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From The President David Israel



Hello IVFA Members:

Hope your Summer is a good one.

Did you know that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association is 76 years old and we will be celebrating our 75th IVFA Convention Anniversary this year at Clarksville, Indiana at the Radisson Hotel June 9-12, 2021.

On behalf of the present IVFA Officers and those before us with the vision to form the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, we would like to thank each Fire Department and every member for making this Organization what it is today. THANK YOU!!!

By the time you're reading this most of the state will be opened up

the from the COVID-19 state restrictions (good or bad). Just remember the only person that can take care of you is YOU. There will be some counties and businesses that require you to wear a mask to protect yourself from others. The vaccines won't keep you from getting the virus, but it should or could help keep you from being really-really sick, make sure everyone stays safe. Ron is doing well and back to normal driving that Jimmy like he stole it and practicing for the Indy 500.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available; it's free of charge, you do have to schedule an appointment for your shots; the IVFA forwarded that info to you from the Fire Marshal's Office.

We have finished the Purdue Globe Education, check out our website for more information. Also don't forget about the IVY TECH two year program; we have had over 440 individuals take advantage of this program. THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A SUCCESS. The IVY TECH PROGRAM was due to expire this summer. But we think it MIGHT get funded again and it will be available to all FIRST RESPONDERS.

We were able to give out several 10 and 25 year pins and 50 year Gold Cards this past quarter. Call your District Chairman and get it scheduled. The Vice President and I have enjoyed coming to your Awards Program this past quarter presenting awards. Every year I tell

you Sis is going to turn 30 again. There in February, why I was on Facebook I don't know, but there it was Happy Birthday to Sis?

As of this writing we are going to celebrate our 2020-2021 Convention this year at Clarksville June 9-12, 2021. We will get caught up on 2020 and 2021 Awards. Pretty sure we will not be doing our

50 year member awards program at the Statehouse this year but we are going to try and do something special for them this summer.

Legislation should be done and over by the first of May 2021; go to our website, click on Legislation and see what passed and what didn't.

Everyone be safe and stay

safe.

If you need something give me a call.

See you at the next District Meeting.

David R. Israel
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Members receive Statehouse Resolution awards



Retired past Fire Chief Daryl Daniels of Ligonier Fire Department receiving the Resolution from the Statehouse in honor of his 50 years of service, presented by District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague. (Photo credit to Jeremy Weaver, Chief of Ligonier Fire Department and submitted by Jerry Sprague, IVFA District 6 Chairman.)



Orange Twp. Chief Harold Cummins and IVFA District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague presenting Estill Ritchie with his 50 year card, pin and Statehouse Resolution. (Photo by Tammy Craig and submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.)



Pictured left to right - Jason Ryan, Chairman District 11B and Judd Meharry, (Coal Creek Fire & Rescue) receiving his 50 Year Proclamation. (submitted by Jason Ryan, District 11B chairman.)



Pictured left to right: Jason Ryan - Chairman District 11B, Larry Curl - Lobbyist, Jack Giles, receiving his 50 Year Proclamation (Reelsville - Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.), Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice President. (submitted by Jason Ryan, District 11B chairman.)

Congratulations to all

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By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and Lobbyist



From the State House to the Fire House

by
Larry
Curl

Greetings my fellow Officers, Members and IVFAA members.

Another quarter has passed since my last newspaper article "Political" talk and more from the "Fire House to the State House".

So let's talk about some legislation, education and information, my three favorite topics; but before we get there I want to say welcome to spring of 2021 and good-bye to the cold, snowy, often freezing months of 2021 (and not a minute too soon).

Oh what a year 2020-2021 thus far has been. We could talk about what was but I would rather put yesterday in the past (and learn from it) and talk with you about the future that we see today. We are now beginning to open up to face-to-face in-person meetings and we are planning for the 75th State Convention, let's hope all goes well and we continue to have the opportunity to share conversation and information in-person. Zoom and other types of shared conversation via video conferencing is OK but it will never (my opinion) replace an in-person conversation.

So legislation: It's been a different and somewhat difficult session due to the social distancing and face coverings requirements. The Statehouse often seems like a ghost town with very few people and separation of meetings via different locations. The House members were meeting in the Government Center rather than the House Chambers while the Senate members continue to meet in the Senate Chambers whoever utilizing both the Senate floor and the gallery area where normally

visitors could go to watch and hear the Senate in session. The best is that by the reading of this newspaper this year's session will be history.

