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Honoring our own for 50 years of service

This year the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association "Honors" 69 members of the IVFA with a Lifetime Membership for 50 years of service . . .

At a ceremony at the Statehouse on February 27th the IVFA honored 69 members who this year marks their 50th year of service. Twenty-eight of the 69 members were in attendance along with their families and fire department.

The program began with nearly 90 people attending at 8:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts and meeting many of the legislators who represented those present. After a short program including remarks from State

Representative Randy Frye congratulating everyone, we took everyone to the Governor's office where they were greeted by Governor Holcomb and some very kind words thanking all who had provided 50 years of service.

Then it was on to the House chamber where it was picture time with State Representative Randy Frye, the author of the House concurrent resolution honoring the members.

Following the picture session they were able to be in the

chambers during the reading and acceptance of HCR 43 and where many of the House members congratulated them for their service.

We moved from the House chamber to a location where lunch was to be served and were greeted by Senator Michael Crider, the sponsor of the resolution in the Senate.

Before lunch we asked several of our fifty year members what the fire service was like 50 years ago; some very interesting stories were told and I suggest you ask your 50 year members the same, but be ready to get a surprise as to the PPE, the training, the style and capacity of the apparatus and even the means of communications, remember it was 50 years ago.

We ended our day with a visit to the Senate where the resolution was read in front of those present and many comments were shared by members of the Senate congratulating the 69 - 50 year members.

Think about this when you see

one of your 50 year members...

Only once in a lifetime can someone claim success for providing a service for 50 years and this year the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association is proud and honored to announce that 69 such members are able to make such claim.

Getting to 50 years of service is a dedication far beyond what most of us ever think of when we join the ranks of our Volunteer Fire Departments.

Fifty years is no small achievement - juggling your volunteer duties with a full-time job and other community activity plus spending precious time raising their family.

These 69 members exemplifies the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit; through actions of the most heroic magnitude they have sacrificed and through selfless dedication served their community when called upon for 50 years.

The service that these 69 have

provided over the last 50 years merits **Tribute and Recognition** by all citizens of their community, the department where they served and the great State of Indiana.

There is no better way a person can serve their fellow citizens than by assisting them in their greatest time of need, during the darkest days of their life and with pride and commitment such as that which these 69 have done for the last fifty years.

On behalf of the IVFA, we proudly congratulate each of them for a job well done... and encourage every department that has a 50 year member to plan an event, a celebration, and/or offer your department thanks as well. Remember this is the group that got us where we are today.

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LEADERSHIP AND
ALL 15,000 MEMBERS

THANK YOU
AND
GOD SPEED



**THE JUNE 2020 IVFA
CONVENTION AT
EVANSVILLE HAS BEEN
CANCELLED - BUT WE
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IVFA CONVENTION AT A
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From the State House to the Fire House



by
Larry
Curl

Greetings Fellow officers & members,

Well the winter, the cold, the snow are all behind us by the reading of this edition of the IVFA newspaper, and the spring planting and growing, cutting and trimming should be in full swing. For those who enjoy the ice fishing, it's time to enjoy the warm water fishing and maybe the swimming and summer campouts and cookouts. WELCOME to SPRING 2020!

On Wednesday, March 11th the 121st General Assembly adjourned SINE DIE which indicates that the General Assembly has completed its work or the time allotted for them to do their work.

This being a short session (meaning three months vs. four and a non budget year meaning only emergency funding issues should be addressed) this has been a very different type of session. On day one we began with committee hearings (very unprecedented) and we saw nearly 1000 bills proposed to be heard. However, after about six weeks or the midway of the session we saw hundreds of bills listed as dead bills due to the time for first hearing expiring.

So what happened to public safety, more so to Fire & EMS; well, we saw nearly 15 bills introduced, some which were

very favorable and some not so much.

We had bills that addressed Benefits, Reimbursement for Emergency Medical Services, Youth Helmet Safety, use of firefighting foam, Renaming of the Safety First License plate and many others.

HB 1043 is a bill that provides that a political subdivision served by a volunteer fire department may make contributions to the public employees' defined contribution plan for the members of the volunteer fire department in an amount determined by the governing body of the political subdivision. Also included in the bill was language that provides that a unit's obligation to provide insurance coverage for a volunteer firefighter or member of an emergency medical services personnel supersedes the obligation of another medical insurance carrier, this language was added by State Representative Peggy Mayfield HD 60.

HB 1043 was authored by Rep. Steven Davisson, House District 73 and co-authored by Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Karlee Macer and Rep. Randall Frye. HB 1043 was passed by the House and sent to the Senate where it was sponsored by Sen. Philip Boots, Sen. Erin Houchin,

Sen. David Niezgodski, Sen. Susan Glick and Sen. Lonnie Randolph. The bill was passed and by the reading of this article should have been signed into law by the Governor. If any of these House or Senate members serve your District please reach out to them and thank them for their support.

For a full listing of all bills introduced this year go to our website; click on the link to legislation and then the link [Indiana Bill Watch 2020](#).

For a listing of the bills the IVFA monitored during the session, click on the link marked [Weekly Bill Track](#).

I will be happy to answer any particular question you might have of a bill if you will reach out to me or we will be providing a bill wrap-up at your district meetings.

By the reading of this edition I hope we will have put the Coronavirus behind us or at least slowed the pandemic spread. Just be mindful it's not our first nor most likely our last such medical emergency we will experience. So, just remember what you were taught by your mother, wash your hands, moms are always so right, aren't they?

We have a couple of other things going on within the IVFA that we should discuss; we have completed our cost savings study

and by now I hope everyone has been made aware of what that means and the value it brings to the VOLUNTEER Fire and EMS services. We hope to release a full detailed report and accounting during this year's State Convention.

We will also be hosting a National Benefit Summit where some 30 +/- States will attend, all sharing what their state offers its volunteer members as a State Benefit for serving as a volunteer. This summit will be held in Indianapolis on August 17th & 18th. We will develop a full report of the results of this summit to share with everyone soon after the summit concludes.

And talking about the 2020 IVFA State Convention, I hope you are planning to attend and participate in all the greetings, meetings, activities and special events such as the Opening Session that is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., with the Memorial Service immediately following. Be sure to attend IVFA Annual Business meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9:30 and the annual Banquet the same day at 5:30. For a full schedule of events and activities, again visit the IVFA website where you will find so much information about not only the convention but the association.

The partnership between IVY TECH and the IVFA has gone very well, meaning we are going to be able to show the members of the General Assembly that with some financial assistance we do have folks in public safety that will benefit. Keep up the

marketing and continue to promote this service to our membership and to those who you are attempting to recruit. By now we should have been in every High School, talking with every administrator, counselor, and a very large group of the student body, showing and sharing with them the value and benefit if they are willing to step up and volunteer to serve their communities in public safety. We are attempting to track those who have taken advantage of this offer, so if you or someone in your department has taken advantage of the two year degree offering, please contact your District Chairman, your Public Relations Director, an IVFA officer or myself, your lobbyist and let us know. We are looking for numbers and classes you are enrolled in and we need your help finding that out.

Lastly, we hosted a 50 year member's celebration on February 27th at the Statehouse where we were able to honor 69 IVFA members who this year completed 50 years of service to their departments, communities and most importantly to their fellow citizens. Full details can be found elsewhere in this May edition of our quarterly newspaper.

Be safe, and be proud for the service you provide.

Larry Curl

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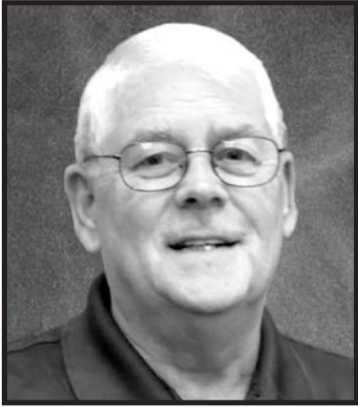
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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,
I hope this finds everyone safe with this Coronavirus pandemic sweeping the country. Many of our events have been postponed or cancelled at this time. Please use proper equipment to treat patients to protect ourselves and our families. If you need any equipment you can call President Israel and for more information on covid-19 you can go to IDHS website and look up covid-19. Keep all receipts when you purchase equipment related to this so if some reimbursement from FEMA is given to departments we have records. I have no information on when or if the FDIC will be rescheduled. This past quarter I have attended 2 memorial services,

pipeline meeting, Supporting Heroes Gala and 50 year pin presentation. Took the IVFA trailer to Mikels in Bedford to get the new wrap on it. I want to wish Marshal Thacker well as he stepped in at a bad time but I'm sure he will do a good job. Please keep safe out in the public. Till we meet again,
Steve Nolan,
Public Relations Director Southwest

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith

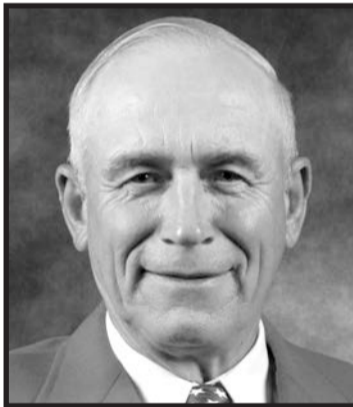


I hope everyone is safe during this trying time in our lives with the pandemic. This is a great undertaking on our Fire and EMS departments and those members providing services on the frontline in their response areas. We will get through this.

