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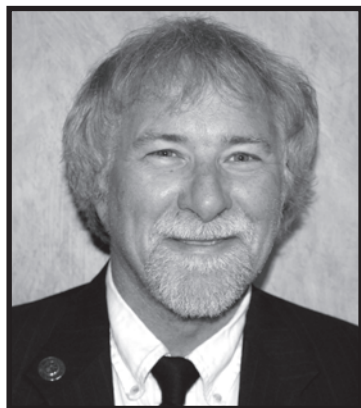
# THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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## From The President *David Israel*



Happy Spring Everyone: Hope by the time you are reading this issue of the IVFA Paper the snow is melted and the big rains have quit and I am enjoying quiet time in a tractor going back and forth. Don't forget garden tractor pulling season. Go International, right Andy B. and Mort S.

Mark your calendar June 18-21, 2014 at the Caribbean Cove Hotel & Water Park just off I 465 on the North side of Indianapolis. The 2014 Convention Committee has worked hard to plan an enjoyable time for you. If you can only make one day, plan on Friday, June 20th. Start by attending the IVFA Memorial Service at 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. to honor and remember our

Brothers and Sisters that have passed away.

Then at 9:00 a.m. attend the annual IVFA meeting to be a part of the decision making of your Organization by voting on the new officers to lead us in the coming year.

Did you know that each Paid Department is allowed 3 Delegates to vote and that only one is paid mileage to and from. Bring the kids so they can play at the water park and all of you have a good and safe time.

IVFA dues packets should be out. Don't forget they are due back in by July 31, 2014 to be considered paid on time. If they are not, you or your family can lose some important benefits (like the Bridgeport Scholarship and some other things). Make sure you check your information to make sure it is correct. We are asking for personal email address this year so we can add you to our email list. When important issues arise like Legislation, we are finding that our members are not getting the word like they should be.

For those of you that went ahead and filed to run for a local office, good for you. For those of you that are on both (VFD and hold a Twp. office) call me, I have some info for you. We are not done with this yet so don't give up yet.

I am holding up the paper again. It was good to see everyone at the IVFA District 7 meeting at Warren.

Thanks for making me feel at home and melting the snow off the road before I got there.

Everyone needs to get involved with their Districts and the Chairman to keep up with all that is going on in the Fire Service in the State of Indiana. If you have not seen your

District Chairman at one of your Fire Department meetings (didn't say fund raiser here, I SAID MEETING) you or the Chief call them and get them there or call me.

Thanks to all the Departments that have been away for awhile and rejoined the IVFA.

Better go, Pam is waiting for this article again.

Thanks again for all you do in your communities.

Be safe, hope to see you at the next district meeting.

David Israel

## Bid requirements for IVFA Central Office

### REQUIREMENTS TO BID FOR IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

#### General Responsibilities

1. Prefer Office Administration to be managed by an IVFA or IVFAA Member or Member owned company.
2. The IVFA Central Office shall not make any decisions that involve money or contracts without written approval from the Executive Committee or the IVFA President. The Central Office Administrator shall have no authority to bind the organization
3. Receive and process all mail and route items to the appropriate officer or committee chair; respond to correspondence as requested.
4. Transfer all monies received by the Central Office to the IVFA Treasurer weekly.
5. Manage the e-mail web address account in the name of the IVFA Central Office. Maintain security of the password. The website account and password are the sole property of the IVFA. The Office Administrator shall respond to e-mails received or route e-mails to the IVFA President, Vice President or Committee Chairman, as appropriate, in a timely manner.
6. Answer the Central Office toll free telephone number (must have voicemail or an answering machine on this line), that is published for member use. Answer all IVFA messages or route the call to the IVFA President, Vice President, or appropriate IVFA Officer or Committee Chairman on a daily basis.
7. Answer the 1-800 FIRE LINE phone line (must have voicemail or an answering machine on this line) report activity daily to the appropriate IVFA officer and give report of all activity at each quarterly Officers meeting.
8. Maintain IVFA membership records and keep them confidential. No information on or about the IVFA membership or any member shall be released to anyone without approval of the IVFA President or the IVFA Board of Directors.
9. Destroy all discarded member information or documents by shredding.

10. Process any IVFA business and make written report to the IVFA President.

11. Process IVFA License Plate Application requests as soon as possible and return the BMV Form to the IVFA member in a timely manner.

12. Provide office space solely for use as the IVFA Central Office that is adequate for the job in a secure location.

13. Maintain integrity of the IVFA software program being used in a secure condition. No unauthorized material shall be downloaded or installed on the IVFA computers. No alterations shall be made to the IVFA software program without written approval of the IVFA Executive Committee.

14. No unauthorized person shall use IVFA computers in any manner without written approval from the IVFA Executive Committee.

15. Provide office furniture for Central Office use except for filing cabinets and shelving, computers, printers, and supplies which the IVFA will provide.

16. Prepare written report of IVFA Central Office activities and provide to the IVFA Board of Directors at each quarterly Officers meeting (this is the time to bring up

problems and needs of the office).

17. Send e-mail notices of meetings, events, or information to the parties indicated as directed by the IVFA President or Vice President.

18. Make IVFA Member / Officer phone calls as needed and as assigned by the IVFA President.

19. Prepare IVFA Bad Address Report per district after each mailing of the newspaper and provide to the appropriate IVFA Officer.

20. Check IVFA Membership List against Fire School Attendance List to verify attendance of current members of IVFA before submitting list for payment to IVFA Treasurer.

21. Track 25 year members, 50 year members, and deceased members and notify appropriate IVFA Officer or Committee Chair.

22. Maintain IVFA logo on apparel and give report of inventory at each quarterly Officers meeting.

23. Provide notice of various Association deadlines and applications to the newspaper in a timely manner for publication.

24. Perform other tasks requested from time to time by the IVFA Board of Directors.

The IVFA shall carry insurance

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## I.V.F.A. Benefits

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

#### What Is A District Meeting?

A place to gather information.

A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.

A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.

A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.

A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.

A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.

A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

#### From The IVFA Central Office

#### ANNUAL DUES NOTICES BEING MAILED

It is that time of year again. Barb and I will be sending out our 2014 Annual Dues notices sometime around April 15. Please remember that your dues are considered late after July 31. We try to mail out the dues notices early so that the departments have ample time to get the information needed to return to the IVFA Office. If you have not received your dues notice by the time you receive this issue of the paper, give us a call at the office at 877-606-4832.

You can check your department address by going to our web site at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) Select your district on the Indiana Map and then select your fire department. If it is not correct, contact us immediately, so that we can get it changed and get you a new dues packet.

Remember you can call the office anytime, not just 8 - 5. When we are out of the office we transfer the office phone to our cell phone. If we are unavailable, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we are available. We take your calls seriously and want to help you in any way with your request, question, or problems.

Jack & Barbara Kerney  
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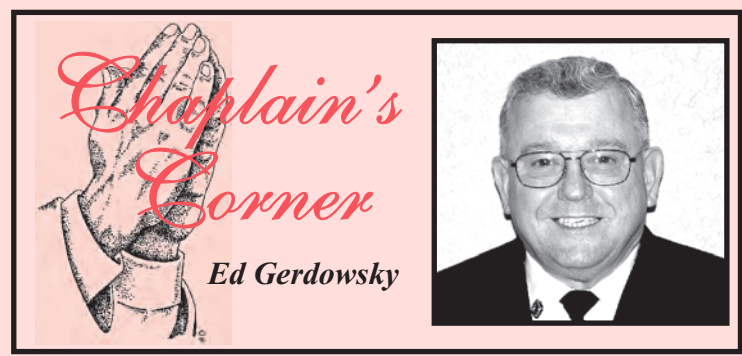
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Praise the Lord we are now being blessed with warmer weather and hopefully winter will be over.

I hope this finds you all well and getting ready for this year’s convention in Indianapolis. Hopefully we will have many who can attend and we can enjoy the fun and fellowship with all our members and friends. Larry Bruner and committee have been working hard to see we will all have a good time and have everything set up for us to enjoy ourselves.

Over the past months I have been busy with many services as well as my associate chaplains. Associate Chaplain Dave Elick has lost his son and we extend condolences. We have also had two line of duty deaths. Those receiving services are very grateful for what we do and they comment on what a nice service it is. They are very pleased with the new Bibles! Thanks to all my Chaplains who are there to help in any way needed! God Bless each one of you!

I have done a dedication of a new firehouse in Delaware. I have attended as many fish fries and breakfasts as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact any one of us.

Have a great day with God’s many blessings!

“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.”  
 Jeremiah 29:12-13 NIV

Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky  
 March 25, 2014

*Children’s faith should not be lost during the summer*

*God’s love has painted the summer’s refreshing colors*

*Help your House of Worship; it’s been a good Friend*

*God will listen to your prayer at any time or place.*

*Our great leaders were led by their reliance on God.*

*Thank God for the many good deeds of our volunteers.*

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# From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



It has been a very interesting quarter for me. It started out with a trip to the east-central part of the state, and just 3 miles into my trip home I had a little car trouble. After an extra night in a hotel and a new water pump, I was back on my way. Then, as some of you know, I had a little accident the end of January. I tripped over a curb-stop in a parking lot (the rumor of a dance floor incident is not true) and in the process it caused a micro fracture to the top of my tibia. So for 8 weeks I was non-weight bearing on crutches. I should be released about the time this article comes out and therefore somewhat back to normal.

The good news was that it did not prevent me from traveling to events. I attended the January BFFSE meeting in Greensburg, a "smashing" basketball game in District 13-B, the Vincennes Sausage Supper, a Fire Summit follow-up meeting, a visit to the Statehouse, 2 Fire Alliance meetings, the District 11-A Miss Flame Dance (and "trip" to IHOP), our February state meeting, the Fire Leadership seminar in Huntingburg, a 2015 convention meeting at the Horseshoe, the March District 15 & 18 meetings, and FDIC. But to top it off, I had the honor of being introduced by the Governor at a news conference at Utica Twp FD. During that event Governor Pence also presented a Public Safety Award to Donovan Harrod for his life-saving actions after he dove into a pond to rescue a driver whose car was submerging.

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 2014 convention in Indy. Check out the information on other pages in this issue for details of events planned for this annual event. Also remember to check us out on Facebook, and the website [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org).

On a personal note, District 15 lost an icon, with the passing of 53 year member Les Lantaff. I knew Les from his work with the Suburban Fire Investigators group with my dad. This friendship continued as I joined the fire service, working on our 4 conventions, and then with our work together for the past 20 years with the Vanderburgh County Fair. Mr. Tomato Man, you will be missed by many.

S. Anderson

# Fun times at District 11-A Miss Flame dance



# Miss Flame Notes...

June is just around the corner and we are looking forward to meeting all the Miss Flame contestants and their parents as convention time is on the horizon. Everyone involved is working hard to prepare a good time for all of us.

This year we have 20 girls who are candidates for the honor of the state Miss Flame. Plans are being made to keep everyone busy and also enjoy their stay in Indy.

Hopefully you have called the hotel and gotten your reservations as well as registering for the convention. If you have not done so, please do so as soon as possible. Also, remember that each girl is to have an adult chaperone with them at the convention.

Thanks again to the district chairmen who have gotten a candidate in your area. Remember to include them in your activities and meetings in the coming months. After looking thru the applications we have a group who appear to be talented, involved in their schools, fire departments as well as their communities. Any one of these would represent us well.

If you have questions, please contact myself (812-867-2641) or E J Smith at (260-639-3231).

Best of luck to all.

Barb Kerney & E J Smith  
Co chairmen Miss Flame

# What's Out? What's In?

### What's OUT:

FALLING ASLEEP AMID SCENTED CANDLES

NOT WEARING HELMETS

SMOKE ALARMS WITH DEAD BATTERIES

DRAWSTRINGS

Drawstrings on the hood & neck of kids' jackets & sweatshirts can strangle.

### What's IN:

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WORKING SMOKE ALARMS

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Chairman Watland had I.V.F.A. booklets. If you never received one or new to the organization please make sure you stop and pick one up before you leave. There is information regarding your plates, Death Benefits and the Accident Death and Dismemberment Insurance.

Moment of Silence was held for two deaths in the District #2: Jim Warner of Crown Point Fire and Pete Miox of St. John Fire.

Department Announcements:  
Next meeting will be at TBA.  
50/50 winner was Bill Davis.  
Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Szot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Tully. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marge Baumgardner  
Secretary  
District 1 & 2

Lake Hills  
Vol. Fire Departments  
March 19, 2014

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Thanked Chief Shane Adams for hosting meeting and providing good pizza and cookies. Chief Adams gave brief history of the department.

Roll call taken: District 1 - 2 departments, 3 members. District 2 - 7 departments, 26 members.

Guests: Bub Wise, 50 year Gold card member, Lauren Bustamante, District 2 Miss Flame, Tyler Summers, Global Emergency Products, Buz Koehler, IVFA past president and Chairman of the Board, Randy Denton, District 9B chairman.

Program: Bill Missal, Lake County Haz-Mat Coordinator, talked about what his department does. They have 13 members and are available 24/7. They have several Haz-mat trailers with decon materials, Spill response vehicle with quick response identifier. He also passed out spill response manuals and other information. The trailers were available to look at after the meeting.

Motion by Wise and seconded by Ike Rench to dispense the reading of the minutes. Passed.

Buz Koehler attended the IVFA Memorial service for Jake Thomas of District 1, Merrillville VFD. Buz talked about our IVFA bills that did not pass and also Senate Bill 335 which had passed but died in committee. Said we need to talk to our legislators when we have bills on deck. Said that Jim Bradford, PRNW needs a replacement for him. Also District 1 & 2 are looking for a secretary.

Treasurer's report: \$339.73.  
Moment of silence held for Jake Thomas, Merrillville VFD and Nick Thiery, St. John VFD.

Old business - none.  
New business - none.

Chairman Watland reminded the members of Convention coming in June 17-21 to be held at the Caribbean Cove Hotel in Indy. FDIC to be held April 8-12 at the Convention Center in Indy.

Department announcements: MABAS Swap meet in Peotone, Ill. on May 3, 2014.

Spring Auction at Lincoln Twp. VFD, Thayer, IN on Sat., April 12. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and auction starts at 4:00 p.m.

Pancake breakfast, Lake Dale VFD, Sunday, March 30, 2014 - 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Pancake Breakfast at Porter Twp. VFD (Boone Grove), April 13, 2014 from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

50/50 winner: \$50.00.  
Voted to give District 2 Miss Flame \$250.00 for expenses.

Motion by Wise, 2nd by Chambers to adjourn. Passed.

Next meeting: District 2 - July 16, Crown Point.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul F. Watland  
District 2 chairman

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Tim Sandy - Chairman

I.V.F.A. District 3  
Minutes of March 20, 2014

Before the meeting opened, Tom Thode, Admin. Chief from Kankakee Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., spoke on training for fire department safety. He stated that cutters that are 5 years or older should be replaced.

