthews



Sunday November 6, 2022
 Crown Plaza Hotel
 Indianapolis, IN

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag. Recording Secretary Beverly Vanlandingham took roll call. Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews is not present at this

meeting, Tammy Smith will be taking today's meeting minutes in her absence. Lou Bartlow made motion to accept the July 2022 minutes as submitted, Kay Schumaker seconded the motion, all in favor, July minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer report given by Martha Biehl. No corrections or additions is subject to audit.

The floor was turned over to David Elick & Judy Wirth for a presentation.

Christina Reef announced that there are "Get Well / Thinking of You" cards going around the room for everyone to sign.

President Christina Reef addressed the group; "If you are talking about fellow members, make sure it is done in private." Everyone needs to stay away from the drama & negative comments. Know your audience during conversations that you are in. Further discussion on this topic was held.

The new district chairman class may be held in May 2023. This may need to be rerouted as Phyllis' husband has not been doing well. Discussion was held on rescheduling the meeting for district chairman. Membership is

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way down; every district chairman should go to every department/auxiliary. Everyone needs to try to get to every department within their district at least once a year. If someone is unable to get to every department, send an email or find another way to reach out to them. Beverly is getting ready to send out the late notices. We do not want our membership to go down anymore than it is. If there are not enough members to have a meeting, have a combined meeting with the I.V.F.A. & give a report. Ask the members in your district how we can make things grow. Discussion held on doing a survey with some of the following questions on it, have you seen a state officer? Have you seen your district chairman? Do you know what your benefits are? The state cannot fix anything if they are not aware there 2

is a problem. There would be a comment section on the survey. Anyone with ideas for more questions, email Christina. This could be an electronic survey as well as a paper copy.

See **Corresponding Secretary** page 14

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Discussion held on also putting it on Facebook.

Some have brought up to Christina about only doing an internal audit. It may not be a bad idea to do an external audit. Discussion was held on asking Beverly Harker to do this. Carol Curl will be getting with her to find out what she needs, how much the cost would be, etc.

Floor was turned over to Larry Curl & Buz Koehler. Funding, staffing, training, health & wellness have been discussed with the general assembly. We save the state 4.5 billion dollars annually. Discussion held on the retirement for the lottery. Larry is working on getting a bill drawn up. He will need everyone to contact their representative once this is done. Buz brought up the newspaper. Buz is working on gathering the information for the 75-yearbook. Christina has the email for the books. The more copies sold prior to the deadline, the larger the book can be. The committee would like to have all the information turned in by February 2023. The cost is \$69, for a leather book it will be \$20 more. Buz has the information for the new editor for the newspaper. Everything will be done through the internet. All articles & pictures will go to the email. If there are problems, concerns, etc. with getting articles in, send to Buz. Do not sent anything else to Printco. The deadlines are always in the newspapers, make sure to adhere to the deadlines that are set.

Discussion held on paying Josh Reisert \$100 per year. Another check had to be issued to him due to him misplacing this check & there was a \$40 fee paid to stop payment for the first check.

Discussion held on how to track 25-year & 50-year pins/cards. If it is a 50-year gold card member, please let Christina know as she would like to attend. Email Beverly Vanlandingham once things have been presented to the member. Let Suzie Lewis know who needs pins & she will verify with Beverly to ensure that they are paid members.

Awards time is coming up. Feb 1st is the deadline to submit nominations for these & Christina would like to see someone turned in from each district. We have many deserving people in the organization.

Discussion was held on paying for the meeting room at the

future quarterly meetings. This could come out of the gaming account. If there is a designated meeting space for Saturday, that would need to be paid for as well, but there are other options of places to meet on Saturday. Further discussion was held in the group. Lou Bartlow made a motion that the organization pays for a meeting room every quarter. Carol Curl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed, a meeting room will be reserved each quarter. As of this moment the 2023 meetings will be held on the 1st weekend of designated months except for August. This will be announced closer to the time.

Christina has offered to put on a computer class at a quarterly meeting. She needs to know what people are wanting to learn how to do. Send Christina a text, email, etc. of suggestions of 3

what you need help within the technical world. If you are in the middle of doing something & you can't get it to work, call Christina & she will try to walk you through it. If she is not available at the time, leave her a message & she will call you back.

February 2023 fellowship event is being worked on by a group of members. Christina will be getting with JoAnn to see if she would like to participate in it & will let the other members know. There has been some work done on the website. Discussion held on putting the benefits on the website.

The SOG's & By Law committee went over every SOG & By Law. We will read everyone aloud, if there is no rebuttal, the will all be voted on at once. Only the district chairman who is the executive board will vote on the SOG changes. Several have been changed from "she" to the title of the position. SOG, Recording Secretary #7 will stay. The committee will reword. This SOG did not get voted on. Motion made by Lou Bartlow to accept the changes to the SOG's as they were read, Kristy Bisel seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Christina will make new SOG's for everyone. All district chairmen are receiving a copy of the proposed By Law changes to take back to the district. Chairmen need to present them to your district & get their opinions on the changes that were made. This will be voted on at the February 2023 quarterly meeting. This will be done the same as the SOG's

were done in this meeting. If anyone would like Christina, EJ or a member of the committee to attend your district meeting when By Laws are reviewed & voted on just let us know.

2023 convention is June 14th-17th, 2023 in Muncie. See committee members for coins or gun raffle tickets. Thursday of convention we are looking at a lot of training options for participants, hopefully there will be more information to bring to you all at the February meeting. Anthony Smith & Christina Reef went to Warm Glow. They are doing the center pieces, the are donating 50 & 24 more will be donated to raffle off. Christina will be signing the paperwork for their donations since we are not a 501c3.

