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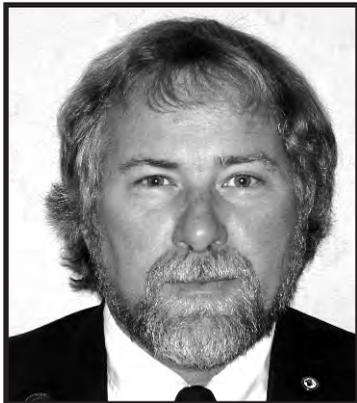
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MAY 2013

From The President

David Israel



Yea!! May has arrived and warmer weather is here. Fish Frys, Festivals and Garden Tractor Pulls are upon us. And the big EVENT in June.

That's right, the IVFA 2013 Convention in downtown Muncie, IN., June 12-15, 2013. The 2013 Convention committee has worked really hard to put together a good

time for us, it is your convention, so come out and enjoy it. Check out the 2013 Convention page on the IVFA website for more information.

If you can only make one day, make it Friday, June 14th. Plan to attend the Memorial Service Friday morning to help honor our fellow Brothers and Sisters in the Fire Service that have passed on. They are the Heroes. They are the ones that have made the trail for us to build on to better protect our communities.

Then attend the annual meeting; always a lot going on there. You can vote on your 2014 officers, on where the 2015 convention will be held at. (There are two districts bidding on 2015 Horseshoe Casino and Michigan City) and much more. It gets even better if you are a paid IVFA member and a delegate from your department (each department is allowed three delegates to vote), you can get paid mileage to and from (but only one delegate per department can receive mileage), so car pool, split it three ways. Just come and enjoy and participate in your annual IVFA meeting.

This year at the Statehouse we may not have gotten our bills passed

or heard, but it was still a successful session for us; the IVFA will try again next year. Thank you, Larry Curl and to all that made that call, showed up at the Statehouse, or called to ask what can we do to help. We have to keep the Education process up by inviting our legislators to our meetings and fundraisers.

The website, have you visited it yet? Did you know the Fire Departments are now listed in the districts?

Well, they are. You need to help us out and check out your department to make sure all the info is correct: physical address, P.O. Box and phone numbers and department meetings, need to know which Monday or Tuesday night and time. If your department has a website and would like for us to include it in your department listing, let us know. Make sure and send us your events so we can get them on the calendar. FREE ADVERTISING.

If we have left someone off the 25 or 50 year list, military or anything that is not right on the web page, let us know - this is your website.

We are trying to find all the fire departments that have been in serving their communities for 100 years or more. If your fire department is one of those, let the Central Office know, call 877-606-4832 or email info@ivfa.org.

Dues packets are out, PLEASE check and make sure all the info is correct before mailing them in.

district meeting and the 2013 Convention.

David Israel

Be safe. Hope to see you at a

St. Baldrick event a huge success!



The third annual St. Baldrick's Event held at Crown Point Fire Department on March 17th, has once again went beyond its goal.

This year's goal was \$50,000 to help Kid's Cancer went over its goal to approximately \$68,000 with 179 heads shaved which is more than last year.

Pictured is Paramedic/Firefighter Dale Holsti of Crown Point Fire getting his head shaved for Kid's Cancer.

What a huge success and a

great cause! Thanks to all who shaved their heads, volunteered! - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

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**2013
Convention
June 12 - 15
Muncie, Indiana**

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Forms and More
Information**

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EDITOR (PAM BARLOW) WILL BE ON VACATION THE WEEKS OF OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 20, 2013.

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Hi everyone,

Hope your winter has been going okay and you are staying warm on the cold days. Won't be long and we will have some nice spring weather to enjoy. God does let us experience the beauty of all His seasons. Thank you, God for Your many blessings.

I attended the February meeting in Indianapolis and all went well.

Chaplains are responding to meet the new Bibles and cases with much pleasure.

They are very nice and once all the old ones are gone we can use the Firefighter Bibles for all faiths.

Please be sure to have all your vouchers into Jack so we can be sure all get on the program and all Bibles and gravemarkers accounted for.

I have attended many fish fries, breakfasts and several district meetings. I hope to get to more as time allows.

I also want to thank my associate chaplains for helping me with funerals in their districts. It helps save the organization money on mileage and sometimes is helpful to families when they know the chaplain. I will be happy to fill in when asked and my associate chaplains are busy so that we have all districts covered.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any other chaplain.

Hope to see you at convention and the beautiful Memorial Service.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May Thy salvation, Lord, always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and evermore.

-- Attributed to St. Patrick

From God's Little Instruction Book on Prayer

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky

March 2013

Have a safe and fun summer!**ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS:**

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From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



It has been a very busy travel season for me since the last time we talked. I have attended the following events: the January Dist. 15 meeting @ German Twp.; the January Dist. 18 meeting @ Birdseye; the January Dist. 17-A meeting @ Vincennes Twp.; a 2014 Convention meeting @ Indy; the February Dist. 16 meeting @ N. Washington; the March Dist. 11-A meeting @ Wright Twp.; the March Dist. 15 meeting @ Black Twp.; and the March Dist. 18 meeting @ Leopold. But to top it off, my last trip took me on day 1 - from Evansville up to the Dist. 6 meeting @ Spencerville; day 2 - over to Mentone for a memorial service for a 57 year Lifetime member; day 3 - down to the Dist 9-A meeting @ Young America; day 4 - back home. In between these events, I had the opportunity to stop by 97 different stations, representing 11 different IVFA districts. Unfortunately, I was only able to talk to members at 30 of those departments.

If you have not been on the IVFA website lately, I would encourage you to do so. We have spent the last few months trying to update everything to make this tool more user-friendly for our members. You can also find us on Facebook as well.

Just a reminder that dues packets should have been sent out by the time you read this. It is very important that the information listed for each member is as correct as possible; especially the mailing address and the date joined the fire service. These items help us get current information out to the member, as well as their service awards out in a timely fashion.

I hope to see many of you at the 2013 convention in Muncie. Check out the information on other pages in this issue for details of events planned for this annual event.

S. Anderson

**August
deadline
July 5, 2013
12:00 noon
C.S.T.**

**November
deadline
September 25, 2013
12:00 noon
C.S.T.**

Deaths

Joe Baird

Joe Baird passed away on March 28, 2013. Joe was 88 years old. He was one of the original members of the Russellville and Community Volunteer Fire Department. He was an IVFA member from 1950 until his retirement in 1998.
(submitted by Mark Rossok, Fire Chief - Russellville and Community Volunteer Fire Department)

Miriam Schaekel

In Memory of Miriam Anna Schaekel
9/11/26 - 3/2/13

On Thursday, March 2, 2013, I was called to do an IVFAA memorial for a very dear friend of yours and mine.

Miriam Schaekel went to be with God on March 2, 2013.

Miriam was born on September 11, 1926 in Freelandville, Indiana to Henry and Sophia Piper Joahningsmeier.

Miriam married Calvin Fred Schaekel on November 2, 1947. Her beloved Calvin passed away in April of 2007. They would have celebrated 50 years of marriage that November in 2007.

Miriam and Calvin had 3 children - 2 daughters, Linda Fry and Delpha Mae Schaekel and 1 son Richard Schaekel; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Miriam also was survived by a brother Raymond Joahningsmeier. She had 2 brothers and 4 sisters deceased.

Miriam was a member of the Buck Creek V.F.D. Auxiliary, District 13-A. I'm sure she served her department well. She used to tell me about their big fish fries that went on for 2 days.

She was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church where she was also a teacher's aide at the school.

She joined the IVFAA in 1970. She served the state for 43 years.

She was nominated as Sgt.-At-Arms in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1980. She served 34 years.

She also served on the Miss Flame committee. I talked to Barb Kerney and she thought she probably served for more than 25 years. Barb said it was a pleasure to have her on her committee.

In 1994 in Elkhart, Indiana, she received the Lois Boaz Award which she was so very proud, and she loved wearing that white jacket. She would usually remind the other recipients to wear their jackets at the convention opening and the memorial service.

I was told by her daughter Linda, that she and her dad loved square dancing.

She loved going to the Kentucky Derby, she and Calvin had belonged to a club that would travel in their motor homes and trailers. She would tell about all the places they went and the wonderful friends and fellowship they made.

At the memorial service, I asked Bill Bush, past IVFA Sgt.-at-Arms if he would lead the group in the Pledge to the Flag. He said he would be very glad to. I just felt it was fitting as he and Miriam had always carried the flags in at the opening of the annual convention. He would present the American Flag and she would present the IVFAA flag. They probably did this for over 25 years.

Diana Gray, president of the IVFAA, presented the beautiful afghan (that District 12 chairman



Carol Curl made, she makes these for an IVFAA officer when she passes). This takes the place of sending flowers and it's something they family can cherish.

Lou Bartlow, past president and District 11-B chairman, presented a Bible to Linda.

Marlene Thrawley, District 13-A chairman presented the candle and roses with the assistance of her Miss Flame (2011) Jennifer Dzuba and Cheryl Dzuba. They were given to Delpha Mae and Richard.

These gifts, Bible, afghan, candles and roses were presented with our love.

I know Miriam would have been so very proud to know there was a wonderful turnout for her memorial. There were probably around 60 there - and to look out and see all those white jackets (Lois Boaz) and red jackets (Mr. IVFA) and all of the other members, I know Miriam would have been so very proud.

I invited the family and friends to the memorial service that will be held on Friday, June 14, 2013 in Muncie, Indiana at our annual IVFA convention. At that time Miriam will be remembered at that service as all of those other IVFA and IVFAA who have passed away this year 2012 and 2013.

In closing, I read the poem "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me."

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA chaplain

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I am not there to see,

If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,

While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,

And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,

That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand.

And said my place was ready, in Heaven far above,

And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.

Miss Flame Notes . . .

Spring has sprung and that means Convention time is right around the corner.

Each of the girls I have spoken with are sharing the same tingle of excitement as myself. I always look forward to getting preparations made for the contest and then along with the committee help to assure the girls and their families to have a great experience at the convention.

This year we will have 23 girls vying for the title of Miss Flame. Just looking over the resumes the judges will have their work cut out for them.

Thanks to the District Chairmen for getting their representatives. We have all but two districts represented. Please continue to ask them to your activities.

Parents and family members, we never seem to say thanks enough for your help and support. Everyone has busy schedules and have a lot going on, but we appreciate your support to these young ladies and this program.

Hope everyone are making plans for convention and will come and root for your favorite.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,

For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,

It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,

I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, just even for awhile,

I'd say goodbye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized, that this could never be,

For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.

And then I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,

I thought of you and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.

But then I walked thru heaven's gates, I felt so much at home,

When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne.

He said this is eternity, and all I've promised you,

Today for life on earth is past, but here starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,

And since each day's the same day, there is no longing for the past.

But you have knocked at Heaven's door, while searching for what's true,

Though there were some times you did some things, you knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free,

So won't you take my hand, and share my life with me.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,

For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.



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Santa Claus VFD dedicates new fire station



On Sunday, January 27, 2013 the Santa Claus Vol. Fire Dept. (Spencer Co. Dist. 18) dedicated their new fire station during a public open house. The department, organized in the early 1970s has occupied a building originally shared by the Town of Santa Claus Water Department. The building was so small that, according to reports, "the overhead doors had to be opened just to check the oil in the trucks".

The new station has over 8,000 sq. feet of space, 6 bays, office space, a training room, and upstairs potential for living quarters for full time personnel.

SCVFD Chief Ed Hagedorn remarked during the ceremony, "a great debt of gratitude is owed to a lot of people, our members, the Town Council and all of the contractors who made this day possible". IVFA Dist. 18 Miss Flame Jamie Lindauer and Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented Chief Hagedorn with the IVFA Station Clock. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the traditional "ribbon cutting" was replaced by an "uncoupling". SCVFD members and the members of the Santa Claus Town Board uncoupled two sections of fire hose stretched in front of the bay doors, and officially placed the new station in service. - Article and photos provided by Dist. Chairman Smith

St. Meinrad VFD hosts annual dinner



On Thursday, January 31, 2013 the St. Meinrad VFD (Spencer Co.) hosted its annual membership dinner.

During the evening's festivities, IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith presented Jeff Vaal of the SMVFD with the IVFA 25 year membership. Afterwards, Jeff was joined for a picture with his father Ray and son Trevor.

Being a firefighter is a "family tradition" in many departments and it is almost common to have two generations active on a department. But to have three generations that are "active" at the same time is a rare thing. As it is with many departments across the state, on the St. Meinrad VFD firefighting is a Family Affair! - photos and article provided by District 18 chairman Smith.



Open burning can cause . . .

- Eye, nose, and throat irritation;
- Lung irritation and congestion;
- Shortness of breath and coughing;
- Stomach or intestinal upset;
- Headaches or memory loss;
- Skin irritations or burns;
- Eye damage

Smoke from burning five pounds of leaves contains about one pound of air pollution!
It is ALWAYS illegal to open burn garbage!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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NEW ADDRESS

STREET _____

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

DISTRICT 1 & 2
Lincoln Township
March 20, 2013

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Chairman Paul Watland thanked Lincoln Twp. Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 4 members and 2 guests representing 3 departments. District 2 by 29 members and 2 guests representing 6 departments.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests in attendance - Gold card members Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Jerry Miller of Merrillville Fire Dept., Bub Wise of Crown Point Fire Dept., Ralph Knapp of Lincoln Twp. Fire Dept., Marge Baumgardner, Secretary 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Larry Curl, Lobbyist for I.V.F.A., Miss Flame from District #1 - Brittney Andrews, Jim Crowell from Sklarewitz Uniform, Mark Sullivan from The New 5 Alarm.

Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Bub Wise. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman with \$388.23 in checking.

Communications: Paul has I.V.F.A. Benefit books. Also has information in it regarding your \$3,500 Accidental Death Insurance. Paul also talked about I.V.F.A. license plate. You can call down to the office and pay the \$5.00 by credit/debit card for your plates and you get the form back in a couple days, instead of sending the form in.

Paul had additional copies of the paper if anyone needed one. Asked the group if everyone is getting one.

Dues packs will be going out at the end of April, due by July 31.

Old Business - None

New Business -

Moment of Silence was held for Al Schiesser, a 50 year member of Crown Point Vol. Fire Department who passed away.