Chairman Tim Sandy opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Ron Davenport said a prayer.

Roll call was answered by LaCrosse - 5, Cass Clinton - 2, Coolspring - 3, Kankakee - 1, Kingsbury - 1, Michiana Shores - 2, Lincoln - 1, Springfield - 1. Guests were: Dist. 3 Miss Flame Annabelle Andrisco, Pierce Rep. Tyler Summers, U.L. Rep. Brent Burger and Lee Dunham.

Brent Burger informed us that there are classes for the Chiefs of the departments for free.

Dist. 3 Miss Flame Annabelle Andrisco introduced herself and informed them of ideas of a future project.

Members filled out tickets for prizes from the state.

P.R. Northwest Jim Bradford couldn't make the meeting but informed us about the deadline for the paper.

Chaplain Davenport informed us about the death of Jake Thomas. He was the husband of former I.V.F.A.A. President, Martha Thomas. On April 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>, there is a Chaplain training session in Indianapolis at N. View Church and

the cost is \$125.00.

Corres. Sec. for the I.V.F.A.A., Leona Uryga talked about the departments enrolling into the ladies auxiliary.

An e-mail was sent around for anyone to sign up.

Chairman Tim Sandy read the bank statement of \$467.93 in the absence of the district treasurer.

Tom Thode made a motion and seconded by Dave Robb to give Miss Flame a check for \$200.00 to help with her expenses. Motion carried and approved.

Information from I.V.F.A. Lobbyist Larry Curl was that the legislative bill to let firemen work also in a government office has been extended for review for one year.

A drawing was held and \$21.00 was for the treasury and \$21.00 for the winner. Annabelle Andrisco won the money with prizes of shirts, caps and pens won by Lee Dunham, Aaron Best and Brent Burger.

Events: Pancake Breakfast, Kingsbury and Springfield Twp. - April 27. Michiana Shores, May 18. LaCrosse - selling pork chops on May 3 from 8 to 12.

Next meeting will be May 22 at Kankakee Twp.

Chaplain Davenport closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stand-in secretary Leona Uryga

## 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 March 13, 2014 at Roann Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:35 PM with the Pledge. The roll call consisted of 5 departments consisting of 8 members and 3 guests. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved by the body.

Chairman Smith talked briefly about the upcoming I.V.F.A. Convention which will be held June 18-20, 2014 in Indianapolis at the Caribbean Cove. He informed the members if they came as a representative for their department, they would receive mileage for their trip down and back.

Chairman Smith also gave a brief

report on the House and Senate bill dealing with giving small businesses a break on the property tax. He informed the members that the I.V.F.A. was not against the tax, but in there stated from it would reduce funding for the fire, police, and EMS services. The I.V.F.A. would like to see something that will show where or how those funds will come from.

Terry informed everyone about House Bill 1229 where Marion County wants to consolidate all their fire departments into one Fire Company with only one chief for the whole county.

Terry explained that at each meeting, each firefighter can fill out a form and their names will be put in for a drawing at the next quarterly state meeting for a giveaway. If their form is drawn, they could win a \$100 gas gift card or \$65 car/truck cleaning kit.

PRNE Jean Smith informed the members about bill HB1078 which is in the House or Senate where a tax of \$500 would be on each firefighter. This did not make the third reading, so it was tossed out.

Jean also told the membership they needed to call their Senator's and tell them to vote "No" on HB1229.

Jean stated that the new Firefighter 1 & 2 Handbook has been chosen and will need to be used starting July 20, 2014.

He also informed the firefighters that the Indiana Home Security Grant was open until February 28, 2014 for up to \$4,000 to be used for your department.

Jean informed the members about big loads of LP Gas that might be coming through our area due to the large demand for LP Gas in Michigan. The driver of these trucks will be exempted from the driving restriction which means they can drive 12, 14, or 16 hours a day.

He stated the EMS Commission has mandated a post for EMS and 1st Responders which can be done on the web and must be done before you can be recertified.

The FDIC will start on April 12, 2014.

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

The next meeting will be held at Elkhart Township Fire Department in Goshen on April 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**AUGUST DEADLINE  
JULY 5, 2014  
12:00 P.M. CST**

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



**Don Kissinger - Chairman**

The 5th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Don Kissinger which was held on March 13, 2014 at Roann Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge. The roll call consisted of 5 departments consisting of 8 members and 3 guests.

Chairman Kissinger talked briefly about the upcoming I.V.F.A. convention which will be held June 18-20, 2014 in Indianapolis at the Caribbean Cove. He stated he had a form to fill out for registration at the hotel.

Chairman Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith informed everyone of HB1318 where a firefighter cannot be a Trustee or Board of Director at the same time. The I.V.F.A. tried to get it repealed but didn't pass so we will try again next year. Don stated they didn't know who was going to police this making sure this didn't happen.

Don showed a flyer about a class being held concerning the safety at fire/accident calls closing off the roads with no cost. Major Tom Melville stated that every minute a lane is closed, it takes 4 minutes for traffic to flow through again. This is where firefighters and police work together at these types of scenes. There have been accidents where firefighters have closed off a lane for the safety of the victims and police and wanted them to move their fire trucks so vehicles can go through.

PRNE Jean Smith informed the members about bill HB1078 which is in the House or Senate where a tax of \$500 would be on each firefighter. This did not make the third reading, so it was tossed out.

Jean also told the membership HB1229 was defeated where all departments would be under one chief in each county with the County Controller managing the finances.

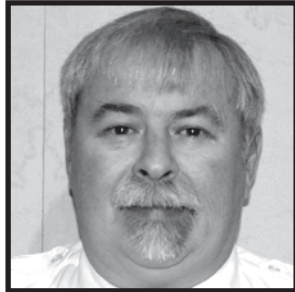
Jean stated that the new Firefighter 1 & 2 Handbook has been chosen and will need to be used starting July 1, 2014.

He stated the EMS Commission has mandated a post for EMS and 1st Responders which can be done online and must be done before you can be recertified.

Jean informed everyone that there is a Junior Firefighter Award which will be awarded to a department with a Cadet Program trying to get younger membership involved in the I.V.F.A.

The next meeting will be held at North Webster Fire Department on May 8, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



**Jerry Sprague - Chairman**

Greetings from District 6

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast it is starting to look and feel like Spring is upon us.

Want to thank the Churubusco VFD for allowing us to hold our meeting there in November. Also, a big thank you to Nicole Protsman, who represents Paul Davis Restorations for providing our dinner.

Congratulations to Kayla Williams for being selected as the new District 6 Miss Flame. She is from the Hudson VFD.

Also, thank you to the St. Joe Twp. VFD for hosting our meeting in January. A special thanks to Chief Dave Ringer for taking care of dinner for the meeting and the great attendance by members of his department.

I also need to thank the Butler VFD for hosting our meeting in March. Also need to congratulate the Butler Fire Department on their relatively new facility. These department's hospitality was greatly appreciated. Again, thanks to Nicole Protsman and Paul Davis Restorations for supplying dinner.

I want to thank the IVFA Lobbyist, Larry Curl for attending our meetings and briefing us on the legislative efforts of the IVFA. He is also to be commended for his work at the Statehouse on behalf of the IVFA.

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 [spiralawn@ligtel.com](mailto:spiralawn@ligtel.com).

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27th, 2014 at the Topeka VFD at 7:30 P.M. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on May 27th, 2014. Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

Congratulations to Bob Brownell of the Albion VFD on receiving his 50 year Gold Card and to Bob Beckley on receiving his 25 year card and for his 40 years on the Albion VFD. In closing, to everyone, *please be safe out there!*

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),  
District 6 Chairman

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



**E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman**

Hello, District members:

It looks like we are finally in the spring season. The Legislation is over with. "It's about time."

Dues statements are due out. Please check for the correct address and beneficiary is correct. If not, please submit change form. Please keep checking our website, ivfa.org for updates on the district's upcoming events.

The district's first two meetings of the year have had to be rescheduled due to weather. I think this is over for now. Please attend the district meetings in July for election of officers.

The I.V.F.A. tries to keep you abreast of the State and National Fire Service, so please attend the meetings so you can keep up with changes and suggestions.

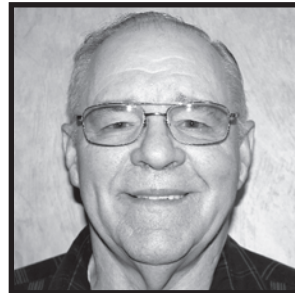
We need "young blood" in the Fire Service, so if you can, give us some suggestions.

The office of the I.V.F.A. and officers are soliciting, if you will, ways of doing better for the Fire Service.

Well, I had better leave now. Will see you at the July meeting. If you need any help or questions, please call.

Bill

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



**Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman**

On January 29, 2014 District 8B held their meeting at the Portland Fire Station. Date was changed because of bad weather. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was taken with 15 members in attendance. Guests in attendance were Larry Curl and Don Cushman. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Discussion was held on House & Senate Bills coming up. Told the group that we had heard from Greg Breman, District 33 representative saying he would support the fire service bills.

Chairman Wright told the members about the IVFA convention that will be held in Indianapolis in June. Information will be in the IVFA newspaper.

Good of the order:

Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department - Fish and Chicken Fry.  
Pennville Volunteer Fire Department - Fish Fry.

Second roll call was taken with the number of Fire and EMS runs. There were a total of 87 fire runs and 212 EMS runs.

Next District 8B meeting will be held on March 12, 2014 at the

Redkey Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

Members filled out tickets for a chance to win a gas card or cleaning supplies.

Meeting was adjourned and enjoy a light snack.

Lloyd E. Wright

District 8B chairman

District 8B held their meeting on March 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Small Town Pizza in Redkey, Indiana. The meeting was hosted by the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken with 20 members present. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business: The group decided to give the 2013 convention plaque to Ed Smith from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department since he had done a lot of work on the convention. The plaque is to be displayed at the fire station.

Told them that the House bills stayed the same.

New Business: Chairman Wright told the group that he had some of the 2013 convention coins for sale.

Our new Miss Flame for 2014 will be Maureen Rammel from the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The IVFA has a new handbook telling about the organization has to offer their members.

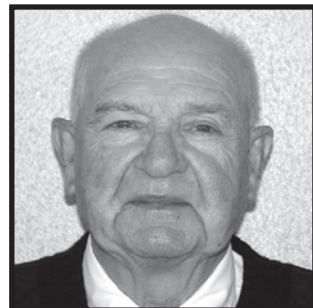
Told the group how to get ahold of Tom Melville who does training called In Time training if they were interested.

Good of the Order: Dance will be held on May 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department. Hope to see you there.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed some good pizza and breadsticks.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



**John Ray - Chairman**

Greetings from District 10,

The snow has finally disappeared and the long awaited spring is here! After such a long, dreary and cold, snowy winter - everyone wants to be outside; and that brings farm machinery on the roads, people walking, riding bikes, and lots of children playing outside. It is a time we all need to be very aware of our surroundings and careful when operating fire equipment while making emergency runs.

Our February District meeting was held in Milroy with Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. hosting. The program was presented by Stat-Flight which is stationed at Rush Memorial Hospital in Rushville. Later in the month, at the Decatur County Firefighters meeting, it was my pleasure to present six 25 year pins to members of the Clarksburg Fire Dept. Members receiving pins were Brad Speer, Joe Carroll, Steve Bokelman, and Wayne Geis. Not present were Larry Geis and Rusty Scheibler. Congratulations gentlemen & thank you for your many years of dedicated

service to your community.

I would like to thank Jim Davis who presided at the March meeting in Waldron while I joined several members from our church in Lake Shores, Mississippi on a mission trip.

Marshal James Greason was the guest speaker for the evening program. He spoke of leadership seminars, which are held each winter; and asked for input of subjects we would like for the upcoming year. One subject that will be covered this year is "Operational Ground Safety".

Planning is also going on for the State Fire Academy that will cover three main items: Standardization of training throughout the state, Consistency of training, and Quality Assurance of training. These are all to be done on the District level. Assistant Marshal, Robert Johnson introduced himself; and also stated that Indiana ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 47 lives lost in fires.

The April meeting will be held at Clay Twp. Fire Dept. (Bartholomew Co.). Indiana State Trooper David Owsley will be speaking about the "In Time Program".

Stay safe and have a wonderful spring!

District 10 Chairman

John M. Ray

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



**Pete Taylor - Chairman**

Greetings from District 11A, Hope everyone survived the winter weather and ready for spring. I am!

District 11A met at Otto Creek Fire Department in March. We opened with Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

I have been busy this quarter with meetings, awards and functions. I have traveled to 4 fire departments meetings and given out 4 / 25 year pins.

It is my hope to visit each department in District 11A this year.

The convention will be June 18 - 20 at Indianapolis Holiday Inn, Caribbean Cove.

We had a Miss Flame dance on January 25, 2014. The judges chose Tressa Steward as our Miss Flame. Good luck, Tressa.

Next meeting May 18, 2014 at Shepardsville.

Until next time, stay safe.

District 11A chairman

Pete Taylor

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



**Larry Southard - Chairman**

January 12, 2014

Montezuma Fire Station

Meeting opened by chairman

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**2014 IVFA  
CONVENTION  
JUNE 18 -  
JUNE 20  
CARIBBEAN COVE  
INDIANAPOLIS**

**AUGUST  
DEADLINE  
JULY 5, 2014  
12:00 P.M. CST**

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT

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Southard at 1:04 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag followed by prayer.

Roll call was taken with seven (7) departments present. Chairman Southard introduced his guests who included Jack Kerney and Larry Ketchem, past presidents, Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist, Pete Taylor, District 11-A chairman, Larry Bartlow, PR Director West Central and his vice chairman, acting as secretary and his sergeant-at-arms. Lou Bartlow introduced the ladies' guests.

Jack Kerney went over the Obama Care in reference to volunteers and it would appear that departments with fifty (50) or more volunteers will be exempt from having insurance.

PR Director Bartlow went over the awards and their due date of February the first, he also reminded us that the Bridgeport Scholarship is May the first.

Lobbyist Larry Curl went over HB1007 and reminded us how important it is that we contact our members of Congress to let them know we support this bill to except volunteers from not being able to hold elected office and be a member of a volunteer fire department. Larry also discussed a bill to give the volunteer firefighters a \$500.00 tax deduction.

District chairman Southard went over several topics. He discussed 25 and 50 year pins and Gold cards. He discussed upcoming educational opportunities, discussed training in what is upcoming, what is needed and what we are wanting in this area. Lots of good information was made available to the members at the meeting.

Announcements were made of upcoming events in the area of the district and a reminder that the next meeting will be at Belle Union on the 9th of March, 2014. It will be the district Miss Flame contest. No more business to come before the meeting, so meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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

Jefferson Twp. VFD  
March 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard, the Pledge to the Flag was led by past Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush. Chairman Southard introduced the guests present. Auxiliary chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests.