There was a meeting on Friday with Lona & Brandy, from the insurance company. There will be new SOG's & By Laws that have to be done. This probably will not come out until May. These will cover sexual harassment, workplace violence, discipline, etc. These will be mirrored to the I.V.F.A when they are issued.

Discussion held on the Lois Boaz jackets. There are spare jackets around, this could be used & then once the true size is determined of the person who wins, just order the correct size. Motion by Tammy Smith to use the spare jackets & if they are the correct size they may keep the jacket, if not then one will be ordered in the proper sized, Kay Schumaker seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. 4

President Christina Reef asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order? Christina Reef asked each district chairperson to please bring a game to convention to donate to The ARC of Indiana. Can be a board game, family game, card game, the hotel uses them for the staff to play them in their down time when not working. Christina asked Judy Wirth to give our closing prayer, prayer given. Kimberly Smith made motion for meeting be adjourned, seconded by Tammy Smith. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. by President Christina Reef.

Next quarterly meeting will be 1st weekend in February 2023

Minutes taken by Tammy Smith, recording of meeting reviewed & minutes typed.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

**IVFAA
President***Christina Reef*

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a safe & wonderful holiday season with your friends & family. I am personally looking forward to warmer weather & spring flowers.

As I have traveled around the state attending as many meetings as I can, I want to thank you all for always being so welcoming. It has been great meeting new people & visiting places that I have never been to in our amazing state. I am looking forward to going to more departments, auxiliaries & events that I have not been to yet. If there is something that you would like for me to attend, please let me know. I will do my best to be there. I also want to personally let you all know that anyone is welcome to attend the state quarterly meetings. This is a great opportunity to learn about the IVFAA & to meet some amazing people.

In the next few months, are going to be looking into sending out a survey to our Auxiliaries. The reason for is to gain some feedback on what our membership is wanting & needing from the

**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 functions, please let me know and I will try my 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

IVFAA. We would like to also get some ideas on how to increase the numbers of members that attend meetings or to discuss possible different way to get information out to everyone. If you are interested in helping with this project, please let me know.

Miss Flame deadline is approaching fast. The deadline to have your Miss Flame's application, picture & other paperwork submitted is March 10th. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Miss Flame committee chair Janet Matthews.

We will be having a district chairman training class in May at the state quarterly meeting. Anyone who is a newer district chairman, current district chairman or possibly wanting to be a district chairman in the future is welcome to attend. We will need a tentative head count for this training, please contact District 1 & 2 chairman Phyllis Vargo if you are wanting to attend.

It's never too early to talk about convention. The 2023 IVFA/IVFAA convention will be June 14th - 16th at the Muncie Convention Center. All the convention registration & hotel information is on the website.

Lastly, 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

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 Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center June 14-16, 2023. 601 South High Street Muncie, Indiana 47305.

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

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Beverly Lockwood - Chairman

District 7 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Auxiliary meet on November 21, 2022 at Geneva Vol. Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel at 7:30pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Women then moved to another room to continue our meeting.

Roll call was answered by 9 members from 3 departments and 3 individuals.

The minutes from the July meeting were read and approved.

The Treasures report was given. With a check to Carol Curl for the Miss Flame sash. With a balance forward.

No old business.

New business, President of the IVFAA Christina Reef was present and discussed state meeting. She stated that there will be a survey sent out to all district chairman to send to the members of each district to fill out. She stated this can be sent in by mail or can be completed online. She also stated that she would like to see more names put in for awards at convention. She is hoping to get one nominee per district. Last convention they only had three nominees for Lois Boaz and three nominees for Miriam Schaeckel. She stated that these forms can be found on the website and you do not have to be present at the convention to win. They will come to our District to Present these Awards. The deadline to get these nominations in is February 1st. She brought up that there were only 11 nominees for the Bridgeport scholarship. This award is not only for people who are seniors or just graduating high school. This award can go to anyone who is going to college full-time. She also wanted to remind us the at deaths should not be posted on the IVFAA Facebook page these need to go through the proper people at the stated level so they do not get missed during the memorial service at the convention. Christina then read over all the changes to the bi-laws, and the SOGS. She read what is the originally said and what they would like to change it to.

The District then voted after hearing all the changes and we voted that they all are approved as read and our vote will be taken back to the state level.

Convention 2023 will be held in Muncie Indiana June 14-16.

\$95 plus tax for the hotel. These documents can be found on the website as well. Bev stated she would like to see more people from the district at the convention due to it being in Muncie.

We had one person to run for Miss Flame. We had her go through the interview. When she got back to the meeting she spoke about what she thought of the interview and what she thinks she needs to work on.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris at 8:16pm.

After the meeting was adjourned we did our 50/50 drawing. We made \$201 and the winner was Abby from Chester. The other half went to our Miss Flame.

Miss Flame was crowned. Our 2023 Miss Flame is Aubrie Kruekeberg from Poe Fire Department.

Next meeting will be at Huntington Twp. Vol. Fire Department January 16, 2023

Kaitlyn Bisel, District 7 Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

IVFAA District 21 11-28-2022 Minutes

The monthly meeting of the District 21 IVFA. Was held on November 28th at 1930 hours with Patti Fultz presiding.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

New Business

• Thank you Williamsport for holding the meeting tonight.

