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From The President

Paul Holcomb



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

It has been a very busy quarter for me as I have gotten out to as many meetings and events as I could. I have enjoyed meeting and speaking with you all. It has also been a very busy legislative session, so please take the time to visit our legislation page on the IVFA website to keep up with all the updates from this session.

With our annual convention just around the corner I hope you have all made plans to attend this year's convention. Larry and the

state convention committee promises to have a lot of new and exciting things in store for this year's convention making sure that it will not be routine in 2018! The dates are June 20th – 23rd and

it will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis. You can find all the forms on the IVFA website and paper. As always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb
President, IVFA

Albion firefighter honored for fifty years of volunteerism

At a time when many people retire from their jobs after twenty-five years, an Albion man has been volunteering his time in the same position for twice that long.

Phil Jacob was honored on February 19 for his fiftieth anniversary with the Albion Volunteer Fire Department. He was one of several long-time firefighters recognized by Governor Holcomb that day at the Indiana State Capitol, with his wife Cindy and several Albion firefighters in attendance.

Jacob joined the AFD in 1968 at a time when the firefighters were alerted to calls by a party-line type telephone call, and their newest truck was a 1965 Chevy/American LaFrance pumper. Over the years he served many positions on the department, including Captain and Assistant Chief; he was chairman of the AFD's 125th Anniversary Committee.

But Jacob's lasting legacy will no doubt be his work as Albion's Fire Prevention Officer, a position he's held for more than half the time he's been on the department.

He's a familiar sight in Albion schools as he spreads the message of fire prevention. In the late '90s he spearheaded a campaign to purchase a mobile learning center which is available for fire prevention activities around the area. It's estimated he's talked to well over 15,000 students and adults, taking the message of saving lives through education to various schools and organizations.

As a result, he was Albion's Citizen of the Year in 1998 and won Parkview Hospital's Good Samaritan Award in 2000.

Phil Jacob's other legacy is family: Jacob's father was Fire Chief, and now his three sons, Chad, Shawn, and Brad are members of the department. – submitted by Mark Hunter, Albion Fire Department



Governor Holcomb and Phil Jacob



I.V.F.A. Benefits

"ANGEL" Award

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service

- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year

THE AWARD:

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

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

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

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office:

Angel Award Committee
P.O. Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724



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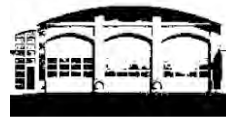
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From the State House to the Fire House



May 2018 "Political" talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

Greetings fellow officers & members,

Well, I hope the winter, the cold, the snow are all behind us by the reading of this edition of the IVFA newspaper (if not someone has really made Mother Nature mad, so would you please stop).

On March 14th the 120th General Assembly adjourned SINE DIE which would normally indicate that the General Assembly has completed its work or the time allotted for them to do their work, however not so fast, as this year even though they did adjourn SINE DIE, it appears the work was not done and a special session is in order. A date has not been set but a "special session" has been called for. Further details to be provided during the annual meeting in June during our state convention.

So again this year we were looking for some assistance with a presumptive cancer bill that would provide financial assistance to those who qualify and had been diagnosed with a work related cancer.

We also wanted to look at "adequate funding" for our departments as I know many of you are out there steadily raising funds, taking of your members' valuable time, hoping to be able to keep the doors open and the service going.

The reality is "Volunteer Fire Service is NOT free", it costs a VFD the same amount to operate as a career department minus the salary and benefits, so we have to convey that message to those responsible and those receiving our services. So we ask that a study be done on adequate funding.

And lastly, we ask that a bill be introduced to address the alarming number of departments that operate "without" legally signed contract.

With that we were quickly inundated with nearly 24 bills that pertained to fire services of some sort. For a list of bills we were watching during this past session and the outcome of them visit our website at www.ivfa.org

We spent a lot of time and energy, with the help of many of you (thank you for your calls and contacts to your legislators) working to stop the small township merger bill.

It is not that we totally disagree that something needs to change but, without the answer to the many questions and with some legislators simply telling us they will fix the problems and concern during the upcoming sessions we simply could not support a merger based upon the numbers. We have some departments serving a population of less than 1200 and doing a very good job while others with a much larger population struggling.

At the end of the day, we did get some bills drafted to address our

concerns but they either died or did not offer the help we were looking for.

We are not sure what the outcome of the "special session" will bring but by our meeting in June (at the State Convention) we should have a final report of all the bills.

That being said, the IVFA is taking a proactive vs. a reactive approach with the help of a 16 member committee (selected of IVFA leadership and volunteer fire service members) who will be looking at the future of our services, the who, what, where, when and most importantly the HOW we continue to offer "the best dollar value" our citizens can get, a Volunteer Fire Service.

Now that our 2018 legislative session is (nearly) over, it's time to turn our thinking toward the 2019 session.

We need to hear from you, you are who we are serving when it comes to legislative issues and concerns. Although we cannot take up personal agenda issues that address just your cause, we can work with and help you when you have an issue that impacts the masses or a large part of our Volunteers. So please, if you have a concern, let your voice be heard, "now" is the time to speak up.

During our Annual Meeting of the membership and during the 2018 convention let us know what you are thinking about, what your needs are and how we can best help you, your members and those you serve.

Just for starters we are looking at a potential "benefits" package that would include the offering or help with higher education (education beyond high school, especially at a college or university) some additional medical assistance, possibly some sort of a pension plan (we have a few to review and study like the LOSAP (named policy) meaning a length of service awards program, as well as a presumptive cancer benefit and maybe a physical for each of our members. If we can diagnose it early we might be able to offer a better treatment to a solution.

We are completely open to your thoughts, and what you think would encourage someone to not only join your department but to want to stick around.

In closing if I might, let me put a plug in for the 2018 IVFA State Convention that will be held June 20 - 23 in Indianapolis at the Indianapolis Airport Crowne Plaza Hotel, where I will provide a complete legislative report during our annual meeting of the members.

We are currently (and by the reading of this article hope to have it all put together, just waiting on the date and you) putting together our traditional convention with our business affairs, banquet, vendor show, Miss Flame contest, memorial service and golf scramble but as indicated in this year's convention slogan "IT WILL NOT BE ROUTINE IN 2018" as a plus we are adding FIRE & EMS - training sessions, completions and an Antique Apparatus Display and Swap Meet. We will be offering a

"live burn" training offered by the Wayne Township Fire Department at their Training Grounds.

Ever hear of a game called Waterball, if not ask me my story about Waterball; I would be happy to share. For all the details and events; look for the Convention Schedule elsewhere in this edition of the paper or go to our website and look up Convention 2018.

We have assembled a very dedicated and experienced committee of members, who have worked diligently to bring to you this year's State Convention but, with out you, your family, and your members all we are is a **COMMITTEE**, we want a **CONVENTION**.

We hope to see you in June at your state convention where "IT WILL NOT BE ROUTINE IN 2018"

Let me know if there is anything I can assist you, your members or your department with, my contact info is listed in the paper and on the website...

See ya... Be safe.

This year's convention challenge coin available at the convention.

Larry Curl

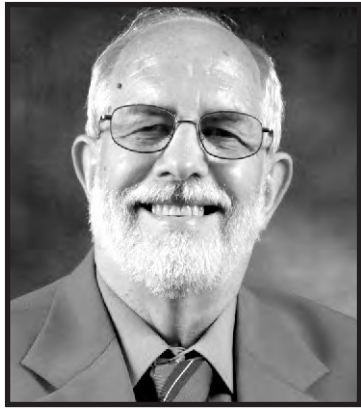
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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

**Public Relations
Director
Northeast
Jean Smith**



I attended the NVFC spring meeting Alexandria, Virginia, April 19th-21st. I am looking forward to meeting you at your district meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me, your Public Relations representative or your district chairman.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

**Public Relations
Director
Southwest
Steve Nolan**



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

I attended the district meetings at Benton Township Fire Department, Claypool Fire Department, Bippus Fire Department, Waterloo Fire Department, Madison Fire Department and six fundraisers.

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

Rose Adams - District #4, Sidney Miller - District #5, Bailey Sheley - District #6, Olivia Lockwood - District #7.

IVFA Convention 2018 will be June 20th-June 23rd, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis. Please look on IVFA.org for Convention information.

Greetings,
DRIVING, every day it seems that you can read or hear of a fire truck or a POV accident with injuries or a fatality. **WHY**, over confident, going too fast, too fast for road conditions, not knowing the roads, not knowing how the vehicle handles. When are we

going to do a better job of training our personnel?

So far this quarter I have attended three IVFA memorial services, district meetings, 50 year pin presentation and county meetings.

Don't forget to get your IVFA plates, dues sent in on time and I hope to see you at the Convention.

I hope everyone has a safe summer and remember, if we don't make it to the scene, how can we be of any help.

Steve Nolan, PRSW

**August deadline:
July 5, 2018**

Miss Flames ...

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meaningful to each of them as they participate for Miss Flame. Be sure to include them in your department's and district activities.

Each year the Miss Flame committee tries to plan a program that will not only provide a fun time but one that the girls can gain some insight to planning or interviewing for college or the job market. They are able to learn to speak before an audience as well as meeting and making lasting friendships with each other. We hope to provide enrichment to their lives and give them support for the future, whatever it may be. We are proud that former Miss Flames have become volunteers, as well as valuable members of both the IVFA & the IVFAA.

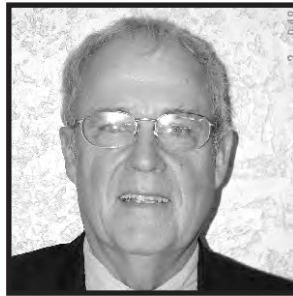
We start planning for a new year as soon as the Convention ends. It takes many hands and ideas to make this program a success. I would like to thank my committee this year that has answered various challenges that they have met and took time from their activities to help in planning this year's program. Thanks to Sharon Wright, Janet Matthews, Christina Reef, E J Smith, Kristy Bisel and Leighanne Ellis. Also thanks to Carol Curl and Paul Holcomb, our presidents, for their support to the program.

Again, welcome to all our Miss Flame participants. We are looking forward to meeting each of you and hope you will enjoy your week with us.

Barb Kerney
2018 Miss Flame Chairman

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 & 2 Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
St. John Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting called to order 7:23 p.m.

Pledge by Larry Bustamante. Paul thanked St. John VFD for hosting the meeting and providing the dinner.

Roll taken: District 1 - 8 Depts., 17 members, District 2 - 4 Depts., 16 members.

Guests: 50 year Gold card members: Bill Casbon, Porter Twp. Vol. FD, Buz Koehler, Past President IVFA, Jeremy Reef, PRNW, Jim Crowell, Sklarewitz Uniforms, Joe Martin, Cancer Awareness Program, Dave Polkow, Global Emergency Products, Pierce Fire Trucks, Bo Kaiser, 5 Alarm, Kaylee Hans, District 1 Miss Flame.

Chief Fred Willman gave a history of the department and talked about the equipment they have. They are a charter member of the IVFA. The department is 108 years old.

Program: Joe Martin gave a short talk on cancer awareness for firefighters. He talked on the importance of cleaning their gear after returning from a fire. Also how important it is to clean the trucks and all gear used at the call. Air packs should be worn during firefighting and also on overhaul. Said his department now requires to have a clean set of clothes to change into and to shower before going home. Said if someone wants to host a training to contact him or Ryan Cusack at CPFR.

Motion made and seconded to dispense with reading of previous meeting. Motion passed.

Buz talked that they are working on a cancer bill again. Need to have a bill passed to require trustees to have contract

with the departments they serve as it will be brought up again in May.

Bill to consolidate townships with less than 1200 people into neighboring townships failed. Will be back next session. Still working on bad addresses.

Old business: None.

New business: 4 - 50 year Gold Cards and Proclamations were presented by District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese, Buz Koehler, Jeremy Reef - PRNW to Edward Stewart, Merrillville FD, Richard Gerlach, Schererville FD, Raymond Wesley, Porter VFD, Charles Stowers, Union VFD.

District 2 had 2 Gold card recipients who could not be there: Mike Muneich, St. John VFD, Bob Tillema, Wheatfield VFD.

Jeremy Reef, PRNW, said IVFA convention is June 20 - 23 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Indianapolis. District 3 to host convention in 2019 at Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

No deaths in the districts.

Announcements: Griffith VFD: Chili cook off, April 21, at the north side station. \$5.00 entry fee.

Lake Ridge VFD having a pancake breakfast March 25 and an open house Saturday, March 24.

Lake Station VFD having a pancake breakfast March 25.

NISSA Derby Fest May 5th, 2018 to be held at Gary Airport. 50/50 raffle tickets available.

Boone Grove VFD, Pancake breakfast, April 15.

Next meeting Dyer F.D., May 16.

Lake Hills VFD July 18.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Passed.

