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From The President

David Israel



Ready, set, go.

Before I get started make sure and find our Lobbyist Larry Curl's report in the paper for the final wrap-up of the session and other info.

There was some good legislation passed.

But I want to comment on HB1005 Nepotism and Conflict of Interest Bill.

They put the language, volunteer firefighters cannot hold an elected office with the same unit (city, town, township, county) in which they contract, which means (for me being a township trustee and being on the volunteer fire department which contracts with the township) - I also have to make a decision. Do I stay on the fire department and serve the community? Do I stay in as a township trustee to support the fire department and serve the community? TOUGH DECISION.

With volunteer firefighters being the only volunteer singled out on this bill and the Governor wanting to streamline local government, the end result - everyone loses.

We are hoping to get this changed in the next session.

I hope everyone has done as we have asked to seek out those candidates running for office in the May primary that support the fire service and local government. We, as fire departments, do not like getting political. With the redistricting and a third of the legislators retiring, there will be a lot of new faces in the Statehouse. If you do not know who is running for office in your area contact Larry Curl.

Having made the trip to the tornado affected areas surrounding Henryville, I would like to tell each and every fire department JOB WELL DONE. The news footage didn't really show the whole magnitude of the damage to the rural areas. Thanks for taking the time to talk to us while we were there. Glad I went and was able to give some of you some contact information. Thanks again for doing what you do in serving your communities.

Rensselaer volunteer firefighters mourns the loss of its most senior member

Robert Harold Lakin died March 14, 2012.

Harold was a lifetime member of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department after serving for more than 63 years. He had served as Firefighter, Captain, and Deputy Chief.

Harold had told his family that his service in the fire department was his proudest accomplishment. He started with the department in June of 1949. He was also a Gold Card Lifetime member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

On September 13, 1988 Harold was awarded the Governor's Meritorious Service award from the State Fire Marshal's Office. He received the Firefighter of the Year Award in 2004 from the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department, and the award was renamed The Robert H. Lakin Firefighter of The Year at that time in his honor. That same night Harold was presented The Sagamore of The Wabash on behalf of Governor Joseph Kernan.

Members of the department assisted with the funeral services to honor his passing. He will be missed.

Submitted by Retired Chief Buz Koehler



Robert Harold Lakin

The IVFA convention is approaching fast, June 13-16, 2012 at the Horseshoe Casino. Districts 16 and 14 are ready to show you a good time. If you can't attend all the convention but can make just one day, make it Friday, June 15, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to attend the annual business session of your organization. If you are a delegate from your department and an IVFA current paid member you can receive mileage to and from.

Hey, Boss, way to go.

We need your help - sometimes things do not get done or someone drops the ball for whatever reason - be it a Bible and Grave Marker to 25 year pins to station clocks. Please, if this has happened to your fire department let me or the Central Office know so we can get this corrected in a timely manner.

Last issue of the paper we told you of the two new benefits.

1. California Casualty Insurance with coverage for home and auto

just for Fire, Police, and EMS. Their link is on the IVFA website.

2. Provident kick-off has been pushed back to accommodate the IVFA dues cycle, so we can get the word out about the free enrollment time frame. Don't want anybody to miss it.

IVFA Website:

We are now going back through the website and tweaking it and still adding stuff. We combined the calendar page to show everything going on. The "for sale" page is up and running, still haven't seen too many new pictures yet for the gallery.

Please when putting your events, training or meetings on the website, make sure and put a physical address, a P.O. Box just doesn't work well.

Attend the district meetings in your area.

Hope to see you there.

David Israel

IVFA President

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Each convention has a different theme and a logo for the convention that is representative of where the convention is held.

Many, many hours of work and preparation go into bringing the convention to the members, with the hosting district always working hard to make this a wonderful time for socializing and learning new things and seeing new products and equipment and catching up from last year.

Great food and entertainment, awards for outstanding service, a memorial service for fallen firefighters, new equipment displays, good fellowship.

Also selected during convention is "Miss Flame" which is a young lady from one district in the state that will represent the IVFA throughout the state at meetings and functions.

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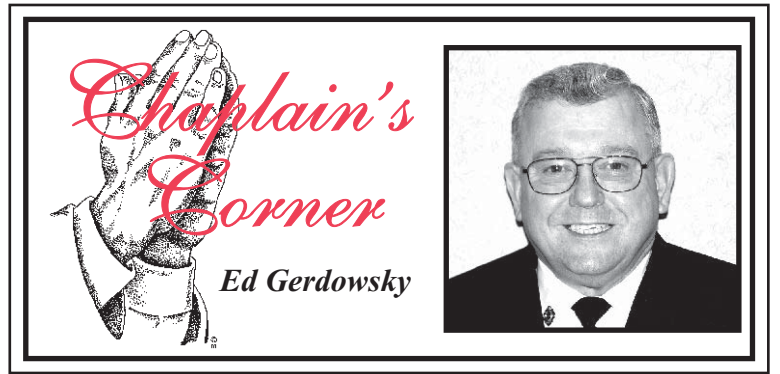
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Hope everyone is doing well and adapting to the ever-changing weather. I know I have been busy with Memorial Services as well as my Associates. May God be with the families who have lost loved ones or friends.

I know our former past president, Carl Bruns, will be missed at state meetings and convention. He was very instrumental in the IVFA in many ways. His wife, Viola, was a member of the IVFAA and Lois Boaz winner. They were very supportive to the organizations and we extend condolences and prayers to the family of Carl Bruns.

We also would like to extend our prayers to the tornado victims who have lost so much and need much help from all of us. This is a devastating tragedy which we can't imagine unless we have been in one. May God's love be with them and give them help through others.

I have attended Chaplain classes, breakfasts, and meetings as time allows. Getting ready for the convention and will need all names for the Memorial Service by May 10th in order to get them in the Memorial booklet to Pam Barlow.

I'd like to leave you with this scripture: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." -- Romans 8:28 NRSV

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky

God's love has painted the summer's refreshing colors

The blooms of spring have gone away, and warmer breezes fill the air; While sunlight heats each longer day, and life is teeming everywhere. So let's postpone those humdrum chores that we have done throughout the year, and let's be moving out of doors; the time for having fun is here.

With swimming, picnics, barbecues and every kind of outdoor sport; whatever brand of fun you choose, at home, or at some posh resort.

Your chosen faith will recommend you study nature close at hand; you know God's love will never end.

When life-filled summer warms the land. - Gloria Nowak

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From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



Vice-President Report May 2012:

First and foremost I need to take a moment to talk about the severe weather outbreak across southern Indiana. Please keep all of those communities in your thoughts as they continue the rebuilding effort. As a participant in the initial response to a tornado in 2006, I know it is hard to imagine what everyone is going through, unless you have had a previous experience. We must send a huge thank you to all of those that came to help out, including all mutual aid responders, community volunteers, and the IDHS District response teams. From everything that I have heard or read, the system worked well in one of the first major activations. I look forward to hearing from some of the responders that were actually

Thank You!

The amount of cards, calls, visits, prayers, thoughts, food, flowers, and donations makes it impossible to thank each of you individually.

Please know that with each touch, we were reminded and therefore comforted by all of Carl's lifelong deeds and friends.

The One Great Scorer has completed Carl's card, with the final notation of job well done.

With our most sincere appreciation for your outpouring love and respect.

The Carl Bruns Family

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deployed, about their experiences. A second group to thank is all of our members that helped us try to stop the potential loss of almost 500 firefighters across the state, with the language contained in the nepotism / conflict of interest legislation. Unfortunately, those individuals are going to have to make a decision; continue to serve as a firefighter or as a civic leader. Because of your efforts, there are number of legislators that have a better understanding of the fire service, especially those that are served by volunteers.

New this quarter is that our organization is now on Facebook. Please be patient with us as we try to figure out how to use it in the most effective manner for our needs. Drop us a note if you have any ideas for us to pursue as we make improvements to the site.

I have not been able to travel as much as I had hoped to, as I am taking a Driver/Operator—Aerial class. Once it is over, I look to get back on the road to visit your district meetings or events. I also hope to see a number of you at our convention this June, down at the Horseshoe Casino. I know the host committee has a lot of things planned to make it a great experience. You can find information throughout the paper on all the scheduled events.

Finally, I close with sadness. We lost a true icon in Past President Carl Bruns. In my early years on the board, there was never a meeting that Carl did not ask me how things were going, or if I needed anything. His advice was always appreciated. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with Vi and the rest of their family.

S. Anderson

Have A Safe Summer!

Knies honored by St. Anthony VFD



On January 25, 2012, the St. Anthony VFD (Dubois Co. District 18) presented a special award in observance of the retirement of Glenn Knies.

Knies, a 30 year member of the SAVFD attained the certification of Master Firefighter/Tactics, rose to the rank of Captain, and was a member of the Department's original EMS First Responder class. Knies also served as Secretary/Treasurer for the department.

SAVFD Fire Chief Scott Uebelhor said, "The wording on Glen's plaque says, for service and dedication above and beyond the call of duty, which is what he did. Anything and everything that was ever asked of Glenn, he did. Even if I were asked to, I could not say enough good things about him."

Knies is a second generation firefighter, the son of Dennis, also a retired SAVFD firefighter. Knies and his wife Karen are the parents of two children, Jason and Jayme.

Knies (center) is pictured along with SAVFD First Assistant Chief William "Woody" Fischer (left) and SAVFD Fire Chief Scott Uebelhor (right).

Article and photo provided by St. Anthony VFD.

Koontz recognized at annual dinner

By ANGEL PERKINS
EDITOR
THE BREMEN ENQUIRER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012 - BREMEN - Local business owner Kent Koontz was recognized January 30 at an annual dinner to celebrate the local volunteer fire responders and their fellow emergency agencies.

He wasn't acknowledged for his involvement with his store, Koontz Hardware, or his handiwork with Historic Bremen Inc., or his other community efforts but (for his more than 45 years [and eight months] as a Bremen firefighter.

Bremen Town Council president Heath Thornton awarded Koontz a celebratory town resolution document honoring his commitment; Bremen F.D. Captain and Bremen Volunteer Fireman's Association (BVFA). Board President Matt Neher gave him a certificate (along with the promise of new money clip) and his duty helmet to keep; and Public Relations representative of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association's Northeast Districts (4-7) Jean Smith was also on hand to recognize Koontz' devotion -- of which he admits, he didn't intentionally begin his firefighter career with.

Koontz said, "Someone approached me about it and at first I didn't have any real interest in it."

He said his family business' close proximity to the department and the desire to help within his community changed his mind, and almost 10 years after his father opened the store in 1950, he (and at the time with his brother) began running the business -- the same year he also became a Bremen volunteer firefighter. Through the years Koontz said he has seen just

about every kind of fire in the German Township area, but luckily hadn't had any real close calls, or lost any firefighting comrades ... though one did have to be rescued.

"The biggest fire I think we fought would be either the Stauffer Chemical fire or Johns Manville," he said, "but they didn't all burn completely. Years ago though the Brown Molasses fire was a big one. All day we pumped water on that. ... There was a barn that blew up that inside they were making fireworks. No one died but there was a rescue involved."

"It's all a little different from when I started," Koontz explained. "Now there are fewer barn fires and more chimney fires with the popularity of the wood burning stoves. Fires now also have a lot more chemicals to them. With plastics and rubber and things that homes and what's inside are now made of, we need a lot of emergency apparatus and protection that we didn't when I started on."

"And now," he added smiling, "we have the tools like thermal imaging and heat sensors that make the job little easier."

Koontz and his wife Carolyn have three children, Cathy, Kristi and Dawn; two grandchildren; and have been married 48 years. Explaining rather than complaining, Koontz said dedication to the volunteer department is something that leaves dedicated firefighters little time for much else.

"We average about 112 nights a year that we're involved in something having to do with being a firefighter," he said, "where you're away from your family. There are 11 training meetings, 12 regular meetings, the county and district meetings, managing the fair and other things related to the department and that adds up. And that's not counting

actually going to accidents or fires."

But for him, once he became involved, there was never a question as to whether his volunteered time was worth giving up. "It's rewarding knowing you're helping people, that you're serving your community," Koontz said. "The people (that you help) are always appreciative and you have a sense of camaraderie amongst the other firefighters, even those from another department, or another state, that makes it worthwhile."

He said he has learned that the trick to keeping a disaster from being even more disastrous, especially for those risking themselves to remedy the emergency situation, is remembering to be safe.

"We stress that the first thing to remember is your safety and the second is your family," Koontz said. "You have to be safe so you can return to your family and if you're hurt, you're not going to be able to help anyone."

Of all the gifts he was awarded for his years of service, Koontz' biggest and best souvenir from the department is one he's owned since 1970, a retired city pumper he bought from the town and regularly shows off during parades. During the recognition dinner, Koontz noted that since his official retirement January 1 (he will remain on the BVFA, however) there had been no calls requesting the department's services.

And while he may still attend runs as leadership, or help with offering refreshments, and volunteering for the festivals, fundraisers, picnics and holiday parties, the 70-year-old said he "will leave the tough stuff to the young ones." -- (This article was provided courtesy of The Bremen Enquirer and submitted by Tony Farrer)

Liberty Twp. VFD chili supper held



Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper on October 2, 2011 at their station.

Pictured talking with one of the customers is Rick Compton. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Kenworthy receives 25 year service pin



On September 6, 2011, Kevin Kenworthy of the White River Township Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, Kevin Kenworthy and Jim Tharp, Fire Chief. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

IVFA 2011-2012 Legislative
Wrap-Up
April, 2012

From the State House to the Fire House

By Larry Curl

Several Bills this year were directed toward fire service and many will have a direct impact on the IVFA and its membership.

Most serious was HB 1005: Nepotism & Conflict of Interest; the last attempt to gain some action from the famous Kernan - Shepard report;

Streamlining Local Government

a report dating back to 2007 where every year since something has been introduced as a means of saving tax dollars, minimizing costs and treating all tax payers fair and equal, a document with 27 recommendations. As reported in the document "Streamlining Local Government" they address the input from as many as 700 citizens in forums held in Evansville, Gary, Ft. Wayne, New Albany, South Bend and Franklin. So based upon cities of 205000 - 102000 we learned the needs of all 6,516,922 of Indiana's Residents even those with populations where the entire counties have less than the cities where the forums were held. Truth is those living in rural Indiana do so by choice and don't need big city like government to manage or oversee them.

More over after a long hard fight for the last five years and with as many versions of Local Government Reform as there are Local Governments, the best they could come up with is to **take aim** at Volunteer Fire Fighters, not all volunteers just VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS as is spelled out in HB 1005.

HB 1005 has taken a whole new approach to Recommendation #24: **Prohibit employees** of a local government unit from serving as elected officials within the same local government unit.

Under HB 1005 it goes way beyond even the Kernan - Shepard recommendation and adds VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS, as the only Volunteers named that will no longer be allowed to continue to Volunteer as a Fire

Gas up ...

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the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help.

• When dispensing gasoline into a container, use only an approved portable container and place it on the ground when refueling to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

I'll bet you didn't know . . .

The library in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana houses one of the largest genealogy libraries in America.

Fighter and hold an office in the community where they also live.

So where do we go from here... First and foremost we are asking each of you to talk with our current state Elected Legislators and ask them to explain their vote on this bill. You need to hold your elected official accountable for his / her actions and this is the year to do that "Election Year".

Some other Bills of Interest to the IVFA are:

HB 1052 - Statewide bid for emergency services equipment.

HB 1056 - Novelty Lighters

HB 1186 - Paramedic licensing.

SB 0224 - Emergency ambulance services report.

SB 0345 - Statewide 911 system.

SB 0371 - Emergency medical services matters.

For a full digest of all the bills tracked by the IVFA during the 2011-2012 Session visit the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org and look at the legislative page.

Remember, this year is election year and we have nearly 1/3 of the House members that will not be back as well as few Senators. We all should look at the new District Maps to see who will be representing you this next year and who is running for election in your new district. We will also be electing a new Governor which will bring in a new Administration for us to get to know and work with.

Invite all the candidates (Incumbent or new) to your District meetings, get to know them, let them get to know you and ask them where they stand on the tuff issues such as HB 1005 that was passed this last session.

Make sure you have all your meetings listed on the IVFA website with a physical address so that all of us will know when and where your meetings are.

If I can assist you in getting contact information on those running for offices in your districts or if you have any additional legislative questions please give me a call, send me an email; my contact info is also listed on the IVFA website and I will help as much as possible.

See everyone either in your upcoming District meetings or at this year's convention or both.

Now is the time to give thought to what legislative issues or concerns we might want to look at for the 2012 -2013 session. Jot down any suggestions you might have and get them to us for review and to consider for legislative action.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Lobbyist.