• We would like to send a Thank you out to Larissa Butler for representing District 21 the last several years and recently representing the State as Miss Congeniality.

• There is going to be a 75* yearbook about the IVFA. The cost will be \$59.95. The book will be out in the new year.

• Convention next year is at Muncie, June 14-17 at the Marriott Hotel. The room rate is \$96.00 a day.

• We have one contestant from Williamsport fire department that turned in her application tonight to run for the District 21 Miss Flame. Since the application was not turned in on time she will not be eligible this year but we highly encourage her

to run next year.

• IVFAA dues were due in September and you have to keep these current and up to date to be eligible to receive the life insurance if something would happen.

• The comity that was working on the SOG and SOP have gotten them finalized but and ready to vote on. We do not have enough people present at this meeting to vote on them.

• The main thing that is changing is that you will only have thirty days to get your dues turned in now for the year.

• The info main for the new person editing the news paper has been given to Shelby so that she can submit the minutes.

• IVFAA State President Christian Reef wanted to remind everyone to submit there nominations to the website for the several awards the IVFA and IVFAA have.

• Carol Currel informed us that the state is working on getting a bil passed that with allow members of a volunteer fire service to not have to pay taxes in Indiana along with volunteers having the same life insurance as a carrier firefighter.

• Our next meeting will be February 27th at Darlington Vol Fire Department at 7:30 pm. We will eat at 6:45 pm.

• If your fire department has any functions coming up, please post them to the website or the Group on Facebook, The IVFAA community or District 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone,

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

Due to the illness and death of my husband I was not able to go to our last district meeting so therefore I have no report.

I would like to THANK everyone for all the cards and messages on our IVFA and IVFAA Facebook pages for all the kindness and love that was sent to me.

I would like the THANK the IVFA for the bible and grave marker and Rick Cannon for coming to visitation. Also, I would like to thank Christina and her daughter for coming and the lovely flower. And a special thanks to Judy Wirth for everything that she did for me and the angel from District 14.

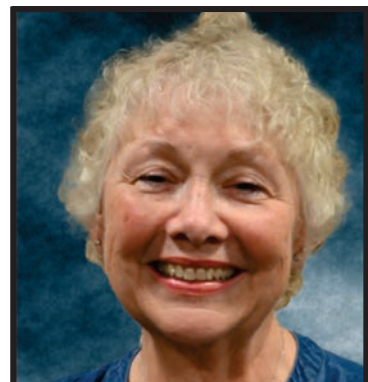
I would also like to THANK New Washington Vol. Fire Dept. & Auxiliary for all the support and help they gave me. They are the best fire family anyone could ask for.

Our next district meeting will be Jan. 19 at Deputy Vol. Fire Dept. at 7:00 pm where we will crown our Miss Flame. Hope to see everyone there.

JoAnn Smith
District 14 Chairman
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IVFAA Chaplain

Judy Wirth



Hello and a very HAPPY 2023 to all! I hope and pray everyone had a wonderful SAFE Holiday Season.

Maybe this New Year will bring all of us - better health, more laughter, more communicating, and more love

and understanding. My heart goes out to all our membership who have suffered accidents, injuries, illness,

surgeries, and loss of loved ones. These things are hard enough to go through let alone during the Holidays.

I hope we all can come together to help each other. Jesus set the example of compassion and love; may we all

follow in His footsteps. Maybe this year will be a year of new things. I am planning on finding no less than one

thing that will make me smile or better yet laugh! (Even if it is at myself!) If you need anything give me a shout out!! Judy

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / Gerald Sprague, District Chairman



50 Years in Fire Service



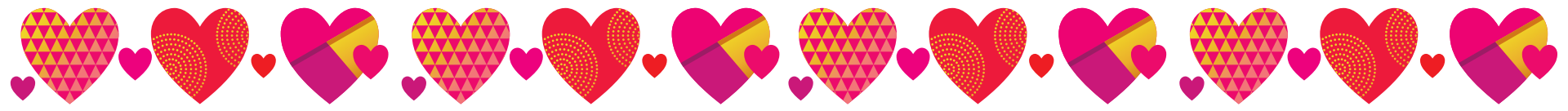
Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Mike Engle, Columbia City Fire Department & Poe Fire Department his 50 Years of Service IVFA Service Pin, IVFA Gold Card and State of Indiana House Concurrent Resolution for 50 Years of Service. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented David Redding, Southwest Fire District his 50 Years of Service IVFA Service Pin, IVFA Gold Card and State of Indiana House Concurrent Resolution for 50 Years of Service. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague and Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Philip Chamness, Washington Township Fire Department his State of Indiana House Concurrent Resolution for 50 Years of Service. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



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25 Years in Fire Service



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented James Platt, Southwest Fire District, 25 Year IVFA Service Pin. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



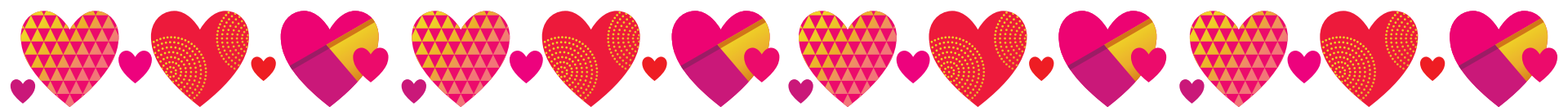
Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Rachel McColloch, 25 Year IVFA Service Pin and Zackery King, 10 Year IVFA Service Pin Southwest Fire District. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Mike Meyers, 25 Year IVFA Service Pin, Aboite Fire Department. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Chad Foss, 25 Year IVFA Service Pin, Aboite Fire Department. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / Gerald Sprague, District Chairman