Larry Stiegner of Cedar Lake Fire Dept. asked if we need to appropriate money for the Miss Flames. Paul said that is normally done at the May meeting.

Paul gave update on Jim Bradford.

Department Announcements:

Lincoln Twp. Spring Auction - Saturday March 23, doors open 3 p.m.

Boone Grove Pancake Breakfast Sunday April 7th from 7 a.m. - 1p.m.

Next meeting will be at TBA in District 1 on May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 winner was Jerry Miller, who donated it back to the organization. (Thank you, Jerry!)

Motion for adjournment was made by Bill Casbon, 2nd by Bill Mark Baumgardner, Sr. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marge Baumgardner

Pro-tem Secretary

District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



David G. Kaufman - Chairman

District #3 Meeting
Pleasant Twp. Fire Department
November 15, 2012

Program: An informative program was presented by Jeff Hamilton on Chemical Suicide. Jeff's presentation was extremely informative on the subject. It emphasized the importance of responder knowledge and safety when dealing with this type of incident. Jeff stated that these are occurring more frequently and a misstep/miscue by the initial responders on scene could possibly result severe injury or death.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 7:30. The pledge was led by Phil Bluhm, Pleasant Twp Chief and the prayer led by Chaplain Ron Devenport. There were 32 members present representing 8 departments.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests present:

Jesse Dove, District 3 - Miss Flame

Joe O'Bryan, MES

Communications: The 2013 Convention Coin was passed around so that everyone present had the opportunity to view it.

House Bill 1005 will be revisited this year in an attempt to have the reference to "Volunteer Firefighters" removed from the bills language. We are looking for legislators to sign on to the bill as sponsors.

As of this writing if your department is funded by more than one entity you are not eligible for the federal death benefit.

Firefighter I/II will require continuing education to stay current providing the proposed legislation passes.

The Board of Firefighter Education and Standards rules are currently being re-written.

They will be splitting the Instructor II/III certification into Instructor II and Instructor III. The majority of instructor will never use any of the Instructor II skill as they are primarily geared to professional educators.

The District 1 Planning Council is currently working on providing free EMR Classes for the district. The monies are currently available for this project.

New Business:

Presentation of Awards:

Phil Bluhm, Pleasant Twp. - 50 Years

K.C. Freeland, Kingsbury - 50 years

Diane Stapleton, Pleasant Twp. - 25 years

A new Miss Flame will be selected at the November 28 IVFAA meeting.

The IVFAA is open to both female and male members. By joining the IVFAA you have additional insurance coverage the same as the IVFA policy. Dues are currently \$5.00.

Old Business: None.

Good of the Order:

Santa - December 16 - Lincoln

MES Open house - December 12 - 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM with 32 firefighters present representing 8 departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sandy

District # 3

Secretary / Treasurer

District #3 Meeting
David Kaufman - Chairman
Tim Sandy - Secretary/Treasurer
Hamlet Fire Department
January 17, 2013

Program: An informative program was presented by Tom Thode on RIT vs. 2 In - 2 Out. Tom noted that the primary tasks for RIT revolve around the type of strategy being used at the incident. At defensive operations RIT might be reduced to stand-by modes while offensive operations may require RIT to be involved in significant operations. He emphasized that each situation is different and effective size-up is a key element in the proper utilization of a Rapid Intervention Team. Tom stated, that the "Highest Priority" is to identify conditions that will block or slow firefighter evacuation from buildings and render them safe for crews inside.

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaufman at approximately 7:15 with the Pledge led by Chief Getz and the prayer led by Chaplain Ron Devenport.

The initial roll call found 22 members representing 10 departments present.

The minutes from the previous meeting and financial report was read and approved.

Guests present:

Buz Koehler, Past IVFA President

Mitch Parish, Past IVFA President

Ken Nemes, Memorial Med-Flight

Jesse Dove, IVFA - Miss Flame
Brittany Mace - District 3 - Miss Flame

Communications:

Buz Koehler

33 Bills on the watch list

He emphasized to contact your State Representative and State Senator for support on HB 1243 and SB 321

Reviewed all bills that we are supporting and stated updated information could be found on the IVFA web site. www.ivfa.org

Mitch Parish

Glad to be here

Ken Nemes

There will be a program on January 31 at Knox on "Aircraft Emergencies"

New Business:

Ron Devenport

Ron Devenport stated that the next training for new fire chaplains will be held on April 23 & 24, 2013 just before FDIC. Details on the Federation of Fire Chaplains website. www.GLFCCI.org Cost \$125.00

Chairman Kaufman

Talked about interest in the district hosting the IVFA Convention in 2015

A vote was taken and passed to pursue the convention for 2015

If we get it, it will be held at the Blue Chip Casino as they have over 400 rooms that would be available and additional meeting and banquet facilities.

No more free EMR (First Responder) classes as the funding has been cut.

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education has presently backed off of the requirement for FF I/II continuing education.

Good of the Order:

Coolspring Twp. Spring Raffle - March 23

Lincoln Twp. Pancake Breakfast - March 24

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sandy

District # 3

Secretary / Treasurer

NEXT MEETING

Scipio Twp.

March 21, 2013

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on February 14, 2013 at the Madison Township Fire Department which began at 7:30 PM with the Pledge lead by District Secretary Elton Schafer. The roll call consisted of 5 departments consisting of 8 members, and 2 guests. The minutes were read and approved.

PRNE, Jean Smith, informed the members about the rewrite for Mandatory Recertification for Firefighter 1 & 2 put out by the B.O.F.S.A.E. Jean explained after a long discussion and a vote, the Mandatory Recertification would be tabled until the next rewrite, which would be in 3-4 years.

Jean then explained the Firefighter 1 & 2 Modular Delivery Option. The class will be broken into four modulars and how after each modular, the students in that class will only be tested on what was covered in that modular along with the skills for that modular. There will no longer be one large test at the end of the class as in the past. Firefighters could have up to two years to get the four modulars completed.

Jean discussed several bills in the Indiana State Congress. One bill was about the possibility of a state burn ban and how farmers are exempted from most burn bans and also the hours in which burning can be done.

Chairman Smith informed the members about hotels, itinerary, dates concerning the 2013 I.V.F.A. Convention coming up in June.

The 50/50 was won by Doug Stone from Oslo Fire Department.

The next meeting will be held at Benton Township Fire Department in Goshen on April 11, 2013 at 7:30 PM with refreshments at 7:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

January 10, 2013
Rochester Fire Department,
Rochester, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: Brooklyn Gephart, Jean & EJ Smith, Terry & Judy Smith, Ashley Byrer.

Jean advised of a meeting next Monday, January 14 at 6 PM in reference to Firefighter I and II training requirements.

The webinar is @ www.1.gotomeeting.com/registrar/555838207. Pipeline awareness program in Wabash at 5:30 PM January 16. It is a good program and comes with a meal.

We discussed line of duty death, funeral, and other benefits from the IVFA dues. You may double your coverage by belonging to both the IVFA and IVFAA.

Fire school available in Angola February 2. \$50 charge includes breakfast and lunch.

IVFA convention in Muncie June 12 to June 15, 2013.

IVFA is working on having the H.B. 1005 repealed so that volunteer firefighters won't be affected.

District 5 Miss Flame Ashley Byrer requested to be notified so she can get involved with all activities in the district.

Fish fry March 22 at Monterey.

Next meeting March 14 in Mentone.

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Martin

District 5 Secretary

March 14, 2013

Mentone Fire Department

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: Jean & EJ Smith - PRNE, Terry and Judy Smith, 4th District chairpersons.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1932 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 22 firefighters representing 7 departments in attendance. The minutes were read and approved as submitted.

Chairman Kissinger discussed the training modules set up: Module one is: Orientation, Safety, PPE, Ladders, Venting, Hoses, Fire Streams and then test out. Module two is: SIDS, Autism, Driver Safety, TRA and test out. Module three is: Fire Behavior Portable

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Extinguishers, Ropes and Knots, Rescue, Forcible Entry, Water Supply, Fire Control and test out. Module four is: Building construction, Arson, Public education and test out.

We were advised that the sequester affects fire grants. The change to H.B. 1005 did not make it out of committee this year. President Israel inquired whether any departments in our district had an honor guard or equipment.

We discussed cleaning our PPE after each incident. By not cleaning the PPE, you and your family can be exposed to the chemicals involved at the scenes possibly causing cancers.

Jean Smith remarked about the fire departments in the 5th District having 100 years of service or more. He passed out forms and requested they be taken to back to those departments, filled out and returned.

We were advised that Miriam Schaeckel of the IVFAA has passed away.

District 5 Miss Flame Ashley Byrer had knee surgery this A.M. She has requested we save pop can tabs for her.

Mentone and Tippecanoe FD have a fish fry this Saturday, March 16.

Monterey FD has a fish fry March 22.

Bremen FD mini stag April 25 and fireman's fair July 2 to July 6. Bremen will have a new chief as of May 1. Chief Lanning is retiring.

Next meeting May 9 at Lapaz.

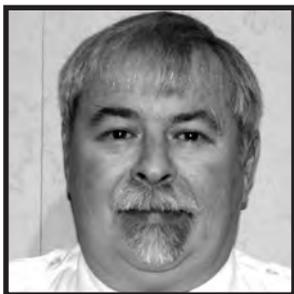
Meeting adjourned at 2012 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Martin

5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings to all. Up here in the north it's starting to get warm.

I need to extend a big thank you to the folks at the Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Department (Whitley County) for hosting our meeting in January. The desserts and hospitality were great. Also, a big thank you goes out to Kurt Neal of 1-800-Board-Up for providing our dinner.

Thanks to the Spencerville VFD for sponsoring the District 6 meeting in March. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated. Again, thanks to Kurt Neal of 1-800-Board-Up for providing pizza for our meal.

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

Our next meeting as of this printing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Shipshewanna

VFD. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on March 26, 2013. Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

Also need to let everyone know that the Churubusco-Smith Twp. VFD will be dedicating their new fire station and celebrating 126 years of service on May 19 at 2:00 P.M. Along with that the Albion VFD will be celebrating 125 years of service with a Diamond Jubilee Celebration on July 20. Watch your e-mail for further information on these events.

Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague

(Spook),

District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter - Chairman

District #7
March 18, 2013
Poe Vol. Fire Department

Meeting preceded by award program presented by Poe VFD Chief Paul VonBank.

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

First roll call was answered by 40 members representing 8 departments. Minutes of the November meeting R/A.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Chris Walker - IDHS Dist. 3 Training Coordinator, Cindy VanGorden - Donley Safety, and Tyler Summers - Global Emergency Products.

Cindy VanGorden - Donley Safety thanked for the chance to speak at the meeting. Come and visit them at booth #4600 at FDIC.

Tyler Summers - Global Emergency Products, New salesman for Global selling Pierce Apparatus, would like to talk to departments about any equipment needs.

Chris Walker - Dist. 3 Training Coordinator, Online testing is going well. Busy class schedule is planned. See the website for schedule and updates. Please contact for class requests or for any further information.

Chairman Reiter - 2 deaths in the district Danny Watts, Geneva and Sherward Hunter, Ossian.

Chairman Reiter - Polled departments present if any members involved in honor guard or bagpipes with department or other organizations. Walt stated that at the quarterly meeting Canon Ashby of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education spoke on behalf of the board and the opportunity to work with the IVFA. She also announced that the next Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education meeting

will be in Ft. Wayne on April 29th at 6pm. Convention June 12-15 with early registration extended until May 1st and golf outing on the 12th. 2015 convention had 2 bids Horseshoe Casino and Blue Chip Casino. Membership is down this year. New IDHS Director is John Hill. IVFA PR trailer is available for functions and public safety events.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Clarified that the previous vote of the IVFA committee was to not support the recertification process for FF 1&2 due to the redundancy of records. The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education has tabled the recertification hours for FF 1&2 at this time. SB 321 got reading but did not pass. Governor Pence reappointed Jim Greeson as Indiana State Fire Marshal. AFG grants will be decreased by 5%, about \$104 million, for 2013. This will not affect grants already awarded or 2012 grants to be awarded this year. An App is available on smart phones for ERG's. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Fire Marshal's office, they would like to know of any departments having 100th anniversary this year or already having 100 years of service.

Next meeting will be at Ossian May 20th.

April 20 Berne breakfast, April 6 Geneva breakfast, March 20 Monroe breakfast, March 24 breakfast and March 30 consignment auction both at Poe. July 19 & 20 tractor pull and August 24 demo derby both at Preble.

Drawing for door prize donated by Cindy VanGorden, Donley Fire, was won by Caroline Patch of Geneva.

Bake sale to follow meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 with 45 members representing 9 departments.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello members,

Well, winter is over now. We'll be planting soon.

I'm getting ready for District 8A & 8B in Muncie. We wish you would attend.

I understand that we still have our State Fire Marshal Greeson.

Please attend your district meetings. We try to bring you updated information.

I guess I should close now.
'See you when you call'.

Bill

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on March 13, 2013 at the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by district chairman Lloyd E. Wright.

Roll call was taken with 15 members present. One guest was present, Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B 2013 Miss Flame.

Eddie Smith reported on things that would be going on at the convention that will be held at the Horizon Center in Muncie, Indiana. Convention will be held the week of June 12 to the 15th.

Second roll call was taken with the amount of fire and EMS runs. There were 41 fires and 123 EMS runs.

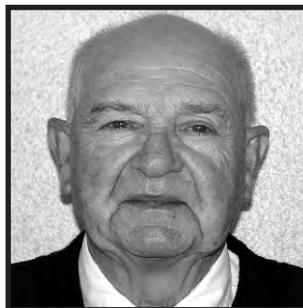
A thank you was given to the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

The next district meeting will be held at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Cowan, IN at 7:30 p.m. on May 8, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned and a light meal was served.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

February found us in Flat Rock for our monthly meeting. Larry Curl shared legislative items that IVFA is closely watching. Ed Rueter, Director of the Bartholomew County Emergency Operations Center, spoke on the new emergency warning system through cell phones and texting.

At the February Decatur County Firefighters Association meeting, I had the honor of presenting Doug Banks and Tom Crowe 25 year pins. Also at the same meeting, Charles Emswiler received his 50 year Gold card and pin with most of his fellow members of Clarksburg Fire Dept., attending. Thank you Doug, Tom and Charles for your many years of faithful service to the citizens of Clarksburg and surrounding area.

