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## From The President

Steve Anderson



I am honored to open this issue with something that happened on Monday, March 16. We were fortunate to have 20 of this year's 50 year Gold Card members join us at the Statehouse for the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 39. These members gathered for a

lunchtime photo session; were recognized in both chambers as the resolution was presented; and got to meet with Governor Pence before heading back to their hometowns. Check out the full article in this issue and check out the pictures posted on our Facebook page. I apologize to all honorees for my absence, but jury duty had my attention that day.

By the time you are reading this, the legislative session will be over. Our main legislative goal is to get HB 1433 passed that will allow Indiana residents to once again hold certain elected offices and serve as a volunteer firefighter. The process has been long and very tough at times. Hopefully, we will have good news to report on this issue. You can check for updates on our website's legislative page, or on our Facebook page.

Also by the time you are reading this, HB 1182 - the State Fire Academy Training System bill should be Indiana law. If everything goes as planned, Governor Pence is expected to sign this bill in front of firefighters from

all over the world during the opening ceremonies of FDIC April 23. This bill was met with a lot of concern, and sometimes the rumor-mill got a little out of hand. So I have copied directly from the digest to describe what exactly is in the bill. This bill: 1. Increases the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education from 11 to 13 members; 2. Allows the division of fire and building safety of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to establish a fire and public safety academy training system to create and conduct programs to train public safety personnel; 3. Allows the division to develop the programs in cooperation with other agencies, organizations, or educational institutions.

In meetings with the State Fire Marshal and the Indiana Fire Alliance, we are starting to work on the next phase of the planning process for the Fire Academy System. I look for the formation of several workgroups by the start of

summer to begin looking at different aspects of this phase of the academy system. As before, we will be asking for members of our Association to sit on the workgroups to keep the interest of the IVFA included in all aspects of the system. Contact your district chairman if you might be interested in helping with this project.

In February, Past President Israel and I were invited to attend the 2015 National Benefits Summit in Oklahoma City. While we were there, we discussed many issues facing volunteers with 45 fire service leaders representing about 25 different states. It was a really good trip (other than a little OK snow) and we look forward to sharing ideas with the full board in upcoming meetings.

One of my goals that I talked about in the last issue was increasing the documentation efforts of the fire service. I am working on a project that requires some help from you, especially if you are the training officer of your department. I am in

need of a year's worth of training data, specifically the amount of training hours, by individual firefighter, by topic. If you are willing to help me out in the research, send me an email to [president@ivfa.org](mailto:president@ivfa.org) stating you are willing to help with the training research project, and I will reply with more specifics.

Now that the winter weather is behind us, I hope to start traveling to more of your events and meetings. But it is hard for me and other board members to make plans, if I do not know these events are taking place. Feel free to use the calendar on the website, post your events on our Facebook page, or notify us by email of events going on in your area.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can as I get to travel our great state.

S. Anderson

## 50 Year Members Honored



### I.V.F.A. Benefits

#### "ANGEL" Award

To be presented at the opening meeting at the annual convention by the President of the IVFA and the State Fire Marshal or an appointee representing the Burn Camp.

##### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service
- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year.

##### THE AWARD:

There will be a minimum of \$100.00 gift to the Hoosier Burn Camp in the recipient's honor.

Trophy - Acrylic flame with an angel engraved on the top. The bottom shelf will have a firefighter holding a child and the middle shelf will have a plaque that reads:

*There have been times  
When you didn't have any time  
And yet you took the time.  
There have been times  
When you had enough cares  
Of your own,  
And yet you still cared.  
There have been times  
When you had given  
All you could give,  
And yet, you kept on giving.  
Thank you.*

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office:  
Angel Award Committee  
P.O. Box 4797  
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Only once in a lifetime can someone claim success for providing a service for 50 years and this year the IVFA is proud and honored to announce that 70 of our members are able to make such claim. Getting to 50 years of service is a dedication far beyond what most of us ever think of when we join the ranks of our Volunteer Fire Departments.

Getting to 50 years is no small achievement - juggling their volunteer duties with a full-time job, other community activity and spending time raising their families.

These 70 firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great State, and the community where they serve.

It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the alarm that a neighbor is in need; these 70 volunteer firefighters, throughout their 50 years of devoted service, heroically performed, providing such service. These brave men have put themselves in harms-way for their fellow citizens and their communities.

They have given of their time, their family's time, and made personal sacrifices, to assure our communities are provided with the first line of defense when faced with natural or man-made disasters or when called upon to assist a neighbor during their emergency.

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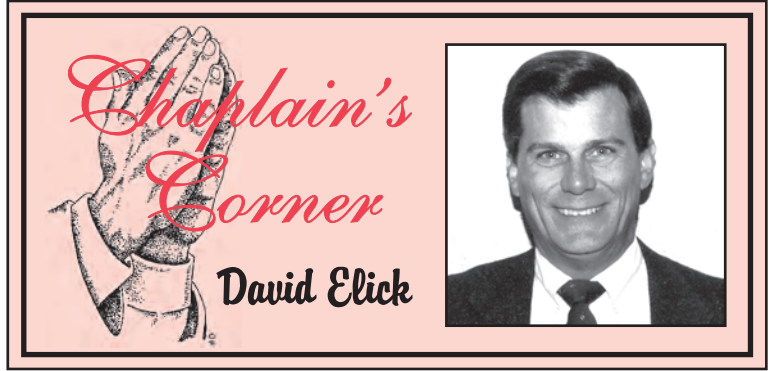
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*We never lose our value*

Spring has sprung, FDIC and Easter has come and gone, convention is just around the corner, and the dog days of summer will soon be upon us. A friend of mine reminded me of a situation we sometimes need to keep in mind:

"A speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands went up all over the room. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 bill to one of you - but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the bill, then tossed it on the ground and began to grind it into the floor. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty, and asked, "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went in the air. "My friends, you have learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it was still worth \$20."

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what happened or what will happen, we never lose our value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely pressed, we are still priceless to those who love us. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do, or who or what we know, but by... WHO WE ARE!

God bless, and stay safe -  
Dave Elick  
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*Candidates to be voted on at Convention 2015*

The Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates for offices of the Association to be elected at Convention 2015:

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- Vice-President - Paul Holcomb
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- Sgt.-at-Arms - Brent Bush
- Chaplain - Dave Elick
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- PRNE - Jean Smith
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## From The Vice President

*Paul Holcomb*



Now that winter has come to an end and spring is upon us we can all look forward to the warmer weather. With that in mind I would like to wish everyone safe travels on their summer vacations and trips.

It has been a very busy quarter for me as I have been getting out to as many meetings and events as I could. I have enjoyed meeting and speaking with you all.

It has also been a very busy legislative session, so please take the time to visit our legislation page on the IVFA website.

With our annual convention just around the corner I hope you have all made plans to attend this year's convention. The dates are June 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the Horseshoe Casino & Convention Center. You can find all the forms on the IVFA website and paper.

As always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb

**2015 Convention  
June 10 through  
June 13**

# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

## Public Relations Director Southwest

*Jack Kerney*



I hope we are done with all the snow.

Since our last issue, we had a great time at the 17A meeting and Vincennes Sausage Supper. Enjoyed seeing a number of old friends you don't get to see at IVFA district meetings.

This brings up another important issue. You only get out of an organization what you put into it. Please attend your district meetings; there is a lot of important information to be forwarded to your fire departments, not to mention the networking with the fellow firefighters that are attending with you. It gives a chance to discuss problems in your jurisdiction or things your department has implemented and is working or not working. Again I encourage you to attend these district meetings. The district meetings are listed on the IVFA web site on the Calendar, or call the IVFA Office at 877-606-4862, they will help you get the information you need.

I attended the District 18 meetings at Ferdinand and Troy, the

District 15 meetings at Black Township and German Township, and the Memorial and Chili Cook in memory of our fallen Brother Jeremy Tighe at McCutchanville Station #10. I attended the District 17B meeting at Van Buren Township in Bloomington and District 17A meeting at Oaktown.

Barb and I had the pleasure to attend the Supporting Heroes Gala in Louisville, KY. If you do not support this association, I suggest you do so. They are the support group for our brothers and sisters who have fallen in the line of duty. They are not just there for these families at the time of the disaster, but they are there for them 365 days a year. Take time and get acquainted with this organization and support them.

I also attended Memorial Services in Jasper, Huntingburg and Chrisney for our brothers that have passed away.

The IVFA legislative committee is still working to get the Bill corrected that keeps a volunteer firefighter from serving as an elected official. Please help us to contact your legislator when asked.

Don't forget to make your reservations for our annual meeting and convention to be held at the Horseshoe Casino at Elizabeth, Indiana on June 10-13.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Jack Kerney  
PR/SW  
877-606-4832

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## Public Relations Director Northeast

*Jean Smith*



When you read this spring is finally here, as summer is close by.

I attended the IVFA Memorial Service for Mike Blair, Atwood Fire Department, and Ed Poor Monroeville Fire Department. Prayers and thoughts are with their family and friends.

I attended the district meetings at Southwest Central Fire Territory, Plain Twp. Fire Department, Decatur Fire Department, Corunna Fire Department, Bristol Fire Department and six fundraisers.

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., Kayla Williams - District #6 Hudson Fire Dept., Kaitlyn Bisel - District #7 Geneva

Fire Dept.

IVFA Convention 2015 will be June 10<sup>th</sup>-June 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Horseshoe Casino at Elizabeth, Indiana.

I attended the NVFC spring meeting Alexandria, Virginia, April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast

## Miss Flame Notes...

Convention time is fast approaching. We again this year have 20 young ladies who are vying for the State crown for 2015. Each of these girls are already winners and are displaying their talents in their districts.

The convention committee has planned some great activities and want the girls to enjoy their time while at the convention.

Be sure you have registered and have secured your room at the hotel. It is important to tell them when getting your room that you are a Miss Flame as all will be together in the same area.

You will be receiving additional information as time progresses. Be sure to read your information so that you will be aware of what you need to bring with you and what is expected of you.

The Miss Flame committee this year has asked that the girls not bring any gifts for each other, but in turn

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## Guidelines for submitting news articles

**1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.**

**2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.**

**3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: [printco@rhsi.tv](mailto:printco@rhsi.tv) or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - *the information needs to be in writing.***

**4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.**

**5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.**

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

**7. Photos that are to be used with the article need to be original photos, copies from the article cannot be used. Any photo submitted via e-mail needs to be in grayscale tiff. format.**

# Miss Flame notes ... Fifty year Gold card . . .

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will do something for the community. If you like, you can start working in your district collecting funds to help purchase food and supplies for the local food bank. There is indeed a need and this is in a small way that we can help those who have a need.

Some of you have also been working for the Hoosier Burn Camp. You will be able to give your contribution at the auction on Wednesday evening.

If you have questions, feel free to call EJ or myself and we will try to assist you.

Again, congratulations to all of you.

Barb Kerney  
EJ Smith

During this year's session of the Indiana General Assembly Representative Randy Frye prepared and read before the House of Representatives, HCR 39, a Concurrent Resolution Recognizing 70 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters on the occasion of 50 years of dedicated service to their local volunteer fire departments and Senator Mark Messmer co-authored the same and read it in the Senate. Both chambers unanimously passed the resolution, with most of the members of both chambers signing on as co-sponsors.

During this special occasion we

had 20 of the 70 members and many of their family members in attendance and was able to meet with the Governor as he shared with them his thank you and honor for their service to the State of Indiana, which we hope was a very memorable moment for each.

We were also able to get the Indiana State Fire Marshal to address the ones who were able to be with us at the Statehouse adding his thank you for their service to the Indiana Fire Service.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association join their departments, and their

communities in honoring each of these men for 50 years of service unselfishly giving of their time, for the service to others. All of us have witnessed first-hand the challenges that our first responders face when it comes to serving and protecting and we are all honored and proud to stand with them in celebration of their great accomplishment.

reached that milestone in prior years and we congratulate and thank each of them as well for their Fifty Years of service. Many of the previous 50 year members still serve in the departments, and their communities, and we wish them many more years of faithful dedicated service.

- submitted by Larry Curl

The IVFA has others that have

## 2015 HERO competition to be held

Greetings!

It is that time of year again! Time for the 2015 HERO (Hoosier Emergency Response Olympics) competition which will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Our previous year's events were amazing and we are looking to build and expand our program and would like invite you and your organization to be a part of it if possible.

First of all, let's talk a little background on the competition if you are not familiar. The HEROS committee is made up of firefighters (career and volunteer), fire service business and service owners and staff, Indiana Fire Marshal and State Staff, secondary and post-secondary fire school program administration and parents and others. The program is designed to allow students enrolled in career technical education centers and explorer posts an opportunity to demonstrate the skills that they have developed in their programs and compete against other programs across the state. Competitive events consist of 5 fire fighting and 2 EMS scenarios. This event is hosted at the Boone County Fire Emergency Training Center.

The event kicks off with a social activity for the competitors on Friday, May 1st at the Boone County Fairgrounds. But the main program will begin with opening ceremonies on Saturday, May 2nd at 0800. The competition will follow and conclude around 1630 with an awards ceremony to follow. During the time when teams are not competing, there will be many interactive booths and fire industry personnel talking with the competitors.

Any firefighter Explorer or Cadet Program is welcome to participate. We also need help for setting up the events on Friday as well as the competition on Saturday. If your business or organization would like to set up an informational booth, send representatives to visit with competitors or even send a few members who might be interested as serving as guides, those

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 and 2 IVFA meeting  
Lowell VFD  
March 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Pledge by Buz Koehler.

Roll call taken: District 1 - 2 members, 1 department. District 2 - 31 members, 7 departments.

Guests: Jason Gerhart, Pierce-Global Emergency Products, Jim Crowell, Sklarewitz Uniforms, Edward Morales, Porter Twp. Trustee, Lori Postma, District 1 Task Force, Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman.