Larry Curl
Member / Lobbyist

Two from Redkey VFD receive 25 year pins



On October 3, 2011, Rick Caldwell from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

Pictured (from right to left) are Rick Caldwell and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Dave Cook received his 25 year pin.

Pictured (from right to left) are Dave Cook and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

NEW HAVEN NAVY CLUB and FIRE & IRON MC Station 150 Motorcycle Raffle

Proceeds to the Ride for Life benefitting the Hoosier Burn Camp!

May 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm

New Haven Navy Club
412 Broadway, New haven, Indiana
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

\$10.00

2nd Prize:
\$500.00
3rd Prize:
\$300.00
4th Prize:
\$150.00
5th Prize:
\$ 50.00

Grand Prize:
Base price of a 2012 Harley Davidson Softail
from River City Harley Davidson, New Haven, Indiana.
(Value \$17,998.00)

In the event that sales do not meet specified minimum of 2049 tickets, the Navy Club reserves the right to award one half of the gross proceeds from ticket sales in lieu of the motorcycle. Sales tax and other taxes and fees are the sole responsibility of the winner.

THERE WILL BE A CASH OPTION OF \$12,000.00. TO PURCHASE A TICKET CONTACT:
NICK CLARKE 260-705-7676
RICK HUSTED 260-466-5563

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS
HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO
THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 -
Dec. 31, 2011

District 4 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 -
Dec. 31, 2011

District 14 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 -
Dec. 31, 2011

District 17A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 -
Dec. 31, 2010

District 11A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 -
Dec. 31, 2010

Anyone interested in using the
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of the above District Chairmen
for information.

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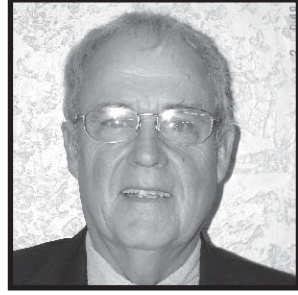
DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

January 18, 2012
Porter, Indiana

Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman, called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; thanked Porter Twp. F.D. for hosting meeting.

Pledge was recited.

Roll taken: District 1 - 21 members, 5 departments; District 2 - 9 members, 4 departments.

Guests: Bub Wise - Gold Card member from CPFR, Buz Koehler - past president of IVFA, Mitch Parish, ad taker for IVFA paper, Jim Bradford - PRNW, Paul Watland - District 2 chairman, Ed Morales - Porter Twp. trustee, Jim Polarek - Porter County councilman and 911 coordinator for Porter County, Jim Daly - Hoosier Fire Equipment and Scott Raffensperger, Global Emergency Products.

No program.

Mitch Louther of Porter Twp. introduced his department and gave a history of same.

Motion by Keith Austin and seconded by Bub Wise to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: \$424.23.

Communications: Jim Bradford thanked the people for the cards and letter he received. New website up and running, some adjustments still need to be made. Brochures from Board of Firefighting Standards & Education Certification Pre-Requisites, F/F Certification Courses offered by District 1 F/F Training Council, and medically certifying your personnel are available.

Buz talked about HB 1065 on Novelty Lighters is moving through the House. It is patterned after states who have a law about them. Statistics were given on injuries to children. Will be moving to the Senate.

HB 1254 - Township Trustees and Advisory Boards - Buz was at the meeting and discussed what went on there.

Ed Morales, Porter Twp. trustee talked about how control of Fire Departments will be turned over to counties and the problems that will arise. Also had discussion on the proposed Governmental Change bill.

Mitch Parish talked about the open door policy, and fire departments are not exempt from it. \$100 fine for not following policy. Discussed proposed legislation to make all sports Class I.

Old business - None.

New business - District 2 chairman Paul Watland proposed having meetings every other month. Discussion was held. Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Bub Wise to accept the change. Motion passed.

Deaths in Districts: District 1 -- Wayne Taylor, District 2 -- Dean Maybaum.

Moment of silence was held.

Tom talked about retirement held for George Thiel, a 60 year member and Chief of Griffith VFD.

No good of order.

March 21, 2012 meeting - St. John VFD.

\$40,00 50/50 winner - Ed Morales, who donated it to the Burn Camp.

Motion to adjourn by Bub Wise, seconded by Wally Cook. Passed.

Paul Watland

District 2 chairman

St. John Fire Department
March 21, 2012

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Chairman Paul Watland thanked St. John Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken. District 1 with 2 members representing 2 departments, and District 2 by 40 members and 1 guest (dog) representing 8 departments.

Chief Fred Wellman of St. John Fire Department gave department history.

Mike Schilling of St. John introduced a Charter Member of I.V.F.A. who was in attendance this evening. Nick Thiery who was one of the original members who helped form the I.V.F.A. Mike also shared some of the items that he brought with him which included his name badge from the very first I.V.F.A. convention.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests in attendance - 50 year Gold Card members: Bub Wise of Crown Point, Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Jerry Miller of Merrillville Fire Vol. Fire Dept. Station #1, Nick Thiery of St. John, Jerry Spohn of St. John, Jim Wozniowski of St. John, John Gomeztagle of St. John, John Hart, candidate for State Rep. of District 11, Ed Morales, Porter Twp. Trustee, Jim Crowell from Sklarewitz Uniforms, Greg Eckhardt of Porter Cty Haz-Mat, Larry Polas of Global, Marge Baumgardner - Secretary ProTem.

Motion made by Bob Szot & seconded by Bill Casbon, to dispense with reading of the minutes - passed

Treasurer Report - Paul Watland gave report with a balance \$464.23.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Paul talked about the new law that passed regarding nepotism. They did add volunteers to this law. Novelty lighters didn't even come up this session.

There is a card coming around for Pete Miox who is in the hospital, please make sure you sign it before you leave tonight.

Larry Polas from Global asked the group that if there is any issue with anything from Global, please contact him directly.

John Hart from Cedar Lake F.D. is running for State Representative in District 11. John talked about his new district that was formed, what area was included in District 11 and

why he decided to run for office.

Good of the order:

Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. is having their Spring Auction on Saturday March 31, 2012 at the fire station, flyers on the table

Boone Grove is having their All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast from 7 a m - 1 p.m.

Bill Howe talked about Texas Holdem Tournament to be held to help the Safety Village. Contact Bill Howe for more information

Cedar Lake is holding a Boot Drive in their town on Saturday, April 24* from 8 to noon.

Crown Point Fire is holding its Poker Run on Saturday, May 12*. All proceeds will go to Hoosier Burn Camp.

Visitor's Day at Hoosier Burn camp will be Wednesday, May 30*, leaving from Crown Point Fire.

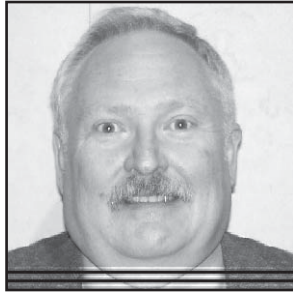
Randy Small was winner of the 50/50 for \$59.00.

Next meeting will be at Ross Twp. Fire Service on May 16th at 7pm.

Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Marge Baumgardner,
Pro-tem Secretary

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



David G. Kaufman - Chairman

Michiana Shores Fire Department

January 19, 2012

Meeting:

The meeting started at approximately 7:30 with the pledge and the prayer led by Chaplain Ron Devenport.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests present:

Buz Koehler, Past IVFA President

Mitch Parish, Past IVFA President

Jim Bradford, PRNW

Ken Nemes, Med Flight

Communications: Buz Koehler - See the IVFA newspaper for more information on the new insurance plans offered through the IVFA in conjunction with AFLAC.

There are 24 bills in the House and Senate some way linked to reform.

HB 1257: Recommends that members contact their local representative and urge them to vote "no" on this measure and to quit messing with the volunteers.

HB 1056: "Toy Lighters" does away with novelty lighters.

Discussed the elimination of the Township Trustees and Nepotism. Mitch Parish - "Glad to be here, should have left Buz at home."

Jim Bradford - License plates \$5.00; Firefighter certification course, see list on Indiana Fire Training web under District 1; IVFA Website is up and running. Get your NIFRS reports up-to-date. Burn Camp is June 6, 2012

Old business:

1. Note the prerequisites needed for training.

2. Westville has an upcoming Strategy and Tactics class - see

Indiana Fire Training website for details.

3. EMT course starting at Lincoln Township in conjunction with Gary Methodist Hospital.

4. District classes will replace stand alone classes.

5. Consider splitting Firefighter I/II classes into Firefighter I and Firefighter II to achieve better pass rate.

6. Recertification requirement discussion - Re: Changes pending relative to state requirements.

7. IVFA supports continuing education.

8. Trauma legislation approved for 7/1/2012 - 45 minutes from scene to nearest "trauma center". (Can bypass closest hospital).

9. For First Responder / EMT online recertification, you will need to have SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION as 40% are auto-audited and you must provide documentation within 48 hours.

10. Discussion as to whether the EMS Commission should be reporting the IDHS or the Indiana Health Department.

11. Fire Instructor II / III to be split as Instructor III is more applicable to full time instructors.

New business:

1. Ron Devenport stated that the next training for new fire chaplains will be held on April 16 & 17, 2012 just before FDIC. Details on the Federation of Fire Chaplains website.

2. The IVFA may have a booth at FDIC.

3. "Last Heroes" training available for Line of Duty Death.

Good of the Order:

50/50 door prize was \$19.00 won by Dave Robb.

Springfield Twp. Pancake Breakfast - April 29.

Coolspring Twp. Spring Raffle - March 17.

Lincoln Twp. Pancake Breakfast - April 1.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sandy

District # 3

Secretary / Treasurer

NEXT MEETING

Westville VFD

March 15, 2012

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4* District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on February 16, 2012 at the Southwest Central Fire Territory-Centre Township Fire Department which began at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge led by district secretary Elton Schafer. The roll call consisted of 7 departments consisting of 10 members, and 4 guests. The minutes were read and approved.

Chairman Smith informed the members about the recertification Jeff Hayes discussed at the state officer's meeting about how the firefighters will have to be recertified every one to two years. He also discussed how important documentation on trainings of in-house training and how certain

trainings are important in order to be certified. Even though the state says you don't need to be certified, the chief will probably have to send copies of the documentation of trainings to the state.

Chairman Smith requested all departments send him their email address so he can send information to them when something comes in from the State.

Terry then informed the members that the House Bill 1005 and SB170 had passed in the House and Senate and how this would affect the departments. A firefighter will not be able to be a Trustee and sit on the Advisory Board. If a firefighter is in office at this time, they will be able to continue until the end of their term. They will not be able to run for office at the next election.

On January 1, 2013, all departments in Indiana must be on the low band FG and some departments will have to close because they don't have the funds to change over to the low band and will not be able to receive a license to operate.

The members were informed that an amendment change adding hearing aids damaged on call was made to the clothing guidelines.

PRNE Jean Smith informed everyone how important it was for everyone to contact their Senator and have them vote in favor of the House Bill 1005. Jean then filled in additional information on items chairman Smith had covered.

Jean informed the members that the 2012 Convention will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana June 13, 14, and 15. The Fire Marshal will be in charge of two classes - Fire Investigation and Code Enforcement.

Jean discussed the Foundation Grant given once a year is given by the state and funded by money received from the license plate sale. This grant is for \$4,000 and can be used for fire equipment and radios. To be eligible, your department must be compliant and submitting reports to the state.

Chairman Smith presented a 25 year pin to Maurice Battles and a 60* birthday cake was presented to PRNE Jean Smith.

The next meeting will be held at Cleveland Township Fire Department on April 19, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Chairman Terry Smith

District 4

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

March 8, 2012

Noble Township Fire Department, Wabash, IN

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

Guests: Brooklyn Gephart, District 5 Miss Flame; Larry Curl, Jim Cash, Terry and Judy Smith, District 4 chairman, Cindy Van Gordon, Larry Poils, Jean and E.J. Smith, P.R.N.E.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Kissinger at 1931

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 5 REPORT

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hours. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 14 firefighters representing five departments in attendance. There was no official meeting in January so there were no minutes to be read.

Chairman Kissinger reported on the House Bill 1006 nepotism is to take affect in 2012. He discussed the changes to the charges on the cell phones for 911 funding.

Larry Curl discussed the bills that are in committee or have been passed this year.

He advised that funding is available to help up to 50% for the narrow banding change-over.

National Fire Academy is June 24 and 25.

A state tactical rescue course is coming up.

He advised to document ALL in-house training for the year.

Chairman Kissinger presented 25 year pins to three Noble Twp. firefighters.

Meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours.

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin
District 5 secretary*

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

On January 11, 2012 District 8B held their meeting at the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. There were 6 departments with a total of 20 members. There were three guests present: Larry Curl, Jim Cash and Courtney Willoughby, District 8B 2012 Miss Flame.

Lloyd Wright, district chairman, led the members in saying the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". Roll call was taken. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Chairman Wright thanked the Bryant Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

A report was given about the Miss Flame raffle. It was a success again this year. Group decided to do it again next year.

The business meeting was about Government Reform, the different bills to be voted on. Chairman Wright also reminded them about the narrow banding that has to be done by 2013.

Second roll call was taken with 36 fires and 118 EMS runs.

Good of the order as follows: Salamon VFD chicken and fish fry on January 21, Dunkirk VFD chili supper February 4, White River VFD chili supper February 11, Salamon VFD chicken and fish fry February 18 and March 17, and Ridgeville VFD chicken and fish fry.

Next district meeting will be held at the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served.

Lloyd Wright, District 8B

District 8B held their meeting on March 14, 2012 at the Eaton

Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He also thanked the Eaton Department for hosting the meeting.

Chairman Wright reminded the group that the narrow banding for radios has to be done by 2013. Also discussed was the bills about Government Reform. He also told them about the Alaska Cruise that the IVFA is doing. Told the group about when they have their fire training to make sure they keep good records. Also discussed was the IVFA convention coming up in June.

Good of the order was that the different departments were holding fish fries, dances, golf outings and breakfasts.

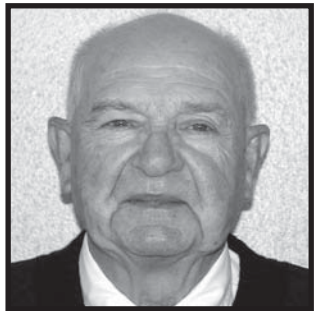
Second roll call was taken with 61 fires and 50 EMS runs.

Next meeting will be held at the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department on May 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10!

In January, the State President and I were honored to present Frank Hoban of Burney/Clay Township, his 50 year card and pin. Congratulations, Frank, for your many years of service to your community.

January also took us to Harrison Township where Kevin Tibbs was presented his 25 year pin. Congratulations Kevin! The program was presented on the different types of chain saws to use in various situations.

We were welcomed to Rushville Township in February, where an excellent program titled, "Everybody Comes Home", was presented. Every firefighter should see this DVD.

Early March was a time that will remain in our memories for years to come, as deadly tornadoes moved across southern Indiana. Many of our fellow firefighters were victims of the ravaging storms, as they lost their homes and personal belongings. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each one, as they work to rebuild their homes and their lives. Volunteers from near and far have come to help reconstruct homes, schools, and businesses and bring much needed supplies, food and assistance.

At the March meeting, held in Nineveh, District 10 members voted to give all money from the 50/50 drawing to the Holton Fire Dept., which suffered destruction to its facility. Larry Curl gave a final legislative report for the 2012 Session.

Crystal Hunt, Load Dispatch & Grant Coordinator for the DNR, told of the grants available and urged ALL departments to complete the forms and return them.

Jon M. Kennon was also

presented his 25 year pin for his faithful service as firefighter in his community.

Upcoming meetings and locations are: April 18, 2012 Clay Township, Bartholomew County, and Needham Township, Johnson County on May 16, 2012.

We have been so blessed with a beautiful spring and wonderful weather. As you work or play outdoors, be mindful of your surroundings, be safe and enjoy! God bless.

*John M. Ray,
Chairman, District 10*

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A, Our January meeting was held at Turman Twp. Fire Dept. Thanks to Chief Pinkston and the folks at Turman for the good food and hospitality.

Our guests were Vice President Steve Anderson, State Secretary Diane Harrison, WCPR Larry Bartlow, and District 11-B Chairman Larry Southard. Thanks for attending and participating in our meeting.

Several items were discussed: the newly formed IVFA speaker series, Alaska Trip, Indiana Fire Academy weekend June 23 & 24, IVFA web site, Novelty lighters, and ESIP training.

A report was given on current legislation. It was announced the District 17 A meeting (sausage supper) will be January 21st at Vincennes.