Notes by Linda Watland and submitted by District 2 Chairman Paul Watland

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman
I.V.F.A. District 3 Meeting
January 18, 2018

Bass Lake Fire Department

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Uryga at 1900.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford opened the meeting with a prayer and Chief Les Jensen led the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Bradford called the roll. There were 11 members present representing 5 departments.

Guests present were: Jeremy Reef, Public Relations Northwest, Buz Koehler, Past President, Jack Runion, Rep. for Spencer Equipment.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. The treasury report was read and accepted until time of audit.

Buz Koehler spoke about the new Legislative session that began January 3. There are about 20 bills of interest to volunteer departments. Of special interest is HB 1005, called the "Forced Consolidation" bill. This bill would force townships with a population of less than 1200 to be combined with neighboring townships. This would in effect get rid of townships. This would in effect get rid of some township government and their trustees.

The IVFA is working on a bill that would address occupational cancer screening and funding.

Jeremy Reef spoke about the upcoming convention in Indy and urged everyone to send in their registration forms. He also reminded all present that the deadline for award nominations is February 1.

Chairman Uryga asked if everyone was receiving the newspaper. If you know of any member not getting the paper, let him know so that address corrections can be made.

Chairman Uryga spoke about the "Rescue Wipes" program and handed out a sample pack to all departments present. If you don't use this product, use something to clean your skin and equipment to help remove any residual contamination after a fire.

Chairman Bob also updated everyone on the progress for convention 2019. We have had 6 meetings so far. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Blue

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Chip Convention Center at 6:00. All are welcome.

There will be a bake sale after tonight's meeting thanks to Michiana Shores and Pleasant IVFAA members.

A 50/50 drawing was won by Rick Bradford and given back to the district treasury.

Jim Hall made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Dave Robb. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2005.

Next meeting at Kingsbury on March 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
District 3 Secretary

IVFADist. 3 Meeting
March 15, 2018
Kingsbury Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford opened the meeting with a prayer and Capt. Ken Eslick led

the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Bradford called the roll. There were 12 members present representing 5 departments.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted as read. The treasurer's report was read and accepted until time of audit.

Guests present were: Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist, Carol Curl – IVFAA President, Diane Stapleton - IVFAA District 3 chairman, Jeremy Reef – Public Relations N.W. - Christina Reef, Jack Runion – Sales Rep. for Spencer Equipment and Dave Polkow – Sales Rep. for Global Products.

The first order of business, Chairman Bob Uryga presented a life member Gold card and a State of Indiana "Resolution" to 50 year member Joseph Kapuscinski of Pleasant Township.

Larry Curl gave a Legislative update. HB 1005, the forced consolidation bill, was defeated, but expects it to come up again.

Larry also addressed the issue of how volunteer departments are

funded. We need to study how different departments are funded so that we might be able to bring more equity among the departments. It is difficult to provide adequate equipment for departments that don't have funding they can rely on.

Larry also spoke about convention 2018 and handed out an itinerary.

There being no old business, Chairman Uryga presented 10 year pins to 7 Kingsbury firefighters: Ken Eslick, Jesse Cook, Richard Cooley, Kyle Hall, Stephanie Lant, Jason Osborn, Bruce Vermilyer.

Announcements: Jesse Dove will be heading up the Miss Flame program for the 2019 Convention and she has "Medical Alert" stickers available for cars.

Next meeting will be May 17 at Long Beach Fire Department.

A plaque was donated by Diane Stapleton that was raffled for the benefit of the district treasury.

A 50/50 was won by Joe Kapuscinski, who donated it back to the district treasury.

Dave Robb made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Casey

Freeland. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
District 3 Secretary

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
March 8, 2018
Claypool Fire Department
Claypool, IN

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

Guests:
Jean and E.J. Smith
Larry Curl
Mark Thomson
Tony Farrar

The meeting was called to order by chairman Grolich at 1933 hours with the pledge to the flag following. There were 13 firefighters representing 7 departments present.

January minutes were read and approved as submitted.

Jean Smith reported on current legislation and talked about the firefighter and cancer.

Larry Curl discussed the presumptive cancer bill, career firefighters have coverage, the volunteers DO NOT. Working on the funding for the volunteer fire departments.

He discussed the funding of the day-to-day operation of volunteer fire departments. He stated we should NOT have to have fund rasiers to keep the doors open.

He discussed the legislation of combining townships and forming county-wide fire departments. He remarked on the 2018 IVFA convention in Indianapolis.

I.E.R.C in Indianapolis September 12 thru 15.

Indian Fire Chiefs' Day at the race track on May 16. This includes a fish meal.

John discussed mutual aid resource lists for the fire marshal's office and passed out the blank forms for this.

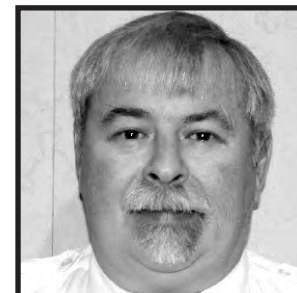
Etna Green has a fish and chicken fry March 24 at Hawthorn Park.

Next meeting at Bremen F.D. on May 10.

Meeting adjourned 2037 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin
Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast, springtime is trying to get here.

Need to thank the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in March. Their hospitality and fellowship were 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! She has been busy attending fundraisers and playing high school softball.

The next meeting as of this publication will be on May 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held at the Topeka Volunteer Fire department in Topeka, IN. Have been busy attending fundraisers in the district and looking forward to the spring fish fries at several departments.

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

BOB POYNTER

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month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your departments e-mail address to spiralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018 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 22nd.

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

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
District 7
January 15, 2018
Berne Volunteer Fire
Department

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Smith at 7:34 p.m. Vice-Chairman Smith led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 26 members representing 5 departments.

November Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith – PRNE and David Rees – Armed Forces Benefits Assoc.

Vice-Chairman Smith invited David Rees of Armed Forces Benefits Assoc. to speak. David explained who they are, how they began to invite first responders into their program, what benefits that they can provide and that they have a free \$3,000 life insurance policy available to IVFA members. David invited anyone interested to meet with him this evening to get further information or to sign up.

Jean Smith, PRNE – HB 1005 is being brought back up, townships with less than 1,200 population would be forced to merge with a

neighboring township.

Over 1,200 HB and 400 SB are drafted to be presented. The IVFA has not yet put out a watch list.

AFG Grants have been renewed for this year.

Information on 10 best practices for cancer prevention was presented.

Information was available from the Marshal's Office on tips to prevent fires.

Steve Koehler – Berne VFD presented a Cancer Prevention power point.

Vice-Chairman Smith – Pipeline safety class schedule is out, look for a class near you.

Award nominations need to be in by Feb. 1st.

Remember Convention in Indy in June.

Next district meeting will be at Bippus East March 19.

Second roll call answered by 26 members representing 5 departments.

Berne has gun raffle tickets available for sale.

Poneto Chili Supper March 17.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Richard Sorg

District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
District 7
March 19, 2018
Bippus East Volunteer Fire
Department.

Meeting was postponed to allow Jason Meier of Indiana Public Safety Peer Support to give a presentation.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 8:09 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 25 members representing 7 departments.

January Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith – PRNE, Sebastian Eckert - Auctioneer and Jason Meier - Indiana Public Safety Peer Support.

Chairman Bisel - No deaths reported in the district since last meeting.

Report from the Central Office. We have 12,000+ members currently, 68 Life Members this year. Starting to mail out membership packets.

The Global Award winner has been selected and will be awarded in June.

Attended Supporting Heroes Gala, briefly explained who they are and what they do.

Just a reminder that the IVFA logo is available, contact District 18B Chairman.

Make sure that you are getting your paper, if not they may have a bad address for you, these bad addresses incur added expense on our mailings.

How many departments have a Facebook page? Working on putting together a District 7 Facebook page.

FDIC is coming up in April.

We are wanting to get back into getting the number of fire and EMS runs from meeting to meeting for the district report to be given to the state.

Buz Koehler is the chief editor for the newspaper and Chairman

Bisel was nominated for assistant editor at the last quarterly meeting.

Be sure to fill out your attendance cards at the meeting for a chance to win prizes at quarterly meeting. This past drawing Districts 12 and 18A took the prizes home.

American Income Life had given an update at last meeting. Last year \$24,500 paid out and \$523,000 YTD paid out in free and supplemental policies.

Convention raffle tickets are for sale.

A reminder if your department holds a raffle, you have to have a permit and follow the current state guidelines, and for your department to accept tax deductible donations your 501c3 status must be in place and current.

Please email Sam with your upcoming events so he can try to attend.

Last year District 7 had 7 depts. with 0 attendance and 2 depts. with perfect attendance.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Thank you to Chairman Bisel for attending the Statehouse to present my 50 year Gold card.

Legislation session is over. The Governor wants to bring it back to session in May to complete more business.

HB1005 failed to get its third reading. Several HB's and SB's that we supported did pass.

Still looking at ways to fund Presumptive Cancer Bill that would cover volunteers.

The IVFA has formed a committee to look into HB1005 since it looks like it will return.

Chairman Bisel – Presented Jean Smith his 50 year Resolution.

Presented 25 year pins to Dennis Lahr, Robert Lahr and Michael Schnitz.

10 year pins presented to Grady Stout and Ronnie Douglas.

Next district meeting will be at Bluffton May 21.

Second roll call answered by 25 members representing 7 departments.

Berne pancake breakfast and gun raffle April 14.

Poe pancake breakfast March 25 and consignment auction March 31.

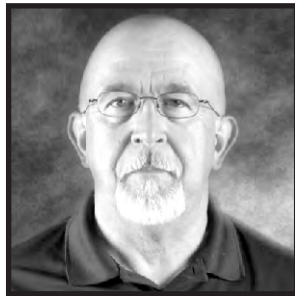
Sam wanted to remind departments that you can post your upcoming events on the IVFA website on the calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Richard Sorg

District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A!

I am hopeful by the time you are reading this article in late April or early May that warmer weather will be here to stay. Mother Nature has thrown just about every kind of weather at us over the last four to eight weeks. I even thought I saw

the kitchen sink go flying by one day. I am ready for some warmer weather and softball season.

The IVFA's State Convention will be held June 20-23 in Indianapolis at the Airport Crowne Plaza on the west side. If you have never attended a State Convention before, this would be a good year to do so. The 2018 convention committee is working hard to make sure your attendance will be a memorable one. Each member department is allowed three voting delegates at the business meeting on Friday. Also one member from each department is paid round trip mileage to and from the convention from their home department. So if you have the time, the committee would like to see you at the convention in June. Additional information about the 2018 convention can be found on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org.

This past legislative session down at the Statehouse was very interesting and a wild one for several bills being watched or followed by your IVFA. Let's start with HB 1005 which took up over half of the session for our Lobbyist to deal with. This bill would have forced smaller townships with populations of 1200 or less to merge or consolidate with a larger township. This bill would have affected several fire departments in District 8A. The problem with this bill is that it did not address fire protection in any way. Because of this overlook and the fact the bill would have affected several fire departments across the State the IVFA and other organizations and associations opposed the bill from the start. This is the second year in a row that an effort was made to do away with or modify township government. Fortunately HB 1005 which had the support of the Republican leadership down at the Statehouse died because of the needed number of votes to pass; the House side was not there and therefore it became a dead bill.

My guess is we have not seen the last of these attempts from the General Assembly to change local government and will see more attempts in the future.

Several other bills being watched or followed by the IVFA passed and have been signed by the Governor. Go to the IVFA website and click on the Legislative link on the left side of the page. Then click on weekly bill track and follow that link. There you will find the status of all bills being watched or followed by the IVFA this last legislative session.

Back in January, District 9A Chairman Pascal Moon and I conducted a joint district meeting that was hosted by Greentown Fire and Rescue in 9A. There were 11 departments in attendance that night, along with several state officers, members and guests. In total there were over 60 persons in attendance that night. I want to thank Chairman Moon for agreeing to try something different and outside the box and for Greentown for hosting the meeting.

Is it just me or does it seem like it is getting tougher and tougher to keep and maintain a full roster of members, not only across District 8A, but in all volunteer departments across the State? Some 8A departments have started Junior

Firefighter programs. I truly believe these types of programs represent the future of the fire service. If your response area has a high school or other types of learning institutions, please consider using that resource to your advantage. Yes, it will take effort and time on your part to establish and mentor these programs. But these junior firefighters will be your roster members of tomorrow when they graduate from the program.

The March meeting for District 8A was hosted by Kempton Fire and Rescue. There were 7 departments and 16 members and guests in attendance. I want to thank Chief Stan Jones and his department for hosting the meeting. Also, I want to thank IVFA President Paul Holcomb and IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl for attending the meeting and sharing information with the group.

Did you know that District 8A had 6 - 50 year members in 2018? That is by far the most I have ever had in 1 year since becoming chairman. Back on February 19 the IVFA recognized all 50 year members across the State down at the Statehouse. Those 50 year members in attendance that day were fed, visited with and had their picture taken with Governor Holcomb and had a resolution read honoring them and were introduced on the House and Senate floors. I was honored to have in attendance that day Bob Dean of the Cicero Twp. VFD in Tipton County and Ron Achor of the Pleasant Township VFD in Grant County. The other departments in District 8A with 50 year members in 2018 were Lafontaine-Liberty Twp. in Wabash County, Gas City VFD in Grant County and Green Twp. VFD in Grant County.