I had the honor to attend Liberty Township Fire Department appreciation dinner. Jerry Knepp was presented his IVFA 50 year service pin. Congratulations, Jerry. The 2020 IVFA State Convention scheduled June 16-18 at the Tropicana Evansville Conference Center & Casino, Evansville. Please look on IVFA.org for Convention updated information. **Due to COVID-19 this date may change.** I am looking forward to meeting you at your district meetings and working with you. **March and April meetings have been cancelled at this time.** If you need any assistance please contact me, your Public Relations Representative or your District Chairman. Please check our website for updated information on scheduling of district meetings and convention.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Public Relations Director Southeast Ed Scheele



3-27-2020

At the time I am writing this letter, the United States is pretty well shut down with the coronavirus epidemic. I hope all First Responders are healthy. By the time everyone reads this, I hope the country is back to normal and by June we can have our state convention in Evansville. I know the committee has worked hard on it. Congratulations to all our 50

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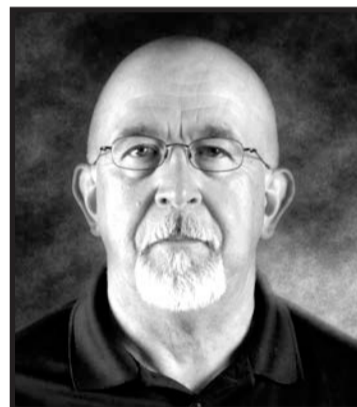
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year members and thank you for your service to your communities. Thank you, Larry Curl for leading the 50 year celebration at the Statehouse. It was a memorable day for all. When completing your membership dues, be sure to check all information on the dues sheet to make sure it is correct. Check your join date, address, beneficiary. If you have changed from one department to another, the join date is when you joined the first department. The district chairmen get their 10 and 25 year pin list from this. If you have a beneficiary change, you must fill out a new membership form. Also, don't forget about Ivy Tech and the IVFA partnership to get free tuition for active volunteers.

Ed Scheele
PR Southeast

From The Vice-President Jerry Liston



These are unprecedented times in the history of our state as I write this on April 1- but make no mistake this article is not an April Fool's joke by any means.

As we move out of the winter season and into spring, our country and state are experiencing uncertainty and challenging times due to the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As a result, our state and local leaders have had to make tough decisions that many are questioning. So far, many of those tough decisions have been unprecedented in our state's history.

The military tells their troops that if we are going to err, make it on the side of safety, in which I believe is being done now by our leaders.

At the time of this writing, Indiana has 3,437 confirmed cases, with 102 fatalities. I expect those numbers to increase exponentially by the time you are reading this because more testing is being done across the state or until the virus hits its apex and flattens out over the next few weeks.

Information changes daily, if not hourly, I urge each of you to maintain vigilance and continue to follow CDC guidelines on your responses. Also, I suggest all departments maintain a

relationship with your County Board of Health or County Emergency Management Agency to acquire needed resources for your department and to work together to develop plans and guidelines and to share resources.

The numbers have shown that there is only a small percentage of the population that is at risk of severe illness, but we will all be affected by those tough decisions made in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. The coming weeks will test our resiliency and character. The reality is that we are likely weeks, not days, away from this being over, yes, I said weeks. The success in overcoming the COVID-19 virus will be the frontline work of the first responders, so please, focus on keeping yourself and your colleagues and even more importantly, your family safe and healthy.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this it will all be a memory and we will be getting back to our normal routines.

The IVFA leadership has also had to make unprecedented and difficult calls, by cancelling district meetings, suspending department visits across each district and rethinking how we can conduct Association business if we cannot meet face to face until the pandemic passes or goes away. Keep checking the IVFA website for any updates.

I have asked all district chairmen to contact their district departments during this time of uncertainty and to update department contact information during those phone calls. If you do not hear from your district chairmen, pick up the phone and call them. The contact information for all district chairmen and officers can be found on the IVFA website or in the quarterly newspaper.

In closing, if you or a member of your department needs help in these tough times do not be afraid to pick up the phone and call any of your IVFA officers. All efforts will be made to find the assistance or help that is needed.

Stay Strong and Safe

Jerry Liston
IVFA Vice President

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from the Northeast,

Hope all is well over this great state. Haven't been able to do much in this time of the covid19 situation. Do want to take this opportunity to thank our lobbyist Larry Curl for the day at the Statehouse with our 50 year members. It means a lot to those guys! Not sure who put together the book that they all received, but kudos go out to them. It was a great idea!

Since our meetings have been cancelled for the time being, I am encouraging everyone in District

6 to either email me or give me a call if they are in need of anything for your firefighters or your department. I will do my best to take care of your needs.

The next meeting for District 6 is scheduled for May 26th (Tuesday) 2020. Hopefully everything is back to normal by then. Tentatively it is to be held at the Lagrange Fire Department in Lagrange County. It would be great to see more departments in attendance. Again, if you need anything, please call (260-894-1038) or email me. As most of you know, we are no longer sending out flyers for the meetings. I am asking that every department in District 6 to send at least one email address for their department so everyone will receive a flyer for our meetings. In closing, please, everyone be careful and stay safe out there.

Sincerely,

Chairman,
Jerry Sprague (Spook)

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
January 20, 2020
Nottingham Twp.
Volunteer Fire Department

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

First roll call was answered by 19 members representing 7 departments.

November Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE, Terry Bradner - 1-800-BOARDUP and Bob Bischak -

First Responder Task Force.

Chairman Bisel: Two deaths in the district since the last meeting. Jack Sell, 50 year member of Bippus and Charley Fravel, 50 year member of Geneva.

Introduced guests:

Bob Bischak: First Responder Task Force - Explained benefits available to members of all first responder organizations. Associated with Armed Forces Benevolent Association.

Terry Bradner: 1-800-BOARDUP - Calendars are available up front and have business cards with information on a new app that is available. The app allows you to contact 1-800-BOARDUP through the app and have them dispatched to your location as determined by your phone. This said, if you are making contact from another location you will need to call, otherwise they will have an incorrect address.

Jean Smith: PRNE - Short session for legislators. Session is set to adjourn in March.

Several key bills that the IVFA is watching were reviewed.

Chairman Bisel: Get Global Award nominations in by the end of the month, only have two nominations currently!

Get state award nominations in by February 1st. Information is available on the website and are also able to do the nominations online there.

No update on how many people are taking advantage of the Ivy Tech Scholarship.

Make sure to sign attendance cards for your chance to win attendance prizes.

January 6th Gov. Holcomb appointed Fire Marshal Stephen Cox to the position of Executive Director of IDHS.

February 27th is the 50 year recognition at the Statehouse. There are 68 members getting recognized, two from District 7.

Suicide has passed cancer as the leading cause of death of firefighters. Please keep an eye on your brothers in the field and help seek assistance.

Next district meeting will be at Ossian March 16th. It will be the annual bake sale to benefit the District 7 Auxiliary.

Berne has a breakfast and raffle coming up in April.

Poneto Chili Supper March 21st.

Second roll call answered by 19 members representing 7 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A,

I hope you all have been safe during this difficult time.

I hope you have been watching District 8A Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Facebook page for information that might be helpful during this time.

Hope this gets over soon so we can get back to normal schedules.

In the meantime you can contact me with any questions or concerns.

Rex Maynard
District 8A Chairman

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DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good Day To All,

The District 9A meeting was last at Young America Fire, we had a nice meeting with our Miss Flame Sydney Moon. The attendance was pretty good with 9 departments and 15 members present. Vice President Jerry Liston attended the meeting also.

I wish that we could get a few more to attend.

Business that was discussed -- Ivy Tech, awards, and tracking Cancer.

Supporting Heroes was in February and if you ever have the chance to go, it is well worth the trip. This was my first time to attend and I will be making plans to attend again.

With that being said I will try to make all the contacts I can and hope to see all soon.

Stay Safe!

Pascal Moon, Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

The February District 10 meeting was held at Morristown Volunteer Fire Department with 14 departments, 25 members, 6 guests and 266 runs reported. Larry Curl spoke on legislative matters and the Ivy Tech scholarship program. Wade Walling, Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy Administrator, had the program. He spoke about the academy and trainings which are coming up. We recently had a meeting at Shelbyville Fire Department with the school Guidance Counselors in Shelby County and Blue River officials. I was also able to visit and speak with school officials and guidance counselors who were not present at our meeting, and distribute the Ivy Tech Scholarship program material. We recently learned that \$250,000 dollars has been used by firefighters taking advantage of the program.