Fifty-year Gold card members: Ralph Knapp - Lincoln Twp. VFD, Bub Wise - CPFR, Bill Casbon - Porter Twp. VFD, Jerry Miller - Merrillville VFD.

Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish, IVFA past presidents, Marge Baumgardner, IVFAA secretary.

Lowell VFD Chief Clint Gorbail gave history of the department. 33 members and 4 cadets.

Program: Lori Postma, District 1 Task Force and a member of Lake Twp. FD said the district is comprised of several elements, explained resources available and organizational structure of the Task Force. Goal: prompt teamwork and co-operation within all members. She also commented on other things the district was doing.

Motion by Bub Wise, seconded by Terry Schreiber to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Buz Koehler said 20 of the 70 new Gold card members attended the meeting at the Statehouse for the reading of the resolution honoring the members. Paul Fuller of Lowell VFD attended the ceremony. Buz talked about the bills left that the IVFA supported, Public Safety, Fire Training Academy and tax deduction for volunteers. HB 1433, volunteers serving in selected office. If the volunteer is on township board, must be approved by the county.

Treasurer's report: \$329.00.

Old business: none.

New business: Discussion held on bylaws changes and voted on: District 2 had 7 departments, District 1 had 1. All changes received a pass vote. 25 year pin given to James Lampa, Lowell VFD. Paul Fuller, Lowell VFD was presented with his 50 year Gold card, pin and certificate by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. Mitch Parish, past ad taker for IVFA paper

thanked everyone for their support over the years. Convention June 10-13 at Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, IN.

Announcements: Lake Dale VFD pancake breakfast March 22, 7-11 a.m. Lincoln Twp. VFD spring auction - doors open at 3:00 p.m. March 28. Lowell VFD - April 28, ladies' bunco. September 26, District 1 training exercise to be held in Gary area.

Moment of silence for Ann Moss, member of LOFS ladies' auxiliary.

50/50 raffle held: won by Bill Casbon. Other items were given away.

Next meeting: Lake Station VFD, May 20.

Motion by Bub Wise and seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Notes by Bob Szot. Submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman.

## 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 December 11, 2014 at Wakarusa Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge led by Elton Schafer. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 9 members and 2 guests. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved by the body.

Chairman Smith informed the members of a Firefighter 1 & 2 Training at the Kingsbury Academy starting on January 10, 2015 thru July 5, 2015. When completed, the firefighters will have earned their certifications in Mandatory, Hazmat Awareness, Firefighter 1 & 2 and Tech Rescue Awareness.

NEPR Jean Smith reminded the body of the Indiana Fire Weekend at the National Fire Academy which will be held March 13-15, 2015 and the deadline to register is January 15, 2015.

Jean informed everyone that the Legislation for this year that the I.V.F.A. will be looking at is:

Tax breaks for volunteer firefighters.

Allowing volunteer firefighters to run for political office in their area by amending the law now in place that will not include volunteer firefighters to run for office.

Chairman Smith went through the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Handbook discussing the awards which are given out, different insurances offered by the I.V.F.A. which include American Income Life and California Casualty, the Bridgeport In-line of Duty death benefits, and the Medal of Valor.

Miss Flame District 4 Abby Smith introduced herself and explained that she is saving pop tabs off of cans and then donates her money to the Ronald McDonald House. E. J. Smith then explained the project the Miss Flames will be conducting and how they are to collect non-perishable food or

money which will be given to a non-profit organization such as the Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, etc. Their items or money need to be turned in at the May State Officer's meeting. Money will be used to purchase non-perishable food or be given to non-profit organizations.

Chairman Smith discussed the I.V.F.A. Clothing Reimbursement Fund and how it works.

The 50/50 was won by Junior Mast of Nappanee Fire Department.

The next meeting will be held at Southwest Territory-Centre Fire Department in South Bend on February 12, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on February 12, 2015 at Southwest Territory-Centre Fire Department which began at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge led by Jean Smith. The roll call consisted of 2 departments consisting of 4 members and 6 guests. Quorum was not met, so a roundtable discussion was held.

Denny Orszulak from Field Ready Ranger Trailer put on a power point program on the various ways the Field Ranger trailer could be used and the variety of ways to pay for the items. These trailers can be from grass suppression to foam trailers.

NEPR Jean Smith informed the members about some of the House and Senate bills that the I.V.F.A. will be watching.

Jean discussed House Bill 1433 which will allow volunteer firefighters to run for elective office in the area that they provide protection.

Jean also informed the member about House Bill 1182 concerning the new fire academy and that it will not take away in-house training. At this time, it is unknown how the Indiana Governor would like to see it used.

SB427 was discussed concerning distributions of public safety income tax revenue. This provides for mandatory distributions of public safety local option income tax revenue to the eligible civil taxing units of an adopting county, which includes the adopting county, the cities and towns of the adopting medical services. Eliminates an obsolete petition procedure that applies to fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and emergency medical services provider in unincorporated areas of an adopting county that seek a discretionary distribution of public safety revenue.

Miss Flame District 4 Abby Smith introduced herself and explained that she is saving pop tabs off of cans and then donates her money to the Ronald McDonald House. Abby then explained the project the Miss Flames will be conducting and how they are to collect non-perishable food or money which will be given to a non-profit organization such as the Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, etc. Their items or money need to be turned in at the May State Officer's meeting. Money will be used to purchase non-perishable food or be given to non-profit organizations.

The next meeting will be held at Bristol Volunteer Fire Department in Bristol, IN on April 9, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. The roundtable meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting  
March 12, 2015  
Plain Township Fire Department,  
Leesburg IN

Guests: Jason Gerhardt, Terry and Judy Smith, Jean and EJ Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 1938 hours by Chairman Kissinger. The pledge to the flag followed. The meeting was attended by 10 firefighters representing 4 departments.

Chairman Kissinger reported on changes that are proposed to the by-laws. Those changes are to Article 4 sections 2 and 8, Article 5 sections 1 and 5, and Article 6 sections 2, 3, and 4.

April 20 thru 25 FDIC in Indianapolis and the convention center.

We discussed in length the bills in legislation. Those in particular HB 1002, HB1182, HB1433 and HB1478.

March 16 will be a resolution for Gold card recipients of 2015. ALL Gold card recipients are asked to attend.

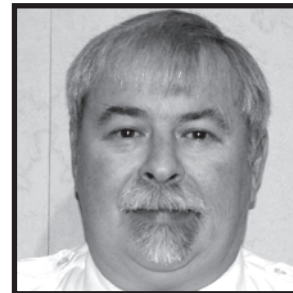
2015 convention is June 10 thru 13 in Elizabeth, IN at the Horseshoe Casino, Southern Indiana.

Terry Smith discussed 10 year and 25 year pins with the attending firefighters.

Next meeting is May 14 at Sidney-Jackson Township Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 2026 hours.  
Paul Martin  
5th District Secretary

## 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 definitely here!

Want to thank the Paul Davis Restorations in Fort Wayne for allowing us to hold our meeting there in January. Need to thank them for their hospitality and a tour of their facility. Also need to thank Chief Treesh and the Corunna VFD for hosting our meeting in March. As always their hospitality was great. Thanks to 1-800-Board Up for supplying our meal in Corunna.

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positions are open as well. We are always looking for financial contributors as well. There are many opportunities for you to be involved in this wonderful activity which will promote continuing education in the fire service industry.

Please contact us if you would like to participate or with any questions or concerns on this activity. Our email is [HERO@cityoflebanon.org](mailto:HERO@cityoflebanon.org). We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you can participate in our program.

Contact person: Bennii Weldy, [bweldy@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:bweldy@zionsville-in.gov), 765-670-2117

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. He has done a great job working on getting Bill 1433 passed.

Congratulations to Kayla Williams on being selected as the District 6 Miss Flame. She will represent us well at the IVFA Convention in June.

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 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The location remains to be determined, although it will be in Lagrange County. 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. ([ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org))

Congratulations to Larry Fisher of the Hometown VFD on receiving his 50 year Gold card and pin. In closing, to everyone, *please be safe out there!*

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)  
District 6 Chairman

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

District #7  
November 17, 2014  
Berne Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:37 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 36 members representing 7 departments. September minutes R/A.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations Northeast, Buz Koehler - Past President IVFA, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist.

Chairman Bisel - Get award nominations in Adams Co. EMS Director Ed Ford passed away suddenly. Information on the front table from the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Jean Smith, PRNE - AFG is open

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

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for applications. Indiana Weekend at the NFA is open for enrollment. Web-based training for crude oil transportation at www.SERTC.org

Larry Curl - Make sure to get petitions signed and turned back in. Petition is also available online on Facebook. Attended Firefighter Alliance meeting today, they are trying to coordinate a state based training system. It would involve regional and district learning options. This is in IN Code 3-5-9. Elected officials that are no longer able to serve their department due to law in effect could join an adjoining department then sign a mutual aid agreement with your department to be able to respond. LODD in Munster was declined by insurance company due to cause of "did not require physical participation". State is working on notifying local EMA's when a large quantity of crude oil is being transported through the area. Met with David Caine, new director of IDHS.

Buz Koehler - Past President IVFA - Recently took over monitoring the newspaper, going to try to increase the pages of the paper. Going to put in the paper 5 year milestones of members. Make sure that addresses are up-to-date, can be changed online or on forms through the district chairman.

Chairman Bisel - IVFA paid out \$9,000 in LODD benefits last year. There is a growing trend of suicide in the volunteer fire service, please pass the word that there is help available out there. Attendance cards need to be filled out legibly. This quarter the awards went to

District 9A and District 10. Chairman Pape - District 8A has continued health issues.

Chief Creiter of Berne presented retirement award to Jerry ???

Next meeting will be January 19 at Chester Twp. and the March meeting and bake sale will be at Decatur.

Marissa Bisel - 2014 District 7 Miss Flame - Thanked everyone for several years of being able to represent the district and attend many events.

IVFAA District 7 Chairman Joyce Nevil introduced the 2015 District 7 Miss Flame Katelynn Bisel. Katelynn stated that she is excited to represent District 7 in the upcoming year.

Second roll call answered by 37 members representing 7 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

January 19, 2015

Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:37 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 22 members representing 9 departments. November minutes R/A.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations Northeast.

Chairman Bisel - Award nominations are due in by Feb. 1, Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due by March 1.

There were 2 deaths in the district since the last meeting. Van

Sprunger - Berne and Richard Girardot - Monroeville.

Two 25 year pins to be awarded later.

A question was brought up at the officer's meeting that if entertainment was available at the hotel on Saturday night would you attend and be willing to contribute to defray the cost?

Jean Smith, PRNE - Legislation HB1182 Training Academy hearing is tomorrow, HB 1309 dissolution of township trustee, HB 1433 dissolution township boards, HB 1041 income tax credit for volunteer firefighters, SB 121 income tax credit for fire and EMS personnel, SB 131 removal of volunteer firefighter from conflict of interest law. Watch these on the web site.

Chairman Bisel - Indiana Weekend is March 13-15, deadline is January 30. Chairman Bisel logged 1300 miles, 7 department meetings, 6 district meetings, and Washington D.C. trip. Let Chairman Bisel know about any department functions coming up so he can get our Miss Flame there. 2015 Convention at Horseshoe Casino June 10-13. A 50 year card to be delivered to Poe.

Jean Smith PRNE - David Probo has turned in his resignation from the State Fire Marshal's office.

Next meeting will be at Decatur March 16. It will be the annual bake sale. May meeting will be at Geneva.

Second roll call answered by 22 members representing 9 departments.

Berne Breakfast April 18 and Poneto Chili Supper March 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

March 16, 2015

Decatur Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 41 members representing 12 departments. January minutes were read. Corrections of HB 1433 not 1423, Van not Von Sprunger and next meeting Geneva not Hoagland.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations Northeast, Brandon Taylor - ProTech's and Kurt McLeland - Auctioneer.

Chairman Bisel - Two deaths in the district since our last meeting. Terry Bunch - Uniondale and Ed Poor - Monroeville. At the state meeting discussed that IVFA Bible and Grave Marker may be purchased for \$75 or they may be purchased separately. Attendance cards need to be filled out legibly at the district meetings. The last quarter the fuel card went to District 2 and the cleaning kit went to District 7 Dale Gray.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Legislation HB 1182 and 1433 have cleared the House and going to Senate. SB 427 has cleared the Senate and going to the House. On the national level Congress has passed funding for DHS and they are working on a bill to make law excluding volunteers from Affordable Care Act.

Chairman Bisel - Was asked to bring back proposed By-Laws changes to the District for approval or disapproval recommendation. Article 4 Sect. 2 approve, Article 4 Sect. 8 approve, Article 5 Sect. 1 approve, Article 5 Sect. 5 approve, Article 6 Sect. 2 Discussion would like to see possibly merging with the IERC to

make it easier and cost effective for younger firefighters to network with other disciplines. Disapprove this change. Article 6 Sect. 3 approve, Article 6 Sect. 4 approve.

IVFA Convention coming up June 10-13 at the Horseshoe Casino. Still time to make your early registrations. FDIC in Indianapolis April 20-25. April 11 Liberty Center will have the dedication of their new station from 12-5.

Brandon Taylor - Protech's - 1-800-BoardUp is able to help you with all of your board up or securing needs.

Chairman Bisel - Presented 25 year pin to Jeffery Barker of Decatur. Have also made arrangements to deliver 50 year Gold Card to Poe. The IVFA is looking at 15 year pins. State would like to include certificates for 25 year but would be costly. M/S Chuck Padgett/Tony Stimpson for all fire departments in District 7 to

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## Dedication of Firemen's Memorial on State Road 17

December 14, 2014

By *Kathy Bottorff* WTCA AM 1050 Plymouth

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2014 for the dedication ceremony of a memorial to honor the five Plymouth Firefighters that were killed while responding to a house fire at Lake Latonka in 1982. An estimated 300 people attended the ceremony near the site where Alphonse Kriscunas, Dane Hoffhien, Randall Hansen, Gary Van Vactor and Brian Samuels were killed.