Where to begin; let's start with IVFA requested legislation, We had asked that a Bill be drafted that would address "Road Closures" with any "planned" closure of a Road, Street, Highway, Interstate, Bridge, RR Crossing or Intersection be it by private, government or public means that would cause public safety responders to alter an otherwise most direct response route. We were told that the issue would be more closely monitored by the AHJ (authority having jurisdiction) and therefore no bill would be drafted. However, we were able to negotiate what might turn out to be a better offer but will require some action on our part and that is to monitor and record any incident where we encounter a situation where a failure to notify us of a road closure caused a delay or detour of our normal travel and if warranted by the number of incidents we could see a Bill proposed in the next session.

Our request to all is simple: when you fill out your report, if you encounter a non-reported road closure, simply add it to your comments section of your report. We will sometime late summer to early fall be asking for any reported closure delays.

So moving on, we began the session monitoring 17 bills that would impact the way we serve and protect and by mid-term (half way through the session) we had either passed or lost 10 of those bills and in the last half we were watching 7 bills of importance to us. You can see all the bills on our website by going to www.ivfa.org clicking on the tab marked legislation and then clicking on Bill Watch. It will show you all the bills that were presented and as well it will show you the results of all bills as they worked their way through the session.

A couple of Bills of particular interest to the IVFA were:

HB1032 - NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES (FRYE R) - Provides for placement of a newborn safety device at any fire department, including a volunteer fire department that: [\(full details available on our website\)](#).

HB1065 - FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORIES (MAYFIELD P) - Provides that the procedure for adopting an ordinance or resolution to establish a fire protection territory (territory) applies to expanding an existing territory: [\(full details available on our website\)](#).

HB1115 - INTERFERING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY (MILLER D) - Provides that a person who enters a marked off area after having been denied entry by a firefighter commits interfering with public safety: [\(full](#)

[details available on our website\)](#).

HB1230 - SAFE HAVEN 911 (LAUER R) - Provides that due to extenuating circumstances, if a child's parent or a person is unable to give up custody of a child under the procedure set forth in Indiana's Safe Haven Law, the child's parent or the person may request that an emergency medical services provider (provider) take custody of the child: [\(full details available on our website\)](#).

HB 1270 - DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (FRYER R) - Included in this bill is the following language:

Establishes a fire chief executive training program (executive training program). Provides that after January 1, 2022, a newly appointed fire chief of a political subdivision must successfully complete the executive training program within one year of appointment. Provides that a volunteer fire chief is not required to complete the executive training program. Provides that the Department of Homeland Security may allow any of the following individuals to enroll in the executive training program if there is available space in the course: (1) A chief officer. (2) Management level personnel. (3) A volunteer fire chief. (4) A volunteer chief officer.