The pipeline training for this area will be January 24 at Idle Creek.

FDIC will be April 16th-21st.

The IVFA convention will be June 13-16th.

On January 17 it was my pleasure to attend a dinner at the Clay City Fire Department and present 25 year pins to John Oxby and Dean Neiswinger. Congratulations to them and thanks to Jeanie for a great meal.

Our Miss Flame contest was held on January 28 at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Hall. Music was provided by Party Marty. The contestants were Darion Wilson, Grace Neiswinger, Trease Steward and Amber Graham. Darion Wilson was crowned runner-up and Grace Neiswinger was selected Miss Flame.

Congratulations to all of the girls, they did a great job.

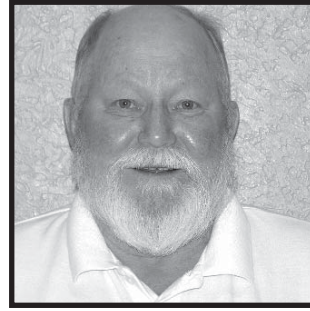
Our last meeting was held at the Prairie Fire Dept. Thanks to Dave, Bernie and all the folks at Prairie for hosting the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewis Twp. Fire Department in Coalmont. Refreshments at 1:00 meeting thereafter. Bryan Husband, EMA Director of Clay County will be our guest speaker and will talk about the Tornadoes at Henryville.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters, be careful out there.

*Jack McFarland
District 11-A chairman*

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Waveland
January 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard and the Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush. The opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

The introduction of guests present was made by chairman Southard. They included Steve Anderson - state vice president, past president Larry Ketchem, past secretary Larry Bartlow and state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush.

The district chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests which included district Miss Flame Page Fetter, two past presidents and state auxiliary chaplain Joann Hays.

Roll call was taken with six departments and 12 members answering the roll. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Southard announced that the annual Miss Flame contest will be held at the March meeting in Rosedale. He also mentioned that there were 22 bad addresses within the district and he was working to correct these discrepancies.

Legislation -- Chairman Southard announced that there was bad communications between state officials and the fire departments on road closures. This problem has gone on long enough and needs to be addressed. He then gave the dates for the 2012 convention.

The Board of Standards and Education updates were given by vice president Anderson. He also spoke on the other projects within the state that are in the works by the legislators in Indianapolis.

A discussion was held over some of the local dispatch problems within some departments in the district. District chairman Southard presented Chief Nathan Pointer, Chief of the Waveland Volunteer Fire Department with the host certificate.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was closed by state auxiliary chaplain Joann Hays.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary*

Rosedale
March 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush. The opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Chairman Southard introduced the host for the meeting, M. Bunch of the Rosedale VFD. He then introduced his guests: Larry Bartlow - PRSW, Larry Ketchem - past president, Bill Bush - past Sgt.-at-Arms and John Davies, state historian. Chairman Southard then turned the meeting over to Mark Spellbring, state representative from District 42 who spoke on some concerns that he had and wanted support in the upcoming election.

Michele Baxter from Amer Income Life spoke on the benefits available to families in the fire service.

Auxiliary district chairman Lou Bartlow introduced her guests which included state chaplain Joann Hays, past president Maxine Davies and District 11-A auxiliary chairman Debbie Vermillion. Jessie Newton from Calif. Casualty Insurance Co. also spoke on benefits to the fire fighter that was not available by the regular insurance companies.

Chairman Southard called for the roll to which 20 members from 8 departments answered the roll. The district financial report was read and approved. The subject of memorial flags was brought up and that the district supply needed to be replenished. Bill Bush was appointed by chairman Southard to look into this subject. Larry Bartlow gave the legislature report and gave an update on the bills that are in the legislature.

Chairman Southard spoke on the Henryville relief fund and the donation contact points. Radio narrow banding on time schedule now. A question and answer session followed this discussion. He reviewed several subjects that need to be updated on a local basis. License plates need to be purchased from license branches only. Training classes in the area were announced; also fundraiser projects were announced.

The Host Certificate was presented to a member of the Rosedale VFD.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was closed by chaplain Pete Taylor.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary*

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings all,

Just wanted to let everyone know that a tornado hit some of my area on March 2, 2012. So the areas hit in District 14 were Borden, covered by Borden Fire Dept., then it hit Henryville, covered by Monroe Township Fire Dept. and then it hit Marysville Fire Dept. covered by New Washington Fire Dept.

I also want to thank the Charlestown Firefighter and 2 New Washington Firefighter ENTS for bringing an all volunteer ALS ambulance to Henryville and transported a serious patient to the hospital and saved her life.

As for me and your 2012 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon we have been everywhere. Went to one funeral, two district meetings, the Supporting Heroes Gala, 2 fundraisers for the tornado relief fund and worked in both Henryville and Marysville to help with food, support, clean-up or just helping them out by making fire runs for them.

Don't forget the 2012 IVFA convention is at the Horseshoe

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

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Casino in Harrison County hosted by District 14 and 16.

Our next district meeting is at Hanover Fire Dept. off Hwy. 50 behind the Dollar Store in Hanover on May 17 at 19:00 hours.

Thanks.

*Rick Cannon,
District 14 chairman*

DISTRICT 15 REPORT

Harry A. Logan - Chairman

District 15 of the IVFA met on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Logan at 7:00 P.M.

Guests present were Jim Abrams PRSW and wife Stella, State Treasurer Bev Harker and Mike Nichols and Tim Montgomery from Nichols Fire & Safety.

Reading was given by Heather Martin.

Pledge was led by Sgt at Arms Jack Kerney. Moment of silence was observed in honor of longtime Firefighter Don Neel from German Township.

Roll call was answered by 11 members representing 8 departments along with 5 guests.

Minutes were distributed by the secretary. Motion by Heather Martin to accept as written, seconded by Paul Campbell.

Treasurer's report given. Motion made by Sam Martin to accept as printed, seconded by Jack Kerney.

Steve Anderson presented the Global Award to Les Lantaff. Award was given previously, but due to a disruption in the award another was ordered for presentation.

The district needs to find a way to increase revenue for the district. Different ideas were discussed. Harry asked that ideas be brought to the January meeting.

Chairman Logan announced Leadership Conference coming soon to be held in Jasper. Also the Vincennes sausage supper will be held on Saturday, January 21st.

Jack Kerney led discussion on Board of Fire Fighting Standards and Education issues at hand and how they would affect firefighters.

Our Miss Flame contest will be held at our January meeting. Have names into Barb Kerney or Harry Logan before January 10th.

Department reports were given by members present.

It was noted that Skelton Twp. is in need of 2 1/2 or 3 inch hose.

Next meeting will be at Perry Township, on Williams Road.

Harry thanked our host Newburgh for a great meal.

A program on brakes and their role on fire equipment was presented by Mike Nichols of Nichols Fire & Safety.

Meeting adjourned for program.

Barb Kerney, Secretary

District 15 of the IVFA met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Perry Township Fire Department.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Logan at 7:01 P.M.

Pledge to flag was led by Sgt At Arms Jack Kerney. Jack read from a reading from Red Skelton on what the pledge stands for.

Heather Martin presented a

reading. Moment of silence was given for remembering Frank Daunhauer during his illness.

Roll call was answered by 16 members representing 7 departments with six guests. Also present was 2011 Miss Flame Kassie Wallace and candidate for 2012 Courtney Bennett.

Minutes were distributed by Secretary Barb Kerney. Motion made by Sam Martin to approve as presented, seconded by Jack Kerney. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion by Jack Kerney to accept as given, seconded by Heather Martin.

It was reported that we give meeting notices by e-mail in order to curb expenses. If you don't have yours to us, please get it to us.

Money needs were discussed. Several ideas were discussed, fish fry raffles and a dance.

We finally decided to get prices for a half side of beef, 2 fourths of beef and a freezer.

Jack Kerney will call Dewigs and obtain prices on freezers. He will have prices at March meeting.

Kassie Wallace gave a short talk on her reign as Miss Flame from District 15.

There was only one candidate for Miss Flame for 2012; therefore our 2012 Miss Flame for District 15 is Courtney Bennett representing Yankeetown Fire Department. Gifts were presented to both girls.

Tony Hipp from Haubstadt Fire Department is our 2012 Global Award winner.

Vincennes Sausage Supper is Jan 21st at Eagles Lodge. Same date for New Harmony Bean Supper. Poseyville will have Chili Supper on March 11th. Yankeetown will have soup cook on Feb. 25th.

Jack Kerney announced Board of Standards next meeting is January 30th at Bargersville.

Barb Kerney thanked those who volunteered and donated food to the Ronald McDonald House from District 15. Jack and Barb told of the great experience it was to be a part of.

Jack Kerney reviewed bills which IVFA are following and explained the importance of each.

Jack encouraged each member to check with their personal insurance carrier about their coverage as a volunteer. Several important questions need to be addressed.

Web site is up and running. Anything that you want to put on it needs to come to the Central Office and they will see it gets where it needs to go. Many forms and notices are found on the web site.

Article will be in newspaper concerning new insurance offered by Aflac. Steve Anderson gave update on this.

Department reports given.

Thanks were extended to Perry Township for being our host and for the meal.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th at Ohio Township.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Barb Kerney, Secretary

**AUGUST 5
DEADLINE:
JULY 5, 2012
12:00 NOON
C.S.T.**

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Paul Holcomb - Chairman

It has been a busy year for our district getting ready for what is going to be a great convention.

The convention committee has been putting in countless hours to make this happen and I would like to take this time to thank them for all of their hard work.

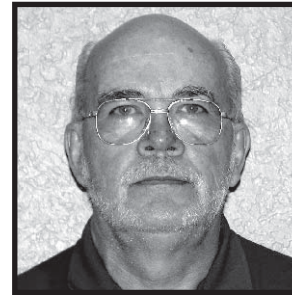
With our 2012 convention being hosted this year by District 16 along with District 15 at the Horseshoe Casino in southern Indiana, we are all looking forward to having everyone in our part of the state.

We have a lot of great things planned for this year.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me at: 502-664-5736 or by e-mail: Convention2012@aol.com.

*Paul Holcomb
District 16 Chairman
2012 Convention Chairman*

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

January 5th I attended the Richland-Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

January 9th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Bloomfield VFD. After a good meal, information on items pertaining to the IVFA were presented and discussed.

January 15th District 17A held its Miss Flame contest at Scotland. The young ladies were Alissa Bottoms, Winslow VFD, Ariana Chandler, Vincennes VFD, and Ashley Dugger, Richland-Taylor VFD.

After the young ladies were presented to those on hand, a meal was served. The judges then interviewed and asked questions of our contestants. The judges announced the young lady selected was Ashley Dugger who will represent District 17A at our convention.

January 21st District 17A meeting was hosted by Vincennes VFD having their annual sausage supper.

State officers and guests present included IVFA president David Israel, vice president Steve Anderson, secretary Diana Harrison, treasurer Beverly Harker, PRSW Jim Abrams, District 11A Jack McFarland, District 15 Harry Logan, District 18 John "Bull" Smith, Fire Marshal Jim Greeson and Lobbyist Larry Curl.

There were also several members of the IVFAA in attendance.

Many thanks to those who spoke

and presented information pertaining to the Fire Service.

I had the honor of presenting Alan D. Roberson, Steen Twp., his 50 year Gold Card for his many years of service.

A large crowd was on hand for the great meal put on by Vincennes Twp. as always a great job.

I would like to give thanks to 2011 Miss Flame Kaylea Konger for attending and assisting 17A Miss Flame Ashley Dugger and runner-up Alissa Bottoms with the IVFAA cookie sales and the auction items.

February 2nd I attended a program on meth lab at the Greene County Jail.

February 6th I attended a pipeline training presentation at Bloomington.

February 13th I attended the Greene County Firefighters meeting at Lewis Twp.

March 1st I attended the Richland-Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

March 12th I attended the Greene County Firefighters meeting at Wright Twp.

March 13th I went to Steen Twp. VFD and presented Alan D. Roberson a corrected Gold Card.

March 20th I attended Weather Spotters training at the 4-H fairgrounds at Switz City. Also there was a presentation of photo from the Henryville tornado.

March 21st District 17A meeting was hosted by the Worthington Fire Protection Territory.

State officers present IVFA president Dave Israel, secretary Diana Harrison, District 11A Jack McFarland, PRSW Jim Abrams, Jack Kerney, past president, Barb Kerney, past president IVFAA, recording secretary Marie Emery, Sam Emery District 17A chairperson.

Tom Escher from 5-Alarm introduced himself and flyers to pass out to departments on hand and gave door prizes. Thanks for coming.

Lona Huffman gave a presentation on insurance items for members of the fire service. Thanks for coming and providing the information.

David Israel, IVFA president, gave a very informative talk on many items the IVFA needs to keep abreast of. Many thanks.

Ashley Dugger, District 17A Miss Flame, introduced herself to the meeting and assisting with our drawings. She was presented a donation to help her with convention.

Many thanks to Worthington for hosting our meeting.

The next District 17A meeting will be May 21st at the Madison Twp. VFD in Odon. Hope to see you there.

*Sam Emery
District 17A chairman*

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

On 2-8-12 we had a meeting at Benton Twp. VFD in Monroe County. Seven departments and 18 members were in attendance. Guests were Rod Presell of Hoosier Fire Equipment who donated some door prizes.

On 3-14-12 we had a meeting at Pleasant Run VFD in Lawrence County. We had 18 members in

attendance. Guests were President Israel, past president Jack Zeeks, his wife Carolyn, and Rod Presell of Hoosier Fire Equipment who donated some door prizes and Lona Huffman. Lona talked about the Ride the Spectrum for Autism which will be held on April 28th at Midwest Trail Rides in Lawrence County.

We had one death in the district, Floyd Kay of Franklin Twp. VFD in Owen County

We have meetings scheduled for April 11th at Shoals VFD in Martin County, May 9th at Fruitdale VFD in Brown County, August 8th at Ellettsville VFD in Monroe County (election of officers we held then), and September 12th at Guthrie Twp. VFD in Lawrence County. All meetings start at 7 p.m. with food served at 6:30 p.m.

License plate grants of \$4,000.00 one time a year grant for equipment. Must be NIMS Compliant and a reporting fire department. Contact [Mary Fields](mailto:mfields@dhs.in.gov) at (mfields@dhs.in.gov) for more information.

Hope to see you at our meetings,
*Steve Nolan,
District 17-B Chairman*

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

"Spring has Sprung", as the saying goes. Of course this means an increase in the public "disposing" of debris, and the inevitable grass and brush fires that will accompany it. Remember, stay focused, there are no "routine" runs.

The March 15 meeting was hosted by the New Boston VFD. 49 members representing 16 departments answered roll call. A total of 257 runs were reported answered by the membership. Guests included Jack and Barb Kerney from the Central Office, IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl, and State Rep. Sue Ellspermann.

The District 18 as well as the entire Fire Service lost a great man on March 9, when Frank Daunhauer of the Carter Fire District of Dale, answered his "last call". Frank was a past District 18 chairman and a friend to all who met him. Congratulations to the Carter FD and surrounding departments for the job during Frank's memorial and funeral. I know he was proud of all of you.

The Haysville VFD will be hosting our Annual Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame Contest in October. The annual fire school in Jasper has just concluded, nearly 300 students from across the State attended. Congratulations to School Chairman Scott Schnell and his committee for another outstanding event.

Don't forget about the Annual Convention this June!! The schedule is full of activities both fun and interesting. Hope to see you there!! Our next District 18 meeting shall be held on May 17 with the Luce Twp. VFD as our host. Until next time,

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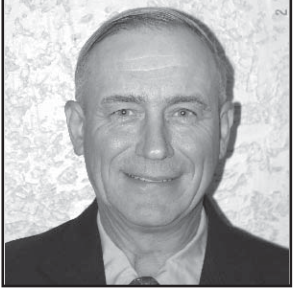
DISTRICT 18 REPORT

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stay safe and "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

*John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

We have had a very mild winter, but this spring is bringing some bad storms.

Our prayers go out to the Holton and Osgood area, and all the other areas affected by the March 2nd tornado.

There have been some very good firefighter and EMS personnel in District 19 that have passed away. Our prayers also go out to their families and departments. IVFA past president Carl Bruns will be missed at the state and district meetings and convention.

The convention is fast approaching. Tatijana Marsee will be representing District 19 and Milan Fire Department in the Miss Flame contest. Good luck to her and all the Miss Flame contestants.

*Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman*

**Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith**



Spring is upon us early, as summer is close by. We have changed our clocks to daylight savings time. This also would be a good time to change the batteries in our smoke alarms.