We visited Posey Twp. and awarded six 25 year pins and two 10 year pins. Eight 10 year pins were given to Manilla Volunteer firefighters. Connie and I have also enjoyed visits and great food

at Marion Twp. and New Point Fire Depts. during their fish fry events.

The COVID19 has halted nearly all of our activities and the IVFA is no exception! Our March, April and May meetings have been cancelled. We hope to resume our monthly meetings as soon as possible. In the meantime, if there is any department in District 10 which is in need of PPE or supplies, please contact President Israel or myself; we will try to get what you need.

In this very difficult time, let's come together as community, state, nation and world to do our part to end this pandemic. Stay home, be safe; and treasure this precious "gift of time" we have been given. Each moment, each day and each life is precious! When you are called out to an emergency, wear your PPE for your safety, that of your fellow firefighters and those around you.

Please continue to lift up First Responders, Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses and Law Enforcement in your daily prayers, as well as our President and all who are working diligently to heal our country during this world crisis.

John M. Ray, District 10

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone from District 11A,

Good news is spring is here. I hope everyone survived the virus quarantine. Prayers for the sick and elderly.

Our last District 11A meeting was in Nevins Twp. We had 5 departments, 12 members and 3 guests.

Ivy Tech is giving grants to volunteer firefighters for a two year scholarship to earn a degree. This is a great recruitment tool for volunteer fire departments.

I had a couple memorial services this quarter. I have passed out 10 and 25 year pins and three 50-year Gold cards.

Convention is June 16, 17 and 18 at Evansville Center and Casino. Room rate is \$89.00. Hope to see you there.

We had our Miss Flame contest on January 19, 2020. Our previous Miss Flame Zoe Larson was chosen to represent District 11A. Congratulations, young lady. Good job!

Gov. Holcomb appointed Joel Thacker as the new Indiana State Fire Marshal.

To get updates on legislation, go to IVFA website and click on Legislation. For information on fundraisers you can advertise on District 11A Facebook page.

Till next time,

Pete Taylor
Chairman 11A

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Greetings from District 11B,

Hope everyone is doing good. With the current situation that we have going on with the pandemic of COVID-19 as Chairman, I am sorry for everyone that has had to cancel their fundraisers, but hopefully we can keep everyone in good health.

Our last district meeting was held at Covington on March 8, 2020. We had 4 departments and 8 members present with 2 State officers present. Covington made a nice meal for all that was in attendance.

During the meeting Larry Curl discussed recent bills that went thru the state. Discussion was made and approved to move the checking account from Coatesville Bank to Fountain Trust in Rockville.

The district is doing a fundraiser to help with funds for our Miss Flame. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact District Chairman Jason Ryan, if you go and visit our district Facebook page you will see the item up for auction, which was handmade by Chairman Ryan.

The next District Meeting will be held at Waynetown on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M.

Thank You and Stay Safe,

Jason Ryan
Chairman

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B,

Covid 19 has taken over the country and shut everything down. I hope we have reached the peak and start going the other way to get things opened back up and returning to a somewhat normal. Even the IVFA cancelled all meetings and activities for

March, April. May is still in question. Please pray it gets back to normal before long.

When we get back out I will visit and get the rest of my service pins issued.

Ivy Tech is giving grants to volunteers for a two year scholarship to earn a degree. This is a great recruitment & retention tool for volunteer fire departments; attend your district meeting to find out more.

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

Remember the 2020 IVFA Convention will be held in June at Evansville, IN.

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

Our next meeting is May 14, 2020 at Glenwood FD 7 p.m. Be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

I hope that everyone is staying safe during all this virus.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association has been staying busy with conference calls within the Association to still conduct business.

If there is anything I can do for your department or can find stuff for department, contact me.

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18,

The District 18 meeting of 16 January was held at the Ohio Twp. VFD Reo Station with the Ohio Twp. VFD as our host.

Br. Benjamin Brown gave the opening prayer. Roll call was answered by 57 members, representing 15 departments. A total of 427 runs answered was reported. Guests included Barb and Jack Kerney from the Central Office and Carl Deel from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The meeting of 19 March was cancelled due to the health crisis.

Well, spring has sprung! Or at least it has locally and at the time of this writing. Time to be prepared with the grass and field fires that seem to increase during

this time. How many times have we all heard, "it is so wet and muddy, I didn't think that grass would burn on top!" Don't forget about the alarm systems false alarms that come with thunderstorms. Remember there are no routine runs!

Until next time, stay alert, stay safe, and "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"!

John "Bull" Smith
Chairman, Dist. 18

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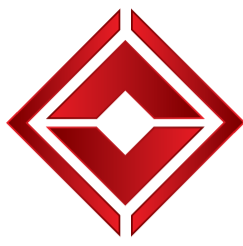
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Meeting called to order by President David Israel at 1327. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jerry Liston. The Invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Rachel Bussey.

President Israel presented Past President Holcomb with his past president's pin, Past President Paul Holcomb presented David Israel his President's pin and President David Israel presented Jason Ryan and Paul Holcomb with their 25-year pins.

Roll Call was taken with 19 District Chairmen present and 6 absent, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 7 past presidents, the Lobbyist and Executive Council.

Lobbyist Larry Curl introduced Charles DeSeve. He presented the Cost Savings Survey Program we have put together to see what the state is being saved by having volunteer fire departments. Initial calculations show there would be a 58% tax increase to convert the state to all career departments. Further results from the report will be available once final report is complete and given to the Association.

Secretary's Report: Leighanne Ellis, reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Past President Paul Holcomb 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, passed out July-December 2019 spending reports and the current budget list. Also reported 1099 letters are sent out. Jack Kerney motioned to accept report, PRNW Jeremy Reef gave second. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. President Israel spoke on benefits summit that we are going to hold. He reported he

received the numbers from the Nebraska summit and is now getting the program put together. The summit will be August 16-18, 2020. We might look into providing a benefit summit challenge coin which has not been done before.

2. Heroes Gala - make sure if you cannot make it after signing up please contact President Israel so the seat can be taken care of or you will have to pay for the seat.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, read thank you card, still working on inputting dues. Also updated the pin reports and sent out an email. Rosters were emailed out as well. Gold Cards were mailed to District Chairmen in January 2020. Cost savings report was prepared and sent to survey company. New name tags were ordered for those who responded to the email. Deceased list was updated and sent out. New Funeral Voucher was emailed out with updated tracking information. Corrected bad addresses or placed on hold those who could not be contacted. 13,908 is current membership count. No AIL claims. License plates 5,179 sold.

Executive Committee Report: David Israel, decisions were made on life saving awards with an approval of 3 made, also spoke and made decisions pertaining to Cost Saving Survey with Charles DeSeve. Requested that if there were any past letters written for life saving awards to please submit them for tracking purposes.

Committee Reports:

Awards - Global, Vice President Jerry Liston - make sure to turn in Global names before the end of the weekend.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison - she has received 3 letters for nominations and are verified.

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney - there are at least 2 signed up with having 4-5 showing interest in the new program.

Mr. IVFA Ed Gerdowsky - will be meeting after the board meeting to make a decision.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, pass.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, change to the Ivan Nevil Award to make a change of it to be placed into the awards section of the SOG and added to criteria of how the selection process and who would be on the committee which will be added to the SOG. Change has been presented District 7 Sam Bisel makes a motion to accept and add the change, District 6 Jerry Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed. Next item brought up was the Webmaster allowance change from \$300 to \$500. Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to send to board action; District 7 Sam Bisel gave a second motion, passed. Last item was district attendance and will be brought up at next meeting.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich - pass.

Convention: President David Israel, 2019 Convention - Bob Uryga, will resubmit report with updates to President Israel.

2020 Convention - Ross Emery and Jack Kerney, reported they are having to work on a new location due to the hotel closing with no notice. They have a back up and will forward on more information as soon as it becomes available.

2021 Convention - Paul Holcomb, Rick Cannon, John Gott, plans are still on track and forms will come out soon.

EMS: Vice President Jerry Liston, 2020 meetings will be at Zionsville, the dates have not been listed yet. September will be at IERC. Tim Smith - Trauma rep. spoke with Jerry and unsure of stance on his position.

