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FROM THE FIRE HOUSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE IVFA GOES TO WASHINGTON: by Larry Curl

Each year in our nation's Capitol a dinner is hosted by the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) whose Mission is "...to educate Members of Congress about fire and life safety issues."

Established in 1989 by Congressman Curt Weldon, as a non-profit, non-partisan policy institute, CFSI is designed to educate members of Congress about the needs and challenges of our nation's fire and emergency services so that the federal government provides the types of training and funding needed by our first responders. The theme for this year's program was "Forging New Relationships"

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association took a delegation led by President Holcomb and met up with State Fire Marshal Greeson, Chief John Buckman from Indiana and Sean Carroll, Director of Government Affairs from CFSI as we forged new relationships and strengthened existing relationships with our federal representatives and the White House.

During our visit we were able to meet with six of our nine Representatives (or their staff) in Congress to share our thoughts and ask for assistance on issues that have a direct impact on our service here in Indiana. They were Congressman Todd Rokita, Congressman Peter Visclosky, Congresswoman Susan Brooks, Congressman Larry Bucshon, Congressman Luke Messer and Congressman Trey Hollingsworth.

While in DC, we were also able to arrange a meeting with Vice President Pence's "Domestic Policy Team" whose job it is to work on Domestic Issues including Public Safety.

We carried the following



IVFA WITH VICE PRESIDENT PENCE OUTSIDE THE WEST WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE

messages to both Congress and the White House;

1. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS (AFG) AND STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAMS

We shared the importance of reauthorizing the AFG and SAFER grants at a level that will allow and provide the means to enhance preparedness and response capabilities to Fire Departments nationwide including the many from Indiana who have gotten a SAFER or AFG to assist in all types of hazards, as well as support fire prevention and education programs.

2. THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY, H.R. 931.

This bill would establish a specialized national cancer registry to be managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It would improve collection infra-

structure and activities related to the nationwide monitoring of cancer incidence among firefighters. We are in serious need here in Indiana as well as all other states in being able to collect the data regarding Fire Fighter Cancer if we ever hope to get our own "Presumptive Cancer Bill" passed.

3. VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION ACT - H.R. 1550

As volunteer incentives have become more prevalent, and as we hope to add more incentives for our Volunteer Firefighters in Indiana, the Internal Revenue Service has made ensuring that benefits are properly reported and taxed a priority.

If passed this piece of legislation would allow volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel to claim a property tax reduction of up to \$600 per year, and receive "tax free" incentives. The Volunteer Incentive Protection Act would allow local agencies to provide nominal benefits without having to worry about being audited by the IRS.

4. FUNDING FOR THE UNITED

STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATION

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) plays an important role at the national level, and filters down to the local level ensuring that the fire service is prepared to respond to all hazards. Each year, USFA provides training to approximately one million fire and emergency service personnel including many from right here in Indiana, through the National Fire Academy (NFA). Unfortunately, over the past decade, USFA's budget has been reduced by approximately 25% percent. Continued cuts to USFA's budget will eliminate assistance to state fire training systems, (which provides trainings in all 50 states) reduce technical support for the data collection, and jeopardize support for the "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend" in honoring the families of every fallen fighter in the USA.

After our meeting with Vice President Pence's Domestic

Policy Team we were able to be joined by the Vice President outside on the White House grounds for a couple of photos and share some words with Vice President Pence. Vice President Israel was able to present the Vice President with a Challenge Coin minted with the Number 2 from this year's convention and ask that he (Pence) also present President Trump with a coin minted with a Number 1 on it.

Following a very long day on Capitol Hill and at the White House that evening we joined nearly 2,000 FIRE & EMS members both nationally and internationally for dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel in D.C. where we heard from other members of Congress and watched awards being presented to many for outstanding Fire and EMS Service, Leadership and Fire Prevention excellences in their departments.

All in all the two day trip was a great adventure as we made some very good contacts, forging new relationships and strengthened existing relationships with our members of Congress and the White House.

We will be following up with our contacts by a letter writing campaign.

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March 6, 2017

A golden milestone celebrated by 61 IVFA Members...

By Larry Curl IVFA member and Lobbyist

The IVFA honors 61 members this year, each for achieving the milestone of and celebrating 50 years in the fire service.

First and foremost we tip our helmets to each of these 61 members of the IVFA for their dedication, their willingness, and their desire to serve their communities for 50 years. If only we would visit with those 61 and recount the stories and the changes over those 50 years, I am sure we would all be amazed at what we could learn of our fire service history in Indiana.

Fifty years is no small achievement - raising a family - juggling your volunteer duties with a full-time job, all the while participating in all of your community activity. Life is not always easy but being a volunteer is surely rewarding.

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. Fifty years is a full career plus, no matter whether it's your vocation or your avocation. So those folks who achieve 50 years of



To all who were able to be at the State House and their families, thank you, and to all 61, congratulations on such a remarkable achievement.

A special thank you to all the members from the IVFA who participated during this event at the State House (nearly 50) and made March 6th a special day for our 61 newly achieved lifetime members.

See the list of names & departments for the 61 members listed elsewhere in this edition of the IVFA Newspaper.

In the top photo: 50 year IVFA members honored at the Statehouse.



In the bottom photo: Governor Eric Holcomb poses with the 50 year award members.

Photos submitted by John Buckman III.

Congratulations to each and every one!

Volunteer Service essentially have served two full time-plus careers in their life time.

These 61 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 61 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.

During this year's session of the Indiana General Assembly Representative Randy Frye prepared and read before the House of Representatives, HCR 32, a House Concurrent Resolution recognizing 61 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters on the occasion of 50 years of service to their communities and their local volunteer fire departments, and Senator Jean Leising sponsored 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 11 of the 61 members as well as many of their family members in attendance. They were all greeted and thanked by Representative Frye and Goodin as well as Senator Leising and Niemeyer. They got to go to the Governor's Office and had a visit with Governor Holcomb who shared his appreciation for their service to Indiana.

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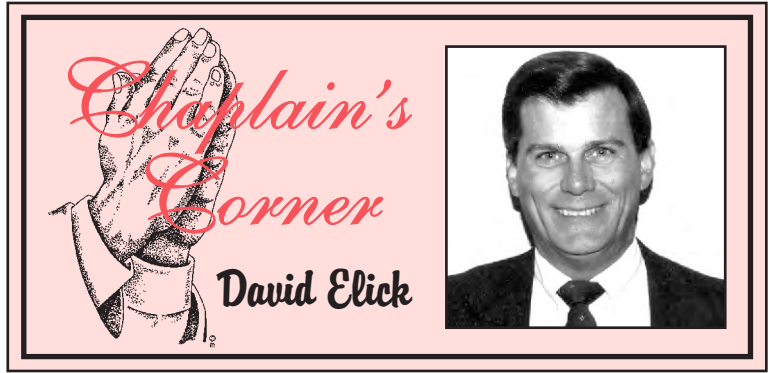
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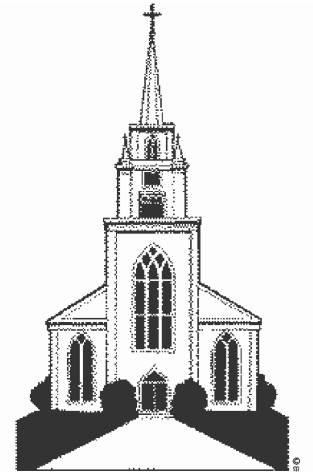


Greetings all! Spring has officially arrived, although it seems like it arrived in January and again in February, and again, well, you get the picture. Easter, FDIC, and the HEROES have come and gone and spring 2017 is in full swing.

Spring is a good time to reflect on life. The trees, the flowers, the things that appeared to die last fall, have bloomed back to life, and soon will be blessing us with natural beauty for another season. Our lives are different. We are born, we live, we grieve those who go before us, and we too, will die one day. However, our lives live on in the memories of those we leave behind. Our lives spring back every time someone shares a memory, a story, an event, and this happens anytime, anywhere. It's like spring all year long.

Jesus shared his life with all of us, and here, some two thousand and seventeen years later, we know some of the stories of His life. We still celebrate His birthday and His death. As we grieve the loss of life, we should also celebrate life. Rejoice in knowing that even though the human life has ended, we also gain eternal life, where we are rejoined with those we love, those we miss, those we long to see once again.

Live each day as if there were no tomorrow. I share this from our house: Live simply, laugh often, love much, speak kindly, care deeply, expect little, give generously, forgive easily, and trust in the Lord with all your heart. As a friend of mine says, "Choose happy!"



God bless and stay safe,
Dave Elick
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From The President

Paul Holcomb



I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I am looking forward to working with you all in the new year!

For those of you that do not know me a would like to introduce myself and give you all a little background. My name is Paul Holcomb and I joined the fire service in 1994. I have served on the Utica Twp. Fire Department, New Chapel Fire Company, and worked for Kings Island Fire & Safety during my fire service career. I am currently both paid and a volunteer here in Indiana. I joined the IVFA in 1994. I served ten years as the District 16 Chairman and two years as your Vice President. I have also served on several committees over the years and have been a member of the Indiana (L.A.S.T.) Team since 2011.

I would like to also take this time to thank my wife, family, chiefs, friends, the membership and everyone else who has supported me over the years. And I most certainly can't forget you "Dad". I cannot thank you all enough! Also without the guidance from some of the other leadership in this organization this opportunity would have not been possible. I am very humbled and honored to join the elite group that has had the honor of serving as President of our Association.

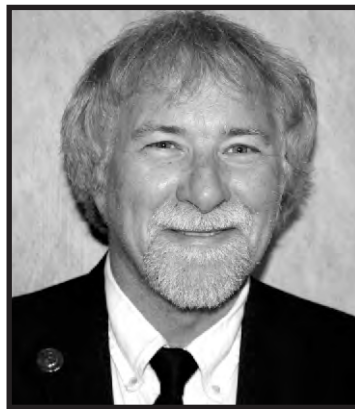
With that all said I would also like to ask you all to please take the time to visit our legislation page on the IVFA website and stay current on the issues that we are working on to better the fire service. And as a reminder we have been distributing our newest member benefit, the ten year pin. Everyone that has ten to twenty four years of service will be presented a ten year pin from our Association. If you have an event that you would like to have them presented at, please contact your district chairman or just attend your next district meeting. Once again I would like to thank you all! And as always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

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AUGUST DEADLINE IS JULY 5, 2017

From The Vice-President

David Israel



Happy Spring everyone,
Be on the Scene in 2017
Columbus, Indiana.

Who would have thought some would be mowing grass and Fire Departments would be having field and woods fires in MARCH.

This past quarter has been a busy one for me.

I tried to attend as many District meetings as I could before the spring planting starts. With that said, BE CAREFUL when responding on runs, watch out for large farm machinery, sprayers, big equipment taking up the roadway.

Thanks Phil for the many years of friendship and the 50 years of time you have put into making the fire department what it is today. If Bill C and I forget how to rub those two dimes to make them two quarters or which book to write what in, we know to ask Ron B because he videoed it and wrote it down. Rest Phil, we will take it from here.

I have had the opportunity to be a presenter at the Fire Marshal's

Leadership Seminars to talk about better communications between Fire Departments and Township Trustees, Cities and Towns.

There are a lot of issues out there and some lawsuits going on with disputes between the two. Who wins? NO ONE - EVERYBODY LOSES! Do you know who loses the most? The Community (Taxpayers) that both groups serve and protect. The money and time spent on going to Court could have been spent on training and upgrading equipment, repairing stuff in the Township, which could have DONE what? Lowered ISO Ratings that would lower insurance premiums saving our community members (Taxpayers) money.

Budgets should be in writing and spelled out in the contract what is expected by each party.

If we don't start getting along and communicating better, letting whatever happened 20 years ago cloud the job we were elected to do, serve and protect our communities. Legislators will take care of the problem for us and none of us will be happy. Last thing on this topic. We need to start NOW working with our town, township trustee or city for the 2018 budget session coming up this summer.

Thanks for the ice cream, it was good. Good luck in June.

Congratulations to our IVFA 50 year members that made it to the State House in March 2017. THANK YOU for all that you have done to make your communities a safer and better place to live.

The IVFA Training Seminars are starting up; they have already had the one at Sellersburg. Watch the IVFA calendar and your email for times and dates.

As I wrap this up, let's remember our Brothers and Sisters in the Fire Service that have passed on this last quarter.

We will honor all those that have passed away this last year at the 2017 IVFA Convention in Columbus, Indiana June 15, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel, 2480 Jonathon Moore Pike, Columbus, Indiana during the Memorial Service after the opening meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Hope to see you at the next district meeting. Be Safe.

Better yet, see you at Convention in Columbus.

David Israel
IVFA Vice President

BE ON THE SCENE IN 2017

2017 CONVENTION GOLF SCRAMBLE June 14, 2017 at the Harrison Lake Country Club, 588 Country Club Road, Columbus, Indiana 47201. TEE TIME is 9:00am cost is \$60.00 per person. NO CUT OFFS or BLUE JEANS. PAY AT THE GOLF COURSE the MORNING OF.

WATER BALL GAMES are on for the 2017 IVFA Convention; it will be held the SATURDAY MORNING June 17, 2017. We have 4 teams committed. Cost per team \$50.00. For more information contact Mike Cole 812-593-1112.

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June 14 – 17, 2017

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(All registration fees are non-refundable)

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 & 2 Meeting
Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Nov. 15, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:23 p.m.
Pledge by Paul Watland, Dist. 2
Chairman.

Roll taken: Dist 1 - 3 Depts. 7
members, Dist. 2 - 6 Depts. 31
members.

Guests: 50 year Gold card
members: Bub Wise CPFR, Bill
Carbon, Porter Twp. VFD, Ralph
Knapp, Lincoln Twp. VFD, Harvey
Lanning, Schererville FD, Jack
Runyon, Spencer Equip., Larry
Polas, Global Equip., Don Fultz,
retired Dist. 21 Chairman and new
District Chairman Ed Watson,
Lauren Bustamante, former District
2 Miss Flame.

Chief Robert Livengood, chief of
Lincoln Twp. VFD, gave history of
department.

Motion to dispense with reading
of minutes of previous meeting was
made.

Motion passed.

Legislation: cancer bill and
training bill failed to get additional
readings and did not make out of
committee hearings.

There is no money for the cancer
insurance. All firefighters should
have a baseline physical. All new 50
year Gold card members were
hosted at the Statehouse and a
proclamation was read commending
them on their service.

Treasurer's report: \$390.00.
Check to be given to District 1 Miss
Flame at Convention for \$200.00 for
expenses.

Old business: None.

New Business: Flyers for
meeting at Morocco VFD on cancer
causes that is killing firefighters and
how and why to clean your gear.

Convention in Columbus, IN
June 14-16, 2017.

A class was held at CPFR on
S.I.D.s was held at CPFR. There will
be more classes held in the area with
location to be announced.

3 members of Lincoln Twp. were
given 10 year pins.

Deaths in District 1 - None.

District 2 - James Purkey, Lowell
VFD, Darwin Whited, Wheatfield
VFD. Moment of silence was held.

Auction to be held at Lincoln
Twp. VFD, Apr. 1, 2017.

Pancake breakfast at Boone
Grove, Apr. 2, 2017.

Bill Howe with Red Knights
M.C. Help raise money for various
charities.

Looking for members.

Lake Station pancake breakfast
Apr. 2, 2017.

Next meeting: May 17, 2017 at
Lake Station VFD.

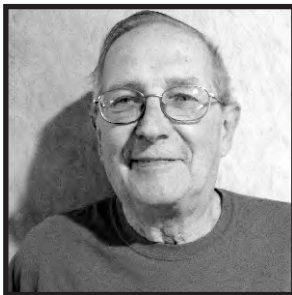
50/50 drawing won by Larry
Polas from Global Equip.

Dist. 2 Chairman Paul Watland
thanked everyone for their prayers
and support while he was out sick
and down for the count. Said it was
great to be back and feeling good.

Thanked Lincoln Twp. VFD for
hosting meeting. Meeting adjourned
at 7:48 p.m.

Notes by Bob Szot and
submitted by Dist. 2 Chairman Paul
Watland.

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



District 3 I.V.F.A. Meeting
January 19, 2017

The meeting was held at the
Cass-Clinton Vol. Fire Department
in Wanatah, IN.

The meeting was called to order
at 7:00 by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Secretary Bradford called roll.
There were 18 members
representing 6 depts.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick
Bradford began the meeting with a
prayer.

Chief Larry Rust led the pledge
to the flag.

Guests: Jack Runion -
Representing Spencer Equipment.
Leona Uryga - I V F A A
Corresponding Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were
read and treasurer made a report. A
motion and a second were made to
accept reports and motion passed.

Old Business: The IVFA Dist. 3
has sent a letter to the IVFA
Convention committee of intent to
bid on 2019 convention. It has been
17 years since we last hosted the
convention.

Chairman Uryga asked for a
show of hands as to how many were
willing to help. Show of hands was
almost unanimous among those
present.

Secretary Bradford offered to
help find a sponsor for the
Hospitality room and the IVFAA
secretary offered to sponsor a
fundraiser to help defray costs.

The IVFAA Dist. 3 had a
fundraiser to assist local Miss
Flame, Chloe Perkins. Fundraiser
made close to \$250.00.

New Business: Chairman Bob
Uryga gave out 25 year pins to two
firefighters: David Rice and
Raymond Charlesworth from Cass-
Clinton and a 50 year pin to Hanna
firefighter Glenn A. Wallace.