In closing, I want to remind departments to stress to their members to keep equipment and turnout gear clean between runs and this includes helmets, nomex hoods and gloves. Remember turnout gear is designed to protect you but if you do not properly clean, maintain and take care of your issued gear it can kill you, too.

Stay safe!

Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

The District 8B meeting was held on March 14 at 7:30 P.M. at the Portland Fire Department. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag which was led by Chairman Wright. Roll call was taken with 21 members from 10 different departments. Kearsten Cox from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department our

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District 8B ...

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District 8B Miss Flame was in attendance. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old business: Chairman Wright reminded the group of the upcoming convention which will be held in June at the Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis. Told them that H.B. 1005 was voted out.

New business: Told them that the new dues billing packets would soon be coming out. Reminded them to make sure that all the information is correct especially their addresses. Also try and get them paid as soon as possible.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There was a total of 76 fires and 327 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held on May 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Wright thanked everyone for coming and a thank you to the Portland Fire Department for hosting the meeting. He reminded them all to be careful on all of their runs.

Meeting was adjourned and pizza was served.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good day to all I.V.F.A. members,

I hope that things have been quiet in your areas and that this long winter is just about over. It has got to be, because as I was driving to a meeting the other day I saw a sign of spring, no it was not the first robin or any other type of animal that is gone for the winter. It was the ever so famous orange sign of road closure and a few of the new state flowers have shown up also, the orange barrels. Just to remind us to be safe and watch for the road workers in our areas.

This time of the year also brings all the fund raisers; be sure to support some of these departments and maybe you can help a little if they need a little extra hand doing something. I know I will be seeing a few of the departments this spring and will be glad to help if they need it.

This is also the start of those brush, field and woods fires, so let's be careful out there. The last thing any department needs is for someone to be injured.

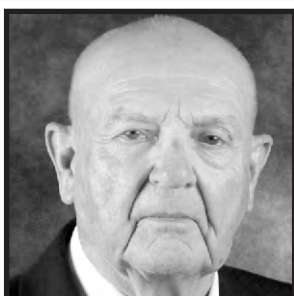
Convention is just around the corner and it sounds like it has a lot of new things going on. If you are planning on going, be sure to get your room quick! The convention committee is planning on water ball for some of the departments that want to participate in this and

sounds like Larry Curl and his crew might be setting up some historical fire equipment to look at. So this could be really something good.

I wish to thank all of the departments I have been to in the last few months and I will be seeing you all in the future. Remember everyone goes home after the call, Safe!

Pascal Moon
District 9A Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

The February meeting was at Clifford Volunteer Fire Department where we had a good meal and a great attendance. Larry Curl presented an update on the legislative side of things. HB 1005 did not make it on the floor for the third time, so it is not going to go anywhere this session.

I had hip replacement on March 8, but I'm happy to report that the severe pain I had going into the hospital is now just a bad memory! Any pain which I am experiencing during the healing process is minimal to that I had before surgery. Likely, I will be having the other hip done at some point in the not too distant future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vice President David Israel and Secretary Jim Davis for conducting the March meeting at Carthage Vol. Fire Dept. in my absence. I heard that I missed good food, a good turnout and excellent program! Two 25 year pins were given to William R Clements and Kenneth McCourt respectively, of the Carthage Fire Dept. A ten year pin was presented to Nicholas John Jacquemin, also of the Carthage Fire Dept. The program for the evening was "Entanglement", with the training simulator the Carthage Fire Dept. has.

The April 18th meeting was held at Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Department.

Have a safe spring and watch for farmers transporting anhydrous, fertilizer, and chemicals as the spring planting season will be here before we know it.

John M. Ray
District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A,

Our meeting was on March 20, 2018 at Nevins Twp. We were served a delicious meal. They always make us feel so welcome.

We have five departments with 10 members and three guests. We had Rod Pressel from Hoosier Fire Equipment, Inc. who presented our program. Very interesting.

Larry Curl spoke on legislation updates. He also gave us a report on this year's convention. Everything is going good. Convention in June 20-23, 2018 at Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis.

I have been to several stations for presenting pins and observing training.

I have performed three memorial services since last time.

Each department has received raffle tickets in the mail. Please encourage everyone to sell them. It helps fund the convention. If you haven't registered for convention, you need to do so right away. Space is limited. Waterball will be played on Saturday.

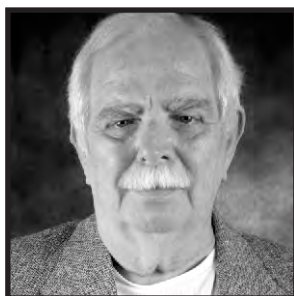
If you have any event coming up, be sure and let me know as I try to attend if I can.

Our next meeting will be at Linton Twp. on May 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

I would love to see someone from each department.

Stay safe,
District 11A chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



John Morphy - Chairman

District 11-B
Dana Vol. Fire Dept.
March 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giles. The prayer was given by Chaplain Pete Taylor and the Pledge to the Flag was led by State Sgt.-of-Arms Brent Bush.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 18 members from 6 departments answering the roll. The guests present were introduced. A special thanks to the Miss Flames attending the meeting was offered by Chairman Giles.

Auxiliary chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests present.

Dana Chief Brent Bush announced that Dana and Hillsdale Fire Departments are merging and will be known as Helt Fire & Rescue.

Larry Curl spoke on the topic Supporting Heros Organization.

This was a very interesting presentation. He then addressed the work in the General Assembly that needed to be finished as this is a short session. Larry then announced that this year's convention will be held in Indianapolis (Wayne Twp.) on June 20 thru June 23. He also announced that waterball contest is back for all those who are interested in this sport.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fillmore Vol. Fire Dept. The meeting was adjourned by Chaplain Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B,

I hope winter is over and spring and planting season weather is here.

Thanks to Williamsburg FD for hosting our last meeting. Larry Polas of Global Emergency Products presented information on new trucks for their company.

House Bill 1005 township merger has died thanks to House Representative Tom Saunders of Lewisville.

If you have any legislative issues you would like to see addressed, please get them to me or our lobbyist Larry Curl.

Chiefs, please check the IVFA web site to make sure your department information is correct; if your department is having a fund raiser please put it on the website calendar or email me a flyer, I will get it put on for you.

Our 2018 convention this year is in Indianapolis at the Crowne Plaza at the airport. The dates are June 20, 21, 22. There will be some training opportunities for hours. Space is limited so register early.

There will be water ball on Saturday 23rd. Contact your district chairman for registration form.

Check out the IVFA web site for more information on the convention at ivfa.org

David, sis says "hi,"; she has words of wisdom for you but they cannot be printed.

I am working on passing out our 10, 25, & 50 year service pins.

Next meeting May 10th, at Dublin 7 p.m.

Jeff Biehl
13B Chairman

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DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome everyone from District 14,

Hope everyone is doing well. I have been out trying to get to departments handing out 10 and 25 year pins and been going to department functions, so if you have anything coming up, get it on the website or call me and I will get it on for you.

Also don't forget this year's convention is in Indy by the airport so come out and see us at convention.

If you want to host a meeting, give me a call.

Thanks,
Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 15,

It has been a busy winter for the IVFA, we spent a lot of time concentrating on legislation this past session. I am sure everyone is aware of the House Bill that was proposed that would have affected a lot of departments in many ways. This legislation is not going to go away, the IVFA is working hard to come up with a proposal that works best for the majority of departments.

I have stayed pretty busy the last few months in my travels around the district. I have visited many departments and Chief's meetings. We have had two district meetings so far this year. The first was in January hosted by Newburgh VFD. I presented Newburgh Chief Paul Campbell the 2017 Global Award and we crowned Arizona Pribble of Chandler VFD our new Miss Flame. I would like to thank Kali Taber who was our 2017 Miss Flame and state runner-up for the outstanding job she did representing District 15 and the IVFA. Thank you Newburgh for the wonderful meal and hospitality.

We held our March meeting at Black Twp. I would like to thank Chief Price and his department for hosting the meeting on short notice. A great meal was provided and there was a lot of good discussion about a various number of items.

I had the pleasure of presenting Jason Webber of New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin at their annual sausage supper in January I also attended the District 17A sausage

supper hosted by Vincennes Twp. If you have never been to this it should be on you bucket list of events to attend.

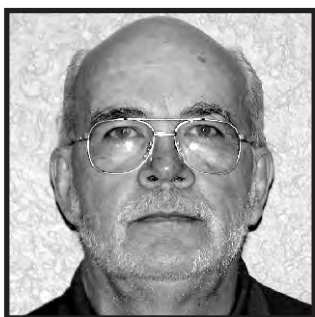
In March my wife and I were fortunate enough to get to attend the Supporting Heroes Gala in Louisville, KY. This is an amazing event which honors the line of duty deaths for Fire, EMS, and Police from the states of Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri.

On March 18th I had the privilege of presenting Dale Leffler of Columbia Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Gibson County with his 50 year pin and Gold Card. I would like to thank his family for letting myself and the IVFA take part in this wonderful celebration. It was very well attended by numerous emergency response agencies in Gibson County. I would also like to thank Chairman of the Board Anderson, Past President Kerney, PRSW Nolan, and 17A chairman Emery for attending this event as well.

Our May meeting will be held May 15th at Owensville Fire Department, I would like to see a great turnout for this meeting as it will be held in their new station. A couple of items that I know will be discussed is the financial situation of District 15 and the possibility of resurrecting a District 15 waterball tournament.

Until next time,
Ross Emery
District 15 Chairman
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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Hello again,
Sorry I missed putting an article in the last paper.

I would like to thank all those who attended the District 17A meeting at the Vincennes Twp. sausage supper January 20th.

State Senator Mark Messer spoke and several IVFA officers also had remarks.

There were 448 people signed in. District 17A had 28 with 246 members. The IVFA had 11 officers present and several other law enforcement, EMS and elected officials.

February 2-3-4 I attended state officer's meeting in Indy where items of the fire service were discussed.

February 8 I attended Taylor VFD meeting in Scotland; talked about fire service items.

February 12 a memorial service was held for Vincennes Twp. firefighter Christian Hanks. Condolences to the department and his family. A Bible and grave marker were presented.

February 16 I attended the funeral of Vincennes Twp. firefighter Robert Stangley. Condolences to his department

and his family. A Bible and grave marker were presented to his mother.

March 1 I attended Taylor Twp. meeting at Scotland.

March 2 a memorial service was held for Southeast Daviess FD member Clint Webster. Condolences to his department and family. A Bible and grave marker were presented to his daughter.

March 8 a memorial service was held for Sandborn VFD firefighter Rickie Harting. Condolences to his department and family. A Bible and grave marker were presented to his wife.

March 14 IVFA District 17A meeting was hosted by Taylor Twp. in Scotland. Jack Kerney from the Central Office was on hand.

Larry Curl (lobbyist) gave a great talk on bills at the Statehouse concerning fire departments. He also spoke about the upcoming convention in Indianapolis. Also in attendance was District 15 chairman Ross Emery, a member of the convention committee.

District 17A Miss Flame Abby Hartzburg was in attendance and received donations for District 17A, District 17A auxiliary, Taylor VFD, Taylor VFD auxiliary and previously Greene Cty. Firefighters Association. Hope you have a good time at convention and do well.

Also at the district meeting were IVFAA president Carol Curl and past president Barb Kerney. They presented 25 year pins to four members of the state auxiliary who are also members of the Taylor Twp. FD auxiliary.

March 18 I held a 50 year presentation for Columbia Twp. VFD member Dale Leffler. Congratulations and thanks for your years of service.

Our next District 17A meeting will be May 16 at the Sandborn VFD. Hope to see you there.

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Robert "Bobby" Brown - Chairman

We have had one meeting since the last quarterly meeting. It was held at Hamblin Township in Brown County. We had some special guests and first up was TJ Cook from Armed Forces Benefits. He spoke about a benefit for members of all Fire, EMS, and Police, offering free \$5000 dollars in benefits. Next, Larry Poland from Global Emergency Products talked about services that were offered in Indiana and Illinois for pump testing, inhouse, mobile testing, repairs and sales.

Our last guest was Lona Huffman from Johnson & Williams Insurance, also a member of Morgantown VFD. She offers insurance services for fire departments and other non-fire services. Lona also is a part of the Large Animal Rescue Team which

talked about services they provide.

A few of our IVFA leaders were there. We had Vice President David Israel, Steve Nolan - Public Relations, Dawn Harris from IVFA District Chairman 17B and Miss Flame Lauren Brown.

Lauren talked about fundraising money for her expense at the State Convention in June. Lauren has an email so she can be contacted to help at your fundraiser: her email is brown17bmissflame@gmail.com; she has fully enjoyed her first two events she has attended. You can also contact me at 812-583-6845.

