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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. District 3 and their Convention Committee have been working very hard on this year's convention! The dates are June 12th - 14th and it will be held at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. You can find all the forms on the IVFA website and in the paper. As always if you should need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb
President, IVFA

Cayuga firefighter honored

by Eric L. Jones
Vermillion County Reporter
and Sports Editor - The Daily Clintonian

Cayuga Firefighter Dwayne Osborne was presented his Gold card and 50-year pin by the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (IVFA) Wednesday evening.

IVFA District Chairman Jack Giles, along with IVFA Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Bush and former District Chairman Larry Southard, attended the fire department's meeting last night to make the presentation.

Osborne stated in information that was read during the presentation that he joined the department in 1968 or 1969. Over the years, he has served under fire chiefs Dale LeClair, Joe Wilson, Ron Abernathy, Jude Laws, Bill McLain and Tim Wilson.

Osborne has also served as Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief, as well as chief training officer for the department and helped write the department's bylaws along with Tim Bell and Dick Keller. He helped start the department's Jonah fish fry and helped set up the department's first rescue truck.

When District 11 of the IVFA was split into 11-A and 11-B in 1977, he served as the first sergeant-at-arms and later served as vice chairman and chairman. He was the department's Fireman of the Year in 1985.

Osborne, who said he felt being a firefighter was his life's calling, decided in 2008 that he was, due to his age, no longer able to fight fires, and turned his attention to assisting the department in other ways, such as training new members and helping the department obtain a new fire station and community center for the community.

The fire department had



Cayuga firefighter Dwayne Osborne, right, is shown with Fire Chief Tim Wilson after being presented with his 50-year pin. - (Photo by Eric L. Jones)

moved into its previous fire station in 1969 and had to enlarge it when they obtained a new fire truck in 1987. Beginning in 2005, Osborne began gathering information on what would be required to build a new fire station and in 2006 presented the project to the town board. Over the years he spoke with a number of organizations to help secure donations to the project and devoted numerous hours to helping make it a reality. The new fire station and community center officially opened in 2010.

After information on Osborne's service to the department along with an extensive list of the certifications he has held, was read, Giles presented him with his Gold card which represents a lifetime membership in the IVFA, along with his 50-year pin. He also informed Osborne that he can attend an IVFA presentation at the Statehouse in April at which all 50-year members from the last two years will be recognized.

Osborne said he was surprised by the presentation as he was unaware it was going to happen last night until the IVFA members arrived at the meeting.

"The fire service has been rewarding," Osborne said after the presentation. "There have been a lot of ups and downs. The fire service has changed in 50 years. I've enjoyed working with all the volunteers in the state and the district — anybody in the state that's a fireman."

He added that "I think we do have the best fire house in Vermillion County."

In addition to Osborne's 50-year pin, several other firefighters were honored for years of service last night, although some of them were not able to be present, and will receive their pins later.

Recognized for 25 years on the department were Ron Brink, Michael Haworth, Chad Hennis and Roger Lewis.

Receiving 10-year pins were George Coonce, Brant Hathaway and Greg Ratliff.

(Editor's note: This article and photos are courtesy of The Daily Clintonian and submitted by Eric L. Jones).

(The above article and photos are some what is happening in District 11A)

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I.V.F.A. Benefits I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What Is A District Meeting?

A place to gather information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.



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From the State House to the Fire House



by Larry Curl

May 2019 "Political" talk
By Larry Curl,
IVFA Member and Lobbyist

Greetings all,

As I currently sit here preparing my article for the May IVFA quarterly newspaper I am reminded that spring is here (by the calendar) and snow is everywhere, yes we have snow on the ground the last day of March.

Welcome to Indianapolis and elsewhere. I guess my question is what happened to the theory "in like a lion out like a lamb"? Where did the lamb go? March entered with cold and snow and now has ended the same. Go figure!

The difficulty in writing such an article is that the topics discussed will most often be outdated and updated by the reading of the article, however, let's continue.

Legislation, what a topic. It is a topic that everyone talks about; not many like it but it's a necessary evil in our current existing society. It is something we all are affected by; most don't understand or even like the topic of legislation. Believe me, elected officials struggle with legislation as is evident during this legislative cycle at the Indiana General Assembly.

The IVFA has kept an eye and

ear on many pieces of legislation during this 121st session of the Indiana General Assembly. As your lobbyist I have requested your assistance, your help and your support a couple of times during this session of which many times you have responded respectfully, honestly and most importantly, as requested. I cannot understate the importance that you, the constituents bring to a vote on a bill being processed by the General Assembly. For your support, for those of you who offered it, provided it, and done it, I thank you. For those who are still thinking it's not my job, let the other person do it, how do I encourage you, empower you, and how do I let you know what you do can and does make a difference.

So without revealing the results of the end of the session since I am not a mind-reader nor can I predict the future and I don't like guessing games and as of this writing we have just about 4 weeks left (and will be finished before the reading of this paper), I can say we have successfully defeated some issues and we are struggling to effectively pass other important pieces of legislation. I will share my opinion; the most important piece of legislation that we are hoping for this session is

HB 1064 IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE. (FRYE R) It establishes the Ivy Tech Community College public safety officer scholarship program. It provides that a public safety officer may be eligible for a scholarship for educational costs of completing a certificate program or associate degree program at Ivy Tech Community College. This bill would allow, if eligible, Indiana volunteer firefighters to apply for a two year degree at IVY TECH in exchange for your service to your community.

This bill, when (I refuse to think if) it becomes law could be a game changer for our struggling recruitment efforts. Just think what this could mean, you're a small community who is struggling with membership numbers and you have the opportunity to go to your local high school and offer such a program in exchange for a commitment to assist your local volunteer fire department. I personally think this is our "golden" ticket to recruitment. However this will not be a golden ticket given to you without your work, your effort, your energy, and your dedication to make this work. I have asked the leadership of our association to commit to putting forth time and funding to develop a marketing plan to

assist you with this task.

During a recent Volunteer & Combination Officers Section (VCOS) Conference a topic called saving those who save us is on the program... We are living in a very complicated, confused and somewhat complex society today.

We are faced with nearly epidemic cases of stress, cancers, PTSD, and bullying (yes, even bullying is occurring within our ranks) and these issues are truly killing our members. The good, if any to all of these issues, is that we are now addressing these openly, with opportunity and possibly successes. I encourage you to seek out, look for and learn about these issues and do something with them for they will not go away without our intervention. You are encouraged to watch, learn, and understand the actions and the activities of your members. We owe it to our membership to assist when and where possible with their struggles, let them know we care and let them know we are there with them and for them.

Nearly every fire service publication addresses these issues, how to identify them, and how to effectively assist your membership. Please take the time and the opportunity to investigate and look for and seek out ways of helping your membership.

Our **most valuable** resource is our **members**. We should never

forget that, we cannot take that for granted. Without membership we have no fire service.

June 12th - 15th Come and play, we'll light the way is the message of IVFA **District 3**, as they continue to work, plan, organize and prepare for a visit from us, yes, us, you and I.

Finally, let me personally join the many others who invite you, encourage you, and ask you to fully support your state association. One of the easiest ways to do that is coming up soon, June 12-15 in Michigan City at the Blue-Chip Casino hotel where we will hold the 2019 IVFA State convention. This year's convention will be hosted by District 3, who has pledged to offer a fun-filled learning experience and great time for all. I look forward to meeting, greeting, and seeing you during a meal, meeting, a training or just a social opportunity at this year's state convention.

As always if I can help, assist, be a resource or a solution, please ask.

Larry Curl,
A proud member
& your Lobbyist

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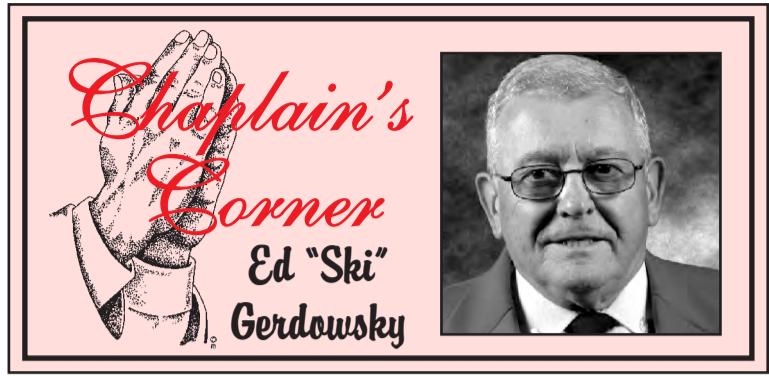
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Hope by the time you read this letter we will be enjoying some nice spring weather. I guess the good Lord will know what we need and send it our way.

The last meeting on Feb. 2-3 at Crowne Plaza went very well. We had a good attendance.

With new chaplains in different districts I hope we can all be sure to have enough fill-ins for when we need them. I know our District Chaplains and Associates are more than willing to go where needed. Just call someone and let me know if you need anything or one of the services we offer. I really appreciate every one of you and couldn't do it without you. If you need Bibles or grave markers please let me or your District Chaplain know. God can use each one of us in special ways.

I hope we can have a blessed 2019 as we work together for the betterment of the organization. Here is a little saying from Tim Gustafson that we can all follow: "Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, and Working together is success." I believe that is truly a wonderful way to stay focused.

I'd like to leave you with a little prayer:

Generous Hearts

We have so much,
 and we need so little.
 Forgive us our excesses, Lord,
 and give us generous hearts
 with which to share
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- Fay Angus

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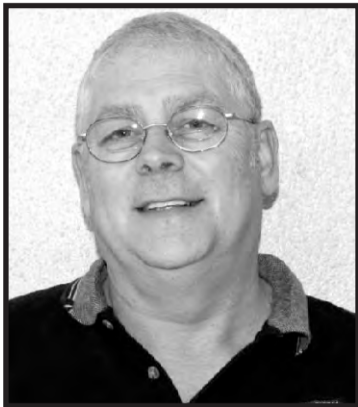
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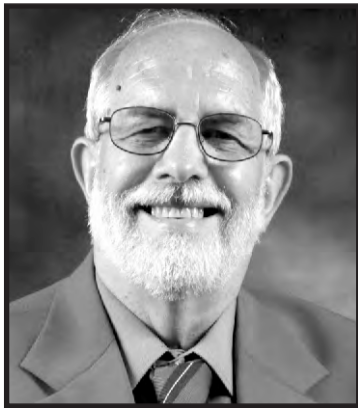
Greetings,
DRIVING, everyday it seems that you can read or hear of a fire truck or a POV accident with injuries or a fatality. **WHY**, over confident, going too fast for road conditions, not knowing the roads, not knowing how the vehicle handles. When are we going to do a better job of training our personnel. Be careful and watch out for bikes on the roads as the weather warms up.

So far this quarter I have attended Heroes Gala, 2 funerals, county wide meeting, 3 District meetings.

The IVFA convention is coming up and I hope to see you there.

Steve Nolan, IVFA PRSW

Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith



Chief Keith Walda, first Chief of Aboite Fire Department has passed away.

I would like to express my sympathy to the family, Aboite Fire Department and friends. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

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, Madyson Shumaker - District #5, Bailey Sheley - District #6.

IVFA Convention 2019 will be June 12th-June 15th, Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City. Please look on IVFA.org for Convention information.

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

Slate of officers for 2019 convention

- David Israel - President
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AUGUST DEADLINE IS: JULY 5, 2019

Notes from the Miss Flames ...

It is hard to believe that in about 70 more days we will converge at Blue Chip Casino at Michigan City. My how time flies!

Each year your Miss Flame Committee and I strive to prepare a program for our Miss Flames that will hopefully help in some way to prepare for their future plans as well enjoying the social activities that are planned at the convention. Thank you parents and family for your support and interest in the program and help you give to your daughter to get ready for the contest. Our program we feel is unique as we do not feature this contest as one that is judged on beauty; we want to highlight each girl on her accomplishments, her commitments, the involvement in their communities, the fire service and their families.

We have a great group of girls who are seeking the title of Miss Flame for 2019. Our group is somewhat smaller this year, but we encourage the girls to honor their prior commitments first as that is an important part of their personal growth.

Thanks to the chairmen that have assisted us in getting the candidates and being supportive of the girls that have been selected to compete. Thank you Miss Flame Committee members who have worked to put this program together for the year.

We would like to invite all the past Miss Flames to the convention. We enjoy seeing and hearing of what you have been doing.

See you in June.

Barb Kerney,
2019 Miss Flame Chairman

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

IVFA Convention 2019 Registration Form

Come and play, we'll light the way
Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa
777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, In.

June 12 – 15, 2019

Pre-registration Fee: \$75.00 per person – Post marked by June 1, 2019

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(All registration fees are non-refundable)

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DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 & 2 IVFA Meeting
March 20, 2019

Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer
Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 7:20
p.m. Pledge led by Buz Koehler.

Roll call: District 1 - 2
members - 2 Departments,
District 2 - 19 members 3
Departments.

Guests: Dave Polkow - Global
Emergency Products, Adam
Ritchey, TFT Products, Buz
Koehler, Past Pres. IVFA.,
Jeremy Reef, PRNW and Mrs.
Reef, Jim Crowell, Sklarewitz

Uniforms, Jack Runion, Spencer
Sales, District 1, Miss Flame.
Marshal Neese, District 1
Chairman.

Ryan Kennedy, Chief of Lake
Dale VFD gave a brief history of
the department and about the
new addition of the
administration building.

Motion made and seconded to
dispense with reading of the
minutes.

Passed.

Buz talked about current
legislation. Merging of
townships failed to pass.

Bill for first responders to
attend Ivy Tech is in the Senate
now for a hearing. It would
provide 2 years free college
regardless of degree. SB 1185
Bill for safety requirements for
bunkhouses. Gaming bill to have
a hearing this week. Buz has
convention coins for sale.

PRNW Jeremy Reef talked
about convention to be held June
12 -15 at Blue Chip Casino in
Michigan City, IN. Said
members may come up for

meeting only on Friday and that
department gets 3 votes. Also
mileage is paid to one member.
Talked about new IVFA website.
All forms can be filled on
website. Also gives calendar of
events.

District Chairman Paul
Watland talked about a company
calling to collect for volunteer
firefighters. IVFA has no
connection to this call. Say good
bye.

Bill Missal, LC Haz Mat
talked about new detector that
was purchased and can detect
approximately 15,000 different
types of hazardous materials.
Can be used by pointing detector
at a closed container and identify
contents without opening said
container.

Miss Flame is selling raffle
tickets.

No old business.

New business: Voted to give
Miss Flame \$200 for her
expenses at Convention.