Insurance: Treasurer Luke Kluender, get new insurance forms filled out and turned in to Luke so everyone is covered in case of incidence.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, legislative report is located on the website under the legislative tab which is new and updated this session. Spoke on the Marion County Fire Bill and the road taxes attached to this bill. Currently there was no reading of the bill in the House. Spoke on building contractor's bill as well and watching the bill for code. Pension plan for volunteer firefighters went to hearing and passed out the 1st and 2nd hearing. February 27, 2020 will be the 50-year member presentation at the Statehouse with 69 members receiving the award and a visit with the Governor. Spoke on the Ivy Tech program, there have been 80 people sign up in the first month and \$100,000 committed to that program. There is also a state funded program, Next Level Jobs, that provides opportunities that are free to those who are accepted to the program. Also working on a new program with Purdue Global to provide benefits to our association.

LODD: Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, pass.

Logo: District 18 John Smith, pass.

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, benefits package speaker did not show up to present to the Association. Will reschedule.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, newspaper will be in full color on the website. This issue had 20 advertisements with 19 advertisers.

Public Relations and Education: PRSW Steve Nolan, Michael Signs from Bedford, IN will complete the wrap on the trailer; it should cost around \$2500. Discussion on painting the inside of the trailer and would cost \$600. Going to place new cabinets inside. Sign up for FDIC booth, paper was passed around. IERC Sept. 9-12, 2020 names will be filled out and sent in to work it. Supplies are ordered for the trailer. Notebooks will be passed out to the district chairmen to pass out for

attendance at the district meetings.

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reiser, 7,761 likes on Facebook, up 100 from last quarter. 17,000 hits on website.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, pass.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, flyer for Dubois County Fire School is available and classes are open and available.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, youth camp is on hold, keep updating on Facebook groups, Purdue and Ivy Tech programs spoke on.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith, January 13th meeting cancelled due to lack of content.

Fire Alliance: Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, meeting on Jan. 24th, currently conducting interviews for Fire Marshal due to promotions within the State Fire Marshal office. Fire Investigators will have recertification requirements unless grandfathered in from Jan. 1, 2020. EMS Chief Garvey is retiring and will need to be filled. Director Cox gave update on school safety issues. Classroom door checklist update that will be sending out for school safety.

Heroes Competition: Mike Dzuba, first weekend in May 2020 will be in Lafayette, IN.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks, pass.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, next meeting during CFSI Dinner in May. FFCCS looking for volunteers through University of Miami for this cancer survey. Annual meeting will be held in a Webinar on March 14, 2020. Retention and Recruitment training will be held in Ohio and can be signed up for through the website. Other trainings and information can be found on the website. Drones webinar will be coming up.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman, CEO Chad Reece contacted him about require CPR training for

Officer's Reports:

President, David Israel, utilized booth at the sausage supper.

Vice President, Jerry Liston, **Chaplain,** Ed Gerdowsky, pass.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, pass.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, pass.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, pass.

Historian, John Davies/Paul Smith, John Davies is in an assisted living facility and the position has been appointed to Paul "Ed" Smith.

Chairman of the Board, Steve Anderson and Paul Holcomb; Paul passes, Steve spoke on 25-year pin list and not being updated correctly. Make sure information is updated and turned in when completed. Also brought up dedicating some money made from the license plates to paying for meals at

convention for the Bridgeport winners, Miss Flame contestants and the Jr. Firefighter contestants.

Webmaster, Josh Reiser, pass.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, district and department meetings.

PRNE, Jean Smith, district meetings, memorial service, pin presentations, station dedication.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, 7 district meetings and Gold card presentation.

PREC, Don Cushman, district meeting, fish fry.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, 6 district meetings, 5 memorial services, Christmas dinner.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 3 district meetings, state of the union, station dedication, memorial service.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, not in attendance.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, not in attendance.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, pass.

Jack Zeeks, need to know if running for office for nominating committee.

Buz Koehler, pass.

Jack Kerney, pass.

Larry Ketchem, absent.

David Israel, pass.

Steve Anderson, pass.

Paul Holcomb, sausage supper, meetings, 500 miles driven.

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, meeting held with 4 dept. and 28 members and 4 guests present, 1 memorial, new EMA director talked about his role.

District 2, Paul Watland, meeting held with 4 dept. and 28 members and 4 guests present, 1 memorial, new EMA director talked about his role.

District 3, Bob Uryga, 2 district meetings.

District 4, Elton Schafer, district meeting with 8 dept. and 21 members and 1 guest present. Attended 2 awards banquets and handed out pins.

District 5, John Grolich, district meeting with 5 dept. and 14 members and 3 guests present. Attended 2 fundraisers, 2 appreciation dinners, 1 county meeting, 1 training, global award presentation, 1 memorial service.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, Nov. district meeting with 6 dept. and 20 members and 5 guests present, held Miss Flame contest, and Larry Curl spoke on legislation. 4 Memorial services. Jan. district meeting, 6 dept., 24 members, and 2 guests present.

Pins presented, and PRNE presentation.

District 7, Sam Bisel, district meeting with 7 dept., 19 members, and 3 guests present. 2 memorials services.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, district meeting with 7 dept., 13 members and 2 guests present. 2 memorial services.

District 8B, Paul Smith, Nov. district meeting with 4 dept., 15 members and 9 guests present. Miss Flame contest held, presentation on Ivy Tech

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

**IVFAA
Corresponding
Secretary
Janet Matthews**



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting
Sunday, February 02, 2020
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Indianapolis

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

Announcements: Mary Mackin Committee holding a

silent auction in the back of the meeting room today. The committee will also be selling tickets for a throw that they are raffling off. Jean Parrish's sister passed away & Barb Ketchum fell; there are cards going around the room for everyone to sign for them.

Tammy Williams from American Income Life stopped in to check with the group, no issues to report. Lona Huffman also stopped in to say hello to the group. Buz Koehler, Larry Curl & Jack Kerney came to the meeting to address the group. Larry informed the group that the Ivy Tech funds are being used by volunteers to further their education. House Bill 1043, pension benefits for the volunteer fire fighters, this goes to the Senate next week. Working on cost savings analysis of our state duties, roughly 4.1 billion dollars savings to the state of Indiana by having VFD active in our state. Buz delivered newspapers for the group. Jack Kerney informed the group that the Holiday Inn where the 2020 convention was to be held, has closed. His team will be having a busy week to work on a second plan for convention

location. They will post plans once they are made on social media. Please notify Steve Anderson if any credit cards were charged by the Holiday Inn for your reservations that were made.

Recording Secretary: Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 22 officers, 11 IVFAA members and 1 guest. Organization count as of today is 184 Individuals, 510 paid by department, 37 departments and 30 life members for a total of 724 members.

Correspondence Secretary: Janet Matthews read the meeting minutes from November 2019 quarterly meeting. Dawn Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes as written/read, seconded by E.J. Smith, all in favor. November minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. Mary Mackin will have a ledger that shows their portion of the money that is in the general fund. Diane Stapleton made a motion that an

IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2019 / 2020

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Connie Ray
Sue Glant

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Diane Stapleton
Martha Thomas
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Jaelyn Matthews
Barbara Ketchem
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Carolyn Zeeks
Leighanne Ellis - IVFA Rep

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Kay Schumaker
Anthony Smith

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Martha Biehl - Co-Chair
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Sue Glant
Diana Gray

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Lou Bartlow

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Leona Uryga
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Carol Curl

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

CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS

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

** Meeting will follow By-Laws
and Robert Rules of Order*

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account is set up for Mary Mackin under the umbrella of the IVFAA general account like the Miss Flame account is; Lou Bartlow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and Martha will set this up. E.J. Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports as reviewed, Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, treasurer's report accepted and is subject to audit.

Chaplain Report: Beth Caudill reports she has been notified of 2 new deaths in the organization since the last quarterly meeting. District Chairman and Assistant Chaplains were given angels to put in their chairman kits. These are to be offered to the families of those members that were members of both organizations at the time of a death.

Sergeant at Arms: Suzie Lewis, nothing new to report.

President's Report: President Carol Curl reports that the treasurer will take care of getting the gaming license for convention. This year aprons will be made for each Miss Flame. The bylaws and SOB committees met together yesterday and all are working on getting one set of bylaws for the organization. The Dana auxiliary has been members for 50 years. The IVFAA will be getting a plaque for them to celebrate this. Carol was presented with her 50-year pin today.

Vice President's Report: Christina "thanked" everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her recent surgery and recovery.

Committee Reports: Line officers will have a 1 p.m. meeting on Saturday afternoon before each quarterly meeting.

Audit: Barb Kerney, reports will be ready.

VP Project: Christina Reef reports her committee met yesterday and that the three

prizes have been selected. 1st prize will be a corn hole set, 2nd prize is a metal sign, 3rd prize is \$100 cash. The first and second prizes have been donated. Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday at May's meeting.

Miriam Schaeckel Award: Barb Kerney reports a selection has been made.

Lois Boaz Award: Beverly Lockwood reports her committee will meet and get the lady selected.