Cass Clinton member and
training officer, Dwayne Tate spoke
about the Multi-Academic
Cooperative Foundation. (MAAC).

The Stuart McMillan Foundation
(Task Force Tips) has donated 4
acres and \$1 million dollars for
training classrooms and buildings
for fire schools, drills and live
training operations. The facility is
available to all departments for
training use. It is located in
Valparaiso, Indiana.

Announcements: There will be a
class on preparing for ISO Audit
coming up soon.

Convention Registration forms
are available.

The next meeting is March 16 at
San Pierre.

Past District Chairman Tim
Sandy still in nursing home in New
Carlisle. Our prayers are with him.

Dave Robb made a motion to
adjourn and seconded by Mark
Coulter. Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Submitted by,
Secretary Rick Bradford

Addendum: It is with much
regret and with great sorrow that we

must report the passing of Past
District Chairman and Springfield
Township Past Chief, Training
Officer and Firefighter Timothy
(Tim) Sandy. Tim passed away on
February 7, 2017. We pray for him
and his family. Rest in peace Tim.

I.V.F.A. District 3 Meeting
March 16, 2017
Railroad San Pierre, IN

The meeting was opened with a
prayer said by Chairman Bob Uryga.

A silent prayer for Tim Sandy and
Albert Eckert.

The pledge to the flag was led by
Chief Andy Tilleraas.

Sec./Treas. Rick Bradford was
absent and Leona Uryga substituted
for him.

Roll call was answered by 18
members present and one guest Jack
Runion from Spencer
Manufacturing.

Chairman Uryga presented a 10
year pin to Andy Tilleraas, Chief of
Railroad Twp./San Pierre.

The minutes were read with a
correction. Instead of David Rice it
was Dwayne Tate who received the
25 year pin from Cass Clinton. A
motion was made by Gale Hawkins
and seconded by Rocky Rudolph to
accept the minutes with correction.
Motion carried.

A letter was read from Larry Curl
on what passed and did not pass in
the Senate at the Statehouse for the
volunteers.

Bob Uryga suggested that license
plates be bought from the state as
something the state can do for
volunteers.

The next meeting is May 18 at
Noble Twp.

The raffle took in \$19.00.

Events: Bass Lake - April 22 -
Rural Water Supply classes.

Coolspring Twp. - April 1 -
Spring Raffle

Michiana Shores - May 7 -
Pancake Breakfast

Railroad Twp. / San Pierre - Car
and Truck Show - May 20 - Old
Holy Cross Property.

A motion was made by Gill Knip
and seconded by Brad Brewer to
adjourn. Motion carried.

Reported by Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
November 10, 2016
Monterey Fire Department,
Monterey, IN

Refreshments were served by the
host department.

Guests: Jean and EJ Smith,
PRNE.

The meeting was called to order
by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hours.
The Pledge to the Flag followed.
There were 12 firefighters
representing 5 departments in
attendance.

No meeting from previous
meeting date.

We discussed the cancer
presumptive law again. It is a MUST
to document exposures. IF IT IS
NOT DOCUMENTED it didn't
happen. Careers now have cancer
benefits but none for volunteers.

Funding is an issue. Verbiage may be
added to a bill to allow this benefit for
volunteers, may need a prescreening
process. Target this for new recruits.
Each person will need to document
their exposure, length, and quality of
smoke.

Talked about the recruitment and
retention of F.F., are hopeful of a grant
to cover recruitment.

Talked about benefits available
include: newspaper and website
(information), memorial service,
grave marker and Bible, \$3500.00 life
insurance, \$2,000 Ad & D insurance,
auto and home insurance available
through California Casualty.

Jean Smith reported on IDHS
website Indiana Public Safety
tracking form. He talked about the
Junior Firefighter Award, ages 14 to
21 and must complete the course. A
physical is recommended but not
mandatory - \$300 to \$800 NVFA.
Research - examine ventilator flow
view at firefighters.com.

Cancer new foundation for
firefighters. Key prevention - clean
your gear. Use care after fire and
remove ALL gear completely, then
get cleaned.

John Grolich reported that a
Bremen firefighter has cancer. Cancer
has taken over cardiac as leading
cause of F.F. death, approximately
60%. He has lots of information on
firefighter males but lacks on females.
Typical house fire has 230 different
carcinogens.

Ten year pins were awarded to
Scott, Andy and Emily. 25 year pin
awarded to Rory Smith.

EJ Smith talked about the Miss
Flame contests: must be 15 to 18 years
old and be related to a firefighter of
the district. District competition is
in January.

Global Award should be a long
standing member and be a district's
choice. Remarked about the Mr.
IVFA and Angel Awards.

Next meeting in Chester Township
on January 12.

Meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
March 9, 2017

Fulton-Liberty Fire Department

Guests: Jean and EJ Smith, Cindy
Van Gordon, Donley Safety.

The 5th District meeting at Fulton
Liberty F.D. in Fulton, IN was called
to order by Chairman Grolich at 1936
hours with the pledge to the flag
following. The meeting was attended
by 11 firefighters representing 7
departments. The minutes from
January's meeting were read,
corrected and approved.

First item discussed is 655 IAC on
mandatory training. The rewording
for this is still a work in progress.

The Presumptive Disability Law
has been drafted to add volunteer
firefighters and is being reviewed
currently for the fiscal. It should NOT
be funded by local government.

Pay attention to the elimination of
township officials. HB 1232 is a dead
bill this year.

The engineered lumber bill
HB1124 is also a dead bill. It stalled
out because of the \$5 charge for a
certified notification before using
such lumber.

Know your smoke class on April
22 at Elkhart Career Center.

June 23 at Plymouth and June 24 at
Tippecanoe, a Tank Car incident
response for crude class.

Taking action against cancer in the
fire service in Mishawaka, March 28,
29 & 30 at the Mishawaka F.D.
headquarters.

Etna Twp F.D. fish fry March 18 - 4
to 7 at Hawthorn Park, Etna Green.

Etna Twp F.D. gun raffle June 10.
Bourbon F.D. fundraiser April 15
- 6 P.M. at the fire station.

Argos F.D. fish fry at station on
May 13.

Fulton Fun Day August 5 and 6.

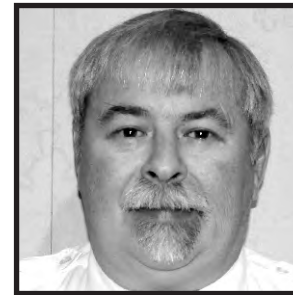
March 6 was 50 year recognition
day at the Statehouse for Volunteer
Firefighters.

Next meeting at Burkett May 11,
2017

Meeting adjourned at 2035
hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings to all. Up here in the
northeast, Spring is here. The
flowers are popping up and the
robins are back!

Need to thank the Auburn VFD
for hosting our meeting in January
and the Howe VFD for hosting our
meeting in March. Their hospitality
and fellowship was enjoyed by all. A
big thank you to Kenn Kunze and
800 Board-Up for supplying our
meals for the meetings.

I also want to thank our District 6
Miss Flame, Bailey Sheley, for
representing our District at the many
fundraisers she is attending. Great
job, Bailey!

Special thanks to our lobbyist,
Larry Curl, for attending our
meeting in Auburn. Glad to see him
in good health and doing a great job
for the IVFA.

The next meeting as of this
publication will be on May 23rd,
2017 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held in
Noble County. Unsure of the
department hosting at this time, but
it is tentatively at the Albion VFD.

Would like to thank the South
Whitley/Cleveland Twp. VFD for
their hospitality and the great meal;
while there presenting 10 and 25
year pins on April 4th.

Again, it would be great to see
better attendance at our District 6
meetings. Come on guys and gals. It
is only one night every other month!
There may be a few departments that
are not receiving the meeting flyers.

Please take the time to send your
department's e-mail address to
spiralawn@ligtel.com. Our next
meeting, as of this printing, is
scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd,
2017 at 7:00 P.M. All District 6
departments should have received a
flyer on the meetings. If any of the
departments or individual
firefighters in District 6 have
problems or concerns, please call or
e-mail me. I will do my level best to
help you out. Better yet, bring them
to our next meeting on May 23rd.

Please visit the IVFA website as I
am hoping the meetings for District
6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)
District 6 Chairman

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

District 7
January 16, 2017
Poneto Volunteer 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 14 members representing 6 departments.

November Minutes R/A.

Guest: Jean Smith - PRNE.

Chairman Bisel announced two deaths in the district since last meeting. They were Jim Moser and Kenny Dougherty both of Geneva.

Chairman Bisel - No mailers went out or too late before meeting. Sam will email out the 1st of the month for district meeting.

Noted that pipeline meeting in Fort Wayne may be cause of low attendance tonight.

January 30th Muncie Pipeline meeting. It is in IVFA November paper.

Last year lost over 100 firefighters in the line of duty. Supporting Heroes will recognize them at the Annual Gala.

Please watch your groups for suicide prevention.

Jean Smith - PRNE - Bill to address mandatory training code to "be trained before hired" goes to the House on the 10th and the Senate on the 12th.

38 states have cancer bills, 10 include volunteers, IN does not include them.

Email - Senate Bill 163 - Public Safety Income Tax, waiting on more information.

There is a Senate Bill draft volunteer line of duty cancer-exposure-disability. Unclear of what insurance company pays for. Don't want to burden stations with higher premiums.

Awareness and training of cancer. Working on it for the future. Need to document all fire runs.

Chairman Bisel - The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office Leadership meetings Jan. 28 in New Castle, Feb. 18 Warsaw, March 11 in Huntingburg. This will be a one day Fire Chief meeting. It is support, labor management, political leadership, health and wellness, taxes and budgets. Register at indianafiretraining.com or contact John Buckman at 317-417-3695 or jbuckman@dhs.in.gov. Cost will be free to attend and lunch will be on your own.

Global Award nominations are due by Feb. 1, 2017.

Berne has gun raffle and breakfast April 8th, breakfast July 29th, and soup and sandwich Oct. 14th.

Hoagland Pancake and Sausage Jan. 29th.

Poe has a new firefighter, Terry Lockwood, 4th generation.

Poneto Chili Supper March 18th.

Next district meeting will be at Preble March 20th. It will be the annual bake sale.

Second roll call answered by 14 members representing 6 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Kristy Bisel
Acting District 7 Secretary

District 7
March 20, 2017
Preble Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:35 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 32 members representing 7 departments.

January Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE and Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist.

Chairman Bisel - No deaths reported in the district since last meeting. If you hear of a death, please contact your district chairman.

Districts 10 and 18 were recipients of attendance drawing at the last quarterly meeting.

IVFA Convention coming to Columbus in June.

61 Life Members being awarded this year, 6 are from District 7.

Reminder that you are able to get your IVFA license plate at the local license branch. There is no need to send money to the Central Office for this, fees are collected at the license branch.

The Fire Marshal's Office has smoke detectors available to distribute, call them.

Jasper Fire School is coming up.

Board of Firefighter Standards meeting is coming up in Winchester.

Presented proposed SOG changes to Article XI Expenses and Allowances, increase President and Vice-President Allowances and Article XIV Annual Awards, Section 3 wording change for Ollie Sandburg Award.

Yellow insurance forms are coming out, no need to return them unless you have changes to be made.

Contact Armed Services Benevolent Association to have a representative attend your department meeting.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Down to 5 bills that the IVFA is watching.

House Resolution 1550 is a proposed \$600 federal tax credit.

Auburn is taking applications for full time firefighters.

Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist - Recently had Resolution Day at the State House to honor 50 year members of the IVFA.

Larry Curl recognized Duane Rekoweg from Preble who had attended the State House presentation.

Started watching 17 bills and now down to 5.

HB 1370 & 1122 are going to hearing tomorrow.

Trying to clean up Indiana Code and Administrative Code to make it so a person can join a volunteer fire department before getting the state minimum training.

Insurance Bill SB 467, put into code fire department reimbursement from insurance companies.

Engineered lumber bill, defeated by the building trades.

Federal House Resolution 1550, Contact your congressman and ask them to support the bill.

Chairman Bisel - The state is moving around the training in the module system.

Next district meeting will be at Roanoke May 15 and Uniondale

July 17.

Upcoming events in the District: Berne has breakfast and gun raffle April 8.

Geneva Breakfast April 15.

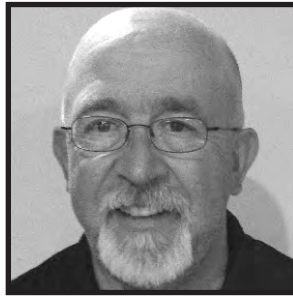
Poe breakfast April 9, consignment auction April 15, Pork Loin Supper April 21.

Second roll call answered by 32 members representing 7 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A

The new year is off and running and by the time you are reading this we will be about five months into 2017. As you may or may not know, we write these articles about a month before print so even though it is late March as I write, I hope we have turned the corner and the warmer weather is here to stay. But it is Indiana and nothing is guaranteed.

I spent a week mid-March in southwest Florida with family and friends watching my oldest daughter, Emilee, who is a senior at Manchester University, play softball with her Spartan teammates. I am coming to the startling realization my watching her play softball is coming to an end and I am going to have to find something else to occupy my time after she graduates in May. Who knows, maybe I will have time to finish that state quarter collection I started several years ago.

The January district meeting was hosted by Wildcat Twp. VFD. I want to thank Chief Andy Wesner and the members of the department for hosting the meeting. There were 10 departments represented at the meeting with 22 members attending the meeting. The program that night was gas pipeline emergencies presented by Jeremy Ransford of Vectren Energy. If Vectren Energy provides gas service in your response areas please reach out to Vectren Energy for a good training resource for your department.

The March district meeting was hosted by Amboy VFD. I want to thank Chief Lamar Miller and the members of the department for hosting the meeting. There were 9 departments represented at the meeting with 19 members attending the meeting. Also, I want to thank Chief John Buckman of the State Fire Marshal Office for being there and speaking to the group on the programs offered through the State Fire Marshal Office. Chief Buckman also answered several training related questions asked by the group.

Did you know the State Fire Marshal Office has a Smoke Alarm Program for fire departments across the state? We continue to have civilian fire deaths across our state because of the lack of working smoke alarms in homes. The Smoke Alarm Program is made possible through a State Farm Insurance Grant and is a means to get needed smoke alarms out into the general public and hopefully by doing so

decreases civilian fire deaths. If your department is interested in this program go to the State Fire Marshal Office website and click on the State Fire Marshal Smoke Alarm Program for additional information on the program. Remember, it is important to keep the citizens we serve educated on the proper installation and maintenance of smoke detectors/CO detectors in single and multi-family dwellings.

In early March I attended the Supporting Heroes Gala in Louisville, Kentucky with my daughter, Emilee and a delegation from the IVFA. Supporting Heroes is an organization based in Louisville that offers financial support to Police, Fire and EMS families in the event of a line of duty death in Kentucky, Indiana or Missouri. The evening was very moving and emotional for those in attendance. This is a topnotch organization that has the full support of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Back on March 6 I attended the first IVFA Appreciation Day at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis. This was an event to honor the current sixty-one (61) 50-year members. Those 50-year members present that day had their photo taken with Governor Eric Holcomb in his office and were honored and recognized on both floors with a reading of a special resolution. What a special day for those 50-year members in attendance. I hope as an Association we continue this event for our 50-year members and possibly even expand it into a legislative day at the Statehouse with the legislators in the future.

I was honored to have District 8A 50-year member Dave Barley of the Washington Twp. VFD in attendance that day. Mr. Barley was accompanied by his daughter and grandson to the Statehouse for the occasion.

By the time you are reading this article this year's legislative session will be finished. The IVFA was watching several bills this session down at the Statehouse. Unfortunately not all the bills we were watching made it to a committee hearing. For a complete listing of those bills being watched and their status, go to the Association's website at ivfa.org and click on legislative tab for the latest updated information on those bills. We as an Association must continue to work on legislation for the volunteer fire service at both the local and national level that is pertinent to the fire service.

In closing, I want to remind you of the following two events. The 2017 IVFA State Convention will be in Columbus in June at the Clarion Inn. The dates are June 14, 15, 16 and 17. If you are interested in attending this year's convention go to ivfa.org and click on the convention tab for additional information and forms. The convention committee is working hard to bring a successful and affordable convention for attendees. The committee is bringing back waterball to the 2017 convention. If your department plays waterball, come down and join us on Saturday, June 17. It is sure to be a fun time.

The other event is Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year's dates are July 7, 8 and 9 and the best thing about attending, besides receiving excellent training, is the state picks up the tab for those attending. Go to indianafiretraining.com and click on the District 5 training tab. There you

will find the courses offered for this year and information on how to sign up and attend. If you have never been to the National Fire Academy this is a great opportunity.

The next District 8A meeting is scheduled to be hosted by the Atlanta VFD on May 24th.

Stay Safe!

Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on January 11, 2017 at the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 11 members present.

There were three guests present also - Larry & Carol Curl and Don Cushman.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Chairman Wright reminded the members that the IVFA convention was coming up in June. Also that they needed to get their nomination in was all of the awards by February 1st.

Larry Curl told the members about the laws that were being considered in the Legislation for this year.

Second roll call was taken with 66 fires and 121 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held at the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department on March 8, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Thanks everyone for coming.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B chairman

On March 8, 2017 District 8B held their meeting at the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 20 members present. There were 3 guests present - Don Cushman, Cindy VanGordon, and District 8B Miss Flame Kylee Hashell. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Chairman Wright told them of the laws that passed and failed. He also told them about the smoke detectors that the Red Cross and the Fire Marshal's Office were giving away.