Station Clock presented to
Lake Dale VFD for their new

addition.

Deaths: moment of silence held
for firefighter killed in Evansville.
Also for former chief of Lake
Ridge VFD.

Announcements: April 7 - Lake
Dale having pancake breakfast
8:00-11:00 a.m.

July 27, annual hog roast.

Lake Ridge VFD, pancake
breakfast 8:00 - 12 noon at new
station, 2301 W. 47/th Ave., Gary,
IN April 6.

Lake Station VFD, April 14
Pancake breakfast, 8:00 - 1:00
p.m.

No comments from guests
other than thanks for having us.

Fire Service donated 6 pullover
shirts given away in house raffle.

50/50 raffle held. Winner was
Bill Missal. Also 3 items from
Sklarweitz Uniforms given out.
Thanks to Jim Crowell.

Next meeting - May 15 at
Griffith.

Thanks to Lake Dale for
hosting and Global Emergency
Products for providing pizza.

Motion made and seconded to

adjourn. Passed.

Notes by Bob Szot and
submitted by Paul Watland,
District 2 Chairman

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

IVFA District 3 Meeting
January 17, 2019

The meeting was held at
Westville V.F.D.

Call to order at 7:15 p.m.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick
Bradford started the meeting
with a prayer.

Westville Chief Jason Zeman
led the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken with 9
members present representing 4
departments.

Minutes of previous meeting
were read. Dave Funk made a
motion to accept the minutes and
a second by Leona Uryga.
Motion carried.

Chairman Robert Uryga
reported on legislation pending
at the Statehouse, most
importantly, SB121 which would
increase annual clothing
allowance to \$400 a year.

Chairman Uryga gave an
update on Convention 2019. All
is coming along well.

Leona Uryga made a motion
to adjourn the meeting and
seconded by Dave Funk.

Adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Sec. Rick Bradford

I.V.F.A. District 3 Meeting
March 21, 2019

The meeting was held at
Coolspring Twp. VFD.

Call to order at 7:15.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick
Bradford started the meeting
with a prayer.

Coolspring Asst. Chief
Warren Smith led the pledge to
the flag.

Roll was taken with 9
members present representing 4
departments.

Minutes of previous meeting
were read. K.C. Freeland made a
motion to accept. Seconded by
Phil Smith. Motion carried.

Guests present were: Jeremy
Reef (PR Northwest) and Jack
Runion of Spencer Equip.

Jeremy urged everyone to use
our website. He also spoke about
pending legislation - especially
the Township Consolidation Bill
and the Community College
Recruitment Fund Bill; this bill
made it through the House but is
not yet out of committee in the
Senate.

The bill would be a great tool
to help Fire, EMS and police with
recruitment.

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District 3 . . .

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Chairman Uryga gave update on Convention 2019 and asked for more participation.

Chairman also spoke about the K9 program in LaPorte County, which is funded by donations.

Leona Uryga made a motion that District 3 donate \$100.00 to the LaPorte County K9 program. Seconded by Dave Robb. Motion carried.

The money raised by this year's Miss Flame contestants will be donated to the K9 program as well.

The K9's and their trainers will be at this year's convention.

We encourage everyone to attend the Convention and Auction to help the Hoosier Burn Camp.

There will be a "Waterball Contest" at the Convention.

Coolspring Asst. Chief Smith notified all that the LaPorte County Fire Chiefs Association is giving out a scholarship for High School seniors who will be going into Public Service Education.

The LaPorte County Fire Chiefs Association made a donation to support the Hospitality room at this year's convention. Thank you Chiefs from all.

Motion made by Dave Robb and seconded by Warren Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford, Secretary

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Elton Schafer - Chairman

IVFA District 4 Meeting
December 13th, 2018
Walkerton Fire Department

Meeting was called to order by chairman Elton Schafer with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following departments present:

Lakeville Fire Department
Liberty Township Fire Department
Madison Township Vol. Fire Department

Nappanee Fire Department
Walkerton Fire Department
Minutes read and approved

Guests:

District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams

District 5 Miss Flame Madyson Shumaker

Jean Smith - Public Relations North East

EJ Smith - District 6 Board for the IVFAA

Paul - District 5 Secretary
Old Business:

2019 Convention will be at Blue Chip Casino June 12-15.

2020 Convention will be in Evansville June 24-27.

Many awards are given out through the IVFA; if you're interested in them go to the website and nominate people you feel are deserving for these awards. Keep in mind there are scholarships available as well.

FDIC is April 8-13.

New Business:

Jean Smith talks legislation, new legislation starts in January.

Prizes handed out at the quarterly meeting - \$100 Gift card to 8A, cleaning kit to District 5.

Good for the community:

Chili dinner for Lakeville Fire Department February 23 from 4-6 p.m.

Smoker for Walkerton to be held in October.

Pins given out to members at Walkerton Fire Department.

Next meeting April 11* at Cleveland Fire Department.

Motion to adjourn.

Tina Schlarb

- District 4 Secretary

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
January 10, 2019
Etna Green Fire Department

Guests:

Jean and EJ Smith
5th District Miss Flame Madison Schumaker

Dave Polkow, Global

The 5th District meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1932 hours with the pledge to the flag following. The meeting was attended by 12 fire fighters representing 6 departments. The minutes from November's meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

We will have a combined district meeting of District 5 and 8A on January 23 in LaFontaine. State Fire Marshal will be guest speaker.

Jean discussed the upcoming legislation and the township consolidation.

He discussed S.B. 121 allowances for volunteer fire fighters is proposed to be raised to \$400 a year.

The chairman discussed some training opportunities, basement fire training in Goshen with Brian Kazmierzak on February 9, Fire Investigator 1 class in Logansport January thru April. ICS 300 class in Warsaw at the Kosciusko County building February 16 and 17.

Award letters are due by

Feb.1. Application forms are available on the IVFA website.

Etna Green F.D. fish fry on March 9 at Hawthorn Park 4 to 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2019 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
March 14, 2019
Culver-Union Twp Fire Dept.
Culver, IN

Guests:

Pierce Fire Equipment
Elton Schafer, District 4 Chairman.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Chairman Grolich. The pledge to the flag followed. The meeting was attended by 18 firefighters representing 6 departments.

The minutes from January's meeting were read, corrected and approved.

April 25 is Supporting Hero's program at Penn Township Fire Dept. put on by Eric Johnson.

We discussed H.B.1064. The Ivy Tech public safety officer scholarship program.

We talked about the retirement and surviving spouse benefits changes.

It was reported that the allowance bill for volunteer firefighters is dead for this year.

Culver reported that the funding for the new ladder truck is going well.

Monterey F.D. fish fry April 4, 4:30 to 7.

Chairman Grolich discussed some training opportunities.

Next meeting is May 9 at North Manchester Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 2008 hours.

Paul Martin
5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
District 7
January 21, 2019
Hoagland Volunteer
Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:47 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 22 members representing 5 departments.

November Minutes R/A.

Guest: Jean Smith - PRNE.

Chairman Bisel - 4 deaths in the district since last meeting.

Thomas Somers and Jim Hower, both 50 year members of Ossian, Brett Kiel of Chester Twp., Maurice Berg, lifelong member of Poe.

Get Global Award nominations in to Chairman Bisel by Feb. 1st.

When your department gets its dues packet, double-check that everyone is accounted for and that their information is correct. If there are any corrections, make corrections on the member packet and return it to the state. Please retain a copy of the corrections for your department's records.

A district contact information sheet is being passed around. Make sure that your department's contacts and information is correct.

Encourage your members to get annual physicals. This helps to catch conditions early.

Please be sure to clean your gear after fires. It is your first line of defense against cancer.

Last year District 7 averaged 26 members per meeting, six departments were no shows and three attended one meeting.

Book of Best Practices from NVFC is available up front to look through. It is also available on their website.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Handout was provided of bills presented for consideration this session that may affect the fire service.

March 1, 2 & 3 New Haven/Adams Twp. is having a free training session.

Chairman Bisel - Having a raffle? Make sure that you have the proper permits and following through with all of your paperwork. The state is keeping close tabs and watching social media.

Next district meeting will be at Liberty Center on March 18. It will be the annual bake sale.

Second roll call answered by 22 members representing 5 departments.

Poneto will have their chili supper March 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
District 7
March 18, 2019
Liberty Center Volunteer
Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:39 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 18 members representing 8 departments.

January Minutes R/A.

Guests: Lloyd Wright, District 8B Chairman and Terry Bradner - Pro-Techs.

Chairman Bisel invited our guests to speak.

Terry Bradner - Pro Techs. I will be helping Brandon Taylor out in this area. Looking forward to getting more involved in your departments, communities and district.

Lloyd Wright - District 8B Chairman - Happy to represent District 8B this evening. Would like to encourage everyone to stay as safe as possible out there.

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

Have three 50 year Gold Card members in our district this year. Tom DeKoninck - Poe, James Mossberg - Markle and Charles Boxell - Warren.

Convention is coming up in Michigan City at Blue Chip June 12-14.

PR Training to be scheduled, possibly in the Huntington area. Dates are being looked at. If you have a specific topic or need, let Sam know.

Keep an eye on the website for ongoing legislation. Please help out by contacting your representatives if asked to.

Received an email from President Holcomb. He had a meeting in January with the director of IDHS. One main point of conversation was the lack of communication received from the Marshal's office. Since the meeting, the Marshal's office has been providing regular feedback.

Past President Steve Anderson is working on follow-up studies concerning the fire service in Indiana. If your department is contacted, please respond with information requested. It makes for the most complete and accurate reports.

Last quarterly meeting attendance prizes went to District 18 and District 2.

Chairman Bisel invited Randall Konger, Berne, forward to show off his new wheelchair. It was able to be purchased through generous donations collected at district and state officers' meetings. Thanks to everyone for helping out with this! Side note, thank you to Chairman Bisel for spearheading this project!

Next district meeting will be at Markle May 20.

Second roll call answered by 19 members representing 8 departments.

Berne breakfast is April 13.

Geneva breakfast March 30.

Poe Breakfast April 14 and Consignment Auction April 20.

District 7 Auxiliary fund raiser bake sale to follow the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A!

Here we go. Well by the time you are reading this article we will be five months into 2019. Hopefully the warmer weather is here to stay as good old mother nature has thrown just about every type of weather at us so far, including a "Bomb Cyclone". Did you see that the month of March had 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. I thought "holy cow" this is rare but was quickly brought back to earth when informed by my youngest daughter, Brenna, using her I Phone that in fact it is not that rare, in fact, we will see another month like this in May 2020.

I want to thank Chief Jerry Middleton of the Lafontaine - Liberty Twp. and Chief Chad Everitt of the Lapel - Stony Creek and members of each respective fire department for hosting the District 8A meetings in January and March. The January meeting was a joint meeting with IVFA District 5 and there were 8 departments in attendance and over 30 members present on a cold and icy January night. The March meeting there were 7 departments in attendance and 19 members present.

Also a big thank you to State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson who spoke at the meeting in January and Randall Eimerman, of the State Fire Marshal Office, who spoke at the meeting in March and updated all present on Image Trend.

It was good seeing and spending time with District 8A Chairman Emeritus Bill Pape and wife, Joan, at the March meeting. Both are good and both said to tell everyone hello. I encouraged Bill and Joan to come and spend the day with us at our next Officer's meeting in May.

Just a reminder all District 8A meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the stated month and begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise on the meeting notice mailed out to all departments in the District prior to the meeting.

The remaining 2019 dates and meeting locations are as follows.

May 22, 2019 - Gas City Rescue Squad

June 12 -15, 2019 - IVFA State Convention - Michigan City

July 24, 2019 - Lafayette Twp.

September 25, 2019 - Madison Twp.

November 27, 2019 - Mill Twp.

The 2019 IVFA State Convention will be in Michigan City at the Blue Chip Casino in June. The dates are June 12-15. I would like to see more departments in District 8A at our 2019 State Convention. Please consider attending the open business meeting on Friday. One Delegate in good standing from each department receives round trip mileage for attending the business meeting.

The 2019 legislative session is over at the Statehouse. Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist, IVFA member and 2018 Mr. IVFA Award recipient, has worked hard following the numerous bills and legislation that impacted the volunteer fire service in the State of Indiana through the session. If you see Larry out and about thank him for his tireless efforts and service to our Association.

In my January article I mentioned our Association was expecting to again see proposed legislation in some form addressing elimination of township government. I hate to say I was right, but I was right. There was an effort through proposed legislation to do away with Township Advisory Boards across our great State. I am glad to report that with the help of Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and our Association, the bill died on the House side. I fully expect there will another attempt or try next year to do the same.

Another piece of legislation I mentioned in my January article was proposed legislation that would offer free education up to an associate degree at any Ivy Tech Community Colleges across Indiana for volunteer firefighters. As I write this article HB 1064 is stalled on the Senate side after passing the House side overwhelmingly. The bill is assigned to Sen. Mishler's Senate Appropriations Committee. Hopefully I will be able to report good news on the outcome of the bill in my next article.

There are several awards available for IVFA and IVFAA members. The information for these awards can be found on the re-tooled and re-built IVFA website under Annual Awards. The available awards are as follows:

Mr. IVFA Award
Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award
Ollie Sandburg Award
Angel Award
Junior Firefighter Award
Lois Boaz Award
Miriam A. Schaeckel Award
Bridgeport Scholarship

If you have someone on your department or know of someone on a neighboring department who qualifies for one of the above awards, please nominate them. All it takes is a little of yours or your department's time to nominate

that individual. Members are able to fill out the nomination form for each award on the website and submit the form to the appropriate committee. Deadline for written submittals is February 1, 2020. The deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship is March 1, 2020.

I will say having been a past recipient of the Ollie Sandburg Award, it is a humbling and amazing experience to be chosen and recognized by your peers.

Previously, I have mentioned in these past articles the Association's website having been re-tooled and re-built for you. The new version is compatible with new smart phone and tablet technology. Check out the new website at www.ivfa.org to navigate and become familiar with the site.

If you have not liked the IVFA and District 8A Facebook pages, please do so, there is a lot of good information being posted and shared on the pages.

Before closing, the last thing I want to promote is the recently introduced Get Alarmed Smoke Detector Program through the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Red Cross. This past year was devastating for home fire fatalities across the State with several lives lost, including children, that should not have been lost if there had been working smoke detectors in those residences. I encourage your department to go to the State Fire Marshal's website and learn more about the program. I truly believe there is no better way for you or your department to be involved with your community than with this program.