IVFA Convention 2012 will be June 13th-16th at the Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, Indiana.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the districts in Public Relations Northeast area as Miss Flame candidates.

Alyssia Smith, District #4 New Carlisle Fire Dept., Brooklyn Gephart, District #5 Claypool Fire Dept., Tianna Schuerman, District #6 Southwest Fire District, Marissa Bisel, District #7 Geneva Fire Dept.

*Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast*

**Public Relations Director Southeast
Al Williamson**



Greetings to all,

Over the past two quarters I have been to six district meeting, two chief's meetings, Monroe Twp.'s Christmas dinner, Sellersburg's annual banquet, and a fundraiser for the W.H.A.S. Crusade for Children at the Charlestown F.D.

Worked in the I.V.F.A. booth at F.D.I.C.; went to Washington D.C. for the Congressional Fire Services Dinner and toured the White House. I have traveled about 950 miles.

I would like to thank all the departments and state agencies that responded to help after the March 2nd tornado that traveled through southern Indiana. I was deployed to Henryville shortly after the tornado passed through and had an immediate problem of losing my 800 mgh radio service and cell service. As you have seen on TV, it was very devastating but I witnessed a miracle when I saw the children that had been sheltered in offices inside the school being led from the school unharmed. After the first night I spent most of my time in the E.O.C. located in Sellersburg at the REMC building.

The outpouring and generosity of the community and the businesses both near and far was tremendous. We had one death in Clark County as a result of the storm which was a child that died at the hospital a few days after the event.

A note to any department that would like to use the P.R. trailer at one of their events, contact your district chairman or P.R. director to get the trailer scheduled.

See you at convention.
Thank you and God bless.

*Al Williamson
P.R.S.E.*

**Stay Safe
This Summer!**

Blumnhorst receives 25 year pin



On October 3, 2011 Terry Blumnhorst of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Terry Blumnhorst and Lloyd Wright.

Also receiving a 25 year pin but wasn't present was Greg Buckman. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Ice cream social held



On June 11, 2011 the White River Volunteer Fire Department had an ice cream social at the airport. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Ridgeville VFD hosts dinners in 2011



(Pictured at top right) - Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry on September 17, 2011 at their station. Serving the fish is Gary Barnett.

(Pictured at bottom left) - Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast at their station on August 20, 2011.

Pictured (from left to right) are Jim Tharp, Mark Ramsey, and Terry Hall. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
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FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2012

Meeting called to order by president Israel at 1:00 p.m.

President Israel called on vice president Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

President Israel said we were going to do things a little different than usual; we have some guests that have other commitments, so we are going to allow them to go first.

Fire Marshal Jim Greason: New fire investigators Chad Woodburn - Vanderburg and Posey counties, Matt Wells - Pike and Knox counties, Dennis Randall - Clinton, Newton, Jasper and Montgomery counties.

License plate grants - \$4,000.00 one time a year grant for equipment. Must be NIMS compliant and a reporting fire department. Contact Mary Fields at mfields@dhs.in.gov for more information.

Will be hosting two classes at convention this year: fire investigations and code enforcement; they will also have a booth set up.

IN Fire Alliance - all the fire organizations that have come to be one voice: 1) Funding, 2) Training, 3) Health and Safety, 4) Oversight.

350 responding to the survey will be publicizing it in the near future.

Radio Broad Banding January 1, 2012 to be compliant. They are saying that there will be some hefty fines if not. One survey per department needs them done by the beginning of the week so they will have some figures to take to the Statehouse.

Heroes Competition: Jerry Hayes - thanked us for our sponsorship. Last year they had 100 participants; this year they are expecting 150 participants. There are 9 career centers in Indiana. We are asking for volunteers to help with the event. The lists of names on back of flyer are money donators and in-kind services. Explores can participate as well. If anyone has any extra gear and equipment that they would like to donate, please contact Mr. Hayes. To view pictures go to heroesshutterfly.com

Board of Standards and Education: Jeff Hayes, president of the Board - meeting are now on webinars. You can dial in now with your comments if you are unable to make the meeting. DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT all your training. Mr. Hayes commented on our proposal

that was presented to him. Lobbyist Curl told him that it was not our proposal, it was our proposal if the Board did start training recertification.

California Casualty - Endorsed January 1, 2012 - Representatives Jesse Newton, Tanya Rigsby and Pam Chace were present. February, March will be doing direct mailing to our members. Invite them to your district meetings. Encourage everyone to check their personal coverages and compare.

Mike Byrd, representing National Volunteer Fire Council - is now offering a special membership to you through the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. This new membership provides you with the opportunity to join the NVFC for \$12.00 per person while taking advantage of all the NVFC's benefits, as well as having a louder voice in Washington. Their goal of 400,000 members. Putting together training webinars.

President Israel called for the reading of the minutes of the November 2011 meeting. District 16 chairman Paul Holcomb made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. District 19 chairman Ed Scheele made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel called for the treasurer's report. Treasurer Bev Harker said January we spent more than we brought in, but for this time of year it is normal. Last year we brought more in than we budgeted and expenses stayed under what we budgeted. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Bev Harker said the credit card has cancelled our agreement with them. She is going to investigate other options. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to put an article in the paper letting card holders know that the agreement has expired between the IVFA and the credit card company. Brent Bush made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

License plates -- We will have a new plate this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership and Marketing: Diane Harrison - the committee this morning discussed the upcoming cruise to Alaska. Central Office is going to put all the information on the website. There are 12 that have registered so far. Discussed license plates and speakers bureau.

Central Office: Jack Kerney - License plate report 2010 January - December 3,097 plates, 2011 January - December 3216 plates, 2012 so far this year 413. Taking the 60 day notice of the license plate forms and add, can do over the phone with a credit card. Total membership for 2011: 16, 736. Getting a lot of hits on the website. Any reports you don't have that you need let them know and they will get it to you. Deceased list, if ? mark in the column this should throw up a red flag. It means per roster but no funeral voucher. Need to make sure that they receive their Bible and Grave Marker. 1-800 fire line no activity. Bad address: 274, now had 307 in December 2011. Worked on information for legislative committee. Called all 90 volunteer firefighters that are trustees to inform of the legislation pending that would affect them. They are

able to print any type of certificates that might be needed. Just give us a couple week's notice if possible. Gave president Israel 2 sample dues packets that they put together to look at.

President Israel thanked Jack Kerney and vice president Anderson for all the work putting together list for legislation.

Public Relations: Carol Thrawley - FDIC April 18-21, 2012 - anyone wanting to work let Carol know. Instead of a clock a firefighter donated a fire helmet and Brent Bush is getting the shield donated. Central Office has a case of bags. Trailer is starting to get busy.

District 12 chairman Larry Bruner made a motion to take trailer to Wayne County Fair District. District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion passed by voice vote - 1 nay.

Past president Buz Koehler asked if we are endorsing a company, if it had their logo on handouts. President Israel is going to check on this.

Need guidelines for trailer done before problems arise.

Web Site: David Israel - Up and going, still doing some tweaking. Miss Flame guidelines on web site but not on the forms. District chairmen need to hand out the forms. Everything goes through the Central Office that goes on the web site. Please make sure to put a physical address for meeting and fundraisers. Photo gallery of trucks will run 30 day cycle then move to gallery. Web master is keeping track of it.

President Israel thanked Paul Holcomb, Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney and Larry Curl for all their time and effort into the website.

Social Media Committee (facebook): Will meet Sunday after meeting.

Logo: John Smith - Anyone wanting to use it send an email.

Editor's Assistant: 2011 66,306 papers .42 per paper. This issue published 16,231. Articles not making paper. President Israel suggested if articles are too old, don't print them, bring back to next meeting.

Convention Committee: David Israel - Convention 2014, one bid. District 12 Larry Bruner - they still have to go through the process.

Convention 2012 Chairmen Rick Cannon / Paul Holcomb: Still have coins available. Are selling raffle tickets - mailing them out to departments first of week. Ready to go, waiting on registrations and vendors. Anyone having pictures of past conventions, they would like to have for a slide show.

Convention 2013: Scott Harris - June 12-15 Muncie as of right now Signature Inn is host hotel. If you know any vendors, let them know.

Training Committee: Larry

Southard - Not documenting our in-house training is probably the biggest problem. It is very important to document. If you're having problems or have suggests, let us know. Needing volunteers to serve on committees.

Board of Firefighters Standards and Education: Jack Kerney - The November 21 meeting at J Everett Light Career Center had 8 Board members present, 9 staff and 15 guests. Eight variances approved, two denied. January 30 meeting at Bargersville had 6 Board members present, 7 staff and 12 guests. Seven variances approved, 2 denied. Next meeting April 16 Westfield training facility at 10 a.m. at Noblesville.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney -- AFG and Safer grants being cut again. Next meeting April in Washington, D.C.

Legislative Committee: Larry Curl - Watching 13 bills. Discussed HB 1005 and HB 170. Discussed 911 wireless. HB 1056 novelty lighters - passed out of Senate committee. Chairman not going to hear the bill. Fire Alliance is planning to meet with him and try to find out why he is not going to hear the bill. Everyone agreed to invite Governor candidates to the Friday morning business meeting at convention.

State Miss Flame Kaylea Konger spoke to us. Please invite her to your functions. New number 260-517-8472.

Sergeant at Arms: Brent Bush - March through November 20 station clocks and has ordered another round of clocks.

SOG'S / BYLAWS: Buz Koehler - Write a guideline for the Bibles, grave markers and chaplains' services.

Bridgeport: Bev Harker - Held a meeting, had 5 members present. A scholarship winner left at the end of first semester and she wanted the extra monies to take a paramedic class. Rule 9 on Bridgeport guidelines says it goes back to the memorial trust fund.

Insurance: Bev Harker - Pass.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Israel: Attended several district meetings, 2 IVFA memorial services and 1 IVFAA memorial service. County meeting. Spoke at the Township Trustee Conference. Gold Card presentation. Spent a day with Lobbyist Curl at Statehouse.

Vice President Anderson: attended 11-A, 11-B, 17A, 15 and 18 district meetings, several chief's meetings, 50 year celebration McCullough, stopped by departments on his travels, 23 different fire departments and made 139 contacts. Since convention 59 different fire departments, 347 total contacts.

Chaplain Gerdowsky: 1 state meeting, 3 memorial services, 2 breakfasts, 1 district meeting and 2 chaplain classes.

Secretary Harrison: County meetings and 3 district meeting.

Treasurer Harker: 5 district meetings, 1 memorial service and auditor has all my books.

Chairman of the Board: Larry Ketchem - Attended district meeting, health issues have slowed me down a little

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

PRNW: Jim Bradford - Attended 2 district meetings and 1 memorial service. Health issues have slowed me down a little.

PRNE: Jean Smith - Attended 6 district meetings and 1 awards ceremony.

PRWC: Larry Bartlow - Attended 3 district meetings.

PREC: Don Cushman - attended 1 chief's meeting and all but 1 district meeting.

PRSW: Jim Abrams - Attended 6 district meetings and 1 memorial service.

PRSE: Al Williamson - Attended 4 district meetings, 2 banquets, 1 fundraiser and 2 chief's meetings.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jim Parker: Pass.

Richard Glant: Pass.

Jack Zeeks: Heroes Gala March 3rd.

Buz Koehler: Attended 5 district meetings, 1 county and 2 days at Statehouse.

Jack Kerney: Pass.

Larry Ketchem: Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1: Tom Orrell - Pass.

District 2: Paul Watland - Pass.

District 3: Dave Kaufman - Pass.

District 4: Terry Smith - Still have 65th coins available.

District 5: Don Kissinger - South Station South Side Wabash.

District 6: Jerry Sprague - Inviting Senator Glick.

District 7: Walt Reiter - annual bake sale benefits Miss Flame and Auxiliary.

District 8A: Bill Pape - absent.

District 8B: Lloyd Wright - Pass.

District 9A: Leighann Ellis - Pass.

District 9B: Randy Denton -

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Quarterly meeting ...

Pass. Vice chairman filled in.
 District 10: John Ray - Pass.
 District 11A: Jack McFarland - Pass.
 District 11B: Larry Southard - Miss Flame contest March 11, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Rosedale.
 District 12: Larry Bruner - Pass.
 District 13A: Carol Thrawley - Pass.
 District 13B: Jeff Biehl - Pass.
 District 14: Rick Cannon - March 14, Borden not a member, hopeful that will change.
 District 15: Harry Logan - Pass.
 District 16: Paul Holcomb - Pass.
 District 17A: Sam Emery - Pass.
 District 17B: Steve Nolan - Pass.
 District 18: John Smith - Reminder Dubois County Fire School last weekend March, 1st weekend April.

District 19: Ed Scheele - Pass.
 District 21: Don Fultz - spoke about injured firefighter, he is going fine.
 President Israel said he had been asked to do a refresher class in May fir district chairmen, so plan on that in May.
 American Income Insurance: Michelle Baxter - In 2011 paid 5 death claims \$15,000, 2007 thru 2011 paid 28 death claims for \$ 8 0 , 0 0 0 . R e m i n d e r dismemberment includes loss of eye sight. In May they will be mailing out letters to our membership. They have a food bank for any of our members suffering hardships.
 President Israel read a letter from past president Deckard. He will not be seeking Chairman of the Board.

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We will hold an election during Board action.
 Vice president Anderson explained how committee were put together. Most committee meetings are open and you are more than welcome to attend. Committee chairs now have a report to fill out on the happenings at the meeting. Last call for award nominations.
 Lona Huffman: Provident Insurance - all officers filled out new IVFA board member insurance beneficiary forms.
 District 10 chairman John Ray made a motion to adjourn, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
 Diane Harrison, secretary

Mays receives pin



On November 16, 2011 Derek Mays from the Albany Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman and Derek Mays. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



From the desk of the Historian John Davies

I would like to continue with some information about our fire service for our newest members who might not know some of the things that have happened within our fire service. In January 1606 Jamestown, Virginia was virtually destroyed by fire. There were no full time paid firefighters in America until 1850. Even after the formation of paid fire companies, there were disagreements and often fights over territories.
 Interestingly during the 1800s and in the early 1900s volunteer fire companies served not only as fire protection but as political machines. The most famous volunteer firefighter-cum-politician is Boss Tweed, head of the notorious Tammany Hall political machine who got his start in politics as a member of the American Engine Company Number 6 (The Big Six) in New York City.

Just recently, we received a surprise telephone call from a past president of this great organization. Lawrence Swartz from down in Florida called just to talk about a little bit of everything. This was a wonderful experience for both Maxine and I to think that President Swartz would take the time to do this. I personally thought it was great and we thanked him.
 It will not be long until school will close their doors for the summer. I would like to see that each and every one of our membership would make an effort to have a safe summer for themselves, their families and their neighbors.
 God bless each and every firefighter in the state of Indiana.
 Your Historian,
 John Davies

Golf course directions . . .



Go South on HWY 111 for 3.5 miles. Turn Right on HWY 211 and Go 2 Miles. At the end of the Road, Turn Left Onto HWY 11. Travel 1.7 miles to the First Stop Sign, Turn Left and Continue on HWY 11. Follow the Road for 4.3 Miles. Chariot Run is surrounded by a white split rail fence and is located on the left.

Lewis awarded 25 year pin



Michelle Lewis from the Salem Township/Daleville Volunteer Fire Department was honored with her 25 year pin at their Christmas party.
 Pictured (from left to right) are Michelle Lewis and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.
 Not present but also receiving a 25 year pin was Michael Waitman.
 - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Annual Convention Golf Scramble - Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Date: June 13, 2012
Location: Horseshoe Southern Indiana
 Chariot Run Golf Course
 8191 Chariot Run Drive
 Laconia, IN 47135
Check In: 8:30 a.m.
Tee Time: 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration Fee: \$52.00 per person (payable at the golf course)
Includes: 18 holes of golf with Cart
 Lunch will be provided by California Causality Insurance.
 There will be 4 individuals per team. If you do not have 4 people we will assign a team.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Return your Registration form to:
This is a must, we need to know how many to plan for.
 Jack Kerney
 2412 SE Browning Rd
 Evansville, In 47725
Registration must returned by May 31, 2012 to play.