March meeting was held in Westport, with John Buckman, Director of Training with State Fire Marshal's Office giving the program on new training procedures coming in the near future. Some modules in use in test classes for Firefighter I / II and Basic trainings.

April meeting was held at Clay Twp. (Barth. Co.)

Congratulations to Fire Marshal Greeson on your reappointment as State Fire Marshal. We appreciate

the relationship of IVFA with the State Fire Marshal's office and look forward to working with you.

Be safe in the upcoming months with farmers getting in the fields and the use of anhydrous and other farm chemicals being transported on roads. Also, as we "spruce" up our yards and areas around our home for spring, be mindful of burn conditions.

Blessings,
John M. Ray
10th District Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT

Dave Phelps - Chairman

Hi, everyone,

I am now the District 11A chairman, due to the poor health of Don Vermillion.

I can use everyone's help with this. Thank you in advance.

Thanks to Bill Nicoson and the guys and gals at Linton Twp. "Pimento" for their nice hospitality for our January meeting. Also I want to thank everyone who helped make our Miss Flame dance at the Plumbers and Steamfitters a success.

Congratulations Darion Wilson, 2013 District 11A Miss Flame.

Our March meeting at Wright Twp., Midland - thanks - everything was nice and I hope you got a truck cleaned up on Station Supply. Thanks Tim for the demonstration.

Our meeting May 19 is at Lewis Twp., Coalmont.

Mickey and I attended a fish fry at Hymera Fire Dept. and a fish fry in Dana and were judges at District 11B Miss Flame contest and man that is a rough job. Don't ask me to do that again. Rosedale Fire Dept. hosted that event.

I had the honor of presenting Pete Taylor with his 50 year Gold Card. Thank you Pete for all you do for the fire service. I am proud to be your friend.

Happy Easter everyone out there and thanks again for everyone's help and for God's sake be careful out there.

District 11A chairman
Dave Phelps

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Meeting held at Black Diamond Volunteer Fire Department
13 January 2013

Before meeting started District 11B along with State Rep. Alan

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**2013
Convention
June 12 - 15
Muncie, IN**

**August
deadline
July 5, 2013
12:00 noon
C.S.T.**

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Morrison and guests and the new media honored Firefighter Jack Dunkley for 50+ years of active fire service at the age of 90 years young.

Prayer followed the honoring of Jack with the pledge to flag led by PRD Larry Bartlow. After a fine meal of Firehouse chili, meeting began. Seven (7) departments were present. Chairman Southard introduced the IVFA officers present and all his guests. Auxiliary Chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests.

PRD Bartlow gave update on 655 IAC and reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting of the Board of Firefighters Standard and Education on Monday the 14th at Pike Township located at 4881W. 71st. Street in Indy at 6 p.m.

IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl gave update on Senate and House bills. At this time 522 Senate bills and 218 House bills introduced. Larry also advised this meeting that the IVFA is still working on House bill 1005 trying to get the Volunteer Firefighters an exemption on this bill. Larry also reminded us to contact our reps in the state house. They need to hear from you if you have questions.

Chairman Southard went over training bulletins and other information he had on hand that might be of interest to the fire and EMS service. Due to the weather starting to get bad, meeting was adjourned to get the members present home safely.

Respectfully Submitted

John R. Morphy
District 11B Vice Chairman
(Acting Secretary)

website to track the status of bills. He spoke how important it is for us to find our legislator and send them an e-mail on bills we support and oppose. When we send them an e-mail, he wants us to CC: him a copy so he can follow up on their response.

Our March 4 meetings was hosted by Fire Department of Liberty Township with 11 members present from 6 departments and 11 guests. Vendor guests were Larry Polas - Global Emergency Products and Tim Raun from Station Supply.

District 12 Miss Flame Ashley Cook of Advance Vol. Fire Dept. and runner-up Kaleijah Bruner of Decatur Twp. Fire Department spoke with us about a project that Ashley would like to do. The project would be to have a tag on the electrical meter and the front door to let utility people and emergency medical personnel know that a person with medical needs lives within that home.

Carol and Marlene Thrawley spoke with us about Supporting Heroes on how and who to contact in case of a Line of Duty death and the support this organization can bring us. They also told us of the upcoming Heroes Olympics at the Boone County Fire Training Grounds in Lebanon May 10 & 11.

Carol Curl, District 12 IVFAA president and Larry Bartlow, West Central PR #3 updated us on legislation events and training information.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Green Twp. Fire Dept. in Morgan County on May 20 at 19:00 hours.

God bless, be safe and hope to see you at Green Twp.

Larry E. Bruner
District 12 chairman

know and we will get her there. She will represent us well at the upcoming convention at Muncie this year. Great young lady!

The next meeting will be at Pendelton VFD at 19:00 on May 21, 2013. Buck Creek will be hosting the July meeting on the 16th at 19:00 as well. September and November are open if anyone would like to step up for them, as is all of next year. Let me know.

That's about all I have at this time. Stay safe out there and we will be coming around to see you.

Carol and Marlene
cthrawley@gmail.com

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

District 13 B meeting was held on March 14th, 2012 at the Hagerstown Fire Department.

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by Chairman Jeff Biehl. Minutes were read and approved.

No old business.

Bob Bullock reported on District 6 training council news, Upland Fire Dept. donated a truck to Gas City for their training center. We discussed using the module system to teach FF 1 & FF 11, discussed the rumor of a brick and mortar State Training Academy. Discussed SB 329 the defeat of changing the nepotism bill and what it means to a lot of us that hold office. Discussed the upcoming changes to the EMS Classification.

Announcements:

Centerville Fire Dept. hosting a chicken and noodle dinner 4-7 p.m.

April 28th Bentonville Fire Dept. hosting a fish fry.

50/50 won by Cushman all donated back to district.

Tim Runn was present from Station Supply to demonstrate his truck cleaners.

Next meeting May 9th 2013 at Boston Fire Dept.

Meeting adjourned.

Our thoughts and prayers to Miriam Schaeckel Family.

Jeff Biehl
District 13 B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14.

We have been busy this quarter running everywhere we can.

Your Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon retired after 3 years and wants to come to a convention and sleep in.

We have a new Miss Flame Hailey Missamore from Jennings

Township Fire Dept. in Austin, Indiana, so if you need her, call me so we can get to your department's functions.

Also, check out the bills coming out and contact your people.

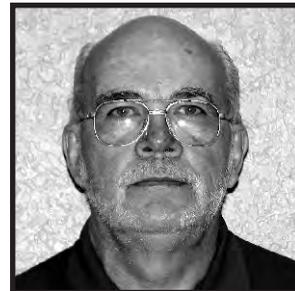
The IVFA trailer is ready to go. Call ASAP to get it -- first come, first serve.

Also we are bidding on a convention at Muncie this year at convention.

Our next meeting is on May 11 at New Chaple Fire on Charlestown Road at 16:00 hours for a District 14-16 cookout. And then a District 14 meeting at Spencer Fire Dept. on May 16 at 19:00 hours located in Hayden, IN off Hwy. 50 between Seymour and North Vernon.

Rick Cannon
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A,

January 4th I attended the Richland-Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

January 13th I attended District 17A Miss Flame presentation at the Lyons VFD for Jesse McDonald who will represent us at the convention.

January 14th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. at the Bloomfield VFD. Elections were held for the forthcoming year.

January 19th District 17A meeting and Vincennes sausage was held. I would like to thank all those who attended.

Our 2012 State Miss Flame Jessie Dove was in attendance and also our 2013 District 17A Miss Flame Jesse McDonald attended.

State officers and others in attendance included Jack Kerney, past president IVFA and his wife Barb Kerney, past president IVFAA, who takes care of the Central Office. Others on hand were: IVFA president Dave Israel, John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman, Larry Curl, Lobbyist, Harry Logan, District 15 chair, Steve Anderson, IVFA vice president, Buz Koehler, Board Chairman and Mike Garvey, Homeland Security. Also several members of the IVFAA were in attendance. Thanks to those who came forward and made comments.

I would like to say thanks to the Vincennes Twp. VFD for another great job and the new location worked out great.

January 21st a Memorial Service was held for Loogootee VFD member Melvin Bell, a 50 year IVFA member. The family was presented a Bible and Grave marker. Condolences to the family.

February 1, 2 and 3 attended state officers' meeting in Indianapolis. Much information was passed out. Attend your district meetings and see what is happening.

February 4th I attended a Gas Pipe training program.

February 7th I attended Richland-Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

February 11th I attended Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Lewis Twp.

February 19th a memorial service

was held for Patoka VFD member Lora Hurst in Oakland City. A Bible and Grave marker were presented to her husband, Terry Hurst. Condolences to the family.

March 11th I attended Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Richland Twp. VFD.

March 13th a memorial service was held for Bicknell VFD member Donald Ray Page, a 50 year IVFA member. A Bible and Grave marker were presented to his wife Mary Page. Condolences to the family.

March 16th I was invited to an awards presentation at the Sandborn VFD where plaques were presented and I presented 25 year pins to Rickie Hartin, Kevin Cook and Chief Kein Etmeier. Thanks for your years of service.

March 23rd I attended a Celebration of Life for Edwardsport VFD member Lanny R. Fulford and presented his wife Cris Fulford a Bible and Grave marker. My condolences to the family.

The next District 17A meeting is May 22nd at the Bicknell FD and our July 17th meeting will be at the Loogootee VFD with elections to be held.

Hope to see you at future meetings.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

Our last meeting was on March 13, at Brown County VFD in Nashville. We had 24 members present representing 9 departments.

Micah Keith, Fire Chief of the Indian Creek VFD in Lawrence County was presented with his IVFA 25 year pin.

McKinley Norman, of the Pleasant Run VFD, and District 17-B's Miss Flame was in attendance.

The IDHS Mobile Live Fire Trainer trailer has been in Lawrence County and many of our District 17-B departments took advantage of this training. The trainer was used an average of 3-4 times a week.

Remember, when we send you an e-mail to contact your legislator

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DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our January 21 meeting was held at the Eel River Twp. Fire Dept. with 12 members present from 4 departments. We had 10 guests to include IVFA Miss Flame Jessica Dove.

Jessica presented a presentation on medical alert sticker and how it can help emergency medical personnel when arriving upon the scene. The stickers would be placed on the lower left corner of the windshield and the rear window. There would be a personal info card in the glove box that can go with that person when being transported. Jessica said at this time they are looking for sponsors to support this program.

Other guests were Jessie Newton - California Casualty Insurance, Tim Raun - Station Supply, Dave Cook - H&E Aerial, Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish - past IVFA presidents and Larry Curl - IVFA lobbyist.

Larry spoke to us about legislation the IVFA is supporting and the bills we are opposing. He talked about how we can go to the legislative page on the IVFA

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley - Chairman

Hello fellow 13A members and readers,

It has been a long winter. We have lost 2 members this winter and a great 13A IVFAA lady as well. Paul Myers from Sulphur Springs/Jefferson Twp. passed away. He was a 50+ Gold card member. Curtis Parker also from Sulphur Springs/Jefferson Twp. lost his fight with cancer, and our beloved Miriam Schaeckel from Buck Creek left us to be with Calvin. These three will greatly be missed.

We had our last 13A meeting in March at Fountaintown VFD. Thanks to Chief Tyner and the ladies for a great job and food. It was a good meeting with 8 departments present and 24 members. John Buckman stopped in and updated us on training. Thanks John for coming by. You are welcome anytime. President David Israel stopped by to update us on legislative issues as well.

We have a new Miss Flame for 2013. Her name is Stephanie Mayer from Fountaintown. Welcome, Stephanie! If anybody would like for her to make a station visit, let me

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

Chair, District 18 Term: January 2012 - December 2015

Members, District 9B -1 Term: January 2012 - December 2014
District 8A Term: January 2012 - December 2015

District 17A Term: January 2012 - December 2014

District 13B Term: January 2012 - December 2014

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 17B REPORT

-CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7 about a bill, it's very important that you follow through and do this.

The IVFA dues will soon be sent to your departments, so please send the dues in as soon as you can.

The 2013 IVFA Convention in Muncie will soon be here and I hope to see you there.

Our next meeting will be on May 8* at Orange County Rural District #2 located at 223 W. Quarry Road in Orleans.

Steve Nolan, 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 21 meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the Central Perry VFD. 66 members, 2 Individual members, representing 20 departments answered roll call. A total of 213 runs were reported answered by the membership. Guests included Jack and Barb Kerney from the Central Office, Carl Deel from the Fire Marshal's Office and John Buckman of the IDHS Training Staff. Chief Buckman reinforced a point that I have been bringing to all departments that I visit. **"In the old days, turn-out gear was dirty after a structure fire. Now it is contaminated!"** If you are exposed to the smoke and other agents that are present at fires now ... CLEAN YOUR GEAR!! If your department does not have gear washing equipment, reach out to a neighboring department that does. If your department does have such equipment, reach out to a neighboring department that does not, if they have a structure fire. We are all quick to call for, or respond to, a call for "mutual aid", the opportunity to clean one's gear is just as serious as bringing a tanker, air bottles, or manpower to a scene. Remember, cancer is now the leading cause of death within the Fire Service community.

The St. Anthony VFD will be hosting our Annual Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame Contest in October.

The annual fire school in Jasper has just concluded, over 200 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 16 May with the Anderson Twp. VFD as our host.

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

John "Bull" Smith, Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello,
Hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

We had a few things going on in the district. Morris had a gun raffle and a breakfast, Blooming Grove and New Trenton had fish fries on Good Friday.

I attended the breakfast and both fish fries -- all had excellent food.

Our last district meeting was held at Miller York Fire Department. The next meeting will be at Sunman Rural Fire Department on May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

If any departments are having events, let me know so that I can attend your events.

The convention will be coming up in June 12, 13, 14 in Muncie. If you can, try to send a couple from your department to the convention.

Let's have District 19 to have the best showing.

Hope to see you at our next meeting in May.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

The next meeting for District 21 is at Forest Vol. Fire Dept. at Forest, IN in Clinton County on May 20, 2013 - meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

The August meeting will be at Johnson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., 8983 E County Road 0 NS, Frankfort, IN 46041 in Clinton County or call Hillisburg, IN on August 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

For the convention the district has a Miss Flame, Brook Sears. We wish her good luck.