Second roll call was taken with 114 fires and 254 EMS runs.

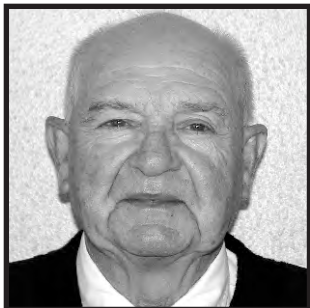
Next district meeting will be held at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department on May 10, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Thanks everyone for coming.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B chairman

**August deadline:
July 5, 2017**

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10, IVFA Vice President, David Israel and I had the honor of presenting a fifty year Gold Card and pin to Phil Harrod of the Flat Rock Citizens Comm. Vol. Fire Dept. on Sunday February 5th at his home with members of the fire department and his family present. Phil passed away on February 11th.

Our February meeting was held at Amity Community Volunteer Fire Dept. Greg Adams, a member of Clifford Vol. Fire Dept., was presented the \$100 gas card from the drawing held at the quarterly meeting. Donald Hedrick from Hartsville was presented a calendar from the same drawing.

Larry Curl spent some time discussing current Legislation with us.

In March we met at Marietta Vol. Fire Dept. Marietta Firefighter, Jason Mohor was presented his 25 year pin. Fountain Gas Company presented a very informative program on procedures when called to emergency gas leaks.

Your 2017 IVFA Convention Committee is working hard to finalize plans for our annual Convention which will be held on June 14 to 17 at the Clarion Hotel /Conference Center in Columbus, IN. Registration is \$65.00 until May 15. After that time, it will be \$75.00. Room rates are \$85.00, which includes a free hot breakfast each morning. We are also happy to welcome Miss America 2009, Katie Stam-Irk as guest speaker at the Thursday evening program.

Get your water ball teams ready! For the first time in many years, we are scheduling a Water Ball Contest, which will be Saturday, June 17th at 8 a.m. in the west parking lot at the Clarion! Word is, several teams are already planning to come! We look forward to seeing you & your families at IVFA's 71st Convention! Let's have a huge representation from District 10!

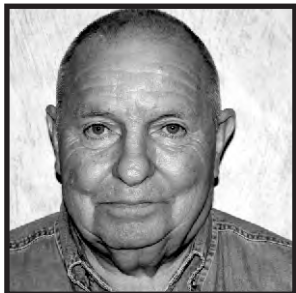
April meeting was held at Clay Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept., Bartholomew County, with a special program entitled, "Impact", Teen Drivers".

May district meeting will be at Greensburg Fire Dept. on May 17th.

Enjoy this beautiful springtime; but as always, BE SAFE.

John M. Ray, District Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A, Our last district meeting was held at Wright Twp. Fire Dept. Meeting was opened with pledge and prayer. A delicious meal of chicken and noodles was served.

We had 6 departments, 16

members and 3 guests.

Our program featured Tanya Rigsby from California Casualty who talked about Impact Teen Drivers. Wreckless and distracted driving is the #1 killer of American teens.

Larry Curl, our IVFA lobbyist told about Legislation update.

Larry Bartlow discussed changes in SOG.

Don't forget to register and get rooms for convention June 14-17, 2017 in Columbus, IN.

I attended a celebration at the Statehouse honoring our new 50 year life members on March 6, 2017. It was very impressive.

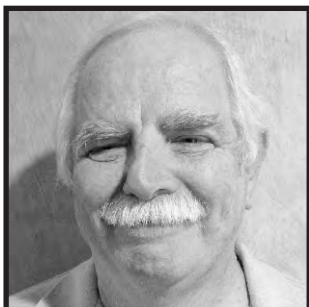
If you are not receiving your paper or changed your address, let me know. I will get it changed.

Our next meeting will be May 21, 2017 at Nevins Twp., 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

It anyone has a function for me to attend, let me know. I will try to attend if I can.

Chairman 11A
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



John Morphy - Chairman

DISTRICT 11-B MEETING MARCH 12, 2017

The March meeting of District 11-B was held at the Waynetown Fire Department.

Chairman John Morphy called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. with 16 members representing 7 departments present. Due to the secretary being unable to attend, we have no minutes or treasurer's report.

Our guest, Buz Koehler, gave the Legislative report. The Presumptive Cancer bill is dead for this session but will be back next year. Watching other Bills that might affect us as anything can happen.

PR West Central Larry Bartlow explained the changes to the SOG's that have been recommended; Article XIV ANNUAL AWARDS Section 3: Ollie Sandberg Award – (remove Association and Add IVFA or IVFAA). And Article XI EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES: Change President's allowance from \$1000 to \$1500 per year and the Vice President allowance from \$500 to \$1000 per year.

After some discussion by the members it was decided that the Sergeant at Arms allowance should also be raised.

A motion was made by Steve LeJeune, Ripley Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. to raise the Sgt-at-Arms allowance to \$500.00 per year effective January 1, 2018. Judd Meharry, Coal Creek Fire and Rescue made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

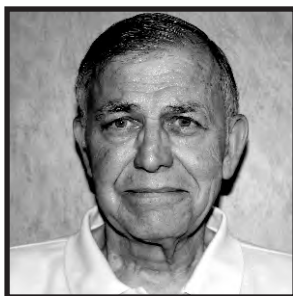
This motion will be presented to the By-Law and SOG Committee in May.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2017 at Fairview Park Fire Department. The address is 281 South Washington Street, Clinton, IN.

THIS MEETING IS WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M.

Acting Secretary
Larry Bartlow

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings to all from District 12.

Our January 23, 2017 meeting was held at the Paragon Fire Department with 20 members from 6 departments and 4 guests.

Don't forget names for awards are due by February 1st. We all know someone who is worthy of an award for their work and dedication in the fire service. Lobbyist Larry Curl gave us an update on the new administration at the state & federal level. We discussed the new Public Safety Tax distributed by our County Commissioners. We discussed upcoming events and presented 8 - 10 year pins & 4 - 25 year pins.

Our next meeting will be at Mill Creek Station 7 on March 27th. Our District 12 IVFAA selected Sally Davis as our new district chairperson.

Our March 27th meeting was hosted by Mill Creek Fire Department in Stilesville with 7 members from 5 departments and 8 guests. The big topic of discussion was the 1st Annual Appreciation Day at the State House this year with 61 firefighters having 50 years of dedicated service, 2 from District 12.

Our next meeting will be at A & A Township on May 22th. Don't forget FDIC 24th thru the 29th.

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DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B, I would like to thank the Cambridge City Fire Dept. for hosting our last meeting.

Guests were introduced - IVFA Vice President David Israel, IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl, IVFAA President Carol Curl, and East Central PR officer Don Cushman.

Larry discussed the cancer bill that is being proposed to cover volunteer firefighters; we opted not to push forward at this time due to the funding of a cancer policy; it would be up to our local government to fund this.

Our concern is they will take this out of your current contract money to fund it. We are looking at other possibilities of funding the cancer policy.

IVFAA President announced that anyone can join the Auxiliary Association for only \$10.00 a year membership dues. For more information contact IVFAA 13B Chairman Tammy Smith of the Centerville Fire Dept.

We would like to thank Heidi Gabbard of the Cambridge City FD for running as District 13B Miss Flame.

Let's all wish her luck and support her at the annual convention.

The convention will be held in Columbus at the Clarion Hotel, June 14th - 17th I hope to see you all there.

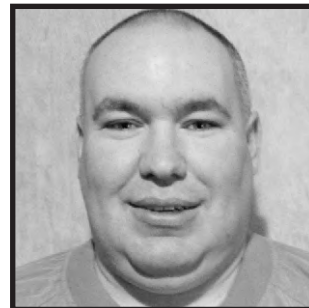
David, your sis said hi!

Please remember all our brothers and sisters serving in the military.

Jeff Biehl 13B

Have a safe summer!

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 15,

Hope everyone is doing well. I have been fairly busy the last few months. I have attended several fundraisers over the past few months. In January I went to District 17A meeting hosted by Vincennes Twp. Fire Department. I also attended a sausage supper for New Harmony Fire Department. In February I attended a Mardi Gras soup supper hosted by Sommerville Fire Department and a Chili dinner at McCutchanville Fire Department.

We held our January district meeting at Smith Twp. We held our Miss Flame contest and crowned Kali Taber from Chandler Fire Department our 2017 Miss Flame. I would like to thank all our contestants and judges. I presented Jake Luker the 2016 District 15 Global Award. I also presented several 10 and 25 year pins.

We held our March meeting at Scott Twp. Daylight Station. We presented them with a station clock, and presented several 10 and 25 year pins. McCutchanville Ladies Auxiliary presented Ohio Valley Search and Rescue with a donation.

In early February Chris Taylor of German Twp. Fire Department was injured in a motorcycle accident. I would like to say that I am very proud of the way all the departments have supported Chris in his road to recovery. I am happy to say he is well on his way to a full recovery and hopefully be able to return to work soon.

I attended the Supporting Heroes Gala event in March at the Galt House in Louisville, KY. As always it was a great event. Also in March I attended Volunteer Firefighter Day hosted by the IVFA at the State

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Capitol. We honored 66 IVFA who became life members of the Association for their 50 years of service.

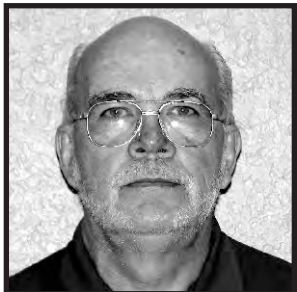
I am saddened to report we have had two deaths within the district in 2017. Paul Moffett, who was a life member of the IVFA with over 60 years of service with the McCutchanville Fire Department passed away in the middle of March. An IVFA memorial service was held. Thanks to those who attended.

On February 7, 2017 Gary Dewig, a 30 year member of Haubstadt Fire Department and the IVFA passed away after a long battle with numerous health issues. Gary was a very close friend of mine and someone who I will dearly miss. Gary was a behind-the-scene guy, but you could always find him doing anything he could to help any time the department had something going on. I would like to thank Mel Camp, Associate Chaplain, for a wonderful Memorial Service. I would also like to thank PRSW Steve Nolan, past president Jack Kerney, Scott Twp. Fire Department, Ft. Branch Fire Department, and McCutchanville Fire Department for attending the Memorial Service, the funeral and helping cover our territory during this time.

Until next time, stay safe.

Ross Emery
District 15 Chairman
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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

December 2, I attended Taylor VFD Christmas party. Santa came and with help from Kristi Hartzburg, TVFD, passed out gifts to the children present.

January 5th attended Taylor VFD meeting.

January 9th attended Greene Cty. firefighters meeting at Bloomfield VFD.

January 15th District 17A Miss Flame contest was held at Taylor VFD. Thanks to all contestants and Brittney Groomer (Center VFD) was selected to represent District 17A at the convention.

January 21st District 17A meeting was held at Vincennes Twp. VFD - annual sausage supper where there were almost 500 in attendance. District 17A had 43 VFD represented and a total of 69 departments. Many thanks to Vincennes for another great effort.

January 28th I attended Odon VFD awards dinner where members Doug Dyal and Mark were presented Firefighters of the Year award and I presented Kevin Tuell his 25 year pin. Congratulations to all.

February 2nd I attended a pipeline presentation.

February 9th I attended Taylor VFD meeting.

February 10, 11, 12 I attended state officer's meeting at Columbus.

March 2nd I attended Taylor VFD meeting.

March 6th I went to Indianapolis to the Statehouse to see the Senate and House vote on the proclamation honoring IVFA 50 year members.

March 13th I attended Greene

Cty. Firefighters' meeting at Lewis Twp.

March 15th District 17A meeting was held by Taylor VFD in Scotland. PRSW Steve Nolan was in attendance and heard remarks.

District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer was in attendance and received donations from various groups to help with convention expenses.

The next District 17A meeting will be held May 17th at the Winslow VFD.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Bobby Brown - Chairman

At our January meeting at Orange County Rural District II, we talked about the struggles of Volunteer Fire Departments and current issues facing all VFDs. Sierra Ford, 17B Miss Flame, spoke about her current things happening with her. If you need Sierra to help or want her to be present to represent IVFA 17B, please email her at smf040701@gmail.com.

At our March meeting at Owen Valley VFD in Owen County we discussed the current changes with the state in training and how it is going to change how we conduct are current training in the Module system and all other state classes. We awarded four 25 year pins and 9 ten year pins.

Steve Nolan talked about the Ceremony at State House with all 50-year life members. Legislative issues and other issues going on with several Fire Departments dealing with contract problems with Trustees and their boards.

Lona Huffman with Johnson - Williamson Insurance talked about insurance and other coverages for local fire departments. She is also part of a large animal rescue team that covers most of the state.

Our next 2 meetings - one will be at Morgantown VFD in Morgan County on May 10, 2017. Address is 269 N. Highland St., Morgantown, IN 46160, and on July 12, 2017 - Shawswick VFD in Lawrence County. The address is 1327 Sunny Acres Drive, Bedford, IN 47421.

On May 20, 2017 Shawswick VFD will be having an open house with opening of new fire station from noon to four p.m. with presentation of IVFA clock at 1:00 p.m. Come out and help us celebrate the new building and 43 years of service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you in 2017.

Thanks,
Bobby Brown

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 19 January meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the St. Anthony VFD. Roll call was answered by 78 members representing 18 departments, and 2 Individual members. A total of 378 runs were reported answered.

Guests included IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl, IVFAA State President Carol Curl, Carl Deel, State Fire Marshal's office, and Lynn Krodel, DNR. Other invited guests included members of the local law enforcement community. An important part of the meeting included an open and very productive exchange of ideas and suggestions on how Law Enforcement, Fire Service and EMS can better operate together on the scene of any emergency. Suggestions included cross-training between Police and Fire Service personnel.

The 16 March meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the St. Meinrad VFD. Roll call was answered by 63 members representing 18 departments, and 2 Individual members. A total of 320 runs were reported answered.

Guests included IVFA State President Paul Holcomb, IVFA PR South West Steve Nolan, Tim Ron from Station Supply, Madilyn Peter, Dist. 18 Miss Flame, Jeff Prichett, and Lynn Krodel, DNR. The next meeting of the District 18 will be on 18 May with the West Baden Springs VFD as our host.

It was my honor, though a sad one, to play the bagpipes for Past President Mitch Parish. Mitch was a true leader in our Association and he will be missed.

Well, "spring has sprung", as the old saying goes! Time for the seasonal grass and field fires associated with people wanting to "get rid of debris" around their property. Spring thunderstorms also bring those "nuisance alarm runs" to factories and residences. Remember, there are no routine calls!

Clean your gear, stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time, "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hope that everyone is having a great year.

Upcoming district meetings for the year Lawrenceburg 5/25, Rising Sun 7/27, Versailles 9/28, Miller York

11/16 all meetings at 7 p.m. The IVFA convention is June 14-17 in Columbus at the Clarion Hotel.

On Thursday at 9:00 the Board of Firefighters Standards meets; this would be a good time to have your voices heard on issues in the fire services. There will also be a water ball fight; check the IVFA website if you are interested in entering a team for details.

If you are having any special events or awards let me know.

Everyone have a safe summer.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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Goble retirement

After 21 years of dedication to the Fire Service and the State of Indiana, Barbra "Barb" Goble has announced her retirement effective 23 March. During the Board of Standards meeting of 27 February, members of the Board offered both praise and congratulations to Barb on her years of service. Barb serves as Certification Section Chief for the Fire Marshal's Office. Among the tributes presented, the IVFA presented her with an embroidered IVFA Logo and testimonial thanking her for her years of service to the IVFA. Pictured (l-r) are IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl, Dist. 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba, Barb Goble, District 11B Chairman John Morphy, and District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. "Happy retirement Barb... we are all going to miss you"!! - submitted by John "Bull" Smith.

JOHNSON WILLIAMSON

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From The IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney

IVFA Dues

Remember that your IVFA Dues are **due by July 31**. Please have them postmarked and mailed to the IVFA Office. Don't let your membership lose their Bridgeport Benefits by paying late.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



Willie "Mitch" Mitchell Parish, Sr., Past President of the IVFA passed March 24th. I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Mitch was in the fire service for 49 years serving on many committees of the IVFA and a past representative of the National Volunteer Fire Council. We will miss you.

Harold A. McCard passed February 20th. He was a retired Firefighter of New Haven Adams Township Fire Department and an Assistant Professor for 7 years at Ivy Tech teaching Fire Service classes. I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed.

I am posting the following message that was on social media by Chief Troy McDonald, Hoagland Fire

Department. "Just returned home from Retired Firefighter Harold McCard's funeral. Harold was a FF with over 30 years on the New Haven Adams Twp. Fire Dept. Harold would have been very happy with his send-off today, some laughs at the funeral service, beautiful day, got to ride on the Studebaker fire truck one more time and the send-off his Department gave him. People of New Haven, you should be very proud of your Fire Department. Today they laid to rest one of their own and did it a classy way. The Honor Guard was first class. Rest well, Harold!!"

IVFA Convention 2017 will be June 14th-June 17th, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, Indiana.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the Districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates. Rose Adam - District #4 - Madison Township Fire Dept., Sydney Miller - District #5 - Argos Fire Dept., Bailey Sheley - District #6 - Ligonier Fire Dept., Olivia Lockwood - District #7 - Poe Fire Dept. GOOD LUCK GIRLS!