10 Years in Fire Service



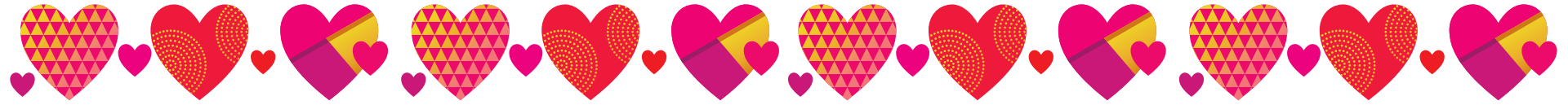
Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Craig Mattax, 10 Year IVFA Service Pin, Aboite Fire Department. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Lynnze Martin and Tyler Martin, 10 Year IVFA Service Pin, Aboite Fire Department. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Daniel Piech, 10 Year IVFA Service Pin, Southwest Fire District. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



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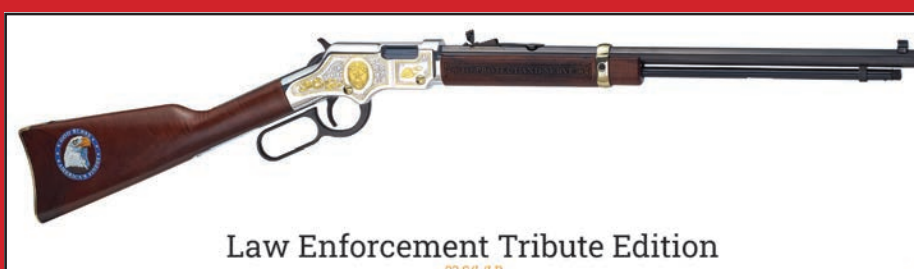
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / Gerald Sprague, District Chairman



District 6 Miss Flame Kaylee Knight



Hello everyone!

Congratulations to our 2023 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight representing Noble Township Fire Department. Kaylee's goal is to attend at least one event in each county of our district. 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. She also has a Facebook page as well titled "District 6 Miss Flame Kaylee Knight".

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 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



Photos by District 6 Miss Flame Judging at Washington Twp. Fire Department in Fort Wayne



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For more ways that the Volunteer Firefighter Alliance can assist your department please visit us at www.supportvfa.org

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Song / Sam Bisel, District Chairman



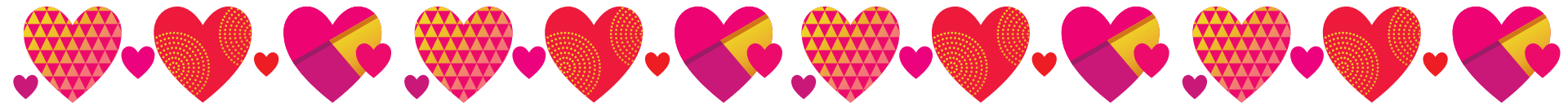
District 7 Miss Flame Aubrie Kruekeberg



This is another picture of aubrie helping make peanut brittle at Poe vol. Fire dept. Officer Cal Thiele showing her what to do.



From left to right: Christina Reef I.V.F.A.A president, Todd Kruekeberg, Dist. 7 2023 Miss Flame Aubrie Kruekeberg, Cindy Kruekeberg, and Sam Bisel Dist. 7 Chairman.



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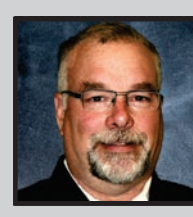
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

- submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman



IVFA Honors 75 Year Member

On November 8, 2022 the IVFA honored a 75 year member!

Richard (Doc) Myers Received a Plaque for being a 75 year member of the IVFA, Mr. Myers held many different hat in his time on the Miami Twp. New Waverly Fire Department, although his main time was spent as department Secretary.

Mr. Myers talked on a how the Department changed and how he always was for the changes, for the most part.

Mr. Myers Talked about his time and how the award was unexpected and that he had received an award earlier in the year for being in the Masonic Lodge for 75 also.



I.V.F.A. President David Isreal presenting the Plaque to Richard (Doc) Myers.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

- submitted by Jason Ryan, District Chairman



MacQueen Excellence Award Winner Selected

Jim Veach, Fire Chief of the Rockville Adams Twsp. Fire Dept., Rockville Indiana was selected as the MacQueen Excellence Award winner for District 11B at the 2022 Convention.



Garry Davis, MacQueen Equipment (left), Jim Veach, Chief (center), and Chairman Jason Ryan (right)

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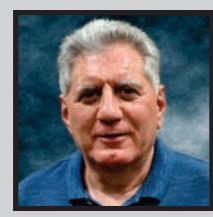
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

- submitted by Rex Maynard, District Chairman



25 & 10 Year Service Pins Awarded



Center township volunteer Fire Department. Christmas party gave out three 10-year pins and one 25-year pins

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

- submitted by Larry Curl, District Chairman



District 12 honors James W Mohr

District 12 was honored to be able to present to Mr. James W Mohr, with the Lizton-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. his life time membership to the IVFA, a Gold Card and a Resolution from the State of Indiana. Also State Fire Marshal Steve Jones presented Jim with the State Meritorious Service Award for his years of service.