Historians: Phyllis Vargo not here, no report.

Membership: Diane Stapleton reports the committee did not meet this quarter but will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday of May's meeting.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney reports the committee met yesterday. Barb reminded the group that the district Miss Flames registrations, \$25 entry fee and pictures need to be mailed in ASAP. The first letter to the Miss Flames will be sent out in March and will be sent by registered mail. Barb informed the group that the 2018 State Miss Flame Arizona Pribble from District 15, her father passed away unexpectedly. We will be asking all the Miss Flames to collect pop tabs and new stuffed animals for the Ronald McDonald House. Janet Matthews asked each district if they would be willing to donate a bag of fun size candy bars as the committee will be making candy flowers to leave as favors when the girls visit the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow reports all is okay.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis has nothing to report.

Mary Mackin: Kimberly Smith reports the silent auction will conclude today at the end of the business meeting. The raffle tickets for the throw will continue to be available and winner will be drawn at the May quarterly meeting. Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Saturday of the May meeting.

Budget & Finance: Kathy

Smith reports her committee met and are currently working on the 20/21 budget. The committee will meet again at the May meeting at 3 p.m. on Saturday. In May the budget will be ready to vote on.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks says all is okay.

Installation: Pam Gerdowsky reports that Betsy plans to attend the convention but if she does not then Phyllis Vargo will assist with it.

President's Advisory: Lou Bartlow says all is okay.

By-laws: Janet Matthews reports District 15 submitted a by-law change Article 2 Section 5 regarding the age of a voting member to be 18 when voting on officers. The group discussed this and Barb Kerney requested to withdraw the submission as she will add corrections to it and resubmit it at the May meeting.

SOG's: Christina Reef reported that everyone on the By-law and SOG committee met yesterday and will work in conjunction to create updated set of By-laws as well as SOG's for the organization. This combined committee meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday of May meeting.

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter was not at the meeting but sent a message for everyone. Lori would like to have everyone bring her their baskets for the auction to the May meeting. If you do not bring it in May please have it at the booth early on opening day of the convention. Cost of the baskets/items should be no more than \$50 - \$75 dollars and be sure to have a receipt of their worth with each basket. Lori will be planning to meet with the committee in May to discuss sign-ups to work the booth as well as the gaming rules/stipulations. The meeting will be after the Sunday morning meeting on May 3rd.

Chaplain's Assistants: Beth passed out an angel to every assistant so they would have one in their possession if one is needed.

Memorial Throw: Carol Curl says nothing to report.

Old Business: President Carol Curl says she has no old business to discuss.

New Business: Tammy Smith informed the group that she will send out letters to any members that have been paid their dues, however have had missed years of due paying membership. This will allow them to catch them up to maintain an active member status. Lou Bartlow made a motion to leave open the availability to pay up delinquent dues and continue their membership no matter how long they may have gone without paying them. Leona Uryga seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Christina Reef opened discussion with the group of opening a private IVFAA Facebook group that all can chat in and keep open communication amongst all members. Dawn Barnes agreed to set up the group, it will be called IVFAA Community and she will set admins. that can help invite others to the group. Lou Bartlow and Pam Gerdowsky thanked everyone for the cards, visits and texts that they received for their anniversaries. President Carol Curl asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order. Beverly Taylor made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Anthony Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Beth Caudill closed the meeting with prayer at 10:25 a.m.

Planned meetings on Saturday, May 2nd, if you are on one of the committees this is the time, they are meeting:

- Officers @ 1 p.m.
- VP Project @ 2 p.m.
- Bylaws & SOG: @ 2 p.m.
- Budget & Finance: @ 3 p.m.
- Membership: @ 3:30 p.m.
- Miss Flame: @ 4 p.m.
- Mary Mackin: @ 4 p.m.

Chinese Auction Committee will meet after the business meeting on Sunday, May 3rd.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

Evansville Conference Center & Casino, Evansville. Our District 6 Miss Flame is Jackie White. She is representing District 6 and the Ligonier Fire Department at the State IVFA Convention. GOODLUCK, JACKIE!

If your Auxiliary has any questions or concerns or functions you would like me to attend, please contact me at 260-413-3040,

EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith, District 6
IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,
Spring is in the air. Finally warm weather and pretty trees and flowers.

I hope everyone survived the Coronavirus-19 quarantine and made it through well. Thoughts and prayers for everyone that has been sick.

Our last District 11A meeting was in Nevins Twp. Our attendance was low, wish more ladies were interested.

Convention is coming, June 16, 17, and 18. It will be Tues., Wed., and Thurs. this year at Evansville Center and Casino. Room rate \$89.00 a day.

VP Project: 1st prize - corn hole set, 2nd prize - metal sign, 3rd prize - \$100.00 cash.

Miss Flames are collecting pop tabs for McDonald's House at convention.

IVFAA has a Facebook page. Be sure to check it out and post any function your fire department wants advertised.

We gave away a flag donated by Jeff VanLannon and a blanket made by our Miss Flame Zoe Larson on January 19, 2020. Barb Kerney won the blanket and Larry Tempel from Posey Twp. won the beautiful flag. Thanks to everyone that bought chances. The money went to District 11A.

Please let our Miss Flame know if you would like her to come to your fundraisers. She would love to come and help out.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me --
1-812-448-3232
e-mail: vburenlo@gmail.com

Take care.

Beverly Taylor
District 11A chairman

**August
deadline:
July 5, 2020**

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,
Spring is here the flowers are blooming.

Next district meeting will be May 26th at Lagrange Fire Department, 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.

2020 IVFA Convention will be June 16-18 at the Tropicana



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scholarship program. Jan. district meeting 5 dept. and 14 members present. Presentation given on pipeline training, upcoming legislation. Memorial service attended.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, Nov. district meeting with 7 dept., 14 members, and 2 guests present. Presentation from Mid-America Fire. Jan. district meeting, 9 dept. 14 members, and 3 guests present. Presentation from Board-Up.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent.

District 10, John Ray, Nov. district meeting 9 dept., 31 members, and 8 guests present. Johnson Co. REMC Safety presentation. 2 memorial services. Jan. district meeting 9 dept. 24 members and 4 guests present. Stop the Bleed presentation.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, district meeting 8 dept., 23 members, 7 guests present. Miss Flame contest held.

District 11B, Jason Ryan, district meeting 6 dept., 16 members, and 8 guests present. Gold card and pin presentations. Miss Flame discussion, change of chairman within the district.

District 12, Scott Butrum, district meeting with 5 dept. 24 members and 6 guests present.

District 13A, Mike Dzuba, district meeting with 5 dept. 18 members and 2 guests present.

District 13B, Jeff Biehl, district meeting with 5 dept. 12 members, and 4 guests present. Miss Flame contest held.

District 14, Rick Cannon, Nov. district meeting 5 dept. 21 members and 6 guests present. New district chaplain introduced, State Fire Marshal office presentation, convention update, Ivy Tech and legislation presentation. 1 memorial service attended. Jan. district meeting 6 dept. 20 members and 6 guests present. Stop the Bleed presentation from ISP given, Miss Flame crowned, convention update and legislation update. 2 memorial services.

District 15, Ross Emery, district meeting with 5 dept. and 15 members present. Miss Flame contest held. 2 memorial services.

District 16 John Gott, absent.

District 17A, Sam Emery, district meeting held 63 dept. represented, 402 members present. Sausage supper event. Presentations given by officers and legislators. 2 memorial services.

District 17B, Heather McGlocklin, district meeting with 5 dept. 14 members and 1 guest present. Presentation given by Hoosier Fire. 1 memorial service.

District 18, John "Bull" Smith, district meeting with 16 dept present, 59 members, and 6 guests present. Presentation on 2020 convention, 2020 legislation and 2020 Miss Flame project. 3 memorial services.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, Nov. district meeting with 8 dept. 25 members and 2 guests present.

Presentation on IDHS fire investigation. Jan. district meeting with 12 dept. 36 members, and 2 guests present. Presentation on CNG vehicle fires.

District 21, Ed Watson, absent.

New Business:

- 2020 BUDGET**
- 2020 MILEAGE**
- Washington, D.C. trip** (April 28-May 1) need to replace Jack Giles with a new name due to leaving position of chairman.

4. Supporting Hero's Gala (February 29) - those who signed up are on the list and there are 2 tickets available that are going to be spoken for.

5. FDIC - form passed around to sign up for booth work.

6. 50-year member Statehouse program, there are 69 members this year to be presented awards at the Statehouse. Invitations will go out soon for the presentation that will be held on

Meeting recessed at 1705 until Sunday at 0830.

Sunday February 2, 2020 Business meeting continued...

Meeting reconvened at 0830 by President David Israel.

Associate Chaplain Rachel Bussey gave morning message.