For those that were asking what area does Public Relations Northeast cover? They cover the North East corner of the state. IVFA Districts 4, 5, 6, 7.

This is made up of 16 counties. The past year I have traveled 6,743 miles, attended 4 quarterly officer meetings, 27 district meetings, 5 IVFA Memorials, 8 fundraisers, 6 IVFA service pin presentation meetings, 2 National Volunteer Fire Council meetings. This consisted of 8 days. Sorry I missed some meetings and fundraisers. I had a knee replaced that kept me off of

work for 14 weeks.

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.

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Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,

I was very sorry to hear the passing of Past President Mitch Parish, my condolences to his family.

Since the last newsletter I have attended one memorial service, Districts 15, 17-A, 17-B and 18 meetings, a countywide meeting, and the 50 year service at the Statehouse. Also the Leadership meeting in Huntingburg.

I also want to caution fire departments about how they handle protected information (HIPPA). EMS run reports must be secured to where the public cannot have access or see them. I recently received a call from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services about a complaint against one of our departments concerning a run report being left out in the open at their house. They were inputting the runs in the system at their house, this happens at a lot of departments without or a slow internet hookup. This is serious and we must be very careful on how we handle EMS run reports with protected information.

Don't forget to get your license plates or the Convention coming up.

Thank You,
Steve Nolan, PRSW

Remembering Mitch . . .

A Tribute to My Friend



Most in the fire service know or have heard of Mitch Parish.

Mitch lived and breathed fire service especially the IVFA, serving as President and many other offices and positions. That's how we met.

We traveled for many years all over the state of Indiana to district meetings and fund raisers and functions. I could fill the page with stories.

He was a true friend, and his passing has left a hole in my heart, so this is for you "MITCH".

I liked you not only for what you are but for what I am when I am around you.

I liked you not only for what you have made of yourself but for what you helped make me.

I liked you for the part you brought out in me.

I liked you for putting your hand into my heart and passing over all the foolish and frivolous and weak things you cannot help dimly seeing there, and for drawing out into the light all the beautiful things that no one else had looked quite far enough to find.

I liked you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool and weakling in me and for laying hold of the good in me and for adding to the music in me by just listening.

I love you because you have done more than any creed could have done to make good and more than any fate could have done to make me happy.

You have done it by just being yourself.

Perhaps that's what being a real friend means after all.

Rest in Peace my brother,

-Buz

Another Angel to watch over us!

I would like to take this time to remember a very special man, whom we most recently lost, Willie "Mitch" Parish.

I had the pleasure of working with Mitch on the IVFA newspaper for approximately 11 or 12 years.

Mitch was one of the kindest men I have ever known. He was so easy going and so loveable.

I always enjoyed seeing him each quarter that the paper was published. He would come to our print shop in Rensselaer twice each quarter, first to bring the ads to me and second to check the paper over a couple weeks later before it went to print.

Mitch loved his family so much, his wife and children and most of all his grandchildren. He would talk to me about his grandchildren a lot and was so very proud of them. If he had problems with his computer while trying to send me an ad he would tell me that he would have his daughter (I don't know which daughter!) help him with it and then he would send the ad. And sure enough, I would receive the ad from him.

Eventually, Mitch could not make the trips to Rensselaer any longer, so we would do business over the phone.

Jim Bradford (whom I had the pleasure of working with on the paper as well) and I would call him the "little guy" and Mitch loved that. We always got a chuckle out of him when we called him "the little guy!"

You will always have a very special place in my heart, Mitch Parish, and Morris and I feel so blessed to have come to know you and I truly enjoyed working with you on the IVFA paper all those many years!

God has another very Special Angel in Heaven!!

Pamela Barlow
Editor - IVFA paper and co-owner Rensselaer Printco

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All active IVFA members now have a \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit provided through the cooperation of your Association and American Income Life Insurance Company.

We hope that you are pleased that your IVFA has been able to obtain this benefit at NO COST TO YOU!

When you receive your benefit information in the mail, just fill out and return the postage paid card. A representative will contact you to deliver your certificate and designate your beneficiary.

We at American Income Life feel it's an honor and a privilege to work with the IVFA and would like to thank all of you for making our communities a better place to live.

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BARBARA SURBER.....	1980-1982	2003 Flamingo Way, Franklin, IN 46131 - (317) 614-5669 - Cell (317) 519-4445

PAST PRESIDENTS

LUCY STOFER.....	1978-1980	718 South Ingomar Street, Indianapolis, IN 46241 - (317) 241-1946
VICA MCGILL (Deceased).....	1976-1978	
JOAN (SHANABARGER) KELLER.....	1973-1975	108 Windsor, Churubusco, IN 46723 - (260) 693-3645
CAROLYN McCARTY.....	1971-1973	P.O. Box 57, Union Mills, IN 46382 - (219) 767-2549
ROSELLA BOUSMAN (Deceased).....	1969-1971	
MARY STAFFORD.....	1967-1969	10890 N. Interurban Ln., Mooresville, IN 46158 - (317) 834-9249
BARBARA KERNEY.....	2013-2016	2412 SE Browning Rd., Evansville, IN 47725 - Home (812) 867-2641 / Cell (812) 449-7698 / E-mail: bkerney39@gmail.com

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary
Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting
February 5, 2017
Clariton Hotel, Columbus, Ind.

President Carol Curl opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Beth Caudill recited a prayer.

Sgt. of Arms Suzie Lewis conducted the pledge to the flag.

I.V.F.A. President Paul Holcomb talked about the rooms and if we had any problems.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill took roll call. It was answered by 26 Officers, 11 I.V.F.A.A. members and 3 guests.

Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga read the minutes and it was accepted as read.

The treasury report was read by

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter and accepted until time of audit. There was no change in the Mary Mackin Fund.

A thank you card was sent by Pam Gerdowsky. It was reported that Diana Gray's son Scott was injured and is on the mend.

Rec. Sec. June Cahill reported that there are 58 Depts., 188 Ind., 757 paid by Depts., and 26 life members. The total is 971 members.

Chaplain Beth Caudill asked that if there are any deaths before May 1 she has to be informed so they are included in this year's Convention Memorial. The form is to be sent to Beth and not to the men.

Barb Kerney reported that the deadline for the Miss Flames is March 10.

Vice President Tonya Marsee reported that we are only going to have the Chinese Auction and to bring your baskets as early as possible on Wednesday at the Convention.

Janet Woodfill reported on the past president's pins. She is looking into getting the gavel that goes with the pin. She asked that any past president who has not received a pin to please let her know.

Communication: Heather Holcomb asked if anyone needs help with the I.V.F.A. site to get ahold of her and she will help you.

Nominating Committee Chairman Carolyn Zeeks asked if anyone would like to run for an office to let the committee know.

E.J. Smith announced that there will be a meeting of the Mary Mackin committee on Sat. at 4:30.

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advertisements
to
printco@rhsi.tv**

Carol reported that there are 6 district chairmen who are not holding a district meeting and this will be the last time they will get paid if they don't have meetings.

She informed us to get our room reservations for the Convention in as soon as possible and to let the convention committee know.

All districts are to send their meeting reports to the Corr. Sec. and the President.

The I.V.F.A.A. proposed budget was read for 2017-2018. It was the same except for the rooms. It was raised from \$4500.00 to \$5300.00. A motion was made by Beverly Lockwood and seconded by Tammy Smith to accept the budget. Motion carried.

The proposed Mary Mackin and Miss Flame budget was read but cannot be voted on until the August meeting. Barb Kerney suggested that the budgets should be proposed for a 2 year span.

E.J. Smith reported that her committee is going to come up with a new name for the Miss Flame penny jars.

There will be a budget committee on Sat. at 3:00.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Beverly Taylor to buy a printer for the Corr. Sec. Motion carried.

The Membership committee will meet at 4:00 on Sat.

David Israel stated that you have to make the reservation for the convention room by phoning the hotel. He will get the list of officers

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2016 / 2017

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Barbara Kerney - Chairman
Diana Grey - Co-chair
Dawn Harris
Carolyn Zeeks

CHINESE AUCTION COMMITTEE

Tonya Marsee - Chairman
Leona Uryga - Co-Chairman
Jeri Johnson
Lori Parker
Suzie Lewis
Pam Gerdowsky
Carolyn Scheele
Diane Stapleton
Carolyn Watson
Beverly Taylor
Diana Gray
Joyce Nevil
Marlene Thrawley
Martha Thomas
Tammy Smith
Kay Shumaker

MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD

JoAnn Hays
Sharon Wright
Suzie Lewis

LOIS BOAZ AWARD

June Cahill
Carol Curl
Joyce Nevil

HISTORIANS

Phyllis Vargo - Chairman
JoAnn Hays - Co-Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Suzie Lewis - Chairman
Barbara Ketchem - Co-Chairman
Kathy Smith
Jeri Johnson
Connie Bruner
Carolyn Watson

MISS FLAME COMMITTEE

Barbara Kerney - Chairman
Janet Matthews - Co-Chairman
Sharon Wright
Tonya Marsee
E.J. Smith
1 - Rep. from 2017 IVFA Convention
Miss Flame Committee
1 - Rep. from the IVFA

JEWELRY COMMITTEE

Janet Woodfill - Chairman

MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

E.J. Smith - Chairman
Beth Caudill - Co-Chairman
Heather Holcomb
Joyce Nevil
Bev Taylor

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Diana Grey - Chairman
Sue Glant - Co-Chair
Dorothy Reiter
June Cahill
Marie Emery
Christina Reef

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Lou Bartlow - Chairman
*Mtgs. will follow By-Laws & Roberts
Rules of Order

VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Tonya Marsee - Chairman
Jery Johnson - Co-Chair
Lori Parker
Kay Shumaker
Marlene Thrawley
Tammy Smith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Carolyn Zeeks - Chairman
Carol Koehler - Co-chairman
Jean Parish
Sue Glant
Phyllis Vargo

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

Betsey Howe - Chairman
Pam Gerdowsky - Co-Chairman

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY

Martha Thomas - Chairman
Barbara Kerney - Co-Chairman
Lou Bartlow

BYLAWS / SOG COMMITTEE

Joyce Nevil - Chairman
Marie Emery - Co-chairman
Tammy Smith
Lou Bartlow
Diane Stapleton
Phyllis Vargo
Eula Bush

SOG's COMMITTEE

Joyce Nevil - Chairman
Dawn Harris
Marlene Thrawley
Janet Woodfill
Jean Parish

MEMORIAL THROW

Carol Curl

CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT'S COMMITTEE

Northwest - Phyllis Vargo
Northeast - Joyce Nevill
Central - Janet Matthews
Southwest - Kathy Smith
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

COMMUNICATION

Heather Holcomb
Tatjana Marsee

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

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here, the flowers are blooming.

March 28th district meeting was held at Howe Fire Department in Lagrange County.

Next district meeting will be May 23rd Albion Fire Department in Noble County, 7:00 p.m.

I hope you have checked out our facebook page, IVFA District 6, for meetings, department functions and additional information. Please feel free to post any events that your fire department is hosting on the facebook page.

2017 IVFA Convention will be held in Columbus, IN at the Clarion Hotel on June 14-17.

Our District 6 Miss Flame is Bailey Sheley. She is representing District 6 and the Ligonier Fire Department at the State IVFA Convention. GOOD LUCK BAILEY!

If your Auxiliary has any functions you would like me to attend, please contact me at 260-413-3040, EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J.Smith,
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

District 7 March 20, 2017 meeting was held at Preble V.F.D. Preble served us a nice lunch before the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Joyce Nevil, with the pledge to the flag. Roll call of 11 ladies present.

Our Miss Flame Olivia Lockwood was present, doing a good job going to different fire stations to help with events.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. State officers minutes read and discussed.

Joyce passed out a By-Law change, on changing the way we do By-Law changes, as of right now it can only be done once a year.

Changed to read: Article IX..Section 1. These By-laws may be changed, amended, or altered by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any quarterly state meeting of this auxiliary. All amendments must have been submitted in writing and approved during a regularly called District Meeting, (1) meeting prior to the Quarterly State Meeting in which it is voted on by all members present.

Such recommendations shall be in the hands of the District Chairman at the Quarterly State Meeting which the change has been submitted so they can take it to their district meeting for a vote. In every instance,

however, a two thirds vote of the members at the QUARTERLY STATE MEETING shall be mandatory.

This was discussed and all present voted yes to the change, to be submitted at convention to be voted on.

Poe consignment auction April 15. Poe has a drive thru Pork Chop dinner April 21. Geneva - a breakfast April 15.

Meeting was adjourned. We then met with the men for our bake sale auction. Lots of goodies on the table.

The last of Ivan brown bag was auctioned off tonight. A big thanks to those who donated and also to the great buyers.

Was a great success.

District 7 Chairman
Joyce Nevil

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DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello Spring!

So glad it's finally here. Easter is coming up and everything is new again. Flowers, trees and yards are looking nice. My favorite time of year.

Our last district meeting was held at Wright Twp. Fire Dept. Chicken and noodles and all the trimmings were served. Thanks for hosting. Everything was delicious.

Our Miss Flame gave a report on her busy schedule. She is very active in school and her fire department. If you have any functions call her and she will try to come -- 812-230-0071.

She is a jewel and will go far. Love you, Katie Van Lannon.

Our meeting was conducted with 10 ladies present. We discussed sending cards to sick, reworking SOGs and by-laws. Room rates are \$85.00 a day for convention to be in June 14-17 at Columbus, IN.

There are several fish fries coming up. Hope to see a lot there.

Our next district meeting will be May 21, 2017 at Nevins Twp. at 1:00 p.m.

Send prayer requests to our district chaplain Joan Hays. Prayer works. God is good.

Hopefully our sharing and caring goes beyond the firehouse. Looking forward to next time.

11A chairman - Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

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I have sent out letters to see if we can still keep the members from

Hello from District #19,
Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having. We can thank God we haven't had a terrible winter as they thought.

We held our District #19 meeting on February 14 at Morris Fire House with delicious soup, finger foods and desserts. We talked about the upcoming convention in Columbus, IN and bringing in baskets for the Chinese auction. We are also trying to get more members to attend. They showed some slides from our past conventions which were very enjoyable. Thank you, Pam Scheele.

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Corresponding Secretary . . .

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and make sure everyone has a reservation.

S.O.G's have certain things to be changed.

Bonding for the Rec. Sec. and Treasurer has to be updated. Barb Kerney will ask the men if bonding for these women can be a rider on the policy.

An officer's meeting for Sat. at 2:00.

Phyllis Vargo made a motion and seconded by Janet Woodfill to adjourn. Motion carried.

Chaplain Beth closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 19 REPORT

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Batesville to send in dues for the IVFAA. I also sent Aurora an update on their dues and Rising Sun. Rising Sun will also let me know if they would like to host a meeting in 2017.

Our next meeting will be May 9th at Blooming Grove.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me or any of our officers who are listed in the IVFA newspaper. Have a blessed day!

Pam Gerdowsky
41 Six Pine Ranch Rd.
Batesville, IN 47006
812-934-4356 home
812-363-2017 cell

IVFAA Chaplain

Beth Caudill



Well, Spring has sprung! Time to mow lawns and plant our gardens. Just like our lawns and gardens are ready for new growth, I pray that we are also.

We have lost a few members since the beginning of the year, all who were very important to their departments. We all need to remember that when those that have passed it is not the end. Just when the caterpillar thought his life was over it became a butterfly. So think of our fellow members as becoming something more beautiful in their heavenly place. In similar with our gardens after a long winter, spring brings new growth for the yard and us.

Keep those that have lost loved ones in your prayers.

God Bless,
Beth Caudill, IVFAA Chaplain

**AUGUST 5, 2017
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IS JULY 5, 2017**

May, 2017

Greetings, my fellow IVFAA members,

Another quarter has passed since we last visited via the IVFA newspaper and a lot has happened with and to the IVFAA.

I hope everyone is preparing to attend the 2017 IVFAA State Meeting during this year's IVFA Convention. The theme of this year's convention is "On the Scene in 2017" which will be hosted by IVFA District 10 in Columbus, Indiana at the Clarion Hotel 2480 Jonathon Moore Pike Columbus, Indiana, June 14-17, 2017.



award winners for 2017 including the 2017 IVFAA - Lois Boaz Award, our newly crowned Miss Flame, and the Miriam A. Schaekel Award recipient.

Don't forget about the District Basket - as a fund raiser for the IVFAA we ask each district to bring a basket to be raffled during the state convention and we have certainly seen some wonderful gift baskets that has drawn much interest, so please plan to help by donating your district basket(s) for this year's raffle. As well, don't forget to stop by and look at and purchase your raffle tickets for an opportunity to take home with you one of these wonderfully crafted gift baskets.

During my last article in the paper, I addressed our membership... When I was elected I shared with all of you my number one goal was going to be membership. That has not changed and I hope it is your number one goal as well. We have added a couple "new" auxiliaries this year, far fewer than I had hoped but we do have others that have inquired. If any of you have information on a district that would like to start an auxiliary, my offer still stands that I or any of our State Officers will be happy to assist, you just need to reach out to us.

I'm not sure the date when this issue of the paper will come out, but I hope everyone has or had a Happy Easter, did not get pranked too hard on April Fool's Day, and has enjoyed the start of Spring with the warmer weather, newly grown flowers, green grass, and maybe already enjoyed a BBQ or two.

During this past year I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you at your District meetings. I always enjoy meeting with our members, sharing what your state auxiliary is currently doing and listening to what your district auxiliary is engaged in.