Present to help with this presentation was (left to right) IVFA Vice President Jerry Liston, State Representative Jeff Thompson, 50 Year Honoree Mr. James Mohr, State Fire Marshal Steve Jones, IVFA District 12 Chairman, and Fire Chief Jon Joseph Lizton-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulations Jim for all that you have done for the community and your department
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



25 Years in Fire Service



Congratulations to Jason Cain and Anita Jackson of Raleigh Fire Department for 25 years of continuing service!



Congratulations to Brad Crone (in gray) and Jason Boyd (in red) for 25 years of service to New Lisbon Fire Department and the communities that you serve day in and day out!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



50 Years in Fire Service



Milton Fire Department celebrates Chief Richard Pollitt years of service and accomplishments over the last 50 years. Thank you Fire Marshal Stephen Jones for presenting the Meritorious Service Medal award.

Firefighters, family, friends and the community gathered to give thanks and appreciation to Richard. A cookout was provided for all to enjoy. Milton unveiled their newest addition to the firefighting fleet-Engine 4! The unit number "4" has been pulled from retirement and has been placed back in service.



MONEY MONEY MONEY!

Plan your schedule to attend a free grant writing class, hosted at Everton Fire Department.

Please make sure to send some representatives from your department, township trustees, town clerks and whoever else you think may benefit from this class. Please be sure to RSVP to the information provided!

Food provided and as always, we will be accepting Hoosier Burn Camp Auction donations! Help is reach out goal of \$10,000!
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



FUNDING & GRANTS WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023
9:00AM-12:00PM**

**EVERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
5495 IN-1
Connersville, IN 47331**

Speaker: Chief Jeff Bryant –
Amboy, IL FPD

Chief Jeff Bryant has been successful with obtaining over 20 million dollars in grants and funding opportunities for his and surrounding departments. Jeff has built up a vast amount of knowledge on the subject over more than 30 years and wants to pass on and share his knowledge, tips, and tricks with all those that want to learn. During this event, Jeff will talk through local, state, and federal funding opportunities and the excess property program to help your department or organization on the next steps to take to help your department gain the equipment you need to protect your citizens and district.

There is no cost to attend this training, and enrollment is open to anyone wanting to learn more about the ways to help their department obtain funding. Products from Dinges Fire Company will be on display.

Township Trustees, Town Clerks, and Fire Board Members encouraged to attend.
Minimum attendance of 20 departments and 50 individuals to hold event.

Featured:
IVFA 13B Indiana Burn Camp Challenge
Sponsor a child for \$1000 for a week long camp



TO REGISTER

**Email: bleland@dingesfire.com
Phone: 765-541-1766**

Check-in/Registration - 8a-9a. Lunch provided

If you want to see a specific item, please contact local Dinges Fire Sales Rep, Brett Leland prior to the event



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Honoring our military

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

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Members On Military Leave Updated 2/11/21



Member Name	Department	City	State
Andras, Jarred Jude	Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept.	Merrillville	IN
Banter, Blake Andrew	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Liberty Center	IN
Barton, Steven Daniel	Prairie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brookston	IN
Blanton, Jake Thomas	White River - Hazleton V.F.D.	Hazleton	IN
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
Doane, Joshua Tanner	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	Shoals	IN
Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
Garver, Jeron Blaze	Clinton City Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Clinton	IN
Gill, Gary Dwight	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bloomington	IN
Gillett, Matthew Steohen	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc	Pacifica	CA
Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
Hollingsworth, Brian Lee	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bluffton	IN
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
Robbins, Brett Allen	Concord Twp. Fire Dept.	St. Joe	IN
Rodgers, Travis Gene	Jackson TWP. Vol. Fire Dept.	Kingman	IN
Rohr, Heath	Helt Fire & Rescue	APO	AE
Schnebelt, Saben	Hogan Twp. Fire Dept. Co. 1	Lawrenceburg	IN
Scudder, Darin Ray	Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Rising Sun	IN
Sears, Matthew Douglas	Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Battle Ground	IN
Service, Matthew Shane	Amity Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.	Edinburgh	IN
Skaggs, Andrew Thomas	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Marrero	LA
Snowden, Steven	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.	Fort Bragg	NC
Stewart, Jacob Donny	New Middletown Fire Dept.	Corydon	IN
Tharpe, Riley Cole	Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept.	Mountain Home	ID
Thompson, Courtney Loraine	Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept.	Beaufort	SC
Uffelmann, Conner James	Poe Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Vance, Eric Robert	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Walters, Joshua	Culver-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Culver	IN
Weaver, Michael D.	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Williams, Clayton D.	Georgetown Vol. Fire Dept.	Logansport	IN
Willis, Emmanuel Syphen	Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #71	Merrillville	IN
Windle, Joey Cartell	Jonesboro Vol. Fire Dept.	Jonesboro	IN
Yoakum, Christopher G	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Belvoir	VA
Zehnder, Dustin Thomas	New Chapel Fire Company	New Albany	IN

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



51 Years in Fire Service



Fire Marshal Stephen Jones presenting Retired Firefighter, George Miller with the Meritorious Service Medal award for 51 years of service and dedication.

10 Years in Fire Service



I would like to congratulate Wesley Clark for his 10 years of continued service to his community and department!

Firefighters team up with police to Help Families in Need

Challenge coin now available



District 13B and the 2023 Convention committee are selling challenge coins. \$20 each. All proceeds go to assist with funding the convention. Get with District 13B Chairman/Convention Chairman Anthony Smith or the committee to get your coin while supplies last!