Plymouth Fire Chief Rod Miller welcomed those gathered at the corner of State Road 17 and Sycamore Road and said, "I won't go in depth on what happened at this place in 1982 but just south of us at about the third utility pole is where Engine 5 came to rest. It took five of our six that were on the engine that day."

West Township Trustee Terry Borggren was the person behind the idea and plan for the memorial. He's been asked by several why he decided to do something now and said, "My simple answer to that is that I felt it had to be done, it should have been done a long time ago and it just needs to be done." He said it was on his bucket list to complete as the West Township Trustee. An inscription on the back of monument says, "This memorial has been provided by the residents of West Township and placed on the location of the West Township School. Thank you to all firefighters for your dedication and service to our community."

Borggren also read a statement from U.S. Senator Coats.

Plymouth Mayor Mark Senter said, "Not too many communities have gone through what ours did in July 1982. Five lives lost in one day in any city or town is dreadful. But when it is five members of a fire department it is unusually horrific. Horrific for a city of 8,000 at the time. Horrific for a department of 24

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fund the printing of 25 year certificates for their departments. Motion passed.

Les Markle – Decatur Fire Chief – Attended the Supporting Heroes Gala this past weekend in Louisville. It was a great honor to attend and be a part of the program. Les explained a few of the benefits and what Supporting Heroes has to offer.

Next meeting will be at Geneva May 18.

Second roll call answered by 42 members representing 12 departments.

Berne breakfast and gun raffle being held April 18, Decatur May 16 Hoosier Burn Camp Golf Outing, Geneva April 11 Breakfast, Monroe May 16 Potato Bake, Poe March 29 Breakfast and April 4 Consignment Auction, Poneto March 21 Chili Supper, Roanoke March 22 Breakfast @ Nick's Junction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with auction to benefit the District 7 Auxiliary to follow.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on March 11, 2015 at the Saratoga/Ward Township Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken with 10 members from 6 departments and 1 guest, Cindy Van Gordon from Donnelly Fire. She talked about her company and that they had some used air packs to sell.

Chairman Wright told the group about the bills that were being watched by the IVFA. He reminded them that the convention was coming up in June and is to be held at the Horseshoe Casino. He also told them about getting the license plate form from the IVFA and that the money goes towards the scholarship fund.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fire and EMS calls. There were 20 fires and 93 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held on May 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Union Township Volunteer Fire Department in Losantville, IN. Cherry Brother Designs, who has a Farm Source System, will be the guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Have a nice day.  
Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B chairman

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A.

March 15 meeting was held at Nevins Twp. in Fontanet, IN. We had 6 departments, 14 people and 4 guests present.

Our Lobbyist Larry Curl discussed Legislative Report and Update.

I gave out 8 - 25 year pins and went to several fundraisers.

Dave Phelps received his 50 year Gold Card on January 18, 2015 at a district meeting in Prairieton Firehouse.

Dave Phelps and I attended the Statehouse where resolution was drafted honoring our 70 Gold Card recipients. It was an honor and we enjoyed the day.

I held one memorial service this quarter.

Let me know of anything you have coming up in your department so we can get out to see everyone.

Convention June 10-13, 2015. Be sure to register before June 1st for \$60.00. After that it is \$75.00. Room rate is \$100.00 a night.

Next District 11A meeting is May 17th at Wright Twp.

Till next time, be safe out there.  
District Chairman 11A  
Pete Taylor

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

District 11-B  
Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept.  
February 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The Pledge to the Flag was led by past state Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush. The opening prayer was given by Maxine Davies, past state auxiliary president. Roll call was taken with 9 members representing 7 departments present.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present. Larry Bartlow stated that support for the display of the IVFA license plate was badly needed. Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist, spoke about the state government issues presented. HB 1182 Training System Bill, a discussion followed. HB 1197 & 1199 Tactical Care Bills, a discussion followed his presentation. SB 321 Contracting for Fire Services, a discussion followed. Other items of interest were discussed. Chairman Southard emphasized to notify our legislators on these bills now in the Statehouse before the deadline gets here.

John Morphy stated that the board has been not too active at the present time. Certain projects are coming up at the next meeting. There is hope for approval at that time. Recent By-Law changes; Larry Bartlow presented what these

changes are. A motion by John Morphy to accept these changes, 2nd by (unknown). This motion carried. The SOG changes were presented by Larry Bartlow. A motion by John Morphy, seconded by Bill Bush. This motion carried.

Future district meeting dates were announced. The host auxiliary chairman presented 25 year pin to a local department member. Chairman Southard presented the Host Certificate to John Morphy. With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer given by the district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies, secretary

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings,

I would like to thank the Legislatures for their resolution for our 70 members that received 50 year Gold cards. Special thanks to lobbyist Larry Curl for getting this accomplished.

Congratulations to all 25 & 50 year members this year.

A special thanks to IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl for his continued fight on House Bill 1433 to allow Volunteer Firefighters the right to serve office and volunteer at the same time. Thank you to all that have been to the Statehouse to testify in committee on this bill.

Now that winter is over and spring has begun we have had a rash of field fires in East Central IN. These have been multiple department responses. Please be aware of the fire behavior and have a safety officer to watch the changing conditions, as I have had one department have their grass truck totally destroyed in a field fire. No members we injured but the truck was a total loss. Please be safe on these field fires.

Jeff Biehl  
District 13B

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings from District 14,

We have had a good year this year to catch up on our 25 year pins and our 50 year Gold cards.

We did crown our 2015 Miss Flame from DuPoint Fire Department.

We have given out 3 Gold cards for 50 years of service and a 25 year pin.

So, if you know of a person that needs a pin that is or was a dues paid member, please call me so that I can get to a meeting and give it to that person.

Also, we still need help on our convention in June at the Horseshoe Casino.

If you have an event coming up, call me so that I can get there to see everyone.

Please go to the IVFA website and check out the legislation that we are trying to get passed.

Thanks,  
Rick Cannon

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 15,

On January 11th my wife and I were invited to attend Ft. Branch Volunteer Fire Dept. annual dinner; a great meal was had, and good fellowship as well. I had the privilege of presenting 25 year pins to four of their members, Chief Mike Sokeland, Mark Allen, Gary Overton, and Larry Sprinkle. Congratulations to these members for their dedicated service. The department also presented awards to several individuals congratulations to all.

On January 17th I attended District 17A meeting hosted by Vincennes Twp. A great time was had by over 500 people in attendance, hats off to Chief Smith, his department and District 17A for good food, cold beverages and great fellowship.

On January 20th we held our District meeting at Black Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. I presented Andy Logan from Marrs Twp. with his 25 year pin, thank you Andy for your dedication. Good discussion was held on the fire training bill, and volunteers holding office legislation. We had 18 members representing 8 departments answer roll call. I would like to thank Chief Price and the members of Black Twp. for the wonderful meal and hospitality.

I attended Warrick County Chief's meeting on February 4th at Elberfeld Fire Dept. A good meeting and meal was enjoyed by all.

I attended Warrick County Chief's meeting at Alcoa on March 11th. I spoke about legislation that will affect the volunteer fire service.

On March 17th we held a District meeting at German Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. Roll call was answered by 10 members from 6 departments. State legislation was discussed, fund raising for the district. We voted on the bylaw changes which were all approved by our district. IVFA state treasurer Bev Harker was in attendance. Thanks to Chief Bretz and German Twp. for being gracious host.

Morgan Tighe Johnson is the 2015 District 15 IVFA Miss Flame, congratulations Morgan. I look forward to you continuing to represent District 15.

I would like to send my deepest regards to the family of Natalie Bratcher who recently passed away from a long battle of illness, she was an Advanced EMT with Gibson EMS. She is survived by her husband Nick and their three children. Nick has been on McCutchanville,

Princeton Fire Territory, and Fort Branch Fire, he currently is on Evansville Fire Department.

May meeting will be held at Booneville Fire Dept. May 19th at 6:30 P.M.

Till next time STAY SAFE.

Ross Emery  
Dist. 15 Chairman  
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## DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Josh Reisert - Chairman

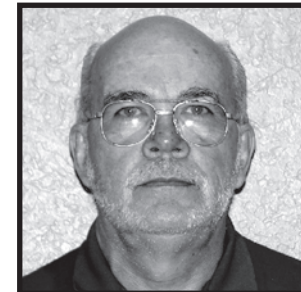
We are getting closer to our convention and I would like to remind you if you haven't registered yet there's a form online and in the paper. It's just around the corner and will be here in no time.

Also we have coins and raffle tickets for sale. You can contact me or Vice President Paul Holcomb or District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon.

It's also that time of the year for fundraisers, please contact me so I can pass the word on and send out emails. I would also like to come if I'm available. Please contact me at [district16@ivfa.org](mailto:district16@ivfa.org) or cell 502-643-2114.

District 16 Chairman  
Joshua Reisert

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

January 6th I went to Center Twp. VFD and presented 25 year pins to Bob Bell, Beth Inman and John Sherer. Thank you for your years of service.

January 8th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

January 12th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Bloomfield FD and presented fireman Tom Montgomery his 25 year pin. Thanks for your years of service.

January 17th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Vincennes Twp. FD at their annual sausage supper. A total of 508 people signed in. There were 253 members representing 32 departments. The IVFA had many officers present including the President, Vice President, Treasurer and PR officers along with several district chairmen. Also present were representatives from the Governor's office, the State Fire Marshal and IDHS and IFCA.

Glad to see such a good turnout. Hope to see you again next year.

Many thanks to the Vincennes Twp. FD for putting on such a great meeting.

January 27th I had the honor of presenting Steen Twp. VFD member Fred Davis his Gold Card with his

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wife Jeanne in attendance. Many thanks for all your years of service. February 2nd I attended a Pipeline Training presentation. Much useful information for firemen and emergency people who respond to emergencies.

February 5th I attended a presentation put on by REMC on power line safety.

February 9th I attended Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Lewis Twp. FD. Scott Byers, association president, presented District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer a donation.

February 12th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD at Scotland.

March 2nd I attended Lyons VFD meeting and presented fireman Tom Abbott his 25 year pin with Chief Teddy York in attendance. Thanks for your years of service.

March 5th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

March 9th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Richland Twp. VFD.

March 1st I attended a chicken dinner at Harrison Twp. VFD in Monroe City. Great fundraiser dinner. I especially liked the potato wedges. Good job and a great turnout.

March 30th District 17A meeting at Oaktown-Busseron Twp. VFD. Thanks to president Steve Anderson, Jack Kerney - PRSW, Bev Harker - treasurer and lobbyist Larry Curl for their attendance and remarks that were made. The proposed by-law changes were read and voted on. Thanks to Chief Stephen Hobbs for hosting the meeting and refreshments provided. Details on you had while were unusual to say the least.

Our next District 17A meeting will be held May 20th at Harrison Twp. VFD in Monroe City. Hope to see you there.

Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

**DISTRICT 17B REPORT**



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

Our last meeting was held on March 11, at Van Buren FD in Bloomington. We had 9 departments present with several guests but our highlight of the evening was presenting a 50 year pin and lifetime card to George Rusnak of Perry Clear Creek Fire Department.

Our guests were Steve Anderson, President of the IVFA, Jack Kerney our Public Relations Director, Lona Huffman, Dawn Hillenburg - IVFAA 17-B chairperson, Taylor McGlocklin - 17-B Miss Flame and Rod Pressel of Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Remember to request your form for IVFA license plates. Also, ensure your beneficiaries are correct when the dues packet comes out.

The IVFA Convention is coming up in June so try and make plans to attend this year as it is a great time.

Please attend our meetings as we have speakers that give us good information to take back to our departments.

Our next meeting will be on May

13th at Orange County Rural District #2, 223 West Quarry Road, Orleans, In 47452 - Chief Bill Sallee - 812-797-1686.

Till Then,  
Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B

**DISTRICT 18 REPORT**



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 19 March meeting of the District 18 was held at the Troy Community Center with the Troy VFD as our host. 70 members representing 21 departments and 2 Individual members answered roll call and reported a total of 344 calls answered. Guests included State Treasurer Bev Harker, Jack and Barb Kerney and Brian Weiss of Armed Forces Military Insurance.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be held in Holland on 21 May.

It has been my honor to present the IVFA 50 year service pin and Gold Card to four members of the District 18 since the last newspaper. Please see the photos and articles. Sadly, one of the recipients, Mr. Russel "Eldo" Reinhart, answered his Last Call one week after receiving the award. Also, several 25 year service awards as well, congratulations to all.

The Fire School in Jasper was held over the last 2 weekends of March. Close to 200 students attended and the event was once again a huge success. Well, "Spring has sprung" as the old saying goes, so here come the "Alarm Runs" associated with thunderstorms. Also, the brush/grass fires associated with "spring cleaning" and people just wanting to get rid of debris as soon as it gets warm and dry enough. I am always fearful that we may "drop our guard" so to speak, on these types of responses. Remember, 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

**IVFA quarterly meetings and deadlines:**

Quarterly meetings for 2015 are May 1-2-3, August 7-8-9 and November 6-7-8.

Ad and news copy deadlines for 2015 are: August issue - deadline July 5, 12:00 p.m. CST; November issue - deadline October 5, 12:00 p.m. CST.

2015 IVFA Convention - June 10, June 11, June 12, June 13 - Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, Indiana.

**Firefighter Dedication . . . being honored**

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Firemen's Memorial

Firefighter Captain Sean Killelea from Warren Township Fire Department of St. Joseph County will be honored for his heroism. Sean is an I.V.F.A. member from District 4.

Sean and team pulled firefighter Matt O'Donnell and firefighter Jamie Middlebrook from a business which was burning and ready to collapse on August 5, 2014. Assistant Chief Jamie Middlebrook died in the line of duty.