Remember, stay safe and make the effort to keep your gear and equipment clean in 2019. In doing so, the life you save might be your own.

Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on January 9, 2019 at the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Wright opened the meeting with all saying the pledge. Roll call was taken with 18 members from 9 departments present.

Guests were Larry & Carol Curl, Jeff & Martha Biehl, David & Peggy Israel and Don Cushman.

Larry Curl reported on what was happening with the different legislative bills.

David told of some of the

different things that were happening in the IVFA.

Chairman Wright reminded the group of the convention coming up in June. The convention will be held at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 90 fires and 159 EMS runs.

Next meeting will be held at the Saratoga Ward Township Fire Department on March 13, 2019 at 7:30.

Chairman Wright thanked the fire department for holding the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B Chairman

District 8B held their March meeting on the 13th at 7:30 at the Saratoga Ward Township Fire Department. Chairman Wright opened the meeting with all saying the pledge. Roll call was taken with 20 members from 6 departments present.

Guests were Larry & Carol Curl, JD Prescott, District 33 State Representative and Don Cushman.

State Representative Prescott reported on some of the bills that he was watching and why he voted the way he did on some of them. Also told of some of the bills that would be coming up. Larry Curl also spoke on some of those same bills and what to watch for that would be coming up in the next few weeks.

Chairman Wright told the group about the convention coming up in June. He told them how to get their reservations and their rooms booked. Hope to see some of you there.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 32 fires and 214 EMS runs.

Next meeting will be held May 8, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. at the White River Township Fire Department.

Chairman Wright thanked the department for hosting the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good day to all from District 9A,

This has been a very interesting winter and I am glad it is over!

Cass County had a pretty rough

late fall and early winter with fatal fires. I am sure to alot of the members who read this already know, but some parts of the state didn't know about all of them. The fires sent a shockwave threw the 3 counties I represent and opened the eyes of a lot. There has been major smoke detector blitz campaigns going on all the time. The communities have shown a lot of support for the fire, EMS and sheriff's department. Any fire is bad for a small community!

The district meeting numbers have been staying kind of steady and I wish more would come to them. Our next meeting is set for May 23 at Russiaville Fire. Hope I can get some fresh faces to show up to it.

Let's all stay safe out there during the spring!

Thanks.

Pascal Moon
District 9A

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

The February district was held at East Columbus Independent V. F. D. There were 37 firefighters representing 16 departments present. After the meal we talked about the legislative session and how we, as IVFA members, could help get them heard.

We presented Joe W. Clark with his 10 year pin as a member of ECIFD. The program was presented by Dan Merz of the ECIFD on how to protect ourselves as firefighters from CANCER. He told us we needed to clean our turn-out gear after every incident and wear SCBA's when we do clean up and salvage and clean up.

March found us in downtown St. Paul for the district meeting. We enjoyed a meal of pulled pork prepared by the St. Paul Tavern. We had 35 firefighters from 13 departments. Larry Curl talked about H B 1064 and how we needed to e-mail Senator Meishler, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee to ask him to let H B 1064 heard in his committee. Michael Goolsdy, a member of the St. Paul Fire Dept. was presented his 10 year pin.

I attended the PRSE training day and sat in on the Instructor update meeting.

Connie and I attended the Millhousen, Clay Twp. and New Point fish fries and found the fish good as usual.

April 17th meeting was held at Clay Twp. in Bartholomew County.

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Cayuga . . . (continued from page 1)



Pin presentation

From left - IVFA Past District Chairman Larry Southard, Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush, Cayuga 50-year member Dwayne Osborne and District Chairman Jack Giles.



Cayuga Firefighter Dwayne Osborne with his cake in recognition of 50 years on the department.

Awards presented

Cayuga firefighter Dwayne Osborne received his 50-year pin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (IVFA) Wednesday evening.

Several other firefighters were also honored for their years of service.



Shown from left are Fire Chief Tim Wilson, Ron Brink, former IVFA District Chairman Larry Southard, IVFA Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush, Osborne, IVFA District Chairman Jack Giles and George Coonce. - See story. (Photo by Eric L. Jones)

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

- submitted by Marshall Neese, Chairman



Captain sworn in

Joe Martin (left) being sworn in as Captain of Station 31.



Firefighter of the Year

GRFD 2018 Firefighter of the Year, Tim Conners and his family.

Photos are from the Griffith Fire Department

Swearing in of new firefighters

Swearing in of 3 new firefighters to Station 31. Left to right - Chief Schoon, Ralph Alvarez, David Rooke, Luis Del Real, Deputy Chief Hill.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, Chairman

Honored for service

Assistant CPFR Fire Chief Gerard Abraham recently retired with 43 years service to the department and to the City of Crown Point. A helmet with his 1502 number and a picture of his squad and his nickname " Muley" were on it. Presentation was made by his son Lt. Scott Abraham and Brian Marlowe.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- photos submitted by Paul Watland, chairman

Ten year pins



Matt Wise, member of CPFR, received his 10 year IVFA service pin from his grandfather, Bub Wise, a 60 year member of CPFR, and Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Dale Holsti and Jason Scott received their 10 year IVFA pins and also as members of Crown Point Fire Rescue.



10 year IVFA pins were presented to Jason A. Tabernacki and Leon O. Corns, members of Lake Twp. VFD. Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Fifty year member honored



David Steiner, member of Shelby VFD was presented with his 50 year IVFA certificate, pin and card by District 2 Chairman Paul Watland.



Lake Dale VFD was presented with a IVFA clock for their new addition to their station.

IVFA clock presentation held at Lake Dale VFD

IVFA clock presentation for new fire station

Lake Twp. VFD Chief Alan Corning was presented with a IVFA Clock for their new fire station. Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE and Tina Schlarb, IVFA District 4 secretary



District 4 Miss Flame Chief George Schafer, Rose Adams - District 4 Miss Flame, Elton Schafer - District 4 IVFA Chairman, Jean Smith - PRNE.



Ten year pins awarded

Walkerton Fire Department - two 10 year pins were presented on February 7, 2019. (Pictured from left to right) Jean Smith - IVFA PR Northeast, Justin Hornig - Walkerton FD, Timothy Baker - Walkerton FD and Elton Schafer, IVFA District 4 Chairman.

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting
Sunday February 3, 2019
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Lou Bartlow. Lou announced that President Carol Curl will not be in attendance of the meeting as she is home recovering from knee surgery. We all wish her well & a speedy recovery. Chaplain Beth Caudill is not in attendance as well today so Lou

asked Pam Gerdowsky to lead the group with the opening prayer. 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 20 officers, 12 IVFAA members and 1 guest. Organization count as of today is 198 Individuals, 662 paid by department, 49 departments and 26 life members for a total of 884 members.

Correspondence Secretary: Janet Matthews read the meeting minutes from November 2018 quarterly meeting. Motion made by EJ Smith to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Carolyn Watson, all in favor - minutes accepted as they were read. No correspondence to share with the group.

Lona Huffman with Johnson Insurance Company came in to talk with the group. She informed the group that Carol Curl received a letter about a torque claim being filed against the IVFAA related to a fundraiser that was held at Perrysville VFD, assured us she would be monitoring this but doesn't believe anything will come of it. Lona introduced Brandy Brandenburg, another

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agent with the company that was with her today and has been with the company for 13 years. Lona also informed the group that the insurance company's name will be changing to RT Insurance.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. Danielle Matthews made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports as reviewed, Sharon Wright seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, treasurer's report accepted and is subject to audit.

Chaplain Report: No report given as Chaplain was not present at meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Suzie Lewis had nothing to report.

Committee Reports: **Audit:** Barb Kerney reports will be ready.

VP project: Lou Bartlow reports that her committee met yesterday and with the gaming situation and the type of license that the organization has, the committee feels that there should not be a VP raffle this year. Lou explained that we are limited to \$1000 to be spent and if we do the VP raffle and Chinese auction

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Barbara Kerney - Chairman
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Kathy Smith
Carolyn Zeeks

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Lori Baxter - Chair
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Leona Uryga
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Suzie Lewis
Carolyn Scheele
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Carolyn Watson
Beverly Taylor
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Barbara Kerney - Co-chair
Joyce Nevil

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Leona Uryga
E.J. Smith
Beverly Taylor

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Barbara Kerney - Chair
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IVFA Representative
Jessie Sosa - 2019 Convention

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Kathy Smith - Co-chair
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Dorothy Reiter
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Beth Caudill
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Barbara Kerney - Chairman
*All meetings will follow By-Laws & Roberts Rules of Order

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Carol Curl

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Northeast - Suzie Lewis
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West Central - Joann Hayes
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Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

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Northwest - Phyllis Vargo
Northeast - Suzie Lewis
Central - Janet Matthews
East West - Joann Hayes
Southwest - Kathy Smith
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

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then we will be over that amount. Usually the baskets that the districts donate will add up to that amount on its own. Carolyn Watson made a motion that we not have the VP raffle this year, only have the Chinese auction & 50/50 raffle. Christina Reef seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The VP raffle will not happen this year at convention, only the Chinese auction and the 50/50 raffle. Lou reports that the committee does feel the cost of the Chinese auction tickets needs to be looked at before convention.

Miriam Schaekel award: Suzie Lewis reports we are ready and reminded the group that the letters for this award must be hand-written letters for nominations.

Lois Boaz award: Joyce Nevil reports that due to the weather her committee did not get to meet and that they will be honoring all letters that are postmarked up until 2/3/19. Our committee will meet and make a decision. Joyce informed the group that per the SOG's, letters can be handwritten or typed. Discussion was held of the letters being able to be sent via email to the members of the committee.

Historians: Neither were in attendance of the meeting.

Membership: Leona Uryga brought flat copies of the pamphlet to the members and will work on trying to get one emailed out to the chairmen so they can have a digital copy. Leona talked to the group about convention. They are going to have a craft show and brought applications for this as well as registration forms for the convention itself.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney reports her committee meeting went well yesterday and that a discussion was had within the committee and starting next year the age limit will be changed to see if it helps districts get

contestants. The girl must be 14 before convention but cannot be over the age of 18 at convention. Janet Matthews explained the project that Jesse Sosa assisted with for the girls to do as a fundraiser to support the area that convention is being held. A flyer was shown to the group and explained that the girls will be raising money for the LaPorte County Sheriff Office K-9 Division. Janet will email a flyer out to the District Chairmen so they can give it to their Miss Flame and explain to them the group fundraiser for convention. A flyer will also be mailed out to the girls in the first letter. Barb addressed to the group the importance of each girl having a responsible chaperone with them the entire time at convention, that is over the age of 21. The chaperone must stay at hotel with them for the convention. Chairmen need to ensure that their Miss Flame is aware of this. Letter will be sent out to each candidate registered mail, return receipt requested.

Applications/fee/pictures due to Barb by March 10th, please send them in. The girls will have a poster contest this year, this will also be in the letter.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis reports she ordered 100 more 25 year pins. Past President's pins have also been ordered and will be in by convention.

Mary Mackin Scholarship: Christina Reef reports all is okay. Their committee will be having a baked good donation event at the May quarterly meeting to raise money. Anyone that wants to bring baked goods to May meeting, it would be appreciated. The committee reports they will be having a table set up at convention with items for donations on that Thursday & Friday from 10-4 p.m. The committee will accept donations for this event from others. Committee will meet again at May quarterly meeting at 4 p.m. at the fountain table.

Parliamentarian: Barb Kerney reports all okay.

Budget & Finance: Christina Reef reports to the group that the gaming account in which all of the proceeds from the Chinese auction & 50/50 go into cannot be used to pay for the rooms of those members working the booths. With this rule change as of January 1st the IVFAA cannot and will not pay for the third night at convention as discussed at an earlier meeting out of this account. Rules changed since that was voted on of how that money can be utilized from that account. The members cannot benefit from the funds in the account. More research is happening on different types of gaming license for the organization.

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter reminded the group to make sure those on the committee to sale tickets are registered with Martha Biehl correctly in order for them to be able to assist. If your name is not on the list you cannot handle tickets or money at convention. May quarterly meeting the districts can bring their baskets in to Lori and she will take them to convention. All baskets have to have total value with them. There will be a kid's table for items for those under the age of 18 so that they can have their own items to win since no one under 18 years of age can put a ticket in a container for the Chinese auction. Committee will meet in May to have discussion of ticket prices for convention.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks reports elections in June. If anyone interested in running for an office please let us know.

Installation: Pam Gerdowsky reports she will get new candles for convention

President's advisory: Martha Thomas not in attendance at the meeting.

Bylaws: Tammy Smith, nothing to present as the request for a bylaw change request was not received.

SOG: Joyce Nevil reports all okay.

Chaplain's assistants: Beth

Caudill not in attendance at the meeting.

Memorial throw: Carol Curl not in attendance at the meeting.

Buz Koehler, Larry Curl & David Israel entered the meeting to address the group. Buz brought newspapers for the group and touched on the bad addresses on papers that come back and they have to pay for each returned one. Larry Curl addressed the group regarding legislation and passed out forms to the members related to HB1064. He discussed the importance to the group of this bill and about the support needed for this bill. David Israel informed the group that Josh Reiser is now the web master for the IVFA and asked everyone to review the web page. If there are issues or you want to add something to it to reach out to Josh, you can email admin@ivfa.org and Josh will get them.

New Business: Lou Bartlow informed the group that Wanda Johnson is in the nursing home with Johnny now and encouraged cards be sent to them at: Lenton Nursing & Rehab, 1501 A Street NE, Lenton, IN 47441. Barb Kerney informed the group that Kristi & Sam Biesel's grandson Liam is 3 months old and has had brain surgery and has to have more. The ladies passed the hat

around the room to take a collection for the family. \$136 was collected and Joyce Nevil will be seeing them today and will take the money to them. Joann & Bob Hayes are both still at home, but are not in good shape, can use prayers and cards sent to them. Kathy Smith just lost her father-in-law. Diana Stapleton's father had a stroke and she could use our prayers for their family. Kay Shumaker's father just found out he has lung cancer and could use an uplifting card, send to Larry Capron, 203 S. Liberty St. Apt #2, Bremen, IN 46506. Phyllis Vargo's husband Jim is not well and could use prayers & cards. Martha Biehl reports her son got good news this past week about his scoliosis. Cards were sent around the group for signatures and will be sent out. Lou Bartlow asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the order. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Christina Reef seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M. and closed with prayer led by Pam Gerdowsky.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

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

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Diane Stapleton - Chairman

IVFAADist. 3 Meeting
March 20, 2019

Pledge was conducted by Diane Stapleton.

The prayer was said by Leona Uryga. We had a moment of silence for Philip Bluhm.