For more information contact:
 Jack Kerney
 877-606-4832

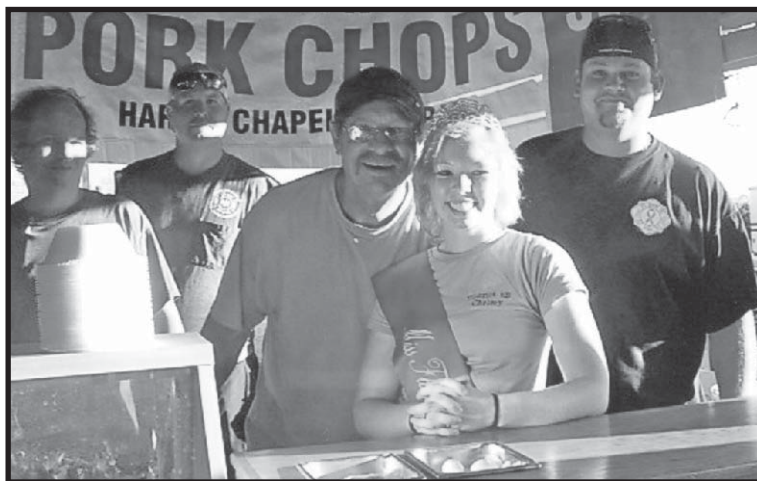
September parades held *Chili supper held at fire station*



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper at their fire station on October 15, 2011.

Looks like they had a good crowd. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

District 8B Miss Flame helps firemen serve ice cream



Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department had an ice cream booth at the Mooreland Fair.

Helping the firemen serve the ice cream is Chelsey Gettinger, District 8B Miss Flame. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

(Pictured at bottom) - On September 3, 2011 Montpelier held their Jamboree Days parade.

Shown in the picture is Montpelier's fire truck.

(Pictured at top) - Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade on September 10.

Pictured is Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame runner-up standing in front of the Dunkirk fire truck. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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SEMINAR INFORMATION

All Seminars are on Thursday, June 14, 2012 with the exception of the Flight Simulator which is open all vendor hours and possibly more if the demand is great enough.

Name: Air Evac Landing Zone and Helicopter Safety Class
Instructor: Steve Johnson Base Pilot Supervisor
Time / Location: Laughlin Room *1:00 PM to 3:00 PM*

Course Information: A comprehensive course designed to instruct Emergency Services personnel the minimum requirements to safely establish an appropriate site for landing an EMS helicopter. The course will also cover safe operations around an EMS helicopter, areas of significant danger and safety tips when loading a patient into the aircraft. This course is extremely important to ensure the safety of our ground Fire & EMS partners.

Name: Vectren Energy Gas Safety Seminar
Instructors: Vectren Staff & Josh Bleill
Time / Location: Las Vegas Rooms A & B *1:00 PM to 3:00 PM*

Course Information: Vectren Employee meet and greet. Discussion on natural gas odor calls and what your department would do, Presentation on Safety procedures, fundamentals of natural gas and natural gas facts, and a presentation by Indianapolis Colts Community Spokesperson Josh Bleill who will also have the Colts 2007 Super Bowl ring and Trophy with him. All participants will receive the opportunity to have their picture taken with ring and Trophy.

Name: Indiana Fire Marshal's Office Response / BATS Information
Instructors: Bob Dean & Indiana State Fire Marshal James Greeson
Time / Location: Las Vegas Room C *3:00 PM to 4:00 PM*

Course Information: Discussion on the Fire Marshal's Office response to requests for investigators by local fire departments and the Bomb and Arson Tracking System (BATS).

Name: Indiana Fire Marshal's Office Code Enforcement
Instructors: Dave Smith & Indiana State Fire Marshal James Greeson
Time / Location: Las Vegas Room C *4:00 PM to 5:00 PM*

Course Information: Presentation on the Code Enforcement Section to include and discuss emergency closures, fireworks permits, haunted houses, and change of use.

Name: Air Evac Flight Simulator
Instructor: Air Evac Public Relations

Time / Location: Laughlin Room *Open all vendor hours except from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 14*

Course Information: Air Evac public relations flight simulator is a fully functional helicopter simulator complete with full controls (to include collective, cyclic, foot pedals and full electronic gauge read outs). Take off and land anywhere in the world, and get an idea of how a helicopter is controlled. Fly the Las Vegas strip or under the Arch in St Louis, you will be amazed at the realism of the simulator.

IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012</u>		
8 AM TO 5 PM	Vendor Pre-Set-up	Tunica, Council, Hammond*
9 AM TO 3 PM	Golf Scramble	Chariot Run Golf Course
11 AM TO 5 PM	Registration Open	Registration Desk
11 AM TO 5 PM	IVFAA Chinese Auction	New Orleans Room
12 PM TO 4 PM	Cornhole (Tournament)	The Showroom
12 PM TO 5 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Convention's Room
6 PM TO 8 PM	Dinner & Benefit Auction	The Showroom
6:30 PM TO 7 PM	Miss Flame Mixer	Bossier City Room
8 PM TO 11 PM	Entertainment	The Showroom
9 PM TO 1 AM	Hospitality Room Open	District's Room
<u>THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012</u>		
7 AM TO 10 AM	Vendor Ser-up	Tunica, Council, Hammond*
8 AM TO 12 PM	Miss Flame Closed Judging	Las Vegas Rooms
9 AM TO 4 PM	Registration Open	Registration Desk
9 AM TO 4 PM	IVFAA Chinese Auction	New Orleans Room
9 AM TO 12 PM	BFFPSE Meeting	The Showroom
10 AM TO 5 PM	Vendor Displays Open	Tunica, Council, Hammond*
11 AM TO 4 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Convention's Room
12:30 PM TO 4 PM	Cornhole (Open Play)	The Showroom
12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM	Miss Flame Luncheon	Jack Binion's Restaurant
1 PM TO 3 PM	Gas Safety Seminar	Las Vegas A & B
1 PM TO 3 PM	Advance LZ / EMS Seminar	Laughlin Room
2 PM TO 4 PM	Open Miss Flame Judging	Bossier City Room
3 PM TO 5 PM	IDHA Education Seminar	Las Vegas C
3 PM TO 4 PM	IVFA Officers' Meeting	Las Vegas A & B
4 PM TO 5 PM	IVFAA Officers' Meeting	Laughlin Room
6 PM TO 8 PM	Vendors Hot Dog & Beer Bust	The Showroom
8 PM TO 9 PM	Opening Meeting	The Showroom
9 PM TO 11 PM	Entertainment	The Showroom
10 PM TO 1 AM	Hospitality Room Open	Convention's Room
<u>FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012</u>		
6 AM TO 7 AM	Coffee Clutch	The Showroom
7:30 AM TO 9 AM	Memorial Service	The Showroom
9 AM TO 2 PM	Registration Open	Registration Desk
9 AM TO 2 PM	IVFAA Chinese Auction	New Orleans Room
9:30 AM TO CLOSE	IVFA Annual Meeting	The Showroom
9:30 AM TO CLOSE	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Bossier City Room
11 AM TO 4 PM	Vendor Displays Open	Tunica, Council, Hammond*
11 AM TO 4 PM	Miss Flame Outing	Meet in Lobby
1 PM TO 4 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Convention's Room
4 PM TO 9 PM	Children's Party	Convention's Room
5 PM TO 8 PM	Banquet	The Showroom
8 PM TO 11 PM	Entertainment	The Showroom
10 PM TO 1 AM	Hospitality Room Open	Convention's Room

*Large/Truck Vendor Displays will be in the south parking lot. (Shuttle provided at casino valet area)

2012 MISS FLAME CANDIDATES



Morgan Eastridge
Miss Flame District #1
South Haven Vol. Fire Dept.



Jessica Dove
Miss Flame District #3
Pleasant Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Alyssia Kay Smith
Miss Flame District #4
New Carlisle Vol. Fire Dept.



Brooklyn Gephart
Miss Flame District #5
Claypool Vol. Fire Dept.



Tianna Schuerman
Miss Flame District #6
SW Allen County Fire Dept.



Mariss Bisel
Miss Flame District #7
Geneva Vol. Fire Dept.



Courtney Willoughby
Miss Flame District #8B
Dunkirk Vol. Fire Dept.



Heather Wickersham
Miss Flame District #9A
Democrat Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Haley Teltoe
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Hope Vol. Fire Dept.



Grace Lanae Neiswinger
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Miss Flame District #11B
Rosedale Vol. Fire Dept.



2012 MISS FLAME CANDIDATES



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Miss Flame District #12
Danville Fire Dept.



Molly Madeline Callahan
Miss Flame District #13B
Centerville Vol. Fire Dept.



Rebecca Cannon
Miss Flame District #14
Sellersburg Vol. Fire Dept.



Courtney Bennett
Miss Flame District #15
Yankeetown Vol. Fire Dept.



Alexandra Gott
Miss Flame District #16
Ramsey Vol. Fire Dept.



Ashley Dugger
Miss Flame District #17A
Richland-Taylor VFD



Kristen Pemberton
Miss Flame District #17B
Shawswick Vol. Fire Dept.



Kami Knies
Miss Flame District #18
Celestine Vol. Fire Dept.



Tatijana N. Marsee
Miss Flame District #19
Milan Vol. Fire Dept.

***Congratulations
to all
2012
Miss Flames!!***



***2011 Miss Flame
Kaylea J. Konger
District #7
Berne Vol. Fire Dept.***

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

When you have completed the information below, print this page.

The State of Indiana provides **Special License Plates** to qualified members of organizations such as the **IVFA**. This program is administered through the **Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. The **IVFA Central Office** coordinates the program for members of the association. You **will not** be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plates You Must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Requests to the IVFA Central Office no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
AAAA	ARNN	Saturday, February 7
ARNO	BATE	Saturday, February 14
BATF	BLAI	Saturday, February 21
BLAJ Rental fleet vehicles Heavy vehicles Trailers	BRID	Saturday, February 28
BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOR	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
PATU	PONT	Monday, September 7
PONU	REDM	Monday, September 14
REDN	ROBE	Monday, September 21
ROBF	SANC	Monday, September 28
SAND	SERM	Wednesday, October 7
SERN	SLON	Wednesday, October 14
SLOO	SPRI	Wednesday, October 21
SPRJ	SUCE	Wednesday, October 28
SUCF	THOP	Saturday, November 7
THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
VANP	WALD	Saturday, November 21
WALE	WATT	Saturday, November 28
WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out only the one application per person not per license plate.
4. You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year.
7. Refer to the BMV procedures below:

BMV PROCEDURES

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$15 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow ALL directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

**ATTENTION: IVFAA
AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128
(765) 246-6220

Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization – the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

**AUGUST 5, 2012
DEADLINE IS:
JULY 5, 2012
12:00 NOON C.S.T.**

Top of Form

IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)

Name IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City State Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew

Day Time Phone Evening Phone # Plates Requested

County Of Residence Amount Paid \$ Check #

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney
P.O. Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724
1-877-606-4832

***Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.**

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



From your treasurer:
Hi, everyone.
Our yearly audit has been completed by Kemper CPA Group. I am including in my report this time the ending figures in 2011 compared to 2010.
Hope to see many of you at the convention in June.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CREDIT CARD:

The Bank of America has terminated its agreement with the IVFA. Therefore, the IVFA will no longer receive any royalties from purchases made with the credit cards. If you have one of these credit cards, when the expiration date rolls around, the Bank of America will change the cards to a generic credit card.

The IVFA is in the process of trying to get another bank to sponsor a signature card for us.

*submitted by
Beverly Harker
IVFA Treasurer*

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. Statements of Support, Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Dues	\$ 323,495	\$ 320,750
Paper Advertising	24,778	29,957
Credit Cards	5,930	6,636
License Places	18,622	16,942
Other Income	5,638	2,663
Bank interest	<u>4,542</u>	<u>5,049</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	383,005	381,997
EXPENSES		
Advertising solicitor	5,952	7,628
Publishing expense - paper and postage	45,067	48,274
Clothing replacement for firefighters	641	906
Clothing - marketing	3,758	2,019
Committee expense	10,358	10,071
Convention expense	3,645	4,767
Delegates expense	20,589	17,199
District expense	3,116	1,272
District secretary expense	1,150	1,199
Fire school expense	450	799
Funeral fund	10,049	11,034
Insurance - general	10,414	10,612
Other expenses	5,271	14,714
Officers' allowance	5,342	4,316
Officers' expense reimbursement	31,354	34,334
Officers' meeting expense	31,925	34,515
Public education	3,594	1,668
Public relations	2,115	679
Computer expense	1,545	2,065
Office postage	4,433	4,183
Telephone	1,840	2,059
Office supplies	5,664	5,732
Professional fees - legislature	55,749	53,534
Professional fees - other	14,812	9,659
Management fees	37,775	37,200
Scholarships	4,500	4,500
Line of duty benefit	6,000	3,000
Fire Institute dinner	-	1,300
Washington DC trip	13,352	7,762
Depreciation expense	1,103	1,462
TOTAL EXPENSES	341,563	338,462
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	41,442	43,535
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	621,821	578,286
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$663,263	\$621,821

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



Hi Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

It's time to swing into the fundraiser season, please remember to post all of your fundraisers on the website.

It is not too late to join us on the Alaska cruise this July.

Anyone wishing to donate to our annual Burn Camp auction, it would greatly be appreciated. Just bring the item(s) with you to convention or call me and we will make arrangements to get it to convention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention.

*Stay safe,
Diane Harrison*

Here's what to know when you gas up and go...

Static electricity-related incidents at retail gasoline outlets are extremely unusual, but the potential for them to happen appears to be the highest during cool or cold and dry climate conditions. In rare circumstances, these static related incidents have resulted in a brief flash fire occurring at the fill point. Consumers can take steps to minimize these and other potential fueling hazards by following safe refueling procedures all year long.

Most important, they should not get back into their vehicles during refueling -- even when using the nozzle's hold-open latch. This will greatly reduce and minimize the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity.

A build-up of static electricity can be caused by re-entering a vehicle during fueling, particularly in cool or cold and dry climate conditions. If the motorist then returns to the vehicle fill pipe when refueling is complete, the static may discharge at the fill point, causing a brief flash fire with gasoline refueling vapors.

Motorists who cannot avoid getting back into the vehicle should always first touch a metal part of the vehicle, such as the door, or some other metal surface, away from the fill point upon exiting the vehicle.

Here are additional consumer refueling safety guidelines:

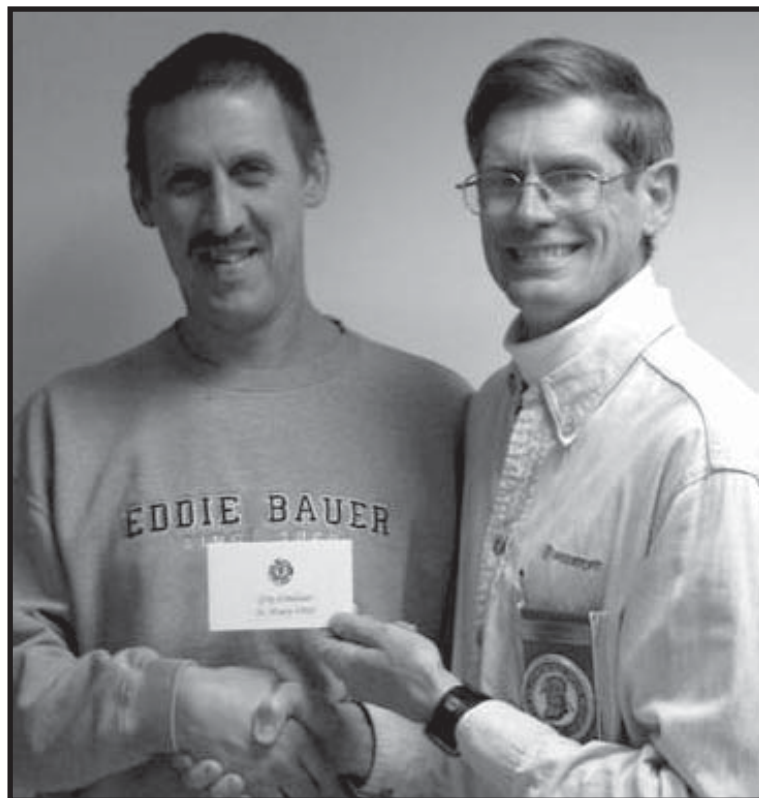
- Turn off your vehicle engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.
- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.
- Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.
- Do not over fill or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.
- In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately so that all dispensing devices and pumps can be shut off with emergency controls. If

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Watkins receives 25 year pin for years of service

On December 3, 2011 Russell Watkins from the Liberty Township/Salem received his 25 year pin at their Christmas party. (Pictured from left to right) are Russell Watkins and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Lindauer presented 25 year service pin

At the March 6, 2012 meeting of the St. Henry VFD, (DuBois Co.), Greg Lindauer (left) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin by IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Lindauer has served as past assistant chief, First Responder. - photo and article submitted by District Chairman Smith.

Stay safe this summer!