Dawn Harris spoke about the IVFAA and the many things they contribute at the convention. One is the Chinese Auction. She is asking each fire department in 17B to make a gift basket for the Chinese Auction. The IVFAA offers additional accidental insurance for IVFA members for \$10 dollars a year and also family members at the same price.

Steve talked about House Bill 1005 has been stopped at this time, but the state has put a committee together and 17B has three people serving on this committee. Also, he talked about IVFA trailer which is available for Fire Departments to use at their events. You may contact Steve or Don Cushman for availability.

David Israel was there talking about all House and Senate Bills which affect the fire service. He also talked about the 2018 State Convention wanting to make sure you make your reservations early because of limited space.

My thoughts are as fire service personnel, we have to concentrate in two areas. There are two that stand out to me. One is Cancer! We face this daily in what is being manufactured in today's materials. As we have seen in studies, our groin and neck areas are our greatest risk. We need to all take precautions to protect ourselves. Fire department leaders have a duty to protect their personnel from this risk. Second topic is Training. We need to make sure training is completed and never to take shortcuts. Because there is no place for shortcuts in the fire service. Shortcuts put us all at risk for injury or death.

Thanks, Bobby Brown

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Joe DeKemper - Chairman

When you read this spring should be here along with fishing and mushroom hunting, so get out and enjoy it.

I've been busy with meetings and handing out years of service pins.

A 25 year pin was presented to Chief Steve Kalb Dubois at their annual holiday party along with Phil Jones' 10 year pin. I had the honor of presenting a 50 year Gold card and pin to Art Sonderman of Ferdinand VFD.

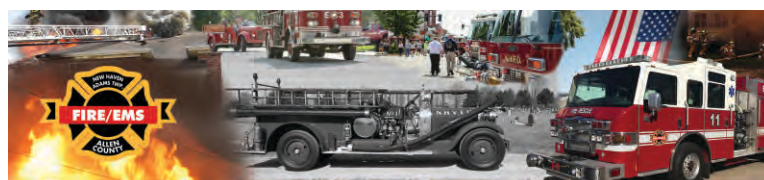
We've had two district meetings since November quarterly meeting. 1st meeting was held at Jefferson Twp. (Otwell). Meeting was called to order at 7:30. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present. Brother Benjamin Brown gave the opening prayer and remembrance of firemen who have passed - Charlie Mcmican, Luce Twp., Ray Vaal, St. Meinrad VFD, Ed Oser, Ferdinand VFD.

Roll call was taken, 53 members representing 18 departments with 336 alarms. Sec./Treasurer's report was read and approved. Guests present Barb & Jack Kerney, Central Office. Jack touched on bad addresses and several House bills that could affect fire departments. Steve Anderson, past president touched on House Bill 1005 that could affect the merger of smaller townships and how it could affect fire department funding.

Scott Schnell gave a report on Dubois County fire school to be held in March at Jasper High School. A 10-year pin was presented to Donnie Weisman, Jefferson Twp. Raffle drawing was held with half pot of \$90.00.

Second meeting was held at Santa Claus. Meeting was called to

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From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



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Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Paul Holcomb. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant of Arms Brent Bush. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Dave Elick.

Roll call was taken with 24 district chairmen present and 1 absent, 5 past presidents, Lobbyist and Executive Council. Also attending were 3 visitors from Districts 8A, 16, and 7. New district chairman was introduced from District 11B, Jack Giles.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PRNW Jeremy Reef seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. He spoke about the computer needed updated to run the new operating system. He purchased one computer at door buster prices and was going to try to reuse the old one for the secretary. New accounting service completed the 1099 forms and will have those mailed out. The new mileage rate is \$.45 which will reflect starting this quarter. Luke covered the summary of finances. Past President Koehler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, second was given by PRWC Larry Bartlow. Motion was passed.

Old Business: Washington D.C. trip, we are sending 9 representatives from our organization.

Supporting Heroes Gala, we have sent in our sponsorship and it is listed on their website. The Association is allowing for 35 representatives from the IVFA to attend.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney - All district meetings that were mailed in were posted to the website. Deceased list, 10 and 25-year pin lists were sent out, departments paid/not paid sent out, 21 dues packets mailed. Membership count is at 14,267 members, a breakdown was given of the levels. 68 new lifetime

members this year. Discussion was had on bad addresses, need to make sure addresses we have are what the post office has as mailing because periodicals are processed differently than first class mail. Letter of Resolution for Life Members at the Statehouse Volunteer day was processed.

Executive Committee Report: Paul Holcomb - Annual insurance review was completed with Lona Huffman, representative from Johnson and Williamson. There was a \$10 increase from the past year, change added drones to be covered in the policy. There were 5 nominations made for the Medal of Valor awards and 2 Life-Saving awards.

Committee Reports:

Awards - Mr. IVFA committee will meet after the conclusion of the Board meeting on Sunday. Nothing from the Angel Award Committee, Jr. Firefighter Committee commented on 2 nominations. Global Award names need to be turned into Vice President Israel by the end of the weekend.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant stated waiting for applications to come in and that it should be easier to fill out since it is listed on the website now.

Budget: Nothing.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, 2 S.O.G. changes up for final approval, Article 9 Section 7 Election of District Officers added to the section. Article 11 Section 9 Mileage Expense allowance raising it from \$.40 to \$.45.

Vote on Article 9 Section 7, motion carried by majority vote.

Vote on Article 11 Section 9, motion carried by majority vote.

Also held discussion on names listed in by-laws for the insurance carrier, will speak with Lona about this. The committee is also going to print an updated copy of the By-laws and S.O.G.s to make sure everyone has the most current and correct copies before their elections this year. They will be available at the May 2018 quarterly meeting. Contract procedures is being tabled for this meeting.

Clothing Claims: Nothing at this time.

Convention: 2017 Convention committee final paperwork completed is currently in question, waiting for Vice President to return. Convention 2019 contract still waiting for host hotel to finish their paperwork. Convention 2020 needs to have letter of intent to bid turned in this weekend. Convention 2018 State Committee has the most current registrations and hotel reservations. They can give you your reservation confirmation if needed. The double rooms are full in our block as of now.

EMS: District 8A Jerry Liston, reported attending last 2 commission meetings. He states a study was completed that shows a 39% decrease in EMS certifications in the last 7 years. Recertifications are maintaining, and the State Board of Health reports the average on trauma transfers across the state is around 5 hours.

Insurance: Treasurer Luke Kluender, Workman's comp. insurance went down a little in addition to what was listed above.

Legislative: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, February 19th, Volunteer Firefighter's Day at the Statehouse. We will meet in the Rotunda at 9 a.m., then go to the South Atrium for Speaker and move to Governor's Office. The day will conclude around 2 p.m. Discussion was held on the Association sponsoring a small lunch for the day.

Chaplain Dave Elick made a motion to cater the Statehouse lunch not to exceed \$2000.

PRNW Jeremy Reef seconded.

Discussion on if it was in the budget to cover, and if there was a price point in where we are working with. Treasurer Kluender will give a definite answer the next day. Past President Zeeks asked for a contingency plan.

Motion carried to board action.

HB 1005 will most likely pass in the House on Monday, Feb. 5, and go to Senate. Everyone is being asked to contact legislators to tell them to vote no. If bill passes, it will create a door that opens to eliminate townships and could possibly eliminate volunteer fire departments completely. Suggestion from the Lobbyist to possibly look into hiring a second lobbyist to work in the Senate specifically on this bill to help get it stopped. Larry gave a name of Matt Norris who would be willing to help.

BREAK

All districts need to have 2 year's worth of minutes, treasurer's reports and bank statements turned in for the Audit committee to review.

President Paul Holcomb took a moment to present District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga with his 50 year Gold card and pin.

He also noted that the new parade flag is complete and displayed at the meeting this weekend; comes with stand and a dress harness for flag ceremonies.

LODD: Chaplain Dave Elick, no LODD deaths this quarter. The vouchers are being turned in but they are not being completed. Discussion was held that there should be 2 LODD deaths listed, and the information hasn't been turned in. The information has been corrected and reflects as such.

Logo: District 18 Joe Dekemper, Nothing to report. Lobbyist Curl brought up discussion as to why we ask for permission. Reason given that District 18 created the patch and is the only district that can sell the patch. The committee is created to govern the proper use of the logo. The logo only needs permission to be used if someone is selling something to gain profit. If a member wants to use the logo they may use it as long as they do not use it for profit. The committee has a guideline list they follow and each chairman should have a logo requirements page.

Membership and Marketing: Secretary Leighanne Ellis, spoke about going through the clothing inventory and getting rid of older clothing to make room for new clothing. Possibly raffling off at

each district meeting twice a year. Make sure that we also include benefit sheets within the dues packets again. Also spoke about highlighting one benefit per quarter in the paper so there could be more details on that specific benefit. Insurance has had a lot of confusion and questions recently.

Newspaper: Past President Koehler, this current issue is 36 pages long. Total count of papers printed was 14,054 papers mailed.

Public Relations: PRSW Steve Nolan, Discussion on a new wrap for the PR trailer. Cost is around \$2200 but will look for other prices. The names for LODD will also need to be added. There was discussion for use of a laptop in the trailer and during FDIC for presentations. If there is a used one somewhere, they would be willing to reuse it for this purpose. FDIC is April 26-28, 2018, the committee will need workers for those days from 12-6, 9-6, and 9-3 on the respective days. They also have PR items to place in the trailer, i.e. bags, pens, bracelets. If you would like to reserve the trailer, please contact PREC Don Cushman.

Social Media and Website: District 16 Josh Reiser, top page views for website were blue light, maps, and calendar, Facebook page has 6,003 likes.

Special Projects: Past president Buz Koehler, discussion was held on HB 1005 and without knowing the outcome, decided they would place the redistricting project on hold until a decision was made unless they had specific requests from membership.

Training: Past president Steve Anderson, discussed Board Firefighter Standards meetings, it has come out in the January meeting that John Buckman will be retiring. Discussed issues with the Driver Operator Program, it is now a module system. Module A is truck components and then goes to next set which would be engine, aerial and water supply. This system has a time limit of three years after Module A completion to get others finished, if not finished, have to retake Module A. Also spoke on the Dubois County Fire School on March 17-18 and 24-25, 2018. Future PR trainings discussed with Public Relations directors, they know what is being sought after. Discussion was held on all courses going through the Acadis Portal, but you must have your email and password from when you received your PSID number.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, talked about a Jr. Firefighter program and that Larry Curl will be working on this for the convention this year and then we will continue to develop it from there to go statewide. Randall Congar held a Facebook presentation and will give a presentation to the group at the next quarterly meeting in May.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith, last board meeting was January 22 at Indianapolis Fire Headquarters. Chris Johnson, Civilian member, passed away. We

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting
Sunday, February 4, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Carol Curl. Opening prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis.

Recording secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 23 officers, 9 IVFAA members and no guests.

Corresponding secretary Janet Matthews was asked to read the minutes from the November 2017

quarterly meeting. Minutes read and spelling corrections of Berne VFD and Randall Konger were made to them. Barbara Kerney made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections and Lou Bartlow seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried of accepting minutes with corrections.

Steve Anderson came and spoke to the group requesting each district bring 350 items from their area for the goody bags that are given at convention. Can be pamphlets of attraction in your area, pencils, pens, key chains, any token you can get to give to other Hoosiers from your area. Steve also spoke of convention reservations of rooms and gave confirmation numbers to those that have booked. Rooms are filling up fast as space is limited.

Tammy Williams here from American Income Life Insurance and spoke to the group. She will get extra packets together that we can have to take back to our districts. She informed us that members that move out of state but still pay dues are eligible to keep the insurance coverage.

President Carol Curl reported to the group that she was contacted and aware that the following people would not be at this quarterly meeting for various reasons:; Joann Hayes, Leslie Spears, Jerri Johnson, and Dorothy Reiter. Informed the group of the recent passing of Vice President David Israel's mother this

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past week and that flowers were sent from the IVFA & IVFAA. Also, that in lieu of flowers a donation can be made in her memory to the Burney VFD or Hospice. Lou Bartlow made a motion that we donate money for our portion of the flowers and give it to David Israel to take back to the Burney VFD. E.J Smith seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried to donate money. Basket being passed around for collection of money to donate. Phyllis Vargo made motion that the \$21 that was left to the organization from the Schererville auxiliary be put into the IVFAA flower fund, Lou Bartlow seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried to put that money into the flower fund. Carol Curl gave update on House Bill 1005 was brought out of committee and will be getting voted on, on Monday. Carol gave Janet Matthews a thank you on the detailed meeting minutes that are being taken and sent out.