Sean will receive the Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award, a National Award established in memory of New York Firefighter Ray Downey who lost his life on September 11, 2011. Sean will receive his award in Indianapolis at the Fire Department Instructor's Conference International on April 22, 2015.

- submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman



Firemen's Memorial Wreath

volunteers and 6 full timers, and horrific for five families." Senter also read a letter from Governor Michael Pence.

Congressman Jackie Walorski had a prior engagement and was unable to attend. A statement was read on her behalf. Senator Joe Donnelly was detained in Washington D.C. and unable to attend, a staff member commented on his behalf.

Wayne Smith, Plymouth Fire Chief at the time of the tragedy said, "I'm kind of choked up. Back in 1982 it was a tragic day, the darkest day in the city of Plymouth, West Township and Center Township for our firefighters." He expressed his gratitude to Terry Borggren and the people of West Township for erecting the monument. Smith said, "We will never forget and this monument gives us the opportunity so no one will ever forget what happened back then."

02/10/15 Wayne Smith from the Plymouth Fire Department asked me to share this article with you. I'm the manager of WTCA FM 106.1 & AM 1050. I was the one who attended the dedication ceremony and took the photos used in the story. Please consider this my authorization to use the material provided for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association's newspaper. Kathy Bottorff 574-936-4096

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HORSESHOE SOUTHERN INDIANA  
JUNE 10-13, 2015  
ELIZABETH, IN  
INFORMATION: (812) 945-4111 / (502) 664-5736

Pre-Registration Fee: \$60.00 per person – Postmarked by June 1, 2015  
(T-Shirts are \$15.00 & Polo's are \$25.00 and can only be Pre-Ordered Below by May 1, 2015)

Late and On-Site Registration fee: \$75.00 – **All registration fees are non-refundable.**

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_ IVFA District: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending age 14 and under: \_\_\_\_\_ over age 14: \_\_\_\_\_

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Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	S	_____
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(Use group code: S06IVFA on all Reservations)

# 2015 Miss Flame Candidates



**Kaylee Hans**  
Miss Flame District #1 - Lake Station



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



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



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



**Lauren LeMaster**  
Miss Flame District #8A - Pipe Creek Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



**Adrien Badger**  
Miss Flame District #8B - Salem Twp./Daleville Emerg. Serv.



**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.



**Lyndsey Bishop**  
Miss Flame District #11B - Dana Vol. Fire Dept.



**Stephanie Mayer**  
Miss Flame District #13A - Fountaintown Comm. Fire Dept.



**Mara Biehl**  
Miss Flame District #13B - New Lisbon Comm. VFD

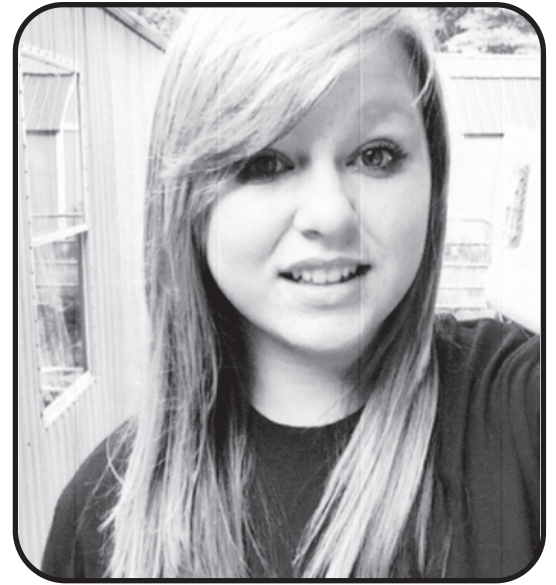
# 2015 Miss Flame Candidates



**Bethany Fulkerson**  
Miss Flame District #14 - Dupont-Lancaster Twp. VFD



**Morgan Tighe Johnson**  
Miss Flame District #15 - McCutchanville Vol. Fire Dept.



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



**Brittney Groomer**  
Miss Flame District #17A - Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



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



**Jasmine Vonderheide**  
Miss Flame District #18 - Haysville Vol. Fire Dept.



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



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

## 2014 Reigning Miss Flame Samantha Gard



# Good Luck to all contestants!



## From the State House to the Fire House



### Welcome to "Political" talk By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

**Y**ES, as bashful and shy as I am I do like to talk. Well it is still "General Assembly Time" and with nearly four weeks to go as of April 5<sup>th</sup> we are still working every day to ensure or assure our values, needs, and desires are of the utmost importance when committees meet and when bill(s) go to the full House or Senate for a vote.

By the reading of this newspaper we will hopefully be able to report that the issue we have addressed since 2012 (then HB 1005 and now HB 1433) has become a changed law and we can go back to or continue on serving our communities both as Volunteer Firefighters and Elected Office Holders, which is exactly what our communities want us to do, or they would not vote for and elect us to the offices.

I hope all of you have been monitoring the activity of the IVFA during the session by visiting the "Legislative Page" of the website. It's a simple, painless, and an informative way to track our legislative activity.

We now have HB 1182; the Indiana State Fire and Public Safety Academy Training System fully supported and passed by the House and the Senate with overwhelming support from both chambers and from both sides of the Isle. This bill should be signed into law in April.

This is an exciting time for Indiana's Fire Service giving all of

Indiana's firefighters a greater opportunity to obtain the much needed instructions and education to not only provide a better quality service to their communities but to provide a safer environment so that everyone truly can go home at the end of their shift or call.

Quoted by State Fire Marshal Greeson, "With the creation of the Indiana State Fire and Public Safety Academy Training System, we can ensure that Indiana's firefighters and public safety responders are all receiving a consistent, high quality standard of training."

Your 2015 IVFA Legislative Committee: (Chair) - Buz Koehler, (President) Steve Anderson, (VP) Paul Holcomb, (Chairman of the Board) David Israel, (TR) Bev Harker, Past President - Larry Ketchem, Jim Parker, (PR) Jack Kerney, Larry Bartlow, Jeff Biehl, John Smith and Larry Curl - your Lobbyist would like to hear from you about possible legislative issues and concerns that would help you, your department, or your members provide a better service to your communities. Issues like training, education, retention & recruitment, or any other topic of concern.

We are addressing the 2015-2016 IVFA Legislative Agenda during this year's annual meeting at the State Convention and at the quarterly officer's meeting in August and your input is encouraged and always welcome. You can send me an email at [wtfcurl@comcast.net](mailto:wtfcurl@comcast.net) or contact any one of the Legislative committee, your district chairperson, your Public Relations officer, or any IVFA officer and let us know what we can do to help you.

The IVFA is looking into the possibility of commissioning a study to be done by an outside third

party completely independent of the fire service to develop a report as to the tax avoidance volunteers bring to their communities. Have you ever asked yourself or thought about the value and benefit we as volunteers bring to our communities, well we hope to help you with this study.

You should be able to talk with your community leaders and share our worth in tax savings. You should be able to share the \$\$\$ savings at a state and local level.

What would this information be worth to you in presenting your next budget, request for trainings, apparatus replacement, and possibly a state tax credit we have tried to get for years and get turned down every year regardless of what party is in office, what political affiliation the sponsor of a bill has. Maybe that will change what we can show folks in print by and independent third party report.

Give some thought to what you think the value and usage of such data can mean to you. We will be discussing this at a later date in more detail.

Carol and I look forward to another exciting time at this year's State Convention and we look forward to seeing all of our old friends and making some new ones. Hope many of you have already made plans to attend, remember the last convention Rick Cannon and Paul Holcomb hosted, I believe everyone had a great time and I am sure this will be no different.

If I can be of assistance, help, or provide you with information please give me a call, send me an email or text me, but don't wait for me to join you on "facebook" for you will be waiting a very long time.

Stay safe and remember spring has sprung so get ready for those farm accidents, mower incidents, and water sporting injuries.

## Roachdale fire chief injured while en route to auto accident

By KYLE HOLLINGER - Staff Writer  
Banner Graphic, (Greencastle, Indiana)

When a motor vehicle accident was reported Monday evening, Roachdale Fire Chief Mike Pool was one of several units en route when his vehicle collided with that of a high school student in front of North Putnam High School.

The incident left Pool and his wife, who was a passenger in the 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe, with minor injuries.

The student, driving a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer, refused medical treatment and had no visible injuries, although both vehicles were totaled.

Pool had activated the vehicle's lights and sirens while on his way to the accident at the intersection of U.S. 36 and County Road 300 East around 5:30 p.m.

On his way to that scene, Pool approached the Trailblazer from behind, both southbound, when the student made a left turn that Pool hadn't expected.

Upon impact, the student's vehicle was sent into a grassy area where "it spun around once or twice," according to investigating officer Mike Mahoy.

Diane Pool was a passenger in the vehicle with Mike and both were taken to the hospital by their son after the incident, with Mike bleeding from his nose and Diane complaining of breathing problems and chest pain from the seat belt.

"They hit pretty hard," Mahoy said.

Both have been released and are recuperating from their injuries.

The Roachdale Volunteer Fire Department vehicle was purchased at a cost of \$1 from a fire department in Terre Haute.

Mahoy was unable to comment on behalf of the fire department on whether or not they will seek a replacement vehicle.

*(Editor's Note: Permission to re-print this article from February 25, 2015 was given by Editor Eric Bernsee of the Banner Graphic, Greencastle, Indiana and was submitted by John Davies, IVFA historian).*

## Partnering together Emergency Responders with farmers for safety

**Safety is on everyone's mind each and every time we respond to an alarm. We want everyone to return to the station after the call. Here is a way to help that happen when responding to a farm emergency.**

**Cherry Brothers Design, LLC** is a family-owned and operated business from Indiana. The company consists of a husband and wife team and includes three sons, with experience in Fire/EMS and Navy corpsman, plus those that have worked on farms and with farmers. Definitely seeing the need for safety, working together with Local Emergency Services to better handle a farm emergency, Cherry Brother Designs have the right tool for the right job.

**WHAT IS THE FARMSOURCE SYSTEM™?**  
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**The FarmSource System** is a complete system that features an 18x24 laminated information sheet that has emergency contact information, a drawing area that uses the enclosed stickers of buildings and structures, grain bin locations, fire hazards that are in those buildings, shut off valves, electrical panel locations, water sources, chemicals storage, additional notes, etc. It can be used with permanent marker so valuable information won't get rubbed off and reflective numbers for buildings.

The information once filled out must be placed in the enclosed container that has a reflective sticker and attached to a post or pole near the front of the farm. Then send a letter to your area fire service so they know where the container is located and so they have the valuable information on file. Everything you need to get started is enclosed in one neatly designed package!

### The FarmSource System Emergency Plan Designer App

It is basically the same as the The FarmSource System except you use a website to build and lay out information on-line instead of using stickers. We have made this extremely easy to do. Just click on an item, then drag it where needed on a map of your farm. Type in information using your keyboard, etc. Once it is completed, you will save it as a .pdf file that you take to your local printing shop to print both sheets on 18x24 sheets then have them laminated. Contact your local fire service to let them know you have this available in the container on your lot. We also have available a WEB APP for the Fire Service side. Once the farmer fills out this information, we can make that information available to that area fire dept.

### Write On - Velcro Boards

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## California Casualty

Each quarter - through 2015  
an informative  
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## Get Your Home Ready for Spring

It's been another long cold winter, but finally the birds are chirping, the flowers are budding, and it's time to prepare your home for spring and summer. Doing regular home maintenance and repairs not only protects your most valuable asset, but may also help you qualify for discounts on your home insurance. We've taken the best ideas from [Consumer Reports](#), [Home and Garden TV](#), and [Lowe's](#) to develop this list of essentials every homeowner should check and repair:

- Roofs and shingles for winter damage
- Gutters and drain spouts to be sure they are cleared of debris and direct water away from the home's foundation
- Central air conditioning (now's a great time for a tune up before summer's heat)
- Decks for loose boards, worn spots or peeling paint
- Exterior for cracks, holes, or exposed wood or siding
- Attics for discoloration, stains or leaks
- Basements for damp areas or cracks
- Chimneys for damage and to clean the flue
- Concrete slabs for cracks or shifting soil
- Trees and bushes for weak or broken branches and other damage

Spring is also a great time to finally complete that home inventory you've been putting off; almost 60 percent of homeowners say they have not made that important list. Doing so helps prove you owned the items, speeding up claims payments. The Insurance Information Institute has a wonderful guide and checklist for doing a home inventory at [www.iii.org/brochures/home-inventory.html](http://www.iii.org/brochures/home-inventory.html).

So, now that your home is ready for spring, make sure your auto, home or renters insurance is up-to-date. It's a great time to contact an insurance advisor for a policy comparison or review to make sure you are fully covered and that you are getting all the discounts you qualify for.

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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 7 - 8, 2015

President Anderson called the meeting to order.

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

A moment of silence was held followed by the Invocation given by Chaplain Elick.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

Meeting dates for upcoming year 2015 May 1, 2, 3, August 7, 8, 9, and November 6, 7, 8.

Please recognize our sponsors for the attendance prizes: Station Supply, California Casualty and the Ezzel Group.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PRWC Larry Bartlow made motion to accept minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Harker introduced her great grandson Dusty. 2014 we came in under what we had budgeted to spend. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made motion to accept treasurer's report. District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

District 18 Chairman John Smith introduced his Vice Chairman Chris Anderson.

President Anderson introduced guests Carol Thrawley, Associate Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky, Peggy Israel, Vice Chairman 8A Jerry Liston, Walt Rieter and Dale Gray. President Anderson called on Past President Israel to come forward and presented him his pin and Gold card.

### OLD BUSINESS

Washington DC trip - Executive Board's recommendation we send Josh Reisert, Buz Koehler, John Smith, Paul Holcomb and Rick Cannon. Dates are April 15, 16, 17, 2015.