Guest Speakers:

1. Tammy Williams - American Income Life, update to policy, new mailers will be sent out in about 4 weeks. If a representative comes out to the member after calling and setting appointment up, they will get a child safe kit and a health discount card. The rep. covers a no cost insurance analysis and check for gaps in their insurance. After that, there is extra coverage that is available to purchase.

2. Lona Huffman - RT Insurance - covered insurance review for the association. Make sure all beneficiaries are up to date for insurances and coverage.

3. Pete Emmert-AFLAC - discussed updates to the insurance now that it is managed with a representative from Indiana. Touched on accident, critical illness, and cancer coverage. Any questions please contact Pete at Peter_emmert@us.aflac.com or 812-878-1466 and leave a message.

District Drawing

1. \$100 gas card winner - District 17A Michael Petty, Bicknell Fire Department.

2. Cleaning caddy from Stations Supply - District 18 Brad Haas, Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.

Announcements

1. Make sure to get Miss Flame forms in by March 1, 2020.

2. If you have not had your flash drive updated, get it to Secretary.

Past President Richard Glant motion to adjourn, second from Larry Bartlow. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 0943.

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Judy Wirth - Chairman

With all that is going on in the world right now, I hope and pray everyone is safe, sticking with social distancing and healthy. Extra prayers now for all our First Responders across our state but the world as well. It is a very scary time for us but we need to trust in our Good Lord above to guide and direct us at this time.

Since we are in quarantine, with all meetings and events being cancelled, it is hard to stay in touch within our district and state. So that means not much news from here!!!!

If there is anything I can do from here at home, let me know.

Take care of yourself and of each other.

Until we can gather together as a small group or huge group - **HANG IN THERE!!!!**

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to spring. It certainly has been an up and down year weather-wise but could be worse compared to what some states have had to deal with.

I have attended Morris meetings when I can and helped with their delicious breakfast. They are known all over for the

best breakfast around. One lady came up and told us she has never been to a breakfast that is so well organized despite the line which keeps moving and has hot food. Means alot to a department who works so hard to do this for the good of their department and for the community.

I have sent several cards out to people for illness and thinking of you. Just want to thank those for all their hard work in our IVFAA as it does many good things and helps those in need. Looking forward to our Evansville convention in June and know it will be a wonderful time. They did a great job having to rearrange things because of the hotel but it will all work out.

If I can help out in any way please let me know. I will do my best to help where I can if I can.

God bless each and everyone of you!

Pam Gerdowsky
March 9, 2020
District 19

**IVFAA
President
Carol Curl**



May 2020

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

Greetings, my fellow Auxiliary members,
Spring... is in the air, but that's not all. Yes, Coronavirus seems to

have taken over the world and all our lives. Just remember this is not the first nor will it be the last such catastrophic event in our life but this one seems to have gotten more attention than some. I think we will move past this as we have other such viruses but let's not take it lightly, use all the precautions provided to us and don't take any unnecessary chances, and use COMMON SENSE.

Remember as we move toward convention 2020 our Miss Flames have a couple of special projects they are working on. They are collecting pull tabs to turn in during their visit to the Ronald McDonald House in Evansville and can certainly use your help. Additionally they are collecting "new" small stuffed animals to be able to give to the children they visit with while at the Ronald McDonald House. So, please collect as many of both items as you can and bring them to the May quarterly meeting where they will be collected and taken back to Evansville in preparation for these events.

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.

Lori Baxter will be at the May quarterly meeting collecting your donated baskets and will take them to this year's convention. As well, don't forget to stop by during the convention and look at and purchase your raffle tickets for an opportunity to take home one of these wonderfully crafted gift baskets. Lori and the District Chairs 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

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of interest and fun, don't miss this activity.

Continuing on with convention, 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".

I look forward to seeing our auxiliary members at the annual meeting, sharing in the convention activity, attend the Miss Flame judging, the opening meeting, the memorial service and the annual banquet.

If you have never attended an IVFA state convention I invite you to do so and if you have, I want to welcome you back. Remember, conventions are only as good and as productive as we, the members make them, join us in Evansville for the 74th annual IVFA State Convention, "A convention with a vision".

Remember as you are reading the May edition of our IVFA quarterly newspaper, May is also time for planning and planting, so plan for the nice looks of the fresh flowers, the planting of the back yard garden with all your favorite veggies and the sowing or fertilizing of the lawns (as well as the cutting and trimming) and possible vacations.

Hope to see you in Evansville, at your next District Meeting, or other such times as our paths may cross.

Carol

IVFAA Chaplain

Beth Caudill



Not long ago I did a children's moment in church with a quilt I had made. In the center each block of the quilt was the same gold material. I showed them how I took all different shapes and colors of material and sewed them around this center block. I talked about how all these different shapes and colors represent all of us. That no matter who we are, where we live, or what we do that there is one constant thing in our lives just like there is the same gold material throughout the quilt. That gold material represented that one thing -- God. And just like that piece of material is the foundation for each block in the quilt, God is the foundation that holds all of us together. He is there for us thru the bad and good times. Right now is a very important time to lean on Him and pray to Him for help and

guidance. Also thank Him for every day and all He has done for us and our loved ones.

I pray for everyone of you on the front lines and those that are working during this time.

I leave you with this:

I prayed to the Lord and He answered me.

He freed me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him for help will be radiant with joy;

No shadow of shame will darken their faces.

In my desperation I prayed and the Lord listened;

He saved me from all my troubles.

For the angel of the Lord is a guard;

He surrounds and defends all who fear Him.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!...

The Lord hears His people when they call to Him for help.

He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;

He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Psalm 34: 4-8,17-18

Beth Caudill
IVFAA Chaplain

News From Among The Flames

Good morning:

I had my article written and then a turn of events have happened and I needed to write so each of us know what is happening during COVID-19 and our organization.

First we would apologize for the recent events that have occurred in Evansville, our 2020 convention site. Due to the virus and rules set forth by our government, our convention will not be able to be held in Evansville as scheduled; however, our IVFA and IVFAA officers are working together to find a place and a time that we may come together for a shortened and limited one.

As we work thru these conditions, we have had to cancel activities for our Miss Flames. I know that each of them was looking forward to participating and we had plans for them to enjoy during the time. The executive board of the IVFAA and myself have made a decision that each girl that was entered in the contest this year will be the representative for your district for next year if they so choose. If your candidate is over the age limit, that will be waived and they will be allowed to participate if they so choose. If your candidate does not want to participate in 2021 you may hold your contest and select a new candidate. Those who did not have a candidate and wish to do so may select a candidate for the 2021 convention. I hope you as district chairmen keep your Miss Flame informed of activities in your area and invite them to participate.

When a decision is made about the future of 2020, we will certainly inform you so if you wish to attend or possibly be able to assist with a part we will let you know.

Again we apologize for the inconvenience and hope each of the girls will participate next year.

All entry fees have been returned to persons who paid the fees. If you have questions you may call Barb at 812-867-2641.

Stay safe and thank you for your understanding.

Barb Kerney,
Miss Flame Chairman

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Rebecca Ulrich

Pleasant Township VFD truck dedication



We would like to share the dedication of our new Fire Engine as a Memorial for Chief Phillip Bluhm who passed away February 27, 2019. Chief Phil Bluhm served his community 54 years after joining Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1965. Pictured here are his son Chief Kevin Bluhm; his daughter, Firefighter/EMR Diane (Bluhm) Stapleton; and his wife, Sharla Bluhm who were presented with the plaque that will be mounted on the new engine serving as a memorial for Chief Phillip Bluhm and his 54 years of service.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Justin Stump, Captain 503, Noble Township Fire Department, Albion, IN

Several members of the Noble Township Fire Department - Noble County recently received 10 and 25 year service pins from the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association (IVFA) District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague.

Thank you for your years of service and dedication to the citizens of Noble Township and surrounding communities.

Ten year members



Jerry Sprague (L) presents 10 year service pins to AJ Hurd, Ray Knight, Chris Yoder and Josh Jones.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

IVFA 50 year member



Elton Schafer, District 4 chairman, Jerry Knepp, IVFA 50 year member Liberty Township Fire Department, District 4 Miss Flame Cheyanne Rolston, Chief Robert Litteral, Jean Smith, PRNE.



Jerry Sprague (L) presents a 10 year service pin to Justin Stump.

Twenty-five year members



Jerry Sprague (L) presents 25 year service pins to Herb Anderson, Rodney Leamon and Rob Davis.



Jerry Sprague (L) presents 25 year service pins to Mike Adams and Dan Gray.

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Thinking about burning trash or yard waste?

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Perhaps you know someone who has asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, pneumonia or allergies. They'll tell you how smoke makes breathing especially difficult. Older people, those with lung problems, and pregnant or nursing women may suffer more serious health effects than other adults.