Larry Bartlow reviewed HB 1007/ John Morphy spoke about the Board of Standards and Education updates. Chairman Southard announced the guide for instructors booklet is now available and also touched on the material he had received since our last meeting. Secretary Davies spoke about a little boy from Rhode Island who was about to turn 7 and had cancer, that he was seeking cards from his heroes (firefighters). Secretary Davies said he had sent a birthday card from the district along with two IVFA decals to the young boy.

John Morphy announced that the ISO test people were in the area. Chief Cooper of the Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. presented 25 year pins to Dale Mendenhall and Roy French of his department. Chairman Southard turned the meeting over to

the auxiliary chairperson for the Miss Flame contest proceedings. There were two candidates, Carley Vandivier from Hilmon VFD and Lyndsey Bishop from Dana VFD. Carley Vandivier will represent District 11-B at this year's Miss Flame contest at the state convention.

Chairman Southard announced the upcoming dates of interest and with no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies, Secretary

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14.

As of this time we are getting busy. We had our crowning of our district Miss Flame and she is Maudlin Sellmer, where she was crowned by her grandparents Tom and Betty Sellmer and she will represent us at the convention.

I have been out doing 25 year pins and 50 year Gold cards, so if you need one call me.

Also we are hosting the 2015 Convention with District 16, so if you want to help, give us a call.

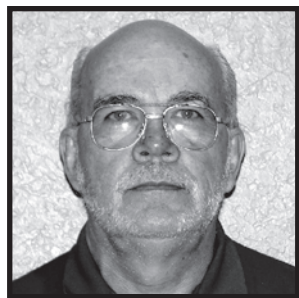
Let me know of any upcoming events so we can come by and see you.

Also we are still signing up departments that have not been a member or have been out for a long time like DuPont Landcaster. So a big thanks to their new Chief Rick Schaffer.

Thanks and if you need anything, call me.

Rick Cannon  
District 14 chairman

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

January 2nd I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

January 4th I held an officer swearing in at the Spurgeon VFD. Congratulations to those sworn in to conduct the fire department in its duties.

January 13th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Bloomfield VFD. Elections were held.

January 18th District 17A meeting was held at the Vincennes sausage supper hosted by the Vincennes Twp. VFD. Several state officers were in attendance. Larry Curl, IVFA State Lobbyist, gave an overview of items pertaining to the Fire Service. Many thanks, Larry and glad that people there came over later to talk to you.

Several Miss Flames were in attendance including 2013 Miss Flame Heather Wickersham and District 17A Miss Flame Jesse

McDonald.

Many thanks to all in attendance and another great job by the Vincennes Twp. VFD for the meal and everything else they had. Also many thanks to all the vendors on hand. Thanks for coming, it was much appreciated.

January 29th I attended a Pipeline Safety presentation in Bloomington. Much good information was presented.

February 6th, I attended Taylor VFD meeting in Scotland.

February 7, 8, and 9, I attended state officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

February 10th, I attended Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Lewis Twp. VFD.

March 6th, I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

March 8th, I attended a Steen Twp. VFD fundraiser. A great chicken noodle dinner was served. Good job and you had a great crowd.

March 10th I attended Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Richland Twp. Fire Rescue.

March 15th I attended a fund raiser at the Harrison Twp. VFD in Monroe City. A great fried chicken meal provided. At this gathering I presented Larry J Shots, a member of their department, his 25 year pin. Thanks for your years of service.

March 19th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Taylor VFD in Scotland. State officers in attendance were Jack Kerney - PRSW (past president), Bev Harker - IVFA state treasurer and Barb Kerney, IVFAA president.

A good discussion on legislative issues was led by Jack Kerney with much input and questions from many of those in attendance.

Many thanks to Taylor for hosting the meeting and the meal provided.

March 23rd I attended a retirement party for Johnson Twp. VFD member Carol Jean Farrell at which I had the honor of presenting her a certificate of appreciation of her 43 years of fire service. I wish you well and many thanks.

The next District 17A meeting will be held May 14th at the Patoka Twp. VFD located west of the Old 64 and 61 junction.

Until next, stay safe.  
Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

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## 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 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

Our last meeting was at Brown County VFD in Nashville and was well attended. Pledge was said and Luke Kluendar gave our opening prayer.

Our guests included David Israel, President of the IVFA, Dawn Hillenburg, 17-B IVFAA chairperson, Taylor McGlocklin, 17-B Miss Flame, Tanya from California Casualty, and Tim Raun from Station Supply.

IVFA clock was presented to Brown County VFD for the new addition to their fire department. Fred Taylor of Brown County VFD was presented his 50 year pin and Gold Card.

Paul Goodrich of Fruitdale VFD was presented a birthday cake and had Happy Birthday sung to him.

We had two (2) deaths in the district since our last meeting, Max Kritzer of Brown County VFD and Larry Harder of Cordry-Sweetwater VFD.

Our next meeting will be May 14th at Shawswick VFD in Bedford, contact Bobby Brown 583-6845. Jeff Esposito of Donley Safety will be in attendance to go over truck maintenance and NFPA requirements.

Don't forget to pay your IVFA dues on time and the IVFA convention in June.

Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 20 March meeting of the District was held at the Schergens Center with the Tell City VFD as our host. 80 Active and 1 Individual members representing 19 departments answered roll call.

Our guests included Jack and Barb Kerney, Steve Anderson, Larry and Carol Curl. Joe DeKemper from the Dubois VFD was the winner of the \$100.00 gas card from California Casualty. The Dubois County Fire School in Jasper was held on the last

two weekends in March and it was another great success! Congratulations to School Chairman Jay Eckstein and his committee.

Well, it's spring time again, so here come the "Alarm Runs" associated with the thunder storms, and the "Grass Fires" associated with people burning off debris as soon as it gets dry. I am always fearful that we "drop our guard" so to speak, on these types of responses. Remember, that there are no routine runs, and when we are not at our best, tragedy can happen. Stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,  
Chairman District 18

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello all in District 19,

Hope you all survived the winter and are looking forward to warm weather. Remember schools will be winding down and kids will be out on their bikes and motorcycle riders will be out on the roads. Be alert and watch for these as the weather warms.

It has been a busy last few weeks since the last paper.

We have had three deaths in the district, George Adams from Posey Twp. Volunteer Fire, Garold VanKirk from Napoleon Volunteer Fire, LODD Assistant Chief Tom Stevens from Bright Fire & EMS. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Our last district meeting was held at Delaware Volunteer Fire in their new firehouse where they were presented a clock marking the dedication of the new firehouse. We also presented five 25 year pins.

District 19 placed a bid to host the 2016 convention to be held at Hollywood Casino in Lawrenceburg. If anyone is interested in helping with this event, you can contact me at district19@ivfa.org.

Our next meeting will be at Posey Twp. Volunteer Fire May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Other meetings will be August 28 at Brookville Volunteer Fire with elections of officers, November 20 at Aurora Volunteer Fire with Miss Flame judging.

If you are having any fundraisers at your department, please let me know. Just check the IVFA website for my email and

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# MOVING?

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# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

## Public Relations Director Southwest

*Jack Kerney*



I hope everyone is recovering from this year's harsh winter and the unusually wet spring that we are having.

Since the last issue of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter I have attended meeting at Montezuma Reserve Volunteer Fire Department, District 18 meeting at Jasper Recreation Center, District 17A meeting at the Vincennes Sausage Supper, attended the District 15 meeting at McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department, District 17B meeting at Ellettsville. My apologies go to District 17B Chairman and the Brown County Volunteer Fire Department for not being able to attend their meeting due to a case of stomach virus.

I also attended the District 17B meeting at Taylor Township

## Public Relations Director Northeast

*Jean Smith*



When you read this, spring is finally here, as summer is close by. I hope you all survived our nasty winter.

IVFA Convention 2014 will be June 18th-June 20th, at the Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park, 3850 DePauw Blvd., Indianapolis.

Legislative session is over. We made some headway and lost some other areas. For a report log in to IVFA.org under legislation.

I would like to thank our IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl for a job well done.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the Districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates. Abby Smith, District #4 - New Carlisle Fire Dept., Brooklyn Gephart, District #5 - Claypool Fire Dept., Kayla Williams, District #6 - Hudson Fire Dept., Marissa Bisel, District #7 - Geneva Fire Dept.

Jean Smith  
Northeast Public Relations

Volunteer Fire Department, and the District 18 meeting in Tell City.

I would like to thank the members of the Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department for their hospitality and good food at the Vincennes Sausage Supper. Met a lot of old friends and made new acquaintances. I was glad to again win the winning bid at the auction for the Jim Beam Fire Truck.

I also had the pleasure to attend a gathering at McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department that met with Congressman Larry Busheon discussing the issues of the Affordable Health Care Act and how it affects the volunteer fire service.

Traveled to Terre Haute to attend the Miss Flame Fundraiser dance and the crowning of their Miss Flame, Tressa Steward. Hope our Vice President Steve Anderson, recovers from his falling on the ice in the parking lot and injuring his knee.

Barb and I had the pleasure of attending the Supporting Heroes Gala with members of the McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department and survivor Jerri Johnson.

The IVFA Office participated in the Dubois County Fire School Vendor show and had the pleasure of sharing our booth with California Casualty representative Tanya Rigsby.

I hope to see all of you at our annual convention at Caribbean Cove in Indianapolis. Again I will be asking for your support to serve the District of 15, 17A, 17B and 18 as your Public Relations Director. It has been a pleasure serving you the last year and I have truly enjoyed attending your fire department and district functions. Remember, if I don't know about them, I am not able to attend. You can reach me at IVFA Office at 877-606-4832 or my cell phone at 812-499-6447. Thanks for your support this year and hope I can continue in the coming year.

Jack Kerney  
Public Relations  
Southwest

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## Public Relations Director Northwest

*Jim Bradford*

This will probably be my last article as PRNW. Various health problems have required me to slow down. I can no longer do the job as PRNW and support the departments and members properly.

I'll be stepping down at the convention and District 9A Leighanne Ellis will fill out the rest of my term and will be nominated as PRNW for next year.

I've really enjoyed being PRNW and visited all 97 of my departments and talked to a bunch of my 3000 firefighters. I ate a ton of pancakes and fish and enjoyed every one.

Since this is the time of the year for fund raisers, support the other departments in your district by attending them. You'll find out who makes the best pancakes and fries the best fish.

Don't forget Firefighters Day at the Hoosier Burn Camp to be held May 28 at Camp Tecumseh.

Thanks for everything.  
Jim Bradford - PRNW



## Twenty five year pins

President Dave Israel, Chairman Stephen Macke, Chief Ron Bushhorn, Melvin Dwenger, Richard Schutte, Danny Roark, PRSE Ed Scheele, not pictured Paris Dwenger. – submitted by Stephen Macke, Chairman District 19 - district19@ivfa.org

## From The Desk of The Historian

*John Davies*



I hope, as do many of you, that spring will get here soon. It has been a long and hard winter on all of us. As a follow-up from my previous article about the fire classes and the instructors who have given up their time so that we may learn from their experiences and their teachings. I would like to write about the injuries suffered by the volunteer firefighters.

An analysis of volunteer firefighter injuries was undertaken by the NFPA to compare their experience to all fighter injuries. "All firefighter injuries" refers to the firefighter injuries that are estimated based on the NFPA Nation Fire Experience Survey and reported in the NFPA Annual Firefighter Injury Report. The injury statistics in that report combine career and volunteer firefighters. This one looks at volunteer firefighters specifically. Volunteer fire departments are highly related to the

size of community protected. Departments that protect communities of less than 10,000 population are comprised mostly of volunteer firefighters. Three years of data were used in this analysis because the estimates for some of the breakdown categories are small and can vary considerable from year to year. The report can be found in: <http://napa.org/research/reports-and-statistics/the-fire-service/fatalities-and-injuries/an-analysis-of-volunteer-firefighter-injuries-2009-to-2011>.

NFPA estimates that 69,400 firefighter injuries occurred in the line of duty in 2012. An estimated 31,490 (45.5%) of all the firefighter injuries occurred during fireground operations. An estimated 13,820 occurred during other duty activities, while 12,760 occurred at nonfire emergency incidents. The leading type of injury received during fireground operations was strain, sprain or muscular pain (55.2%), followed by wound, cut, bleeding, bruise (12.2%). Regionally, the Northeast had the highest fireground injury rate.

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Let's continue to keep it safe and not become a statistic this year.  
Your Historian - John Davies



## Officers to be elected at 2014 convention

President – Steve Anderson  
Vice President – Paul Holcomb  
Treasurer – Bev Harker  
Secretary – Diane Harrison  
Sgt@Arms – Brent Bush  
Chaplain – Ed Gerdowsky  
PRNW – Leighanne Ellis  
PRNE – Jean Smith  
PRWC – Larry Bartlow  
PREC – Don Cushman  
PRSW – Jack Kerney  
– Steve Nolan  
PRSE – Ed Scheele

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT

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phone number.

The IVFA convention is coming up June 18, 19, 20 in Indianapolis at the Caribbean Cove Indoor Waterpark. Try and send a member from your department.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Stephen Macke  
Chairman District 19  
812-212-5647  
district19@ivfa.org

## Central Office bids ...

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on the equipment and other personal property owned by the IVFA.

The person or company awarded the Contract shall qualify to be bonded and insured and shall cooperate with the IVFA to obtain a bond and insurance in an amount to be determined by the IVFA Board of Directors. The IVFA will pay for the bond and for the insurance premiums during the duration of the Contract.

## Monthly Requirements

### January

1. Prepare and send the newspaper labels to the proper entity prior to January 5<sup>th</sup>.

2. Starting approximately January 15<sup>th</sup> and weekly thereafter until end of each legislative session send (e-mail or mail) copies of the synopsis of bills prepared by the IFVA lobbyist to all IVFA officers.

### February

1. Provide deceased members list to IVFA officers.

### March

1. March 1st final deadline for Bridgeport Scholarship Applications received in Central Office or postmarked prior to March 1st if sent certified mail.

2. Mark each Bridgeport Scholarship Application as required by the Bridgeport Committee in the IVFA SOG'S and check current membership requirements.

### April

1. Send by certified mail all Bridgeport Scholarship Applications (less cover page) to the Bridgeport Committee Chairman.

2. Mid April mail Department Dues Billing Packets for the upcoming year so departments can receive them before their May department meetings.

3. Prepare a Department Paid/Not Paid List for the past year for each department.

4. Begin accepting dues payments for the upcoming year and keep a current record thereof.

5. Prepare and send newspaper labels to proper entity

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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2014

President Israel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

Station Supply - Tim Raun: Thanked us for letting him be one of the sponsors of our promotion to improve attendance at District meetings. Also thanked us for the invitations to the District meetings. You can reach him at 317-727-7894 or [Sales@Stationsupplyllc.com](mailto:Sales@Stationsupplyllc.com)

President Israel called for the reading of the Minutes of the November 2013 meeting. District 13A Carol Thrawley made motion to accept the Minutes as printed. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb - Did research and got information on new recording devices. Discussion was held. President Israel asked Mr. Holcomb to put it up on big screen so everyone can see different options. Mr. Holcomb put the 4 recorders that he researched on the screen and discussed the one the executive committee thought that would work the best. The price was \$599.99, regular \$749.99.