Vice President Heather Holcomb gave report on the raffle. We have an axe, it is a 911 memorable axe, Kitchen Aide mixer that is red and the third prize will be \$100. We have the tickets and last night the tickets were put into the envelopes that the men send out about convention. 15 of our tickets were put in them at no cost to the IFVAA. Any districts

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Lou Bartlow - Chairman
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order at 7:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present. Rev. Bob Dooley gave opening prayer and remembrance of firemen who have passed - Bill Moesner, Huntingburg, Franklin Becker, Ferdinand, Richard Schmitt, Haysville, Scott Whitehead, Rome VFD.

Roll call was taken with 56 members representing 18 departments, 300 alarms. Sec./treasurer's report was read and approved.

Guest present Miss Flame Aubrey Ruxer helped with the raffle drawings and said she would like to be invited to fire department functions.

Barb & Jack Kerney from Central Office spoke on House Bills / bad addresses / dues to be paid.

Steve Nolan, PRSW talked about 10 year, 25 year, 50 year pins; what dedication it is to have served your department. Reminded the convention is coming up in June at Indianapolis.

DNR Lynn Krodol gave a small talk on fire season and what surplus equipment DNR has available for your departments.

Justin Frick from Holland won the gas gift card.

Carter VFD asked to host the memorial service again, it will be held on Oct. 7th at Carter Fire Department (Dale).

A 25 year pin was presented to Chief Max Meyer, Santa Claus.

Chairman DeKemper spoke on the IVFA day at the Statehouse for our 50-year members. What a true tribute to our members who could attend the day at the Statehouse. It was an honor for me to be with our 68 members who got to meet the Governor and legislators of the state.

On May 2nd I had the honor of presenting three Gold card members their Gold card and pins commemorating 50 years of service with the Birdseye VFD. Recipients were Mike Berg, Ed Stroud and Ray Atkins. Birdseye firemen Kody Lane and Jason Lueken received 10 year pins.

Our next meeting will be May 17th at St. Henry VFD.

June is fast approaching. That means it's convention time in Indy June 20-23, come join us for a

good time.

Joe DeKemper
District Chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello everyone,

It has been a rough end to winter and start of spring.

I would like to commend the department in the district that had to deal with flooding in their areas and the long hours that were put in.

The district meetings for the rest of the year are May 24th at Delaware Fire, July 26th Brookville Fire, September 27th Jeff Craig Fire, November 15th Milan Fire. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

The November meeting is when we pick our Miss Flame for the district. We did not have one in 2018. The entrant must be 15 years old, not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana. If you have a young lady in your department that would like to run for Miss Flame let me or Pam Gerdowsky know. Convention is right around the corner, the dates are June 20th, 21st, 22nd. Hurry and get your reservations in as space is limited. There will be training opportunities, Board of Firefighter Standards meeting and a good time. Registrations are in the paper. Check the website for schedule and updates. I would like to congratulate members of Brookville Fire Michael Wilson on receiving his 50 year Gold card and Danny Burns for his 45 years of service.

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might need to think about someone to put into that position. Administrative law judge, on military leave, asked for interim approval. John Buckman talked about module system for Driver Operator certification in what apparatus can be used in driving for certification. He also stated he would be turning in his resignation. Fire Marshal Greeson spoke on LODD. 2018 meeting on website, next meeting Monday, March 12, 2018 at Delaware County EMS Station 3 in Muncie, IN.

Fire Alliance: Larry Curl, Alliance requested for the Director of Homeland Security attend and give us update on activities in offices. He was not present at our meeting to speak. Question was brought up on who would possibly replace Mr. Buckman and concern with how the process of replacing him is being handled.

Fire Academy Work Group - No activity, will be removed from agenda for time being.

Heroes Competition: Mike Dzuba, he spoke with Jeff Hayes and competition will be held the first weekend in May. It will cost more due to insurance and teams will have to find their own room and board for the night before.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks, next meeting is the 20th of February.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, next meeting is April 19, 2021 in Washington, D.C.

License Plates: Jack Kerney and Luke Kluender, 4,328 sold for the year. Spoke about removing from agenda since we no longer have to send out papers. We do not get report anymore for per county sales.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman, nothing at this time.

Officer's Reports:

President, Paul Holcomb, traveled shy of 2000 miles, 2 LODD memorial services.

Vice President, David Israel, thanks to all in mother's passing. Attended county meetings, 10 district meetings, memorial service, legislative forum. 4 department meetings and a Speaker's Bureau department meeting.

Chaplain, Dave Elick, 2 LODD memorial services, this quarter there have been 7 services

with Associate Chaplains.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, received two cards in the mail from JL Systems, and from the family of Kendall James Murphy Family.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, went to district meetings, and Vincennes sausage supper.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, no orders for this quarter. Updated of past Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush.

Historian, John Davies, Buz Koehler has pictures from the past that he is wanting to pass along to John. President Holcomb has challenged the Membership and Marketing Committee with updating the history on the website from 2006 to present.

Chairman of the Board, Steve Anderson, attended 1 LODD, several meetings, handed out some pins, made December Fire Alliance meeting.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, attended 5 district meetings and some department meetings.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 8 district meetings, Vincennes sausage supper, helped District 6 chairman pass out 10 and 25 year pins.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, attended 7 district meetings, 1 memorial service, passed out a few pins, found a new district chairman.

PREC, Don Cushman, attended all but 1 district meeting. Thanked everyone for the phone calls and cards from when his mother passed. Moved IVFA trailer around, make sure to get your name on the calendar for when you need it.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, attended 3 memorial services, 4 district meetings, and county meetings.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 3 district meetings, county chief's meeting.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, nothing to report at this time.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, nothing to report at this time.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, Pass.
Jack Zeeks, if you're interested in running for office need to let him know by the end of this weekend. Also watch your fire hoses on a fire scene, a lot of hoses are getting run over.

Buz Koehler, 12 district meetings, 1 Gold card presentation, Tri-County meeting, 2 trips to the Alliance meeting, 2196 miles. If you have the opportunity to have the firefighter cancer training out of District 1, please do the training.

Jack Kerney, attended quarterly meeting, 4 district meetings, 2 memorial services. Tried to put together a cancer class for convention, but was unable to. Also brought up that the dirtiest part of the equipment next to PPE is probably the inside of our trucks and might need to remove seats and clean them to get everything cleaned.

Larry Ketchem, Pass.

Steve Anderson, Pass.

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neese, attended 2 memorial services, all 2017 pins completed.

District 2, Paul Watland, Global Award presented and 1 memorial service.

District 3, Bob Uryga, thanked Marshall Neese for helping with memorial service. Reported the loss of Norm Carpenter, Life Member.

District 4, Elton Schafer, visited 2 departments and handed out 25 year pin.

District 5, John Grolich, 3 - 50 year pins and cards, station clock, 2

district meetings and 2 appreciation dinners, 3 county meetings, 4 Bibles with one going to a 70 year member.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, one Global Award presentation, several 10 and 25 year pins, lots of fundraisers.

District 7, Sam Bisel, report handed in.

District 8A, Jerry Liston, thanks to David Israel and Don Cushman for coming to visit with Upland Fire Department and helping to bring them back into the membership.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright, Global Award presentation, 10 year pins passed out, fundraisers.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, 2 district meetings, 4 - 25-year pins, couple county meetings, and thank you to Jerry Liston for co-hosting District 8A and 9A meeting together.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent.

District 10, John Ray, 9 department meetings, 50 year Gold card, 4 county meetings.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, 6 departments, 4 25-year pins, 3 10-year pins. All 10 year pins passed out and 3 25 year pins left to get out.

District 11B, Jack Giles, 1 district meeting, visited 8 departments, and passed out 1 10-year pin.

District 12, Anthony McClure, 2 district meetings, 1 special event, about 16 pins and scheduled a Fire 1/2 district funded class for area departments.

District 13A, Mike Dzuba, 2 district meetings, 1 LODD, 15 25-year pins, 30 10-year pins, 3 fundraisers, 2 county meetings, had 1 department return to membership.

District 13B, Jeff Biehl, thank everyone for cards and calls on mother's passing. Passed out 10 year pins, 4 Bibles and grave markers.

District 14, Rick Cannon, handed out 10, 25, and 50 year pins and Gold cards. Reported fire museum has more items in it down in Jeffersonville.

District 15, Ross Emery, District meeting, crowned Miss Flame, presented Global Award, passed out pins, 2 deaths in district, 1 memorial service and a Bible and grave marker presentation.

District 16, Josh Reiser, pass.

District 17A, Sam Emery, Vincennes sausage supper, 450 in attendance, 50/50 Drawing over \$1000, attended a visitation and 1 LODD.

District 17B, Bobby Brown, 3 district meetings, 1 25-year, 4 10-year pins, new Miss Flame, also worked with a fire department and were able to assist with their ISO rating.

District 18, Joe DeKemper, 2 district meetings, 4 memorial services, 12 /25-year pins.

District 19, Steve Macke, district meeting, 3 10-year pins, 1 25-year pin, thanked everyone for well wishes on surgery and updated on findings of cancer.

District 21, Ed Watson, crowned Miss Flame, handed 10 year pins, attended retirement dinner and handed out 25 year pin.

New Business:

- FDIC volunteers needed, get with Steve Nolan to sign up for a shift.

- President Holcomb

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that want to take tickets back with them today come see me after the meeting. Ticket cost is \$1 each.

Tammy Smith gave recording secretary report of membership as today we have 27 Life members, 52 departments, 658 paid by departments and 194 Individuals with a total of 879 members of the IVFAA.

Tammy showed the group the laptop that was purchased for the recording secretary and about going thru the records and if anyone's number has been given to more than one member, this will be corrected. Tammy also got the fire safe cabinet to keep the records in as well. Tammy reports she did send out the letter to individuals about past dues and has received nearly \$1200 in paid dues from individuals. Had some bad addresses and got some letters returned. Asked chairmen to review their lists and let her know if someone is deceased or no longer a member. Reviewed that annual dues are due July 1st and considered delinquent after Sept. 30th each year.

Corresponding secretary Janet Matthews had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report was given by Martha Biehl. Copies of account proof were passed out to those in attendance by Sergeant at Arms, and Martha reviewed the accounts aloud. No additions or corrections made, stand approved as read and subject to audit.

Chaplain Beth Caudill reports prayers needed for Kay Shumaker's mother, Tammy Smith's daughter has the flu and diabetes issues, District 21 Miss Flame Shelby Butler is having surgery March 26th. E.J Smith's granddaughter was in hospital, David Israel's family, Maxine Davies is back in Rehab Center in Greencastle, Eddie Smith's mother Norma Smith is not well, Beth Caudill's grandson Keaton has a blood disorder, Diane Stapleton has fallen on the ice and had concussion.

Buz Koehler came to address the group and brought newspapers. Still working on incorrect addresses and a few men have been added to help with this. Advised if anyone has changes that need to be made on their information in the paper can send an email to the editor to update

that or get the information to your corresponding secretary and she will submit it for update.

A 10 minute break was taken.

Carol reports that the basket came back to the table and \$125 was collected and given to David Israel.

David thanked the group for all the thoughts and prayers and cards that were sent to the family during the loss of his mother.

Vice President of IVFA David Israel informed IVFAA that the men need a copy of our gaming license and the importance of keeping track of the tickets and money as selling them. President Paul Holcomb came in and addressed the group thanking everyone for the help of stuffing envelopes last night and brought extra tickets for the VP project. Tells that he must have a copy of our gaming license before he can send out the letters with the ticket in them. Martha Biehl will get a copy made for them. Announces a convention meeting is being held in the symposium this afternoon for all that want to attend.

New Business:

Carol informed group she has

been approached by a district that would like to hold a silent purse auction at a quarterly meeting to help raise money for their district and she wanted everyone's thoughts and ideas about this. Lou Bartlow made a motion to allow districts to be able to bring in or have money-makers at the quarterly meetings if it doesn't interfere with the meeting, Carolyn Watson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Masquerade will be February 17th downtown at the Columbia Club and proceeds go to Hoosier Burn Camp.

Old Business:

The proceeds from the 50/50 raffle this year will be divided between the Miss Flame Committee and the Mary Mackin Committee, the tickets were printed and donated free of charge this year. Lou Bartlow made a motion that this year's 50/50 be divided between Miss Flame and Mary Mackin and that each year the parent organization will decide and vote where the funds will go to each year, Christina Reef seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

President Carol Curl now addressing each committee and

asking for a report:

Line officers will have a meeting next quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 5th at 1 p.m., all please plan to attend.

Audit Committee: Barbara Kerney reports nothing new.

VP project: Heather reports she has tickets and anyone wanting to take any back to their districts come see her after the meeting.

Miriam Schaekel Award: Per Lou Bartlow, we are ready.

Lois Boaz Award: Carol Curl announces her committee will meet today after this meeting.

Historian: All okay per Phyllis Vargo.

Membership Committee: Leona Uryga reports her group met yesterday and are working on a new information sheet about the IVFAA that can be given to district chairs for them to have to give to new potential members as well as put in with the membership packet that we have. Group will meet again on Saturday, May 5th at 2:30 p.m.

Miss Flame Committee: Barbara Kerney reports she is getting applications coming in as they are due by March 1st and her committee will meet at next quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 5th.