Hope to see some new faces at the convention in June.

This past winter I passed out 15 25 year pins and 2 50 year Gold Cards.

Don Fultz
District 21 chairman

August deadline: July 5, 2013

Appreciation dinner held



The 10th Appreciation Dinner was held at Liberty Twp. Fire Department on February 9, 2013.

The dinner is to show the firemen's appreciation to their wives for their support for the past year. The dinner also is to inform the firefighters how much the community supports them and appreciates their dedication to the fire service. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Firefighters participate in Water Supply course

(PICTURED AT RIGHT) - Twenty firefighters from Indian Creek VFD, Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District and Shawswick VFD of District 17-B were taking Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply course with instructors from the Pleasant Run VFD. - submitted by Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B.

Public Relations Director West Central Larry Bartlow



Hello everyone, welcome to spring.

The calendar may say spring, but as I write there is still frost on the roof

in April.

As I have attended all district meetings this quarter and attendance has been good but it needs to be much greater. A lot of information is available at these meetings and the more that attend the more informative we become. One or two people cannot change the minds of a state legislator or a member of the Board of Firefighting Standards and Education, but a large number can make a difference. We are slow to learn this but we need everyone's help and we will get stronger.

Congratulations to the Miss Flame contestants from our area, we wish you all well at convention.

Convention is June 12-15 this year in Muncie. Make your plans now to attend. All forms for registration and reservations are on the website ivfa.org.

Until next time, be safe and watch out for soft spots on the edge of roads.

Larry Bartlow

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



I hope everyone remembered when you changed your clocks to Daylight Savings Time to change your batteries in your smoke and CO alarms.

The Albion Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating 125th anniversary, Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, July 20th with multiple events at the Central Noble High School, including a Cruise-In of fire apparatus from northeastern Indiana. The Albion Fire Department in addition to the Cruise-In of fire apparatus and fire equipment exhibits, are in the process of putting together a full schedule of demonstrations and fire prevention activities along with presentations by government officials.

In addition to these events, local author and Albion volunteer firefighter Mark Hunter will have a book signing of his latest book,

"Smokey Days and Sleepless Nights: A Century or So With the Albion Fire Department."

This year's annual convention will be held in Muncie June 12-15th. Hotel reservation hotline 1-855-443-3864. You can also find the information and forms in the IVFA paper.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Volunteer firefighters . . .

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help me in my recovery from Sandy," said one recipient. "I truly appreciate the support as the entire first floor of my home was damaged."

The ability to fill the huge number of requests was thanks in large part to donations from individuals as well as supporters including the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, Scott Safety, and California Casualty. However, the amount of requests following Sandy has depleted the fund. Make a donation to the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund to ensure that future requests for assistance, either from Sandy or other large-scale disasters, are able to be filled so volunteers can get the help they desperately need.

All contributions made to the Volunteer Firefighters Support Fund go to providing assistance to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders impacted by disasters. The NVFC donates all administrative costs associated with the fund.



IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association

Quarterly Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Indianapolis, IN

February 2 & 3, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Israel at 2:25 p.m.

Invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Mel Camp.

President Israel introduced Candace Ashby -- board member of the Board of Firefighters Standard and Education. Candace started her career as a volunteer. She is a strong supporter of Volunteer Firefighters. She has been on the board for three years. The IVFA made very good valid points and at the last meeting of the Firefighter 1, 2 recertification everything has been tabled until the next rewrite which we have no idea when that will be. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact her at cashby154@aol.com. Lobbyist Larry Curl questioned Ms. Ashby as to your understanding is that recertification of the Firefighter 1-2 has been tabled. Ms. Ashby stated that was her understanding. Vice president Anderson stated that the minutes for the past meeting of the Board of Firefighters Standard and Education does not reflect that.

President Israel called for the reading of the minutes of the November 2012 meeting. Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Past president Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel called for the treasurer's report. Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler made motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. District 10 chairman John Ray made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Lanette Stewart - Supporting Heroes - reminded everyone of the Heroes Gala on March 2, 2013 - 4:00 social hour, 6:00 dinner at Shepardsville, Kentucky.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - Since last quarterly meeting we have 518 new members; we now have 15,667. Updated deceased, military, life membership for website. Emailed 25 year pins list, paid and not paid list, deceased list, and Board of Firefighting Standards and Education upcoming meetings. License plates are down.

District 7 is paid 100 0/0. Congratulations to district chairman Walt Reiter.

Awards Committee: Steve Anderson - Need Global Awards nominations from each district. We have received nominations for the awards and our awards committee

will be selecting the winners.

Angel Award Committee: Diane Harrison - We have received nominations and the committee will be selecting a winner.

Membership & Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison - The Hawaiian Cruise is during our May meeting, so we will be working with Charlie to get something scheduled. We would like for everyone to read the benefit books and mark any changes, deletions or additions that you see and get them to Buz Koehler or myself. Please pass out these books at your meetings and department meetings. President Israel representing Speakers Bureau went to Wild-Cat Fire Department at Windfall in District 8-A. They will be joining in this next dues cycle.

Public Relations & Education: Chairman Carol Thrawley - FDIC is April 25-27. If anyone would like to work the show there is a sign up sheet going around. Association spelling has been fixed on the banners but now firefighters is spelled wrong. Will be setting up at the Dubois (Jasper) Fire School. District chairman 18 John Smith is going to put something in the paper telling everyone the trailer and banners are available for their use.

Website: President Israel - \$1,180.00 to put Fire Department on website will be board action. We will be able to manage it ourselves.

Facebook: Chairman Leighann Ellis - we are at 700 members.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith - Anyone needing to use logo, send me an email.

Editor's Assistant: Mitch Parish - 16,029 papers printed.

Convention Committee: President Israel - We have two letters of intent for 2015 convention; District 3 at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City and District 14 & 16 at Horseshoe Casino.

2013 Convention Committee Hotel confirmation numbers are coming out. They did extend the registration period. Golf Scramble is \$38.00 per person. We are working on seminars. Signature Inn has changed to Bay Mount and it is sold out. Miss Flame's rooms are at this hotel and being held by their District number.

2014 Convention Committee: Chairman Lloyd Wright - pass.

Training Committee: Co-chairman Steve Anderson - Instructor 2-3 is going to be split. Train the trainer is a big mess. Module training of Firefighter 1-2 doesn't have to go through rewrite, could start seeing pilot classes by March. It gives you an option on which way you want to teach.

Board of Firefighters Standard and Education: Jack Kerney - November 3, at Rushville no test packets will be handed out till they have PSID # on the paperwork. No longer will they update your email address, address, phone numbers, have to be done on the portal. Fire Marshal's seminars are back. On-line testing will come available on January 2, 2013. There are several things that are needed to do on line testing.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney - Next meeting is in April.

In Time: Jack Zeeks - Meeting was held in January, it was very interesting. Next meeting will be in March.

Ezell Group Insurance: Lona

Huffman - Reviewed our policy with us. Past president Richard Glant made motion to add our lobbyist and district and state Miss Flame to our insurance policy. District chairman 13-B Jeff Biehl made second; motion carried by voice vote.

Legislative Report: Lobbyist Larry Curl - SB 321 and HB 423. We need everyone to contact their legislators and representatives. We need to get these bills in a committee hearing. We are watching SB 329. Volunteers doing business with a township you have to be 501 c 3 and your trustee shall appoint 2/3 of the board. We are also watching HB 1189 - an open burn law. We passed out legislative guides, please use them. I think we should have a volunteer firefighter's day at the State House.

EMS: Chairman Dave Kaufman - State Miss Flame Jessica Dove was in an accident Friday. She has a broken arm and is sore but will be okay. Dave passed around stickers that Jessica had made for her project. They are \$3.00 for 2 stickers and a card - as of right now, it depends on the amount that we order. They have changed a lot in the EMS field, we will be going to only 4 categories. July 1, 2014 is the deadline. Basic EMT training rose to over 200 hours.

Washington DC trip is May 8-10, 2013/ Those going are President Israel, Larry Curl, Buz Koehler, Terry Smith, Rick Cannon, Tim Deckard, Steve Macke and Larry Bruner.

President Israel asked that everyone poll their districts to see who has bunting, axes, Honor Guards, Bagpipes, etc. for funerals, so that we can put a list together so when we need items we know who to call.

Dave Phelps will be taking Don Vermillion's place as District 11-A chairman. Don is having some health issues.

President Israel had the opportunity to meet John Hill, the new Department of Homeland Security Director.

Nominating committee for 2013 is Jack Zeeks, chairman, Jim Abrams and Ed Scheele. Let them know if you are interested in running for any offices.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Israel -- Attended 3 county meetings, 9 districts, presented 2 Medal of Valor, trustee conference, 1 speakers bureau visit, presented 2 Bibles and grave markers and 2 Board of Firefighter's and Standards meetings, 1 meeting with legislators.

Vice President Anderson -- 2 Board of Firefighters and Standards, 1 memorial, 2 district meetings, 3 webinars.

Chaplain Gerdowsky -- Attended 4 district meetings, 2 memorials, 1 line of duty death. Reminded everyone that May 5, 2013 is the deadline for the deceased list for convention memorial service, so please check and make sure no one has been missed. Funeral voucher instead of beneficiary, maybe we should put Bible and grave marker on the form.

Secretary Harrison -- Attended 3 county meetings and 2 district meetings.

Treasurer Harker -- Attended 6 District meetings, 1 county meeting, did the 1099's, annual audit, lobbyist registration forms, application for raffle license for

convention.

Sergeant at Arms Bush -- Attended 1 district meeting.

Chairman of the Board Koehler -- Attended several district meetings, legislative meeting.

PRNW Jim Bradford -- Absent. Buz Koehler reported he is doing better, having some issues with his balance.

PRNE Jean Smith -- Attended 7 district meetings, 1 memorial, 1 Line of Duty death, presented 3 Bibles and grave markers.

PRWC Larry Bartlow -- Attended 6 district meetings, 2 Board of Firefighter's Standards and Education meetings, 1 memorial and presented 1 Gold card.

PREC Don Cushman -- Attended all but 1 district meeting, 1 county meeting and a Firehouse 60th Anniversary.

PRSW Jim Abrams -- Attended 6 district meetings and 1 Gold Card.

PRSE Ed Scheele -- Attended 2 district meetings, 2 department meetings and 1 Board of Firefighter's Standard and Education meeting.

SOG's / Bylaws: Buz Koehler - The committee met and we have one proposal for a change for the SOG's. Section 11 expenses and allowance says the treasurer shall have 10 cents per member per year. The proposed change is to raise it to 13 cents per member per year for both secretary and treasurer. We will vote on it at the May meeting.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Harker - March 1st is the deadline. Reminded the Bridgeport committee they will meet on Friday night of the May meeting.

License Plates: Harker - pass.

John Buckman - Complimented the IVFA on our opposition on the recertification. It was a well written letter and you presented your opposition very well and it was put on a back burner.

I attended a conference in Chicago where they spoke about the number one killer in the fire service is cancer. Wash gear after each use if you were in the hot zone. Use station washers, not personal or laundry mats. Fire helmets - replace the inner liner. Hoods - don't wear around the neck after coming out of hot zone. Clean the seats in the fire trucks. If you can smell the fire after the fire, you are still poisoning yourself and if you put dirty gear in the car and you can smell it, then you are poisoning your family.

PSID lookup had been restored. On-line testing is ready for all certifications except technical rescue. If you register a course, Barb will call and see if you want paper or computer. It is voluntary 7 days to complete from schedule test date. You will have three hour time frame on computer testing. We have found a limitation. It is based upon the strength of your router.

Dave Probo - We are going to request a pilot from the Fire Board for modular training. Module 1

mandatory, Module 2 online on their own time is another option; Module 3 finishes Firefighter 1, practical skills as they are today; Module 4 Firefighter 2.

John Buckman - Brandon Wood created 18 training sessions that is skills based. Remember, it is a work in progress. If you have a great training program that you use at your station, let me know so that we can share it. Brandon is going to do some webinars. Let us know if you would like us to attend your district meetings. State Fire Academy is going to happen. Governor Pence has made it one of his initiatives. We have not decided where it will be or what kind of training will be held there. We would love to co-sponsor another volunteer leadership program with the IVFA. The first one got good reviews. The only difference would be two weekends for the next one. Fire Marshal Seminars - three in the spring and three in the fall - all the dates have not been set yet.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - Asked about associate chaplain four trainings a year. Treasurer Harker said it is in your chaplain budget.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Parker - Absent.

Mitch Parish - Pass.

Richard Glant - Pass.

Jack Zeeks - Pass.

Buz Koehler - Pass.

Jack Kerney - Pass.

Larry Ketchem - Pass.

Tim Deckard - Absent.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 - Tom Orrell - Absent.

District 2 - Paul Watland - Pass.

District 3 - Dave Kaufman - Pass.

District 4 - Terry Smith - Pass.

District 5 - Don Kissinger - 7 25 year pins, 3 Gold cards, 1 memorial service, several county meetings.

District 6 - Jerry Sprague - Had a Line of Duty Death in November. Asked vice president Anderson to email out the letter that we sent to the Board of Firefighter's Standards and Education.

District 7 - Walt Reiter - March 26, 2013 Poe Volunteer Fire Department annual bake sale auction.

District 8A - Bill Pape - Pass.

District 8B - Lloyd Wright - Pass.

District 9A - Leighann Ellis.

District 9B - Randy Denton - Absent.

District 10 - John Ray - Presented 2 Gold cards. Attended Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meeting.

District 11A - Dave Phelps - Absent.

District 11B - Larry Southard - Absent - March 10 Rosedale Miss Flame contest.

District 12 - Larry Bruner - Pass.

District 13A - Carol Thrawley -

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Quarterly meeting

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Presented 1 Gold card.

District 13B - Jeff Biehl - Pass.

District 14 - Rick Cannon - Presented 1 Gold card, 5 - 25 year pins and 2 Medals of Valor.

District 15 - Harry Logan - Thanked everyone for the prayers and cards. Attended 3 Chiefs meetings, 2 district meetings, 5 department meetings, 1 60th station anniversary and 1 Gold card.

District 16 - Paul Holcomb - Pass.

District 17A - Sam Emery - Presented 4 Gold cards.