President Israel called for the Treasurer's report. President Israel said the Auditor is requiring a more accurate inventory on Bibles, grave markers and clothing. Treasurer Harker said when he does the audit next year he wants a complete inventory from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Treasurer Harker has meeting with the Auditor next week and find out exactly what we need to do. Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler made motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

In-Time - Major Tom Melville: The initiative began in 2009. After action review for incidents lasting more than 2 hours, all agencies involved discussed what went well and how we can improve. Every minute a lane is closed it takes 4 minutes to get traffic flowing again. Multi-disciplinary training session 4, 8 or 12 hours, class room size 25-50 people. Only cost is the student manuals. Goal is to have all first responders take the 4 hour class. In-

time website can go find out where the trainings are scheduled. Call Tom Melville 765-891-2668 or [tmelville11@gmail.com](mailto:tmelville11@gmail.com) or Karen Stippich 317-501-8756 or [Karen.stippich@DOT.GOV](mailto:Karen.stippich@DOT.GOV), for more information or to schedule a class.

President Israel thanked Mr. Melville for coming and giving us the presentation, thanked Past President Jack Zeeks for being our representative on that committee.

Heroes Gala March 1<sup>st</sup> Shepardsville, KY. Happy hour 4:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.; trying something new this year, will be doing a silent auction.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - processed license plates 2012 - 3009 and 2013 - 2945 so it continues to go down. Emailed deceased list paid and not paid list, printed certificates when requested. Membership for 2012 - 16,132 and 2013 - 16,139. 797 total departments 667 have paid, 128 not paid, 20 departments that paid last year but not this year, 7 departments that have not paid for 2 years, 2 have not paid for 3 years and rest 4 plus years. I have contacted the 20 departments that did not pay last year by phone. We got 26 more departments in since the last quarterly meeting. Speakers Bureau got 5 departments back in that have been out for awhile. We will continue to work on those departments. For those of you who don't know, April 8, 2014 Windows XP will no longer be supported by Microsoft. The Noah system that we have in all of our computers run on Windows XP.

President Israel spoke on the options that Jack Kerney presented to the executive board last night. Option 1 - a new tower, new laser printer, labor to install and transfer everything by JL Systems and convert to Windows 7 \$1,850, Option 2 - New computer with Windows 8 and labor to install it, laser printer, laser printer for license plate forms and software, licensing fees. Right now we are paying \$1,225.00 maintenance fee every year, new maintenance fee would be \$16,345.00. Total price for option 2 is \$54,195.00. Built in to that there are a lot of benefits with security, accept on-line payments, blast out numerous emails at a time. The executive board felt like we should go with Option 2.

Jack Kerney - When we originally purchased this program in 1997. In 1999 is the first year we started entering all the information. Everything we started in the office with is 1999. We have replaced computer towers twice getting about 5 years out of towers. We will have to find a printer that does card stock for our membership cards.

President Israel - We are asking for permission for the executive board to meet with JL Systems. Past President Richard Glant made motion for executive board permission to meet with JL Systems to discuss our options and go with what we feel is best for the Association. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Awards Committee: Chairman Vice President Anderson - I have received nominations for Ollie Sandberg Award, Global Awards and Jr. Firefighter Award. We will be selecting winners in May.

Angel Award Committee: Diane

Harrison - Have received nominations and will select a winner in May.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison - Discussed Rookie award, Jr. Firefighter Award. Jack Kerney discussed clothing and running on clearance sales. He will be sending an email out for the clearance sales to the District Chairmen and putting it on the website. We spoke about speaker's bureau but that has already been covered in Jack's report from Central Office.

Public Relations & Education: Chairman Carol Thrawley - Discussed FDIC, anyone wanting to work please sign up on the sheet we are passing around. FDIC show times Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heroes Competition will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Announced trailer dates. IERC August 21 - 23 vendor show will be August 22.

Website: Chairman President Israel - Updated committees and officers, still need descriptions for some of the committees.

Facebook: Chairman Leighanne Ellis - Pass.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith - Anyone needing logo please send me an email.

Mr. IVFA: Jack Zeeks - will be selecting a winner this weekend.

Editor's Assistant: Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler read Chairman Jim Bradford's report. 36 pages this issue, 15,494 labels. Please check newspaper and let me know if any corrections need made.

EMS: Chairman Paul Holcomb - POST advance directive training is for anyone. EMS personnel who recertifies after January 1, 2014 is required to do the training. I have done the training, it is all on line, you log in through portal, go into on-line classes and sign up, it took me a little under an hour. You have to watch a video and take a test. The State requires you to take this one time, your agency may require yearly. POST will take place out of hospital DNR. The Indiana Emergency Medical Association annual meeting will be in Bloomington May 1 - 2, 2014. Future Health Professional Indiana State Mutual conference April 15, and Fire and EMS - instructor training workshops will be held at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy April 8-10. Registrations details are on-line.

Convention 2016 received a bid from District 19.

Convention 2013 - Scott Harris will be here Sunday.

Convention 2014: Chairman Larry Bruner - Everything seems to be going well. I would like as many to register as possible.

Clothing Claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright - Had two claims, one was for eyeglasses and one was for a pair of boots. Eyeglasses claim was approved.

We called the member with the boot claim and he is going to get them to Rick or Paul so we can see them at May meeting. We are also going to be changing the top of the form stating that we must have the article that you are making a claim on, and we will be adding a place for their phone number in case we need to talk to the person.

Training committee: Chairman Steve Anderson - Reviewed last Standards and Education Board meeting note, talked about change

over in the book that they have now approved, they are going to the Fire Engineering book. The State is working out the details. It appears that you will still be able to use the IFSTA books. Fire Academy update is still in the works. Need a civilian to serve on the Board of Firefighting Standards and Education Board. If you know anyone that would be interested please contact me. Right now the challenge is to see what is the cost to train the fire service in the State of Indiana. I am trying to gather information from around State to try to figure this. I have put together a letter and if you would talk it up at your district meetings, I don't need to know what department it is or the member's names; they can black all of that out if they want to.

John Morphy - Discussed IC 1222-12-3.

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: Chairman John "Bull" Smith - The next meeting February 24, at 160 W Morgan Street, Martinsville at 6 p.m. eastern time.

NVFC: Chairman Jack Kerney - Obama Care law that affected the volunteer fire service. There has been ruling made by IRS but has not been made official yet.

Younger Member Task Force: Chairman Jerry Sprague - We had general discussion focus of our committees. A couple of ideas that were discussed - E-mail list of all members, benefit books need updated and passed out to each member, discussion on career centers dues cycle. Try to bring a salesman in to demonstrate a new product at your district meetings. We discussed the possibility of drawing at district meetings to bring a member to the officer meeting with their district chairman.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler - Pass.

Lobbyist Larry Curl - All information about bills will be on web-site and it is updated daily. It will give you current status of bill, author of bill, discussion of the bill, then highlighted in blue if you click on it, it will take you to the whole bill. We have 16,000 members that are affected by the bill that denies us the right to hold public office. We have one more opportunity to get the language inserted into a bill. We have the language drafted, it reads we are trying to extend the period of time that you can currently hold office or run for office and hold office for one more full term another four years. We are watching HB 1001 SB 1 - Budget bills, the bill about the business personal property tax. We have formed a coalition of 19 different agencies that have come together to provide a letter to all 150 members of the General Assembly saying replace, don't erase. In other words if you are going to take the business personal property tax away, replace it with something else that will replace the funds for us to operate. We are looking at third party study of the dollar savings and value of the volunteers in the State of Indiana. We are talking to Indiana University about doing this study. Watching HB 1229 Marion County Fire Department consolidation bill, if we let it happen in Marion County in two to three years it will be happening all over the State.

Lighthouse Uniforms - They are asking if we would put on our website about their program where you can donate your old class A uniforms to them. They clean them up and send them to LODD when needed at no

cost to department or the Heroes family.

Bylaws SOG's: Chairman Buz Koehler - Passed out new Bylaws and SOG books. Look them over and we will vote on them tomorrow. Benefit book wanting more suggestions.

President Israel - Need guidelines for the Medal of Valor. What qualifies for the Medal of Valor? Do you feel it just should be for our members or anyone? Let us know as soon as you learn about an incident. Please email me with your ideas.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Bev Harker - We will be meeting in May so my committee needs to make sure you reserve your room for Friday night.

License Plates - Chairman Bev Harker - Received a letter in November 2013 about how many license plates that we have to sell to keep them, right now it's not a problem. I will be filling out a form due in April so I may be calling on you if I need information.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Bev Harker - We met with Lona this morning, our current policy does renew in April. Lona found out the only ones covered were the executive board, so we are changing the policy to cover all officers.

Ed Smith showed us a newspaper poster containing information about the NE Indiana Industrial Firefighter Association Convention in 1906. It was thought Historian John Davies might be interested in this information.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Israel - Attended 6 district meetings, 3 fire department meetings, met with Rep. Tom Saunders, attended 1 IVFA memorial service, attended 2 award presentations, spoke on behalf of the Speakers Bureau at Wilkerson VFD.

Vice President Anderson - Attended county chief's meeting, fund-raisers, fire summit meeting, 2 fire alliance meetings, 2 Board of Firefighting and Standards and Education meetings, attended District 18, 17A, 17B meetings, District 11-A Miss Flame Contest.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - Attended 1 district meeting, 3 memorial services, 2 chaplain classes.

Secretary Harrison - Attended 4 district meetings, 1 memorial service, 11-A Miss Flame Contest, 1 Bible, 1 grave marker.

Treasurer Harker - Attended 2 district meetings, visited 3 fire department meetings, 11-A Miss Flame contest, 1 county meeting. 1 Bible, 1 grave marker.

Sergeant at Arms Bush - 2 clocks, 2 Bibles, 2 grave markers.

Chairman of the Board Koehler - PRNW Jim Bradford - Absent.

PRNE Jean Smith - Attended 6 district meetings, Fire Marshal Conference, 2 Bibles.

PRWC Larry Bartlow - Attended 7 district meetings, 3 department meetings, 11-A Miss Flame contest, 2 Bibles, 2 grave markers.

PREC Don Cushman - Attended 7 district meetings, 1 county meeting, 1 department with Speakers Bureau, 2 Bibles, 1 grave marker.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Attended 6 district meetings, 1 - 25 year pin presentation, 1 department visit, 1 congressional meeting.

PRSE Ed Scheele - Attended 1 memorial service, 3 district meetings, 1 fundraiser, 1 Board of

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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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Firefighters Standards and Education meeting, 2 Bibles, 2 grave markers.

## Past President's Reports

Jim Parker – Absent, still having back problems.

Mitch Parish – Absent.

Richard Glant – Pass.

Jack Zeeks – Pass.

Buz Koehler – Attended a few district meetings, met with Rep. Tom Saunders.

Jack Kerney – Attended 2 district meetings, 1 county meeting, 11-A Miss Flame Contest.

Larry Ketchem – Pass.

## District Chairmen Reports

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell – Absent.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – Absent.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy – held 2 district meetings, 1 – 50 year card presentation, 3 Bibles, 3 grave markers, Attendance 18 and 19.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith – Attendance 15, thanked Buz for attending his last 2 meetings, 4 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger – Attendance 3, 5 Bibles, 5 grave markers.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – Attendance 42, 9 departments. Thanked Larry Curl for his presentation. 2 Bibles, 2 grave markers.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – Attendance 31 and 30 presented 8 – 25 year pins, attended 3 funerals, 1 chiefs meeting, Leadership conference, 4 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 8-A Chairman Bill Pape – Attendance 15 and 15 presented 6 – 25 year pins, 1- 50 year gold card, attended 1 funeral, 4 Bibles, 5 grave markers, 4 male, 1 female.

District 8-B Chairman Lloyd Wright – Attendance 14, 4 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 9-A Chairman Leighann Ellis – Attendance 20 and 29, presented 50 year gold card 2 members from Delphi, received Fire Marshal Medal of Valor, 3 Bibles, 3 grave markers.

District 9-B Chairman Randy Denton – Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – Attendance 65, attended 4 county meetings, 3 department meetings. Presented 4 – 25 year pins, sent out emails on the legislative items, 6 Bibles, 7 grave markers.

District 11-A Chairman Pete Taylor – Attendance 15 and 16, 1 memorial service, Miss Flame dance, have gotten 3 departments back in, presented 5 / 25 year pins, 6 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 11-B Vice-Chairman John Morphy – 4 firefighters received meritorious service awards with ribbons from Sheriff's department for rescuing a Sheriff's Deputy and a civilian.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Attendance 24. I have raffle tickets and coin order forms. 4 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 13-A Chairman Carol Thrawley – Attendance 12, Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling presented the program, 2 deaths, 4 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 13-B Chairman Jeff Biehl – Attendance 10, presented 50 year Gold card, 6 Bibles, 6 grave markers.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – Attendance 15, presented 50 year gold card, 3 deaths, 4 Bibles, 4 grave markers.

District 15 Chairman Harry Logan – Absent.

District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb – Attendance 22. 3 Bibles, 3 grave markers.

District 17-A Chairman Sam Emery – Sausage supper, 469 signed in, 245 from District 17-A, 66 departments, 3 departments from Illinois, thanked Miss Flames for their help, 2 memorial services, 4 Bibles, 1 grave marker.

District 17-B Chairman Steve Nolan – Absent.

District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith – Attendance 57 and 76. Huntingburg Feb. 22 will be hosting Fire Marshal's conference, hosting Dubois County Fire school March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> vendor show will be the 29<sup>th</sup>, some of the State certification classes will be meeting on Friday nights, 2 deaths, 2 Bibles, 2 grave markers.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – Attendance 25, presented 2 – 50 year Gold cards, 2 Bibles, 2 grave markers.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz – Attendance 15, presented 1 – 25 year pin, 3 Bibles, 1 grave marker, presented 1 – 25 year pin, 1 memorial service.

Associate Chaplain's Bible and grave marker inventory is being kept by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

Scott Harris, Convention 2013 Co-Chairman gave his thoughts on the past convention.

2013 Miss Flame Heather Wickersham – Please give your district Miss Flames my information. I am going to be starting a facebook page. If they have any questions just have them call me.

President Israel and Treasurer Harker reviewed what we can and cannot charge mileage for. Heroes Gala, you can charge mileage for. Officers not allowed to charge mileage for your home district meeting. Ink cartridge once a year \$50.00. Postage has to have receipts. Convention meals have to have receipts. Treasurer Harker, if you have any questions just give me a call.

District Chairmen need to collect e-mail address from the tickets members are filling out to start or to continue to build the district email list. That can be used for e-mail blast out to your district members.