Jewelry Committee: Suzie reports all is OK.

Mary Mackin Committee: per E.J Smith had a meeting yesterday and all is OK.

Budget & Finance Committee: per Christina Reef they met yesterday and are starting to get more real numbers to help with the budgeting. We will meet again at next quarterly meeting Saturday, May 5th at 3 p.m.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow says all okay.

Nominations Committee: Carolyn Zeeks announces we will be ready.

Installation Committee: Phyllis Vargo reports that Betsey Howe plans to be at convention, if not the backups are in place.

President's Advisory Committee: Martha Thomas says all is OK.

Bylaw Committee: Tammy Smith says they met today and all okay and will meet at next quarterly meeting again on May 5th.

Memorial Throw Committee: Carol reports none has been needed.

Chinese Auction Committee: Janet Matthews reports she has a message from Lori Baxter to tell everyone and anyone that can donate a basket for the auction to please try to bring them to the May quarterly meeting as it helps her get organized. Those that don't bring it in May can bring it to convention.

SOG Committee: Joyce Nevil tells that letters were sent out to all districts about the Mary Mackin and Miss Flame split for them to have districts to vote. She also reports she has had questions from districts wanting clarification about the Miss Flame prizes being in the budget? Budget & Finance committee clarified yes, it is in the budget that was given when they split. Martha Biehl reports on the Mary Mackin account has never been in an interest-bearing account and that she researched it

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and the options and the account will be kept in the checking account as it is set up in and it is not an interest-bearing account. Joyce comments that corrections will continue to be made to the SOG's to reflect these changes.

Chaplain's Assistant Committee: Beth reminds the group to contact us if you need us.

50/50 Committee: E.J. Smith reports all is good and all on board.

Communication & Technology Committee: Contact Heather Holcomb if having issues with emailing.

President Carol Curl thanked everyone for their hard work in the committees for the benefit of the organization.

Ladies' Ditty Bags - in years past we have put together bags for the ladies at convention and we will be doing the same this year. We are asking that if your chairmen can get 100 pieces or items from your area to put in the ditty bags to bring it to the May quarterly meeting. Ladies enjoy the token so let's try to come together to complete this.

Marie Emery reports she needs a

couple of 25-year pins for her district and Suzie Lewis will get with her to get them.

We had a lost check for dues from a district and they don't want to re-write another check for it. Phyllis Vargo reports this group is refusing to re-write another check to the IVFAA. The group admits their check has not been cashed but they will not re-issue another one. The IVFAA is not going to just give them a paid status on their word of how much was paid and for whom a new check must be issued or they will remain in an unpaid status.

President Carol Curl asked the group if anyone had anything else for the good of the order? Christina Reef made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, E.J. Smith seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

Chaplain Beth Caudill gave a closing prayer and meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

to us a most worthy slate of those willing to "step up" and be a part of our leadership team.

This is also our time to show our love to all those beautiful young ladies as we are blessed with, all our MISS FLAME contestants, those returning and those new to the challenge. We wish each of you the best of LUCK as you attend, participate, show / share your skills and excitement with us during all of your events as contestants this year. Remember to look at your schedule of events and be ready to have some fun as you greet your returning friends and meet new ones, this is not only a convention experience but a life time experience as well. To each of you GOOD LUCK, and as the director of the Miss Flame event, Barb Kerney always says, you are all winners in our eyes.

Ladies, we should all have some assignments and duties during the convention; please check with your committee to get your assignments, your responsibilities and support our Association while at the 2018 IVFA State Convention.

Districts, remember we should all be thinking about or have already brought in our "District Baskets" for our annual fund raiser.

Now on a personal note, I have been active this past year in visiting with as many of you, your auxiliaries and your departments as I could.

I also have taken on the challenge as many of you have of GROWING our MEMBERSHIP. I'd like to tell you why I think a strong membership program is important to our Auxiliary. Becoming a member of the IVFAA is about much more than a \$10 membership cost. Membership is about Identity, Feedback, Support, and Strength. I'm not going to prance around the fact that your membership provides a valuable revenue source for the auxiliary but we see your membership as much more than a financial transaction. As a member you have become a closer

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appointed the Nominating Committee, Chair Jack Zeeks, Don Cushman, Ed Scheele. If you are interested in running for an office make sure to let them know by the end of this weekend.

President Holcomb appointed newspaper editor's assistant as Buz Koehler. Buz discussed the succession and progression of the Association and making sure that we have people in the positions to take over offices and positions in the case of an emergency. Buz has opened up the option of adding an assistant to this position, so they can be trained properly to step up if needed. Bobby Brown and Sam Bisel both have shown interest in helping and being trained and President Holcomb appointed to the training.

Notice has been given that our membership and the state is receiving solicitations from a Volunteer Firefighter's Association from Milwaukee, WI. They are not associated with us and we have been directed to make sure our membership knows it is not from us and we do NOT endorse it.

President Holcomb

part of the IVFAA, someone that might have come for the benefits but stayed for the camaraderie.

Members provide a vital connection to our governance process. We listen intently to what you say and we use this information to gauge our effectiveness and to constantly review our policies.

Our State Auxiliary provides networking opportunities, connects with our district members and uses the power of our numbers to become a stronger membership based IVFAA that is robust, healthy, and growing.

Please help me help us by encouraging and promoting membership within our IVFAA. I am very proud and excited for our newest memberships and hope you are, too. If you see some new faces please take the time to introduce yourself and make them welcome.

By the reading of this article, Easter will have passed but I do hope you and your family had a most enjoyable observance of the day. I hope you shared the customs that have become associated with Easter with family and friends alike including the egg decorating and hunting, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that I hope you were able to enjoy as well.

Most of all, I hope we all remembered the true meaning of Easter, that of the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and brought the gift of forgiveness and eternal life to all who would like to receive it - the new covenant.

In closing as I share with you at every opportunity, I am always happy to assist and your calls are always welcome.

Carol

appointed Diane Harrison as Assistant Secretary.

Also need to look at a transition or emergency plan for the Central Office.

Discussion on laptops, last meeting approved for new secretary and treasurer computers, but Public Relations is wanting one for the trailer. Suggestion is to repurpose the old treasurer computer and give it to Public Relations. It was decided to give to that committee.

Lobbyist and Legislative Chairmen have requested 20 Challenge coins be sent with them on the Washington, D.C. trip. Sam Bisel made a motion to send them, Dave Elick seconded the motion. Motion passed and will go to Board action.

Jack Zeeks made a motion to recess the meeting, Jeremy Reef seconded. Recessed at 1725.

Sunday, February 3, 2018 - Business meeting continued.

Meeting reconvened at 0831 by President Holcomb.

Chaplain Dave Elick gave morning message.

Guest Tammy Williams from American Income Life came to update on claims paid, for 2017, 7 claims were paid out for a total of \$24,500 through the accidental death and dismemberment policy with the Association. Total claims for 2017, under additional cover purchased by members is \$68,262.66. Year-to-Date in partnership with AIL, the payout has been \$523,209.68. Also reminded us of their food pantry available to the Association.

If there is a questionable claim, send it in and the underwriters will determine what happens with claim.

Turn in Global Award names to Vice President Israel this morning.

John Smith, announced Jasper Fire School has been taken over by Dubois County Fire School. Dates are March 17 & 18, and 24 & 25, 2018. You can go to www.Duboiscountyfireschool.com

President Holcomb has raffle tickets for Convention to be passed out to all district chairmen. Tickets

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Diane Stapleton - Chairman

IVFAA District 3
Auxiliary meeting
March 21, 2018
Michiana Shores
Fire Department

Chairman Diane Stapleton opened the meeting at 7:29.

A prayer was said by Leona Uryga.

Roll call was answered by 5 from Michiana Shores and 1 from Pleasant.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and will stand as read.

The treasurer's report showed \$624.49 in the general account and \$20.00 petty cash.

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are \$1 a piece. Thanks to those who helped stuff envelopes for mailing. Cannot sell until emailed letter.

Treasurer Luke Kleunder, room rate change for this weekend and mileage went up as well, make sure to update it on your vouchers. The old laptop has been turned over to Don Cushman.

Steve Anderson made a challenge to have all the district chairmen bring items from all over the state to put into welcome bags. They need to be turned in by May meeting

District drawing: \$100 Gas Card - Justin Frick, Holland Fire Department, District 18. Station Supply Caddy - Lowell Hamilton, Brown Township Fire Department, District 12.

Past President Jack Zeeks motioned to adjourn, second from PRWC Larry Bartlow. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 0910.

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Board Action Business Meeting:

Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson called meeting to order at 0912.

Reading of the minutes, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept them as printed, second was made by District 13A Mike Dzuba, motion passed.

Opened elections of 2018 Chairman of the Board. PREC Don Cushman nominated Steve Anderson, no other nominations, voice vote majority rules on nomination.

Statehouse dinner: Chaplain Dave Elick made a motion to spend up to \$2000 on the dinner, PRNW Jeremy Reef seconded, discussion was held on possibility of running short on food. Motion was rescinded and amended to \$2500 being spent. Motion passed by majority.

Second Lobbyist: Discussion held on cost and value of need for position on HB 1005. District 17B Bobby Brown made motion to spend a max of \$7500 on a second lobbyist with the Executive Council and Lobbyist to finalize details. Past President Jack Kerney second.

Hero's Competition: District 13A Mike Dzuba made a motion to donate \$1000 to the competition. Chaplain Dave Elick gave second, motion passed with one nay.

Challenge coins to Washington, D.C.: District 17B Bobby Brown made a motion to send 20 coins at the cost of \$10 each for a total of \$200 be sent with lobbyist. District 7 Sam Bisel seconded. Motion passed.

Jack Kerney stated he will be coming back to May meeting with inventory on pins, we will probably need more, we were able to make it through this last mailing and held us for at least 5 years.

Associate Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky gave benediction.

Motion to adjourn meeting by PRNW Jeremy Reef, seconded by District 21 Ed Watson. Meeting adjourned at 0932.

IVFAA President Carol Curl



Greetings, fellow Auxiliary members,

Spring... is in the air, but it's not necessarily everywhere. As I pen this article looking out my patio door, I'm seeing the remains of our (hopefully) last snow of the season where we had 10" of wet, heavy white stuff dumped on us this past week. However I will continue to think "spring" and hopefully it has arrived.

Speaking of spring we (all of us) have some planning (and possible planting) to do. As of the reading of this edition of our newspaper, flowers should have begun to bloom, our vegetable gardens should be in the ground, and oh yes, CONVENTION is right around the corner.

Talking about Convention and planning, I hope you have made your reservations and gotten your registration. Conventions can be a lot of work but also when we always seem to find time to have a good time and this year hopefully is no different.

Conventions are where memories are made and friendships are shared. I invite you to attend our business sessions, get involved, stay informed, and share with old friends as well as make new ones. Remember this is the time we select our leadership for the upcoming year. I am sure our nominating committee will bring

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

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,
Our next District 6 meeting will be Tuesday, May 22nd, 7 p.m. at Topeka Fire Department, Noble County, please try to attend.

Bailey Sheley is our District 6 Miss Flame. She will be representing Ligonier Fire Department at our State Convention, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis, June 20-23, 2018. Please remember to get registered and hotel reservations soon.

Please remember to look at our District 6 Facebook page to see what is going on in the district.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

The District 7 meeting was held on March 19 at Bippus. They served a nice dinner before the meeting.

The Auxiliary members first attended the debriefing program that the men held. It was very interesting.

Our meeting was called to order by Joyce Nevil, District Chairman, with the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken and there were 7 auxiliary members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. IVFAA minutes were read and discussed. Chinese auction basket was discussed on what to make for Convention. Joyce is looking into it and the members will decide at our May meeting.

District 7 Miss Flame Olivia Lockwood reported on activities she has been involved in at different fire stations. The Miss Flame project for convention is to get travel size items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.). They are going to take them to a women's shelter in June at convention in Indianapolis. If anyone would like to donate items, please bring them to May meeting at Bluffton.

We adjourned to join the men for our Bake Sale auction. I want to thank the district women and Bippus women who baked to help make it a success. A BIG thanks to the attendees who bought items.

Bev Lookwood made her mom's (Toni Sorg) pineapple

upside cake and it was a big hit. I hope to see you all at the next meeting at the Bluffton Fire Station on May 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

District 7 chairman
Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello Spring,
We are so ready to plant flowers and mow grass. Ready for warm weather.

We had our District 11A meeting on March 20, 2018. Plans for convention are coming together. Dates are June 20-23, 2018. Everyone is excited about what committee they are on.

Our Miss Flame representative is Zoey Larson. She is very active and a pretty young lady. Good luck, Zoey from 11A.

The Chinese Auction is coming together. We have a beautiful table runner with the word firefighter crocheted in the middle. It's beautiful and we are grateful to Teletha Hubbard from Jasonville for donating it to us.