Roll call was answered by 11 members present from 4 departments.

Diane talked about the LaPorte Canine Unit that will be at the convention as the Miss Flame project. She gave a report on the Convention and had registration forms available. She also had the Craft Show forms.

The District SOG's will be worked on. Leona volunteered to chair the project.

Diane read the February state minutes.

Laura Enoch made a motion and seconded by Annmarie Bunton to give \$175.00 to the Canine Unit. Motion carried.

Bob Uryga made a motion and seconded by Laura Enoch to pay the secretary Nichole Zemen for the flowers she bought for the wake of Philip Bluhm. Motion carried.

Kingsford Union will have a Fish Fry on April 19, 4:00 till 7:00. There was a service for Randy Gambler from Kingsford

Union.

The Chinese Auction basket will be prepared by the ladies of the district with items donated.

The next convention meeting will be on April 11 in the board room at Blue Chip Casino at 6:00.

Kingsford Union women have an E-911 and E dispatch on an app on their phone. They can be informed when the firefighters have a fire call and supply coffee and food for them.

The next meeting will be at Coolspring VFD on May 15 at 6:30. We will do the ditty bags for the convention.

A vote was taken on changing the dues for the state to July 1 until August 31. A motion was made by Leona and seconded by Laura. Motion carried.

Bob Uryga announced that Antique Fire Equipment will be on Friday at the Craft Show during the convention.

Dolly Millick made a motion and seconded by Bob Uryga to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sub. Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,
Spring is here, the flowers are

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District 6

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blooming.

Next district meeting will be May 21st Salem Center Fire Department in Steuben County, 7:00 p.m.

I hope you have checked out our facebook page, IVFA District 6, for meetings, department functions and additional information. Please feel free to post any events that your fire department is hosting on the facebook page. 2019 IVFA Convention will be held in Michigan City, IN at the Blue Chip Casino on June 12-15.

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

If your Auxiliary has any functions you would like me to attend. Please contact me at 260-413-3040.

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E.J. Smith
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone!

I think spring is coming soon, I hope so, it's been a cold winter.

Our March meeting was held at Cory Fire Dept.

District 11A will be selling purses at the May meeting. Hope everyone finds something they would like to have. It is a money-maker for District 11A.

Our convention is June 12-15 this year at Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. Hope everyone has plans made to attend. Sounds like a fun convention.

We will not have a VP project this year due to the gaming laws. We will have the Chinese Auction and 50/50.

Miss Flames need to get posters ready for contest. Zoey Larson is our Miss Flame for District 11A. Please let her know if you have an activity she can attend at your fire department.

Be sure and read our Facebook page IVFA District 11A.

Our next meeting will be on May 19, 2019 at Seelyville, IN at 1:00 p.m. Please try to attend as our membership is down.

Till next time,
Chairman 11A
Beverly Taylor



DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope we will be having some nice weather by the time you receive this newsletter. Seems we never know from day to day but God will see us through whatever He chooses to give us.

The meeting in Indianapolis February 3, 2019 went well. While we missed our President Carol Curl who just had knee replacement, Lou Bartlow did a fine job filling in for her. Our Chaplain Beth Caudill could also not be there but I filled in for her. We had a good meeting and will have our next one May 5th.

District 19 held their February meeting in Sunman at the fire house February 12th. Weather was not too nice but Pam Scheele took over the meeting for me since my mom had passed away. I know she did a good job. Thank you, Pam!

Hope to see everyone at May's meeting. God bless us all each and every day!

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 Chairman

IVFAA President Carol Curl



May 2019

A chat with Carol...
Your IVFAA President Carol Curl

Greetings, my fellow Auxiliary members,

Spring... is in the air, and by the reading of this article hopefully summer is in full swing but as I looked at my article of last May (2018) I was talking about 10" of snow at the time of this writing

Well, the good thing is, it was not 10" but just a week ago we did have the ground covered with snow so I have come to the conclusion that maybe I should skip the articles for May to avoid that last snow when it should be spring-like weather.

May is a time for planning and planting, for the fresh smells and the nice looks of the flowers,

the greening of the grass / lawns (as well as the cutting and trimming) and possible vacations.

Speaking of planning and vacations it's on to more important things like Convention. Yes, it is time for our 2019 state convention with the meetings, the activities, the adventures and the fun. So to enable you to enjoy all the convention has to offer, it all begins with you doing a couple of very important things before you arrive; **REGISTER** and make your **RESERVATIONS** and both can be done via the IVFA website and visiting the convention link. So, assuming you have both of those done it's planning time.

The annual convention brings us together for a couple of things; first the "annual business" of our association and second and equally as important, the "social activity". It is a time for meeting and greeting old friends and making new ones.

I will ask our committee chairs and their committees to prepare and plan to provide updates on the activities of each of our committees, during our annual meeting.

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

Lori Baxter and the officers of the IVFAA will be on hand to show the baskets, sell the tickets, draw the lucky tickets and contact those with the winning

numbers, all for a good cause and with a lot of interest and fun, don't miss this activity.

I hope you are planning your convention activities now so you will not miss a single important or maybe just a fun activity like those of Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Chinese Auction 12p - 5p in Sams Town C - 2nd floor or maybe the Dinner/Burn Camp Auction, always a convention highlight and great fundraiser from 6p - 9p in the Orleans Ballroom 2nd Floor, and don't forget the host Hospitality in the California Room - Blue 10p - 12a.

After a quick night to recover, you can start all over again on Thursday, June 13, 2019 with one of many events like the Miss Flame Final Judging 2p in the Orleans Ballroom, great opportunity to cheer on all the Miss Flame contestants and show your support to your District Miss Flame. And it goes without saying you don't want to miss the Welcome Meal 5:00p - 6:30p in the Stardust 1,2,3 followed up by the Opening Mtg/Memorial Service from 6:30p - 8:30p in Stardust 4, 5, 6 and a must do event, the Dance - D.J. and again the Host Hospitality to round out a second full day.

After another short night of rest, it's on to Friday, June 14, 2019 where I want to invite all IVFAA members to join us at the Coffee Clutch in the California Room 7:00a - 8:45a just before the IVFAA Annual Business meeting located in the Suncoast A & B room beginning at 8:30a.

This is where we discuss the business that has taken place throughout the year, sharing of any new or changed by-laws, talk about our plans for the future of our association, hear from all our committees and conduct our annual election of leaders, electing those who will oversee the business of our association for the next year, all important "stuff"

and all things you as a member should be concerned and involved with, we hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Then at the end of the day on Friday it's our Convention Banquet to wrap up the 2019 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's State convention. This is where we get a final announcement of our award winners that have been honored during the convention. These awards include Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, Angel, Lois Boaz, Miriam A. Schaekel, Ivan Nevil Fire Leadership, Global District, Mary Mackin, and Jr. Firefighter Awards, the 2019 Miss Flame and 1st Runner-up and their court as well as some special awards presented that evening.

For all activity and convention events and for any updated times or locations please see the convention schedule in your convention book, get a copy of a schedule at registration or ask the convention hosts for a current list of activity.

While the convention itself will provide enough to keep us busy you should take advantage of the location and the surroundings and what Michigan City has to offer, and remembering this year's convention slogan "*come and play - we'll light the way*". Check out the water, the boardwalk, the lighthouse and the newest national park, The Sand Dunes.

But above all please keep those in need in your thoughts and prayers, remember those who have lost loved ones and/or may be sick and unable to be with us this year.

See you in Michigan City, at your next District Meeting, or other such times as our paths may cross.

Carol

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A, Our last district meeting was at Cory in March. Attendance was down. We had a guest speak, Dale Sawcier from Express 911 Board Up. He gave a very interesting presentation.

Convention is June 12-15, 2019 at Blue Chip Casino. Hope to see everyone there.

All EMS must take the on-line mandatory suicide prevention training before you can re-cert.

If any IVFA member changes address, let Central Office know so you can continue to get your newspaper.

Next meeting of the Board of Firefighters and Standards of

Education is March 25, 2019 at Westfield training center.

I would like to thank all departments that call your State Representative when I ask you. It makes a difference. Go on IVFA website to the legislative section and follow the updates of the bills.

Zoey Larson is representing District 11A as Miss Flame. She would be glad to come to any function you have if you call her. If you have anything you would like to advertise for your fire department contact Katie Van Lannon on District 11A Facebook page.

Email:
KatievL67@gmail.com
Till next time, stay safe.

Chairman 11A
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 12 REPORT

Greetings from District 12, I know it has been awhile since we have had an article in the paper and I've missed it.

We have had a few changes going on within the district. Our

last chairman resigned and I became the interim chairman until we could find a good fit for our district. I believe we have done that, Scott Butrum from the Danville Fire Department will be taking the helm at our next meeting.

Our March 19, 2019 meeting was held at the Paragon Volunteer Fire Department with 24 members from 8 departments and 3 guests. Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke with us about upcoming events at the Statehouse, with good concern about HB 1064 which can be a great recruiting tool for us.

PRWC Larry Bartlow conducted the election for district chairman. Scott is excited about the opportunity to build our district's involvement and to promote better unity throughout the fire service. If you see him, congratulate him and look forward to working with him.

Our next meeting will be held at Mill Creek Station 71 in

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Stilesville at 19:00 on Monday the 20th of May. As for me, I will remain the vice chairman until after convention this year. With over 42 years in the public service arena, I believe I'll take a back seat somewhere. I'll still be around, so if you need a helping hand, just give me a call. I want to thank all the great people I have met and had the pleasure to work with over the years.

Hope to see you at Stilesville, be careful and remain safe.

Larry Bruner
District 12 Interim Chairman

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B, Congratulations to all the 50 year life members this year and their honors that took place at the Statehouse. I want to thank Lobbyist Larry Curl for this program and all his hard work he does at the Statehouse for the IVFA.

I would like to thank Hunter Davis, Haley Massey and Madilynne Reeder for running in our Miss Flame contest. Congratulations to Madi Reeder, our district Miss Flame for 2019.

Our last meeting was held at the Hagerstown FD. Attendance was very poor. Discussion was on legislative topics. Please attend the meetings to keep up on issues that affect our fire service.

Chiefs, please check the IVFA website, make sure information is correct, if corrections are needed, please get them to me.

I have visited a few of the departments in the district to hand out our ten & twenty five year service pins. I still have a few to get done.

Remember the 2019 IVFA Convention will be held in June at Blue Chip in Michigan City, IN.

Please keep our Armed Service personnel and families in our prayers.

Our next meeting is May 9, 2019 at Fountain City FD 7 p.m. Be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14, Been a good quarter; we have

been busy getting out and went to the Supporting Heroes Gala and had a great time. If you have never been you need to attend next year.

We had some great meetings this quarter with some great people speaking so if you would like to host a district meeting let me know.

Also its fundraising season so if you have anything going on in your department or need me to come by at a meeting let me know.

And please put all fund raisers on the website calendar so people can see what's going on in your department.

Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



John Gott - Chairman

Hello District 16! Please allow me to take a moment and introduce myself as your newly appointed District Chairman. But first, I would like to thank our President, Paul Holcomb for his trust in me to take on this role. I would also like to thank Josh Reisert for his hard work and wish him much success in his new role as Webmaster.

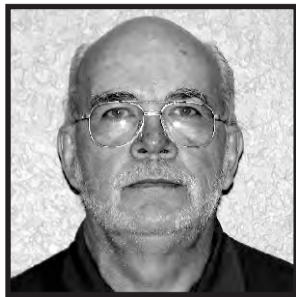
My name is John Gott, and I live in New Salisbury, IN with my wife Terri. I have been an active member of the IVFA for the past 34 years. I began my firefighting career in 1985 with the English VFD and currently serve as EMS\Fire Captain with the Ramsey VFD in Harrison County. Some of you may know me from my many years in EMS as an EMT\Paramedic with Crawford County EMS, Harrison County EMS or as a Flight Paramedic and Program Director with Air Evac Lifeteam in Paoli. I already know a great many of you and I look forward to meeting many more in the months to come.

I will soon be calling on all departments to email me information on meeting dates so that I can visit as many departments as possible. I will make every effort to hand deliver years of service pins for presentations and photos to submit them for the newsletter. I will be looking for any suggestions you may have for things that I can do to help you. Please feel free to email me any information regarding any department events or send them directly to Josh Reisert for the website.

I look forward to working for you as your District 16 representative!

Please support the advertisers!!

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from 17A, I would like to thank all those who attended the annual Vincennes sausage supper and District 17A meeting. A very snowy night but turnout not bad on January 19th.

Feb. 1, 2 and 3 I attended state officer's meeting in Indy.

Feb. 11th I attended the Greene County Firefighter Assoc. meeting at the Bloomfield VFD.

Feb. 23 I attended Wright Twp. VFD 40th anniversary celebration. Thanks for their years of service.

March 7th I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

March 20th district meeting was hosted by Plainville VFD. Guest Jack Kerney, past president and PRSW Steve Nolan spoke on items to those in attendance. 10 and 25 year pins were passed out.

Coming up I will be attending Taylor VFD meeting April 4 and Sat., April 6 at Steen Twp. (Wheatland). Herald Baker will receive his 50 year Gold card.

Sam Emery
IVFA District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Robert "Bobby" Brown - Chairman

We are asking for all fire departments in 17B to turn in a current roster with email addresses of members so Heather can send out mass information emails for training legislative issues etc.

The two emails you can send information to are ivfadist17b@gmail.com or district17b@ivfa.org.

17B has had two meetings since the last article. First meeting was at Pleasant Run VFD on January 9, 2019. We had 5 different fire departments represented. I presented Chad Hillenburg, Pleasant Run VFD with his 10-year pin. Steve Nolan was there and talked about legislative issues that the IVFA is following very closely. Luke Kluender was on hand and was talking about financial issues. The IVFA was concerned about the numbers of the IVFA membership dropping in recent years.

Second meeting was held on March 13, 2019 at Orleans Fire Department. We had 9 different fire departments represented.

We had special guest, the newly appointed Web Master for the IVFA, Josh Reisert at admin@ivfa.org. Josh is the person of contact on the Web-site if something is wrong with the information on your fire department. All other issues still need to go to Jack Kerney at Central Office. Dave Israel was on hand to introduce the new District Chairman John Gott for District 16. Other guests on hand were Steve Nolan, Luke Kluender. We talked about current House and Senate bills that the IVFA was following and had concerns about.

Would like to say thanks to both fire departments with hosting and providing the food for both meetings.