I would like to give a special thank you to Matt Bartlett from Interstate Towing. Matt sponsored our challenge coins as soon as he heard of the opportunity. Matt is also a firefighter with Cambridge City Fire Department. On behalf of the convention committee and District 13B, thank you!



Firefighters from Centerville and Abington team up with Centerville Police Department to help over 100 families in need during this Holiday Season.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



25 Years in Fire Service

Bentonville Fire Dept. Christman Celebration

Bentonville Firefighters gather to celebrate Christmas and give honor to retired Firefighter, George Miller. To be one of the 88 firefighters to claim 50 years of service in the entire state of Indiana is a privilege many won't see. Not everyone has the chance to claim such achievement. Listening to George speak about "the good old days" really makes a youngster like myself feel extremely blessed. I have never had the worry that I better get to the station before anyone else, so I have fire gear that will fit me. I simply can't imagine. We often take what we have for granted, and every time I get the opportunity to just stop and listen about the good old days makes me extremely grateful for what I have.

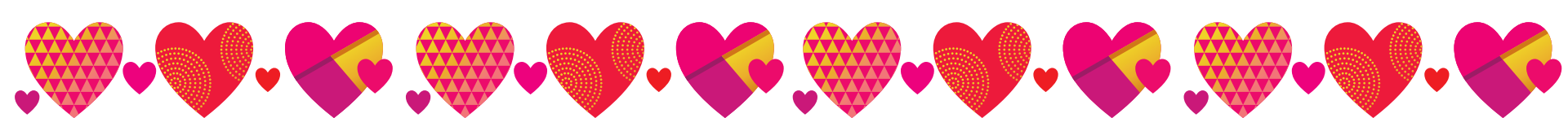
George, I want to say congratulations yet again for paving the way and making the fire service that much better for the generations to come! It has been my pleasure to have a small roll in this organization to recognize and honor folks like you!



Congratulations to Marc Frank of the Bentonville Fire Department on serving 25 years to your department and community! I wish you the best for many years to come!



Left to right: IVFA District Chairman Anthony Smith, IVFA lobbyist Larry Curl, Life member George Miller, and IVFA President Jerry Liston.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

- submitted by Tammy Wright, District Chairman



50 Years in Fire Service

Monroe Fire Protection Honors 2



October 2022 the Monroe Fire Protection District honored 2 members with their 50 Year Gold cards from the IVFA
Past President Tim Deckard, 50 Year members Cecil Hudson and Robert Naylor former members of the Bloomington Township Fire Department and PR Southwest Steve Nolan



October members of the Monroe Fire Protection District was honored with their IVFA service pins from Past President Tim Deckard and PR Southwest Steve

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith / Nicholas Waninger, District Chairman



25 Years in the Fire Service

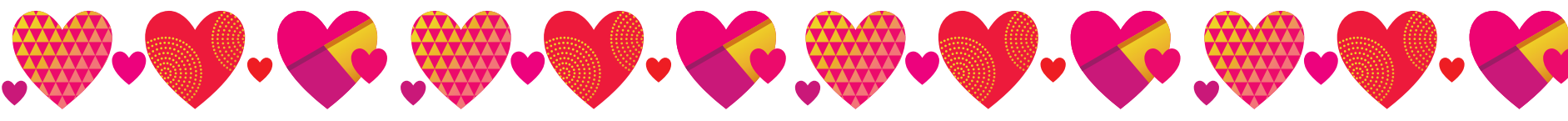
10 Years in the Fire Service

At the annual Dinner and Awards Celebration of the Huntingburg VFD, two HVFD members were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin.



Pictured are (l-r) HVFD Chief Don Heim Jr. and HVFD Captain Jeff Hanebutt. Photo and article provided by Dist. 18 Vice Chairman John "Bull" Smith

Holland Dustin Boehm 10 years and Henry Kyle Sherman receive their 10 year pins pictured with Nicholas Waninger



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Ben Sieverding, District Chairman



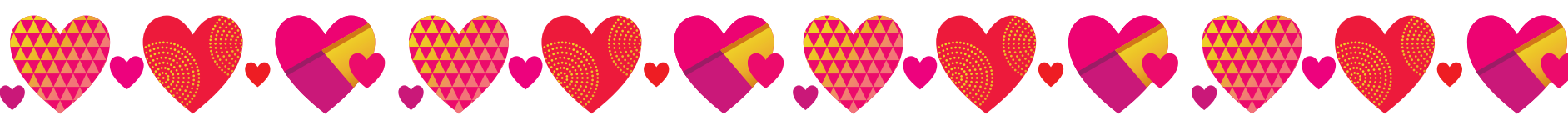
50 Years in Fire Service

District 19 IVFA 2022 McQueen Award



Left to Right: District 19 Chairman Ben Sieverding presenting Retired Chief Daniel Bruns, Brookville VFD, with his 50 Year Membership Gold Card

Left to Right: District 19 Chairman Ben Sieverding presenting Tom Moore, Rising Sun VFD, with the District 19 IVFA 2022 McQueen Award



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

- submitted by, District Chairman Don Fultz



Register for the 2023 NVFC Regional Wildland Symposium
Travel stipends are available; apply by January 20

District 21 IVFA 2022 McQueen Award



District 21 MacQueen award was given to John Haan & Dan Haan by Gary Davis of MacQueen Fire Equipment and Don Fultz district 21 chairman

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) will host its inaugural Regional Wildland Symposium on March 17-18 in Box Elder, SD. This wildland fire focused event will bring together fire and EMS personnel from across the region and country to participate in valuable classroom training and idea exchange. Space is limited so register now!