While the Volunteer Fire

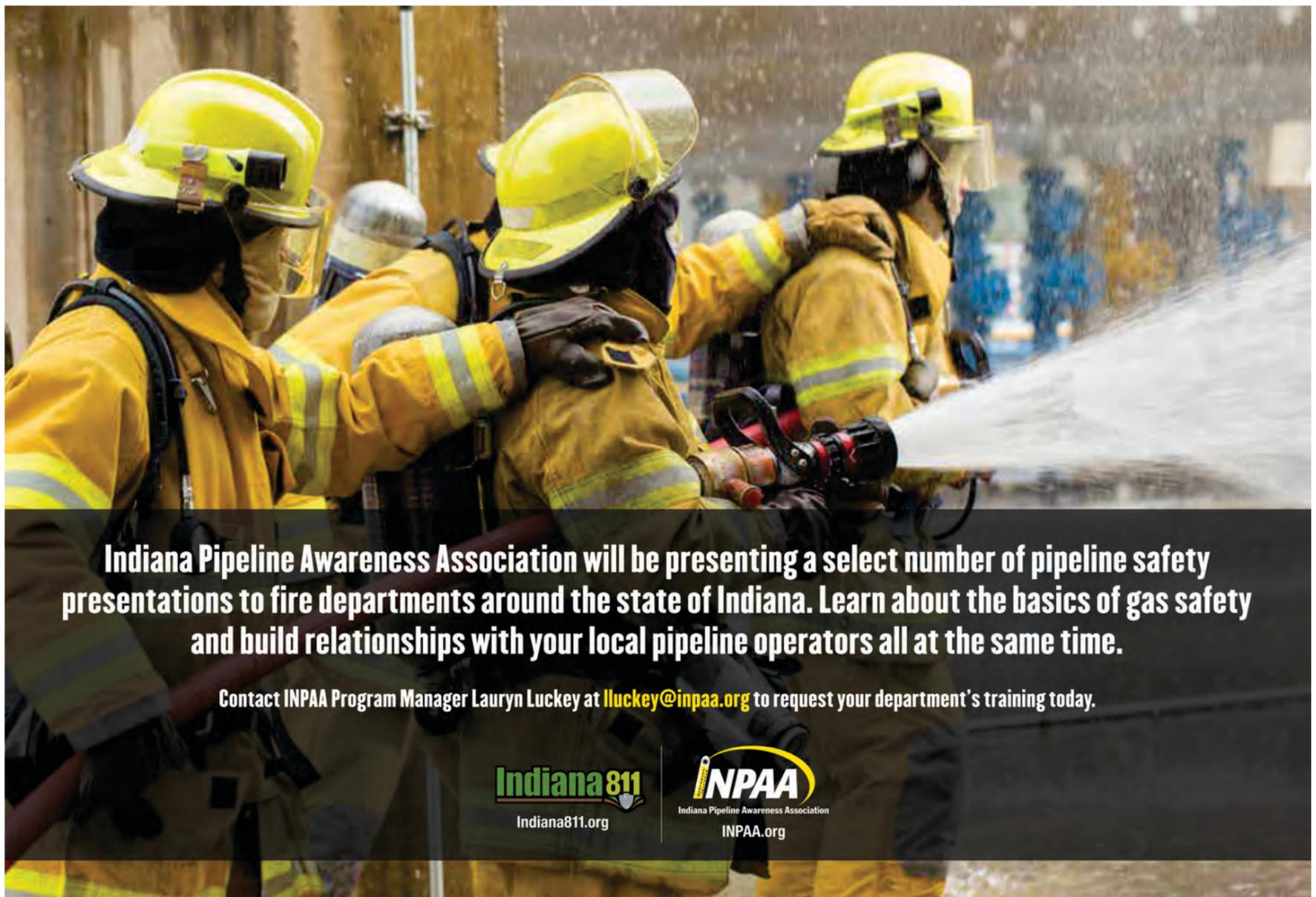
Chief is not required to complete the executive training program the IVFA strongly urges, suggests and encourages, if you are in the position of leadership especially serving as the FIRE CHIEF, we recommend you make every effort to attend such a training as it will share with you what is needed and what you should be doing as the Chief in order to manage your department for those times other than emergency response, which is actually a very small amount of your time. The requirement position was asked by the IVFA to be removed for Volunteers until such time as a fully developed course is designed and provides for the class to be taken on-line, evenings or weekends, so as to meet the volunteer schedule. The information offered will be a game changer for fire department leaders: [\(full details available on our website\)](#).

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As of the writing of this article the General Assembly is still in session so I cannot report the full outcome of the bills discussed as most are still being heard in committee or on the floor. Full update will be available on the website at the end of the session, possibly April 30th.

Education continues to be a high priority to the IVFA and hopefully its members.

The IVY TECH - IVFA
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Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association will be presenting a select number of pipeline safety presentations to fire departments around the state of Indiana. Learn about the basics of gas safety and build relationships with your local pipeline operators all at the same time.

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partnership has been very successful for the last two years. While I don't have a full detailed report I have been told we were able to share with over 400 of our members the opportunity to attend and possibly gain an associates degree. What started out to be a one year enrollment and an IVY TECH investment of \$250,000.00 has turned out to be a 2 year and over \$500,000.00 investment.

We owe IVY TECH President Sue Ellspermann and Vice President of Government Relations Mrs. Mary Jane Michalak as well as the entire IVY TECH staff and State Representative Randall Frye, House District 67, a very large debt of gratitude for all they have done toward this partnership. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and its members.

And keeping with the education theme for those of you who have visited our website within the last two months you should have noticed in the center of the home page another educational partnership.

Purdue University Global, Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, and You: A Great Partnership.

The IVFA is pleased to have yet a second educational partnership and look forward to our membership receiving the benefit of an opportunity to receive fee and tuition waivers and continue to pursue your educational and career goals.

We believe our best means to recruiting new and younger

members as well as retaining our current membership is through an opportunity that benefits our membership on a personal basis as well as gaining valuable skills to serve their community. That is why your IVFA is working so hard to provide such benefits and opportunities and we hope you as a member take full advantage of them.

Recently we completed a nearly five year long project and commissioned a study to be conducted as to the value we as volunteers bring to our communities in addition to the value of our emergency services provided.

Many of us have asked the question, "how much do we save our citizens in taxes due to the service we provide?" Well, the answer is no longer a mystery; we actually have documented information that shows we save the State of Indiana through the value of our service over \$4.5 billion annually. We have sent to every IVFA member department a copy of the Cost Savings Study with detailed information as to the savings by State, Local Government and Legislative Districts. If you have not seen this document, ask around your department, someone will most likely have it. Should you not seem to find it and no one claims to have it (it came via US Postal Service certified mail so we have a record of date of delivery), please contact the Central Office, the IVFA leadership, your District Officers or myself and we will help you track it down. Again this went out to all dues paying departments only.