Shawswick VFD will be honoring Robert (Bob) Barber with his 50-year IVFA Gold card on May 18, 2019 with dinner at 1:00 p.m. with presentation of Gold card after the meal.

17B next meeting will be held on May 8, 2019 at Morgantown VFD. Food served at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks,

Bobby

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18, The 17 January meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the Grandview VFD. Roll call was answered by 50 members representing 17 departments. A total of 293 runs were reported answered. District 18 Chaplain Jadon Hinkle gave the opening prayer and remembrance of members who have passed since the last meeting. Guests included Abby Ruxer - District 18 Miss Flame, State Lobbyist Larry Curl, IVFAA State President Carol Curl, Jack and Barb Kerney - Central Office, Steve Nolan - PRSW, Kathy Smith - IVFAA District 18 Chairman, and Michael Kidwell of Hoosier Fire.

The meeting of 21 March was hosted by the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department. 58 members representing 23 departments answered roll call and a total of 370 runs were reported answered. District 18 Chaplain Jadon Hinkle gave the opening prayer and remembrance of members who have passed since the last meeting. Guests included State President Paul Holcomb, Vice President David Israel, PRSW Steve Nolan, Jack and Barb Kerney of the Central Office. The State Officers addressed the current legislative agenda and urged the use of the Website to the members present.

Well, "spring has sprung" as the saying goes. So it is time for those runs associated with this time of year. Ground cover fires,

because "no one thought the dead, dry grass on top would burn when it is so muddy underneath!" Or the, "I been wanting to get rid of this pile of limbs all winter, and I didn't think it was that windy!" And let's not forget the alarm runs because of the spring thunderstorms that are coming. I have said it before and I will say it again, there are no routine runs! When we lower our guard, is when accidents happen.

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

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18

From The IVFA Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 2-3, 2019
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Meeting called to order at 1406 by President Paul Holcomb. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Roll Call was taken with 24 District Chairmen present and 1 Absent and 2 Substitutes, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 5 past presidents, Lobbyist and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, District 13A Mike Dzuba made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Motion was made to accept treasurer's report by PRSW Steve Nolan.

Old Business:

1. Benefits Summit- May 19-21, Minnesota - nothing new to add.
2. D.C. Trip - April 24-26, Not going to be flying they will be flying, and letter will be coming out for those going.
3. Hero's Gala - March 2 - paid and list was read on who is attending was read. We are listed as Gold Sponsor.
4. Central Office contract
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addendum was brought up and discussed. The original amount was misstated incorrectly in the November 2017 meeting minutes and should be listed as \$39,500 yearly per 2011 contract which has been extended to September 2018 and then started again for 2 years to expire in 2020. The increase of \$40,000 yearly was based off of \$37,200. Discussion was made that the figures should have been increased to \$42,500 and that there would be back pay from Sept. 30, 2018 to present to make it correct. Past President Buz Koehler makes a motion to send contract increase to board action to make the contract state the correct increase to \$42,500 with arrears paid to Jack and Barb Kerney from September 30, 2018. District 15 Chairman Ross Emery seconded. Motion carried.

5. Information from the Director Langley on our requests and updated report from the Fire Marshal Office to start addressing issues we have. We are opening our lines of communication and making a step forward in the association.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, paid/not paid list mailed out. 14 new dues packets sent out. \$11,600 and 565 new members added from last quarter from going out to departments. Pin lists and deceased lists updated and sent out. Dept. rosters and dept. list emailed out. Reports have been sent out using the info@ivfa.org email account. 13,547 addresses sent for the newspaper mail list. 442 bad addresses on hold. 14,500 approximate membership papers mailed out. Membership numbers: 13,229 active, 44 military, 85 associate, 79 individual, 545 Gold member 25 past president. 4707 license plates sold for the year. Had an issue with the computer program and the company updated their system and we have some items that have come up missing or incorrect. Jack has been in contact with JL Systems to get the issues corrected.

Executive Committee Report: Paul Holcomb, PR reps were brought in and additional state officers to discuss the betterment of the association. 4 districts have not had re-elections to chairman office. District 1 Marshall Neece, District 2 Paul Watland, District 13A Mike Dzuba and District 16 Josh Reisert were appointed by President Holcomb to serve as district chairmen until next meeting when quorum can be met and when elections will be held. 14 officers have been able to go out and speak with departments to return to the association. We need to make sure that we are promoting our association through our benefits. Make sure that the meeting dates are advertised well in advance. Programs and meals during the meeting to assist with attendance. District chairman duties - holding your meetings,

attending events and fundraisers, attend your committee meetings. Vice President Israel brought up using the resource of district drawing papers for contact information to get out our information. The dues that are paid by the department are a legal expense and a benefit to the department in listed that way.

Committee Reports:

Awards - David Israel - Get Global Awards in this weekend. Angel Award handed over and only 1 Jr. Firefighter application submitted. Jean Smith, Mr. IVFA - meeting on Sunday after the board action meeting.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, have not received any applications yet, still waiting for those to come in.

Budget: Luke Kluender - nothing new, waiting for January statements to come in to update.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRCW Larry Bartlow, SOG change for the eyeglasses to be increased from \$75 to \$100. Change was agreed and voice voted to pass. Change in S.O.G. to update insurance company address to correct information. Richard Glant made motion to make address change, Jack Zeeks second. Motion was passed.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich - There was one claim that will be researched and taken care of hopefully. Clothing claim form will be updated to show correct.

Convention: David Israel, 2018 is wrapped up with exception of \$1000 donation from GM. Group went to Blue Chip for update on the 2019 convention, they will have maps for local areas attractions. We are waiting for gaming license to come back before we can sell raffle tickets. Buz has coins for sale for \$10. Miss Flame reservation code is different; there are 30 rooms blocked but not giving out until the girls are finalized. 2020 Convention - Jack Kerney - agenda complete, meeting rooms complete, challenge coin complete, finalizing food lists. Possible bid for 2021.

EMS: District 8A Jerry Liston, January meeting there was a report on a pilot program for CPAP at Basic level. Positive pt results coming back from that program. 94% reporting rate. All meetings at Zionsville, except September is at IERC.

Insurance: Treasurer Luke Kluender, waiting to send out insurance, Tort Claim listing names as responsible parties, we have no liability in this matter.

Legislation: Larry Curl and Buz Koehler, legislation has been updated on the website. Names submitted for resolution, asked for it to be held until April. 17 bills being watched. HB 1064 - Education Bill, has passed House and going to Senate, this is to be able to be a volunteer firefighter and obtain an associate degree. HB 1478 - Retirement package - local

governments can provide a package to the public for retirement. SB 121- increase clothing and auto from 100 to 200 each. Fund of 3.5 million must be established for the reimbursement. SB 248 - Public Safety Tax Benefit, HB 1177 - Township Capital Improvement plan, it requests updates and improvements but has to show level of preparedness of volunteer departments and whether departments have the required resources to complete our duties. Watching another bill that would eliminate Townships.

LODD: Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky - pass.

Logo: District 18 John Smith, pass.

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, discussion with creating a recruitment video to increase our membership.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, only had 15 advertisers, if there are new ones let Buz know; we need 3-4 new ones to add to the paper. Make sure to send good pictures to the editor so that they can be seen in the paper.

Public Relations and Education: PRSW Steve Nolan, giving away pop sockets, chip clips, jar openers. Give phone fans to those who sign up as new members during FDIC. Going to give away another clock and sell challenge coins at the booth. Need work volunteers for FDIC booth. April 8-13, 2019 are the dates.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, going to do a survey in the paper and online to determine the interest of a 75-year book. The committee has pricing for printing the books.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, Sgt.-At-Arms Brent Bush gave report, Fire Marshal Leadership Conference - different locations and dates provided, Dubois County fire school dates were given and registration forms made available.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, Secretary Leighanne Ellis gave report, Youth Camp contact information received and will be contacted, 7 districts still not on Facebook with pages yet, Generational speaker - we are still seeking information for a speaker and it being cost efficient.

Social Media and Website: District 16 Josh Reisert, 7,254 likes on the page, top views on website, calendar, blue lights and fire departments. Everyone needs to look at their departments in the list on the website and make sure the names are listed correctly. Also need to make sure the addresses are correct for physical address so the mapping system is correct. We don't have a Webmaster. The website company is a Webhost that builds but we need to have a Webmaster who now maintains the website as one location to make changes. President Holcomb will make an

appointment. Any changes need to go to admin@ivfa.org.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith.

Fire Alliance: Steve Anderson, report given by Lobbyist, last meeting was covered by IDHS Director Langley.

Hero's Competition: Mike Dzuba, Greenfield Fire will host this year.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks. No meeting.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Jean Smith.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman, State Fair Theme - Heroes of the Heartland.

Officer's Reports:

President, Paul Holcomb, 8 district meetings, two departments, Vincennes sausage supper, 2000 miles.

Vice President, David Israel, 10 district meetings, four department meetings, two Bible and grave markers presentations, award presentation, 2019 committee meeting, a meeting with Ron Langley IDHS director.

Chaplain, Ed Gerdowsky, one district meeting, one memorial service, please make sure to return funeral vouchers for Bible and grave markers.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, \$50 donation to Bridgeport fund in memory of Michael Cole.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, when district meeting, House committee hearing for built-in 64.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, get with him for supplies.

Historian, John Davies, pass.

Chairman of the Board, Steve Anderson.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, couple district meetings, department meetings and chief meetings.

PRNE, Jean Smith, two Memorial services, seven district meetings, three service award presentations, signed a department back into membership.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, seven district meetings, department visits, a Memorial service.

PREC, Don Cushman, attended all the two meetings.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, attended all district meetings, attended a countywide Memorial service.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, three district meetings, County chief's meeting.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, absent.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, pass.

Jack Zeeks, pass.

Buz Koehler, attended one district meeting, four convention meetings, one alliance meeting.

Jack Kerney, three district meetings, one Memorial service, one convention meeting.

Larry Ketchem, pass.

David Israel, pass.

Steve Anderson, in attendance of a memorial service. Updated on Deputy Fire Dept. progress. Also gave information on departments

in need of air packs and with those who have air packs from reports received off of Facebook.

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, 3 memorials, 1 district.

District 2, Paul Watland, pass.

District 3, Bob Uryga, no deaths, 2 district meetings.

District 4, Elton Schafer, district meeting, 1 Bible and grave marker.

District 5, John Grolich, district meeting and joint meeting with District 8A, had fire marshal in attendance, handed out pins, award presentation.

District 6, Jerry Sprague - Mack Grobis is in attendance, report is in the mail.

District 7, Sam Bisel, 2 dept. meetings, 3 memorial services, Vice Chair Lenny Smith in attendance as well.

District 8A, Jerry Liston, joint meeting with Dist. 5, 2 memorials, asked if there was an issue with sharing information with the Marshal's office for updated information.

Motion: District 5 John Grolich made a motion to share department and Chief information with the state fire marshal office, Bobby Brown made the second, motion was majority approved with 1 nay recorded.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright, Global Award, pins, clock presentation, and 2 memorial services.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, 2 district meetings, recognition night for Cass County first responders, dept. meetings.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent.

District 10, John Ray, 5 county meetings.

District 11A, Pete Taylor 9 dept, tenure pins and Gold cards.

District 11B, Jack Giles, district meeting, 3 funerals, tenure pins passed out.

District 12, Larry Bruner acting chairman, Jason Coffey has resigned as chairman and there is a possible interest within the district and needing to be voted on at their next meeting.

Larry Bruner will step in as interim chairman until March meeting as appointed by President Holcomb.

District 13A, Mike Dzuba, funeral and meeting, lack of membership making hard to hold meetings.

District 13B, Jeff Biehl, passed out couple Bible and grave markers, 10 and 25 year pins, three Department meetings, couple other Department meetings.

District 14, Rick Cannon, 5 50-year Gold cards, 25 and 10 year pins, 2 memorial services, Deputy Fire Department has obtained a building to use and are up and running currently.

District 15, Ross Emery, 3 new departments back into the assoc.

District 16, Josh Reisert, pass.

IVFA secretary

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District 17A, Sam Emery, several department meetings, thanks to those who came to the Sausage Supper during the weather.

District 17B, Bobby Brown, 2 district meetings, county meeting, 2 fundraisers, 1 death.

District 18, John "Bull" Smith, 2 meetings, 2 deaths, 800 miles, pins passed out, thanks to all who gave regards to his father's passing and memorial service.

District 19, Steve Macke, 2 district meetings, Miss Flame judging.

District 21, Ed Watson, 1 district meeting, 4 departments and pins passed out. Insurance issue taken care of. Issues with calls for soliciting fire donations from Indiana fire association and they are getting hung up. We are aware and this is not with us and they should not be making donations to them thinking they are from us.

President Holcomb recessed meeting at 1723 to reconvene at 0830 Sunday morning.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Tina Schlarb, IVFA District 4 secretary



New Carlisle banquet (pictured left to right) Michael Tuszynski awarded for 15 years of service, IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams, Robert Middlebrook awarded for 45 years of service, and Joshua Schweizer awarded for 15 years of service.



Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department annual chili dinner, (pictured from left to right) Braxton Jones, Ben Kane, IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams, Dale Schlarb, Mike Wozny, Ryan James, and Brad Sherman.

Firefighter Appreciation Dinner held



Liberty Township 16th annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner.



Liberty Township 16th annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner (pictured from left to right) - Robert Litteral III and IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

District 5 - 2019 Miss Flame



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

District 6, 2019 Miss Flame



E.J. Smith - District 6 IVFAA Chairman, Jerry Sprague - District 6 IVFA Chairman, Bailey Sheley - District 6 Miss Flame, Jean Smith, PRNE.

2019 IVFA State Convention WATERBALL ENTRY FORM

Waterball contests will be held during the IVFA State Convention June 15, 2019
Contest will be in the parking lot just east of Blue Chip Tower
Blue Chip Casino - 2019 Convention Headquarters
777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, IN

Name of Department - _____
Contact Name & Phone No: _____
Address: _____
No. of Teams: _____ MEN: _____ WOMEN: _____

Join us on June 15th 2019 and prove to the rest of the want to be "champions" that your team is "TRULY" the state Waterball Champions---and take home a trophy. Cheering section welcome.