President Israel – Reviewed who is going to Washington DC. We will be leaving April 30<sup>th</sup> and return May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Larry Curl, Buz Koehler, David Israel, Sam Bisel, Leighanne Ellis, Steve Macke, Steve Nolan, Rick Cannon. Make sure you can go, if you cannot, let me know. Once banquet and airline tickets have been purchased you're responsible for reimbursement to the IVFA if you cannot go. Remember that when we come back on May 2, 2014 we have quarterly meeting May 2, 3, 4, 2014.

Nominating Committee for 2014: Jack Zeeks - Chairman, Jean Smith, and Ed Scheele. If you are interested in running for an office let the committee know by March 3<sup>rd</sup> so they can get in the May paper for our members to see before convention.

We will have a new committee list for 2014 that we will be getting sent out.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush is passing out a paper for the district chairmen to have your district officers fill out and return them at the May meeting. Please put your district number on them and what office the person is holding.

Bill Bush asked if past presidents were the only past

officers that received mileage and hotel room for attending quarterly meetings. President Israel said at this time that is how it is. This would take an SOG change. Buz Koehler and Larry Bartlow will investigate.

Vice President Anderson through the Fire Alliance meetings asked if anybody worked on an ambulance as an EMT or Paramedic. Has anyone experienced a portal that has been set up for each EMT or Paramedic to supply data entry into the State Department of Health data base. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner said Hendrix County is doing it through the hospitals.

Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler asked everyone to get out their new SOG books. Page 15 # 3 & 4 should read: cross out word ten and write in thirteen. By-laws book minor error contents list last two roman numerals is wrong should be XVI. District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made motion to accept by-laws and SOG. District 17-A Chairman Sam Emery made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler showed the new certificate paper that Central Office will be using to print certificates when asked to by the district chairmen.

President Israel asked district chairmen if you have awards program, station dedications, etc. please let the officers know so maybe we can attend.

State Miss Flame Heather Wickersham drew the quarterly winners. \$100.00 gas card sponsored by California Casualty Joe Dekemper, District 18 and Cleaning Supply Basket sponsored by Station Supply Matthew Maribion, District 16.

Central Office contract is up in October, we will be taking bids. Deadline will be July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 for a three year contract. Will be advertised in May paper. Bids need to be mailed to President Israel.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy made motion to adjourn. Past President Richard Glant made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Harrison, Secretary

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

With spring on its way fundraiser season has started. Please remember to put your fundraiser and department activities on our website.

Wednesday, June 18th will be our annual auction for Hoosier Burn Camp. If you would like to donate anything, it would be greatly

appreciated. You can bring the item(s) with you to convention, but if you are not able to attend convention, just contact me and we will make arrangements to pick the item(s) up. Remember, it takes \$1,000.00 to send one kid to camp. With your donations and buying these items we send three to five kids to camp. Let's make this a record year!!

May 28th is Visitor's Day at Hoosier Burn Camp. If you have not attended, I urge you to spend the afternoon with the kids. You can get lots of information at their website [www.hoosierburncamp.com](http://www.hoosierburncamp.com). On the website you can register to receive newsletters from camp.

Hope to see everyone at convention.

Please stay safe.

Diane Harrison

## Central Office bids ...

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prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### May

1. Provide deceased members list to IVFA Officers.

2. Start preparing materials for the IVFA Annual Meeting.

### June

1. Prepare Delegate Registration sheets for the IVFA Annual Meeting (2 sheets per District).

2. Prepare Voting Forms for the IVFA Annual Meeting (6 sheets per District).

3. Prepare for distribution at the IVFA Annual Meeting a list of Paid Membership Members for the past year for the Credentials Committee.

4. Prepare Department Paid/Not Paid Report for the IVFA Officers by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### July

1. July 31 is the final deadline for dues to be considered paid on time, either received in IVFA Central Office or post marked.

2. Prepare and send newspaper labels to the proper entity by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### August

1. Prepare Department Paid/Not Paid Report for distribution to the IVFA officers at the August meeting.

2. Provide deceased members list to IVFA Officers.

### October

1. Prepare and send newspaper labels to the proper entity prior to October 5th.

2. Prepare a hard copy of Paid/Not Paid Department Report for the officers for the November meeting.

### November

1. Provide deceased members report to the IVFA Officers.

### December

1. Prepare a Bad Address Report for Officers.

2. Prepare and mail IVFA license plate card to members.

Other tasks requested by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Contract shall run from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

Please submit your bid to perform these tasks, including a list of qualifications and experience you have in performing these functions and the fee for which you or your company will perform these services for the entire contract term stated on a monthly basis to **IVFA President David Israel, 2070 S. Co. Rd. 700 W. Greensburg, IN 47240** by, or post marked by, **July 1, 2014**. The successful bidder must enter into a binding contract prepared by the IVFA legal counsel and in form and

substance acceptable to the IVFA Executive Committee within 14 days of notification that it is the successful bidder.

IVFA Secretary

Diane Harrison

P.O. Box 94

Coalmont, IN, 47845

## IVFAA raffle cancelled ... Chinese Auction expanding

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not have an IVFAA raffle as we have had in the past years.

The good news is that we are expanding our Chinese Auction. We will have more auction items as well as including more items for the men to bid on.

As this is our money-maker for the year, we are asking for your support in helping us by bringing a few extra bucks to the convention and bidding on your favorite items.

A favorite will also be available for auction. Past president Beth Caudill has graciously donated a handmade quilt made by her to be auctioned off. These quilts have been a hit in the past.

Auction will be held at the end of Friday evening's banquet. Please come prepared to bid and bid high.

## Splash Back To Indy 2014 Convention

Greetings to all.

The 68th Convention of the IVFA is just around the corner.

This year's convention will be held at the Caribbean Cove Hotel and Water Park in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention dates are June 18 through 20, 2014. The hotel is located at 3850 DePauw Boulevard, just south of I-465 at Michigan Road on the northwest side of Indianapolis.

The convention committee has worked real hard in planning this year's convention to make it a family event so there is something for everyone to enjoy. We start the convention with a golf scramble at Coffin Golf Course. Then the Pompier, Pump and Playpipe Society of Indiana is an organization that plays an active role in collecting and restoring firefighting apparatus that has served the great state of Indiana. The PPPSI will be with us all three days and many vendors, so you can come out to see new and old equipment in fire service.

We will once again have Live Burn Training. To attend this training, you must have your turnout gear and we ask that you sign up online at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) to assure availability of this training.

We ask that you take advantage of our money saving deals. Early registration will save you money if you complete it before May 5, 2014 and we have a special room rate at the hotel if you make your reservations before June 4, 2014.

Look forward to a great time; hope to see you at the 2014 IVFA convention.

Convention chairman  
Larry Bruner

# Governor Mike Pence honors Southern Indiana first responders

Governor Mike Pence recently met with and thanked local first responders at a meeting held at the Utica Fire Department. He recognized all the hard work that had been done over the long and severe winter. Governor Pence also presented Major Donovan Harrod with the Governor's Service Award in recognition of his life-saving actions where he pulled someone from their car that had crashed into a pond while they were on the scene of another run.

Picture 1 (upper right) : L to R: Chief Jamey Noel, Governor Mike Pence, Vice President Steve Anderson, District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb

Picture 2 (second, upper right) : Governor Mike Pence with Southern Indiana first responders

Pictures 3 & 4 (bottom right) : Governor Mike Pence presenting Major Donovan Harrod with the Governor's Service Award



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IVFAA MEMBER	_____	_____
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith



Clayburn Jones 25 year pin

On 16 January 2014 the IVFA District 18 held its regular business meeting. During the meeting, district chairman John "Bull" Smith presented IVFA 25 year service pins to members of the Central Perry, Jasper, and Lockhart Twp. Fire Departments. Those members were Jerry Guillaume of Central Perry. Jasper members included Jeff Luker, Ed Schmitt, Mike Kiefer, and Phil Schmidt. Also receiving the award, but not present was Mike Shaw. From the Lockhart Twp. Fire Department, Clayburn Jones.



Jerry Guillaume 25 year pin



Jasper 25 year pins



On 11 January, the Ireland Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co.) hosted their annual Awards Dinner. During the ceremonies two members were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin.

Pictured with IVFA District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith are Jason "Jay" Terwiske (left) and John Renner (center).



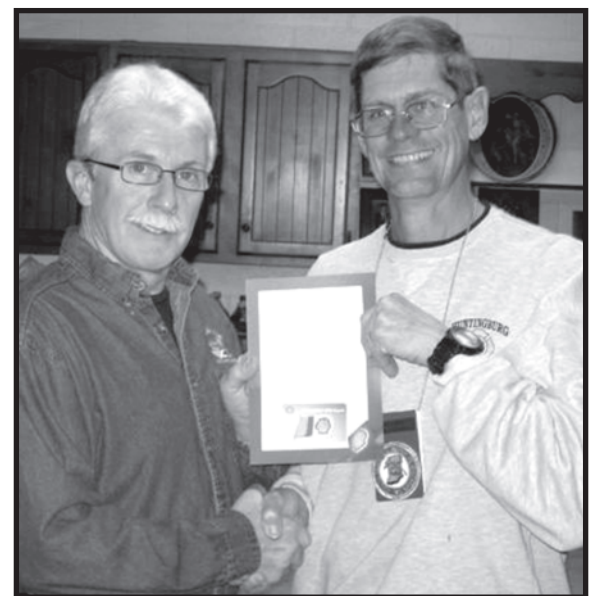
At the annual membership meeting of the New Boston VFD, 4 members were presented with the IVFA 25 Year service pin. Pictured are (L-R) Patrick Heeke, Fire Chief Dale Conen, David Webb, and Bill Mosby.



## Ferdinand VFD holds Awards Dinner

On Saturday, 8 March 2014. The Ferdinand Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co. District 18) hosted its annual Membership Recognition and Awards Dinner. Among the recipients were four members receiving the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin.

Pictured left to right are Ferdinand Firefighters Donnie Mohr, Kurt Streicher, and William Luebbehusen. Also receiving the award, but not present was Ferdinand Fire Chief Dan Lindauer.



## First quarter district meeting attendance prize

One of the district meeting attendance prizes for the first quarter, the \$100.00 gas card donated by California Casualty, was won by Joe Dekemper (pictured left) of the Dubois VFD (Dubois Co.) Presenting the prize is District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Congratulations to both winners, and good luck to everyone for the second quarter contest.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith

At the April meeting of the Cannelton VFD (Perry Co. District 18) the IVFA 25 year service award pin was presented to the pictured members (L-R)



Steve Simpson, Steve Maffia, and Cannelton VFD Fire Chief Chris Herzog.

Also receiving the award, but not present was Kevin Lawalin.



At the April meeting of the Anderson Twp. VFD (Perry Co. District 18) the IVFA 25 year service award pin was presented to Mike Peter (pictured left) from IVFA District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

# Clarksburg members receive 25 year pins



Six members of the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Dept. were presented 25 year pins at February Decatur County firefighters meeting.

From the left Steve Bokelman, Joe Carroll, IVFA President David Israel, District 10 Chairman John Ray, Wayne Geis, Brad Speer not pictured Larry Geis and Rusty Scheibler. - submitted by John M. Ray, District 10 chairman

# 20th annual benefit breakfast held



Thank You, Jefferson Center Fire Department for the invite to your 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Breakfast. The food was very good and with great hospitality. If you didn't make it, you missed out on a great Auxiliary Bake Sale.

Jean Smith – Northeast Public Relations

# Awards given



## Award February

The Griffith Fire Department would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Don Hill on receiving the Meritorious Award for Community Service and Battalion Chief Tom Somers on receiving the Educational Achievement Award. Both men have helped greatly in furthering this department and its rich tradition of service to the community.

From left to right: Fire Chief Roy Schoon, Battalion Chief Somers and Deputy Chief Hill.



## Smitty Award

The Griffith Fire Department would like to acknowledge Firefighter Randy Smith as he retired after 21 years of dedicated service to this department and community.

From left to right are Firefighter Smith and Fire Chief Roy Schoon.

# 2014 IVFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### TIME

#### WEDNESDAY June 18, 2014

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

### EVENT

Golf Scramble  
Vendor Set up  
PPPSI Antique Fire Trucks  
Registration  
Chinese Auction  
Welcome Meal  
Miss Flame Mixer  
Hoosier Burn Camp Auction  
Hospitality Room

### LOCATION

Coffin Golf Course  
Atrium & Outside  
Outside  
Riviera Room  
Atrium Patio  
Atrium  
Rendezvous Room  
Atrium  
Room 161

### TIME

#### THURSDAY June 19, 2014

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
8 a.m. to Noon  
8 a.m. to Noon  
9 a.m. to Noon  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
10 a.m. to Noon  
10 a.m. to Noon  
Noon to 1 p.m.  
Noon to 2 p.m.  
Noon to 4 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.  
10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

### EVENT

Registration  
Chinese Auction  
Miss Flame Pre Judging  
Miss Flame Judging  
BFPSE Meeting  
Vendors Open  
PPSI Antique Fire Trucks  
Condensed Salvage & Overhaul  
Meth Decontamination  
Miss Flame Luncheon  
Vendor Appreciation Lunch  
Live Burn Exercise  
Miss Flame Final Judging  
Children's Room  
Safety House  
IVFAA Officers Meeting  
IVFA Officers Meeting  
Hot Dog Bust  
Children's Room  
Open Meeting  
Hospitality Room  
Water Park – Adults Only

### LOCATION

Riviera Room  
Atrium Patio  
Monaco A Room  
Terrace Room  
Monte Carlo  
Atrium & Outside  
Outside  
Grimaldi A  
Grimaldi B  
Rendezvous  
Atrium  
Outside  
Monte Carlo  
Casino  
Outside  
Grimaldi  
Monaco  
Atrium  
Casino  
Monte Carlo  
Room 161  
Water Park

### TIME

#### FRIDAY June 20, 2014

7 a.m. to 8 a.m.  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
1 p.m. to Close  
9 a.m. to Close  
9 a.m. to Close  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.  
10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

### EVENT

Coffee Clutch  
Memorial Service  
Registration  
Children's Room  
Children's Room (IF NEEDED)  
IVFAA Annual Meeting  
IVFA Annual Meeting  
Vendors Open  
PPSI Antique Fire Trucks  
Chinese Auction  
Miss Flame Outing  
Hospitality Room  
Banquet Dinner  
Children's Party  
Hospitality Room  
Water Park - Adults Only

### LOCATION

Atrium  
Monte Carlo  
Riviera  
Casino  
Casino  
Casino  
Grimaldi  
Monte Carlo  
Atrium & Outside  
Outside  
?????  
Room 161  
Monte Carlo  
Rendezvous  
Room 161  
Water Park

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Sam Emery



SPURGEON VFD – Spurgeon VFD members ready to start their duties.



25 YEAR MEMBER – Harrison Twp. VFD member, Larry J. Shots, was presented his 25 year pin with Chief Chad Hansen in attendance.