District 17B - Steve Nolan - Pass.

District 18 - John Smith - 13 / 25 year pins, 5 Gold cards, Dubois (Jasper) Fire School March 16, 17, 23, 24. There will be an Honor Guard class the second weekend.

District 19 - Steve Macke - Morris VFD is having a gun raffle, Training District 9 Batesville hosting safety officer class. Presented 1 Gold card.

District 21 - Don Fultz - Presented 14 / 25 year pins, 2 Gold cards and 1 death.

American Income Life - Michelle Baxter - Since 2007 we have paid \$315,486 in claims from ADA claims as well as insurance claims. Please encourage your members to meet with our representatives; they do a need based analysis. It is good for their knowledge as well as people's needs changed.

District 13A - Carol Thrawley - discussed Heroes competition.

District 5 chairman Don Kissinger made motion to adjourn. Past president Richard Glant made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison

Volunteer firefighters need your help

Volunteer firefighters whose homes and property were devastated by Super Storm Sandy are still struggling to get back on their feet. You can help these first responders in need by making a contribution to the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund. **Donations are urgently needed as the fund is depleted and requests for assistance continue to come in.**

The Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund provides stipends of \$250 to help volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel meet expenses in the wake of a state- or federally-declared disaster. Volunteers must have suffered an uninsurable loss in excess of \$5,000 and be from an NVFC member state as an individual or department member of the state association.

In the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy, hundreds of requests for help poured into the NVFC, and the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund has been able to provide close to \$100,000 in assistance. The support meant a lot to the volunteers as they started to rebuild their lives. "A big thank you to NVFC for the check to

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From the State House to the Fire House

by Larry Curl
IVFA Member & Lobbyist

Greetings all;

By the time you receive this newspaper we will have wrapped-up the 118th General Assembly; the year of the State Budget (most commonly known as the Long Session meaning it is four months in length vs. the short session which is three months in length) I want to share with you some of the issues, concerns, impact and tasks we were and are faced with.

I have traveled to many of your District Meetings during this last quarter to keep you informed as to the bills that impact on us as a Volunteer Fire Service. Each week we have updated the IVFA legislative bill tracking.

One of our major focuses this year continued to be last year's HB 1005, which is now IC 3-5-9. We are still working to attempt to overturn the impact of this law which simply stated has removed your "right to hold elected office" in the same unit of government in which you volunteer as a firefighter.

This effort will continue on into the next session with much work yet to be done by both you and I during the summer months. We urge you to stay in touch with your IVFA Leadership, watch the IVFA website legislative page, and participate in your District Meeting where this topic will be reviewed

and discussed for possible solutions to changing the current law. If it is not talked about during your meetings ask your Public Relations or District Chairman about where we are with it.

Legislation only works if we work at it...

Bills introduced this session ranged from emergency loan funding to fire territories and fire district bills, from regulation of residential leases to local government reorganization bills and a bill that would urge the legislative council to assign to a study committee during the 2013 interim, the topic of allowing counties to change the executive and legislative structure of county government. You can see these bills listed in our Final Bill Tracking for this session on the website.

During this session we have on a couple of occasions called upon you for your assistance in contacting your legislator(s) as nothing speaks louder than constituents when addressing a concern with an elected official. I thank you for your calls, emails, conversations, and support when called upon to help.

Many of the bills that we were watching were also the same bills that our Trustees and the Indiana Fire Chiefs were watching, and many match up with the Career Fire Service as well.

You might remember the survey that each department was called upon to participate in just over a year

ago, many thoughts and issues from your responses were used to guide and direct some of the bills that we have seen this session.

Speaking of the survey, which was a joint effort from the **Indiana Fire Alliance**, a partnership with the Fire Chiefs Assoc., the Indiana Fire Fighters Assoc., the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc., the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana and the State Fire Marshal, we still continue our regular meetings each month to address the Fire Service Legislation, needs and assessments. We have had great success in getting the attention of the newly elected Administration, the new Director of Homeland Security, Director John Hill (whom our President has invited to the next officers meeting), and the new State Health Commissioner William C. VanNess II, M.D., and many of the members of the Indiana General Assembly of which nearly 1/3 are newly elected Legislators.

As a part of the Fire Alliance we have been invited to come to the table and participate in the process on such committees as the Trauma Committee, the future of a State Fire Academy, to meet with a review panel about the Department of IDHS, things that just did not happen in the past but because of the unity of the state fire services has begun to open doors that allow us, the providers to help shape some of the direction of our future. While we do not always agree on all issues we can at least sit at the same

table and discuss them and agree to disagree on those we simply do not agree on.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2013 IVFA convention at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie IN June 12-15th, talking with you and sharing the results of this year's 118th General Assembly. This will be the time that we begin to draft our Legislative Agenda for the 119th (2014) Session of the Indiana General Assembly and we will be asking for input from you on items that you feel we should address. I encourage you to stop me when you see me if you have a question about our involvement at the State House or with the Fire Alliance. I am hopeful we can work even closer together to help direct, shape, and guide our future to a better service for those we serve.

Just one final note... in our last paper (February 2013) in our President's Column he shared with you my contact information but did not get the phone number exactly correct, I have not said any thing to him, I just want to see if he reads my article in this quarterly paper. It is 317.605.6669 not (317) 605-6660 that was printing in the paper.

Thanks for allowing me to work with you and for you on legislation that matters to us.

Larry Curl

Blame any spelling errors you find on my computer, in real life I can spell.

IAFC, NVFC get ready for Safety and Health Week

Behavioral Health Takes Center Stage in 2013 Campaign

The International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council have announced that behavioral health will be the focus of this year's activities during the 2013 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week, to be held June 16-22.

Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activity during Safety and Health Week to focus on safety and health training and education, allowing all shifts and personnel to participate. An entire week is provided to ensure each shift and duty crew can spend at least one day focusing on these critical issues.

Saving Our Own...An Inside Job

This year's effort will capture the importance of responders looking out for their own and each other's mental and physical well-being. This year's tag line, *Saving Our Own...An Inside Job*, reflects the focus on the theme of behavioral health and the understanding that the most important factor in improving responder health and safety is other responders.

National and international organizations have been focusing on behavioral health issues for the past several years, but they are still taboo in many departments. Safety and Health Week is an opportunity to start moving discussion, action, and resources to the local level.

"Addressing behavioral health issues can only be done when we first acknowledge there is a problem, and we've been in collective denial as an industry for too long," said IAFC President Hank Clemmensen. "Our responders are under unprecedented pressure, and it's time we have some unprecedented conversations about how that impacts our health."

"The mental and emotional well-being of our first responders is as important as their physical health," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "It is time we recognize that these issues have a critical impact on health and safety, and ignoring this puts our personnel at risk. The fire service community needs to understand these issues and remove the barriers to meeting the behavioral health needs of personnel."

Start Planning Today

The IAFC and NVFC have provided planning resources on the Safety and Health Week web site at SafetyAndHealthWeek.org, including those related to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Life Safety Initiative #13, which addresses behavioral health issues within the fire service.

Departments are encouraged to submit links to additional resources, articles, and SOPs that can help other departments. Upload

these resources using the form available on the Event Planning page of SafetyAndHealthWeek.org.

Begin your planning now. For more information visit Safety and Health Week online.

About Safety and Health Week

Safety and Health Week is a collaborative program embraced by more than 20 national and international fire and emergency-service organizations, with sponsorship provided by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council. The event is coordinated by the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section (SHS) and the NVFC's Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program. Learn more at www.safetyandhealthweek.org.

About the International Association of Fire Chiefs

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally, and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders. Learn more at www.iafc.org.

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What you need to know for the spring/summer

It is ALWAYS illegal to open burn garbage!

Safer alternatives exist statewide. That's why Indiana law restricts open burning.

However, in counties where air quality meets state and federal health standards, state law permits certain open burning of "clean wood products", such as leaves and branches, as long as the burning is done according to the rules.

Local ordinances more strict than the state's open burning laws exist in many counties. If this is the case, the more restrictive requirement applies. If you choose to burn clean wood products despite the potential environmental and health impacts, you should check with your local fire department or health department for information on local ordinances.

Mobile Live Fire trainer



Members from Indian Creek VFD, Marshall Twp. VFD and Pleasant Run VFD of Lawrence County had a good day of training at the Mobile Live Fire Trainer. – submitted by Steve Nolan, Chairman District 17-B



New brush apparatus at Huntingburg VFD



The Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. (Dubois Co., District 18) will be meeting the spring Wildland Fire Season with the newest addition to their fleet. Designated "Brush 735", the 2012 Ford F350 4x4 sports, an all aluminum body made by Gerry's Automotive.

The apparatus carries a 220 gallon water tank with a 5 gallon built-in Class A foam cell. A waterous pump and Scotty Class A foam injector is powered by an 18 horsepower Briggs & Stratton engine. Two 250 foot hose reels are mounted on the body as well as two front bumper mounted discharge nozzles. Interior cab mounted pump controls and ground sweep nozzle controls add to the ease of operation during responses. Two telescopic LED scene lights are mounted at the truck's mid ships. Cargo storage includes space for rakes, "flappers", chain saw, suction hose, and 10 new hand operated water filled back packs. – Information and photo courtesy of Huntingburg VFD Chief Scott Patberg and submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

Globe, DuPont, and NVFC to give away 52 sets of gear in 2013

Eligible departments can apply at www.nvfc.org

Globe, DuPont, and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have teamed up once again to provide new gear to volunteer fire departments in need. The application period is now open for eligible departments to apply for up to four sets of gear. Up to 52 sets will be given away in 2013.

Globe has been a trusted name in the fire service since first inventing turnout gear in 1887. To celebrate the company's 125th anniversary and say thank you to firefighters who dedicate themselves to protecting their communities, Globe partnered with DuPont and the NVFC in 2012 to launch a gear donation program. In all, 16 departments in the U.S. and Canada were awarded a total of 144 sets of gear. With the success of the program and the obvious need among volunteer departments for gear, Globe is offering an additional 52 sets of gear to NVFC members in 2013.

"We received over 2,600 applications for the gear in 2012, demonstrating the great need for this type of program," said NVFC Executive Director Heather Schafer. "Volunteer departments across the country are facing limited or shrinking budgets and are struggling to provide their personnel with safe, compliant gear. Many are forced to make do with inadequate gear that puts their responders in danger. Globe and DuPont are great examples of companies giving back to their constituents and making a difference in our communities. We are proud to continue partnering with Globe and DuPont to implement this much-needed gear donation program."

"At Globe, firefighter safety is not just our business – it's our passion," said Rob Freese, Globe Manufacturing Company Senior VP of Marketing. "We're grateful for the service provided by volunteer firefighters across the country and glad that we can improve their safety and performance with the

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District 18 awards presented



Ireland members receive awards

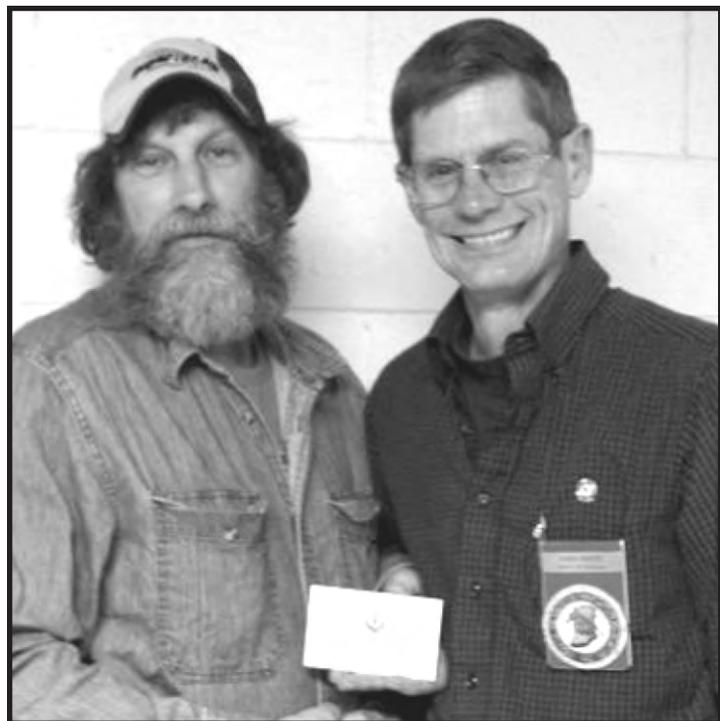
On Saturday, January 13, 2013 the Ireland VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) held its annual awards dinner.

Pictured (at left) along with the IVFD Chief Stan Seifert (center) are Scott Schnell (left) who received the "Ireland VFD Firefighter of the Year" award and Scott Schnaus (right) who received the "Most Runs Attended" award.

Pictured (at right) receiving the IVFA 25 Year Membership Pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith is Ireland Firefighter Scott J. Renner.



articles and photos by
John 'Bull' Smith
District 18 chairman

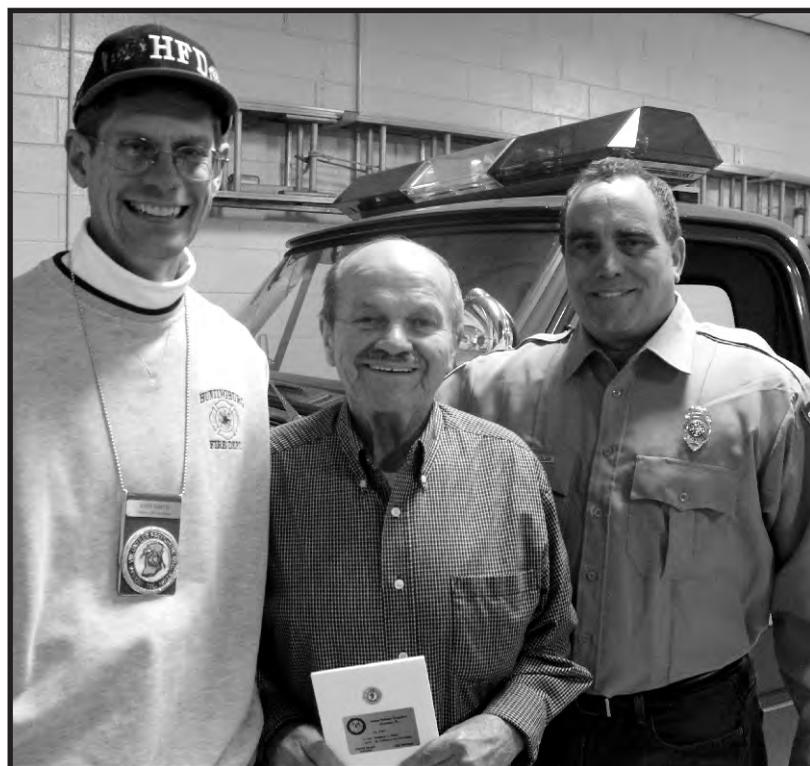


50 year pin and Gold card awarded

On Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Mr. Eugene (Gene) L. Klem of the St. Anthony VFD (Dubois Co.) was presented with the IVFA 50 year membership pin and Gold card.