1. International Waterball rules for men and women will prevail with rules from the IVFA Games Committee.
2. There will be one playing court. Men's competition is limited to twenty(20) teams. Women's competition is to limited to ten (10) teams. If more entries are received than can be accommodated, the earliest postmarked forms will be entered.
3. All team members must be representing a Fire Department and must be at least eighteen.
4. **Deadline for mail in entries is June 8, 2019 @ 1:00pm (CDT).** Entry fee of \$25.00 per team must accompany each team entry. Make checks payable to the IVFA State Convention
5. Registration starts at 6:30 am and must be completed by 7:15 am. There will be a Team Captains meeting at 7:30 a.m (SHARP) at the registration Trailer/Table. The contest will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2019.
6. The Tournament will be single elimination if there are more than six(6) teams. The tournament will be double elimination if there are six(6) teams or less.
7. Trophies/Plaques will be awarded for 1st and 2nd places along with cash prizes. The more teams registered, the bigger the cash prizes! They will be awarded after the contest.
8. **ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK-IN Thirty (30) MINUTES BEFORE STARTING TIME TO SIGN PERSONAL INJURY WAIVE FORMS OR FORFIET THEIR POSITION IN THE TOURNAMENT.**
9. **DECISIONS OF JUDGES ARE FINAL!**
10. Helmets and coats must be worn. Shoes or boots are required, no open toed shoes, sandals, or flip flops will be permitted!

Mail-in-Deadline for registration: June 8th, 2019.

(Register on site if space is still available at the Registration Table until 5:00 p.m. June 14th)

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION TO PARTICIPATE.

Mail-in registration should be mailed to:

IVFA Waterball - 2019
402 El Portal Drive Michiana Shores, Indiana 46360 C/O Robert Uryga

August deadline is:
July 5, 2019

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

– submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

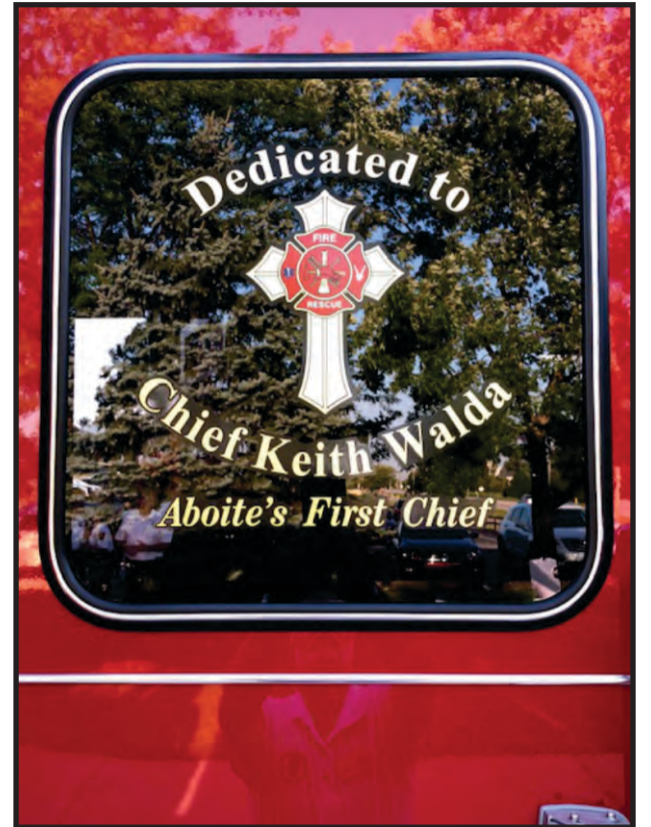
Ladder 187 stands at attention during the viewing of Chief Keith Walda



The new ladder truck is a Pierce with a 100 foot ladder/platform. On August 28, 2018 they honored and dedicated this new Truck 187 to Keith Walda, Aboite Fire Department, First Fire Chief. He helped start the fire department in 1982, has dedicated most of his life to public safety, to his community and fire department. Chief Walda had a significant impact on emergency services in Aboite, he dedicated much of his life advocating for public safety and led the charge for a fire station in Aboite.

I am posting the following message that was on Social Media by Jeff Burke, Aboite Fire Department.

“What a loss it is to lose someone who is so caring and always had a smile on his face. A true leader and mentor for many people. And what a privilege it was to know Keith and to serve with him on the Aboite Fire Department. He always told us when we said good bye to “Be Safe Out There”. We’ll take it from here Keith. Rest in Peace.”



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by Mark Lemler

Weikel retires; honored with Fireman’s Axe

Uniondale Vol. Fire Department had a member retire. Rt. Col. Richard L Weikel was honored after serving Wells County, Uniondale Vol. Fire Department and our country in the Indiana Army National Guard for 38 continuous years of service. He has held multiple leadership roles within Uniondale Fire. He was an EMT in the early years of EMS in Wells County. For all of his years of service and years of leadership and dedication we presented him with a Fireman’s Axe. Richard served our country on multiple deployments and retired with rank of Colonel.

Pictured with Richard is his family. Left to right - son Quinn, wife - Melany, Richard, son - Ethan, son - Chase.



Ten year pins presented



Uniondale Vol. Fire Department honored two members for 10 years of service. Pictured left - IVFA District 7 Chairman, Mr. Sam Bisel, center - Zak Krinn and right - Aaron Nunley.

Presented award for Compassion

Wednesday, March 27th the Markle Fire Department received an award from Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center.



The award for Compassion was presented during the Fort Wayne Komets Game. Accepting the award are left to right - Markle Firefighters: Brandon Best,

Charles Douglass, Eric Pike, Jason Cocklin and the Director of Marketing and Admissions for Markle Health and Rehab, Mary Ferrick.

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LOOK FOR OUR AD IN THE MAY IVFA PAPER

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Donkey vs Man

Twenty years of service



The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department and police department played the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department in a donkey basketball game on February 6th.

Shown in the picture is Michael "Peewee" Boruff from the Farmland VFD but was playing for the Parker City team. I guess he is telling the donkey how much he loved him. I also heard that he was walking around looking for a step stool to help him get on the donkey.

This was a fundraiser to help raise money for the Monroe Central track team.

Good job, guys!!

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Pictured at left – On March 7th, Laura Coleman received a certificate for her 20 years of service to the department. Pictured at right – Nancy Armstrong received a certificate for her 20 years of service to the department. Both ladies are from the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.



Brent Davis and Jeff Barker from the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department were honored for their 20 years of service to the department.



B-ball team receives escort

Montpelier Fire Department, along with Chester Center Fire Department and the Montpelier Police Department escorted the Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School varsity basketball team back to town after winning their sectional championship game. Pictured is the ball team along with Jeff Glancy from the Montpelier Fire Department. Jeff is the sixth one from the left.

PROVIDENT

LOOK FOR OUR AD IN THE MAY IVFA PAPER

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

– submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



Honored for 50 years

The White River Volunteer Fire Department had the honor of presenting Max Jennings with his distinguished award of 50 years of volunteer fire service with the White River Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured are the fire department members. Max is the third one from the left in the back row.



New fire truck

The Portland Fire Department got a new fire truck. It is a 2018 Smeal Spartan Gladiator five man cab. It has a 1000 gallon water tank, 2 - 20 gallon foam tanks, a 1500 GPM waterous pump-rear mount. The engine is set up for fire suppression and rescue operations. It has a command light tower and hydraulic ladder rack to assist the firemen on the scene. The engine also carries tools for auto/machinery extrication, ice/water rescue along with the tools for fire suppression.



Home Inventory: Make it Now!

Who needs to do a home inventory? You do.

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

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

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

- Electronics
- Washer and dryer
- Light fixtures
- Dining room table and china cabinet
- Personal care items
- Jewelry

see 'home inventory' page 27

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LOOK FOR OUR AD IN THE MAY IVFA PAPER

Greetings from the People's House... the Indiana State House as we

HONOR OUR OWN

Yes, all 17 pictured here were in the chamber of the Indiana House of Representatives on April 11, 2019 to be honored and celebrate their 50 years of service to the communities they have served all those 50 years.

During this celebration we honored 64 new lifetime members of the IVFA granting each a life time membership for their commitment to community, department and self. Representative Randy Frye (serves House District #67 in the Southeast part of our State) read before the 100 members of the House HCR # 58 a resolution recognizing and honoring volunteer firefighters.

At today's gathering including the 17 - 50 year members, their families and IVFA leadership, we had 97 attendees.

We were able to surprise & recognize one other with 50 years of service, our Indiana State Fire Marshal, Marshal Jim Greeson. Jim was surprised with the recognition by the IVFA, the Indiana Fire Chiefs, the PFFUI, members of the Indianapolis Fire Department and most important his family, congratulations Marshal and welcome to the IVFA as an honorary lifetime member.

Following the reading of the HCR, the surprise honor to the State Fire Marshal the Lt. Governor, Suzanne Crouch addressed the group sharing a message of support and commitment to Volunteer Fire Service followed by pictures of all 50 year members present.

It was a great day and a great opportunity to celebrate all 50 year members, congratulations to each of you, you are the true heroes in this story for having the dedication, commitment, desire and willingness to serve your communities and your departments for all those years.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 64 and THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9-A

Submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman

Twenty five year pin

Fifty year Gold card



25 year pin to Shawn Shedron of Walton Comm. Fire Dept., District 9A



50 Year Gold Card presented to John Minglin of Miami Twp. Fire Dept.



2018 Global Award winner

District 9A 2018 Global Award presented to Gary Micheals of Clinton Twp. Fire

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 year members of Delphi Tri Twp. Fire



AUGUST 2019 DEADLINE IS JULY 5, 2019

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Forty years of service



Jack Wilson of Wright Twp. celebrated 40 years of service on February 23, 2019.

Fifty year Gold cards



Gary Sturm from Otter Creek Twp. received his 50 year Gold card on January 26, 2019. Pictured (left) - Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A and (right) Gary Sturm.



Lawrence Tempel received his 50 year Gold card on February 2, 2019 at Posey Twp. Pictured at left is Jeff Van Lannon, assistant chairman and pictured at right is Lawrence Tempel.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

- submitted by Katie Melvin, District 11B Social Media Representative

Twenty-five pins awarded



Eric Runyan (left) was presented his 25 year pin by Chief Phil Pirtle (right). He has served on Waynetown Volunteer Fire Department.



Terry Wood (right), was presented his 25 year pin by Chairman Jack Giles (left). Terry serves on Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

1st Attack Engineering, Inc. out of Waterloo, Indiana is celebrating 20 years of serving the fire industry. 1st Attack Engineering, Inc. builds custom emergency vehicles like wildfire brush trucks, grass rigs, brush pumpers and tankers. Their emergency vehicles incorporate innovative safety features and custom options that make them the safest and most efficient emergency vehicles on the market. They work directly with their customers to meet their specific needs.

1st Attack Engineering, Inc. was formed as a result of the President, Jeffrey Cook, working as a volunteer firefighter. He envisioned a need to provide innovative design and safety features that can only come from experience in this field. With his long history of working with all types of off-road vehicles, his experience in fighting field and brush fires, Jeffrey's vision to design and develop efficient equipment for the fire industry was born.

In 1995, Jeffrey built his first fire truck conversion for an Auburn, Indiana based Fire Department. The company's design and development of off-road firefighting equipment has progressed to include

many different rescue units, from its Mini Emergency Response Vehicle (M.E.R.V.™) to the light weight, Co-poly off-road fire rescue unit. Each vehicle provides unique features based on the customers' needs that can only come from years of real experience in the fire industry.



Have a safe and happy summer!



1ST ATTACK

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

Submitted by Katie Melvin, District 11B Social Media Representative



Suggested media posts for firefighters

Follow us on Twitter @nvfc, Facebook @nvfc1, and Instagram @mynvfc to directly share any content you feel would be useful for your members. You can also use these handles to tag the NVFC in the following posts or in any posts from your organization that you'd like us to share.

MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway suggested posts:

Does your volunteer fire department need new gear? The application period for MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway is now open! MSA, in partnership with DuPont and the NVFC, is giving away 52 sets of Globe gear in 2019. <http://bit.ly/2Xsg1S7>

The 2019 application period for MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway Program is now open. Eligible volunteer fire departments can apply for 4 sets of new turnout gear. <http://bit.ly/2Xsg1S7>

MSA, in partnership with DuPont and the NVFC, is giving away 52 sets of Globe turnout gear to volunteer fire departments in need in 2019. Apply now! <http://bit.ly/2Xsg1S7>

Training Summit suggested posts:

Join fire service volunteers from across the country at the NVFC Training Summit, June 14-15 in Portland, OR. Registration is now open, and travel stipends are available. <http://bit.ly/2F6Uru1>

Apply for a travel stipend to attend the NVFC Training Summit June 14-15 in Portland, OR. This event features classroom sessions on topics of critical importance to the fire and emergency services. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/2F6Uru1>

Register now for the NVFC Training Summit, taking place June 14-15 in Portland, OR. Agenda, registration, and information on travel stipends available here: <http://bit.ly/2F6Uru1>

The NVFC is hosting a Training Summit June 14-15 in Portland, OR. Registration is now open. Travel stipend applications are also being accepted through April 1. <http://bit.ly/2F6Uru1>

Safety Stand Down suggested posts:

The theme of Safety Stand Down 2019 has been announced! "Reduce Your Exposure: It's Everyone's Responsibility" focuses on understanding and reducing risks for occupational cancer. <http://bit.ly/2kwGWKn>

Start planning now for Safety Stand Down, which takes place June 16-22. This year's theme focuses on firefighter cancer prevention and the recommendations presented in the Lavender Ribbon Report. <http://bit.ly/2kwGWKn>

Receives 25 year service pin



Tom Smith from New Market received his 25 year pin. From left to right is: Jack Giles (District 11B Chairman) and Tom Smith (New Market firefighter).

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Ten year service pins awarded



Bradly Steele of Everton F.D. receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Scott Isaacs of Everton F.D. receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Scott Keasling receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Liberty Twp. members receive 10 year service pins. Pictured are Jason Burns, Cole MacIntyre, Chairman Jeff Biehl and Justin Koby.



Nate Stevens of Liberty F.D. receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.

August 2019 deadline : July 5, 2019

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

District 13B Miss Flame



Pictured are David Reeder, Maddy Reeder and Deana Reeder.



Pictured are IVFAA acting chairman Anthony Smith, Maddy Reeder and District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

Members receive twenty-five year pins



Steven D Ramsey of Boston F.D. received his 25 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.

Also . . . Joseph Steindard of Everton F.D. received his 25 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

— submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

New equipment throughout the district



Clifty 6



Madison 5



Madison Fire



District 14 Miss Flame

Willie Stoffgren receives 50 year Gold card



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2019 IVFA CONVENTION
IN MICHIGAN CITY JUNE 12 - 15**

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Thank you!!

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman

Receives 50 year Gold card



On March 19th Jerry Bulger, Chief of Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Department was presented his 50 year pin and Gold card. Jerry's family was there to help surprise him with this presentation.