HAPPY RETIREMENT – Carol Jean Farrell, Johnson Twp. VFD, was presented a certificate for her 43 years service with Bev Harker and Chief Jeff Holscher in attendance.



Hard at work at the Harrison Twp. VFD in Monroe City - fundraiser - fried chicken dinner.



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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.**

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6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

Top of Form

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

Name  IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew  Choose Month

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:**  
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P.O. Box 4797  
Evansville, IN 47724  
1-877-606-4832

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

**IVFAA  
Corresponding  
Secretary  
Leona Uryga**



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting  
Crown Plaza, Indianapolis, IN  
Feb. 9, 2014

President Barb Kerney opened the meeting with a silent prayer for Toni Sorg. Chaplain Joann Hays recited a prayer. Beth Caudill led us in the pledge to the flag.

Recording Sec. June Cahill took roll call with 21 officers and 8 members present.

She reported that we have 57 Depts., 770 paid by Depts., 205 Ind. and 25 Life members with a total of 1000 members to date.

Barb stated that district chairmen were to go back to their districts and get a vote from them in raising the dues. Seven (7) districts voted for a \$10.00 raise, five (5) voted for a \$7.50 change. A motion was made by Janet Woodfield to raise the dues to \$10.00. Barb explained that in the last three years we have not been receiving enough money from our V.P. Projects to keep us stable in the near future with our expenses. There were many comments from the floor with the Miss Flames that cannot sell the tickets anymore and auxiliaries who do not sell at all. These are some of the reasons the dues have to be raised.

Barb dispensed with the final vote in order to give Larry Curl the floor. He talked about legislation. We were asked to contact our Senators to vote against House Bill #1229. This is a bill for hostile consolidation in Marion County. If it passes it can affect the rest of the counties in the state.

Buz Koehler brought us the newspapers and asked if anyone has

questions about the paper to contact him.

Heather Holcomb, State Miss Flame asked if there were any questions to contact her and she is on Facebook.

Phyllis Vargo looked up the by-laws and SOG's and nothing was stated that we have to have a vote at the convention to raise the amount of the dues. We are changing the SOG language to the dues by our vote at this meeting. Janet revived her motion to no change, \$7.50 or \$10.00 and seconded by Phyllis Vargo. A vote from the districts was 4 for no change, 7 for \$10.00 and 4 for \$7.50. Starting on June 1 of this year the dues will be \$10.00. A suggestion to district chairmen is to tell their auxiliaries that they are receiving insurance, a Bible and a memorial service. The breakdown is 84 cents a month.

If dues of \$5.00 are paid before June 1 auxiliaries will be grandfathered in.

Barb stated that the District Chairmen must pay their dues. Please make sure they are paid.

Barb received a letter from Heather Martin on her resignation from Vice President. Names were to be turned in by January 20. The Nominating committee will run the election and conducted by Pam Gerdowsky. This is until the June convention. The names are: Martha Thomas, Beth Caudill and Susie Lewis. Beth Caudill withdrew her name but was explained that Heather can run for vice president at the convention. Susie decided to run. Election was held and Martha Thomas is the new Vice President.

Since nothing was done for the V.P. Project, Lorie Parker stated that the Miss Flames and auxiliaries are asked to make more baskets for the Chinese Auction. The Miss Flames can sell the tickets at the convention and they will be 3 for \$1.00. Martha Thomas asked if we can sell tickets in our districts and just put their name and district number on tickets. We cannot sell outside the convention but can get their money and put their name on the ticket. If the person is not at convention then the district chairman will deliver the basket to the winner.

Barb stated that we have not filed with the IRS for a number of years. There are three options we have: The IRS can have us file for all the years we didn't file or they can fine us or

they can keep us from getting our gaming license and using our tax exempt number. They could also freeze your bank account. Barb asked if anyone has a suggestion she would appreciate it.

There will be an auction on the quilt donated by Beth Caudill at the banquet.

Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Tammy Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. A correction was made to change Beth Cahill to Beth Caudill. A thank you card from Barb Kerney was read.

Carol Koehler announced that the Miriam Schaekel Award committee extended the letters until March 1.

Phyllis Vargo stated that we have two historical books on cd's and will get with Leona to deliver the other two books.

We have one by-law for convention and will be read at the May meeting. April 17 is the deadline for any changes to the by-laws and sent to June Cahill.

E.J. Smith asked if an increase could be made for the Mary Mackin Scholarship Fund. This is for the Miss Flames. It would be \$200.00 for the State Miss Flame, \$100.00 for the Runner-up and \$100.00 for Miss Congeniality. A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Barb Parker. Motion carried. She also asked that the Miss Flames when they write their essays, should write what they have done in their own department and what they have learned for their future use.

Miss Flames must have their applications and two photos in by March 10. It is to be sent to E.J. Smith, 16721 Thiele Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46819.

Miss Flames are to send two recipes to Joann Hays, 4430 South 8th St., Terre Haute, IN 47802 by April 15. They are planning to have cook books made. They are going to sell the cook books at convention for \$2.00 each. They will have 100 books made and the proceeds will go to the Burn Camp.

On jewelry, Janet Woodfill handed out district pins to those who requested them.

Barb Parker will have a meeting in May for the SOG's.

Pam Gerdowsky stated that Tonya Marsee had asked those who wanted to be on the ballet for offices. Betsy Howe will do the installation.

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2013 / 2014**

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Barbara Ketchem  
Carol Koehler  
Carolyn Zeeks

**CHINESE AUCTION COMM.**

Lori Parker - Chm.  
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Carol Koehler - Chm.  
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Lou Bartlow

**LOIS BOAZ AWARD**

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Pam Gerdowsky  
Martha Thomas

**HISTORIAN**

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.  
Joann Hays  
Martha Thomas

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Barbara Parker

**MEMORIAL THROW**

Carol Curl



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

## Corresponding secretary report ...

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Barb stated that all past Miss Flames should not wear their crowns or banners with other Miss Flames. It is not fair for the current Miss Flames.

Chaplain Joann Hays asked if the district chairmen went back to their auxiliaries and asked if they would prefer to keep the old Bible or to have smaller new ones. Discussion was held. The vote was 3 for the new Bibles and 9 for the current Bibles. We will continue with the current Bibles. Joann gave the rest of her report. Named the names of the ladies we lost this past year. We are to send Diana Gray a good well card.

Beth Caudill made pillows out of the old tableclothes. They are charging \$10.00 a pillow.

Chaplain Joann read us a poem "Don't Quit".

President Barb asked if you can't make the meeting to please let her know.

Chaplain Joann Hays said a prayer to dismiss the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cor. Secretary Leona Uryga

due to Martha taking it over so close to Convention, the State decided to expand on the Chinese Auction. Phyllis and Martha are asking all auxiliary to bring money to the next District Meeting to purchase tickets from them. The price of tickets will be 3/\$1. Phyllis and Martha will be taking our tickets down to State to put them in the buckets for drawing. Also Phyllis made up 2 Gift Baskets from District 1 & 2. One is Sport Basket and the other is all Breast Cancer. Also Mrs. Bustamante donated a large fire blanket for the Chinese Auction.

Phyllis also advised us that at State Officers' meeting they passed to raise District Dues to \$10.00 per auxiliary member. Phyllis advised the group that if they wanted to pay their dues ahead at the \$5 rate you do so by June 1st. You can pay as many years as you want, but they must be to Phyllis no later than June 1st.

There was a discussion at the State Officer's Meeting about the Bible that is given at a Memorial Service. They could go to less expensive one or stay with the current Bible - the Heirloom Bible, which is more, but nicer. The group decided to stay with the Heirloom Bible.

Phyllis wanted to make sure that any group wanted to submit a By-law change, it needs to be to Phyllis by May 1st. The change needs to be in writing with the how it reads right now and what you want changed in it.

The Miss Flames are doing a cookbook at convention. Every girl is to send 2 recipes to JoAnn Hays by April 15. All proceeds will go to Hoosier Burn Camp.

Phyllis was proud to announce that we will have 2 - 50 year Gold Card members from District 1 who will be receiving their Gold Cards at convention this year. First is Martha Thomas and second is Betsy Howe. Congratulation to both ladies!

The State has 57 departments in the State Auxiliary, 25 Lifetime Members and 1,000 members.

Phyllis wanted the District to start thinking about members you have on your department that deserves of some of the State Awards. The letters need to be handwritten.

The next meeting will be at St. John Fire Department in May, we have no host for September and Crown Point volunteered for November.

Convention will be in Indianapolis this year - June 18, 19 & 20th.

**There was a discussion on the floor regarding State Dues. And District 1 & 2 would like to know why the dues are being raised when the State has so much money in its account!**

Phyllis thanked Lake Of Four Season for hosting and great food as always!

Department Announcements:  
Next meeting will be at St. John Fire Department.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Nikki LaDuke to adjourn. Motion passed.

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

### DISTRICT 3 REPORT

*Diane Stapleton - Chairman*

I.V.F.A.A. District 3 Minutes  
March 19, 2014

The Coolspring Twp. V.F.D. auxiliary served desserts before the meeting.

Chairman Diane Stapleton

opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:15.

A prayer was said by Chaplain Jodi Barkow.

Roll call was answered by 14 members present.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and will stand until audit.

New business: Dues are going up on June 1st of this year in the amount of \$10.00 per member. If you send in the dues before June 1st, you will be grandfathered in for the coming year at \$5.00 per member.

Karrie Hibbard of American Life Ins. is the contact person. Phone number is 765-336-1373.

Old business: Jessica Dove project may be going national. Is using it as an honor project at her school. She is trying to get Marathon Pipeline to sponsor her.

District 3 Miss Flame Annabelle Andrisco spoke to the auxiliary. Answered questions.

Michiana Shores is having a Pancake Breakfast on May 18.

The next district meeting is May 21st at Pleasant Twp.

Jodi Barkow made a motion and Stephanie Skwiat to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sec. Robert Uryga

### DISTRICT 6 REPORT



*E.J. Smith - Chairman*

Hello to all,  
Kayla Williams from Hudson Fire Department will be representing 6<sup>th</sup> District at the 2014 IVFA Convention, held in Indianapolis at Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park, June 18-20. Good luck Kayla!

Our March 25<sup>th</sup> District Meeting was held at Butler Fire Department.

Our May 27<sup>th</sup> District Meeting will be held at Topeka Fire Department. Hope to see you all there!

I attended the Jefferson Center Fire Department-Whitley County Pancake and Sausage breakfast, it was very good. I also talked to the Auxiliary President about joining State IVFA Auxiliary.

I look forward to meeting with departments and individuals, to help build our District and State IVFA Auxiliary. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at home 260-639-3231 or cell 260-413-3040 or [EJS6District@aol.com](mailto:EJS6District@aol.com).

E.J. Smith  
District 6  
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### DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



*Beverly Taylor - Chairman*

Hello, again,

Finally spring!! Or that's what the calendar says. It's been a long, hard winter, but better days are ahead.

We had a district meeting at Otto Creek Fire Dept. Station 2. They had a lovely meal.

We discussed dues for next year. They will change to \$10.00. Still cheap insurance.

The ladies decided to keep the same Bibles instead of the new one that will represent Catholic and Protestant.

We have pillows made out of tableclothes with IVFA emblem on it - \$10.00. They will be at convention. Convention will be June 18-20 at Indianapolis Holiday Inn, Caribbean Cove. Hope to see you there.

Fish fries have started. Prairieton is April 26th. They are requesting you to bring a can of food for food pantry.

We had a great time at our Miss Flame dance. Our new Miss Flame is Tressa Steward. A beautiful, outgoing young lady that will go far. Good luck, Tressa.

Until next time, this is District 11A chairman IVFAA Beverly Taylor.

Think spring!!

### DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



*Lou Bartlow - Chairman*

Hi ladies,

We are working on spring but not sure it will get here soon enough.

Our last meeting was at Belle Union. We held our Miss Flame contest.

Carly Vandivier was crowned our winner. We all wish her well at convention.

Speaking of convention, it is June 19, 20, 21 at the Caribbean Cove in Indianapolis. Please make sure your registrations and reservations are in. May 1 the registration goes up.

All the information is in the paper. It is not too late to nominate people for all the awards, but remember them next year. All are due February 1 each year.

Hope you all have a wonderful spring after a rough winter.

Lou Bartlow  
District 11-B chairman

### DISTRICT 17A REPORT



*Marie Emery - Chairman*

Hello, is it spring yet? I hope so, we have a yard full of robins and no, they don't have their long underwear on and the Easter lilies are blooming.

January 4th I went with Sam to Spurgeon VFD for a swearing in of officers. It was very nice and I enjoyed the fellowship.

January 18th was our annual sausage supper hosted by Vincennes VFD. A very good job as usual - thank you also for every one who made cookies and purchased them for our Miss Flame fundraiser. Thank you, each and every one.

February 10th I attended the Greene Co. meeting at Lewis VFD.

In March I attended fundraisers at Steen Twp. and Harrison Twp. VFD. Had a very nice time, met a lot of people and had a very good meal.

Our March district meeting was held at the Taylor station in Scotland. Thanks to all the ladies for pitching in and serving a very good meal. President Barb Kerney was in attendance. Several ladies and officers were present. Gifts for the Burn Camp auction and Chinese Auction at convention for discussion.

Our next meeting will be held May 14th at the Patoka Twp. VFD. Hope to see all of you there.

Marie Emery  
17A chairman

### DISTRICT 19 REPORT



*Tonya Marsee - Chairman*

Hi Everyone!!!!

It looks like Spring out there today and I hope it continues. Sure would be nice to get outside in the flower beds and clean everything up.

The District 19 IVFAA meeting was held on February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. 13 members and two guests were present.

Bert Struewing, our chaplain, had a reading entitled, "To Be There When it Matters".

Our new District 19 Miss Flame, Alyssa Kneuen, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We had a light lunch of BBQ, cole slaw, chips, pies, and drinks hosted at Milan Volunteer Fire Department.

We have one fish fry coming up at Blooming Grove Fire Department on April 18.

Our next District 19 IVFAA meeting will also take place at Blooming Grove Fire Department on May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see lots of members present for this.

I want to take a minute and thank everyone for their cards and thoughts you have been sending me during

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## Vibes from the IVFAA President Barbara Kerney

The calendar says it is spring, but old man winter just seems to want to stick around. I know most of you are of the same mind as me that I am ready for the warmth of the sun and the temps above 0 to 20.

Our annual convention is just around the corner and the committees are working hard to prepare for another great convention. If you have not made plans to attend, please consider attending as this is a good way for you to find out what your organization is doing for you as a member and how you can become more involved. We need to have your voice heard and your suggestions for the leadership.

The road to a successful year has not always been smooth this year. We have experienced some set backs, but we have implemented some new ideas which will hopefully keep us going forward in a more positive approach to provide the organization with a positive incentive to grow. I, as your President, want to say thanks to those of you who have helped in our road to success, the time you have spent, and your determination to keep us growing. Your support, your ideas, and the teamwork you have participated in are appreciated. I hope that I can continue to help in some small way to provide leadership that will keep us growing.