The symposium will provide an opportunity to learn from interactive classroom training and share ideas and best practices with wildland firefighters and other stakeholders from across the Plains region. Attendees will have their choice of breakout sessions to attend, with sessions addressing key topics in wildland fire mitigation and response. The event registration fee of \$129 covers two days of training with breakout sessions, keynote speakers, and general sessions, as well as a networking reception, vendor expo, and most meals.

To help more first responders attend, a stipend of up to \$600 is available that will reimburse expenses related to the conference, including hotel, travel/transportation, and the registration fee. But hurry, the deadline to apply for a stipend is January 20. To be eligible for the travel stipend, you must be a member of the NVFC. Not a member? Learn about member benefits and join for just \$21 at www.nvfc.org/join.

Register for the Regional Wildland Symposium, view the full agenda, and apply for a travel stipend at www.nvfc.org/symposium. Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, chief of training and education, at Rachel@nvfc.org or 202-887-5700 x130.

About the National Volunteer Fire Council

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



District 13B Convention

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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Convention

Start Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

End Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023

Last Day to Book: Sunday, May 14, 2023

Hotel group rate: \$96.00+tax

- Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center for \$96.00 per night

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IVFA Miss Flame

Start Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

End Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023

Last Day to Book: Sunday, May 14, 2023

- Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center for \$96.00 per night

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For reservations, call 765-287-8550 to speak with a hotel professional or visit their website. When calling, guests will need to mention that they want to book in either the IVFA or Miss Flame Block. For any other questions regarding hotels and convention registration, contact Jeff Biehl at 765-524-7718.

Thank you!



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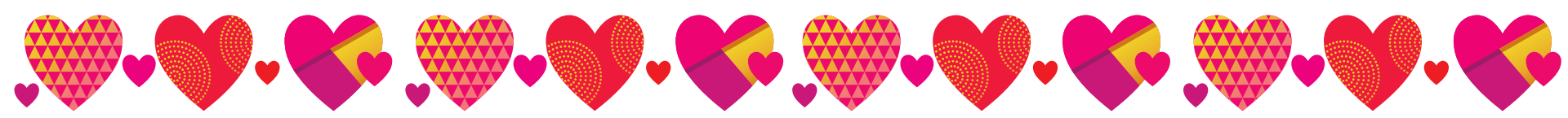
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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Annual Convention Golf Scramble – Muncie – Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center

Date: June 14, 2023
Location: Crestview Golf Club
3325 S. Walnut St.
Muncie, IN 47302

Check In: 7:30 a.m.
Tee Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration Fee: \$45.00 per person (payable at the golf course)
Includes: 18 holes of golf with Cart

Lunch will be provided by Reid Health.

There will be 4 individuals per team. If you do not have 4 people we will assign a team.



Reid Health

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Dave Reeder
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For more information contact:
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Registration must be returned by June 7, 2023 to have lunch.

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

Available to all members and volunteer fire companies across the Hoosier State!

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The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association is proud to announce that work has begun on an all new commemorative history book to celebrate IVFA's upcoming 75th Anniversary. This hardbound collector's quality will include hundreds of photographs, memories, and department histories that fully illustrate what it means to be a member of the Indiana firefighting family.

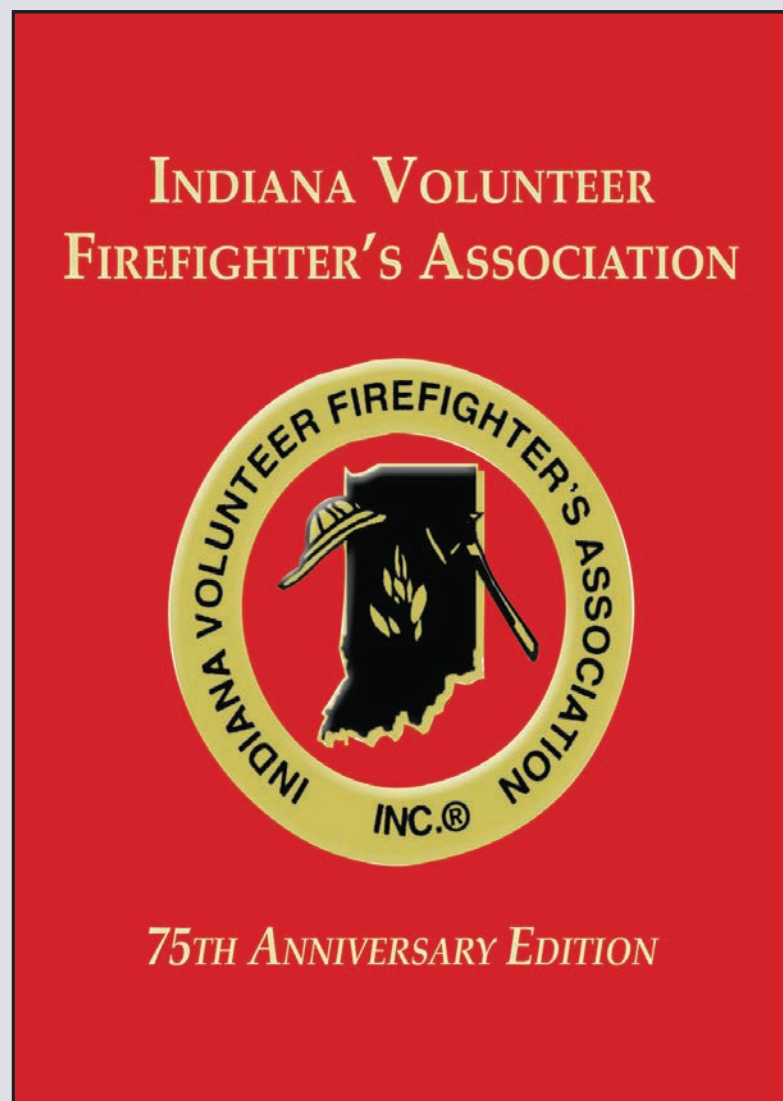
What better way to capture IVFA's proud past and promising future than through a collection of pictures and information that, combined, tell the story of this great association and of the people who made it what it is today? The publisher and the yearbook committee are dedicated to making the anniversary yearbook a comprehensive and professional publication which all our members, active and retired, will be proud to own.