AUGUST 5, 2012 DEADLINE IS: JULY 5, 2012 - 12 PM CST
E-MAIL: printco@rhsi.tv
Please note: Faxed copies of photos are not acceptable for publication!

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*Heather Martin
Corresponding Secretary*

**State Meeting -
February 12, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Diana Gray. Prayer was led by Chaplain Joann Hays. Pledge was led by Sergeant at Arms Mariam Schaeckel. Larry Curl (Lobbyist) and Steve Anderson (IVFA Vice President) stopped by with some information. Steve advised that the new IVFA website was up and running. He asked us to consider whether we wanted our personal emails or if we wanted to spend \$5.00 each per year to have generic emails on the site. Larry gave us info on the bills currently in the state legislature (copy included); you can also find information on the website www.ivfa.org.

Roll call was taken by June Cahill. There were 26 officers 11 guests for a total of 27 present.

Minutes - Phyllis Vargo made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Barb Kerney. There were no additions or corrections and the motion carried.

C o r r e s p o n d e n c e : Pam Gerdowsky has resigned as District Chairman; Beth Caudill is filling in until a replacement is elected.

M e m b e r s h i p - June Cahill advised there were 57 departments, 782 paid by department, 166 individuals and 17 life for a total of 808 members.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter. It was approved until audit.

Chaplain's report - Joann Hays asked to please use the call list when you need to contact for deaths, births, etc. Everyone does not always check their email in a timely fashion and that way the information gets to the proper people. She has sent out 8 get well cards, 4 sympathy cards, and 2 new baby cards. She also advised to make sure your dues are paid if you are interested in

having an IVFAA memorial service. If your dues are not paid you will not be able to have an IVFAA service. Joann asked for prayers for Barb Ketchem's great-granddaughter due to health issues, Pam Gerdowsky, Martha Thomas, Melinda Bell, Ann Moss, Mary Stafford, Carl Bruns (cancer has returned), Maxine Davies (eye surgery), Brenda Bush Harvey (breast cancer, Barb Ketchem passed a card for us to sign) and Bill Pape. Congratulations to June Cahill on her new grandbaby.

If you would like to send a card to Brenda Harvey the address is:

Brenda Harvey
614 West 1050 South
Clinton, IN 47842

Michelle Baxter with AIL advised that they have paid \$9000.00 for Auxiliary since 2009. New letters will be going out this spring. AIL also has a food bank if you have a member's family in need of assistance please contact Michelle. We would also like everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to the May meeting for the food bank. If you have any questions contact Heather Martin.

Auditing - Beth Caudill advised ready for August.

Installation - Toni Sorg advised they had a meeting on 11/5/12 and will be ready for next year.

Financial Study - Toni Sorg advised we are staying well within the lines.

Took a short break at 9:40 and resumed meeting at 9:50.

Miss Flame - Barb Kerney would like each Miss Flame to have 100 tickets to sell in their district before Convention. March 10 is the deadline to have your Miss Flames registered for Convention. Checks should be made to the Mary Mackin Fund. If you have any questions please contact Barb.

Chinese Auction - Lori Parker asked for everyone to please bring your items to the May meeting.

Lona Huffman with the Ezell Group came to speak with us about information on Aflac for critical care coverage. Sign ups will start April 1, 2012. There will also be people at Convention to sign you up if you are interested. If you would like more information you can contact Lona at lhuffman@theezellgroup.com or at 317-884-1777 ext. 120. You can also use the contact information in the paper and they will send you more information. Lona is having a fundraiser for Autism called Ride the Spectrum for Autism on April 28 & 29 at Midwest Trail Rides in Lawrence County. If you have any questions contact Lona.
VP Project - Suzie Lewis advised

prizes are a wooden fire truck, a quilt, \$200 cash prize and \$100 cash prize. Suzie will be getting everyone a packet of tickets to sell. A picture of the truck has also been included in with the minutes.

By Laws - We were informed of mistakes within the By-law books. They will be submitted to the printing company. We are also going to see if they will give us some free books when they correct the mistakes since we are almost out.

Jewelry - Marlene Poling advised she had the 25 years pins if anyone needs them. She will also be ordering a new District 12 pin.

Nominating - Beth Caudill advised they will be ready.

Historian - Joann Hays is still working on books. If you have anything to contribute please let her know. They are still trying to decide whether or not they want to display them at Convention.

President's Advisory - Beth Caudill advised the Diana is doing well. Diana asks that if you have any questions or concerns to please let her know.

Lois Boaz - Sue Glant advised they are ready.

Parliamentarian - Lou Bartlow advised that everything is fine.

SOG's - Lou Bartlow passed out the new copy of SOG's to the Line Officers and District Chairmen.

Mary Mackin Fund - would like to raise the Miss Flame prizes to \$200 for Miss Flame winner, \$100 for 1st runner up and \$100 for Miss Congeniality. They will have a meeting on Saturday May 4 at 2:00 to discuss the proposal.

New Business

Kaylea Conger, our reigning Miss Flame, gave a short presentation on what she has been doing. If you would like to contact her you can call her at (260) 5147-8472.

Next meeting is May 6, 2012. Barb Parker made the motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Janet Woodfill.

Closing prayer was led by Joann Hays.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.

*Submitted by
IVFAA Corresponding Secretary
Heather Martin*

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Leona Uryga - Chairman

Minutes of the Nov. 16, 2011 District 3 meeting:

The meeting was held at the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department on November 16, 2011, with the auxiliary members enjoying desserts. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jodi Barkow said a prayer.

Roll call was taken: 7 Michiana Shores; 7 Coolspring, and 5 guests.

The minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting were read and will stand as read. The treasurer's report ending October 31, 2011 was read and will stand until audit.

Bob Uryga made a motion to pay

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2011/2012

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DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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Leona Uryga \$21.39 for Ms. Flame crown; seconded by Sue Utpatel; motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

District 3 Miss Flame: Ms. Jessie Done, from the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department, presented her qualifications for competing for the Ms. Flame position.

Jessie is a cadet firefighter. She was a Responder by age 16, Fire Certified by age 14 and is waiting to be 18 years old to become a firefighter. She attends LaPorte High School and participates in track, soccer & bowling. She is involved with Stage & Dance and has played volleyball in Australia. During her freshman and sophomore years she was invited on the Senior/Junior trips when they visited Ireland, London, Paris & Rome. Jessie wants to obtain a degree in Criminal Science/Fire Investigating with an associate in psychology.

Ms. Done was crowned Ms. Flame for District 3. Chair Leona Uryga outlined Ms. Flames' responsibilities.

Ms. Flame Raffle: The Ms. Flame raffle was won by the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department, \$157.00.

State Information: The 2012 Convention will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN (near New Albany).

Next meeting will be March 21st at the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department. An auction and bake sale will be held.

50/50 was won by Sue Utpatel \$11.00.

The centerpieces and turkey door prize raffle netted \$20.05.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jodi Barkow, seconded by Bob Uryga; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan M. Lewis - Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the March 21, 2012 District 3 meeting:

The meeting was held at the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department on March 21, 2012, with the auxiliary members enjoying finger sandwiches & desserts. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jodi Barkow said a prayer.

Roll call was taken: 8 Michiana Shores; and 3 Coolspring.

The minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting were read and will stand as read. The treasurer's report ending February 29, 2012 was read and will stand until audit.

Ms. Jessie Done, District 3 Ms. Flame was unable to attend the meeting.

There was no correspondence.

The Coolspring Fire Department, which won the Ms. Flame raffle of \$157.00, donated it to Ms. Flame to offset her expenses.

State Information: The 2012 Convention will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN (near New Albany). As of February there are 808 state auxiliary members.

In order to receive the Bible and Chaplain services for a deceased member, the member's dues must be paid. Dues are paid on yearly basis from July to July.

Maxine Baxter with ALL insurance reported at the state meeting that they are assisting with

the food bank for needy IVFAA members and their families.

Miss Flame will be getting 100 tickets for the District Auxiliary to sell. A wooden fire truck, a quilt, cash prizes of \$200.00 and \$100.00 will be awarded at the Convention.

There were some mistakes in the new by-laws book, which have been sent back to the printer. Not sure how the correction will be made. May just be an addendum.

Information on House Bill 1005 and other IVFA information can be obtained by the internet: www.IVFA.ORG

Suggestions were made for the District 3 Chinese Auction Basket. Jodi Barkow made a motion we buy a \$25.00 gas card. Two items from the Auction tonight were also chosen: A stainless steel water bottle and a plush rabbit.

Next meeting will be May 16th at the Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department.

50/50 was won by Steve Millick \$7.00.

The spring pansies with a trowel and gloves and the spring bouquet door prize raffle netted \$15.00.

An auction of baked goods and miscellaneous items netted \$79.25 support for District 3 Ms. Flame.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jodi Barkow, seconded by Bob Uryga; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan M. Lewis - Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Susie Lewis - Chairman

November 21, 2011

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary met on November 21, 2011 at the Geneva Volunteer Fire Station. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Joyce Nevil with the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag.

The roll call was answered by 16 members from 6 departments and 2 guests. All members introduced themselves by name and department.

The minutes of the September 29 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report for November was given.

This was out Miss Flame judging. We had two contestants - Marissa Bisel of Geneva and Brittany Bradtmueller of Hoagland. The girls were excused to meet with the judges. We wish to thank the Morningstars for the donation of flowers for the girls and Wills Jewelry for the donation of the crown.

Joyce Nevil discussed the November officer's meeting. We will discuss it further at the January meeting.

Joyce presented Judy Bultemeier of Hoagland with her 25 year pin.

During the meeting we received word that Mary Stafford, past president, had passed away and the funeral would be on Wednesday.

State Miss Flame Kaylie Kongar came home from college at

Vincennes for the meeting and to crown the new district Miss Flame. She was going to return to school tonight for a class tomorrow and then would be out for Thanksgiving break. She spoke briefly on her travels as Miss Flame.

Joyce stated that we would have announcements and then we would adjourn for our Christmas gift exchange. When the men were ready, we would announce Miss Flame.

Hoagland holding a raffle for gas cards in place of their turkey raffle.

Hoagland will be selling Christmas trees.

Poe is making peanut brittle. We will be making it the day after Thanksgiving starting at 1:00 p.m.

Diane Gray made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sarah LeMaster.

Following our gift exchange, Walt Reiter, District 7 I.V.F.A. chairman, came in and asked us to join them. They presented some awards. Miss Flame for District 7 was announced. Miss Flame is Marissa Bisel of Geneva. Congratulations, Marissa!

There will be a change in time and location of the January 16, 2012 meeting. The meeting will be at Liberty Center. Lunch will be at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:30. The March 19, 2012 meeting will be at Hoagland at 7:30, lunch at 7:00. This will be our annual bake sale.

Antoinette Sorg

January 16, 2012

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association met on January 16, 2012 at Liberty Center Volunteer Fire Station. The meeting was opened by chairperson

Joyce Nevil with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by six ladies from four departments. District Miss Flame Marissa Bisel joined us for the meeting.

The minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for January was given.

The November officer's meeting was briefly discussed. Convention was also discussed.

The next meeting will be held at Hoagland Volunteer Fire Station on March 19, 2012. This will be our annual bake sale. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., with lunch being at 7:00 p.m. This is the new scheduled time.

Meetings are as follows:

March 19, 2012 at Hoagland - bake sale

May 21, 2012 at Markle

Convention June 13 to 16, 2012

July 16, 2012 at Monroe - Election of officers

September 17, 2012 at Monroeville

November 19, 2012 at Mount Etna - Miss Flame contest

Upcoming events in the district: January 29 Pancake and Sausage at Hoagland sponsored by H.A.A.A., Valentine dance at Geneva VFW on February 18, 7:00 p.m. You must be at least 16 to attend. It is sponsored by Geneva Firefighter's Auxiliary. March 17, 2012 Soup and Sandwich at Poneto Volunteer Fire Station. Consignment auction at Poe Volunteer Fire Station on April 7, 2012; April 14, 2012 Pancake and Sausage breakfast at Berne.

Motion made by Diana Gray and seconded by E.J. Smith to adjourn.

Antoinette Sorg

District Secretary

March 19, 2012

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary met on March 19 at the Hoagland Volunteer Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairperson Joyce Nevil with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 11 ladies from four auxiliaries and two guests.

The minutes of the January 16, 2012 meeting were read and discussed.

The treasurer's report was given.

The minutes of the February officer's meeting were discussed. The convention committee spoke briefly. They stated rooms are available, but be sure to give them the reservation code listed in the IVFA paper. We now have a state membership of 965. Lona Huffman spoke of Aflac insurance for critical care coverage. There will be no previous medical conditions restrictions, if you take out the insurance in the first 90 days it is offered. This deadline is the end of June. This was a brief highlight of the officer's meeting.

Past president Faye Sallee passed away this past week. Diana and Suzi went to the IVFAA memorial this evening at Galveston. Carl Bruns, IVFA past president, also passed away earlier this month.

Miss Flame Marissa Bisel, District 7 Miss Flame, talked of her experiences.

We discussed what we would be doing for the Chinese auction.

As we were going to have our annual bake sale this evening, we had announcements and adjourned.

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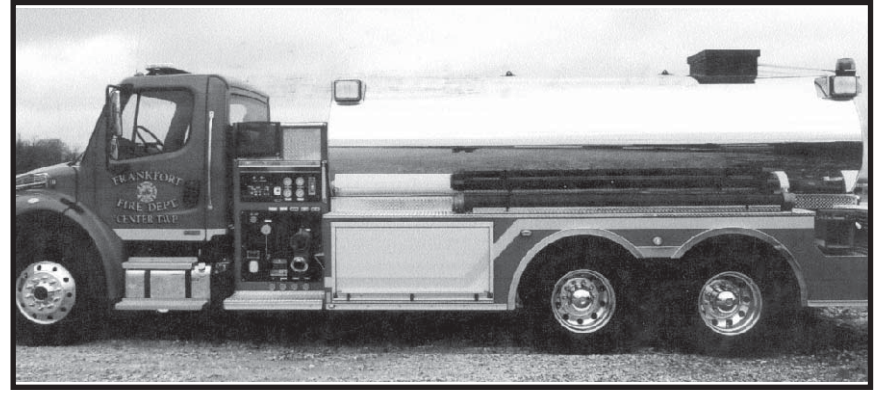


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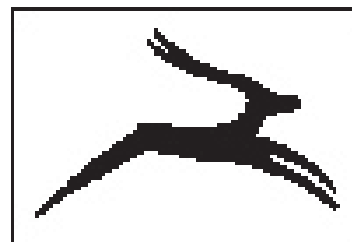
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IVFAA President

Diana Gray



As my first year as president of the I.V.F.A.A. is nearing an end, I want to take this time to "Thank" all of the district chairmen, past presidents and line officers for the support and guidance that each and every one of you have given me throughout the year. It has been a big undertaking to fill the shoes of those before me. I hope I did the job that was expected of me, and in a fashion that was for the betterment of the auxiliary. I am always open for recommendations and/or criticisms, as I want to do the right thing.

I believe that we have accomplished a lot this year; our family has grown and we had set goals and some of them were followed through with, which makes us a better organization. We have all worked together and shall continue with new ideas in ways to better the auxiliary.

We need to continue to get new auxiliaries and members as we all have the same thing in mind and that is to help our communities and fellow firefighters and families in and around us.

Hope to see all of you at the May 6, 2012 meeting in Indianapolis. This will be our last meeting before Convention and so we will make the final decisions on some things at that time.

*Diana Gray
President, IVFAA*

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

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Upcoming events: Poe pancake and sausage breakfast - March 25, 9 to 1; March 31 Community Easter egg hunt; April 7 Geneva breakfast 6 to 10; Poe consignment auction 9 a.m.; State convention June 13 thru 16; Hoagland Days June 21, 22, and 23.

Next meeting will be May 21, 2012 at Markle. The July meeting will be July 19 at Monroe. This will be the election of officers.

Motion made by Dorothy Reiter and seconded by Judy Bultemeier to adjourn.

Joined men for annual bake sale.
*Antoinette Sorg
District Secretary*

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DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Lou Bartlow - Chairman

Hi Ladies,
Welcome to spring. It has been absolutely beautiful weather. We do have some cool weather garden planting done. Little early for tomatoes yet.

Hope all is going well in your districts. Ours is doing fine.

We had our Miss Flame contest in March and we have a winner. It is Page Fetter, who was our Miss Flame last year. We all wish her well as she goes to the state contest. We actually had four girls running this year. I know the judges had a difficult time choosing just one.

Legislature has been the big thing with the State Association and as usual, the Legislature messed up several things. I think we should all remember this as we go to the polls this spring and fall. But please, REMEMBER TO VOTE.