Supporting Heroes - March 14, 2015 Ramada Plaza Bluegrass Conference Center, 9700 Bluegrass, Louisville, KY. President Anderson read the names of people that will be attending. If you do not attend you will owe for the tickets. We will also be a sponsor of a table, name tent on a table, and recognition in the booklet and on the banner.

California Casualty - They had a schedule conflict for this meeting and plan on being here in May.

1-800 Fire Line - no response from Marshal Greeson. Jack Kerney is going to order 1-800 Fire Line pamphlets for us; also see if they have any old pamphlets left.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - Gold cards mailed out December 10, 2014. 476 bad addresses corrected, deceased list mailed. We have updated deceased, life members and military on web site. We emailed department not paid list, department paid list, 25 year pin list, life member list, individual list, individual life member, department roster and individual roster. Clothing claims: printed out new report for damaged clothing. License plate - keep declining 2012-13 down 65, 2013-14 down 155 plates, to date sold 283. What would make it easier for them to obtain our license plates, promote our plates. Treasurer Harker will check with license plate if they sell does the plate go to \$45 and Bev going to see if our membership card will work. Membership report 2/5/14 - 16,204 and 2/5/15 - 15,899. 801

department 676 departments have paid, 125 departments are not paid, 11 of those have less than 5 members, 26 departments not paid for 1 year, 4 departments not paid for 2 years, and 80 plus department have not paid over 4 years. Tri State Trophy - pocket badges \$29.95 per badge for \$25.00 plus \$20.00 set up fee. Computer upgrade - with introduction of Windows 10 set them back a little bit, they are looking at first of June. We haven't bought any computers or printers yet. They are working on it behind the scenes.

Executive Committee: President Anderson - We met with the Chaplain last night; you will hear more about this in his report. Certificates versus pins, Certificate to make and mail out approximately \$3.50 we recommend to streamline and set a standard for the certificates. National Association of Firefighters Benefits Summit in Oklahoma. Steve Anderson and David Israel would like to attend; this will be under Board action. We would like to take the budget amount saved for Washington DC trip and apply it to the Summit. Treasurer Harker had mentioned in November about looking for someone interested in running for Treasurer. Please let her know if you are interested and the nominating committee know. We also discussed how many is too many awards. The executive board would like to recommend that we not add any new awards at this time; to let the awards that we have grow. If you have had any life changing events see Steve to fill out a new beneficiary form.

Awards Committee: Vice President Holcomb - Global Awards need names due end of this weekend. The awards committee will be meeting at next quarterly meeting and selecting the winners.

Angel Award: Diane Harrison - We will be selecting the winner next quarterly meeting.

Jr. Firefighter Award: Jack Kerney - turned over the letters to the awards committee.

Mr. IVFA: Ed Scheele - committee will be meeting after Sunday's meeting.

Bridgeport Scholarship: Bev Harker - Anyone on Bridgeport committee will need to make reservations for Friday night. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> the applications need to be sent to Central Office.

Budget: Treasurer Harker - Pass.

By laws and SOG's: Chairman Larry Bartlow - We will take these to the District meetings and we will vote in May's officers' meeting; must vote on each change individually.

By-law change: Article IV Section 2, now reads - Board of Directors, Now reads Section 2. Number, Election and Tenure of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) not more than sixty (60). The voting members of the Board shall be the Chairman-of-the-Board (**Immediate Past President**), President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Public Relations Directors, District Chairmen and Past Presidents.

Proposed change: Number, Election and Tenure of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) not more than sixty (60). The voting members of the Board shall be the Chairman-of-the-Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Sergeant at Arms, Public Relations Directors, District Chairman and Past Presidents.

Change: Removed (Immediate Past President).

Bylaw change: Article IV, Section 8 now reads - **Manner of Acting**. The Board shall act only by majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Proposed change: **Manner of Acting**. The Board shall act only by majority vote, **unless otherwise specified**, at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Change: Added unless otherwise specified.

Bylaw change: Article V, Section 1 now reads - **Officers**. The Officers of the Association shall be Chairman-of-the-Board (**Immediate Past President**),

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and six (6) Public Relations Directors representing geographic areas as from time to time designated by resolution of the Board. The Board may appoint such other officers, including an Executive Director, one or more Assistant Secretary, or Assistant Treasurer, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

Proposed change: **Offices**. The Officers of the Association shall be Chairman-of-the-Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and six (6) Public Relations Directors representing geographic areas as from time to time designated by resolution of the Board. The Board may appoint such other officers, including an Executive Director, one or more Assistant Secretary, or Assistant Treasurer, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

Change: Removed (Immediate Past President).

Bylaw change: Article V, Section 5 now reads - **Chairman-of-the-Board**. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors **and for a term of one (1) year from the Annual Meeting at which his term as President ended** or until his successor is duly qualified and approved by the Board. **The Chairman shall preside at meeting of the Board of Directors.**

In the event the Immediate Past-President is unable or unwilling to serve as Chairman of the Board, the Board shall elect another member of the Association who is a Past-President to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Proposed change: **Chairman-of-the-Board**. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Board, **unless he declines the position** or until his successor is duly qualified and approved by the Board. **As Chairman of the Board he shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.**

In the event the Immediate Past-President is unable or unwilling to serve as Chairman of the Board, the Board shall elect another member of the Association who is a Past-President to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Changes: \*Terms are already covered in Section 2 of this Article \*\*Added: (unless he declines the position,) \*\*\* Removed: (and for a term of one (1) year from the Annual Meeting at which his term as President ended) \*\*\*\*Changed: (As Chairman of the Board he shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.)

Bylaw change Article VI Section 2 now reads - The President shall appoint a convention committee who shall be responsible for the coordination of the proposal **from the floor** of future annual meeting sites for presentation to the delegates at the annual meeting at least two (2) years prior to the annual meeting site to be selected. In the event, following selection by the delegates of the Association, the site is for any reason unavailable, a new site shall be selected by the Board and appropriate notice given to the members.

Proposed change: The President shall appoint a Convention Committee who shall be responsible for the coordination of the proposal of future annual meeting sites for presentation to the delegates at the annual meeting at least two (2) years prior to the annual meeting site to be selected. In the event, following selection by the delegates of the Association, the site is for any reason unavailable, a new site shall be selected by the Board and appropriate notice given to the members.

Removed (from the floor).

Bylaw change: Article VI Section 3 now reads - The Convention Committee shall have full responsibility for the annual meeting and all funds received therefrom shall become the property of the Association and received and deposited by the Treasurer. Further, all expenses of the annual meeting shall be that of the Association and it shall hold harmless the Convention Committee members for any and all liability therefore.

Proposed change: The **Host** Convention committee shall have full responsibility for the annual meeting and all funds received therefrom shall become the property of the Association and received and deposited by the Treasurer. Further, all expenses of the annual meeting shall be that

of the Association and it shall hold harmless the Convention Committee members for any and all liability therefore.

Added: Host.

Bylaw change: Article VI section 4 Annual meeting now reads: The business of the annual meeting shall be conducted by representative delegates of the **ACTIVE** members. Representation of this Association shall be by three (3) delegates elected or appointed from each department. Alternates for the three (3) delegates may also be elected or appointed. Each delegate (or his alternate) shall have one (1) vote on any question, and each department shall have as many votes on any one question as there are delegates (or alternates) certified but not to exceed three (3) votes from that department provided that five (5) **ACTIVE** memberships are paid. Each delegate (or alternate) must be registered by the Secretary of the Association **through credentials from his department before he can be seated**. Such delegate credentials shall be approved by the District Chairman or his designate. As matters of importance with which the Chief of the department should be informed will come up from time to time, it is suggested that in each case the chief to the department should be one of the delegates.

Proposed change: The business of the annual meeting shall be conducted by representative delegates of the **ACTIVE** members. Representation of this Association shall be by three (3) delegates elected or appointed from each department. Alternates for the three (3) delegates may also be elected or appointed. Each delegate (or his alternate) shall have one (1) vote on any question, and each department shall have as many votes on any one question as there are delegates (or alternates) certified but not to exceed three (3) votes from that department provided that five (5) **ACTIVE** memberships are paid. Each delegate (or alternate) must be registered by the Secretary of the Association. Such delegate credentials shall be approved by the District Chairman or his designate. As matters of importance with which the Chief of the department should be informed will come up from time to time, it is suggested that in each case the Chief to the department should be one of the delegates.

Removed: (through credentials from his department before he can be seated).

SOG's XI Section 12 - Mileage shall be reimbursed by the rate prescribed in the SOG's for one (1) delegate for each department driving to and from the annual meeting. The delegate representing his/her respective department shall be required to answer first and second roll call of the business meeting in order to receive reimbursement.

Change: Mileage shall be reimbursed by the rate prescribed in the SOG's for one (1) delegate for each department driving to and from the annual meeting. The delegate representing his/her respective department **shall be required to answer all roll calls** of the business meeting in order to receive reimbursement.

SOG's XI Section 13 - The Annual Miss Flame shall have an annual expense allowance of \$500.00 maximum to travel the State to attend functions. Valid receipts must be provided to the IVFA Treasurer for reimbursement.

Change: The **State** Miss Flame shall have an annual expense allowance of \$500.00 maximum to travel the State to attend functions **during her reign**. Valid receipts must be provided to the IVFA Treasurer for reimbursement.

SOG's XIII Section 1 - The district meeting shall be conducted by a chairman and secretary elected by and from that district. (A vice-chairman may be elected if desired).

Change: The district meeting shall be conducted by a chairman and secretary elected by and from that district. (**other officers** may be elected if desired).

SOG's XIV Section 3 - Ollie Sandburg Award add: **Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office: Ollie Sandburg Committee, P.O. Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724.**

SOG's XVI Section 2 - Budget committee: This committee consists of the current President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board.

Remove: Immediate Past President.

Section 3 Insurance Committee added Vice President.

President Anderson discussed SOG's XIII Section 4 the districts shall hold a minimum of six (6) meetings per calendar year. It does not say when the meetings have to occur. There are some district chairmen who only hold 4 meetings a year; we would like to see you hold 6 meetings a year and meet the guidelines.

President Anderson - Once all the changes have been made to by-laws and SOG's, we will do a reprint in a full page

format so they can be changed out instead of the booklet form.

Clothing Claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright - We had three (3) claims, two (2) for eyeglasses and one (1) for a cell phone. We approved the two (2) eyeglasses and denied the cell phone.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel - I did not receive any bids for 2017. Since it's been over ten (10) years since District 10 has hosted a convention I will put our name in the hat.

Convention 2015: Chairman Holcomb - You should have received an email if you have registered for convention. The convention coins are in; there were only 300 made. We do have our raffle tickets. If you have not registered or reserved your rooms for convention, please do so.

Convention 2016: Chairman Macke - We will be having a meeting soon to get prices set and will announce them at May meeting.

President Anderson - you may have noticed that there was a new committee added this year. As I explained to them 75% of our department's runs are medical and we did not have a committee set up to serve as a watchdog for EMS.

EMS Taskforce: Co-Chairman Jerry Liston and Mike Dzuba - We are going to try to get a member of the IVFA an appointment to the EMS Commission, so that we have ears there. There is an opening volunteer fire. We do have a name to submit. We are going to work identifying what departments are running EMS and what level they are. We are going to be monitoring legislation that affects EMS.

Insurance: Chairman Harker - Lona Huffman was at our executive board meeting last night. Our renewal is a little higher this year. The only new thing in the policy is cyber liability.

Lobbyist: Larry Curl - Be sure to visit our web site. We are tracking 22 separate bills. We are following HB 1182 State training academy. HB 1197 first responder tactical training - it says every firefighter and EMT in the State of Indiana should be required to have 8 hours of training to go into hostile situations and to bring out the injured. We are also watching a couple of bills that want to do away with all local government. HB1433 - it says volunteers can hold office for another 4 years. Then he is going to eliminate township boards then all approval processes go to the county. We need to do a much better job of communicating. We have 70 members that will be receiving their 50 year Gold cards this year. We have submitted for a resolution at the General Assembly to honor all 70 of those. If we get that resolution passed we would like to have some of those 70 at the Statehouse to be recognized and we need to continue this every year.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Harrison - We are going to try to contact different organizations to see about getting discounts for our membership. Charlie is not interested in doing the New York trip so we are going to try to find someone else who is.

Speaker's Bureau: Chairman Kerney - I will be getting in touch and assigning departments to them.

Editor's Assistant: Koehler - Our goal is to get 40 pages, still going to try to do the 5, 10 year recognition. When submitting pictures make sure they are good and clean. We can't use pictures from other newspapers pictures or articles from other newspapers. Website ads are linked directly tied to ads in newspaper. If you need any business cards let me know.

Public Relations and Education: Chairman Zeeks - Conditions of trailer tip top shape, still looking for a good sturdy cabinet. Supplies in good shape at this point. We still need to ask the district chairmen to call the National Fire Academy to get materials sent to them then turn over to IVFA, they are free. To use the trailer the department will have to come all the way or 1/2 way to get it, we won't deliver it all the way. Carol Thrawley will still be taking care of trailer. We had money left over last year, we bought fire helmets and cinch bags with our logo on it. FDIC - Central Office going to be there with clothing, going to give 1 tee shirt away a day. FDIC signup sheet is going around please sign it if you are able to help work the booth.

Social Media: Chairman Ellis - At our meeting today we discussed what to post and what to comment on. We will not allow companies to make post to sell their product; we will send them towards Buz and the newspaper.

Training Taskforce: Chairman Smith - John Morphy made a request to take to the Board of Standards meeting, what is the

# INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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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.**

## 2015 Convention June 10 through June 13

**ATTENTION: IVFAA  
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DEADLINE IS  
JULY 5, 2015  
12:00 P.M. NOON CST**

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

Name  IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew

Day Time Phone  Evening Phone  # Plates Requested

County Of Residence  Amount Paid \$  Check #

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

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

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

# Quarterly meeting report ...

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minimum requirement for students in a course that is being funded by a local district. The number was always 15 students; there was also a second option that if you have 10 students with 5 departments represented that also acceptable. What has ever happened with the alternative scoring? President Anderson said he had not heard anything more about this.