Klem was a founding member of the SAVFD and although retired from active service, still helps out at fund raisers.

Pictured with Gene (center) are IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith (left) and St. Anthony VFD Chief Scott Uebelhor (right).



Lautner receives 25 year pin

At the IVFA District 18 meeting of January 17, 2013, Daniel Lautner (left) of the New Boston VFD (Perry Co., District 18) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Globe, DuPont . . .

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most advanced turnout gear."

To be eligible to apply for a gear donation, departments must be all-volunteer, serve a population of 25,000 or less, be located in the U.S. or Canada and legally organized under state law, and must be a Department or Individual Member of the NVFC. If you are not currently a member of the NVFC, visit www.nvfc.org/membership to join.

Find full program criteria and apply at www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-donation. Applications are due by Sunday, June 30, 2013.

About Globe

Firefighters need to be prepared to perform at their peak, on every call. That's why, when it comes to turnout gear, fit matters. Globe's turnout gear is designed to protect you, move with you, and improve your performance. It's athletic gear for firefighters. Learn more at globeturnoutgear.com.

About DuPont

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Contact: Kimberly Quiros
202-887-5700



Ferdinand VFD members receive awards

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, the Ferdinand VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) held its annual Awards Dinner. Among the presentations was the IVFA 25 years Membership Pin to Ferdinand members (left to right) Scott Wendholt, Tom Fleck, and Brad Haas.

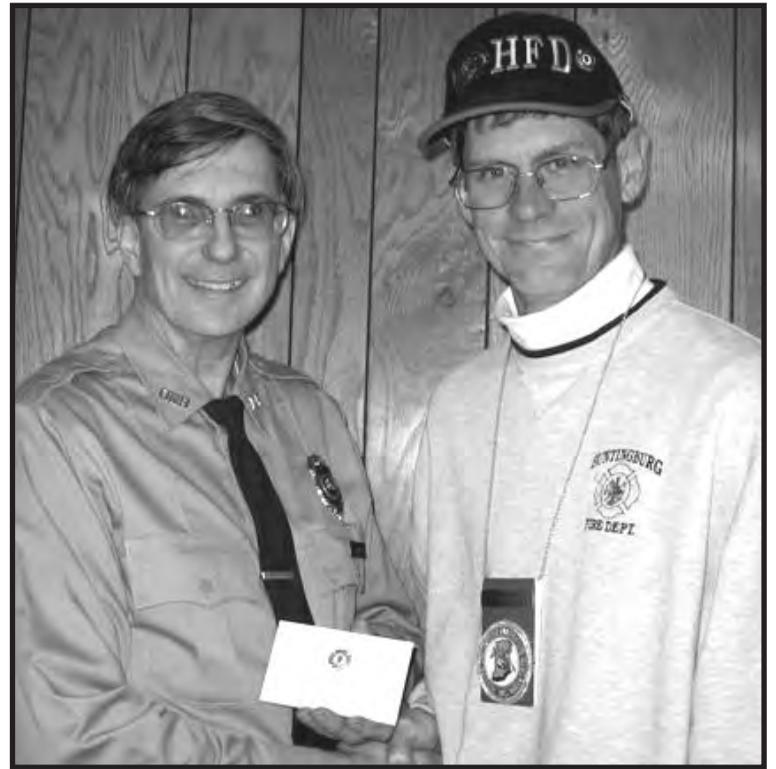
Also receiving the award but not present was Jim Weyer.

AD DEADLINES:
AUGUST 5, 2013: JULY 5, 2013
NOVEMBER 5, 2013: SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

District 18 awards presented



At the January 7 meeting of the Troy VFD (Perry Co., District 18), Troy VFD Chief Bernard "Pudder" Linne received the IVFA 25 year membership pin from IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.



articles and photos by John 'Bull' Smith District 18 chairman

On Thursday, March 21, 2013, the IVFA District held its regular meeting and was hosted by the Central Perry VFD. During the meeting, district chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 25 year membership pin to Lynn Krodel of the Department of Natural Resources. Krodel is a wildland firefighter with the DNR.

Green Township VFD members earn awards



IVFA East Central PR Don Cushman (left) is shown presenting 25 year service pins to Green Township Vol. Fire Dept. (Hancock Co.), District 13A members Dave McCord (center) and Greg Smith (right). – submitted by Jerry Titus, Green Twp. Fire.



Reelsville VFD member honored

Reelsville VFD member Jimmy Proctor was honored on March 9, 2013 at a ceremony at the Reelsville Fire Station for his 50 years of service to the department.

Fellow member Dorman Owen does the honors of pinning Jimmy. – submitted by John McPherson, secretary, Reelsville VFD.

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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	BRID	
Rental fleet vehicles		Saturday, February 28
Heavy vehicles		
Trailers		
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
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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, 2013
DEADLINE IS:
JULY 5, 2013
12:00 P.M. (CST)**

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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.**

District 10 awards presented

Clarksburg VFD members honored



Pictured (left to right) District 10 chairman John Ray, 25 year pin recipient Doug Banks of Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Brad Speer.



Pictured (left to right) – District 10 chairman John Ray, 50 year Gold Card recipient Charles Emsweller of Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Brad Speer.



photos submitted by
John Ray, District 10 chairman

Hartsville VFD members honored

District 10 chairman John Ray (left) is shown presenting awards to 25 year members Robin Hargitt (center) and Bobby Knight (right) of the Hartsville Volunteer Fire Department.



Scott Robbins named Firefighter of the Year

State representative Cindy Zeimke presented Scott Robbins with 2012 Firefighter of the Year for Morris Vol. Fire Dept. The award is voted on by the members of the department.

Scott is a First Responder on the department and presently going to Firefighter 1 & 11 classes. – submitted by Ed Scheele, PR Southeast

Members earn Meritorious Service awards at recent meeting

At the Morris Vol. Fire Department annual meeting in January, State Fire Marshal James Greeson presented members with Meritorious Service Awards. They received a plaque and medal.

Aaron Hoff has 20 years of service, Randy Merkel has 21 years, Ted Meer has 27 years, Jim Vankirk has 28 years, Bob Hartman has 32 years and Jim Kirschner, Louis Scheele and Ed Scheele have 33 years.

Pictured (left to right) – Jim Kirschner, Aaron Hoff, Fire Marshal James Greeson, state representative Cindy Zeimke, Bob Hartman, Randy Merkel and Ed Scheele.

Also receiving awards were Ted Meer, Jim Vankirk and Louis Scheele, not pictured. – submitted by Ed Scheele, PR Southeast.



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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. Meeting of Nov. 4, 2012

The meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis, IN on Nov. 4, 2012.

The meeting was opened by Diana Gray at 8:30 a.m. with a prayer by Chaplain Joann Hays. Sgt.-at-arms, Marlene Poling led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill had roll call with 25 officers and 6 I.V.F.A.A. members answering.

Bob Uryga represented Dist. 3 with the absence of Chairman Joan Lewis. He is Dist. 3 Sec. - Treas.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Phyllis Vargo to dispense with the reading of the minutes and will stand as recorded.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter.

Carol Curl asked why the V.P. had to have a separate account. Lou Bartlow spoke about the raffle and we are to have a raffle permit for the V.P. project. We are to have a Determination letter for our 501c3 status, and the money has to be in a separate fund. We need a dissolution clause in our by-laws. Talked to the men and they will let us put the money in their raffle account and they will write us a check back, but only for this year. We may be fined. Opened for suggestions on how to make without the raffle. Lori Parker asked about the Chinese Auction and it is safe because we do not sell to the public, just in-house.

Leona read a thank you card from Diana Gray. A thank you card from the family of Ruth Deutscher from

Dist. 3.

Membership: 59 Dept. - 136 Ind. - 765 paid by Depts. - 22 Life members. Total of 923 total members.

Diana received in the mail returned envelopes for the Ins. that was returned. Need to be passed out and corrected.

A get well card for Rosella Bousman who is in the nursing home was passed around. Judy Smith gave a report on her.

Chaplain Joann read the names of the deceased members.

Joann handed out a paper and read us a story.

Passed a bag around to collect money to replenish the Chaplain's Fund, to help defray costs of cards, stamps and flowers.

Debbie Vermillion's husband is in the hospital. We can send cards to her home.

Marlene passed out the call list and committee list.

Diane asked that committee chairmen give Leona a list of their addresses or e-mail so she can send them the minutes.

Tony Sorg gave a financial report and we took in more money this last year. She read the budget for the year of 2013 - 2014.

Lou Bartlow made a motion to accept the budget for 2013-2014 and seconded by Bob Uryga. Motion approved.

Tony read the Mary Mackin Fund budget. Lou Bartlow made a motion to accept the budget and seconded by Sandra Hile. Motion approved.

The Miss Flame committee, Barb Kerney and E.J. Smith met with the host committee of the convention.

Heather Martin reported on the tickets for the V.P. project. The date is wrong on the tickets and will be reprinted and be at the Feb. meeting.

She reported on the Chinese auction and asked that homemade items be made, and that one basket per district only but if districts give more than one, it's okay. More personal items. Ideas from your own area.

Tony Sorg stated that the budget is blown. Heather is doing everything she can to get help with the prize cost. E.J. asked why 5000 tickets were ordered. Heather was ordered to buy that many tickets. The cost of the tickets are \$117.00. District chairmen should sell these at their meetings.

There were questions by many. A motion was made by Joann and seconded by Lou to have the tickets reprinted with the correct date and time. Heather is to order 5000

tickets. Motion approved.

President David Israel stated that we will stay at the same hotel. Dates: Feb. 1-2-3, May 3-4-5, Aug. 2-3-4, Nov. 1-2-3. The rate is the same.

Larry Curl thanked everyone for all they have done and will do for the election.

Buz Koehler brought the newspapers. Pictures are to be taken.

Heather was called home because her grandmother is dying.

Lori Parker talked about the Chinese Auction. She asked that each district can donate any number of baskets. Also whatever they want to give. Bring your basket to the May meeting.

District 7 proposed the new by-laws for the dissolution clause. Diana read the by-law and it says: Dissolution cause if the auxiliary should dissolve: 25% to the Hoosier Burn Camp, 25% to the Bridgeport Scholarship fund, 50% to the I.V.F.A. If for some reason the Hoosier Burn Camp and/or Bridgeport Scholarship fund is no longer in existence, the total assets are to be given to the I.V.F.A. We have to have this for our gaming license and in the by-laws. Will be read the next two meetings and voted on at the convention.

Phyllis Vargo asked about the Mary Mackin fund. Lou Bartlow said it would be separate. May need another by-law. Diana said it would be included in the assets.

Michelle Baxter from the American Income Life Ins. reminded everyone about the benefit and should check if anyone was missed. Thanked everyone for their donation. Extra cards will be at the next meeting.

Phyllis Vargo is starting a new auxiliary. Many members talked about how many new members they have signed up.

Joann stated that Leona and Phyllis are going to get together and start with Book Two and scan them to a disc.

Welcome Martha Thomas back. The Lois Boaz Committee stated that the letters are due by Feb. 1. They are to be sent to Lou Bartlow, Dorothy Reiter and Pam Gerdowsky. There will be a committee meeting at 3:00 at the Feb. 2. Individual letters and no copies.

Dorothy asked who gets paid. Lou stated that any past president, district chairmen, line officers and committee chairmen are to be paid for room, food or gas. Will get \$50.00 only. The SOG's stated if a spouse is in the I.V.F.A. then they cannot get paid.

Tony Sorg said that we are a separate group and we should get paid. She said that she had made a motion and it was voted on. The question of the Committee Chairman is not included. We crossed out Number 6 under finances.

Tony Sorg stated that we are financially within the budget. Discussion by everyone.

Bob Uryga made a motion to suspend the by-laws and seconded by Toni Sorg. Motion carried.

The Committee Chairman is to be added to the SOG's who are not officers or district chairmen will receive \$50.00 at the regular meetings and \$100.00 at the convention.

Bob Uryga made a motion to reinstall the by-laws and seconded by Toni Sorg. Motion carried.

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Lou Bartlow
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Judy Smith
JoAnn Hays

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

CORRESP. SEC. REPORT

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Phyllis Vargo asked why the men were asked to help with the V.P. project. Toni Sorg expressed to the men that it was not authorized.

Diana will send a letter of apology to the I.V.F.A.A.

The Line officers will meet at 4:00 on Feb. 2.

Miss Flame, Jessie Dove, spoke on her medical alert stickers.

Sandra Hile talked about a blood drive in her community and saved 64 lives.

Toni Sorg said that her daughter-in-law who is on animal rescue was deployed to the east coast. She also thanked everyone for the cards. Her great niece is home and doing better.

Barbara Parker's granddaughter-in-law is doing better.

Marlene Thrawley reported that former Dist. 13 A Miss Flame Jenn, is doing better.

Martha Thomas' husband is doing well.

Dorothy suggested making your room reservation now and for future dates.

Barb Parker's husband caught an elk.

Martha Thomas made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Phyllis Vargo. Motion carried.

Prayer by Joann Hays and meeting ended by 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Corres. Sec. Leona Uryga

I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting
Crowne Plaza

February 3, 2013

The meeting was opened at 8:30 a.m. by President Diana Gray.

Chaplain Joann Hays led us in prayer. Special prayers for Barb Parker, Carolyn McCarty, Miriam Schaeckel, Heather Martin's aunt who is having surgery, Rosella Bousman and Lou Bartlow. Barb Kerney reported that our State Miss Flame, Jessie Dove was in an accident and is recovering and Pam Gerdowsky had knee surgery.