District 15 Miss Flame

On January 15th Jordyn Miller was crowned 2019 District 15 Miss Flame.

Ten year pins awarded



On January 15th District Chairman Ross Emery presented several members of the District with their 10 year pins.

Home inventory . . .

(continued from page 21)

- Art
- Kitchen items, silverware and appliances
- Furniture
- Carpeting
- Beds and linens
- Clothing
- Sports equipment
- Yard and garden tools

than half of those who have completed the task say they have never added new items that they've purchased. You should update the list:

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

who loses their life in the line of duty.

This article is furnished by California Casualty, providing auto and home insurance to firefighters for over 40 years. Get more information at 1.800.800.9410 or www.calcas.com/IVFA.

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

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

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

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

- Waived or reduced deductibles if your vehicle is damaged or vandalized while parked where you work or volunteer as a firefighter
- \$500 coverage for turnout gear and uniforms damaged or stolen from your vehicle
- Fallen Hero Survivor Benefit which waives the premium for the current policy and for the following year for surviving spouses or partners of a firefighter

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

Once you have your inventory, don't forget to update it. More

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

MARCH 1, 2020 DEADLINE

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

Applications sent by Certified Mail MUST have a postmark no later than MARCH 1, 2020.

Applications are available from all district chairmen, elected officers of the IVFA or the Scholarship Chairman.

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

**IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE
PO BOX 4797
EVANSVILLE, IN 47724
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

- submitted by John Gott, District Chairman

Russell Sieg retires

Ten year pin awarded



Russell Sieg joined the Ramsey Fire Department in Harrison County on 4/8/1986. Throughout his career with RFD he has been a key person in many events and has held various positions including Officer and Board Member. Just prior to his retirement he was the head cook for the annual chicken BBQ.

Russell retired 1/1/18 after over 31 years of dedication to the community of Northern Harrison County.

Russell, we thank you very much for your dedication and leadership of our younger generation of firefighters.

Matthew Clapp (pictured with Chief Chris Woertz) joined Ramsey Fire Department on 5/4/2009.

He and his wife Amanda live in Depauw with their 3 children.

Matthew remains very active within the RFD. We congratulate him on his 10 years of dedication to the community we serve.

AUGUST 2019

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JULY 5, 2019

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

Ten year pins awarded to members



At the meeting of the West Baden Springs VFD, two members were presented with their IVFA membership pins. Pictured receiving the 10 year pin (left to right) are Charles Willhoite and Emily Pinnick. Also receiving the award, but not present were Melissa Baer and Ben Stidham.



During the Annual Board meeting of the St. Meinrad VFD, two members were presented with the IVFA membership awards. Pictured (left to right) receiving the 10 year membership award are Danny Buechler and Theodore Klem.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

Ten, twenty-five and fifty year pins awarded to members



At the meeting of the Jasper VFD of 7 February, three members were presented with their IVFA membership pins. Pictured receiving the 10 year pin (left to right) are Cody Schmidt, Tyler Lechner and Jason Shaw.



At the meeting of the Anderson Twp. VFD of 7 January, three members were presented with their IVFA membership pins. Pictured receiving the 10 year pin (right) is Ben Enmen. Pictured receiving the 25 year pin is (left) is Kevin Peter. Pictured (center) receiving the 50 year pin and Gold Card is Jerome Kunkler.



During the Annual Dinner of the Schnellville VFD, 4 members were presented with the IVFA membership awards. Pictured (left to right) receiving the 10 year membership award is Travis Theising, Matt Hasenour and Mark Persohn. Receiving the 25 year membership award is Keith Persohn. Also receiving the 10 year award but not present, Derek Schuetter.



At the District 18 meeting of 17 January, two members were presented with the IVFA 10 year membership pin. Pictured receiving the award from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith are Doris Kurtz of the New Boston VFD and Michael Cameron of the Grandview VFD.

IVFA 2019 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

8:00am Tee Time	Golf Outing	Briar Leaf – LaPorte
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Registration	Sams Town 2 nd Floor
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Chinese Auction	Sams Town 2 nd
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Dinner/Burn Camp Auction	Orleans Ballroom 2 nd Floor
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Miss Flame Info Meeting	Sams Town 2 nd Floor
10:00pm- 12:00pm	Hospitality	California Room-Blue

Thursday, June 13, 2019

8:00am-5:00pm	Registration	Sams Town 2 nd Floor
8:00am- 12:00	Miss Flame Judging	Gold Coast A & B, Exec. room
7:00am – 9:00am	Vendor Set-up	Sams Town & Blue Chip lot
9:00am – 5:00pm	Vendor Display	Sams Town & Blue Chip parking lot
9:00am – 11:00am	Board of Standards	Stardust 5
9:00am – 11:00am	Seminars TBD	Stardust 4
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Miss Flame Luncheon	Suncoast B
2:00pm – Close	Miss Flame Final Judging	Orleans Ballroom
3:00pm – 4:00pm	IVFAA Officers Meeting	Stardust 1
3:00pm – 4:00pm	IVFA Officers Meeting	Stardust 3
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Welcome Meal	Stardust 4,5,6
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Opening Mtg/Memorial	Stardust 1,2,3
9:00pm – 12:00am	Dance – D.J.	Stardust 4,5,6
9:00pm – 12:00	Hospitality	California Room

Friday, June 14, 2019

8:00am – 2:00pm	Registration	Sams Town 2 nd Floor
7:00am – 8:45am	Coffee Kutch	California Room
9:00am to Close	IVFA Annual Business Meeting	Orleans Ballroom
8:30am to Close	IVFAA Annual Business Meeting	Suncoast B
9:30am – 1:00pm	Miss Flame Outing	TBD
1:30pm – 3:00pm	LaPorte Canine Unit	Blue Chip parking lot
11:00am to 12:00	Craft Set up	Sams Town 2 nd Floor
12:00pm to 5:00pm	Craft Show	Sams Town 2 nd Floor
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (on own)	
5:00pm – 9:00pm	Pizza Party – Children	Suncoast A&B
5:30pm – 9:00pm	Convention Banquet	Stardust
9:30pm – 12:30am	Dance/DJ	Stardust
9:00pm – 12:00am	Hospitality	California Room

Saturday, June 15, 2019

7:30am	Waterball	TBD
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Times and locations subject to change

Meet The 2019 Miss Flame Candidates



Samantha O'Boyle
District 1 - Lake Station VFD



Chloe Perkins
District 3 - Coolspring VFD



Rose Adams
District 4 - Lakeville VFD



Madyson Shumaker
District 5 - Bremen VFD



Bailey Sheley
District 6 - Ligonier VFD



Sydney Moon
District 9A - Twelve Mile FD



Kristen Matthews
District 10 - St. Paul VFD



Zoe Ann Larsen
District 11A - Wright Twp. VFD



Alyssa Doss
District 11B - Covington VFD

Congratulations to all!

Meet The 2019 Miss Flame Candidates



Madilynne Reeder
District 13B - West College Corner VFD



Bekah Hillenburg
District 14 - Dupony Vol. Fire Co.



Jordyn Miller
District 15 - Chandler VFD



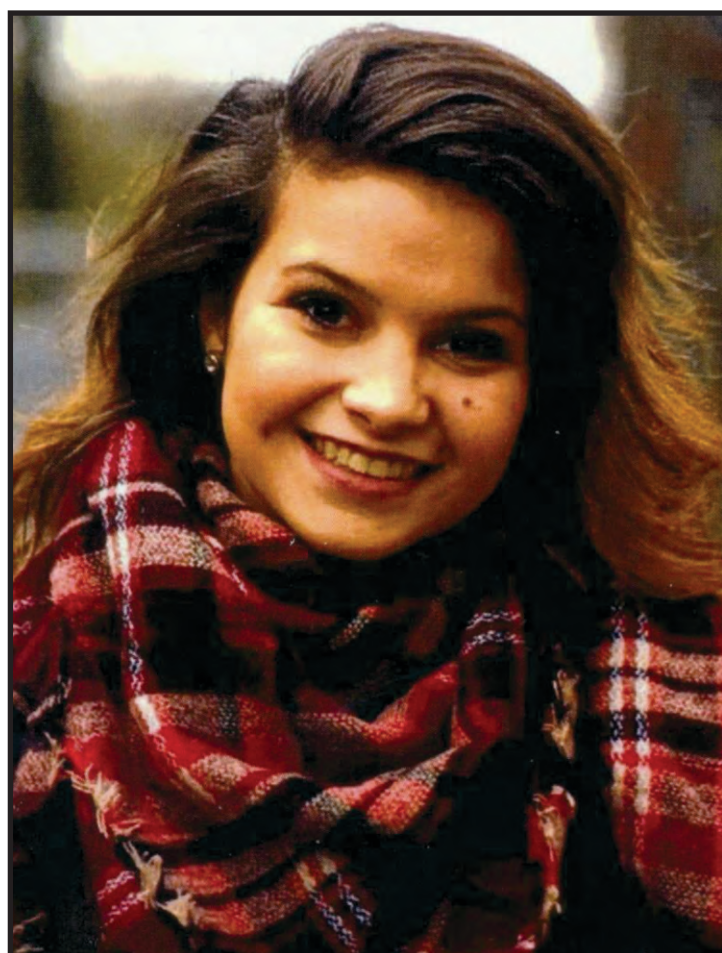
Abigail Ruxer
District 18 - St. Meinrad VFD



Kayla Scranton
District 19 - East Enterprise FD



Shelby Butler
District 21 - Madison Twp. VFD




2018 Miss Flame
 Arizona Pribble
 District 15 - Chandler VFD

Congratulations to all!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded to members



At the District 18 meeting on 21 March, several members were presented with IVFA membership pins.

From the English VFD, Debra Wiseman received the 10 year pin and Paul Laswell received the 25 year pin (both pictured at left).

Michael Hanselman (pictured top left) from the Lockhart Twp. VFD also received the 25 year pin, and individual member Martin Holman (pictured top right) received the 25 year pin.

Pictured is Robin Houchin of the Orange Co. Rural One VFD receiving his 25 year membership pin from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

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	Tee Shirt - Navy - \$15.00			
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MSA's Globe Gear GIVEAWAY

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Apply now for new turnouts through MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway Program

13 departments will each receive four new sets of state-of-the-art gear

Many volunteer departments are to replace. That's why MSA, gear to volunteer fire forced to make do with an DuPont, and the National departments through MSA's inadequate amount of turnout Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Globe Gear Giveaway Program. gear or with worn-out, non- are working together again in This annual program began in compliant gear they can't afford 2019 to distribute new turnout 2012 to help departments in need

properly outfit their crew. To date, the program has delivered 455 sets to 95 departments.

following criteria:

- be all-volunteer or mostly-volunteer (over 50 percent)
- serve a population of 25,000 or less
- be located in the U.S. or Canada and legally organized under state/province law
- demonstrate a need for the gear

“The NVFC is excited to partner with MSA and DuPont again this year on our annual giveaway,” said NVFC Chair Kevin D. Quinn. “Proper turnouts are essential to ensure the safety of our boots on the ground, but many volunteer departments struggle to provide adequate protection to their firefighters. We are grateful to MSA and DuPont for their generosity in giving back to those who serve.”

“MSA is pleased to continue this longstanding partnership with DuPont and the NVFC to provide advanced turnout gear to volunteer fire departments in need,” said chief operating officer of MSA's Globe firefighter protective apparel Tom Vetras. “For more than 100 years we've been dedicated to protecting those who protect us, so when there are first responders in need – we're proud to be able to help.”

“With DuPont's continued focus on protecting firefighters, we are proud and humbled to partner alongside MSA and the NVFC on this much needed gear giveaway program,” said John Richard, vice president and general manager, DuPont™ Kevlar® and Nomex®. “Ensuring that these brave men and women are protected as they selflessly serve their communities is paramount to DuPont, and we look forward to the kick-off of another successful Globe Gear Giveaway campaign.”

The 2019 application period for [MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway is now open. 13 departments will each receive four sets of new gear, for a total of 52 sets. The first 500 applicants will also receive a one-year NVFC membership, courtesy of MSA.](#)

To be eligible to apply for MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway, departments must meet the

Learn more and apply for MSA's Globe gear at www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-giveaway. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2019. Winners will be announced monthly between July and December.

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- see 'turnouts' page 35

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
Mike		Tobin		Ferdinand VFD
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.
Odin	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.
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firefighter protective apparel and helmets, and fall protection devices. With 2017 revenues of \$1.2 billion, MSA employs approximately 4,700 people worldwide. The company is headquartered north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., and has manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. With more than 40 international locations, MSA realizes approximately half of its revenue from outside North America. For more information visit MSA's web site at www.MSAsafety.com. Globe is a wholly owned subsidiary of MSA.

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Register now for the NVFC Training Summit

Travel stipends available for two-day classroom training event

Registration and course selection are now open for the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Training Summit. The Summit will take place June 14-15 in Portland, OR, and is open to all volunteer firefighters, EMS providers, department leadership, and other fire department personnel from across the United States.

This two-day seminar is an opportunity to share ideas and best practices, network, and participate in valuable training. The conference will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, near downtown and other attractions. Attendees will be able to select six out of 12 breakout sessions to attend, addressing critical topics including behavioral health, department training programs, recruitment and retention, leadership, situational awareness, and more. The full schedule, course and instructor information, and additional

details are available at www.nvfc.org/summit.

In addition, the NVFC will offer a networking social event on the evening of June 14. The reception will include a vendor area featuring sponsors California Casualty, Columbia Southern University, ESIP/McNeil & Company, NFPA, Provident, and IAFC-VCOS. Additional sponsorships are available; visit <http://bit.ly/NVFCsponsorship> for more information.

The registration fee for the Summit is \$99, which provides two days of training from nationally-recognized instructors, lunches, and the networking social event. To help more first responders attend, eligible attendees can apply for a travel stipend that will reimburse up to \$600 for any combination of approved expenses, including travel, mileage, lodging, and the event registration fee. Stipend applications must be received by April 1 and recipients will be notified by April 20. For more information and to apply for a scholarship, visit <http://bit.ly/NVFCstipend>.

Summit today at www.nvfc.org/summit. Can't make it to the Summit? Access dozens of on-demand online courses at www.nvfc.org/classroom.

Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, NVFC Training Summit Conference Planner, at 202-887-5700 or Rachel@nvfc.org.