I want to offer my sympathy to Martha Thomas in the loss of Jake. We will all miss him. Our prayers go to Joann and Bob Hays as they are going thru some tough times. Joann is always there for all of us, so we will be there for her and her family. Our thoughts are also with Dave and Virginia Elick in the loss of Dave's son.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at convention.

Barb Kerney  
IVFAA President



## Dave Clements receives two awards at banquet

On Saturday, January 18, 2014 the firefighters, their families and supporters celebrated 2013 at our annual awards banquet and dinner.

Each year the chief and the president of the department award/recognize a member of the department for his/her dedication, service and accomplishments.

Firefighter Dave Clements was awarded both the Chief's Award and the President's Award. Firefighter Clements was selected for the Chief's Award for excellence in engine operations, having demonstrated his proficiency and skill at the Morocco Finer Foods fire. Firefighter Clements assured a continuous flow of well over 500,000 gallons of water, receiving water from fire hydrants as well as draft from portable water tanks; while supplying Rensselaer Fire Department's aerial, Brook Fire Department's engine, ground monitor guns and every possible fire hose. Firefighter Clements was also awarded the President's Award for his continued loyalty and dedication to the fire department and community.

Years of Service pins were awarded to firefighter Dan Baird, twenty year pin; Chief Corrie Myers, ten year pin; and Safety Officer Michael Myers, five year pin. All firefighters were recognized for their service and dedication to the safety of our community.

Jackson Township Trustee, Sharen Clark was recognized for leading a campaign to assure every residence in Jackson Township is equipped with a functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detector and a working fire extinguisher. Her work in providing this equipment to the

residents of Jackson Township may potentially save lives in the event of a fire or carbon monoxide incident.

The township trustees and board members of the areas we serve (Beaver, Jackson and McClellan Township) were also recognized and thanked for their continued loyalty, trust and dedication to the fire department. Trustee Mindy Mathis, Beaver Township and Trustee Sharen Clark, Jackson Township accepted certificates of appreciation. Trustee Mary Jarvis, McClellan Township, was unable to attend due to the snow storm, but will be given the certificate of appreciation at a later date.

Trustee Mindy Mathis and the Auxiliary members were recognized for their service in assuring firefighters have water, Gatorade, coffee and snacks during long fires to assure firefighters stay hydrated and full of energy. -- approved for press release, Corrie D. Myers, Fire Chief, Morocco Volunteer Fire Department.

## District 19 ...

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this time. It really helps. I am looking forward to seeing "old" friends at the State Convention and making new friends. So please don't forget to make your reservations for this. Hope to see everyone at the state meeting in May.

Take care and best wishes.  
Tonya Marsee,  
District 19 IVFAA Chairman



## Haddon honored for 50 years of service

Roy Haddon from the Reelsville/Washington Township VFD was honored recently for his 50 years of service to the Department. District 11-B Chairman, Larry Southard, is pictured handing Roy his pin and Gold card from the IVFA. During the ceremony, Roy was also honored with a Medal of Service from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Certificate of Honor from State Representative, Jim Baird, and a clock and memory book from the department. -- submitted by John McPherson.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman Jerry Sprague



District 6 2013 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman passing crown to 2014 Miss Flame Kayla Williams.



L-R, 2013 District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman, 2014 District 6 Miss Flame Kayla Williams.



2014 District 6 Miss Flame Kayla Williams.

All District 6 Photos by Amanda Paulson, Submitted by District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague.



L to R, District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague, 2013 District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman, 2014 District 6 Miss Flame Kayla Williams, IVFAA District 6 Chairman EJ Smith, PRNE Jean Smith.



Ligonier Firefighters receive awards at annual awards dinner. Left to right: Kevin Sheley, 1st Responder of the Year  
Shawn Cox, Fire Officer of the Year  
Barry McDonald, Firefighter of the Year



District 6 present and past Miss Flames.



Ligonier Firefighter Kenny Sprague (center) receives his 25 year IVFA pin from Chief Jeremy Weaver (on left) and IVFA District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague

District 6 Miss Flames attended district meeting at Churubusco Fire Department. Kayla Williams, Tianna Schuerman, Kristen Wylie, Kristen Hormann, Kimberly Smith, Angie Williams



Ligonier Firefighter Dick Becker receives his 50 year Gold card from IVFA District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague. Photo by Chief Jeremy Weaver.

Chief Greg Crary of the Arcola VFD receives his 25 year pin from District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague at Arcola's annual awards dinner.



Ligonier VFD Firefighters receive awards at annual awards dinner. From left to right:

- Martin McDonald, 40 years of service
- Jerry Sprague, 30 years of service
- Kenny Sprague, 25 years of service
- Jeff Bush, 10 years of service
- Eric Bench, 5 years of service



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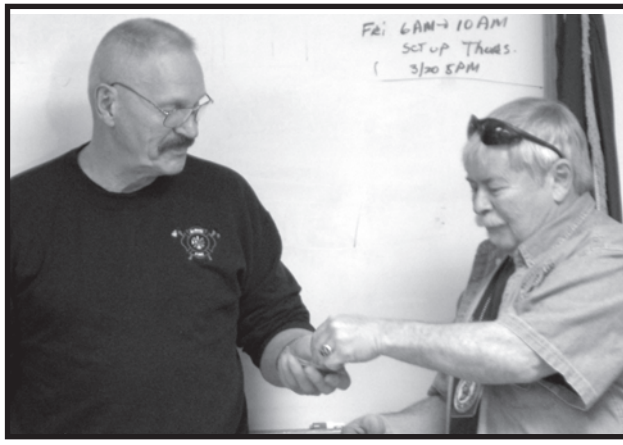


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Bob Beckley with Jerry Sprague



Bob Brownell with Jerry Sprague



Chief Steve Bushong

# Two Albion firefighters recognized for remarkably long careers volunteering to protect their community

Former Albion Fire Chief Bob Beckley, part of a long line of Beckley's to serve on the Albion Fire Department, marked 40 years in the fire service at the AFD's March 10 meeting.

Having transferred to the AFD after serving on other departments, Bob Brownell has an even more amazing longevity record: over 50 years as a firefighter, from when he was a teenager. Both men remain active today.

Beckley and Brownell were presented with their 40 and 50 year service pins before the AFD membership by Ligonier Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Sprague, District 6 Chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

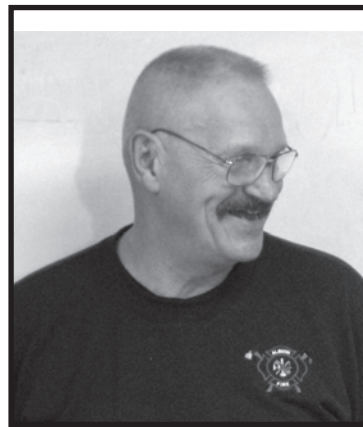
(AFD photos by Mark R Hunter)

photo 1: Albion firefighter Bob Beckley is presented with his 40 year service pin by Ligonier Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Sprague, District 6 Chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

photo 2: Albion firefighter Bob Brownell is presented with his 50 year service pin by Ligonier Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Sprague, District 6 Chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

photo3: Albion Fire Chief Steve Bushong congratulates Albion firefighter and former Chief Bob Beckley on his 40 years of service as a volunteer.

# Slightly off the mark



Bob Brownell

That's Brownell.

The truth is, Bob didn't learn to be a firefighter: He invented firefighting. Yep. He was just sitting around with Ben Franklin one day, sipping on a Sam Adams (the beer, I mean—he's not a vampire. I think.)

Then Ben, who later died because he's not Bob, used his well known powers of observation: "Say ... Bob, you don't appear to have aged a day since I met you during the Frenching Indian War." (No, that's not a typo: Ben was quite a party animal.)

Bob had to think fast, because he'd already been kicked out of Rome after organizing slaves into the first fire brigade (which gives a certain irony to the term "volunteer"). Later he had to leave London, after he helped fight the Great Fire of the unfortunately numbered year 1666. He wanted to stick around, but with no buildings left to burn he couldn't get any firefighting action, so he went over to the Colonies and met an expert at getting action, Ben Franklin.

Together, Franklin and Bob invented false teeth—sadly not perfected for George Washington—along with an early version of the Walkman, and the disco ball. These last two were not successful, as it was only afterward that they discovered electricity.

Anyone, Bob wasn't ready to move on just yet, so he had to distract Franklin. Seeing no woman nearby, he said, "Say, Ben, you know what we should do? Form a volunteer fire department."

"Oh, I don't know ... I'm a little leery of flames ever since we flew that kite and the lightning set my wig on fire."

"You look fine bald. Besides, the chicks love firefighters."

"Oh! Why didn't you say so?"

So they formed the Union Fire Company, and both men were happy to learn the chicks did, indeed, love firefighters, and things went just great until Bob started *not* getting old. He moved to Cincinnati and helped develop the first steam powered fire engine, which the firefighters wanted to name the "Bob Brownell" but was instead named the "Uncle Joe Ross", after a City Council member. And that's just as well, because 150 years later Bob would have some explaining to do.

So we're lucky to have Bobs on our fire department. You know, something just occurred to me: Maybe Bob Beckley isn't one of a line of Beckleys on the AFD. Maybe it was the same Bob all along—Chief in 1959, and Chief in 1994. Maybe firefighting Bobs really are immortal ...

Just like the spirit of volunteerism. See what I did there?

Now, I'm off to change my name.

—submitted by Mark Hunter

After three decades as a volunteer firefighter, I ... hurt. A lot, especially when it's cold. Recently I've been seen wearing a sling, to let my arm heal after I bent an elbow the wrong way. (I don't really need the sling—it's to keep me from reaching for stuff with my bad arm.) I'm just tired.

Bob Beckley was already an old timer (or so my 18-year-old self thought) when I joined. He just hit his 40th year.

Bob Brownell was just given his fifty year pin.

*Fifty years.*

And that was because they missed the actual anniversary: He's been a firefighter for 53 years. He was already doing the job for two decades before I walked into the firehouse for the first time, sucking on a bottle and wetting my pants. (Just kidding ... I wasn't sucking on a bottle. I left it in the car.)

Now, what else happened around 53 years ago? Hm. Well, 52 years ago, although I don't actually remember it ...

Holy cow. Bob Brownell has been fighting fires since *before I was born*.

And the rest of us still have to fight him for the friggin' fire nozzle.

Maybe it's a Bob thing. Maybe being a Bob gives you more energy somehow; maybe it's one of those mystical names that keeps you young even longer than sleeping under a pyramid, or marrying Playboy bunnies.

Brownell would have started around 1961 or so. Kennedy was President. In Albion, our newest truck was a 1952 fire engine, the first engine I rode to a fire almost two decades later. It had a manual transmission with about 42 speeds on it.

And I'm tired?

Now, Brownell is a transfer, which means he didn't start with our department. What happened was, he started on a different fire department, wore all of them out, then moved to another one. Then all the young guys on that department got tired of him making them look bad, so he left there and came to us. You know those stories about immortal people who moved every few decades so people wouldn't notice they aren't aging?

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# Firefighter Robert Miller receives 50 Year IVFA Gold Card award

January 4th, 2014  
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LaPorte, Indiana

Following a morning of ice rescue training at the Center Township Station in LaPorte, representatives from CTVFD and surrounding departments participated in a brief 50 year member presentation to Bob Miller by IVFA representative Tim Sandy.

For over 50 years, Robert "Bob" Miller has served the residents and guests of rural Center Township in LaPorte in nearly every departmental capacity from active firefighter to Fire Chief to corporation officer. His leadership and dedication to the growth of the department is clearly evident today in every aspect of the department's operations and equipment. His vision and commitment over the years has been rewarded with the respect of all that continue to serve with him.

In this picture, to the left of Bob, is Tim Sandy – IVFA District Representative. To Bob's right is Marc Christiano, CTVFD Chief, and son Doug Miller who follows in Bob's footsteps and remains a longtime fire department member.

## IVFAA Chaplain Joann Hays



In Memory of Our IVFAA Friends 2012 - 2014  
"The Lord has chosen you to be His treasured possessions." - Deuteronomy 142  
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7/29/13 - Bessie Wood - Concord - District 4  
7/31/13 - Mary Jane Dowers - Cayagua - District 11-B  
8/2/13 - Dorothy Spears - Centerville - District 13-B  
11/26/13 - Antoinette "Toni" Sorg - Poe - District 7  
3/16/14 - Lyle "Jake" Thomas - Merrillville - District 1  
Our sympathy goes out to these families who have lost a loved one. If I have forgotten someone, I'm sorry. You're in our prayers.  
On March 26, 2014, we lost a beloved friend. Lyle "Jake" Thomas. Thanks Jake for being our friend for over 35 years. To Martha and her family I ask a blessing on each of you. Jake was a joy to be around. I bet he walked more than anyone I know. Now he's walking in Heaven with his family and friends and my Jennifer.  
Thanks, Phyllis, District 1 chairman, for doing Jake's

memorial. I'm sorry I wasn't able to make it. I know it was hard for you and you did a good job.

The Miss Flames are sending me recipes so I can put a recipe book together. They will be sold at Convention for \$2.00. Proceeds will go to Burn Camp. So look for our booth.

"Thanks, girls, you are all angels."

To the Miss Flames, good luck at convention. Just remember, you are all winners and always will be.

As I have said before, please try to come to the Memorial Service on Friday at 8:00 a.m.

This is the only time we can come together as an organization to pay our respects and last call to those who have gone on before us.

I ask a blessing upon our IVFA Chaplain "Ski" and his Associates. They do such a wonderful job.

And thanks to Brent Bush and his crew for setting up that beautiful cross. Good job.

Thanks to "Bull" Smith for your assistance. The memorial service wouldn't be the same without you. I really appreciate you.

My dear friends, hope you enjoy convention and have a safe trip home.

To the convention committee, "Thank You!"

Love you all.  
Love and prayers,  
Joann Hays  
IVFAA Chaplain

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Spare me from fire, from flood,  
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From fear, and evil ones.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Articles and photos submitted by Steve Nolan, District Chairman



Former Brown County Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Fred Taylor was honored Wednesday evening for his 50 years of service to Brown County by local firefighters and firefighters from departments throughout South Central Indiana. The ceremony was conducted by District Chairman Steve Nolan of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association at a meeting held at the newly remodeled fire station in Nashville. Nolan was assisted by IVFA Miss Flame, Taylor McGlocklin. The two IVFA representatives also presented Brown County firefighters with a clock to commemorate the completion of the new station.

(Pictured at left) – IVFA 50, left to right - Steve Nolan, Fred Taylor, Taylor McGlocklin.

(Above photo) – IVFA New Station, left to right - Steve Gore, Shawn Fosnight, Micah Fox, Steve Shaner, Chief Dak Kelp, Steve Nolan, Taylor McGlocklin, Nick Kelp, Dia Fosnight.