Tickets are on sale for the Vice President Project. They have an auxiliary and Kitchen Aid mixer and \$100.00 to be raffled. Be sure to get your tickets.

Fish fries are beginning to get started. Enjoy good food and good friends.

State dues are coming up. Be sure to get your department's in on time.

Our next meeting will be May 20, 2018 at Linton Twp.

Till next time,
Beverly Taylor
Chairman 11A

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Hello everyone,
I haven't written an article this year, so I'll start out by saying I hope everyone's year got off with a great start.

The first event of 2018 was the annual Vincennes sausage supper and District 17A meeting. We had another successful bake sale. I would like to thank everyone who donated and bought items; the money is used to help support our District 17A Miss Flame. It was nice seeing everyone and thanks to Vincennes F.D. for hosting the event.

Congratulations to Miss Abby Hartzburg being selected as our Miss Flame. Good luck, hope you enjoy each and every event you

attend.
I have attended several memorial services, my condolences to all family members of the deceased firemen.

On March 14th District 17A meeting was held at the Taylor VFD. Thanks to IVFAA president Carol Curl and past president Barb Kerney for attending as they passed out 4 - 25 year pins to members of Taylor VFD and state auxiliary. Those receiving pins were Darla Chesnut, Annette Baker, Kathy Ferguson and myself. Thanks, ladies.

Chairman Marie called the meeting to order. Items were discussed, also thanks, June Cahill, for volunteering to take care of items for the Burn Camp and Chinese Auction at the convention.

Hope to see everyone at May's state officer's meeting. Hope everyone is also planning the convention in June at the Crowne Plaza in Indy.

Have a great spring,
Marie Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17-B REPORT



Dawn Hillenburg-Harris - Chairman

Hope everyone is doing well in the district! It has been nice to see several new faces at our meetings! We have a lot of events coming up in our district, do not forget to invite our Miss Flame (Lauren Brown) to your events.

Convention is coming up in June; we are accepting gift baskets or any type of gift for the Chinese auction to support the IVFAA. Contact me if you're interested in donating an item. (I will take it to convention for you if you're not going).

I also have raffle tickets available for those interested.

If your department is interested in joining the IVFAA, please contact me...I would be glad to come talk to your members about the benefits.

Thank you for all the continued support and I look forward to seeing ya'll at convention or at meetings.

Dawn H.
IVFAA 17B

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

It has been a hard winter but the days with sunshine are worth looking forward to and knowing spring is right around the corner.

We had our Morris Auxiliary meeting on Feb. 27. They talked about the March 3 Gun Raffle with dinner at 5:30. They will also hold a breakfast on March 11 with whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs, pancakes and applesauce. They have the best breakfast in our area.

Discussed getting business places to donate for the IVFAA diddy bags as well as for the convention. Convention will be held in Indianapolis.

Hope you can all come to the convention this year and have a wonderful time.

They are trying to keep the townships with our areas still being able to serve their communities instead of joining in with other departments. Will get a Walmart card for the Chinese auction for convention. Sold a few VP raffle tickets.

Seems to be harder as we go along with keeping organizations in full swing. We realize it takes a lot of hard work and able bodies to help the community but we should be happy to help since we live in it.

Hopefully we can think of new ways to help all involved to want to be there and also have a nice time. Anyone having ideas please pass them on.

Thanks to all who work so hard to keep our organization a wonderful place to get together and enjoy each other's company while we support the Fire Departments! God Bless each and everyone of you!

Our next meeting will be May 8th at Sunman Fire Department after our State meeting May 5th & 6th.

Pam Gerdowsky
District # 19

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

- submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 Chairman



Station dedication



10 year pin given out to Anthony Tharp by Chief Bill Arney.



50 year Gold Card

50-year Gold card presentation – Ed Stewart from Merrillville Fire Department, Raymond Wesley from Porter Fire Department, Charles Stowers from Union is the assistant chief and Richard Gerlach from Schererville Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Leona Uryga

District 3 ...

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The Miss Flame fee of \$25.00 was paid.

We had a bake sale and with the help of Michana's firefighters we made \$136.00. Thank you, guys.

There will be a Make & Take on April 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Coolspring Fire Department.

The next meeting is at Pleasant Twp. Fire Department on May 16 at 6:30.

The 50/50 was won by Bob Uryga.

Marge Wozniak made a motion and seconded by Joan Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Mini mums were won by: Diane Stapleton, Harriet Macinzinski, and Leona Uryga.

Slate of officers for 2018 election

President: Paul Holcomb
Vice President: David R. Israel
Secretary: Leighanne Ellis
Treasurer: Luke Kluender
Sgt at Arms: Wm. Brent Bush
Chaplain: Mike Dzuba
PRNW: Jeremy Reef
PRNE: Jean Smith
PRWC: Larry Bartlow
PREC: Don Cushman, II
PRSW: Steve Nolan
PRSE: Ed Scheele

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded



Jody W. Taylor received his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate. Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Melanie Morgan, Lake Dale VFD member, received her 25 year membership pin and certificate. Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Ryan Kennedy (l) Chief of Lake Dale VFD received his 25 year membership pin and certificate. Mike Haviland received his 10 year membership pin. Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Bob Uryga, Sr. - District Chairman

Ten and fifty year pins



10 year pin
Ken Eslick
from
Kingsbury
Fire
Department



50 year pin and State of Indiana "Resolution" to Joseph Kapuscinski of Pleasant Township Fire Dept.

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Thursday: Dinner at the Hot Dog / Beer Bust
Friday: Breakfast at the Coffee Clutch
Buffet style Banquet Dinner

3. Drinks (beer & soft drinks) throughout the convention.

Drinks will be available in the Hospitality Room and with most meals. This does NOT include the hotel Lobby Bar. Cash bars might be available at certain events for other types of refreshments.

4. Kids Meals.

Kids age 12 and under can eat at all events except the Friday night banquet without a ticket. There will be a kids party Friday night during the banquet, with food and drinks provided, for those not attending the banquet. We encourage all older kids to register so all meals are included. Other options include the hotel restaurant, the hospitality room, or eating off site.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

– submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast



District 4 Global Award recipient

Larry Polas from Global presented Michael Hargraves Sr. the Global Award. District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer and Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith were also present.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

– submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE and Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman

Fifty years of service



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Gail Balliet, Washington Township Fire Department his 50 years of service IVFA service pin, IVFA Gold card and State of Indiana House Concurrent Resolution for 50 years of service.

(Submitted by Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith)

District 6 Global Award winner



District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague and Waterloo Fire Dept. presenting the Global Award to RP Wakefield.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

— submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman



25 year pin

Tom Warner of South Whitley receiving his 25 year pin.

Miss Flame attends breakfast fundraiser



IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley pictured with the Cleveland Township/South Whitley Volunteers at their breakfast fundraiser.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Ten year awards given at Salamonia VFD Christmas party



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on January 14, 2018. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Ashley Theurer with her 10 year service pin.



Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Tom Jacobs with his 10 year service pin.

August 2018 deadline is July 5, 2018

District 8B Global Award recipient



Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Dusty Hilfiker with his 10 year service pin.



Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Rich Theurer with the District 8B Global Award which was given out at the convention.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Skiver honored for 40 years of fire service



On January 2, 2018 Steve Skiver was honored for his 40 years of service with the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented him with a certificate for his 40 years of service. The department held a little party for him and his family presented him with a fire helmet that they had decorated up for him. Thanks for your service, Steve.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman



Ten and twenty-five year service pins

District 9A, Greentown Vol. Fire Department 10 and 25 year pins.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– submitted by John Ray, district chairman

Jeff Speer honored for fifty years of service



Jeff Speer receives his 50 year Gold card and pin from IVFA representative David Israel and a certification of recognition from the Indiana State Fire Marshal from Jason Smith with IDHS. They were presented at the Decatur County Firemen's Association meeting. Jeff served all 50 years with the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Firefighters of the Year



Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Department had an awards banquet and honored two firefighters as Firefighters of the Year 2017. Pictured (left to right) are Tyler Travis, Brad Reece and Chief Cody Bernard.

Dive team to hold rescue dive training



The Cataract Dive Team from the Cataract Volunteer Fire Department currently have advanced open water. They will be doing rescue dive training October 21st and advanced rescue recovery in late November 2017.

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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Annual Convention
Golf Scramble – Southern Dunes Golf Course

Date: June 20, 2018
Location: Southern Dunes Golf Course
8220 S. Tibbs Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46217

Check In: 8:30 a.m.
Tee Time: 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration Fee: **\$32.00** per person (payable at the golf course)
Includes: **18 holes of golf with Cart**

Lunch will be provided by **California Casualty Insurance**.
There will be 4 individuals per team. If you do not have 4 people we will assign a team.



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Return your Registration form to:
This is a must, we need to know how many to plan for.
Jack Kerney
2412 SE Browning Rd
Evansville, In 47725
Email: mcfchief@aol.com
In order to accommodate everyone please register.
Registration must be returned by May 25, 2018 to play.

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



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year service pins awarded



Amanda Hay of Webster FD receiving her 10 year service pin.



John Massengale and Terry Jones of Liberty Twp. receive their 10 year service pin.



Joseph R Longfellow of Fountain City FD receiving his 10 year service pin.



Rick Stewart of Clay Twp. FD receiving his 25 year service pin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Sellersburg fire training held



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Fifty-year Gold cards



Monroe Township takes delivery of two new tankers

Monroe Township fire members with their two new tankers.

Fish fries held in the district



DuPont Fire fish fry

EDITOR'S NOTE When submitting articles and photos, either by mail, e-mail or fax please include the District # along with the submission.

District 14 guests



District 14 meeting with guests running for offices.



Cannon Fire fish fry

August 2018 deadline: July 5, 2018

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman



Dale Leffler honored for 50 years of service

On March 18th a reception was held for 50 year member Dale Leffler of Columbia Twp. Volunteer Fire Department where he was presented his 50 year IVFA Gold card & pin. Dale was also presented plaques for his service from various departments.

Pictured is Dale Leffler and his wife Sue.

Congratulations Dale for all of your years of service.



Jason Webber receives 25 year pin

Pictured from left to right - Chairman Ross, New Harmony Fire Chief Kris Scarfia, New Harmony firefighter Jason Webber, who receives his 25 year pin and IVFA past president Jack Kerney.



Global Award winner

Chairman Ross Emery presents Newburgh Fire Chief Paul Campbell with the District 15 2017 Global Award.

Pribble crowned as Miss Flame



From left: Chairman Emery 2017 District 15 & 2017 state Miss Flame Kai Taber & newly crowned 2018 District 15 Miss Flame Arizona Pribble.

2018 IVFA Convention June 20 - June 23
Indianapolis Airport, Crowne Plaza



A place to be
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TM

Support Hoosier Burn Camp

2018 Convention information

YOUR IVFA STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU, YOUR FAMILY and MEMBERS OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE 2018 STATE CONVENTION
Indianapolis Airport - CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
2501 S. High School Road - Indianapolis
June 20 – 23

WHERE YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET & GREET
PARTICIPATE
SOCIALIZE
EDUCATE
VOTE

AND BE A PART OF **YOUR** 2018 CONVENTION WHERE IT WILL NOT BE ROUTINE IN 2018

SOMEONE MENTION GAMES (COMPETITION)

"Bridging the Gap" between education and competition

Sign up your teams to Participate in "WATERBALL" or "EMS" Judged & Timed Events

Bring the younger ones and let them get involved

Kid's Modified Fire Fighter Challenge/Competition

Participate in

- Education (Both fire & EMS)
- Large Vendor Display
- **Vendor's Treasure Hunt**
- Attend the Annual Meeting of the Membership
- Attend the Annual Memorial Service
- Participate in the IVFA Golf Tournament – green fees on you.
- Witness the IVFA Miss Flame & the IVFA Junior Firefighter Judging
- Join us at the convention Hosted Hospitality Room – free drinks / refreshments
- Be a bidder & a buyer at the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction – Help send burn survivors to an annual summer camp
- Join us on at least one tour of a location of high popularity in Indianapolis
- Participate in the Games / Competitive Sports - Get your teams ready and show off your skills as you enter the Scenario Based EMS Competition and Fire Fighter Challenges

"Bridging the Gap" between education and competition

\$25 per team registration fee

To Register or find more information go to www.ivfa.org

IVFA 2018 CONVENTION SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

Welcome to Your Convention!