Chaplain Elick delivered the minute message.

Ski Gerdowsky presented Chaplain Elick with chaplain badge and hat pin and collar pins.

President Anderson, if you have petitions with you, turn them in to Larry Curl and it's done unless we hear otherwise.

LODD Committee: Chairman Chaplain Elick - Members are Jack Zeeks, Jack Kerney, Pete Taylor and Carol Thrawley. Our goal is to be there when you need us. We are researching LODD potential problem with how insurance companies handle LODD.

Logo: Chairman Smith - reviewed a document wrote in 2007 describing some aspect of logo committee, we feel there are some changes that need made. The old document says Chairman of Board appoints the logo committee, we feel it needs to be changed to the President appoints the logo committee. Request for logo can only be made at the quarterly meeting, we feel this isn't practical. I have done a lot of research as to why District 18 is in charge of the committee. I was told it was developed in District 18 and that is why District 18 chairman is always the chairman of the committee. The logo committee has adopted a new set of guidelines. Anyone wanting to use the logo contacts the Chairman of the 18<sup>th</sup> District who is the committee chairman.

The Committee Chairman will either approve or deny the request. If the request is denied the person has the right to appeal it to the whole logo committee for a vote. If that committee votes for a denial, that is the final decision. If logo chairman is unsure then he can contact his committee. Koehler said keep in mind that it is a copyrighted logo so any decision made by the chairman or committee has a direct affect on the Association. President Anderson said the committee can put together a standard of this is what the majority requests are for and put together a set standard. We have approved this type of request and denied this type of request. President Anderson asked Chairman Smith if he was going to revise the committee paperwork that you have based on the conversations.

President Anderson - There have been times where we have had some things we needed to do and needed a group of people to talk over some things to come up with a recommendation that really didn't fit any of our current committees. This was the purpose for forming this Special Projects committee. The co-chairs are Steve Nolan and Sam Bisel; we gave them 2 tasks yesterday.

Special Projects: Co-Chairman Nolan - Certificates - it was brought to our attention people wanting certificates for different things our recommendation is 50 year card, Medal of Valor and also departments that have 100, 150 and 200 anniversaries as a set standard to go by and it still leaves special circumstances with the President and or Executive Board. Larry Curl said he thinks certificates are nice for individuals, but he feels department anniversaries a letter and a patch should be matted and framed. We left it up to districts if they want to hand out other certificates that will be a district expense. Second topic was Bibles and will let Chaplain report on that.

Younger Member Task Force: Chairman Sprague - 5 and 10 members in newspapers and we are just waiting on the new computer system to be installed. We are shooting for the August paper. Presenting a 10 year pin would start with this January 1, 2015 and would not go back like we did with the 25 year pins, approximate cost \$1,500.00 for year 2015 we will bring up in board action. Working on a presentation of "You and the IVFA", it will be on a thumb drive and would be issued to the officers and district chairmen for them to use to present at their meetings and stations not to exceed \$150.00, will also require Board action. Also we have talked about a class "Shaping the Future", have not heard any more on this yet.

President Anderson said thumb drives will not require Board action, they will come out of office supplies or public education if we decide to do them.

Central Office Kerney - right now I have no way of tracking the 10 year pins.

President Anderson asked under the new system will be able to track the 5, 10, 15, etc.

Central Office Kerney said yes.

District 15 Chairman Emery said he thinks we should get everything ready before.

District 6 Chairman Sprague made motion to purchase 10 year pins; Vice President Holcomb made the second.

Discussion PRWC Larry Bartlow suggested wait till 2016 which would give us 6 to 8 months to get it lined out so as of January 1<sup>st</sup> next year we have pins in hand, a computer program that should be more flexible with use and then we could go from there.

Past President Koehler made motion to table the 10 year pins until we have the systems in place. Chaplain Elick made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

PRNW Ellis - our generation needs more recognition and I think this is a way to show them that. And the way the trend is going at 4.7 years they aren't even making it to 5 years and we are talking about a ten year pin.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague resend his motion. Vice President Holcomb resend his second.

District 8A Vice Chairman Jerry Liston is going to check on thumb drives.

PRNW Ellis presented "You and the IVFA", we can put this on the thumb drive.

President Anderson said we can add forms and snapshots of the website to make presentations at district and department meetings.

Board of Firefighting Standards and Education: Chairman Smith - Next meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> at Union Hall in Indianapolis 6 p.m.

EMS Commission - We are going to be submitting Bryan Cushman for the fire volunteer position that is open.

Trauma Committee: Chairman Mike Cole - absent.

Fire Alliance: Chairman Koehler - Pass.

Fire Academy Work group - Some talk about proceeding once we get through the Fire Alliance meeting potentially bringing in the 70 group back together depending on legislation.

Heroes Competition: Chairman Elick - It's May 2, 2015. On behalf of the Heroes Committee I would like to thank you for your support of this event.

In Time: Chairman Zeeks - Pass.

License Plate: Harker & Kerney - Pass

Red Cross: Chairman Cushman - Hasn't been contacted yet.

NVFC: Kerney - Meeting April 16-17 at Washington DC.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President Anderson - Attended meetings, I have hit the ground running.

Vice President Holcomb - Attended 7 district meetings, 3 department fundraisers, 2 memorials, traveled 1,469 miles, I only have 18 Global Awards turned in, if you haven't submitted yours yet, please do so by end of meeting.

Secretary Harrison - Attended 2 district meetings, 1 memorial.

Treasurer Harker - Attended 3 district meetings, 1 memorial.

Sergeant at Arms Bush - Attended 2 district meetings, roses ordered for memorial at convention, email me what you need so I'll bring it to the quarterly meetings.

Chairman of the Board Koehler - Attended 7 district meetings, 2 county meetings, 3 Fire Alliance meetings and 1 department visit.

Chaplain Elick - forms handed out as of 1-10-15 deceased list if you had any since January 10 add them to list, at the bottom you will see a Bible and grave marker count, please fill in your inventory, the Bibles are the current Bibles we are using, check for spelling errors and make sure all your district deaths are on it, sign and turn back in to me. If you get a request a department wants to purchase a Bible and grave marker, fill out a voucher, at the top of voucher put who it was purchased by and who you gave it to. Funeral voucher, you keep the pink one and mail in the white and yellow form. If you would like to have an electronic funeral voucher give me your business card and include your personal email address. The deadline for convention memorial is noon May 3, 2015. Each district chairman will get Bibles and grave markers according to their average. Everyone should have turned in the old Bibles. This is what we will sell. Public Relations will have 2 of the current style Bibles, past presidents will have 1. Chairman - use the Public Relations or Past President Bibles first. It is the district chairmen's responsibility to fill out the funeral voucher and get them mailed or emailed in. When I come to May meeting I will bring only the Bibles and grave markers that I have vouchers for. Bibles and grave markers - \$75.00 non member, chaplain service \$75.00. There will be a chaplain training session Friday afternoon at convention. District chaplains may

participate.

PRNW Ellis - Attended 2 district meetings.

PRNE Smith - Attended 7 district meetings.

PRWC Bartlow - Attended 6 district meetings, 3 memorials and 1-25 year presentation.

PREC Cushman - Attended 4 district meetings, 2 county meetings.

PRSW Kerney - Attended 5 district meetings, 2 memorials.

PRSE Scheele - Attended 3 district meetings, 1 memorial.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Past President Jim Parker - absent. David Israel reported he is doing better.

Past President Mitch Parish - Pass.

Past President Richard Glant - Pass.

Past President Jack Zeeks - Pass.

Past President Buz Koehler - Jim Bradford is in the hospital, please remember him in your prayers.

Past President Jack Kerney - Pass.

Past President Larry Ketchem - Pass.

Past President Tim Deckard - Absent.

Past President David Israel - Attended 4 district meetings, 2 county meetings, toured the Statehouse with Curl, attended a new trustee training.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell - Dyer Fire Department will be celebrating their 100th anniversary.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland - Pass.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy - Presented 3 Gold cards, 1 death, AKA Smith Career Center starting a fire science program, please contact me if you have any used equipment or gear you could donate to them.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith - Pass.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger - Pass.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague - Presented 2 - 50 year Gold cards, 14 - 25 year pins. Issue: Fire department contracted by business that is not in the department's jurisdiction.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel - Pass.

District 8A Vice Chairman Jerry Liston - Presented 26 - 25 year pins and 2 Gold cards.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright - Presented 2 - 50 year Gold cards and 1-25 year pin.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef - Presented a 50 year Gold card and a certificate for a life saving event.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton - Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray - Presented 15 - 25 year pins, 2 - 50 year Gold cards and attended 7 department meetings and a clock presentation.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor - Presented 1 50 year Gold card and 5 - 25 year pins.

District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy - Pass.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner - Absent.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba - Presented 7 - 25 year pins, next meeting we will be presenting a station clock.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl - Presented 4 - 25 year pins.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon - Tom Sellmer is doing very well.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery - Attended 6 department visits, 2 county meetings, presented 9 - 25 year pins and 3 Gold cards.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reisert - Presented 2 - 25 year pins, we have gotten 1

department back in and working on a new department. Orleans Fire Department will be celebrating 100 year anniversary.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery - Presented 8 - 25 year pins, 1 Gold card, thanked everyone who attended the sausage supper.

District 17B Chairman Steve Nolan - Presented 2 - 25 year pins, a 50 year Gold card.

District 18 Chairman John Smith - Presented 4 - 25 year pins, 4 Gold cards.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke - Presented 2 - 25 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz - Pass.

State Miss Flame Samantha Gard - Please invite me to your events and functions. I am working on a 5k run in May for my fundraiser.

\$100 Gas Card sponsored by Ezzel Group and California Casualty - Gerald Abraham Crown Point District 2. Cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply Dale Gray Markel Fire Department District 7.

Nominating committee: Chairman Jack Zeeks, Mitch Parish, Ed Scheele, Don Cushman.

Appointment of Morris Barlow as our newspaper editor. Passed by voice vote.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made motion to adjourn. District 15 Chairman Ross Emery made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Harrison - Secretary



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

Date: June 16, 2015

Location: Horseshoe Southern Indiana  
Chariot Run Golf Course  
8191 Chariot Run Drive  
Laconia, IN 47135

Check In: 8:30 a.m.

Tee Time: 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration Fee: \$41.00 per person (payable at the golf course)

Includes: 18 holes of golf with Cart

Lunch will be provided by California Casualty Insurance



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return your Registration form to:

**This is a must, we need to know how many to plan for.**

Jack Kerney  
2412 SE Browning Rd  
Evansville, In 47725

Registration must returned by May 31, 2015 to play.

For more information

contact:

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

**IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga**



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting February 8, 2015 Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

President Barb Kerney introduced Kathy Smith as the new District 18 chairman.

The meeting began with a prayer by Chaplain Joann Hays. The pledge to the flag was conducted by Sgt. of Arms Marlene Poling.

Recording Secretary June Cahill called roll call with 26 officers, 12 I.V.F.A.A. members and 3 guests present.

Barb Kerney announced that Barb Parker will not be attending our meetings and to keep her and Jim in your prayers.

Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga read the minutes. A correction was made that there will be no cookbooks from the Miss Flames. Janet Woodfill made a motion and seconded by Tonya Marsee to accept the minutes with the correction as read. Motion carried. Two thank you cards were read, one for Vivian Woodfill Stone and one from Bob and Leona Uryga in the passing of Bob's father. We have lost two members since the last meeting, Betty Selmer and Vivian Woodfill Stone.

June Cahill reported 53 departments, 204 individuals, 757 paid by departments and 25 life members. Totaling 986.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasurer's report. It will stand until time of audit.

Vice President Martha Thomas asked if the money from the Chinese

Auction will go into an account but we do not have a current raffle account until we get a gambling license.

Chaplain Joann Hays lit candles and placed roses for Vivian Woodfill Stone and Betty Selmer in their memory.

Martha Thomas asked the district chairmen to bring their baskets the Wednesday of convention.

Diana Gray reported on the auditing committee.

Janet Mathews is gathering information for a packet that would be handed out to district chairmen. The same information would be for the whole state. She needs history information to put into the packet. It's who we are and what we do. Motion was made by Beverly Taylor and seconded by Lou Bartlow to accept this idea. Motion carried.

Phyllis Vargo read a change in a by-law from District 19.

We have 8 girls for the Miss Flame contest so far. The deadline is March 10. There will no gift exchange this year, just a card with their information about themselves. They are to make regular size poster boards and there will be a penny bucket for the voting of best poster.

The canned goods that the Miss Flames were to collect from their district will be too hard to bring down to the convention so money collected from the districts would be better. The district chairman is to bring the money down to the May meeting. They are going to give the Miss Flames a crown pin to be put on the sash. They need a feedback on the photo albums that the girls received, if they really want them or not.

Barb asked Diana Gray to replace Barb Parker as Parliamentarian Chairman.

Our State Miss Flame, Samantha Gard, reported that she is a member of her fire department and any fire department that would like for her to attend their event can e-mail her.

Barb asked everyone to give her a description of their committee, district and officer's jobs.

Heather Holcomb reported on the convention. The room rate is \$100.00 a night. Registration is \$60.00 and late is \$75.00.

Phyllis Vargo reported that a lady, Mary Hunn, has articles from 1979 for the history books. She has the cd's from books 2 and 3. Book 1 has mostly minutes and cannot be copied. It was suggested that it be put in the

safe. Barb asked that the district chairmen send her their reports from their meeting.

Chairmen are to check if there are any members who are no longer members of their own departments and no longer I.V.F.A.A. members.