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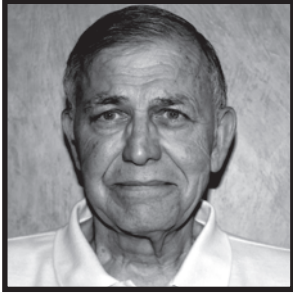
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**DISTRICT 12 REPORT**



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12.

Our January 27 meeting was hosted by Madison Township Fire Department with 12 members present from 7 departments and 7 guests. Pizza was served and a film on pipeline safety was shown.

Tonya Rigby of California Casualty told us about insurance programs available to our members. Larry Curl gave us a legislative update and talked about what we want to accomplish in the next few years. Larry Bartlow, PRWC, spoke to us about the State Fire Academy, the BFPSE meeting at Martinsville Fire Department on February 24 and the fact that IVFA dues are due February 1st. Lou Bartlow, past president IVFAA and Carol Curl, IVFAA president for District 12, spoke to us about becoming auxiliary members, our Miss Flames and the 2014 convention. Chairman Bruner talked about the events to happen at convention this year, the monies to be saved by early registration and by getting your hotel reservations before the first of June and gave out contact names for all the different areas in this year's convention.

Our March 10 meeting was held at Monroe Township Fire Department with 14 members present from 6 departments and 6 guests. Carol Curl and Lou Bartlow met with Gregg Township members who were starting a new auxiliary

chapter at Gregg Township.

Larry Pollos of Global Emergency Products spoke to us about their equipment sales and their facility in Whitestown.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist, gave us an update and stated that when certain bills need attention, we need to notify our representatives.

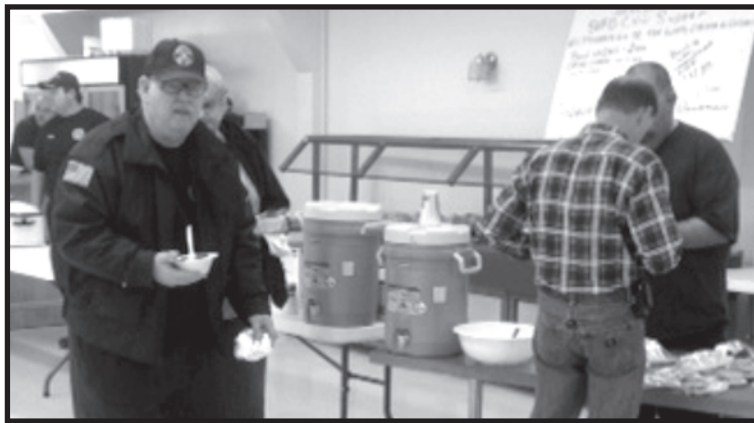
February brought about our Miss Flame Kaliyah Bruner of Decatur Township fire Department and our Miss Flame runner-up Katlin Moore of A&A Township Fire Department. Both are looking forward to Convention 2014.

Discussion followed for the good of the order, upcoming FDIC, the 2014 Splash Back to Indy convention, upcoming community events and new equipment in the area.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Paragon Volunteer Fire Department on Monday, May 19 at 19:00 hours.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

# Sellersburg VFD holds chili supper for Children's Crusade



## Sellersburg chili supper

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas Party in January.

Service awards were presented to the following: (Pictured from left to right) are – Tom Jacobs for 30 years, Roger Theurer for 25 years, Lisa Manor for 20 years, Zack Hudson for 10 years, Michelle Theurer for 5 years, accepting for Ashley Theurer is her son James for 5 years, and Lloyd Wright for 45 years.

Not present was Gary Theurer for 25 years.

Service awards were presented by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.



Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented a 25 year pin to Harvey DeHoff from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) are Harvey DeHoff and Lloyd Wright.



On March 14, 2014 the Cowan Volunteer Fire Department held a pulled pork supper at their fire station.

Shown here is the serving line and a few guests.

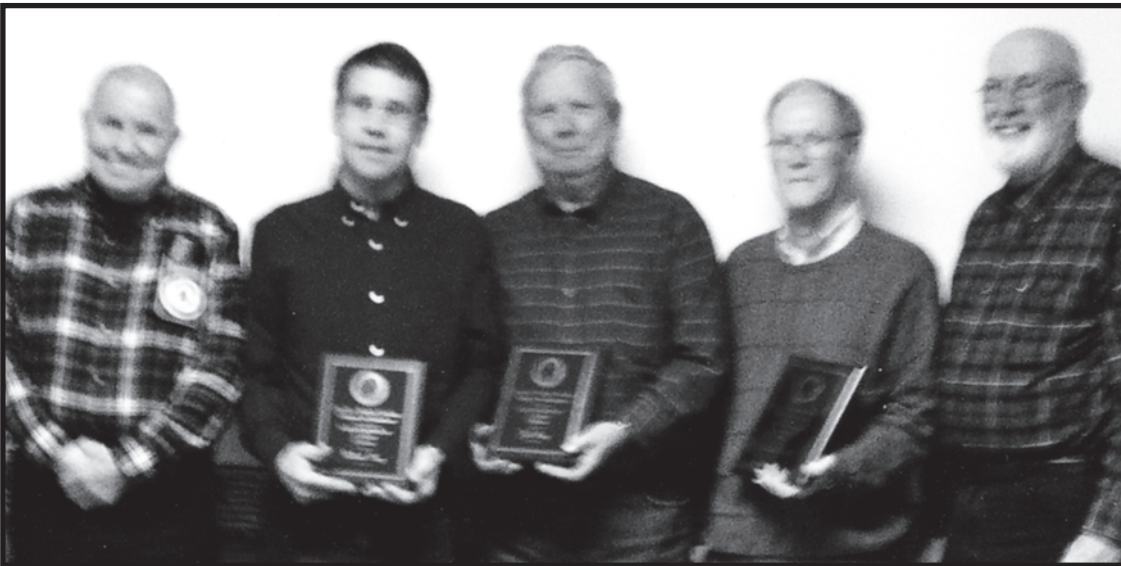


On March 15, 2014 the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry at their station.

Pictured is Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame serving fish and chicken to the people.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District chairman



On February 18, 2014 District 11A chairman presented 25 year pins to Randy Cullins, Jack Long and Richard Long at Clay City Fire Department with Chief Ron Travis.



On January 4, 2014 Steven Spice, Otto Creek Fire Department received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Articles and photos submitted by Bill Pape, District Chairman



District 8A - Lapel/Stony Creek F.D. 25 year presentation to William Sears by chairman Pape.



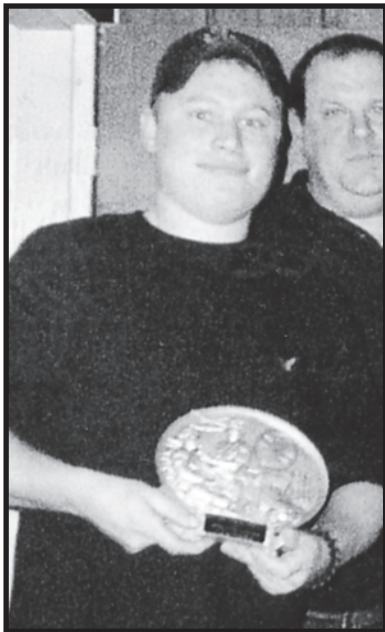
Tom Marvel - Lapel/Stony Creek F.D. Officer of the Year 2013.



Mike O'Connor - District 8A - Lapel/Stony Creek F.D. Probie of the Year 2013.



District 8A - Lapel/Stony Creek F.D. Jason Renner - awarded 2013 E.M.T. of the Year.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman



District 14 Rick Cannon awards the president of Tri Township Fire District Tim Conlin his 25 years of service pin.



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon awards Matt Reynolds of Sellersburg Vol. Fire Dept. his 25 year pin.



Rick Cannon, Tom and Betty Sellmer crown District 14 New Miss Flame their granddaughter Mattie Sellmer.

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# 2014 Miss Flame candidates



**Lauren Bustamante**  
Miss Flame District #2 - St. John Vol. Fire Dept.



**Annabelle Andrisco**  
Miss Flame District #3 - Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Dept.



**Abigail Smith**  
Miss Flame District #4 - New Carlisle Vol. Fire Dept.



**Kayla Williams**  
Miss Flame District #6 - Hudson Vol. Fire Dept.



**Marissa Bisel**  
Miss Flame District #7 - Geneva Vol. Fire Dept.



**Maureen Rammel**  
Miss Flame District #8B - Hamilton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



**Allison Reef**  
Miss Flame District #9A - Democrat Vol. Fire Dept.



**Jaelyn Matthews**  
Miss Flame District #10 - St. Paul Vol. Fire Dept.



**Tressa Steward**  
Miss Flame District #11A - Prairieton Vol. Firemen's Assoc.



**Carley Vandivier**  
Miss Flame District #11B - Hilmon Vol. Fire Dept.



**Heather Wickersham**  
Miss Flame  
2013



**Kaliyah Bruner**  
Miss Flame District #12 - Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.

# 2014 Miss Flame candidates



**Madeline Coffman**  
Miss Flame District #13B - Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



**Madi Sellmer**  
Miss Flame District #14 - McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept.



**Caitlyn Wasson**  
Miss Flame District #15 - McCutchanville Vol. Fire Dept.



**Brittany Durbin**  
Miss Flame District #16 - New Chapel Vol. Fire Dept.



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



**Taylor McGlocklin**  
Miss Flame District #17B - Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



**Lindsey Schaeffer**  
Miss Flame District #18 - St. Henry Vol. Fire Dept.



**Alyssa Kneuen**  
Miss Flame District #19 - Sunman Vol. Fire Dept.



**Abigyle Watson**  
Miss Flame District #21 - Otterbein Area Vol. Fire Dept.

 **Good luck**   
**to the 2014**  
**Miss Flame Candidates!!**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Articles and photos submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman



Robert King of Lake Dalecarlia VFD is presented with his 25 year IVFA membership pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



William Allen of Lake Dalecarlia VFD is presented with his 50 year Gold Card and certificate by Paul F. Watland District 2 chairman.



Lauren Bustamante, Miss Flame for District 2 is shown with Fred Willman, chief of St. John Fire Dept.



Jason Scott received his 5 year membership plaque from Brian Marlowe, President of the Crown Point Fire Dept.

## IVFAA chaplain ...

### *A Prayer ....*

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If sickness or an accident befall,  
Then humbly, Lord, I pray,  
Hear Thou my call.  
And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,  
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.  
I live alone, dear Lord,  
Yet have no fear,  
Because I feel Your Presence ever near.

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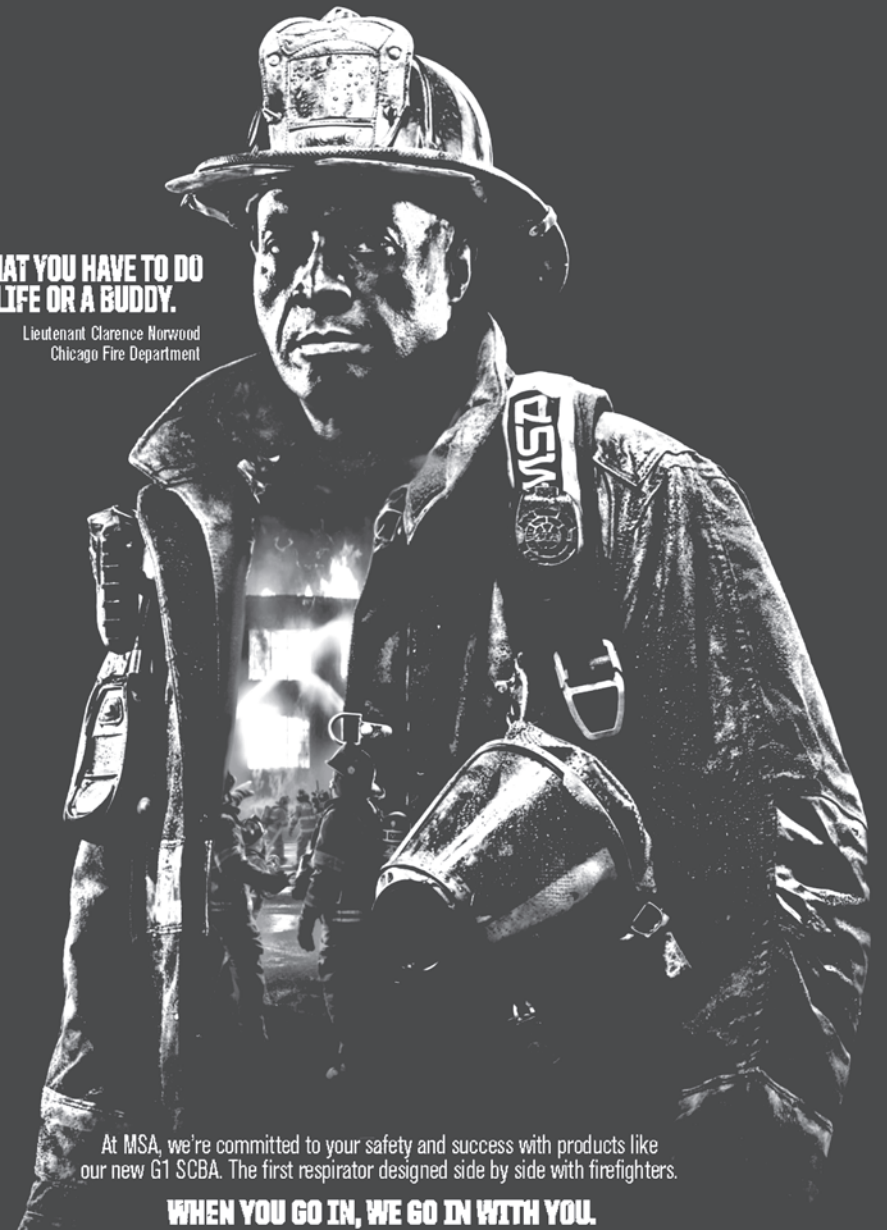
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5. Shower thoroughly after a fire.
6. Clean your PPE, gloves, hood and helmet immediately after a fire.
7. Do not take contaminated clothes or PPE home or store it in your vehicle.
8. Decon fire apparatus interior after fires.
9. Keep bunker gear out of living and sleeping quarters.
10. Stop using tobacco products.
11. Use sunscreen or sun block.

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Top photo – Governor Pence posing with members during his visit to Utica Twp FD.



Courtney keeping the VP out of trouble at the Vincennes Sausage Supper.

*Photos submitted by*  
*Vice President*  
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(L-R) Heather Wickersham, Jesse McDonald, & Jessie Dove at Vincennes Sausage Supper.

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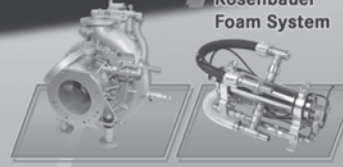
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