Please look at the IVFA website to see if your District Auxiliary has a meeting date listed on the calendar or give your District Chairman a call to see when and where the next meeting is. You can always find their contact information either on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org and look for IVFAA on the left hand side of the home page or just look in this paper and you can find them as well.

Until next time, your support and guidance has been heartwarming.

Carol Curl

Your President, faithfully serving...

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CLARION AND
CONFERENCE CENTER
COLUMBUS, IN
FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2017

President Holcomb called meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

A moment of silence was held followed by the invocation given by Associate Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Holcomb called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Past President Richard Glant made motion to accept minutes as printed. PRNE Jean Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 2 Nays.

President Holcomb introduced Lona Hoffman - "I have left the Ezzel Group and joined Johnson & Williamson. All of my clients have moved with me. My cell number is the same; my new email address is lona@jw-ins.com. Chris Johnson is very involved and supportive of the fire service. Randy Ezzel has decided to go in a different direction and will no longer be doing fire service insurance. We will continue

to sponsor everything as we have done in the past, it will just be under a different name."

President Holcomb called on Treasure Luke Kluender. "I passed out a balance sheet through December 31 and profit loss versus actual; it covers December through January. License plates turned out to be a lot more than we budgeted. If you look at membership we were about \$20,000 less in our dues. I am currently working on audit, lobbyist registration and business entity report." Past President Buz Koehler made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 2 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS

President Holcomb - Washington DC trip - Names submitted Larry Curl, Paul Holcomb, David Israel, Buz Koehler, Josh Reisert, Ross Emery, Jeremy Reef, Bobby Brown, Louis Watson, Bob Uryga, Rick Cannon, Jerry Liston and John Grolich. Did anyone else submit their name that is not on this list? We will announce later this meeting who will be going. We will have a brief meeting with those that are going after tomorrow meeting.

President Holcomb - Make sure you're getting your emails and make sure you are checking them regularly. I will be sending everything out through my President e-mail address.

President Holcomb - Supporting Heroes Gala the names I have submitted: Rick and Holly Cannon, Mike Dzuba, Jamie Rohn, Larry and Carol Curl, Ross and Jenny Emery, Dave and Virginia Elick, John and Cathy Smith, Buz and Carol Koehler, Jeremy and Christina Reef, Randy and Kim Denton, Jerry and Marian Liston, Jack and Barb Kerney, Jeff and Martha Beihl, Josh Reisert, Steve Anderson, Paul and Heather Holcomb, Jack and Carolyn Zeeks.

17-B District Chairman Bobby Brown - My District has submitted an amendment to SOP's to raise President and Vice President salary; it has been \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 for over 30 years, we would like to

raise it to \$1,500.00 and \$1,000.00.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Executive Committee: President Holcomb - We went over some internal issues, discussed a medal of honor that came in at the end of his term, and topics that you will be hearing today.

Awards Committee: Chairman Vice President Israel - Angel Award letters were given to Diane Harrison, Jr. Firefighter award letters were given to Jack Kerney, Mr. IVFA award letters were give to Richard Glant. We did select an Ollie Sandberg winner. Global Awards, you can email those to me.

Central Office: Jack Kerney - 14,728 members as of 2-3-17, it includes 49 military, 71 associates, 10 past presidents, 565 life members, 41 individual members, 1 honorary. We sold license plates 154 for December. 3,604 total for 2016. Emailed out deceased list, 25 and 10 year pins list, bad address report, 125 bad address from post office, we corrected the ones we could and put the rest on your bad address report, 707 addresses from clearing house. Bylaws and sog's are updated on the website, Mailed out 61 Gold cards. Mailed out 4 checks from AIL. Thanked everyone for their patience and Steve Anderson for answering phones while we were on vacation.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Richard Glant - The committee met last night discussed changing scholarship forms so it can be filled out on-line; it will be a work in progress.

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender - Nothing on budget, but I did forget to mention I have a draft of our articles of incorporation. I will bring it tomorrow.

Bylaws / SOG's Committee: Chairman Larry Bartlow - We discussed 17-B amendment SOG section 11, the President salary from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500, and Vice President from \$500.00 from \$1,000.00. The committee recommends we change the effective year date to 2018.

The second item is - under annual awards under Ollie Sandberg Award description it says nominee cannot be a state officer of the Association. Our

recommendation is to add to IVFA and IVFAA state officers, since we have members that belong to both Associations.

Clothing Claims Committee: Chairman Lloyd Wright - Pass - next meeting we will have 2 items.

License plate - Steve Anderson asked who has IVFA license plate numbers below 100, he's compiling a list.

EMS - Chairman Jerry Liston - EMS commission has changed their meeting dates for the year and no longer in a fixed location. Next meeting is March 24 at the Columbus City Building. I have reached out to Tim Smith the trauma representative. Tim will send me the minutes from the meetings he attends and I will forward those out to the committee.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Luke Kluender - Pass.

Convention Committee: Chairman Israel - 2016 is wrapped up and done.

2017 Columbus - water ball will be back on Saturday, Golf tee time 9:00 a.m. cost \$60.00 per person, there is a dress code.

2018 - Still planning.

2019 - I have received bids from District 3, 15, 14 - 16.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler - We met this morning and talked about upcoming items.

Lobbyist Larry Curl - Monday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m., we will be honoring our 61 - 50 year members at Volunteer Appreciation Day at the State House. Invite all volunteer firefighters. RSVP to Lobbyist Larry Curl by email. I did a search on the bills that affect local government, there are 97 bills.

HB 1232 - eliminates township board.

HB 1023 - public safety matters adding a NFPA standard to our training its NFPA 1006.

HB 1122 - critical incident stress management service.

HB1124 - engineered lumber bill.

HB 1145 - stroke protocol for EMS.

HB1156 - additional funding for

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911 call centers.

HB 1232 – elimination of town boards.

HB 1239 – income tax credit for volunteer firefighters of \$500.00.

HB 1309 – Indiana Fire Academy create funding.

HB1310 – is public safety officer health study.

HB 1370 – training bill.

SB 163 – distribution of public safety income tax.

SB 343 – carbon monoxide alarms for new homes.

SB 467 – public safety funding – insurance claims.

SB 548 – volunteer disability bill.

You can visit our website to keep updated on the bills.

LODD: Chaplain Elick – 2 line of duty deaths this quarter. We were shown an afghan that he recommends us to purchase and give to the families for LODD, it will cost \$50.00. Supporting Heroes is offering on-line classes, check their website for classes offered.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith – Anyone wanting to use logo needs a letter and what it is for. I have patches \$3 each.

Newspaper Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler – Getting articles for the newspaper that are more fire and training information; this issue Jerry Liston wrote an article. Jerry has also volunteered to try to contact a few of the other authors from the other fire magazines to see if they would be interested in writing an article for our paper. 14,753 copies printed this issue.

Public Relations and Education Committee: Chairman Steve Nolan – Carol Thrawley discussed trailer, we need more literature and coloring books. We discussed FDIC, need workers we will be passing around a signup sheets. PRSE class is March 18th, PREC class is May 20th, and PRSW class is October 28th.

Social Media Committee: Chairman Paul Holcomb – I sent everyone an email about our new website to review, do not share it. It

is still a progress in work. Like us on Facebook, share the link; recommend it to your friends.

Supporting Heroes: Eric Johnson – Gala is March 4, 2017. We have expanded to Missouri. We have raised our initial check to \$5,000.00 for the family. We do offer on-line classes.

Special Projects: Chairman Buz Koehler – We are working on realignment of districts and re-numbering of districts, Section 13 Article 4 in the by-laws. Our attempt will be to help district chairmen that have a large number of departments. This is going to be a long process, it's not going to be easy.

Membership and Marketing Committee: Chairman Leighanne Ellis – Red Cross – consider partnering with them, they offer different programs such as smoke detectors, pillowcase project and fire prevention. We are looking at creating a CISM for the Association, and doing a suicide watch for our members. Some Trustees who pay the IVFA dues question what they get for their \$20.00. We discussed putting in a flyer with bullet points of what the IVFA offers and on back side put in IVFAA in each dues packets.

Training Taskforce: Chairman John Smith – Issue IFSAC has a problem with combined certifications. They are debating testing a new driver operator certification in 2 departments in Northern Indiana. When a person transfers from one department to another in the State of Indiana, OSHA requires minimum training standards, and document everything you do. Fire Marshal Seminars have started February 18 Warsaw, March 11 Huntingburg, pre-register for these classes.

Dubois Fire School will be March 24, 25, 26, 31 and April 1 and 2 to be held at Jasper High School. IN Fire Instructors website has list of classes being offered.

Younger Member Taskforce: Chairman Jerry Sprague – 10 year pin program going well, receiving feedback is good, now waiting on Central Office to have the capability of running the list for the newspaper.

We discussed the District Chairmen and PR's need to work on face-to-face contact with their departments. Educate their township trustee, what the Association offers and each individual can still pay their own membership.

Board of Firefighter's Standards and Education: John Smith – 2017 meetings, 2 have been moved from Indianapolis plus the meeting at Convention. They will be April 17th Winchester at fire station, 6 p.m. eastern, November 27th Bloomington at North Monroe Fire Territory 6 p.m. eastern. Barb Goble will be retiring in April.

Fire Alliance: Steve Anderson – They haven't received the results from 2/3 of surveys and none of EMS side. We're hoping within the next 2 months to get results of all surveys, so the workgroup can start working.

Fire Academy Work Group - Pass.

Heroes Competition: Mike Dzuba – It will be May 5 & 6, 2017.

In Time: Jack Zeeks – Next meeting February 21 at Martinsville.

Red Cross: Don Cushman – Leighanne Ellis spoke to me about partnering with the Red Cross. I am going to try to get that set up.

License Plates: Luke Kluender – Pass.

NVFC: Jack Kerney - Next meeting April 6, 7, 8, 2017.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Paul Holcomb – Attended 2 district meetings, 2 memorials and several award ceremonies, and station dedication.

Vice President David Israel – Attended 4 district meetings, presented Bible and grave marker, visited 2 fire departments and attended the legislative breakfast with Randy Frye.

Chaplain David Elick – 2 LODD, myself and the Associate Chaplains have done a ton of memorial services, please fill out your vouchers and get them turned in. Per roster is huge, we need to get them cleaned up. We need a middle initial for the deceased. I need guidance from you on purchasing the Bibles and grave markers. After much discussion it was decided to table

this till May or August meeting. Take it back to your district meetings and find out our memberships feelings.

Secretary Diane Harrison – Pass.

Treasurer Luke Kluender – Pass.

Sergeant at Arms Brent Bush – Have supplies if you need them.

Steve Anderson reported on John Davies. He was at the 11-B district meeting, was looking good and very appreciative of the cards and calls.

Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson – District Chairmen: is very important that you review the entire list that you get from Central Office and make any corrections. I attended the 2 Alliance meetings, Board of Firefighter's Standards and Education, 4 district meetings. I have completed my goal of attending all 25 districts meetings in my 2 years as President.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis – Attended 2 district meetings, 3 memorial services and I am working with the Red Cross.

PRNE Jean Smith – Attended 5 district meetings, I live in Allen County so I agreed to help Jerry. I passed out 52 – 25 year pins and 68 – 10 year pins.

PRWC Larry Bartlow – Attended 6 district meetings and 1 memorial service.

PREC Don Cushman – Attended 7 district meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 memorial service and 1 LODD.

PRSW Steve Nolan – Attended several district meetings and county and department meetings.

PRSE Ed Scheele – Attended 4 district meetings, 1 county meeting and a retirement party.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Past President Richard Glant – Pass.

Past President Jack Zeeks – Pass.

Past President Buz Koehler – Attended 5 district meetings, 1 fundraiser and 4 legislation meetings, 1 speakers bureau meeting.

Past President Larry Ketchem – Pass.

Past President David Israel – Pass.

Past President Steve Anderson – Pass.

Past President Jack Kerney – Attended 5 district meetings and 1 fundraiser.

President Paul Holcomb reconvened meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Elick gave the minute message..

17-A Miss Flame Brittany Groomer, 17-B Miss Flame Sierra Ford visited us and are selling raffle tickets.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese – 2 district meetings, 1 memorial service, passed out pins at Crown Point.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – Absent. He is doing well, hoping to attend convention.

District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga – 2 district meetings, 1 memorial, 2-25 year pins and 1 – 50 year Gold card.

District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer – 1 district meeting, 1 fire department meeting and a memorial service.

District 5 Chairman John Grolich – 1 district meeting, 2 county meetings, 2 fire department meetings, passed out 10 and 25 year pins, attended an appreciation dinner at Bremen and presented the Global award.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – 3 memorial services, passed out several 10 and 25 year pins.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – 2 district meetings, 2 memorial services, passed out 10 year pins.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston – 2 district meetings, 19 department

visits, 3 department events, passed out 24 – 10 year pins, 17 – 25 year pins and 2 gold cards.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright – Station dedication, passed out Global award and 10 and 25 year pins.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef – 6 department meetings and 2 memorial services.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – 4 county meetings, 1 LODD, 50 year gold card, 3 convention meetings, 4 department meetings, passed out 10 and 25 year pins.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – 2 district meetings, 3 memorial services, 8 department visits, passed out 8 – 10 year pins and 3 – 25 year pins and 1 gold card.

District 11B Chairman John Morphy – absent.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – 2 district meetings, 2 chief's meetings and 3 awards banquets.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba – 2 district meetings, 2 outside district meetings, 1 LODD, 1 memorial service, and changing our meeting dates to the second Tuesday.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl – Attended LODD, department visits and passed out 10-25 year pins.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – PR school March 18 at Sellersburg.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery – 2 district meetings, Miss Flame contest and attended sausage supper.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reisert – presented a station dedication clock, 10 and 25 year pins and a gold card.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – 480 people signed in 69 different fire departments, 17A had 268 members representing 43 departments, 14 police and EMS, State Fire Marshal's office and 14 State officers.

District 17B Chairman Bobby Brown – 1 fundraiser, handed out pins and 50 year gold card and attended county meeting, Shawswick Fire Department open house and station dedication May 20th.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – attended sausage supper, our last meeting we had 78 members attend and we also invited the Law Enforcement Officers to this meeting.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – 2 district meetings, 3 awards banquets, passed out 48 – 10 year pins, 19 – 25 year pins, 2 gold cards, and 2 deaths. I suggest that we draft 1 or 2 questions concerning the Bible and grave markers so the same questions are asked at the district level.

District 21 Chairman Lewis Watson – absent.

President Holcomb introduced John Buckman.

John Buckman – Jim Greeson has been reappointed Fire Marshal. New Executive Director is David Hanley. Leadership seminars are scheduled, please pre-register, academy system waiting on legislature for more money, District training still being provided, districts identify primary training centers. In 2015 the State of Indiana was the 10th worst in this country for civilian deaths. You can partner with Red Cross for smoke detectors, call Fire Marshal's office; we have smoke alarms in the office.

If you have a situation where you need CISM, call the Fire Marshal's office, we will get you the help you need. We have to take care of our own.

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Secretary . . .

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\$100.00 gas card sponsored by the Johnson & Williams Group and California Casualty winner is Greg Adams, Clifton Fire District 10. Cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply, winner is Thomas Kloeck, District 18, St. Meirand Fire Department.

Past President Jack Zeeks – As many of you know we send as many people that want to go to Supporting Heroes Gala and we make a sponsorship. We would like to make a line item in the budget of \$4,000.00 so we don't have to do it every year. It will be board action.

The names that have been submitted for the Gala if you can't attend and we can't get someone else to attend, you are responsible for the ticket of \$40.00.

Rick Cannon, Mike Dzuba, Larry Curl, Ross Emery, Dave Elick, John Smith, Buz Koehler, Jeremy Reef, Randy Denton, Jerry Liston, Jack Kerney, Jeff Biehl, Josh Reisert, Steve Macke, Steve Anderson. If you're taking a guest, you are responsible for their ticket also if you don't attend.

Washington DC trip – Members attending Larry Curl, David Israel, Buz Koehler, Paul Holcomb, Josh Reisert, Ross Emery, Jeremy Reef, Bobby Brown, Lewis Watson and Bob Uryga. Again if you can't go once tickets are ordered you are responsible to reimburse the Association airfare and dinner ticket.

Officer's name tags were passed around for everyone to see. 101 name tags, every chairman 2 name tags, 1 pin on and 1 magnetic back. The most it will be to order the 101 nametags is \$532.96. From that time on we will pay \$15.95 for every new officer that compares to the almost \$60.00 we pay now for one badge. It has been suggested that we recycle the old nametags and present to the Mr. IVFA for those who don't want to keep theirs. State Officers name tags will be gold and District Officers would be silver at District expense. We will supply Associate Chaplain with the nametags. Buz Koehler made motion to move name tags to Board Action. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Jack Zeeks, Mitch Parish, Don Cushman and Larry Bartlow.

List is being passed around for FDIC workers; sign up if you are available.

President Holcomb appointed Newspaper Editor Assistant Buz Koehler for the year.

President Holcomb passed Vice President Pin to David Israel. Steve Anderson passed President Pin to Paul Holcomb.

President Holcomb stated that Barb Kerney had already presented Steve with his pin and at this time I will present him with his gold card and lifetime membership.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to adjourn. WCPR Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion carried by voice vote. 3 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Harrison - IVFA Secretary

Did you know?

The birthplace of the automobile, the pneumatic rubber tire, the aluminum casting process, stainless steel and the first push-button car radio was in Kokomo, Indiana.