Our next district meeting is May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Perrysville. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the fellowship and see what the state organization is doing to improve the volunteer fire service.

Remember convention is coming quickly and you need to get your registration and reservations in.

We all need to remember our friends and neighbors down south as they try to rebuild their lives and get somewhat back to normal. Keep them in your prayers.

*Lou Bartlow,
District 11B IVFAA chairman*

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Hello One and All,
Hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather we have been having.

I would like to start out by saying Thank You to everyone who helped with our Miss Flame contest on January 15th and congratulations Ashley Dugger, who will be representing District 17A at the convention. GOOD LUCK, Ashley.

It was nice seeing everyone at the Vincennes sausage supper January 21st. The fire department did a great job as usual. Our ladies' auxiliary would like to thank all who made, sold, and bought cookies. This fundraiser helps our district Miss Flame with her convention

expenses.

Ashley Dugger, June Cahill and myself attended the Greene co. firefighters' meeting at Lewis V.F.D. February 13th.

I attended the auxiliary meeting of the Richland-Taylor V.F.D. on March 12th. The newly elected officers did a great job conducting their first meeting.

Our district meeting was held March 21st at Worthington Fire Department. Several members and past president Barb Kerney were in attendance. We discussed items being donated for the Burn Camp and Chinese Auction for convention.

Our next meeting is May 17th at Madison Twp. V.F.D. at Odon.

*District 17A chairperson
Marie Emery*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Greetings to all and hope you are enjoying our warm and sometimes cold weather. I guess living in Indiana you never know what you will get, but at least it is a variety.

I'd like to thank everyone for their kind words to me as I am leaving my District 19 chairman position. I just have too much on my plate personally and need to step back.

However, I will be happy to help out when I can but just can't take on the responsibility of heading it now. I appreciate Beth Caudill and Pam Scheele for stepping in till we find a replacement. I have enjoyed my years as chairman and thank everyone for their help.

Our last meeting was held at the Sunman Fire Department and we had a good time with much good food. Thanks for hosting Sunman. Our next meeting will be May 8 at Blooming Grove.

All District 19 departments are donating a basket for the Chinese Auction at convention this year. I hope to bring them in May.

Our condolences go out to Viola Bruns and her family on the loss of her beloved husband, Carl, the IVFA former past president as well as many other titles and good friend to all who knew him. We are blessed to know them as they are very supportive and giving to our organizations. May God's love be with the family in their loss of a wonderful man.

*Pam Gerdowsky
Former District 19 chairman*

IVFAA Chaplain

Joann Hays



My dear friends, as I have said before while at Convention, I would like to ask that you attend the Memorial Service, Friday at 8:00 a.m. to remember those we love and miss.

This is the only time we can be together as one organization to pay our respects to those who have gone on before us.

As the beautiful Miss Flames place a rose on the beautiful lighted cross, their names will be read by our past IVFA chaplain Charlie Baker.

Hope Chaplain Ed (Ski) and I see you there.

Thanks also to all of the Associate Chaplains for assisting with the service.

*Love and prayers,
IVFAA Chaplain
Joann Hays*



In Memory

District 1 - Mary Klym, Lake Station

District 2 - Erma Kankowski, Lake of Four Seasons

District 7 - Viola Smith, Poe

District 10 - Mary Stafford, Waldon - IVFAA past president

District 11-A - Larry Dunford, Prairieton VFD

District 11-A - Mary Lou Farris, Prairieton Auxiliary

District 11-A - Virginia Purcell, Prairieton Auxiliary

District 18 - Frank Daunhauer, Dale VFD

Individual - Faye Sallee, IVFAA past president

Dear Friends,
I hope you have a good time at 2012 convention.

The committee worked hard for you, so if you should run into one of them while you are there, you might take a moment to say thanks. I would like to say "thanks" also.

I am so sorry for the loss of our members who have passed away since our last convention.

I would like to extend my sympathy to the families of the IVFA past president Carl Bruns (Sunman), IVFAA past president Mary Stafford (Waldron), IVFAA past president Faye Sallee (Galveston) and to those who I didn't know that would have been in your department or auxiliary.

My dear friends and family, you are in my prayers. I ask that God be with each and every one of you in time of sorrow.

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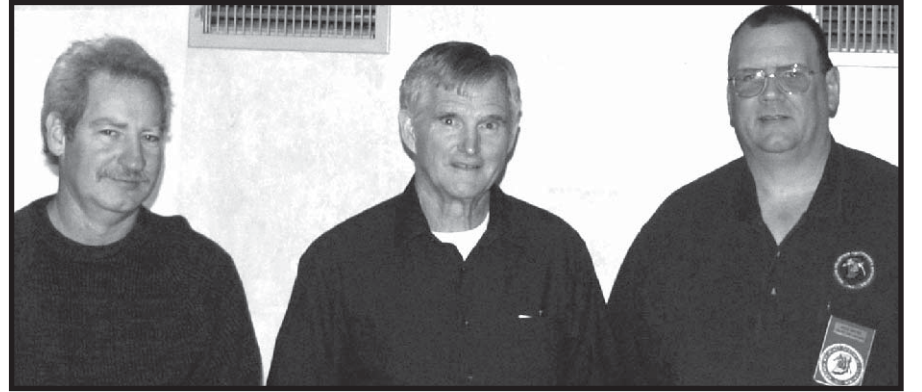
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McCulloch holds 50th anniversary party



McCulloch held its 50th year anniversary party and District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon were a part of the celebration.
 (Top left photo) – Miss Flame is shown lighting the candles in a memorial service in memory of firefighters.
 (Pictured at right) – Father and daughter Rick and Rebecca Cannon and (pictured bottom left) – Cliff Young gives a speech after receiving his 50 year pin and Gold Card.

–submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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Portland Fire Department holds Fire Prevention Week activities



Dubois Co. emergency services recognized

On Friday, February 24, and prior to the start of the last basketball game of the season, members of the emergency services community of Dubois County were recognized and special tribute paid to them.

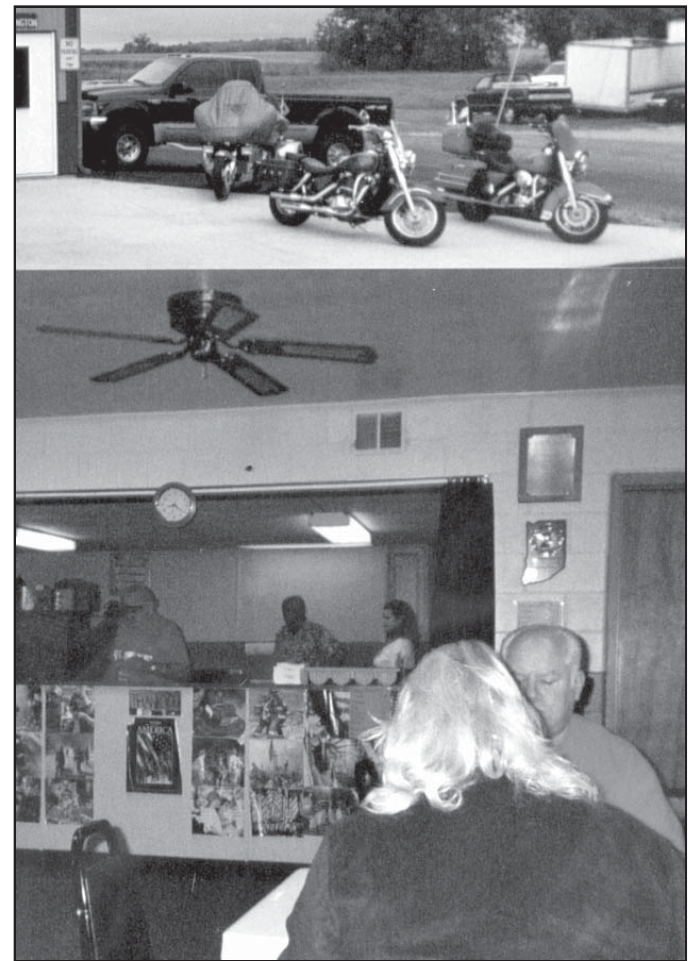
Southridge High School Athletic Director Brad Bardwell said, "This is something we wanted to do for a special group of people. These are people who are our friends and neighbors, who give so much to our community that we wanted to show our appreciation".

Those agencies present were Dubois Co. EMS, Huntingburg and Holland Police Departments, and the Volunteer Fire Departments of Holland, Huntingburg, and St. Henry. A color guard made up of members of the Huntingburg VFD presented the Nation's Colors prior to the singing of the National Anthem.

Photo by Scott Thompson H'Burg VFD, submitted by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



Benefit ride held



The Saratoga/Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department held a benefit ride for a family in Saratoga to help with their medical expenses on October 1, 2011.

The ladies of the auxiliary served a breakfast before the ride. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

On October 8, 2012, the Portland Fire Department held a day of activities for Fire Prevention Week.

(Center photo) - They had a medical helicopter on display.

(Bottom photo) - Pictured holding David Jellison, III, the grandson of Portland firefighter David Jellison, Sr. is Sparkie, the Dog.

(Top photo) - Chad Aker, Fire Chief, is shown giving a smoke detector to Lonnie Stephen.

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.





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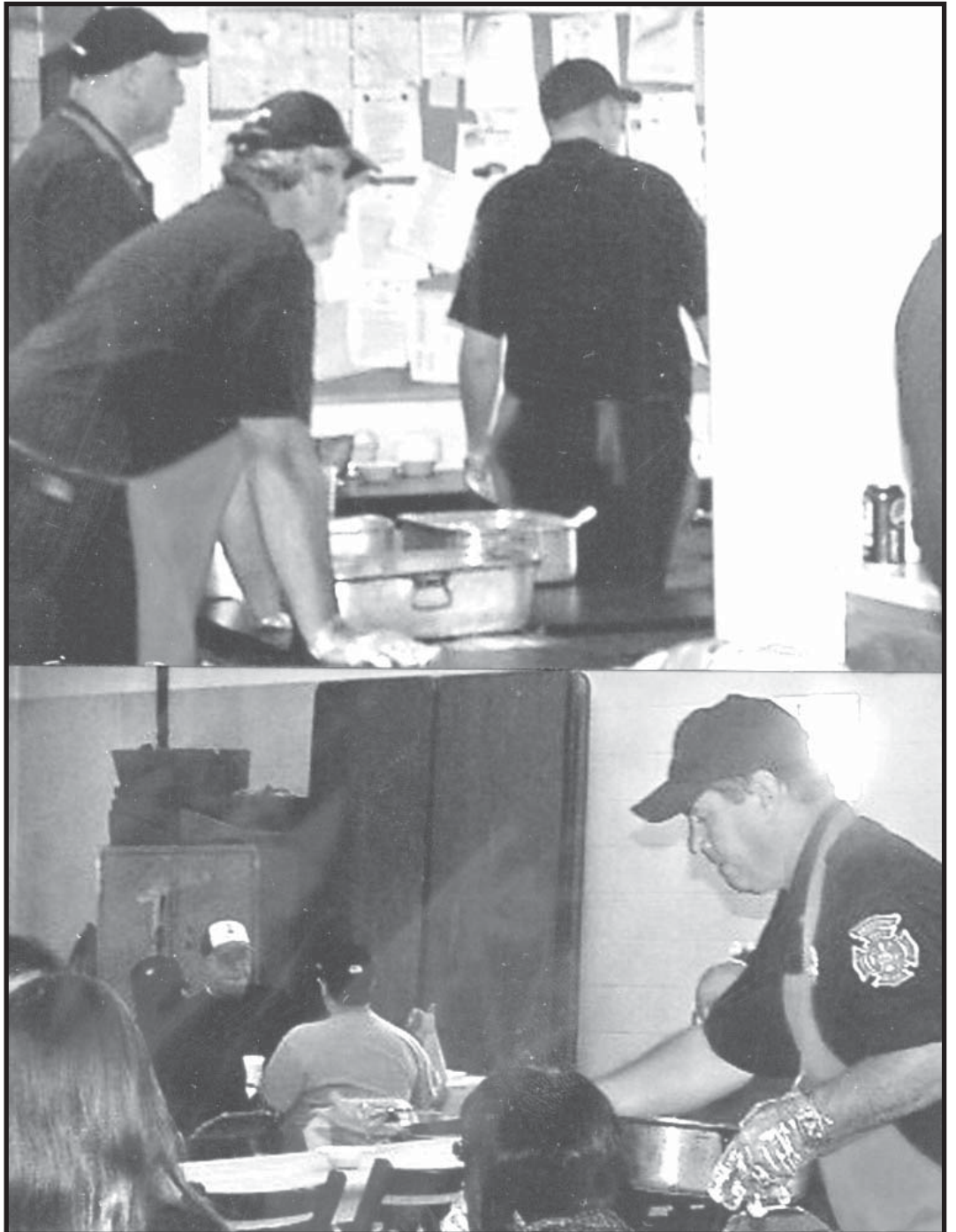
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Driftwood FD holds annual fish fry; Hounshel awarded 25 year pin



Driftwood Fire Department had its annual fish fry at Fort Vallonia Days. (Pictured at left) - District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon pose with Clint Wolka from Driftwood. (Pictured at right) - Jerry Hounshel receives his 25 year pin from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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Hartford City VFD hosts fish fry

The Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry on September 17, 2011 at their station. Some have to work and some have to serve. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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Pennville VFD activities held



The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on October 15, 2012.

Looks like everyone is enjoying themselves. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



On December 21, 2011 at the Pennville Christmas party, Vic McEwen was honored for his 50 years of service.

(Shown at top) – Presenting Vic with his Gold Card and 50 year pins is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. Congratulations, Vic!!

(Shown at bottom) – Presenting Vic with a medallion from the state is Rick Constable from the State Fire Marshal's Office. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



McEwen honored for fire service

Albany VFD hosts hog roast



The Albany Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on July 2, 2011. Looks like they have a crowd. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Chief Pat Taylor receives 25 year service pin



Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman, presents Chief Pat Taylor of the Fairbanks Fire Department with his 25 year pin.

– submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

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Leavenworth VFD activities

Leavenworth VFD members receive 25 year pins



District 16 chairman Paul Holcomb recently presented Jerry Johnson, Carl Lahue, and Garry Wiseman of the Leavenworth VFD with their 25 year pins. – submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

Leavenworth VFD takes delivery of new tanker



– submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

Gephart crowned District 5 Miss Flame



Brooklyn Gephart was crowned District 5 Miss Flame at their district meeting.

Pictured (left to right): Jean Smith - PRNE, Brooklyn, Don Kissinger, District 5 IVFA chairman. – submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Open burning information

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You will be able to purchase individual meal tickets at the registration desk. A meal ticket will be required to enter the banquet hall any time a meal is being served. (See prices below)

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Crown Point Fire Rescue presents awards to members



(Pictured at left) – Brad Allen, F/F Paramedic member of Crown Point Fire Rescue is presented with a watch and plaque for 15 years membership with the department.

Presenting is CPFD president Brian Marlowe.

(Pictured at right) – Jake Gettler is presented with a plaque for his 10 year membership with CPFD.

Brian Marlowe, CPFD president, is shown making the presentation. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



SMART TIPS FOR SUMMERTIME COMFORT AND CARE: Most of us enjoy pleasant, warm weather and outdoor activities. Summer, however, introduces a host of problems. Be prepared for bug bites and other skin irritations, and stock a summer tote bag with the essentials: adhesive bandages, rubbing alcohol, skin toner/freshener and cotton swabs.

From dry, sun-damaged skin to rashes and common cuts or scrapes,

many summer skin problems can be treated with over-the-counter preparations. A clean cotton swab, used as directed by a doctor or pharmacist, for example, is ideal for applying an ointment without risking contamination of the skin through contact with dirty fingers.

The following are some clever tips for using cotton swabs to treat some common summer pet peeves:

– To remove a splinter easily and painlessly, first rub the area with

cooking oil (for a non-sticky surface) and apply an ice cube for a few minutes to numb the area. Then use a good pair of tweezers to grab a firm hold and remove. Use a clean, cushiony Q-tips swab to gently apply an ointment or hydrogen peroxide solution to prevent infection.

– Another seasonal skin irritation is summertime pityriasis - often called sandbox dermatitis because it has been associated with

playing in sandboxes. A topical ointment may be prescribed to hasten healing. Get to tough-to-reach spots with a clean cotton swab,

Mosquito bites are not really serious and do not require treatment, but they can be extremely irritating! Keep the area clean to prevent infection. And if it's extremely uncomfortable, apply calamine lotion to the bite with a clean Q-tip.