Wednesday, June 20th

10AM TO 4PM
9AM TEE TIME
1PM TO 4PM
1PM TO 4PM
4:30PM TO 9PM
APPROX. 7:30
6:30PM TO 7:30PM
10PM TO MIDNIGHT

Convention & Competition
Registration
Golf Scramble
Hospitality Room Open
Fire/EMS Trainings Sessions
Early Arrival Reception
HBC Benefits Auction
Miss Flame Mixer
**All IVFA Districts Hosted
Hospitality Room Open**

Hotel Gallery
TBD
Suite 244 + Hartsfield
Location(s) TBD
Wayne FD - Training Conference Center
Suite 244 + Hartsfield
Suite 244 + Hartsfield

Thursday, June 21st

6:30AM TO 9AM
9AM TO 5:30PM
8AM TO 4PM
8AM TO NOON
9AM TO 11AM
NOON TO 1PM
1:30PM TO 2:30PM
3PM TO CLOSE
3PM TO CLOSE
4:30PM TO 6PM
6:30PM TO 8:30PM
8:45PM TO 9:45PM
10:00PM TO CLOSE
10:00PM TO MIDNIGHT

Vendor Set-Up
Vendor / Exhibit Hours
Convention & Competition
Registration
Miss Flame Judging
***BFFPSE Meeting
Miss Flame Luncheon
Open Miss Flame Judging
IVFA Officers' Meeting
IVFAA Officers' Meeting
Thursday Evening Bash (Dinner)
72nd Annual Opening Meeting
Memorial Service
***Entertainment
**Green County & IVFA Hosted
Hospitality Room**

Inside Hallways &
Outside South Parking Lot
Hotel Gallery
Gatwick, Stapleton & McCarron Rooms
TBD
Logan Room
Ballroom
Symposium
Lambert
Ballroom
Ballroom
Atrium
Ballroom
Suite 244 + Harstfield

Friday, June 22nd

7:00AM TO 8:45AM
9AM TO 2PM
9:30AM TO CLOSE
8:30AM TO CLOSE
11AM TO 4PM
11AM TO 3PM
2PM
1PM - 4PM
1:30PM - 3:30PM
5PM TO 8:30PM
5:30PM TO 8:30PM
9PM TO CLOSE
9PM - 10PM
10PM TO MIDNIGHT

Coffee Clutch
Convention & Competition
Registration
IVFA Annual Meeting
IVFAA Annual Meeting
Antique Apparatus Display
And Equip Swap Meet
Miss Flame Outing
PUMPING CONTEST (?)
Fire/EMS Trainings Sessions
Airport FD Tour / Demo
Children's Party
Annual Banquet
***Entertainment
Fire & EMS Competition
Registration
(Drawing for Team Positions)
**Green County & IVFA
Hosted Hospitality Room**

Inside Hallways &
Outside South Parking Lot
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Saturday, June 23rd

7AM - 7:30AM
7:30AM

Team Meeting & Rule Review
FIRE & EMS Competitions Begin

Parking Lot North of Hotel
Parking Lot North of Hotel
(North of Sam Jones Expressway)

*****TIMES & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

- submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

New engine for VFD



Northwest Washington VFD took delivery of a (new to them) engine replacing a 1978 Ford Howe. It has a 5 speed 1995 Spartan New Lexington engine and was picked up in Bruin, Pennsylvania from Bruin VFD by Shawn Durbin, Blake Durbin and Matt Wingler.



Gibson Twp. / Little York Vol. Fire Department

Firemen Appreciation Dinner 2017 members and their families

Cadet of the Year



Cadet of the Year goes to Tanner Jeffries! Congratulations, keep up the good work! We look forward to having many more years of you on the department! Thank you for your dedication!



Rookie of the Year

Rookie of the Year went to Rachel Wischmeier! Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed! Thank you!

Fireman of the Year



Fireman of the Year went to David Johnson. He is always there to help when and where he is needed; with his many years of dedicated service and willingness to help others, it's not hard to see why he was chosen for this honor.



Keeping Prom and Graduation Safe

High school prom and graduation season is a time for joy and preparing for the future. They're both important rites of passage for our children, but they can also be a dangerous time with many temptations

While teens are worrying about getting the perfect dress or tux, flowers and hair style, parents are worrying about the safety of their children. There's good reason for that concern; motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of teens, and accidents involving young drivers increase as the school year ends and summer begins.

Prom and graduation time can remain joyous events if parents and children discuss responsible behavior and the repercussions of bad choices.

Take the time to have a conversation with your high school student before they take the keys or get in a car or truck with another teen driver. Tell your son or daughter about what it was like when you attended prom and graduation, and express your desire for them to have a fun and memorable time too. Make sure to lay out some ground rules about what you expect from your child including:

- That they stay in contact with you and provide updates
- They let you know who is driving
- They inform you where they are going after the event
- The agreed time they will be home
- That they text you an agreed upon emoji or message if they feel uncomfortable and want a ride

And most importantly, highlight the dangers of:

- Distractions and distracted behavior (texting, eating or taking eyes off the road while driving to interact with passengers)
- Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Not observing speed limits and other road rules
- Getting into a vehicle with an impaired or aggressive driver
- Not wearing seatbelts
- Drowsy driving

Don't be afraid to offer your child the option of calling you, with no repercussions, for help or advice if they feel unsafe. Letting your child know they can get a safe ride home, no matter what the circumstances, can save their life.

Safe driving isn't an accident; it's the result of strong parental involvement and setting expectations. That's why California Casualty is a founding member and continued supporter of Impact Teen Drivers, a nonprofit that educates parents and teens about the dangers of distracted and reckless driving. Their presentations and peer-to-peer messaging saves lives.

Keeping prom and graduation season safe is everyone's business. Parents, students and community members can find a wealth of safe driving tips and resources at www.calcas.com/resources.

Resources for this article:

<https://www.cdc.gov/parentsarethekey/index.html>

<http://www.drugfree.org/6-tips-to-create-a-safe-prom-and-high-school-graduation-season-for-your-tee/>

<http://life.familyeducation.com/teen/prom/36549.html>

<https://www.shatterproof.org/blog/how-parents-can-keep-their-teens-safe-during-prom-graduation-season>

<http://impactteendrivers.org/about/overview>

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2018 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



Kearsten Cox
District 8B - Parker VFD



Kristen Matthews
District 10 - St. Paul VFD



Zoe Larsen
District 11A - Wright Twp. VFD

Congratulations to all!

2018 Miss Flame Candidates



Britany App
District 11B - Hillsdale VFD



Melina Myers
District 13A - Ingalls VFD



Sydnie Kirk
District 13B - Prairie Twp. VFD



Kilee Littrell
District 14 - North Vernon VFD



Arizona Pribble
District 15 - Chandler VFD



Abby Hartzburg
District 17A - Richland Taylor Twp. VFD



Lauren Brown
District 17B - Shawswick VFD



Aubrey Ruxer
District 18 - St. Meinrad VFD



Shelby Butler
District 21 - Madison Twp. VFD

Congratulations to all!

Fire Service Organizations release best practices for preventing firefighter cancer

Cancer is increasingly recognized as one of them most dangerous threats to firefighters.

Studies have shown that firefighters are at increased risk for many types of cancer as compared with the general population. The toxins and carcinogens firefighters are exposed to on the scene and through residual effects of firefighting are better understood now than ever before. A new resource is now available to help firefighters understand their risks and proactively protect themselves from occupational cancer.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Cancer Subcommittee and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS), along with the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN), and with support from California Casualty, have developed a poster of the best practices for preventing firefighter cancer.

"Firefighters are contracting cancer at an alarming rate, and we need to take action to protect our brothers and sisters," said Chief Brian McQueen, co-chair of the NVFC Cancer Subcommittee and cancer survivor. "Fortunately, there are specific things we can do to lessen our risks and prevent exposure. The NVFC, IAFC VCOS, Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, FCSN, and California Casualty strongly encourage you to adopt these best practices in your department immediately and ensure all firefighters are adhering to these policies."

"We call upon department leaders and all personnel to make cancer prevention a priority in your department," said Jim Seavey, board member of the IAFC VCOS, co-chair of the NVFC Cancer Subcommittee, and cancer survivor. "We owe it to each firefighter, to their families, and to the community to take every step necessary to keep our firefighters healthy and to ensure they come home safely. Together we can stop firefighter occupational cancer."

The poster provides all fire department leaders and firefighting personnel with specific actions that must be taken in order to address the cancer epidemic and protect firefighters.

These best practices are as follows:

1. Full protective equipment (PPE) must be worn throughout the entire incident, including SCBA during salvage and overhaul.

2. A second hood should be provided to all entry-certified personnel in the department.

3. Following exit from the IDLH, and while still on air, you should begin immediate gross decon of PPE using soap water and a brush, if weather conditions allow. PPE should then be placed into a sealed plastic bag and placed in an exterior compartment of the rig, or if responding in POVs,

placed in a large storage tote, thus keeping the offgassing PPE away from passengers and self.

4. After completion of gross decon procedures as discussed above, and while still on scene, the exposed areas of the body (neck, face, arms, and hands) should be wiped off immediately using wipes, which must be carried on all apparatus. Use the wipes to remove as much soot as possible from head, neck, jaw, throat, underarms, and hands immediately.

5. Change your clothes and wash them after exposure to products of combustion or other contaminants. Do this as soon as possible and/or isolate in a trash bag until washing is available.

6. Shower as soon as possible after being exposed to products of combustion or other contaminants. "Shower within the Hour."

7. PPE, especially turnout pants, must be prohibited in areas outside the apparatus floor (i.e. kitchen, sleeping areas, etc.) and never in the household.

8. Wipes, or soap and water, should also be used to decontaminate and clean apparatus

seats, SCBA, and interior crew area regularly, especially after incidents where personnel were exposed to products of combustion.

9. Get an annual physical, as early detection is the key to survival. The NVFC outlines several options at www.nvfc.org. "A Healthcare Provider's Guide to Firefighter Physicals" can be downloaded from www.fstaresearch.org/resource?FstarId=11591.

10. Tobacco products of any variety, including dip and e-cigarettes should never be used at anytime on or off duty.

11. Fully document ALL fire or chemical exposures on incident reports and personal exposure reports.

The poster is now available as a resource for all fire departments. Use these best practices as the basis for fire department standard operating procedures, and hang a copy at the station as a reminder of the actions every firefighter needs to follow. Download the poster here: <https://www.nvfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Preventing-Cancer-poster.pdf>

The NVFC Cancer Subcommittee and IAFC vcas are currently developing a ribbon report to further address cancer in the fire service and the cultural change needed to ensure the safety

of all personnel. The report will be released later this year.

Find additional resources for firefighter cancer prevention at www.nvfc.org/cancer, www.iafc.org, www.everyonegoeshome.com, and www.firefightercancersupport.org.

2017 Miss Flame



Katie Van Lanne

District 11-A ~ Shepardsville VFD

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Receive 25 year pins for service



Members of Taylor VFD auxiliary – Darla Chesnut, Marie Emery, Kathy Ferguson and Annette Baker received their 25 year pins.



Miss Flame receives donations

Presenting donations to Miss Flame Abby Hartzburg were Annette Baker - Taylor Auxiliary, Marie Emery - District 17A IVFAA chairman, Miss Flame Abby Hartzburg, Sam Emery - District 17A IVFA chairman and Randy Baker, Taylor VFD chief.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 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
Jeremy	D.	Shank	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD
Christopher	G.	Yoakum	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD

District 17A Miss Flame Abby Hartzburg



Taylor VFD Christmas



Kids gather with Santa and Helper Kristi.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

submitted by IVFA past president Steve Anderson



Benefit dinner held for fire chief

On March 24th, friends and family surrounding the Spurgeon VFD and Pike Co. EMS service held a benefit dinner for Fire Chief & EMT Donnie Pancake.

The event was held at the Winslow Community Center. It included a chicken dinner, silent auction, live music by Tony Rothrock, and balloon making by "Rosie Bottoms."

Funds raised were to help with medical expenses incurred when Chief Pancake was injured in a car accident this past December. He suffered major facial injuries that required several surgeries and a week of hospitalization.

Initial accounts showed about 400 tickets sold. Event organizers would like to thank the area businesses for their support, as well as the local Masons and Lion's Club members who helped make the event possible.

Spurgeon VFD is located in southern Pike County and has 26 members.

Pictured in the top photo are (L to R): George Fiscus, Donnie Pancake, Donna Fiscus.

Pictured in the bottom photo is a crowd shot.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

submitted by Joe DeKemper - District Chairman

Fifty-year Gold card members honored



Arthur Sonderman, Ferdinand Fire Dept. – 50 year Gold card and pin were presented at the fire station on 3/6/18 by Joe DeKemper, 18th District chairman.



Ed Stroud



Mike Berg



Ray Atkins

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- Crowne Plaza

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Ten and twenty-five year pins presented



Jason Lueken



Craig Lindauer, 10 year pin presented at Ferdinand Firestation by Joe DeKemper, 18th District chairman.



Kody Lane



25 year pin was presented to fire chief Max Meyer of Santa Claus Fire Department by Joe DeKemper, District Chairman on 3-15/18.



Joe DeKemper presents Dubois Fire Chief Steve Kalb with his 25 year pin.

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- NOTICE -

Starting after January 1, 2016 members and supporters of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association will be able to directly purchase Volunteer Firefighter license plates online from the BMV or from their local BMV.

This is a change in procedure from currently having to go through the IVFA Central Office with paperwork and a fee.

If you have any questions about the change, contact your District Chairman or Public Relations Representative.



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