MAY 2017 "Political" talk By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

Greetings Fellow Members;

I trust that everyone has enjoyed the Springtime thus far and are anxiously waiting that first day of summer – June 21, 2017 with all the mowing – gardening – weeding – watering and family gatherings with BBQ cook-outs and tractor pulling.

I hope everyone is planning a "summer travel" event to *Columbus, Indiana* in June to participate in the *State Convention*, where the business of the Association is addressed, reports are shared, trainings are conducted, apparatus and equipment is on display and you can meet or greet others with the same interest as you.

You will see the lovely young girls in contest for the title of *State Miss Flame*, see who receives the many awards and titles for the upcoming year and enjoy a banquet, participate in a golf game, a fund raiser auction supporting the Hoosier Burn Camp and watch your District Chairmen attempt to participate in a dance contest with their young and beautiful District Miss Flames (that itself is worth the cost of the convention).

As of the writing of this quarter newspaper article our 2017 legislative session has just a few weeks left, so I will attempt to recap the session thus far.

We began with a couple of proposed IVFA bills:

HB 1370 - Completion of training by volunteer firefighters authored by Rep. Milo Smith - House District 59 consisting of a large portion of Bartholomew County in central Indiana.

Completion of training by volunteer firefighters. Requires a volunteer firefighter to successfully complete certain minimum basic training requirements before performing the emergency response duties of a volunteer firefighter.

This bill was at the request of the IVFA as a means to correct a conflict between Indiana Code which states after completing the mandatory training a volunteer fire fighter may join more than one fire department and the Indiana Administrative Code which says that before you can join a volunteer department you must have completed the mandatory training.

So with this bill it should clear up the issue and ensure that our members have at least a minimum level training before actively engaging in emergency response duties.

The second bill requested by the IVFA was SB 548 - Volunteer firefighter line of duty disability, authored by Senator Eric Koch - District 44 Brown County, Lawrence County and parts of Bartholomew, Jackson and Monroe counties. This was the bill that addressed presumptive Cancer legislation that would include Volunteer Firefighters.

Unfortunately this bill did not receive a committee hearing by the deadline and was dropped as a dead bill. We have not given up on this issue as it is a MAJOR issue with the Indiana Volunteer Fire Service and

the Fire Service as a whole nationwide, so we will be working on it again next session.

Thanks to both Senator Koch and Representative Smith for drafting and introducing this legislation on behalf of the IVFA.

Other fire service related bills addressed during this session were;

HB1023 PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (Frye, R) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

03/21/2017 Signed by the Speaker

HB1122 CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES (Wesco, T) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

03/28/2017 Returned to the House with amendments

HB1124 ENGINEERED LUMBER (Wesco, T) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

HB1145 STROKE PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL (Zent, D) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

03/14/2017 Senator Buck added as co-sponsor

HB 1450 – PROPERTY TAX MATTERS. (LEONARDD)

Property tax matters. Authored by Rep. Daniel Leonard.

- Provides that a political subdivision must upload a copy of a contract that the political subdivision enters into after June 30, 2016, to the Indiana transparency Internet web site if the total cost of the contract exceeds \$50,000...

- Provides that a fire protection district may be a participating unit in a fire protection territory...

- Provides that a resolution by a provider unit to withdraw from a fire protection territory is effective on January 1 of the year following the year in which the resolution is adopted.

- Provides that if the provider unit of a fire protection territory withdraws, a majority of the remaining units must agree on which unit is to become the successor provider unit.

HB1156 FUNDING OF 911 CALL CENTERS (Miller, D) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

HB1166 LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREWORKS (Schaibley, D) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

HB1232 ELIMINATION OF TOWNSHIP BOARDS (Ziemke, C) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

HB1239 INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (Hamm, D) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

HB1309 INDIANA FIRE ACADEMY FUNDING (Frye, R) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

HB1310 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER HEALTH STUDIES (Frye, R) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

02/27/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

SB12 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Zakas, J) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

02/28/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

Sb119 AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES (Becker, V) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

03/30/2017 Motion to concur filed

SB163 DISTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INCOME TAX REVENUE (Niemeyer, R) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

02/28/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

SB343 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN NEW HOMES (Bohacek, M) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

02/28/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

SB381 ANNEXATION (Buck, J) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

02/28/2017 DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

SB467 FIRE DEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENT (Buck, J) - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

03/07/2017 Referred to Insurance

As you can see many of these bills did not make it to the second half of the session as indicated by the words Dead Bill. All bills including those listed can be seen on the IVFA website by going to www.ivfa.org when the home page opens look on the left hand side and scroll down to the word Legislative and click on it. You can look under either IVFA Weekly Bill Track or Indiana Bill Watch and look up any bill you want.

By the time you are reading this paper it will have been time to begin sharing your thoughts on legislation for next year. We have just a couple of real simple rules in legislation that we support / offer, it must be germane / relevant (using a legislative term) to the state fire service and not just an individual or department and you must have presented it to your District Chairman before our August

Quarterly Board Meeting as that is the meeting we set our legislative agenda for the following year.

Additionally I would ask that you please think about what you want from your organization, what is it the IVFA can do to support your department, your service. Let's all begin to share some thought on how to "MAKE THE IVFA BETTER" and "HOW" we can better serve you to be more capable of "BETTER SERVING" your members and your communities.

As I travel to your district meetings I hope to see and visit with many of you and as always I enjoy the opportunity to discuss and share political thoughts and opinions with you. We may not always agree but we can always talk about it. Plan now to attend your District Meetings by looking for your District Meeting dates and locations on the IVFA website Calendar or by contacting your District Chairman asking for your next meeting date and location and bring with you your thoughts, concerns, questions, and comments that affect you, your department, and your service delivery.

Until we meet, "thank you" for allowing me to serve both as a fellow member and your IVFA Lobbyist.

A hearty Godspeed to all; as you respond and serve...

Larry

Notes thru the Flames

Selection time has ended and we have 22 young ladies who are anxiously waiting for the main event.

Each of them is beginning to prepare for the convention and the activities that they will be participating in.

Our first letter containing information about the contest has been sent and hopefully it contained info that will let the girls know what will be expected of them as they begin their fun-filled journey in the Miss Flame program. We also want each girl to take away a feeling of enrichment and that they had a great experience that each will have lasting memories.

Chairmen, (men & women) be sure to include your Miss Flame in your district and departmental activities. They are anxious to lend a hand and be a part of what you have going on. This will also give them a chance to work on their presentation skills for the contest.

Again, congrats to all 22 of you. Know that all of you are winners. Myself and the committee are looking forward to meeting you and your parents.

If you have questions, please call Barb Kerney at 812-867-2641.

Barb Kerney
2017 Miss Flame Chairman.

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The Gong-Summer 2014

Greetings from IFAMA!

Attached is an editorial I wrote for a local transportation magazine in the summer of 2008. I have changed the last few paragraphs to gear this editorial towards the fire industry. Even I am amazed to see that this six-year old editorial still stands true today.



Larry Polas, IFAMA President

Tis the Season! No, not Christmas or New Year's-Alligators! You would have to be wearing blinders not to notice the increased amount of truck tire debris on our roadways already this spring. Here it is late May, still relatively cool out and it appears that Alligator Season is in full bloom.

With the cost of Gas or Diesel going through the roof, you would think that fleets as well as owner-operators would be trying to reduce their already

burgeoning expenses by trying to keep their tire and fuel costs to a minimum, but from all indications, it appears they are not.

For most fleets, the second highest expense after fuel is tires. Interestingly enough, tires are a fleet's number one maintenance expense, accounting for almost 50% of all maintenance costs. While there isn't much anyone can do to control the price of fuel or the weather, there are several solutions available to reduce tire maintenance costs and at the same time, increase fuel mileage. A win-win scenario if you will!

Many years ago, I worked with a manufacturer to promote the use of a device that connected dual tires to one another to keep the tire pressure balanced in a dual wheel configuration. Not only was this system a great idea from the balanced pressure point of view, it also made sense because of the ease of inflating both the inside and outside tire from a single, easy to access point.

In addition to the already mentioned positive attributes of this system, you could simply do a walk around of the vehicle and be able to tell if all of your tires were inflated to the desired pressure. No primitive tire thumping here!

Fleets that used this tire inflation monitoring device usually had a (ROI) return on investment within one year. That was when fuel was half the cost it is today and tires were less expensive as well. I had many fleets at that time tell me they did not see a need for these tire monitoring systems as they had tire maintenance programs in place that insured their tires were always adequately inflated. Well, in a perfect world that looks good on paper, but in reality these fleets were blowing out tires from under inflation just like everybody else.

Truth is, NO ONE ever wants to hassle with checking the actual tire pressure of the inside tires much less, airing it up if it is low. Even a task that is relatively easy will often be neglected let alone a task that is often difficult, such as checking and airing up the inside dual. Ever hear of the term "human nature"?

Almost 90% of the Alligators you come across on the road are from under inflated tires. In most cases, these Alligators are from trailer tires usually on the inside dual position. It may also surprise you to know that the bulk of tire debris found on the road today is from new tires and not recaps. There is no doubt that some of that rubber is from recapped tires, but the reason in most cases where the tread peeled away from either new or recapped casings was due to low tire inflation and the following heat build-up.

In the fire industry, many times tires are left on vehicles for too long of a period of time. According to NFPA 1911 (2007 Edition), Chapter 7.3.4* "Tires shall be replaced at least every 7- years or more frequently when the tread wear exceeds state or federal standards as determined by measuring with a tread depth gauge. (See 6.3.1 (4).)" Tires start to deteriorate after 7- years and can become a safety hazard for that reason. Living in the litigious society we live in today, having a tire explode on an apparatus responding to a call that is beyond the NFPA 7-year standard would bring on enough legal costs to pay for new tires over and over again!

Tires manufactured after the year 2000 have the date of manufacture in the serial number of the tire. For instance, if you were looking at the sidewall of a tire, you might see something like DOT U2LL LMLR 5107. If you take the last four numbers 5107, that means the tire was made in the 51st week of 2007. In some instances, these numbers may not be visible from the sidewall you are looking at. In this case, you have to find these numbers on the other sidewall which sometimes can be sandwiched between the duals. In any case, it is good to know the dates on all the tires on your apparatus not just for legal reasons but for safety as well.

We here at IFAMA preach good maintenance practices and the following of NFPA guidelines. If getting this word out to just one department prevents a tire mishap, then writing this editorial will be well worth the effort. Not knowing the practice of good tire maintenance is one thing, but knowing the practice and not following the rules is just like an accident looking for a place to happen!

God Bless America!
Larry J. Polas
IFAMA President

Did you know?

- Oprah Winfrey built her residence in NW Indiana.
- Florence Henderson is from Indiana.

Convention Schedule for 2017

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Time	Event	Location
9:00 a.m.	Golf outing	Harrison Lakes Country Club
Noon to 6:00p.m.	Registration	Bartholomew Room
6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Meal	Clarion West parking lot
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Dance - D J	Clarion Crystal Ballroom D
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Miss Flame meeting mixer	Clarion Bartholomew Rm
7:00 p.m.	Burn Camp Auction	
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Beer wagon	Clarion West parking lot

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m. to 5: 00 p.m.	Registration	Bartholomew Room
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame judging	Clarion Gavel -Herald- Directors Rm
8:00 a.m. - 10:00	Vendor setup	Clarion West Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Board of Standards	Clarion
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Seminars	Clarion Crystal ballroom A-A2
12:00p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame luncheon	Clarion Bartholomew Rm
2:00 p.m. to close	Miss Flame final judging	Clarion Crystal Ballroom A-A2
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Beer wagon	Clarion West parking lot
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	IVFAA officer's meeting	Clarion Bartholomew Rm
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	IVFA officer's meeting	Clarion Crystal Ballroom A
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hotdog & Beer bust	Clarion Crystal Ballroom
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Opening meeting / Memorial service	Clarion Crystal Ballroom A&B
8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.	Beer wagon	Clarion West parking lot
9:00 p.m. to 12 a.m.	Dance D J	Clarion Crystal Ballroom C

Friday, June 16, 2017

Time	Event	Location
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	IVFA annual business meeting	Clarion Crystal Ballroom A&B
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv.)	Bartholomew Room
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor display inside	Clarion Pre-Function area
8:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m.	Vendor display outside	Clarion West parking lot
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	IVFAA annual business meeting	Clarion Crystal Ballroom C
12:00p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	On your own
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Beer Wagon	Clarion West parking lot
1:30 p.m. to close	IVFA annual meeting cont.	Clarion Crystal Ballroom A&B
1:30 p.m. to close	IVFAA annual meeting cont.	Clarion Crystal Ballroom C
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Pizza party - children & teen	Clarion Upper Terrace
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet	Clarion Crystal Ballroom
9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Dance D J	Clarion Crystal Ballroom

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time	Event	Location
7:00 a.m. to 8:00a.m.	Sign in for games	Clarion West parking lot
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Convention games	Clarion West parking lot

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

Five, Ten, Fifteen year members



Tim Boomsma (r) received his 5 year membership plaque with CPFR, presented by Mark Reed, president of CPFR.



Ryan Cusack and Dave DeLor received their 10 year membership plaque as members of CPFR, presented by Mark Reed, President of CPFR.



At right - Four members of CPFR received watches for 15 year membership with Crown Point Fire/Rescue. They are as follows: Mike Parks, Justin Gettler, Mark Reed, and Cory Neises. Congratulations to all.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

Retires from Lowell VFD after 50 years membership

Paul Fuller, (pictured at right), a 50 year member of the Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. retired recently. Paul is also a 50 year member of the IVFA. Retired fire chief Jack Eskridge was the master of ceremonies for the occasion. Three township trustees and State Senator Rick Niemeyer spoke about working with Paul over the years. Also members of Lowell VFD presented Paul with a Gold axe and helmet. Paul's wife and sons were also in attendance.



Employees of the Year



Congratulations to two members of Crown Point Fire/Rescue, Keith Boersma and Josh McBurney on being selected as Employees of the Year for the City of Crown Point. Both men are firefighter/paramedics with CPFR.



THREE NEW PROBATIONARY MEMBERS for Crown Point Fire/Rescue: Amy Early, Allison Semethy, Irene Bradley.

JOHN JONES

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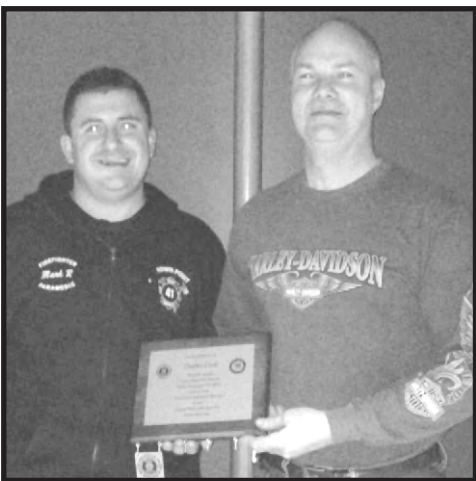
NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

New promotions for CPFR

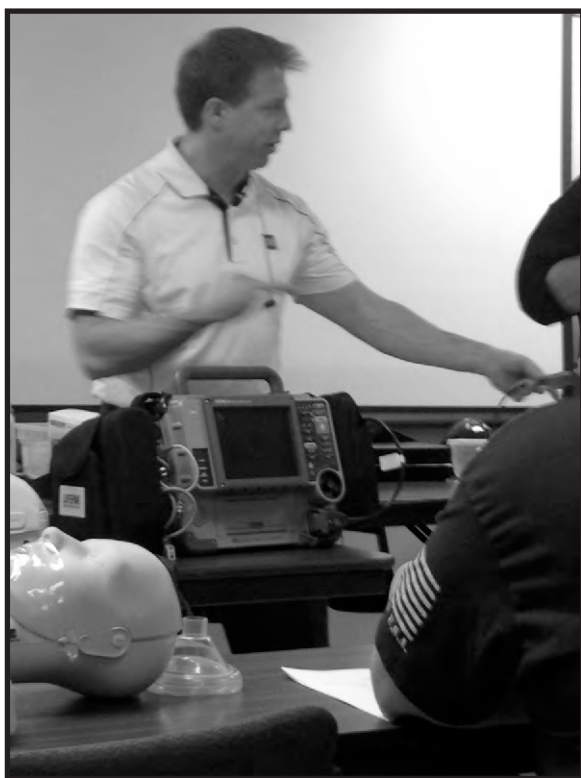
5 year member

Mark Reed (L) presents Chuck Cook with his 5 year membership plaque as a member of Crown Point Fire/Rescue.



New promotions for Crown Point Fire/Rescue. (L) Ryan Cusack promoted to Lieutenant. (C) David Crane promoted to Chief to replace Greg DeLor when he retires this spring. Mark Baumgardner, Jr. promoted to Fire Inspector.

CPFR purchases heart monitors and CPR machines



Crown Point Fire/Rescue has recently purchased 5 Life Pack heart monitors. They will be placed in 4 ambulances and 1 in an ALS engine. Training on the use of the machines was held by representatives from the Physio Control Company.



Crown Point Fire/Rescue also purchased 4 Lucas CPR machines which will be used to assist medics in performing CPR. Training was held on operation of the machines. They will be placed in the 4 ambulances.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Elton Schafer, District Chairman

Donations given



Lakeville Union Fire Territory District 4 held a chili dinner for the community of Lakeville. The donations went to the food bank of Lakeville, also for upgrading the Christmas lights for the town of Lakeville and the park department. Pictured (left to right) Mike Wozney, Miss Flame Rose Adams, Chief George Schafer, Ryan Smith and Brad Sherman.