Repeated exposure to

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

— photos submitted by E.J. Smith

Poe FD member recognized for dedication



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

- submitted by Pascal Moon, district chairman

District 9A Miss Flame



District 9 A Chairman Pascal Moon, Miss Flame Sydney Moon



Attend Supporting Heroes

District 9A Pascal Moon and IVFAA District 9A Beth Moon at Supporting Heroes.

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smoke can also cause healthy children and adults are developmental problems in affected by small particles, children and increase the molds, fungi and chemical chances of getting cancer. Even pollutants in smoke.

Open burning can cause . . .

- Eye, nose, and throat irritation;
- Lung irritation and congestion;
- Shortness of breath and coughing;
- Stomach or intestinal upset;
- Headaches or memory loss;
- Skin irritations or burns;
- Eye damage

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

It is ALWAYS illegal to open burn garbage!

Safer alternatives exist statewide. That's why Indiana law restricts open burning.

However, in counties where air quality meets state and federal health standards, state law permits certain open burning of "clean wood products", such as leaves and branches, as long as the burning is done according to the rules.

Local ordinances more strict than the state's open burning laws exist in many counties. If this is the case, the more restrictive requirement applies. If you choose to burn clean wood products despite the potential environmental and health impacts, you should check with your local fire department or health department for information on local ordinances.

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.

Your town, city or county may have an ordinance that is more

restrictive than the state's open burning law. If so, you must comply with that ordinance also. Before you open burn, call your local fire department, government office or health department to find out.

Burning contributes to harmful ground level ozone!

People who live in or near larger metropolitan areas can be affected by a severe air pollution problem: ground level ozone, or smog. It affects outlying suburbs and rural areas as well as the big cities.

In other areas of the state, ozone problems are not as severe, but ozone pollution exists all over Indiana.

We hear a lot about depletion of the ozone layer in the stratosphere. This kind of ozone protects us from harmful radiation from the sun. Stratospheric ozone is good, but ground-level ozone is harmful.

When people think about ground-level ozone, they usually picture a thick layer of smog over Los Angeles. They don't think of a sunny, hot Midwest summer day with a hazy blue sky. But, ozone pollution exists here, too, unless we do something about it.

Ozone is created in the lower atmosphere when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other air pollutants react in the presence of sunlight. Open burning, vehicle exhaust, industrial smoke stacks, gas pumps and many other sources give off VOCs.

Regulations exist to reduce this serious air pollution because it can cause or worsen respiratory, heart and other health problems. It also deteriorates rubber, corrodes metal and damages crops and forests.

Residential burning ban reduces ozone in four Indiana counties.

Because of unacceptably high ozone levels in Lake, Porter, Clark and Floyd counties, open burning of residential waste, including yard waste is illegal. The law prohibiting open burning is part of the regional ozone-cutting effort. Other clean air measures involve industries and motor vehicles.

There are rules for safe residential burning.

Because of high regional ozone levels, **no household or yard waste may be burned by residents in Lake, Porter, Clark or Floyd counties.** In all other counties where ozone levels are safer, open burning of clean wood products may be permitted according to the following rules. Your town, city or county may also have an ordinance that could be more restrictive than the state laws. Call your local health department, fire department or government offices before burning.

According to state law, these rules must always be followed:

- Only clean wood products may be burned. Wood products coated with stain, paint, glue or other coatings are not safe to burn.
- Burning must be done during safe weather conditions, not during high winds or on pollution alert days or ozone action days.
- Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.
- Burning must be done during daylight hours and extinguished prior to sunset.
- Firefighting equipment adequate for the size of the fire must be nearby.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

- submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



Awarded Gold card

Rushville firefighter receives Gold card – (from left) David Israel - IVFA president, Phil Dearing - 50 year member, John Ray - District 10 chairman and Steve Cox - DHS director.

Members from Scipio/Geneva Twp. receive 10 and 25 year pins



John Ray - District 10 chairman, David Owsley - 10 year member, Michael Kelly, Allan Leeds and Steve Lovelace receive 25 year pins.



Posey members receive 10 and 25 year pins

From the left: Zack Tucker - 10 year, Phil Geise, Marc Webb, Jason VanDsdol - 25 year, Zack Ernetes, John Ray, District Chairman.

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• Material may only be burned in a noncombustible and ventilated container, such as a metal drum with enclosed sides and bottom. Burning on the ground is illegal.

• Open burning is now allowed at mobile home parks, apartment or condominium complexes or buildings of more than four dwelling units.

• Fires must be extinguished if they create a fire hazard, nuisance, pollution problem or threat to public health.

• Burning must comply with all other federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances.

If you witness illegal burning ...

Violators may have to pay a fine or pay the costs of having a fire extinguished. If the fire escaped, the violator may have to cover property damage costs.

Never burn toxic materials!
Burning toxic materials is illegal, and extremely

dangerous!

Burning household trash and outdoor waste, such as plastics and building materials, is illegal because it's extremely dangerous. Even if you take special precautions to protect against smoke exposure, pollutants will be left behind in the ashes. These pollutants pose a risk to health and contaminate soil and water. Burning tires, treated wood or asbestos is illegal and particularly dangerous.

Tires: We need tires for transportation. But their resilience and indestructibility make disposal difficult. If you've ever seen the thick, black plumes of smoke from a tire fire, you know why state law prohibits burning tires.

When tires burn, they release toxic gases into the air and leave behind a hazardous, oily residue that can pollute streams and groundwater.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

- submitted by Jason Ryan, District Chairman

50 year members recognized



Left to right: Daniel Harshbarger (Hillsboro VFD), Gordon Foster (Hillsboro VFD), Jack Giles (Reelville - Washington Twp. VFD), Jason Ryan (District 11B Chairman).



Left to Right - Larry Harmon (Marshall VFD) and Jack Giles (IVFA 11B).

10 year pin awarded



Left to right - Austin Ryan (Marshall VFD) and Jack Giles (IVFA 11B).

- burning . . .

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Tire fires are difficult to extinguish and can burn out of control for months.

Treated wood: To protect against weather and insects, some wood products are saturated or coated with arsenic, chromium, copper or creosote, a yellowish to greenish-brown liquid made with tar. Typically, treated wood has a greenish dark brown or black color.

Smoke from burning creosote is especially irritating. For health and safety concerns, **do not burn wood scraps, old decks or unwanted landscaping timbers.** Documented instances prove that exposure to treated wood smoke can cripple a person. Next time you buy material for outdoor building projects, choose recycled-plastic lumber or naturally rot-resistant woods, such as cedar, redwood, or cypress.

Asbestos: Many building materials contain asbestos because of its fire-retardant properties. Some examples are asphalt roofing shingles, vinyl siding, insulation, plastics, wiring and floor tile. Microscopic asbestos fibers in the air can be inhaled. Once in your lungs, asbestos fibers can cause lung cancer and other respiratory diseases.

Before any structure is intentionally burned or demolished, it should be checked by a licensed asbestos inspector. For more information, call the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Asbestos Section at (888) 574-8150.

What kind of open burning does the state allow?

State law allows several open burning activities, subject to conditions that will minimize the impact on air quality. Some

examples of permissible burning are listed below.

A variance is required to burn vegetation for wildlife, habitat maintenance, forest and natural area management, and fire fighting or prevention.

The appropriate amount of fire, applied at just the right time, is as necessary as rain and sunshine to the forest and animals that live there. Prescribed fires can benefit Indiana's woodlands and reduce the threat of wildfire. However, many factors are carefully considered before prescribed burning takes place. These include the social, economic, legal and ecological effects a burn may have in a particular area. Generally, only the Department of Natural Resources and certain federal land management agencies may conduct this type of burning without seeking a variance.

Recreational or ceremonial fires, such as barbecues, campfires and fires for scouting activities.

These fires may burn at night, but may be fueled only by clean wood products, paper, charcoal or clean burning petroleum products, such as lighter fluid. As an alternative, IDEM recommends using an electric lighter, charcoal chimney or newspaper as a lighting aid. If you're planning to light a bonfire, notify your local fire and health departments in advance. There are limits on the size of fires and the length of time they may burn. These fires may not be used for disposal purposes.

Some types of burning of vegetation from a farm, an orchard, nursery, cemetery, tree farm or a drainage ditch.

This exemption is for maintenance purposes rather than when there is a change in the

use of land. There are several restrictions on this type of open burning. Check out Indiana Administrative Code 326 IAC 4-1 and Indiana Code 13-17-9 for the laws regarding this exemption.

So, what's the best way to manage waste?

Compost your leaves, grass, weeds, brush, kitchen scraps, and other organic waste. The resulting humus is "green gold" that protects soil from heat and drought and returns nutrients to the earth that are vital to healthy lawns, gardens and croplands. Fibrous plants and large leaves may have to be chopped before adding them to the compost pile. To counteract acidic ingredients such as oak leaves, add plenty of green waste such as grass or manure. Decomposition requires air, so turning the pile every few days will hasten the process.