The pledge to the flag was led by Sergeant at Arms Marlene Poling.

Recording Secretary June Cahill, called roll call with 23 officers, 6 I.V.F.A.A. members and no guests.

Membership has 60 Depts., 188 Indvi., 846 paid by departments and 22 life members. Total of 1056.

District 3 Chairman Dave Kaufman gave an update on Jessie Dove. He has sample stickers and a card to show what Jessie is doing on her project. She will be sending a message out through the Central Office. It will be \$3.00 for 2 stickers and a card for the glove compartment of a car.

Diana passed three cards around for Pam, Barb and Miriam.

Lou Bartlow made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and seconded by Carol Curl. Approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Dorothy Reiter. Subject to audit.

Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga read a thank you card from Barb Parker and a card from Phyllis Vargo.

Lou Bartlow thanked everyone for their cards and calls.

Chaplain Joann Hays asked everyone to get in touch with her on any illness and deaths. She will need more Bibles.

Installation Chairman Toni Sorg said that she is ready. With the financial study, Toni reported that she is glad that we are over the 1000 mark.

Barb Kerney stated that the Miss Flame response is doing well. She

also asked if the Mary Mackin committee could have money for the project.

The V.P. raffle chairman, Heather Martin, thanked everyone for the cards sent her for her grandmother. She has the tickets and would like everyone to take and sell them. If more are needed, please contact her.

Diana informed Lori Parker and Heather Martin that their projects will be moved for them at the convention.

Baskets are due at the May meeting.

Susie Lewis was asked if the 25 and 50 year pins were ready. She said that she was ready.

Diana said that maybe the men would have pictures or film reels from before 1974 so we could scan them to be put on a disc. She asked that districts ask their men and we could fill Book 1 with something.

Diana asked Gaming committee chairman Lou Bartlow about a letter she received. Lou stated that since we don't have any by-laws as yet there is nothing we can do.

Diana read the second reading of the dissolution clause to the by-laws. The third reading will be at the convention.

Leona Uryga will send information again to the Central Office to update the I.V.F.A.A. site.

Scott from the convention contacted Diana and asked if the ladies would like to have a seminar. There will be tours but because of the time frame we may not have the time. Marlene Thrawley stated that there will be at least ten vendors. There are handicap buses for the convention. To check on your room at the Baymont you need to call the general manger Kim at 765-284-4200. The Wednesday night gathering will be in a tent and so will the auction. The rest of the convention will be at the convention center.

Toni Sorg read the story of how the peanut brittle got started in 1980 with 250 pounds being made and the making of over 8000 pounds today.

Marlene Thrawley announced that the FDIC will be at the Indianapolis Convention Center on April 22-27. Any Miss Flames who would like to work a booth for the I.V.F.A. can come to help.

Heather Martin stated that if you need more tickets either call her or e-mail her.

District 11A is selling tickets for their Miss Flame on a basket. The drawing had a winner: Dist. 3 Bob Uryga.

Michelle Baxter from the American Income Life Ins. brought extra beneficiary cards and stated that if you have any questions, give her a call.

Lori Parker, who works for Arbonne, asked if anyone would like to donate for nursing home people.

There is a brick at Emmettsburg, Maryland in honor of Ivan Nevil. This was donated by the Sorg family and Dist. 7.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Toni Sorg to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting is May 5 at the Crowne Plaza.

Chaplain Joann Hays said a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary
Leona Uryga

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DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the November 1, 2012 District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

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

Pledge was recited.

Phyllis introduced the two Miss Flame contestants which were Brittany Andrews of Lake Station Fire Department - District 1 and Kate Watt of Lake of Four Season Fire - District #2.

Roll call was taken 24 members in attendance representing 7 departments and 2 individuals along with 9 guests.

Phyllis thanked Crown Point Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray the cost of hosting. Crown Point's auxiliary donated the check back to the District.

Minutes from the Sept. 6th, 2012 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner, no corrections or addition to minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$719.00 in checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Old Business:

Phyllis talked about the State Raffle - she will not be at November State Officer's meeting. Phyllis said if they make her sign a paper for personal information for the raffle she will not accept the tickets.

New Business

Phyllis introduced the ladies from Griffith Fire Department that were considering forming an auxiliary. The Griffith ladies even offered to host May meeting.

Department Announcements:

Lake of Four Season is Stop/Drop/Donate. Non-perishable food for the Local Food Pantries.

Lake Station Chili Fund-raiser on Nov. 10th - Call Diane at 945-6839.

Winners of the Silent Auction were announced.

50/50 - None.

Next meeting will be on March 14th @ 7:00.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Jackie Rench to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

Minutes of the March 14, 2013 District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Roll call was taken 20 members in attendance representing 6 departments and 1 individual along with 7 guests.

Phyllis thanked Lake Of Four

Season Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray the cost of hosting. Lake Of Four Season's auxiliary donated the check back to the District.

Minutes from the November 1st, 2012 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner, no corrections or addition to minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$770.00 in checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Phyllis did not attend the last State officer's meeting; she was not given any State Raffle tickets or received any in the mail.

State Minutes were read by Phyllis. Phyllis stated that there were 66 departments, 188 individual and 22 Life Time members with a total of 1,056 state auxiliary members.

Phyllis reminded everyone that this year's State Convention is June 12, 13 and 14 in Muncie. See the I.V.F.A. paper for details.

Phyllis talked about how the silent auction only brought in \$101.00. Before the silent auction brought in enough to help support the Miss Flame Contest. Phyllis brought up about how we voted last year to start paying District dues and they were to take the place of fund-raisers. There was a motion by Nikki LaDuke, 2nd by Martha Thomas to send a past due letter to the departments who have not paid. Motion passed. Phyllis will send out these letters.

Phyllis also had 2013 calendars available for meeting dates and places.

Paul Watland District #2 Chairman of the I.V.F.A. talked about 2013 Convention, FDIC, and gave an update on Jim Bradford.

Paul also reminded everyone that the Men's District meeting will be at Lincoln Twp. Fire Department on March 20th at 7 pm.

Brittney Andrews Miss Flame for District #1 was selling tickets for a Raffle Basket with the proceeds going to Hobart Humane Society.

Department Announcements:

Lake Station Pancake Breakfast Sun March 24th, 8 am- 1pm

Lake of Four Season Crazy Bunco Friday April 12th, 6pm Food, 7:30 Games

Griffith Auxiliary Chili Cook-off April 13th Noon-4pm

Lake Station Raffle - 14' Jon Boat w/trailer & motor. \$10/ticket on 500 sold. Drawing April 20th

Lake Station Blazin Bingo - Sunday May 5th 2pm - 6pm \$10 in advance.

50/50 - Judi Schoon winner of \$22.

Next meeting will be on May 9th @ 7:00 at Griffith.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Jen Andrews to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3 REPORT

Robert Uryga - Chairman

Nov. 28, 2012

The meeting began at 7:15 p.m. with the pledge to the flag led by Chairwoman Joan Lewis. A prayer was said by Chaplain Jody Barkow.

Coolspring-2, Michiana Shores-8, Individual-1, and 2 guests answered roll call.

A bill for the cost of the tiara of \$21.39 and postage of \$6.40 was

presented. Leona Uryga made a motion and seconded by Dorothy Moffitt to pay the bill. Motion carried.

The meeting was set for 2013: March 20, Michiana Shores, May 22, Coolspring Twp., July 17, Lincoln Twp., Sept. 18, Coolspring Twp., Nov. 20, Michiana Shores.

The new district 3 Miss Flame is Brittany Mace from Pleasant Twp. Her phone number is: 219-363-3237. Her mother is Angela Albin. She was crowned by the state Miss Flame, Jessie Dove and District 3 Chairwoman Joan Lewis. She gave us a speech about herself and what she would carry on from Jessie's project.

The state auxiliary meeting minutes were read and the Lois Boaz Award was mentioned.

The Chinese Auction was discussed and our theme will be lighthouses. Leona Uryga volunteered to decorate the basket and all auxiliaries will bring something to fill the basket by the March meeting.

The next meeting will be at Michiana Shore on March 20 and we will have a trash and treasure auction. Dorothy Moffitt won the 50/50 for \$7.00. The door award brought in \$14.00 to the district.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sec. - Treas. Robert Uryga

March 20, 2013

The meeting started at 7:30 p.m. after a spaghetti dinner. Chairman Joan Lewis led us in the pledge to the flag. Roll call was answered by 11 members present. The Sec. report was read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$342.80. Approved until audit.

A letter from Shirley Hall who gave us \$20.00 for the use of the basket for state.

Joan read the minutes of the state meeting and discussed the convention which will be held in Muncie on June 12 through the 14. Tickets for the vice president project were given out.

Steve Millick made a motion to close the meeting and seconded by Marge Wozniak. Motion carried.

An auction of a white elephant and bake sale was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Sec. Robert Uryga

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

January 21, 2013

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary Association met January 21, 2013 at the Nottingham Township Fire Department.

Due to the extreme cold, the meeting was moved to the local church.

The meeting was opened with a joint Pledge of Allegiance with the men. We then went to an adjoining room to continue our meeting.

The minutes of the November 19th meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read.

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(Pictured from left to right) – Cedar Lake Fire Dept. Chief Todd Wilkening, IVFA District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Firefighter Rick Pasquini, Firefighter Matt Conner, Firefighter/Paramedic John Hart, and Firefighter Ryan Bogenshneider.

Cedar Lake, IN – At the January regular meeting of the Cedar Lake Fire Department, Chief Todd Wilkening swore in four new members to the department. All four members have completed the department’s 2 year probationary period including the completion of the state’s Firefighter I/II training.

The new members are already attending regular meetings and trainings, and responding to fire and EMS calls. With the addition of the four members, the department now has 25 volunteers. – submitted by John Hart, FF/Paramedic.

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A Family Tradition

Carly Vandivier (center) was crowned District 11-B's Miss Flame at the district's meeting at Rosedale Fire Department on March 10th. Carly is the daughter of Larry and Jill Ketchem-Vandivier. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Barbara Ketchem.

Larry was given the Mr. IVFA Award in 1995 and was president of the IVFA 2007 - 2008. Barbara was given the Lois Boaz Award in 1986 and has previously served as the District 11-B Auxiliary chairman.

Carly's mother, Jill (second from left) was the 1984 State Miss Flame runner-up. Carly's aunt, Jodi Ketchem-Rohr (on the left) was the 1982 State Miss Flame. - submitted by Larry Ketchem.



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James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD

Albion Volunteer fire Department to celebrate 125th anniversary

The Albion Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary, Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, July 20, 2013 with a cruise-in of fire apparatus, fire equipment vendors, and many other activities for both firefighters and general public.

The time will be announced at a later date.

Along with other events planned for the day, there will be a staging of the trucks at the Central Noble High School parking lot.

Check-in time: 11 a.m. to noon.

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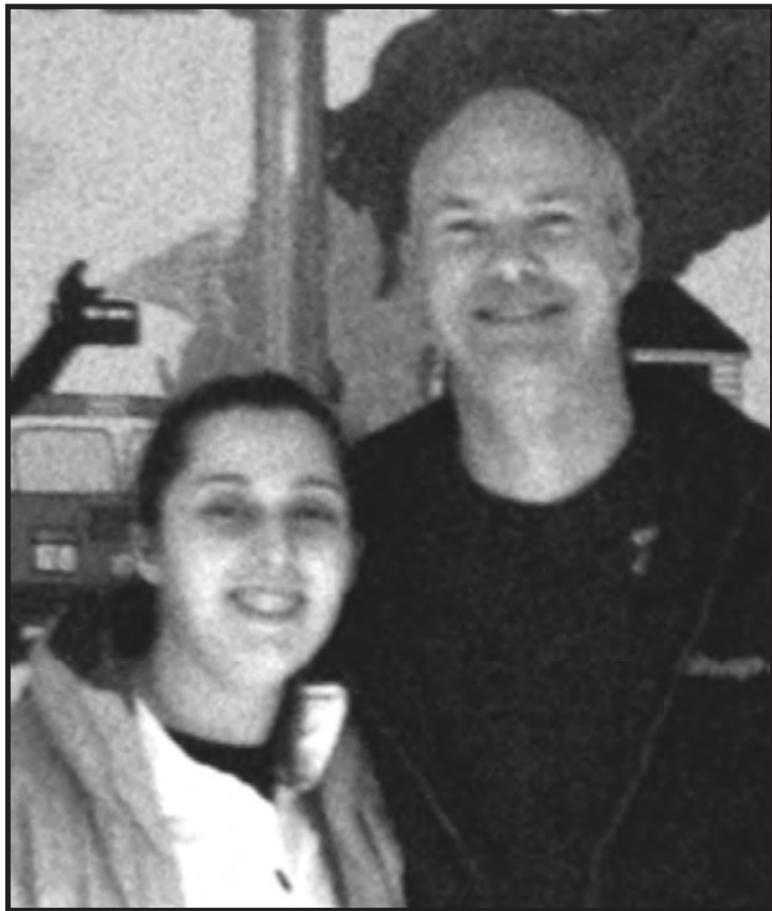
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Crown Point VFD members receive awards



Amy Favia and Chuck Cook are new members of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.

photos submitted by Paul Watland District 2 chairman



John Sarver (right) is congratulated on his 5 year membership on the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department by Erik Schmitt, secretary.

Members receive 25 year pins



Kevin Radtke (right) is congratulated on his 15 year membership on Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department by Erik Schmitt, secretary.



Doug DeVries and Robert Bryan of Keener Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. received their 25 year IVFA pins, presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Endicott receives 50 year pin

Pictured in the photos at right is Tony Harold Endicott receiving his 50th year pin.

The photos were submitted by Wm. Cain of Darlington IN Fire Department.

William is a 49th year member and he and Tony are still active in their department. –submitted by Wm. Cain.



Hole-In-One prize to be 2013 Harley Davidson Sportster

The 2013 IVFA Convention is being held in Muncie June 12-15. Events will start with the Annual Golf Scramble at the Player's Club just outside of Muncie. At the Golf Scramble we currently have a 2013 Harley Davidson Sportster being offered for a hole-in-one from Brandt's Harley Davidson of Marion and Wabash. We are very thankful that Brandt's has offered to do this. The Golf Scramble is \$38.00 per person, includes cart and lunch. This is payable at the Player's Club. Lunch is courtesy of California Casualty Insurance. The Player's Club does require that each golfer wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves. The fairways are lined with houses so you never know who may be watching you play.