Carol Curl is to make up a case for the new district chairmen.

Two members of Wayne Twp. will be honored for 50 years of service.

Marlene Thrawley announced that the F.D.I.C.A. Conference will be coming up.

Chaplain Joann Hays said a prayer on dismissal.

Respectfully submitted, Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga

**DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT**



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the November 6th, 2014

District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

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

Pledge was recited. Prayer was given by Lisa Cook of Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary.

Roll call was taken with 33 members in attendance representing 10 departments and 2 individuals along with 6 guests.

At this time the Silent Auction is open and will remain open until new business.

Phyllis thanked Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary for hosting this month's district meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray the cost of hosting. Crown Point Auxiliary thanked them for the donation but has voted to return the \$100 back to the District.

Phyllis introduced the Miss

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2014 / 2015**

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Janet Woodfill  
Carolyn Zeeks

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Beverly Taylor

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**MEMORIAL THROW**

Carol Curl

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

### DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT

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Flame contestant tonight is Kaylee Hans of Lake Station. Phyllis also introduced the judges for tonight – Tina Silhavy of Tina's Day Spa, Chrisanne Christ of Centier Bank and Bob Schramm of Rosemary's Heritage Flowers.

Marge Baumgardner introduced Ryan Cusack and his dog Jake as tonight's program. Ryan and Jake are part of Crown Point Fire Rescue Department. Ryan has been training with Jake to get Jake FEMA certified.

Motion was made by Martha Thomas, seconded by Sue Scott to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$531.00 in checking as of 11/6/2014. Motion by Beth Albrecht, seconded by Jackie Rench to approve the Treasurer's report.

#### Old Business:

Phyllis stated that every department is receiving a new copy of the State By-laws. Please take it back to your department, go over them. If you would like to see a By-law change, it must be submitted to Phyllis by February 1st.

Phyllis gave us an update on the IRS regarding State I.V.F.A.A. They will NOT be taking any money or fine the State Auxiliary. They will be going back for the last 2 years.

Cathy Watkuis of Lake Of Four Season asked Phyllis since everything is okay with the IRS, why doesn't the State reduce the

dues back to \$5. Phyllis will follow-up at the state officer's meeting.

#### New Business

Phyllis closed the Silent Auction with the start of new business.

Phyllis introduced and presented the Miss Flame from District 1 Kaylee Hans with her District sash and flowers. Congratulations to Kaylee.

#### Department Announcements:

No 50/50 held.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Lowell Fire Department.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Louise Patenaude to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Marge Baumgardner

I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

Minutes of the March 5, 2015

District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

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

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was given by Donna Szafranski of Lowell.

Phyllis presented Lowell Auxiliary with \$100 check to defray the cost of hosting meeting. Lowell Auxiliary donated it back to the district.

Roll call was taken, 34 members in attendance representing 9 departments and 4 individuals.

Phyllis thanked Lowell Auxiliary for hosting this month's district meeting.

Motion made by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Tom Orrell to

suspend the reading of minutes from the November 6, 2014 meeting, motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$762.75 checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance: Paul Watland, District 2 IVFA chairman, Tom Orrell, District 1 IVFA chairman and Miss Flame Kylee Hans from Lake Station.

Kylee told the group of the activities that she has been doing. She has raffle tickets, Miss Flame T-shirts, getting donation of dog food for the local shelters, collecting bears and puzzles to donate to nursing homes.

Old Business: Phyllis told the group that the State IVFAA will not be fined by the IRS. Paperwork for 2014 has been filed already.

New Business: Phyllis stated that each district is asked to provide a basket for the state Chinese Auction. There was a motion by Jackie Rench, 2nd by Stephanie McGraffney to allow \$100 for both District 1 & 2 to purchase gift cards. Motion passed. There was a suggestion that each auxiliary could provide 1 item to go in the mystery box for the district. Marge will put it in a reminder on your district card when mailed. We ask that you bring it to the May district meeting.

Miss Flames this year will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry where convention is being held this year. All members are asked to bring donated items to the May meeting for Miss Flame to take to convention in June.

Phyllis asked for departments to help host the district meeting. Please go back to your department and see if your department can help.

May 2015 – St. John

Sept. 2015 – (open)

Nov. 2015 – Lake Station

March 2016 – (open)

Department Announcements:

Anything for the good of the order:

Phyllis asked to keep the following people in your prayers:

Betty Perry

Ann Moss

Jim Bradford

Also Betsy Howe says Hello to everyone and misses coming to meetings.

LouAnn Thomas wanted to thank the members of District 1 & 2 for all the support they have given the family, especially her mother Martha this past year after the passing of her father Jake Thomas.

Next meeting will be at St. John Fire Department.

Motion by Rachel Suggs, 2nd by Jackie Rench to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Marge Baumgardner

I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

### DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A.

Yea, spring is here!!! It's been a long time coming. Can't wait to plant flowers and mow grass!

Our last district meeting was at Nevins Twp. in Fontanet, IN. They had coney dogs, mac & cheese, baked beans, slaw and all the trimmings. It was delicious. Thanks so much for hosting.

District 11B will host a joint picnic meeting with 11A in September at Rockville. Everyone is looking forward to it.

Be sure and back your Miss Flame at convention with monetary donations for canned goods.

We are looking forward to fish fries, spaghetti suppers and ice cream socials.

Our next meeting will be held at Wright Twp. on May 17, 2015.

The convention is at Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, IN. Room rate is \$100.00 a night. Registration is \$60.00 till June 1st then \$75.00 June 10-13.

We would like to encourage everyone to contact Joan Hays, state chaplain, if anything is going on in your life that you would like to share with your fire family. Good or bad, prayer works!

See you next time.

Beverly Taylor,

District 11A chairman

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**DISTRICT 16 REPORT****Heather Holcomb - Chairman**

Convention is coming, get your pre-registration in before June 1, 2015! Raffle tickets are on sale for a 40" TV, laptop, or tablet! \$1 each ticket! Get your challenge coin for \$10! Great way to show your support and get something to share with fellow friends and firemen!

Let's have lots of fun and show support for the time we get to spend with each other.

Hope everyone has a lovely spring and Happy Easter!

Contact me if you have any questions 812-945-4111, or 502-974-7573!

We are welcoming all the donations being collected from our Miss Flames and districts!

Thank you from the hosting committee.

See you at the Horseshoe Casino!

Heather Holcomb

IVFAA District 16 Chairman

**DISTRICT 17A REPORT****Marie Emery - Chairman**

Greetings to all,

A very good crowd attended the Vincennes sausage supper in January. I would like to thank everyone who donated and brought cookies from us; that is our main fundraiser and the money is used to support our Miss Flame. Also it was very nice to see and visit with everyone, and a special thanks to the Vincennes Fire Department for hosting this event, you do a great job.

In February I attended the Green Co. fireman meeting at Lewis Township. Thanks to Sherry we were served some good chili. I also attended a pipeline training in Bloomington with Sam. The meeting was very interesting.

In March I attended the Taylor auxiliary meeting. Several items were discussed and election of officers was held.

I would like to say congratulations to Steen Township member Fred Davis who received his 50 year pin and Gold Card. Also Tom Abbott of the Lyons Fire Department receiving his 25 year pin. Thank you to both of these men for their years of service.

Our next meetings will be held at Oak Town March 30th and May 20th at Monroe City and July 15th at Loogootee. Hope everyone can attend.

Marie Emery  
District 17A Chairman

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT****Tonya Marsee - Chairman**

District 19 IVFAA met on February 10, 2015 at the Sunman Firehouse at 7 p.m. We had a great turnout of 24 members present. Sunman provided a great dinner with wonderful desserts!!!

Remember to get your department's auxiliary donation to

Tonya for the Chinese Auction as soon as you can.

We had another White Elephant Auction at the meeting that raised \$154.00. That will help our Miss Flame Alyssa Knueven and her family attend the State Convention this year being held at Elizabeth, Indiana.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter. Looking forward to the warmer weather!!!!

Our next meeting will take place at the Aurora Firehouse on May 12th at 7 p.m.

Tonya Marsee  
District 19 Chairman

# 2015 Convention June 10 through June 13

**Vibes from  
the IVFAA  
President****Barbara Kerney**

As I looked out my patio door this morning, I saw wonderful rays of sunshine and felt their warmth. I have my fingers crossed that the beginning of spring is upon us. I know most of you feel as I do that the long cold and snowy winter is almost a passing glance.

Our membership is growing. Thanks to those district chairmen and officers who have made efforts to go out and extend our membership to those who have not been members or to those who want to renew their old membership. I know your days and weeks are full, but as your President I want to thank you for your commitment to our great organization. It certainly takes all of us to work together to keep it on top. If you have not been contacted and you would like to join us, call one of our chairmen or officers and they will be glad to get you signed up.

Convention time is just a few months away. If you have not made plans to attend, please consider doing so. This is a great time to visit the business sessions of our organization, make new friends, renew old friendships and to enjoy all the activities that the convention committee has provided for us. A lot of memories are made at conventions.

We lost a good friend last month with the passing of Ann Moss. Annie was a district chairman for many years and was very committed in her service to our group. Those of us who were blessed in knowing her always enjoyed her stories and her laughter she left with us.

Time has slipped up on me and I have just realized that we will be selecting new officers at our convention meeting. If you are willing to serve, please let the nominating committee know. It has been an honor to serve as your President. I have considered it a pleasure to be a part of this organization and have worked with some great folks. To me we are a family who have shared our own families, our ideas, and a willingness to help others and are supportive of the men and women who serve as well. I will always be willing to do what I can to keep our organization going and growing. Thanks for letting me be a part of something I have a love for.

Stay safe and I'll see you at convention.

Barb Kerney  
IVFAA President

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



## Presented plaque for 20 years

PICTURED ABOVE – Mike Pouch (left) is presented with a plaque by CFPD president Mark Reed for his 20 year membership with Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.



## Presented 25 year pin, certificate and watch

CENTER PHOTO – Tom Tognarelli (c) is presented with a pin and certificate by District 2 Chairman Paul Watland as a 25 year member of the IVFA and Keener Twp VFD. He was also presented with a watch as a 25 year member Keener TWP VFD by Chief Randy Woods.



## Presented 25 year pin

PICTURED TOP RIGHT – District 2 Chairman Paul Watland presents James Lampa with his 25 year pin and certificate as a member of the IVFA and Lowell VFD.

## Presented 50 year Gold card

PICTURED BOTTOM RIGHT – District 2 Chairman Paul Watland presents Paul Fuller, a 50 year member of the IVFA and Lowell VFD with his Gold Card, pin and certificate. Fuller also attended the ceremony honoring 50 year members at the Statehouse.

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

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, chairman

## Presented 50 year Gold cards



Gene Patrick of Liberty Twp. Fire Department was presented his 50 year pin by Abby Smith, District 4 Miss Flame, and his 50 year Gold Card and Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the community by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Pictured (left to right) – Sue Dittman, Trustee of Liberty Twp., Terry Smith, Gene Patrick, Jean Smith - PRNE, Abby Smith, and Bryan Albright, Chief.



For his service to the community, Michael Hargreaves was presented his 50 year pin by Abby Smith, District 4 Miss Flame, and his 50 year Gold Card by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman. Michael is a member of the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) – Elten Schafer, 4th District secretary, Michael Hargreaves, Terry Smith and Abby Smith.

## 2015 Convention - June 10 through June 13 Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, Indiana

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District Chairman



Ollie "Peewee" Cagle, North Manchester Fire Department, receives 50 year Gold Card and pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.



Roger Montel, Mentone Fire Department, receives 50 year Gold Card and pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Articles and photos submitted by Gerald Sprague, District Chairman



## Receives 25 year pins

Terry Daily, Bruce Dilts, and Vance Boots of Salem Center VFD receiving their 25 year pins from District 6 Chairman and Salem Center Chief Bill Ebert with District 6 Miss Flame Kayla Williams looking on.



## Receives 50 year card and pin

Larry Fisher of Huntertown VFD received his 50 year card and pin at the Statehouse from District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl with Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson helping out.

### ***Facts about Indiana ...***

- There are 154 acres of sculpture gardens and trails at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.
- Nancy Hanks Lincoln is buried in Posey County, Indiana.
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- Mae West and Claude Akins were from Bedford, Indiana.
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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

## Awards presented at Salamonia VFD Christmas party



25 year pin

The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on January 10, 2015 at the fire station. District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Jeremy Gettinger with his 25 year pin.



5 year pin

District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Bob Smith with his 5 year service award.



30 year service award

District chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Scott Hilfiker with his 30 year service award.



10 and 15 year service awards

Pictured from left to right receiving their service awards are Damian Kunk - 15 years, Tim Hein - 10 years, Rich Theurer - 10 years, Heather Manor - 10 years and District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright.

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(Vendor)



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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



## *Saratoga/Ward Township FD holds service awards dinner*

On March 14, 2015 the Saratoga/Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department held their service awards dinner.

Chairman Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Troy Foust and Darin James with their 25 year service pins and service awards.

PHOTO - TOP LEFT – Pictured, from left to right, are Troy Foust, Darin James and Chairman Wright.

PHOTO - TOP RIGHT – Pictured, from left to right, are Herbert James - 35 years, Steve Martin - 20 years, and District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright.

## *Annual sausage supper-Vincennes Twp. FD held*



the raffle



the crowd



the cooks



Miss Flames in attendance

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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

## Doug Simmons honored with retirement party



On January 17, 2015 the White River Volunteer Fire Department honored Doug Simmons with a retirement party. Doug had served the department for 32 years.

Pictured giving Doug a helmet are the White River firefighters.



Chairman Lloyd E. Wright congratulated Doug Simmons from the White River Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years of service.

Pictured from left to right are chairman Lloyd E. Wright and Doug Simmons.

## Ridgeville VFD holds fish and chicken fry



PHOTO ON LEFT – On Saturday, March 14, 2015 the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry at their station to help raise money for fire equipment. Pictured are the people enjoying some good food.