Reduce waste by cutting down on what you buy. Buy in bulk when possible and avoid overpackaged products.

Reuse, sell or give away items you no longer need. Consider chipping tree limbs to use as mulch.

Recycle everything possible. Glass and plastic beverage containers, metals, newspaper and corrugated cardboard at a minimum are collected for recycling in most communities. Recycle leaves by mulching them with your lawn mower and leave them on the ground, rather than raking them up. This saves you time and fertilizes the soil.

Properly dispose of waste you can't avoid or recycle. Take it to a sanitary landfill, transfer station or compost facility. Or use a yard waste or trash service available in your community.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

- submitted by Jason Ryan, District Chairman



District 11B raffle

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

- submitted by Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice President



25 year presentation

Dave Dudley of the Dunreith VFD in District 13A was presented a 25 year pin by President David Israel in March.

First runner-up Shelby Butler served as 2019 Miss Flame

Pictured at right



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Ten year service pins awarded to members



Curtis Schwering of Raleigh FD receiving his 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Troy McCauley of Webster FD receiving his 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Dustin ZeBelle, Jasper Hensley and Elijah Adams of Milton FD receiving their 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Jason Bohlander of Glenwood FD receiving his 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Abel Loaiza & Steven Frame of Fountain City FD receiving their 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Wesley Shepard of Hagerstown FD receiving his 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Adam Whallon of Webster FD receiving his 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

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Clayton Scott of Hagerstown FD receiving his 10 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Twenty-five year pin awarded



Kevin Fouche of Webster FD receiving his 25 year service pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

Retires after 42 years of service



Jerry DeLay of Raleigh FD receiving plaque for his retirement after 42 years of service.

Honored for 50 years of service



Thomas Fulton of Fountain City FD is shown receiving his 50 year Gold card and pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

Pictured (left to right) – Jeff Biehl, Chairman; Brandon Terhaar, nephew; Thomas Fulton; Shane Shroyer, nephew.



Recognized for 60 years of service

Luther Snedegar of Raleigh FD receiving a Certificate from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl for 60 years of service on the Raleigh Fire Dept.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

— submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

News from DuPont-Lancaster Fire Department



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman

Firefighters come to aid of dog



McCutchanville Volunteer Firefighters working to save a dog rescued from a mobile home fire. – submitted by Jim Buckman

Presented 25 year pin



(Pictured left to right) – Jeremy Gottman, Skeleton Owen Fire Territory, 25 year pin, Ross Emery, District 15 Chairman. (Picture provided by Past President Anderson).



Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded to fire members

(Pictured left to right) -- Jason Knowles, Black Twp – 10 year pin, Kris Scarafia, New Harmony VFD – 10 year pin, District 15 Chairman Ross Emery, Scott Miller, New Harmony VFD – 25 year pin, Jack Kerney, IVFA Past President. (Picture provided by Past President Steve Anderson).

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District 15 Miss Flame

Mackenzie Elliott, 2020 IVFA District 15 Miss Flame. She is the daughter of Asst. Chief Brandon Elliott and Lt. Crystal Elliott of McCutchanville Fire Dept.

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Thank you!!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

- submitted by Tim Deckard, Past President

Retirement party held for 45 year member



Van Buren Township Fire Department of Monroe County IVFA District 17 B recently held an open house retirement party for Assistant Chief David Stewart. Assistant Chief Stewart was employed with the fire department for 45 years. How does one measure the value of a man's life when it was devoted to the betterment of countless others? As a firefighter and officer David helped shape the brotherhood that defines the department today. Seen in this picture (at left) Acting Fire Marshal Clayton Kinder is presenting Assistant Chief Stewart with the Indiana Fire Service Award.

(Pictured above) – Fellow firefighters with Assistant Chief Stewart retiring his Helmet.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

Ten year members awarded for service to departments



Celestine Member Awarded Service Pin
At the January meeting of the Celestine VFD, one of their members was awarded the IVFA 10 year service pin. Pictured receiving the award is Todd Goepfrich from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



At the March meeting of the Jackson Twp. VFD of Gentryville, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 10 year service pin to JTVFD Firefighter Kevin Spellmeyer.



During a visit to the Cannelton VFD (Perry Co.), District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 10 year service pin to CVFA firefighter Ryan Powers.



St. Anthony VFD member awarded service pin
At the January meeting of the St. Anthony VFD, one of their members was awarded the IVFA 10 year service pin. Pictured receiving the award is Adam Fleck from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



At the February meeting of the Tell City VFD, Blair Walsh was presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



At the meeting of 20 January, two members of the West Baden Springs VFD were presented with the IVFA 10 years service pin. Pictured receiving the award from District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith is WBSVFD Firefighter Jeremy Chambers. Also receiving the award, but not present was Shelton Evans.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

Members awarded for years of service to departments



St. Meinrad Members Awarded Service Pins

At the annual meeting of the St. Meinrad VFD Board of Directors of 30 January, two SMVFD members were awarded the IVFA Years of Service Pin. Pictured (l-r) are District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith, receiving the 50 year pin and Gold Card is Cleon Brahm and receiving the IVFA 25 year pin is Todd Ruxer.



At the January meeting of the Anderson Twp. VFD, District 18 Chairman Smith presented three members with the IVFA 25 year service pin. Pictured (l-r) are Mark Karpowicz and ATVFD Chief Glenn Goffinet. Also receiving the award but not present was Darrell Taylor.



During the February meeting of the Ferdinand VFD, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented IVFD service pins to FVFD members. Pictured receiving the 10 year award is Stacy Berger and receiving the 25 year award is Steve Hopf. Also receiving the 25 year award but not present were David Nord and Gary Weyer.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

- submitted by Will Holycross

Members recognized for service at Christmas dinner

On Saturday, December 12th, 2019 the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas dinner for their firefighters & spouses at Eddie Joe's Ice House in West Point, Indiana. The following firefighters received years of service awards: Captain Ron Turner, 35 years; Captain Russ Van Leer, 25 years; Asst. Chief Will Holycross, 15 years; Lieutenant Chris Orr & Firefighter Justin Davis, 10 years; Firefighter/EMT Adam Hanthorne & Firefighter Eric Kincade, 5 years. Lieutenant Tim Davis was recognized as Firefighter of the Year, Justin Davis for Excellence in Service and Firefighter; Theran Armes for Rookie of the Year. Citizens Tammy & John McMahan were recognized for their many years of continued support of WVFD. Lieutenant Wade Armes was promoted to Chief and Firefighter Justin Davis was promoted to Lieutenant. Retiring Chief Kevin Strickler received a plaque as a Christmas gift.



An emotional and proud moment between father and son as Lieutenant Tim Davis hands over his title & helmet to his son, Justin Davis.



Lt. Wade Armes (left) & Chief Kevin Strickler (right) presenting Captain Russ Van Leer with a plaque for 25 years of service to Williamsport VFD.



Lt. Wade Armes (left) & Chief Kevin Strickler (right) presenting Captain Ron Turner with a plaque for 35 years of service to Williamsport VFD.

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Retirement dinner held for Chief Kevin Strickler

On Sunday, January 12th, 2020 the Williamsport Firefighters hosted a retirement dinner for Chief Kevin Strickler at the Beef House Restaurant, honoring his 33 years of service to the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department and the community. The evening was enjoyed with 81 people in attendance which included his family, emergency services personnel and current and former elected officials. The evening was started with a prayer and attendees enjoyed appetizers and a wonderful meal. Many laughs and stories were shared throughout the evening. Chief Strickler joined the department in 1986 and was appointed Chief in 1992, succeeding his brother Phil Strickler. He also serves as the Williamsport Street, Water & Electric Superintendent. Chief was instrumental in many changes over his 33 years of service including several grants, new equipment, new fire trucks and a new fire station. Chief spoke to attendees about how the department has changed for the better and it wouldn't have been possible without the members of the department working as a team. He stated he is ready to take it easy and enjoy time with his family, especially his 13 grandchildren. Chief was presented with a plaque, his retired helmet with dinner attendees signing it and a firefighter bench to compliment his new man cave. He also received a gag gift of a red walker complete with flashing lights and siren. Chief jokingly stated it was the first time he ever had a blue light. His wife Vickie Strickler was also honored with a plaque and a weekend getaway gift card to Nashville, Indiana for her years of dedication and commitment to WVFD.



On left, Chief Kevin Strickler being presented a plaque from his brother and former fire chief, Phil Strickler.



On right, Tri-County Firefighter's President Bart Crowder presenting Chief Strickler with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Chief Kevin Strickler speaks to the dinner attendees as incoming Chief Wade Armes looks on.



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