Liberty FD members



Liberty Township Fire Department. L to R, front row: Jerry Knepp, Asst. Chief John Dooms, Asst., Chief Robert Litteral III, Brian Blosser, John Blosser, Paul Grove, Tom McCormick, Josh Albright, Chief Bryan Albright. Back row: Lieut. CJ Scope, Jameson Brown, Capt. Paul Williams III, Allen Albright, Ben Weiss, Steve Snyder, Brandon Patrick, Jeremy Tibbs, Gene Patrick, and Charles Pritchett.

Awards Appreciation banquet held



On February 11, 2017 Liberty Twp. District 4 held an Awards Appreciation banquet. They awarded for every 5 years of service. It was from 1 year - to over 50 years of service. L to R: Newest firefighters with their significant others, Jeremy Tibbs, Ben Weiss, Paul Grove.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Submitted by John Buckman III



Attendees at State Fire Marshal Leadership Seminar in Warsaw, Indiana

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Gerald Sprague, District Chairman and John Buckman III

Ten year pin



Steve Woodworth receiving his IVFA 10 year pin.

Twenty-five year pin



Dale Hogan and Kip Thorne receiving their 25 year pins.

Joe Jackson, Stephen Weber and Doug Kessie receiving their IVFA 25 year pins.

The end of 2016 convention report

MR. ANDERSON: while they're voting, use my teacher voice, one of the members of the Board of Firefighters and Standards Education is currently working on his final project for National Fire Academy class and is needing some help with some research. If your department is similar to his department, he would like to communicate with you and possibly have you help him out. what he's looking for is a department that has any range of 20 to 25 members, run volume of about 200 to 225, an ISO rating of 5 to 7, operational budget in the realm of a hundred thousand dollars, and a population served of about 10,000. If anybody in the room meets those qualifications, see me after the meeting and I've got his contact information and a couple copies of his research project questionnaire and we can try to help him out a little bit. unfortunately, with it being a school project or a class project, he does have a little bit of a deadline, so it may require a little bit of work here in a fairly short manner. I haven't looked through the questions, but they might be similar to the survey questions that are out there too, so you might be able to knock off both at the same time. So see me afterwards if you are in that boat. John Smith. Do you have anything you want to talk about from the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education?

MR. KERNEY: Want to talk a little bit about the NVFC. Something not only cancer is very important to them, but also another item is recruitment and retention. And you can go on to the NVFC website at WWW.NVFC.org. They received a grant for \$3.2 million to put together a program for recruitment and retention. This is a three-year project. They've applied for another grant for the next three years. The first phase was to do with recruitment. The next phase will be retention. If you go on to that website, you can take and post your volunteer opportunities. So if you are looking for volunteers for your department, you can go on to that website and you can post that you're looking for volunteers and put all the pertinent information in there and any referrals will come directly to you. You can take and customize your own recruiting materials. You can put your own logo on there. You can put your name on there. You can do whatever you want to with it. You can print it out, and you can use that for your recruitment campaign. You can also access training resources. NVFC has a lot of training resources that you can go on to and use. You can plan events, you can take and go on there and plan your recruitment events. You can put them on there and print them out. You can track your recruits. You can also track their training that they're having. this will also take and remind you of where they're at on their training records. And it will also give you feedback. So if you go on to the National Volunteer Fire Council website, www.NVFC.org, all of this is available to you for free. Any questions? It's a good portal. It's very easy to use. If I can use it, anybody can use it. I encourage you to use it in your recruit campaigns.

MR. CURL: Jack? You might remind them that we put that on the website.

MR. KERNEY: YOU can go to our website also and click on the NVFC link.

MR. CURL: It will be under the link section, left-hand side of the page.

MR. ZEEKS: PR southwest, 2017, Steve Nolan. Mr. President, I'm done.

MR. ANDERSON: Jerry Liston, anything from the EMS commission?

MR. LISTON: I will pass.

MR. ANDERSON: we've got two things left, basically. The bid for 2018 and there's a visitor from 2017 and the survey. David Israel.

MR. ISRAEL: We are going to have a helper this afternoon on the registration, and Becky Harper is from the Columbus Visitor Center. I think we said earlier the 2017 convention will be at Columbus, Indiana, right there on Jonathan Moore Pike right next to 65. Used to be the Holiday Inn, it's now called the Clarion Inn. So while Becky's here, I'll have her give a brief overview of what Columbus has to offer around town. Becky?

MS. HARPER: Hello, we are so excited to have you in Columbus, Indiana, next year. It's been a few years since you've been here. The Holiday Inn is now the Clarion. we're still located on I-65, just 45 minutes south of Indianapolis. So we're looking at some golf options for you, there's tour options, and things for the leisure market too for spouses. Also shopping in Edinburgh. So we hope that you will join us next year and have a great time, and I will have some information at the registration area about

Columbus and some give-aways for you if you have a chance to stop by. So thank you.

MR. ISRAEL: Thank you, Becky. At this time we're in the bid for the 2018, and with us today we have Sharon Gainer, who's the sales manager for the Crowne Plaza there at the old Indianapolis Airport is where they're located right there off Sam Jones Expressway. And I'll turn it over to Sharon. So you'll tell us the room rate and what the hotel has to offer and the vicinity. And the committee hasn't really set a registration fee yet until we find out for sure what all our costs are going to be pretty safe to say it will probably be around the \$65 bracket. Seems to be the average of what it takes to put it on. Sharon, it's all yours.

MS. GAINAR: Good morning. Back story, back in 2003 I had the pleasure of booking this convention down at French Lick. I was the sales manager down there at the time, and worked with I think Charles Parker. So the first time that you guys went to French Lick was the year that he was I guess the chairman of that area and you guys came to French Lick. Well, now many, many years later I'm at the Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport. We are located ten minutes from downtown Indianapolis and ten minutes from the airport right off of I-65 and Sam Jones Boulevard. It's a very good location. We have a lot of parking for any types of trucks. I think the fire trucks I saw outside may be yours that we could accommodate. The rate that I'd like to offer you is \$119, and that's single, double, quad, however many people you want to put in a room, but we also offer over 20,000 square feet of meeting space that we can accommodate your different meetings and events that go on during the week. And it's just a beautiful hotel. The Crowne Plaza is staying up to standards. By 2018 we'll be having more renovations to the hotel that I think you would find very pleasing. We

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Honoring Richard Rehm

In the photo at left, Fort Wayne firefighter Bryan Peterson lights the candle for Richard Rehm. In the photo at right Peterson turns over the name card of Indiana firefighter Richard Rehm who died in LOD.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith – (Sam Bisel, District Chairman)

Sausage and pancake brunch



IVFA District 7 Miss Flame Olivia Lockwood, Preble Fire Department Chief Mike Werling and 50 year member Duane Regeweg working at the annual Sausage and Pancake Brunch.

Ten year pin



Bryan Mussatti Aboite Township Fire Department receiving his 10 year IVFA dedication pin from PRNE Jean Smith.

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Thank you!!

Twenty five year pin

James Scott, Aboite Township Fire Department receiving his 25 Year IVFA dedication pin from PRNE Jean Smith.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

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Five year service award

On February 2, 2017 chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Joshua M. Kimmel from the Bryant VFD with his five year service award.



Ten year pin presented

On February 11, 2017 district chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Henry Newton Branscum from the Saratoga/Ward Twp. VFD with his 10 year pin.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

Submitted by Randy Denton, District Chairman



Burns awarded for 50 years of service

District 9B would like to thank Kenny Burns of Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department on 50 years of service.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



Mr. Phil Harrod presented Gold card

Left to right Bill Clark, Derrek Tennell, Amos Clark, Ronnie Tennell.

Back row Jeff Chrisman, David Israel – Vice President, John Ray – District Chairman.

Seated Phil Harrod and Dan Clark.

A Gold card was presented on Sunday before Mr. Harrod passed away the following week.

25 year pin

10 year pins awarded



Toma Wetzel of Manila receiving his 25 year pin from District 10 chairman John Ray.



(Jon's 10 year picture) From left: Michelle Hargitt, Curtis Anderson, Jon Cooper receive their 10 year pins from 10th District Chairman John Ray.

Final of 2016 convention

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hope that you guys will come, choose us, and if you do, the Indianapolis area is just growing leaps and bounds for things to do. The IMS, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the museum there is doing a lot more exhibits. There is also the Children's Museum for families, they can go too, that's ten minutes away. And also the Speedway, Sarah Fisher, who used to be an Indy racer, she's opened an indoor go-karting facility, and it has really taken off. And there Main Street and speedway, there's a lot of different restaurants, outdoor cafes, and other events that you can take advantage of. And that is only seven miles away. So I do think Indianapolis has a lot to offer, maybe you haven't been there in awhile, so I'd love for you guys to come back. Thank you. Any questions I can answer? Thank you guys.

MR. CURL: Sharon, I have a question. Larry Curl. I know we do our quarterly board meetings there, and I think we have a room rate during the quarterly board meeting of someplace between \$95 and \$99. Why are we not able to get that for the convention?

MS. GAINAR: Because the year we're looking at is 2018, so that's two years from now, so the rates will be going up.

MR. CURL: So our quarterly room rates are going to go up as well?

MS. GAINAR: To some degree, yes.

MR. CURL: Up to the \$119 mark?

MS. GAINAR: I'm going to try to keep it down lower than that.

MR. CURL: why can't we keep the convention rate down lower than that? That's going to be a big deciding factor whether we go there or not, to be honest with you. This association, my opinion, has never paid much more than a hundred dollars for a room rate at a state convention. That's what's going to decide whether we get people to attend or not. So you really need to think about that. That's probably going to be a deciding factor. Thank you.

MS. GAINAR: Thank you. Any other questions? Thank you again.

MR. ISRAEL: Thank you, Sharon. Keep in mind the

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



Wissing awarded Gold card and Meritorious Service award

Pictured at left – Mike Wissing receiving his Gold card and meritorious service award.

(Pictured at right) – From left to right: Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Chairman John M. Ray, Gary Wissing, Lloyd Wissing, Mike Wissing, Vice President David Israel, Charles Emsweller, and Edwin Stone.

Final 2016 convention

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Host Convention committee will be the State convention committee, will be myself, Steve, Paul, Kerney, those that's on that committee. SO at this time we've heard what Sharon and the Crowne plaza has to offer for the 2018 convention bid. I need a motion to accept or I guess reject and then we'd have to go from there.

MR. CURL: Mr. Israel, I would offer a motion that we table this until we have a reconsideration of that cost.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second that.

MR. ISRAEL: I have a motion on the floor to table this and re-evaluate it and a second. All those in favor? (Aye responses given.)

MR. ISRAEL: All those opposed?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

MR. ISRAEL: It will be tabled and we will work on this and see what we can get put together. Thank you. The question is, we'll have to make a decision on this before the next convention. What happens at the convention annual meeting when we only meet once a year?

MR. CURL: Can I offer a motion? I would like to offer a motion that this body allows your District chairmen and the officers of the IVFA to act upon this at their next quarterly meeting.

MR. HOWE: second.

MR. ANDERSON: Second was by Bill Howe, District 1. That will take care of it. So everybody's clear, is that we will work with the hotel between now and our next meeting is August I think 5th through the 7th, and we're meeting at Columbus that particular weekend due to some issues in Indianapolis with other scheduling, so the motion will be to allow the officers to handle that decision at their August meeting, so everybody's clear. Any other discussion on that? All in favor say yes.

(Yes responses given.)

MR. ANDERSON: All opposed say no. The yesses have it. For those of you who will not be at that meeting, delegates, make sure you give your District chairman some guidance on, where you'd like to see the rate down to so that they have a little bit of a feel for those that attend. District Chairmen, as Past President Zeeks comes around, he has a gift from Joann Hays for you. At this time I will officially dismiss the credentials and the Mileage Committee. We need to thank District 19 for going through the ordeals of hosting the convention. How many people have not been involved with a Host convention Committee before, raise your hand. Little less than half the room. I challenge those of you that raised your hand to possibly get involved with one. I'm going to talk to my brothers here from the north. There is a wish from some of us in the south to go north. of course I have to go north basically everywhere, but if we can.

Walter Cook: 2021.

MR. ANDERSON: 2021.

Walter Cook: Seventy-fifth anniversary will be in

MR. HOLCOMB: You mean 2020?

MR. ANDERSON: Talk to Paul about that, there is a little bit of a basis for what he's saying. But we have a potential host chairman, I see, sitting up here in the front row. Yes, he knew who I was talking about. About time he stepped up to the plate. Any other announcements from the crowd? Here's what we're going to do. I know some of you have some issues with lunch and things like that. I still want to go through the survey. If you will do it quietly, we will close the meeting, and then those who are willing to stay and hear the survey, if you'll kind of filter down to the front rows here, and those that are leaving exit quietly so that we can get that wrapped up. I feel that this is one thing we absolutely positively have to do.

CHAPLAIN ELICK: After lunch there is a class from one to three for anybody that is interested in being a chaplain. For any of you District Chairmen that have somebody in your district who would like to be a chaplain, I would be willing to meet with them after the class this afternoon, and that class is going to be down where we had dinner.

MR. ANDERSON: The afternoon class is a class presented by Ben Silverding on modern fire behavior. I gave him the opportunity to come talk about himself, but he declined so I'm still going to mention it. At this time we'll call on Associate Chaplain George Buck to give us the benediction.

(Benediction.)

MR. ANDERSON: Bob Uryga, would you make a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Bob Uryga, pro tem District 3 Chairman, make a motion that we close the convention.

MR. ANDERSON: John Morphy, would you second that?

MR. MORPHY: Yes, District Chairman, District 11B, John Morphy will second that motion.

MR. ANDERSON: All in favor aye. (Aye responses given.)

MR. ANDERSON: All opposed no. (NO responses given.)

MR. ANDERSON: Walter, you have to stay and listen to me for the next ten minutes. Those of you leaving, dismiss quietly. Those of you staying, come up front. You're released.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Fifty year Gold cards awarded



Ron Travis received his 50 year Gold card from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor on January 22, 2017 at a reception in Clay City - Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Brothers Ron (left) and Raymond (right) Chamberlain received their 50 year Gold cards from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor on February 12, 2017 at Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Twenty-five year cards awarded



Jay Hendrix received his 25 year pin from Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman on February 22, 2017 at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Fire Department.



Larry Ledgerwood received his 25 year pin on January 17, 2017 at Clay City-Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. from Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A.



Bradley Stott and Jane Lingenfelter received their 25 year pins on February 8, 2017 at Otto Creek Vol. Fire Department by District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

Submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

Celebrating 50 years of dedication to the community and the fire service



On January 12th 2017 about 11 firefighters and District 12 Chairman, Larry Bruner were honored to present David J. Kochanczyk with awards honoring his 50 years of service. This was especially important to the firefighters of Gregg Township Fire Department and to David's family because David had been fighting pancreatic cancer. Only nine days after this awards ceremony David left us to join his Maker in Heaven.

David Kochanczyk and Chief Roger Kemp presenting a plaque for over 40 years of dedicated service to Gregg Township Fire Department.



David Kochanczyk and District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner presenting David his 50 Gold card, with firefighters to the right.



David receives his 50 year pin as family and firefighters look on. His wife Judy, David, Larry Bruner and Gregg Township firefighters.

Supporting Heroes Event held in Louisville



Honor Guard members who lit the flames for those individuals who were recognized who died in the last year for a line of duty death.



IVFA chaplain Dave Elick says the prayer at the start of program.



Jack Kerney and Jack Zeeks at the Supporting Heroes event.



Gala attendees

photos submitted by John Buckmann III

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Ten year pins awarded



Fountain City firefighters Elizabeth Hardwick & James Sawyer receive their 10 year service pins.



John Meyers of Dublin FD receiving his 10 year pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



Gregg Boggs of Mooreland FD receiving his 10 year service pin.



Glenn Coffin of Mooreland FD received his 10 year service pin.

25 year pins



Kenny Johnson of Mooreland FD receiving his 25 year service pin.



Jeff Murraray of Mooreland FD receiving his 25 year service pin.



Chief Bill Halstead of Mooreland FD receiving his 25 year service pin.



Brian Gard of Mooreland FD receiving his 25 year service pin.



Global Award

13 B Global Award being presented to James Reese of Everton Fire Dept.
Pictured James Reese, 13 B Chairman Jeff Biehl, Global Representative Garry Davis.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS MARCH 1, 2018 DEADLINE

Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship applications!

Applications sent by Certified Mail MUST have a postmark no later than March 1, 2018.

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Please send all applications to:
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Twenty five year pins



Liberty firefighter Ross Keesling receiving his 25 year service pin.



Glenwood firefighters Paul Sembach, Don Fey, Gregg Riggs, & Dale Munson receive their 25 year service pins.

District fundraisers held



Mooreland FD Hot dog fundraiser



Glenwood FD Pancake and Sausage fundraiser

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Turtle enjoying Glenwood annual pancake & sausage breakfast.

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2017 Miss Flame Candidates



Kaylee Hans
District 1 - Lake Station VFD



Chloe Perkins
District 3 - Coolspring VFD



Rose Adams
District 4 - Madison Twp. VFD



Sydney Miller
District 5 - Argos FD



Bailey Sheley
District 6 - Ligonier VFD



Olivia Lockwood
District 7 - Poe Comm. VFD



Kylee Haskell
District 8B - Salem Twp. VFD



Sydney Moon
District 9A - Twelve Mile VFD



Marissa Eiler
District 9B - Prairie Twp. VFD

Congratulations to all!