## Carlow receives 40 year award



David Carlow, left, receives his 40 year award from Pete Backus, president of Western Fire Co. #3 in Madison, IN.

During his 40 year tenure, Carlow has served as Madison City Assistant Chief, company chief (captain), company asst. chief (lieutenant). - submitted by David Carlow.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Photos submitted by Steve Grile and Ralph Frazee



## Department receives new rescue truck

The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department received a new 2015 Ford F550 Rescue truck with a 14 foot Rescue box purchased from Fire Service Incorporated and built by Warner Truck Bodies. The fire department received an OCRA grant, community support from fundraisers and support from both Penn Township and the town of Pennville to purchase the new Rescue Truck. The new truck replaces a 1988 repurposed phone service truck that was becoming unreliable.

## Israel receives Gold Card



President Steve Anderson presented Past President David Israel with his Gold Card at the last IVFA quarterly officers meeting.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Articles and photos submitted by Jeremy Reef, District Chairman

## 50 Year pin and Gold Cards



Martin Anderson from Burlington Fire Department received his 50 year pin & Gold Card.

Pictured in photo from left to right:

Jeremy Crume, Josh Jenkins, Mark Michaels, Martin Anderson, Jeremy Reef, Derek Jackson, Rob Gaylor.



Charles Schroder from Royal Center Fire Dept received his 50 year pin and Gold Card.

Pictured in photo – left to right:

Allison Reef, Charles Schroder, Ed Schroder, Jeremy Reef.

## 25 year pin

## 2014 Global Award



Joyce Ancil - Harrison Twp. Alto, received her 25 year membership pin.



Gary Davis presenting David Ancil with the 2014 Global Award.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

Article and photo submitted by Past President Buz Koehler

## Rensselaer VFD names its Firefighter of the Year



Pictured – Chief Ken Haun and Deputy Chief Wade Shuey (left).

Deputy Fire Chief Martin Wade Shuey was named The Robert H. Lakin Firefighter of the Year at the recent Awards Banquet held on February 14, 2015.

Wade, as he is known to his men, came to the department as a Junior firefighter and has served many positions on the department including Captain and Treasurer. His continued hard work and dedication has made the operation of the department run smoothly and efficiently.

Also during the program, Deputy Chief Shuey received his 25 year pin from Past President of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc. Buz Koehler and Randy Denton, IVFA District 9B Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District chairman

## 25 year pins



On March 13, 2015 Pete Taylor, District Chairman 11A gave 25 year pins to the following: Jerry Stoelting, Elvin Latta and Jon Nicoson at Perry Township.

(Left to right) Pete Taylor, Jerry Stoelting, Elvin Latta and Jon Nicoson.



On February 12, 2015 Dick Jones received his 25 year pin at Center Point Fire Department from 11A District Chairman Pete Taylor.

(Left to right) Pete Taylor and Dick Jones.



On February 11, 2015 John Bolger received his 25 year pin at Wabash Correctional Facility from 11A District Chairman Pete Taylor.



On January 31, 2015 John Fagg and Natalie Holt received their 25 year pins at Lewis Twp. from 11A District Chairman Pete Taylor.

(Left to right) John Fagg, Pete Taylor and Natalie Holt.



On January 27, 2015 Mike Cherveko from Prairieton received his 25 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

(Left to right) Mike Cherveko and Pete Taylor.

## Gold Card and pin



On January 18, 2015 Dave Phelps received his Gold Card and pin in Prairieton from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

(Left to right) Pete Taylor and Dave Phelps.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

Article and photos submitted by John Morphy, Vice Chairman



## Awarded ten year service pin

District 11B – Pictured is past president Doris Michael of the Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Ladies' Auxiliary pinning a ten (10) year service pin on the new president of the Perrysville Ladies' Auxiliary Mrs. Becky Lewis.

The presentation was at the District 11B meeting on the 15th of February 2015 at the Perrysville Fire Station.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

Articles and photos submitted by Mike Dzuba, District Chairman



## Presented 25 year service pins

Pictured left to right are Eric Mohr, Mike Dzuba (District Chairman), Bob Holland (Green Twp. FD Chief), Ronnie Mohr.

Eric and Ronnie were presented their 25 year pins at Green Township's annual dinner.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

## 25 year pin



District 14 gave out a 25 year pin to Reed Mooris from McCulloch Clarksville Fire Dept.

## Crusade for Children fundraisers



Charleston Fire Department's Crusade for Children pancake breakfast.



New Washington Fire Department's Crusade for Children chili supper.

## 50 Year Gold Cards



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon gave out 3 - 50 year Gold cards to Clarksville / McCulloch Fire Department.

Getting their Gold cards are Al Williamson and Don Tetley and they will take Hubert Keithleys to him because he could not attend.

## Sellersburg training tower



Sellersburg Fire Department's Firefighter 2 classes' live burn at New Albany Fire Department's training tower.

Sellersburg Firefighter 2 class at New Albany Fire Department's training tower.



## 2015 Miss Flame

District 14 crowns 2015 Miss Flame Bethnany from DuPont Fire Department.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Articles and photos submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman

## Outstanding Service awards



Ft. Branch firefighters from left to right, Emily Wallace, Pete Williamson, and Cody Dehart were presented awards for Outstanding Service at their annual dinner.

## 25 year pins



IVFA 25 year pin recipients from left to right: Mark Allen, Mike Sokeland, Gary Overton, Larry Sprinkle, and IVFA District 15 Chairman Ross Emery.

## Retiring firefighters receive axe from department



From left to right - Ft. Branch fire Chief Mike Sokeland, Battalion Chief Rob Houchins presents retiring firefighter Gary Overton with an axe from the department.



From left to right, Retiring Ft. Branch firefighter Larry Sprinkle is presented an axe from the department by Fire Chief Mike Sokeland.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

## 25 year pin



District 16 Chairman Josh Reisert recently presented Donovan Harrod of the New Chapel Fire Dept. with his 25 year pin.

## 2015 Miss Flame



Newly-elected Miss Flame Brittany Durbin for 2015 and District 16 IVFAA Chairman Heather Holcomb.



## New Fire-Rescue Truck



Lafayette Rescue 1 - A 2015 Spartan Metro star chassis with Hackney body, 6000psi Scott revolve air cascade, Genesis rescue tools with rear and forward connections, generator, light tower. High and low angle rescue capabilities Warn winch.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

## Orleans FD celebrates 200 years



District 16 Miss Flame Brittany Durbin, IVFA President Steve Anderson and Indiana State Fire Marshal James Greeson presented Orleans Fire Department with a certificate for 200 years.



A portion of the Town of Orleans celebration of 200 years was the unveiling of the town's restored 1926 fire truck.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Twenty-five year pins



Bloomfield VFD member Tom Montgomery presented with his 25 year pin.



Center Twp. VFD members Bob Bell, Beth Inman and John Sherer presented 25 year pins with District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer and Sam Emery in attendance.



Lyons VFD member Tim Abbott presented with his 25 year pin with Chief Teddy York in attendance.

## 50 year Gold Card



Steen Twp. VFD member Fred Davis presented 50 year Gold Card with wife Jeanne in attendance.

## Miss Flame presented donation



Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. president Scott Byers presents District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer a donation.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-B

Articles and photos submitted by Steve Nolan, District Chairman

## Fifty Year Pin



District 17-B Chairman Steve Nolan presenting George Rusnick of Perry Clear Creek FD his 50 year pin along with 17-B Miss Flame Taylor McGlocklin.

## Clock presentation



From left to right:

IVFAA 17-B Chairperson Dawn Hillenburg, IVFA Chairman Steve Nolan, 17-B presenting Clock (for remodel of Station #21) to Jeremy Carpenter, President of Perry-Clear Fire Protection District, Chief Dustin Dillard and Bobby Brown, Vice Chairman 17-B.

## NVFC, IAFC encourage departments to Create a Culture of Safety

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) have announced the theme for the 2015 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week: *Creating a Culture of Safety*.

Fire and EMS departments are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activity during the week of June 14-20 and allow all shifts and personnel to focus on safety and health training and education. An entire week is provided to ensure each shift and duty crew can spend at least one day focusing on these critical issues. [SafetyAndHealthWeek.org](http://SafetyAndHealthWeek.org) provides resources to help departments implement the week locally; planning materials, such as a customizable press release, activity ideas, and promotional materials, will be available soon.

### **Creating a Culture of Safety**

Emergency response is a dangerous job. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 97 firefighters died in the line of duty in 2013 and 65,880 were injured. Studies have shown that firefighters are at increased risk of heart disease, cancer, and behavioral health issues such as PTSD.

*Creating a Culture of Safety* emphasizes both the need to change attitudes and behaviors to foster an environment that embraces safety and the need to proactively reduce risk. The entire fire and emergency service community can work together to eliminate preventable tragedy and minimize the immediate and long-term risks of emergency response.

The theme draws attention to three areas critical for creating a safety culture: the community, the department, and the individual.

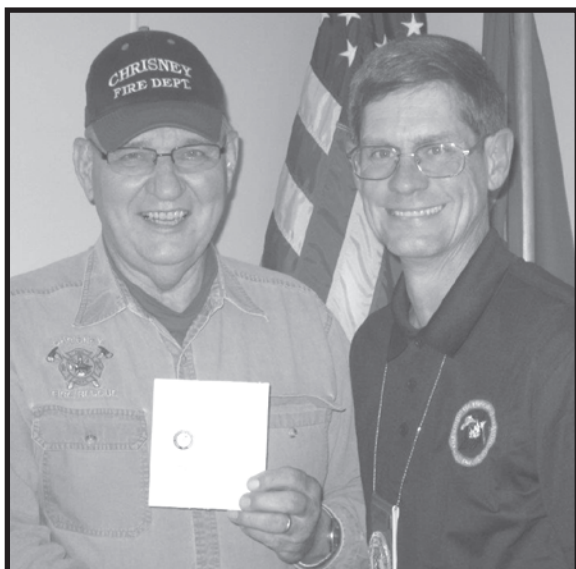
- **Community:** The best fire is one that never happens. Creating a culture of safety within the community—where codes are enforced, fire sprinklers are utilized, and risks are reduced—will lead to fewer fires and fewer calls for fire

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

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

## 50 year awards



At the meeting of the IVFA District 18 on Thursday, 19 March. David Dougan of the Chrisney VFD was presented the IVFA 50 Service Pin and Gold Card from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. During his years of service, Dougan served as Department President for 15 years, prior to his 18 years as Department Chief. After his term as Chief, Dougan served as a Safety Officer for the Department. He and his wife Karen have three sons, one of whom serves on the Chrisney VFD.



At the March 25 meeting of the St. Anthony Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co.), James Knies was presented with the IVFA 50 Service Pin and Gold Card from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. During his years of service to the St. Anthony VFD, Knies was one of the first members to become certified as an EMS First Responder, and then served as EMS First Responder Officer, and later as a Department Captain.



On March 12, 2015, members of the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co.) joined District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith in presenting the IVFA 50 Year Pin and Gold Card to Russel "Eldo" Reinhart.

During his career, Reinhart served as Firefighter and Assistant Chief. He also served as Chairman of the IVFA District 18.

Members of the Reinhart family were also present and included Eldo's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pictured with Reinhart are clockwise, HVFD Assistant Chief Glen Kissling, Chief Scott Patberg, Captain Ray Kissling, Firefighter Bill Bland, and District 18 Chairman Smith.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

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

## 25 year pins



During the annual membership meeting of 29 January 2015 of the St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept. (Spencer Co. District 18) members were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin. Pictured L-R are Rodney Schwoppe, Gary Graman, and Bernard "Butch" Klem.

## Service awards presented



On Saturday, 14 February, the Holland VFD (Dubois Co.) held its 25<sup>th</sup> annual Dine and Dance. During the evening's festivities, several department members were recognized for years of service. First Assistant Chief John Hemmer was presented the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Hemmer has served as Chief and is an EMS First Responder. Firefighter Greg Gentry was presented a



Certificate of Appreciation from Chairman Smith to honor his 33 years of service to the Department. Gentry has announced his upcoming retirement from the service. Gentry earned certification as a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Firefighter, EMS First Responder and has served as past treasurer for the department.

## 50 year Gold card



At the meeting of 5 February of the Jasper Fire Department, Edward "Ed" Eckert was presented the IVFA 50 Year Gold Card & Pin from IVFA District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Eckert served as the Department's Chief for 15 years until his retirement in 1989. Prior to the Chief's position, Eckert served as Assistant Chief for 2 years and department Secretary for 10 years.

# 2015 Supporting Heroes annual Gala held



As our Association is both a partner and sponsor of Supporting Heroes and their annual Gala we try to show our support in every way we can. Pictured here are some of our State and District Officers in attendance at the 2015 Supporting Heroes Gala. - submitted by Paul Holcomb.

## Presented clock



Prosser Career Education Center is presented a clock in recantation of their new facility as one of the newest departments in the IVFA.

- submitted by Paul Holcomb

## Create a Culture . . .

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response. This in turn reduces risk to firefighters and EMTs from vehicle crashes during response, exposure to toxins that can cause cancer and other illnesses, and dangerous working conditions resulting from large fires.

- **Department:** Creating a culture of safety within the department is critical to protecting personnel. Changing the department culture starts with leadership. Policies and procedures that advance safety must be implemented and enforced, safe and healthy practices should be accepted by and expected of personnel, and safety should be a critical component of all training and all fireground and vehicle operations.

- **Individual:** Personal accountability is a key component of keeping firefighters and emergency responders safe. Each individual must take responsibility for following SOPs and SOGs, prioritizing safety and health, and lessening their own risks. This includes proper use and maintenance of PPE to prevent exposure and reduce cancer risks, managing heart health through fitness and nutrition, and seeking help if experiencing behavioral health issues.

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