This 9x12-inch, red hardbound book will be printed in full-color and contain hundreds of historic and modern photos of civilian and uniformed personnel. It will also include individual biographical profiles of our members, group photos, and much more!

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You may also submit photographs related to volunteer firefighting—action shots and group photos will be accepted, plus personal accounts and stories for consideration. Your stories, which will portray the diversity of the IVFA, can be related to alarms, training, special events or other activities. **Biographies, photos or stories may be emailed to IVFA75thBook@AcclaimPress.com.**



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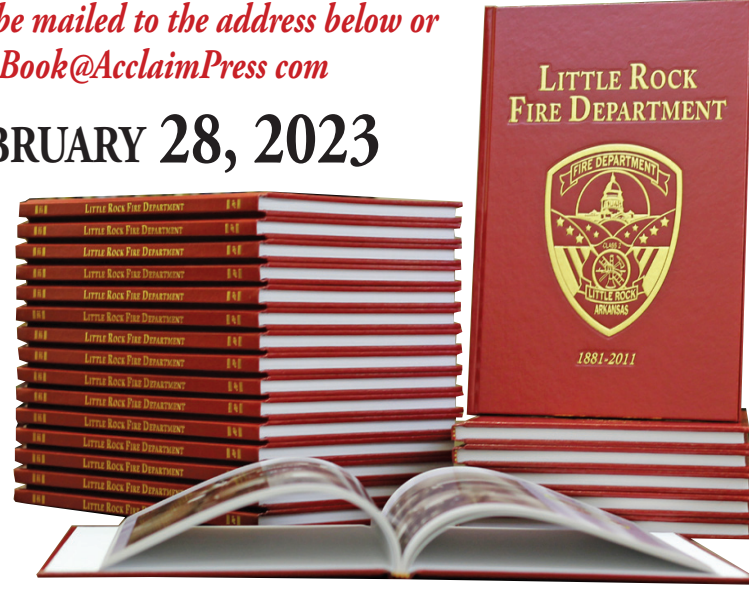
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- Personal experience stories by firefighters, staff and retirees*
- In Memoriam/Wall of Honor
- Biographical portraits of IVFA members, with "then and now" photos
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PRESIDENT DAVID ISRAEL has been a member of the Indiana fire service since 1977 at which time he joined the Burney-Clay Township Volunteer Fire Dept, where he moved up through the ranks, becoming Fire Chief in 1983, where he still serves.



David has many fire certifications including Master in Tactics, Arson Investigator, Instructor I and Firefighter I & II.

He became a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. just a year after becoming a firefighter, joining the IVFA in 1978. He was elected as Chairman of the IVFA District 10 in 1995, which includes departments in Johnson, Shelby, Rush, Decatur, and Bartholomew counties, and served as Chairman until 2009, when he was elected to serve as Vice President of the Association with a membership of nearly 16,000. He is currently serving as IVFA President. He served 2012-14.

He is now serving his second term 2020-22. He is also the Vice Chairman of his County Fire Association. He has also served on the Clay Township Advisory Board first being elected in 1990 serving a four-year term before being elected as Clay Township Trustee in 1995. David continues to serve as the elected Trustee for his township after nearly 24 years being elected over six times by the residents of Clay Township.

David and his wife Peggy live in the area of Burney, Indiana, where they were born and raised and raised their two children. They enjoy the time they have with their four grandchildren. He owns and operates an auto/farm equipment repair business and enjoys the thrills of participating in garden tractor pulling competitions along with his son, daughter and grandchildren.

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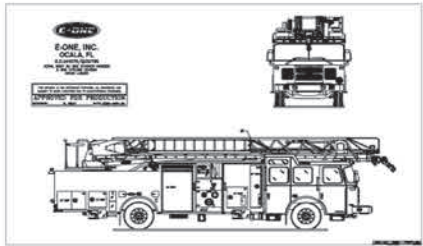
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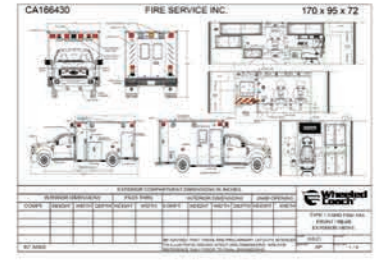
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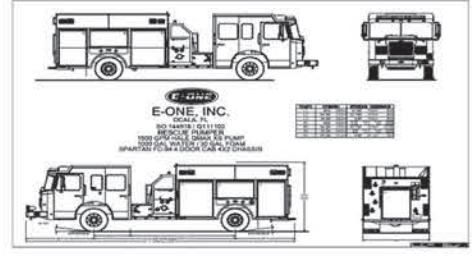
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I look forward to working with all of you!
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