Paul Davis Restoration will be providing our evening meal on Wednesday night. They have chosen to have Dan's Fish, Tenderloin, and Chicken Fry to serve the meal to us. Dan's does a lot of fundraisers for numerous fire departments in the Northern half of the State. If you are not registered or on a spouse meal plan we will have meals available for \$10.00 per person so you can come play golf and still eat an evening meal.

On Thursday we have different training opportunities for you and/or your department. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has agreed to bring in the Live Fire Simulator Trailer, the Earthquake Simulator, and the Driving Simulator's that they have available. These will also be available on Friday. In order to participate in the Live Fire Simulator you must have FULL PPE including SCBA. We are working on having a portable Cascade system on sight to refill air bottles. In addition to these training opportunities, we also have scheduled a class on Legal Aspects of Fire Departments. This class will be conducted by Larry Curl and Attorney John Shanks. This seminar will go over many different things within the fire service including territories, legislation, and fire department responsibilities.

Dave Marshall, Jr. will be conducting an abbreviated Ropes and Knots class. Dave is an Instructor 1, EMT, Rope Rescue Technician, and former Chief of Center Township Fire Department in Marion. This class will be an introduction to Technical Rope Rescue. In the class you will learn some of the basics and importance of Ropes and how they can be used to save you or someone else.

We are also planning a class on Autism Awareness. This class will be insight of how to handle Autistic individuals in both an emergency and non-emergency situation. The class is being taught by the Indiana Autism Society. The instructor may even bring an Autistic child along with them and you can see how they interact with people. This class will serve as the requirement for Autism for both Fire and EMS personnel.

Thursday is also the day that the Vendors will open up. Be sure to visit the vendors because without the vendors the Convention would not be possible. Never know what type of deal a vendor will make on something small. We a variety of vendors, some which are different and have never been to an IVFA Convention.

Thursday night's meal will be courtesy of Vectren Energy. The meal will be at the Convention Center followed by the Opening Meeting. Thursday night entertainment is a surprise, so don't miss it.

Friday will be started off with the Coffee Clutch at the

Horizon Convention Center, followed by the Memorial Service and Annual Meeting. After the Annual Meeting, the Vendors are providing lunch for all those that are registered or on a spouse meal plan. The Vendors will also be open after the Annual Meeting and into the afternoon. The evening will be capped off by the Banquet Meal and DJ entertainment.

There are many different types of tours and events available to attend while in Muncie. Currently the Downtown Development Commission is planning a festival on Friday afternoon and evening in a common park just a block away from the Horizon Convention Center. In addition to this the Ball Family Homes are available to tour, Ball State is just a short distance from the hotels, AMA National Aviation Museum will be open and they will also be hosting a Model Airplane Competition, and be sure to stop by the Muncie Children's Museum as it is connected to the Horizon Convention Center. To learn more about Muncie visit www.visitmuncie.org.

Shuttle service will provided and is handicap accessible including wheelchairs and scooters. It is important on your registration that you mark that you plan on using the free shuttle if you plan on using it so that we can make sure that we have enough shuttles ready. The shuttles are "city

busses" that are privately contracted by the Horizon Convention Center for us to use. If you choose to drive to the Convention Center it will take you approximately 15 minutes from the hotels to get there depending on the traffic.

There are some additional training seminars that we are waiting on confirmation on. You can find us on Facebook at IVFA 2013 Convention. If any training sessions are added we will announce them here and on the IVFA website. There are several other surprises planned so if you are not registered for the Convention in Muncie, you will miss out on fun, food, fellowship, and surprises.

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Friendship FD celebrates 50 year member Paul Jeffries



From the left: Matt Jeffries; Paul Jeffries; Ed Scheele (IVFA District rep.); Tim Huntington, Chief; and Mark Jeffries. – submitted by Keith Sieverding, Friendship Volunteer Fire Department.

Paul Jeffries (left) is congratulated by Ed Scheele, District IVFA representative as he is awarded his 50 year card. The presentation was made at the February business meeting. In addition to the meeting participants, Paul's two sons, Matt and Mark both 20+ year members were there to congratulate him on this lifetime achievement.



District 1 and 2 Miss Flames

(At left) Britney Andrews of Lake Station Fire Dept. representing District 1 along with District chairman Phyllis Vargo.

(At right) Katlin Watts of Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force representing District 2 along with district chairman Phyllis Vargo. – submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1 and 2.



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Awards presented in District 7



Nottingham VFD 25 year pin was presented to Mark Shaffer (center) by Jean Smith, PRNE (left) and Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman (right).



Berne VFD 50 year Gold Card, pin and certificate was presented to Fredrick Whitehurst (center) by Chief John Crider (right) and Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman (left).

photos submitted by
Walt Reiter, District 7
chairman

Berne VFD 25 year pin was presented to James Fox (center) by Chief John Crider (right) and Walt Reiter, (left), District 7 chairman.



Markle VFD 50 year Gold Card, pin and certificate were presented to Robert Jackson (left) by Walt Reiter (left), District 7 chairman. Not pictured is Lesa Asher who was presented a 25 year pin.

District 6 Miss Flame chosen

Pictured below is District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, 1st runner-up Kayla Williams, 2nd runner-up Katy Enfield, 2013 District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman and PRNE Jean Smith. – photo by Amanda Paulsen and submitted by Jerry Sprague, IVFA District 6 chairman.



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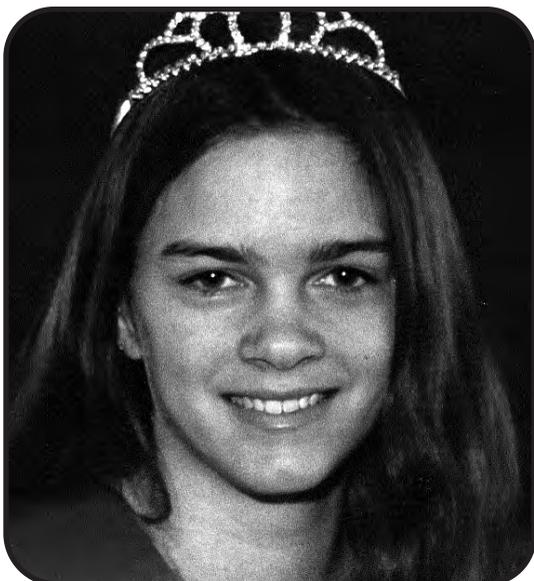
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Miss Flame District #16 - Ramsey Vol. Fire Dept.



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Miss Flame District #17A - Lyons Vol. Fire Dept.



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Miss Flame District #19 - Sunman Vol. Fire Dept.



Brooke Sears
Miss Flame District #21 - Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

District 5 members awarded



Don Keller, Monterey Fire Dept. receives his 50 year Gold Card and pin from Don Kissinger (right), District 5 chairman.



Samuel Allen, Monterey Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman. - photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman.

Dennis Brown to retire from department Receives White Helmet



On February 5, 2013 Dennis Brown from the White River Township Volunteer Fire Department received a White Helmet from Fire Chief Jim Tharp. Dennis is retiring from the department after 37 years of service on the department.

Congratulations, Dennis, on your number of years of service on the department. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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2013 IVFA Convention

Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Wednesday June 12, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
9 am to 3 pm	Golf Scramble	Player's Club
9 am to 3 pm	Outside Vendor Setup	Convention Center
9 am to 5 pm	Registration	Signature Inn
12 pm to 3 pm	Cornhole (open play)	Signature Inn
3 pm to 5 pm	Cornhole Tournament	Signature Inn
5 pm to 7 pm	Meal/Benefit Auction	TBA
7 pm to 9 pm	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	TBA
9 pm to Midnight	Entertainment	TBA
9 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room	Signature Inn

Thursday June 13, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7 am to 10 am	Vendor Setup	Convention Center
8 am to 5 pm	Registration Open	Lobby
8 am to 12 pm	Miss Flame Closed Judging	Cardinal Creek
9 am to 4 pm	Children's Area	Hackley Reserve
9 am to 4 pm	Chinese Auction	Vendor Area
9 am to 12 pm	BFFPSE Meeting	Interurban Hall
10 am to 5 pm	Vendor's Open	Delaware and Lobby's
12:30 pm to 4 pm	Various Games	Park Area
12 :30 pm to 1:30 pm	Miss Flame Luncheon	Prairie Creek
1 pm to 3 pm	Seminar	White River 1
1 pm to 3 pm	Seminar	White River 2
1 pm to 3 pm	Seminar	Cardinal Creek
2 pm to 4 pm	Open Miss Flame Judging	Interurban Hall
3 pm to 4 pm	IVFA Officer Meeting	Cardinal Creek
3 pm to 4 pm	IVFAA Officer Meeting	Mississinewa
5 pm to 6:30 pm	Hot Dog Bust	Park Area
7:30 pm to 9 pm	Opening Meeting	Interurban Hall
7 pm to 9 pm	Children's Area	Hackley Reserve
9 pm to Midnight	Entertainment	TBA
9 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room	TBA

Friday June 14, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6 am to 7 am	Coffee Clutch	Lobby
7:30 am to 9 am	Memorial Service	Interurban Hall
8 am to 2 pm	Registration Open	Lobby
9 am to 2 pm	Chinese Auction	Vendor Area
9:30 am to Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Prairie Creek
9:30 am to Close	IVFA Meeting	Delaware Hall
11:30 to 1:00	Vendor Lunch	Vendor Area's
11 am to 4 pm	Vendor's Open	Delaware/Lobby
11 am to 4 pm	Miss Flame Outing	TBA
5 pm to 9 pm	Children's Party (up to age 11)	Children's Museum
5 pm to 9 pm	Children's Party (over age 11)	Museum/Hackley Reserve
5 pm to 9 pm	Banquet Meal	Delaware Hall
9 pm to ????	Family Time	Children's Museum
9 pm to ????	Family Time	Hackley Reserve
9 pm to Midnight	Casino Opens	Delaware Hall

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District 8B awards presented



On March 4, 2013 District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright, presented two members of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department with a service award for 20 years of service.

Pictured (from left to right) are Devon Messersmith, Chairman Wright and Dave Mumbower. – photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



On February 9, 2013 during the pancake and sausage breakfast held at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Mark Ramsey with his 25 year pin.

Pictured with Mark is his wife and son.

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Ligonier awards presented at annual banquet



Ligonier VFD firefighter Dick Becker received his 50 year card and pin.
(Left to right) – Ligonier Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver, Dick Becker, and District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague.



(Left to right) – Martin McDonald - 40 years, Jerry Sprague - 30 years, Kenny Sprague - 25 years, Geoffrey Bush - 10 years and Eric Bench - 5 years. – pictures by Jeremy Weaver, submitted by IVFA District 6 chairman, Jerry Sprague.



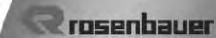
(Left to right) firefighter Kevin Sheley - 1st Responder of the Year, Captain Shawn Cox - Officer of the Year, Firefighter Barry McDonald - Firefighter of the Year.



Ligonier Firefighter Kenny Sprague (center) receives his IVFA 25 year pin from (left) Chief Jeremy Weaver and his dad, IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague (right).

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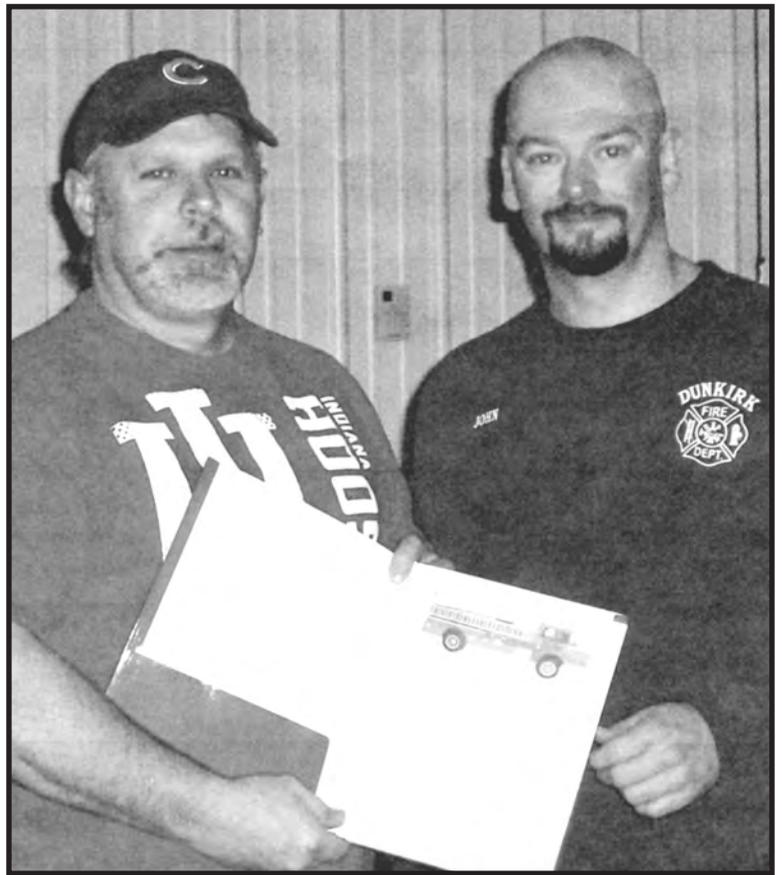
Crowning of Miss Flame District 14



The crowning of the new Miss Flame from Jennings Township Volunteer Fire Department, District 14 took place recently.

District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and the former Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, crown our new 2013 Miss Flame Hailey Misamore.

Proud dad Donald Misamore, a 25 year firefighter, poses with his daughter Hailey. – photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



Buckner awarded

Presenting Greg Buckner from Dunkirk Fire Department with his 25 year pin and service award is John Willoughby, president of the department. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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NOVEMBER 5, 2013 DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 - 12:00 P.M. CST



IVFA members attend Heroes Gala

(IN THE ABOVE PHOTO) – Rick Cannon poses with Lynette Stewart from Supporting Heroes and District 16 Paul Holcomb and his wife Heather. – photo submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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.

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