2017 Miss Flame Candidates



Jaelyn Matthews
District 10 - St. Paul VFD



Katie VanLennen
District 11A - Shepardsville VFD



Jaclyn LeJeune
District 11B - Riplet Twp. VFD



Heidi Gabbard
District 13B - Cambridge City VFD



Kilee Littrell
District 14 - North Vernon VFD



Kali Taber
District 15 - Chandler VFD



Brittney Groomer
District 17A - Center Twp. VFD



Sierra Ford
District 17B - Van Buren Twp. VFD



Madelyn Peter
District 18 - Anderson Twp. VFD

Congratulations to all!



2017 Miss Flame Candidates

Alyssa Kneuen
District 19
Sunman Rural VFD



Shelby Butler
District 21
Madison Twp. VFD



Honoring our military

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



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
Michael	R.	Dickerson	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD
Daniel	Joseph	Simmons	Hayden	Spencer Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday	Farmland	Farmland VFD Inc.
Michael	B.	Dickey	Charlestown	New Washington VFD
Anthony	J.	Clayton	Henryville	Monroe Twp. VFD
Jeremy	Wade	Watkins	Forest	Forest VFD
Andrew	T.	Sparks	Petersburg	Petersburg VFD
Matthew	F.	Gaff	Ligonier	Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy	Ft. Wayne	St. Joseph Twp. FD
David	C.	Perry	Merrillville	Merrillville VFD #2
Joel		Storm	Madison	Western Fire Co. #3
Darin	Ray	Scudder	Rising Sun	Rising Sun VFD, Inc.
Odis	Ray	King	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
William	Jason	Goings	Boonville	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Cean	L.	Pemberton	Wahiawa	Sandborn VFD
Todd	Morris	Daniels	Alexandria	Richland Twp. Fire Dept.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert	Wawaka	Rome City Fire Dept.
Robert	Christopher	Nunez	Muncie	Monroe Twp. VFD
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth	Poneto	Chester Twp. VFD
Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
William	M.	Kendall	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
Brandon	Joe	Johnson	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Edger	Leonel	Lopez	Crown Point	Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force
Dallas	William	Hutts	Kingsford Hts.	Kingsford-Union VFD
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder	New Albany	New Chapel FD
Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Jered	Alan	Stettet	Dubois	Dubois VFD
Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
Casey	John	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Jared	Patrick	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Brandon	James	Duff	Georgetown	Lafayette Twp. VFD
Schyler	D.	Clark	Bicknell	Vigo Twp. VFD
Michael	Jacob	Collins	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Rodney	E.	Pentecost	Greens Fork	Clay Twp. VFD Inc.
Kendall	Jacob	Kerzan	Vincennes	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Chad	Allen	Warner	Lewisville	Lewisville-Franklin Fire Dept.
Casey	W.	Foye	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Elizabeth	Nicole	Ireland	Kingman	Jackson Twp. VFD
Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
Zachery	Michael	Powers	Chesterfield	Richland Twp. FD
Adam	David	Luecke	Seymour	Jackson - Washington Fire Dept.
Justin	L.	Yagel	Columbia City	Union Twp. VFD Inc.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.
Robert		Ford	Farmland	Farmland VFD
Jeramy	D.	Shank	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD
Christopher	G.	Yoakum	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman



Twenty five year pin

Leonard Maschino receives his 25 year pin from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.



Sponsor Twp. fire awards

2016 Global Award winner



District 14 2016 Global Award winner Rick McGill, North Vernon Fire Department.

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS NOT ALL PHOTOS WERE ABLE TO BE PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE. THEY WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE ALLOWS.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman



District 14 Miss Flame

Pictured at left – North Vernon chief Mike Cole crowning 2017 Miss Flame Kilee Littrell.

Pictured at right – District 14 2017 Miss Flame Kilee Littrell and family after her crowning.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Submitted by John Buckmann III – (Ross Emery, District Chairman)



Assistant Chief speaks with homeowner

McCutchanville assistant chief Nick Adams speaks with homeowner after a fire in Evansville.



Training exercise

German Twp. Fire Dept. in Evansville practicing Wall breach training exercise.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

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Chairman Emery presents Dave Edmondson, Scott Twp. Fire Department with his 25 year IVFA pin.



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Chairman Emery presents Don Zilliak, Scott Twp. Fire Department with his 25 year IVFA pin.



Steve Sims, Smith Twp. Fire Department receives his IVFA 25 year pin from Chairman Emery.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman



Presented new station clock

PRSW Steve Nolan, Past President Jack Kerney, Chairman Ross Emery, present Scott Twp. Fire Department with IVFA Clock for their new station.

Monetary donation presented

Members of McCutchanville Ladies' Auxiliary, present Ohio Valley Search and Rescue with a monetary donation.



Global Award winner

Pictured at left – Jake Luker, Chandler Fire Department receives the 2016 Global Award from Chairman Emery.



Home Inventory: Make it Now!

Who needs to do a home inventory? You do.

As we enter into fire, tornado and storm season, don't be like the homeowner who couldn't replace a rare set of china or the firefighter lamenting the loss of his prized rifle and gun collection. Both were heartbroken after a recent wildfire destroyed both of their homes. They knew they should have made an inventory of their possessions but hadn't yet done it.

They are not alone. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners found 59 percent of us have yet to make a record of everything they own. This can lead to real problems if you should ever be burglarized or impacted by a fire, tornado or other disaster. Lack of proper documentation could delay a claim. In fact, insurance companies want some proof of the items you owned and homeowners insurance claims are processed 50-to-100 percent faster when customers have done a home inventory. The Insurance Information Institute finds those who have a complete home inventory have a better idea of the appropriate amount of insurance they need, what possessions need special scheduled personal property protection (or floaters) to help replace expensive items, and can also verify losses for income tax purposes.

So, what should you include? Everything you own. Think about:

- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Washer and dryer
- ✓ Light fixtures
- ✓ Dining room table and china cabinet
- ✓ Personal care items
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Kitchen items, silverware and appliances
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Carpeting
- ✓ Beds and linens
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Sports equipment
- ✓ Yard and garden tools

Don't forget to take pictures of the exterior of your home from all sides including the landscaping and any decks or porches, all the stuff in the garage, attic or basement (holiday ornaments, lawn and yard equipment, tools).

The Insurance Information Institute has a comprehensive checklist and guide at www.iii.org/brochures/home-inventory.html, as well as a link to free online software to complete and store your household checklist at www.knowyourstuff.org. Another great resource for creating a home inventory you can store on your mobile device with a downloadable app can be found at www.insureuonline.org/insureu_getready_newhome.htm.

Don't be overwhelmed. Having a plan, being methodical and using the online guides will make what seems an impossible task possible. Try organizing your items by rooms, by type or by hobby.

Once you have your inventory, don't forget to update it. More than half of those who have completed the task say they have never added new items that they've purchased. You should update the list:

- Anytime you move
- After a remodel and upgrade
- Following holidays when major purchases are usually made
- After expensive purchases like HD TVs, new sound systems, etc.

Also, make copies of your list and store it in a safe deposit box, in the Cloud or with a close friend or family member.

Now that you are you prepared, it's also a good time to get your home insurance up-to-date. Call a California Casualty advisor today for a free policy review and comparison at 1.800.800.9410, or visit www.calcas.com/IVFA. They will make sure you are getting the professional discounts and benefits you qualify for as a firefighter:

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And, here's a great offer for first responders: the California Casualty Work Hard/Play Hard \$10,000 "All In" DeWALT Sweepstakes. Enter for the opportunity to win all the power tools and accessories than you could ever need at <http://go.calcas.com/DeWALT>.

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From left to right -- Kali Taber, 2017 District 15 Miss Flame and Emma Pritchett, Runner-up.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Submitted by Joshua Reiser, District Chairman

Ten and Twenty-five year pins awarded in district



Pierce Polk Vol. Fire Department 10 year and 25 year pin members.



Roger Frederick of New Middletown receiving his 25 year pin.



New Middletown Vol. Fire Department 10 year pin members

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Receives 50 year Gold card and pin



Terry Stroud from Milltown Vol. Fire Department receiving his 50 year Gold card and pin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



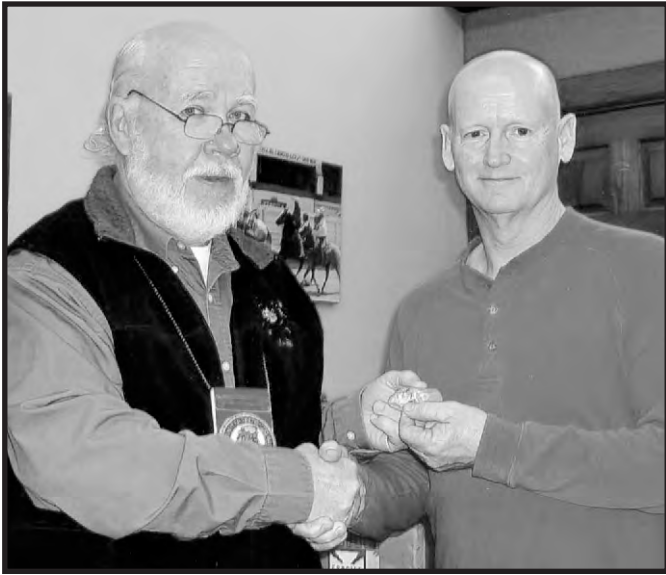
Firefighters of the Year

Odon VFD members Doug Dyal and Mark Wiltmer presented Firefighters of the Year Award with Allen Hart in attendance.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Twenty-five year pin awarded



Kevin Tuell, Odon VFD member, is presented his 25 year pin by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

Santa's helper



Kristi Hartzburg, Taylor VFD, assists Santa.

Retiring chief presented original helmet shield



North Monroe Fire Territory Chief Joel Bomgardner presents retiring chief Faron Livingston with his original helmet shield.

Receives donations



District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer is shown receiving donations.

Miss Flame and Runners-up

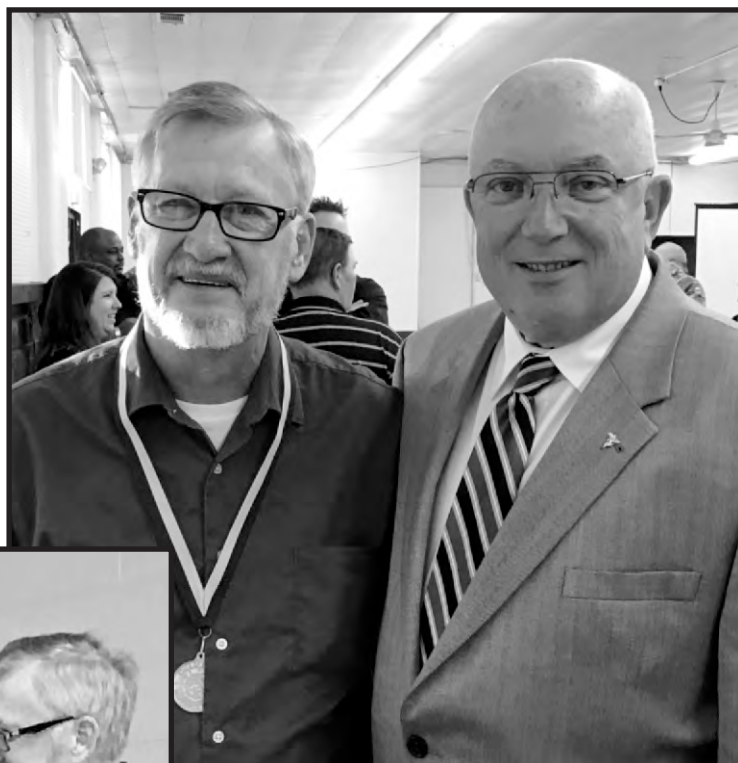


District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer with runners-up.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by John Buckmann III - (Robert (Bobby) Brown, District Chairman)

Meritorious Service Award



Chief Faron Livingston of the North Monroe Twp. Fire Territory is recognized by state fire training director John M. Buckman III with a State Fire Marshal Meritorious Service Award at Chief Livingston retirement event.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

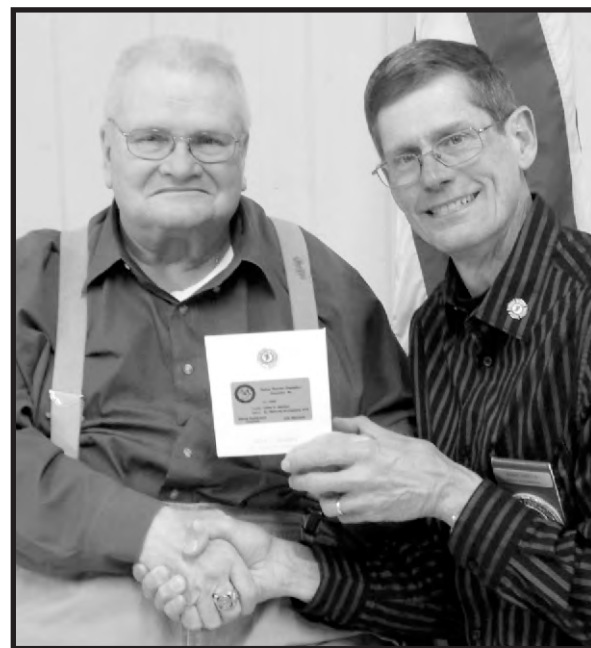
Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

Br. Giles Mahieu receives 50 Year Award

(Pictured at right) – At the IVFA District 18 meeting of 16 March, Br. Giles Mahieu of the St. Meinrad Archabbey VFD was presented with the IVFA 50 year service pin and Gold Card by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

During his years of service, Bro. Giles has served the Abbey Department as Assistant Chief for 15 years and the IVFA District 18 as District Chaplain for 30 years.

A native of Moline IL, Br. Giles came to the Archabbey and joined the Order of St. Benedict as a monk in 1953.



Knies award presented

At the 13 March meeting of the Celestine VFD (Dubois Co.) Firefighter Brad Knies received his 25 year service award from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Brad also announced his official retirement from the Department saying, "We have a lot of new young people coming on and I felt it was a good time to step aside and let them take my place."



Gold Card presented

On 21 February 2017 Mr. James R. Uebelhor of the Ferdinand VFD (Dubois Co.) was presented with the IVFA Gold Card and 50 year service pin. Pictured with Uebelhor are FVFD Chief Dan Lindauer (left) and District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Also present (but behind the camera) was Uebelhor's son Scott who serves as Chief of the St. Anthony VFD. During my interview with Jim, I asked if he ever served as an officer of the department. He responded, "No, I just did things like, drag hose, spray water, chaired committees for fund raisers, and got people to donate, stuff like that!" In my opinion, it is what is known as the "backbone of any department"!!

Humbly submitted by Dist. 18 Chairman Smith

Ten and twenty-five year pins

At the 11 January 2017 meeting of the Grandview VFD (Spencer Co.) William Ragan was presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



(Pictured at right) – On 5 March 5, 2017 Tim N. Sternberg of the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co.) was presented the IVFA 10 year service pin from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



On 19 February two members of the Orange Co. Rural #1 VFD received the IVFA service pins. Pictured left is Mark Emmons receiving his 25 year service pin from IVFA District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Also receiving the IVFA 10 year pin, but not present was Nathaniel C. Menchaca.



St. Meinrad members receive awards

At the 26 January annual Board of Directors meeting of the St. Meinrad and St. Meinrad Archabbey VFDs (Spencer Co.) three members were presented with the IVFA 25 year service pin from IVFA District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Pictured with the award are (center l-r) David Bertke, George Schaefer, and Scott Mullis. Also pictured are Archabbey Fire Chief Br. Benjamin Brown (far left) and St. Meinrad Fire Chief Tom Kloeck (far right).

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS NOT ALL PHOTOS WERE ABLE TO BE PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE. THEY WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE ALLOWS.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Articles and photos submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year service pins



Members of Dillsboro Fire who received their 10 & 25 year pins.



Members of New Trenton Fire who received their 10 & 25 year pins.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

Submitted by Will Holycross - (Lewis "Ed" Watson, District Chairman)



A visit from Santa

On Saturday, December 24th, 2016 approximately 300 children visited Santa Claus, Candy Cane Chris and his reindeer from Silly Safari at the Williamsport Fire Station. Everyone was able to have their picture taken with Santa & the reindeer. Children received a goody bag and hot chocolate.

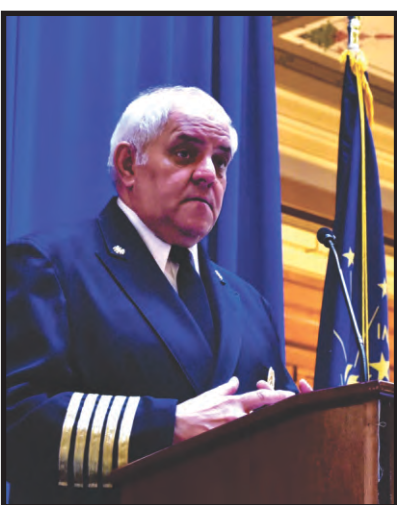


Statehouse photos

photos submitted by John M. Buckman III and Buz Koehler



IVFA president Paul Holcomb speaks to Indiana House of Representatives



IVFA lobbyist speaks during the IVFA 50 year event in the Statehouse



Bud Grogg shakes hands with Governor Eric Holcomb



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