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Safety Stand Down 2019 to focus on Occupational Prevention

Agencies should suspend all non-emergency activities during the week of June 16 - 22

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have announced the [2019 Safety Stand Down](#) theme. This year's "Reduce Your Exposure: It's Everybody's Responsibility" campaign will take place June 16-22, focusing on increasing understanding of occupational cancer risks and implementing recommendations in the Lavender Ribbon Report, developed by the IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS) and the NVFC.

Firefighters face many health risks, but cancer has emerged as one of the most prominent concerns. Safety Stand Down resources and materials emphasize the importance of firefighters educating themselves, their physicians, and their coworkers about job-related risks; point first

responders to the latest information on exposure to carcinogens, including how to limit exposure; and provide best practices and resources regarding reducing the risk of cancer to firefighters. This important initiative encourages everyone to refresh their techniques and learn new skills based on recent research and proactive protocol. Firefighters have a responsibility to protect themselves, their coworkers, and the public from the cancerous byproducts of fire, and this year's Safety Stand Down provides tools and information to help reduce line-of-duty deaths and critical illness.

Agencies across the country are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activities during the week of June 16-22 in order to focus on training and education related to this year's theme. An entire week is provided to ensure

all shifts and personnel can participate. Topic information, resources, training downloads, and videos will be available at www.safetystanddown.org, the official web site for the Safety Stand Down event.

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA), a Safety Stand Down partner, will once again host the Fire Service Safety Stand Down Quiz to generate greater awareness of first responder health and wellness issues. Everyone who completes the online quiz will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes, with 200 randomly selected participants winning a specially designed commemorative Safety Stand Down challenge coin.

The Safety Stand Down is coordinated by the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section and the NVFC, and is supported by

national and international fire and emergency service organizations, including the NFPA.

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About the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous response, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders. [Learn more](#)

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About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org.

Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire launches partnership with National Volunteer Fire Council to support volunteer firefighters

Entertainer Chase Rice hosts intimate concert as part of contest for firefighters and guests

LYNCHBURG, Tenn. (Feb. 20, 2019) – To celebrate and support the nearly 70 percent of firefighters who volunteer their service, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire has announced a partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). A donation of \$75,000 will be made by Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire to the NVFC to help support volunteer firefighters nationwide.

The NVFC is a nonprofit membership association representing the interests of volunteer fire, EMS and rescue services. The organization serves as an advocate for the volunteer on the national level and provides needed programs and resources to first responders addressing critical needs such as safety, health, recruitment, retention, training, funding and more.

"There are over 800,000 firefighters across the country who volunteer to serve and protect their communities, and we work to make sure these heroes have the tools and resources they need to thrive," said NVFC Chair Kevin D. Quinn. "Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire shares our passion for and dedication to the fire service, and we are excited to partner with them to give back to our boots-on-the-ground."

The Jack Daniel Distillery is one of the only distilleries that has its own fire brigade, staffed by 34 distillery workers who volunteer their time to protect the distillery and the Tennessee Whiskey they work so hard to create.

"I know first-hand the amount of courage and skill required to serve as a firefighter. I also know that those who volunteer to protect their communities need a great deal of support to do so safely and effectively," said Fred Elliott, Fire and Security Specialist at the Jack Daniel Distillery. "As a member of the Jack Daniel's Fire Brigade for more than 14 years, I'm proud to be a part of this important community while also working for a company that champions it. Firefighters are an integral part of the Jack Daniel's story, from those who help us make our whiskey to those who work to protect it, and we are honored to be able to give back through this partnership with the NVFC."

In addition to the fundraising efforts, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire also launched a contest for 50 firefighters to win a trip to the Jack Daniel Distillery to attend a concert featuring country artist Chase Rice. The intimate weekend will include a Jack Daniel Distillery Tour, a behind-the-scenes look at the Jack Daniel's Fire Brigade, and the private concert. Additionally, one lucky consumer and a guest will have the chance to meet these heroes and join them in their celebratory weekend through a separate sweepstakes, which opens March 18.

"I have the utmost respect for our first responders and all they sacrifice for our safety," shared Chase Rice. "There's a camaraderie and a sense of pride in the fire brigade that reminds me of our road family, and as a long-time fan of both Jack

Daniel's and Tennessee Fire, it's an honor to perform for them and raise a glass to their immense contributions."

To enter the contest or support the cause, visit JackFire.com.

About Jack Daniel's

The volunteer fire department at the Jack Daniel Distillery has the distinction of not only helping make Jack Daniel's, but also

protecting it. Now, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire is giving back to volunteer firefighters nationwide by contributing \$75,000 to the NVFC. Officially registered by the U.S. Government in 1866 and based in Lynchburg, Tenn., the Jack Daniel Distillery, Lem Motlow, proprietor, is the first registered distillery in the United States and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Jack Daniel's is the maker of the world-famous Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 Tennessee Whiskey, Gentleman

Jack Rare Tennessee Whiskey, Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Tennessee Whiskey, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire, Jack Daniel's Sinatra Select and Jack Daniel's Country Cocktails. Today, Jack Daniel's is a true global icon found in more than 170 countries around the world and is the most valuable spirits brand in the world as recognized by Interbrand.

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I.V.F.A. Convention 2019
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June 14, 2019

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Chase Rice

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About Chase Rice

Country music maverick Chase Rice has become one of country music's most exciting figures since arriving in Nashville, building a loyal fan base across the country through his energetic live shows and gaining the attention of music critics and industry professionals alike with his edgy, eclectic sound. The Tar Heel State native recently released his sophomore album, *Lambs & Lions*, with new label Broken Bow Records. The first single from *Lambs & Lions*, "Three Chords & The Truth," was a Top 20 hit and the follow-up, "Eyes On You," has been streamed over 100 million times and is now Top 15 and quickly climbing at country radio. Rice's debut album *Ignite the Night* debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Top Country Albums and No. 3 on the all-genre chart, and produced a pair of Top 5 hits, the Platinum-certified "Ready Set Roll" and "Gonna Wanna Tonight." After supporting Kenny Chesney's *The Big Revival Tour*, Rice consistently sold out 2,500-3,000 seat venues on his headlining *JD and Jesus Tour*, *Everybody We Know Does Tour* and *Lambs & Lions Tour*. He recently served as direct support *Luke Bryan Farm Tour 2018* and headlined a U.K. run in advance of his highly-anticipated *Eyes On You Tour*, currently underway. For more information visit www.chaserice.com.

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Sunday November 3, 2018
Business meeting continued

Meeting reconvened at 0831 by President Paul Holcomb.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave morning message.

Guest: Lona Huffman, wanted to give us a notice that the insurance company is changing names again to R.T. Insurance. Also explained stipulations on what happens with a tort claim and that they are staying on top of it, so we know our position. Introduced Brandy Brandenburg, she works with the insurance company who has specialized in fire service and is stepping up as insurance specialist who will now be going out in the field.

New Business:

1. FDIC Workers - Steve Nolan - needs help please sign up, bring old challenge coins to be sold during the show.
2. Nominating Committee Appt. - Chairman Jack Zeeks, Don Cushman, Ed Scheele.
3. Newspaper Editor's Assistant yearly appt. - Buz Koehler working on transitioning to new assistant but will still be on for this year.
4. Food for the 50 Year program at State House - offer a donut in the morning and offer a luncheon to the membership that comes. Past President Richard Glant made a motion to provide the donut and luncheon for the members not to exceed \$1500. Jean Smith second, motion passed to go to board action.
5. 15 coins for the DC Trip - Bull Smith made a motion to purchase 15 coins to send with group to pass out. Steve Nolan seconded, motion carries to board action.
6. President Holcomb appointed Josh Reisert to

Webmaster for the association.

7. President Holcomb brought up proposal given by Jack Kerney from the bank for credit card machine. Concerns about fees and look into some other options for credit card and ecommerce.

8. Past President Koehler and Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush advised that we are going to need more new membership benefit booklets soon.

District ticket drawing \$100 gas card winner Lauran Andrick - Sanchez from Jonesboro Fire Dept. District 8A. Cleaning caddy from Stations Supply, Mark Giacobassi from Etna Green Fire Dept. District 5.

Past President Buz Koehler made motion to adjourn, second from Past President Richard Glant. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 0924.

Guest: Director Langley from IDHS. Following up from the last quarterly meeting:

1. Survey results get passed out.
2. Certification verification.
3. Personal information listed and restrictions necessary.
4. Update and maps.
5. Training on the weekends and nights.
6. Code enforcement, educating those hosting events prior to the event so they are being safe with the public. If they cannot follow, then reprimand the repeat offenders but try to collaborate and educate.
7. Town hall events, public events and mass casualty, Force multiply tour.
8. Who to send fire reports to, send to Randall.
9. Acadis, Elizabeth Westfall.

10. Public safety academy training, will send out more information later.

11. Legislation, spoke on HB 1064, supporting it and making it better for First Responder, HB 1063, Stop the Bleed, HB for Mental Health bill.

12. Focusing on training and streamlining in the office, they are bringing in new project managers to assist with workload.

13. Creating a new EMA Assessment tool to benefit and resource with each county director to plan, train, and educate with multiple agencies.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
February 3, 2019
CROWNE PLAZA
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Board Action Business Meeting called to order by Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson at 1031.

Past President Jack Kerney made a motion to keep the same Chairman of the Board, second made by District 21 Ed Watson. Motion passed.

Reading of the minutes, Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to accept them as printed, second was made by PREC Don Cushman, motion passed.

Board Action - Business:

1. Food for the 50-year luncheon up to \$1500, Past President Jack Kerney made a motion to accept the price and provide the luncheon, District 17A Chairman Sam Emery seconded. Motion passed.

2. 15 coins purchased to go

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JACK DANIEL'S Tennessee FIRE

SEE **CHASE RICE** LIVE IN CONCERT AT THE **JACK DANIEL DISTILLERY**

NVFC partner Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire is proud to present their concert for volunteer firefighters—featuring an exclusive performance from country music star Chase Rice, live at the Jack Daniel Distillery.

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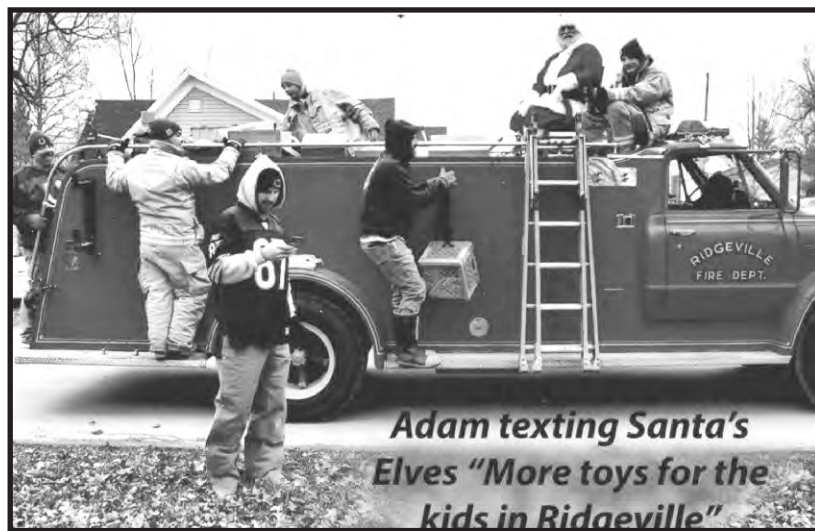
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to Washington, DC. Motion made by PRWC Larry Bartlow, second made by District 8A Jerry Liston. Motion passed.

3. Central Office contract to be amended to \$42,500 per year for this year and the following year to end in September 2020 until the contractors provided. Central Office Jack Kerney will provide an updated contract to show these changes as approved. Past Pres. Richard Grant accepted motion, past Pres. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave benediction.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Past President Jack Zeeks, second by PRNW Jeremy Reef. Meeting adjourned at 1036 a.m.



Christmas time in District 8B

The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas welcome to Ridgeville with Santa. Pictured is the fire department getting ready to deliver some presents to the kids from Santa.

– submitted by Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

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IVFA members can win a \$7,500 garage makeover from California Casualty

California Casualty wants to thank first responders with a new Work Hard/Play Hard Sweepstakes. One lucky law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT will receive a \$7,500 Garage Makeover. Public safety professionals can enter at www.contest4heroes.com.

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"We are grateful for the tough job first responders do every day for all of us," said California Casualty Sr. Vice President Mike McCormick. "We wanted to show our appreciation and provide a useful way to say thanks."

The Work Hard/Play Hard \$7,500 Garage Makeover drawing is open to peace officers, EMTs and firefighters – American heroes who work hard and risk their lives. Entries are being taken now through October 31, 2019, at www.contest4heroes.com. The winner will be announced in November.

Previous Work Hard/Play Hard sweepstakes from California Casualty have awarded public safety personnel Liberty Safes, DeWalt Tools, motorcycles, and cash. Past winners include an Oregon Police officer, Colorado Sheriff's captain, Firefighters from California, Nebraska, Ohio and Pennsylvania and a California Highway Patrolman.

Indiana first responders can learn more about California Casualty and how it appreciates all they do at <https://mycalcas.com>.

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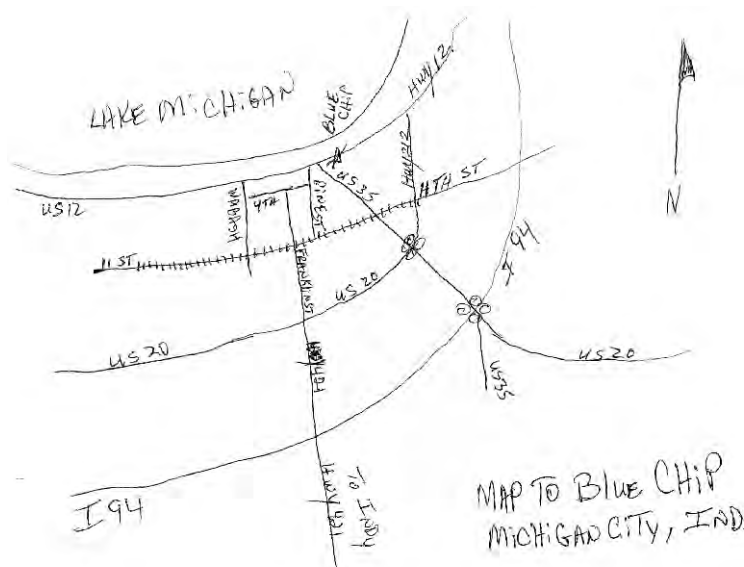
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It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash, such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood. In general, businesses may not open burn anything.

Smoke from burning five pounds of leaves contains about one pound of air pollution!

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