Squinting in the blazing sun can cause tired, bloodshot eyes which are

further aggravated by chlorine or ocean water. Eye drops may provide relief, but can ruin make-up. After applying drops, avoid the temptation to wipe away "tears with fingers or palms (thus smearing and streaking make-up) and use a clean Q-tips swab to blot excess moisture.

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Roberson presented 50 year Gold Card

Sam Emery, District 17A chairman presents Alan D. Roberson, Steen Twp. Volunteer Department, his 50 year Gold Card with Chief Tim Yochum in attendance. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

District 17A Miss Flame contest held



District 17A Miss Flame Contest: Alissa Bottoms, 1st runner-up, Ashley Dugger, Miss Flame and Ariana Candler, 2nd runner-up. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

2012 Convention information . . .



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From Louisville

From Louisville, take I-64 West across the Sherman Minton Bridge to exit 123, New Albany, Indiana. Turn right at bottom of exit onto Scribner Street. Go three block and turn right on Main Street. Continue on Main Street to the 2nd traffic light. Bear left continue on Highway 111 South. Horseshoe Southern Indiana is approximately eight miles.

From Indianapolis

From Indianapolis, take I-65 south approximately 104 miles to I-265 west. Continue on I-265 for 6 - 7 miles to I-64 east. Drive on I-64 east for about one mile to exit 123 for New Albany, Indiana. Go straight 3 blocks and turn right on Main Street. Continue on Main Street to the 2nd traffic light. Turn left and continue on Highway 111 South. Horseshoe Southern Indiana is approximately eight miles.

From Cincinnati

From Cincinnati, take I-71 south to Louisville. I-71 will merge with I-64 West at Louisville, Kentucky. Follow I-64 West, through Louisville and across the Sherman Minton Bridge to exit 123 for New Albany, Indiana. Turn right at bottom of exit onto Scribner Street. Go three block and turn right onto Main Street. Continue on Main Street to the 2nd traffic light. Turn left and continue on Highway 111 South. Horseshoe Southern Indiana is approximately eight miles ahead.

From Nashville

From Nashville take I-65 North. Follow I-65 North approximately 90 miles to I-264 West. Follow I-264 west to I-64 west. Follow I-64 west across the Sherman Minton Bridge to exit 123 for New Albany, Indiana. Turn right at bottom of exit onto Scribner Street. Go three block and turn right on Main Street. Continue on Main Street to the 2nd traffic light. Turn left and continue on Highway 111 South. Horseshoe Southern Indiana is approximately eight miles.

Convention Location Maps & Information



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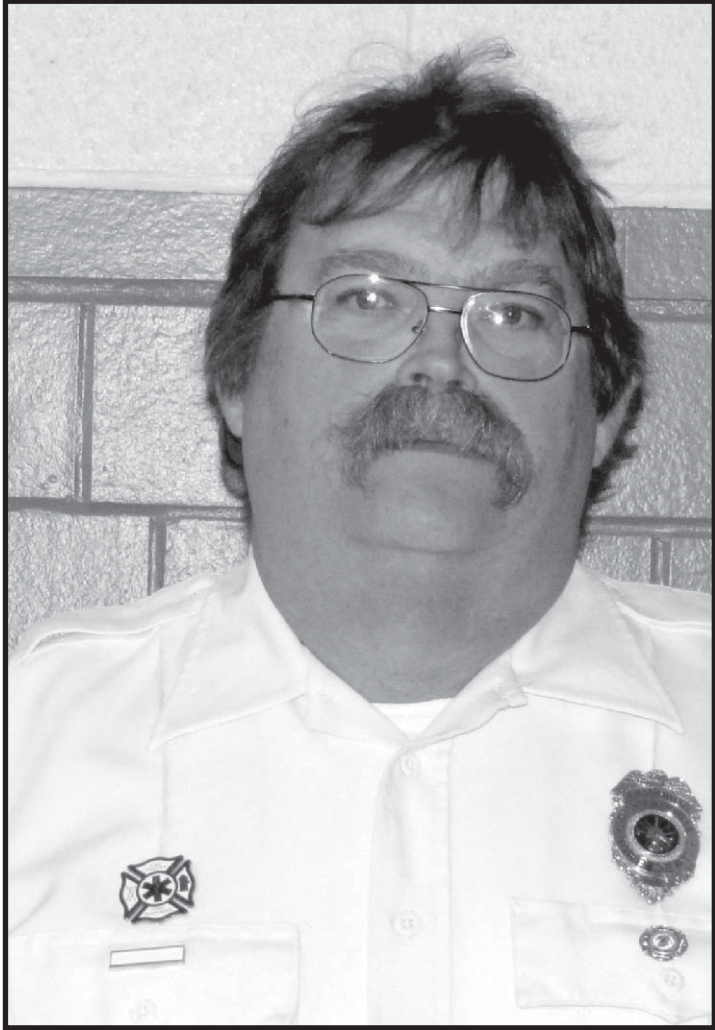
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McCutchanville F.D. awards service pins to members



The McCutchanville Fire Department and the IVFA awarded 25 years of service to Jim Woodard. – submitted by Jack Kerney.



The McCutchanville Fire Department and the IVFA awarded 25 years of service to (from left) Barbara Kerney and Dorothy Moffett.



The McCutchanville Fire Department and the IVFA awarded 50 years of service to Henry Schlensker, pictured right. With Henry is Josh Petrig, his grandson.



The McCutchanville Fire Department and the IVFA awarded 25 years of service awards to (left to right) Kenny Baumgart, Tom Baumgart, Susan Biehler and John Biehler.

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Tire fires are difficult to extinguish and can burn out of control for months.

August deadline: July 5, 2012

District 6 holds Miss Flame contest



Photos were taken at the District 6 November 2011 meeting and Miss Flame contest – District 6 Miss Flame contestant Katie Enfield from Metz VFD, 2012 District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman from Southwest Allen County Fire District, IVFA state Miss Flame Kaylea Konger and PR Northeast Jean Smith.

IVFA state Miss Flame Kaylea Konger, District 6 2012 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman.

District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, 2012 District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman and PR Northeast Jean Smith. – photos taken by Amanda Paulsen and submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

District 11B holds Miss Flame contest



The Miss Flame contest was held March 11, 2012 at Rosedale F.D. in Rosedale.

Pictured (left to right): Billie Jo Hoggatt, Clinton City VFD, Page Fetter, 2012 Miss Flame, Rosedale VFD, Taylor Jane Tolbert, Newport Vol. F.D., Mikayla Jo Kinneer, Cayuga VFD. – submitted Lou Bartlow, District 11B IVFAA chairman.

Pictured are Lou Bartlow, IVFAA District 11B chairman, Page Fetter, District 11B Miss Flame for 2012 and Larry Southard, District 11B IVFAA chairman. – submitted Lou Bartlow, District 11B IVFAA chairman.

Wheatfield VFD receives new pumper



Wheatfield VFD has received a new E-1 Pumper on a Freightliner chassis. It has a 1600 GPM pump with a 1000 gallon poly tank.

Funding for the new truck was provided by Walker Township Trustee Butch Jeffries. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

More information regarding burning . . .

Treated wood: To protect against weather and insects, some wood products are saturated or coated with arsenic, chromium, copper or creosote, a yellowish to greenish-brown liquid made with tar. Typically, treated wood has a greenish dark brown or black color.

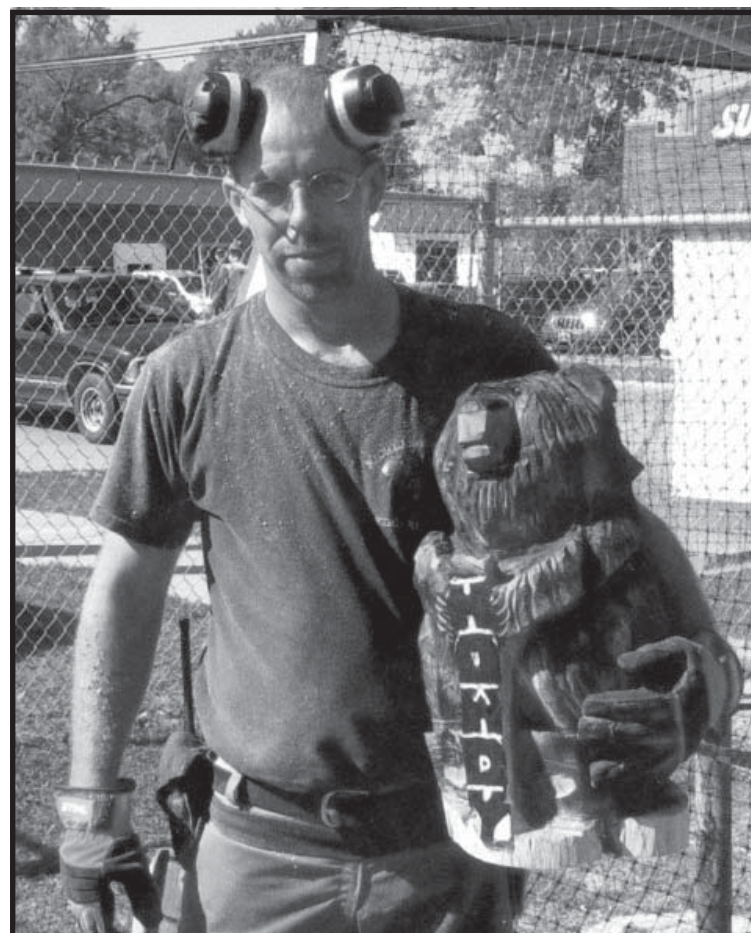
Smoke from burning creosote is especially irritating. For health and safety concerns, **do not burn wood scraps, old decks or unwanted landscaping timbers.** Documented

instances prove that exposure to treated wood smoke can cripple a person. Next time you buy material for outdoor building projects, choose recycled-plastic lumber or naturally rot-resistant woods, such as cedar, redwood, or cypress.

Asbestos: Many building materials contain asbestos because of its fire-retardant properties. Some examples are asphalt roofing shingles, vinyl siding, insulation, plastics, wiring and floor tile. Microscopic

asbestos fibers in the air can be inhaled. Once in your lungs, asbestos fibers can cause lung cancer and other respiratory diseases.

Before any structure is intentionally burned or demolished, it should be checked by a licensed asbestos inspector. For more information, call the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Asbestos Section at (888) 574-8150.



Chief Randy and his bear!

Chief Randy Baker of Richland-Taylor VFD and chainsaw carver, displays a bear he made during the Bloomfield Apple Festival. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



Helping the tornado victims

Destiny Ficus, Kayla Floyd and Chief Kyle Steward, Worthington Fire Protection Territory, with items collected to be taken to tornado victims. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

Utica Township members receive lifesaving awards



Recently Donovan Harrod and Jay Fisk of the Utica Township Fire Department were presented lifesaving awards by State Fire Marshal Greeson, IVFA president Dave Israel, and Chief Jamey Noel for their actions in saving the life of a two-month-old child that was brought to their firehouse not breathing. – submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

District 16 Miss Flame crowned

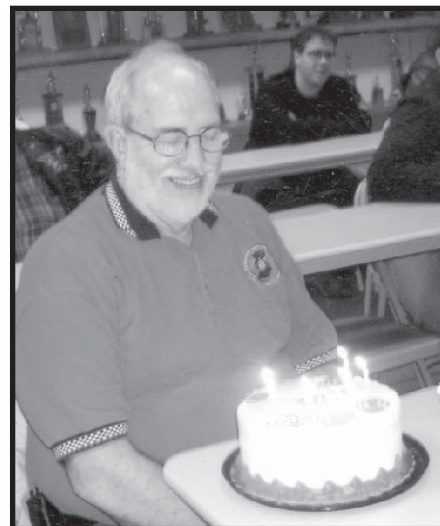


Alex Gott, of New Salisbury, IN, pictured here with District 16 chairman Paul Holcomb, was recently crowned the 2012 District 16 Miss Flame.

She represents the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department where her father, John Gott, a 25 year member of the IVFA, has served for the past 11 years.

She now goes on to represent District 16 in the state competition at the annual IVFA Convention that will be held at Horseshoe Casino. – submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

Happy birthday to you!



Jean Smith, PRNE, received a surprise birthday cake at District 4 meeting on his 60th birthday. Happy birthday, Jean!

– submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Cannons attend Heroes Gala



Heroes Gala with District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and Richie Cannon. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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Clay City FD members receive awards



Jack McFarland presented John Oxby of the Clay City Fire Department his 25 year pin. (Left to right) Chief Ron Travis, firefighter John Oxby and District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.



Jack McFarland presented Dean Neiswinger of the Clay City Fire Department his 25 year pin. (Left to right) Chief Ron Travis, Dean Neiswinger and District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland.

DEADLINES

PLEASE NOTE TO ALL ADVERTISERS AND IVFA MEMBERS - THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE 5TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION

AUGUST 5, 2012 DEADLINE IS JULY 5, 2012 - 12:00 P.M. CST

NOVEMBER 5, 2012 DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 5, 2012 - 12:00 P.M. CST

NOTICE TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT. BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION

The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

Please contact the District chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213 or Brent Bush, 765-665-0149 / e-mail: bsb12@netzero.com. They will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Benton Township FD members receive pins



Benton Township Fire Department firefighters received their 25 year pins and appreciation certificate at their department meeting.

(Left to right): Michael Wogoman, Lonnie Erb, Richard Erb, Phil Kilmen, Larry Erb, Dallas Schrock, Miss Flame Alyssia Smith, Lyle Burtsfield, Jan Erb, Jon Erb, Tom Coy, district 4 chairman Terry Smith. – submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Miss Flames presented checks for expenses



Scott Byers, president of the Greene County Firefighters Association presents a \$100.00 check to Grace Neiswinger, District 11-A Miss Flame for convention expenses. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.



Larry Erb received his 50 year card and certificate of appreciation from Miss Flame Alyssia Smith and District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

Larry has served on Benton Township Fire Department.



Scott Byers, president of the Greene County Firefighters Association presents a \$100.00 check to Ashley Dugger, District 17A Miss Flame for convention expenses.

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Ramsey VFD takes delivery of new ladder truck and engine



submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman

Dampier earns 25 year pin



On February 21, 2012 Richard L. Dampier of the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

Pictured (from left to right) are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman and Richard L. Dampier. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District B chairman

Theurers receive 25 year pins



On January 14, 2012 the Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party. Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presented Roger Theurer and Gary Theurer with their 25 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) are Roger Theurer, Gary Theurer and Lloyd E. Wright. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Traffic hazards to firefighters

Description of hazard:
The number of firefighters struck and killed by motor vehicles has dramatically increased within recent years.

Motorists accustomed to a clear, unobstructed roadway may not recognize and avoid closed lanes or emergency workers on or near the roadway.

In some cases, conditions can reduce a motorist's ability to see and avoid firefighters and apparatus. Some examples include weather, time of day, scene lighting (i.e., area lighting and optical warning devices), traffic speed and volume, and road configuration (i.e., hills, curves, and other obstructions that limit visibility).

These hazards are not limited to the fire service alone. Other emergency service providers such as law enforcement officers, paramedics, and vehicle recovery personnel are also exposed to these hazards.

Recommendations for prevention:

Any firefighter working along any type of roadway runs the risk of being struck by a motorist. To prevent such incidents, NIOSH recommends that fire departments and firefighters take the following actions:

- Fire departments:**
 - Develop, implement, and enforce standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding emergency operations for roadway incidents.
 - Implement an incident management system to manage all emergency incidents.
 - Establish a unified command for incidents that occur where multiple agencies have jurisdiction.
 - Ensure that a separate incident safety officer (independent of the incident commander) is appointed.
 - Develop pre-incident plans for areas that have a high rate of motor vehicle crashes.
 - Establish pre-incident agreements with law enforcement and other agencies such as the highway department.
 - Ensure that firefighters are trained in safe procedures for operating in or near moving traffic.
 - Ensure that firefighters wear suitable high-visibility apparel such as a strong yellow-green or orange reflecting flagger vest when operating at an emergency scene.
- Firefighters:**
 - Ensure that the fire apparatus is positioned to take advantage of topography and weather conditions (uphill and upwind) and to protect firefighters from traffic.
 - Park or stage unneeded vehicles off the roadway whenever possible.

- If police have not yet arrived at a scene involving a highway incident or fire, first control the oncoming vehicles before safely turning your attention to the emergency.
- Position yourself and any victim(s) in a secure area that maximizes your visibility to motorists when it is impossible to protect the incident scene from immediate danger.
- Use a traffic control device that maximizes your visibility to motorists when controlling traffic.

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