We will be talking about this information at your District

Meetings, as well as at the State Convention in June.

Speaking of State Convention and District Meetings it seems we are now able to host both and encourage all members to attend and be informed about the association, our work and service on behalf of you the members and enjoy the opportunity to once again meet, greet, and socialize while we still encourage practicing good health precautions.

We have sent to our leadership in early April some details about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - The \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan includes approximately \$362 billion to help states, territories, counties, cities, towns and tribal governments. If you have not heard about this, reach out to your District Officers and ask them to please share the information with you. There seems to be millions and possibly billions of dollars flowing into States, Counties, Cities, Towns and we need to inquire about the possibilities of sharing some of those funds for public safety major projects

Lastly, we were not able to honor our 50 year members this year at the Statehouse due to covid restrictions but we have not forgotten about each of our 87 IVFA members who this year completed 50 years of service to their departments, communities and most importantly to their fellow citizens.

Full details will be in a later edition of our quarterly newspaper.

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

Larry Curl

vaccination sites becoming more and more readily available, I hope that everyone able to get vaccinated, did so.

Some may still be waiting for that first vaccination and some may not want that vaccination at all. I just hope you make the right decision for you and everyone's benefit and by the time I write my next article for the paper, it is my hope that we will be on the downhill side of this virus and back to some sense of normalcy in our Association and our State.

In getting back to some sense of normalcy within our State, departments, especially department chiefs, need to be aware of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This is part of the Federal Government's \$1.9 trillion fiscal recovery aid package intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts by getting recovery funds to state and local units of government to help those Counties, Cities and Towns recover from the pandemic. Please start conversations with your local elected or appointed officials now in your County. Failing to inquire or ask about these available funds at the County and local levels could make your department miss out on a funding opportunity.

I was afraid the Public Safety Scholarship through Ivy Tech Community College might have ran its course and come to an end in 2021. I am happy to announce that initial discussions have begun with Ivy Tech to extend the program another two years for our members. Although there are no promises or guarantees that an extension will be done between both parties, I hope that Ivy Tech and its Foundation sees there is still a need for our members in public safety and the partnership is extended two more years. More information will be forthcoming on this subject as the talks progress.

If you have been to the Association's website or seen the press release over the Association's Facebook page you know our members have another opportunity for a cost reduced education. Purdue Global has partnered with our Association. Please check out the website at www.ivfa.org for more information on the program.

Our Association's 75th State Convention is scheduled for June 9-11, 2021 in Clarksville at the Derby Hotel Louisville North. Districts 16 and 14 will be your hosts and both districts and their committees are gearing up in anticipation of having an in-person convention this year. Information and registration forms can be found on the Association website. Please keep checking the website for updated convention information as we get closer to the date in June.

I want to welcome two new District Chairmen into the fold, District 12 Larry Curl and District 13A Jason Greene. Thank you for taking on the duties and responsibilities of your respective districts. I know both of these districts are in good hands with these two individuals and their assembled teams.

The current legislative session is coming to an end for 2021, but I want to make you aware of HB 1270. This is an Indiana Department of Homeland Security bill and in the bill it addresses training requirements for new and existing Indiana fire chiefs. The bill mandates that new career fire chiefs will be required to complete a 40-hour Executive Fire Officer Course when the bill is signed by the Governor and becomes law. Volunteer fire chiefs are exempted from the mandated course requirements under the current proposed bill. But it is strongly suggested that Volunteer fire chiefs and their chief officers take the course when it is offered across the State.

I want to thank the District Chairmen for their MacQueen Excellence Award nominations. I received nominations from 23 of the 25 districts. Considering the lack of district meetings over the last year and other issues presented to our members, I am so proud of you for polling your districts and coming up with a nomination from those 23 districts.

This is MacQueen Emergency's second year of sponsoring the MacQueen Excellence Award. If you see Garry Davis or any of his staff, please thank them for MacQueen Emergency's continued support of the award and our Association.

President Israel and I are encouraging District Chairmen to begin conducting face-to-face meetings again across the State. We are also suggesting if District Chairmen cannot hold face-to-face meetings in their Districts, they can use the Zoom format to conduct virtual meetings. We are asking the District Chairmen to post their upcoming meetings on the Association's website calendar.

Members, please follow the calendar or look for e-mails or mailings of future meetings in your District. If for some reason your department is not receiving these meeting notifications reach out to your District Chairman, whose contact information is in the quarterly paper.

If you have any questions or if I can help you or your department in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in the paper.

Please continue to be safe as you protect your citizens and make sure you take care of yourself, too.

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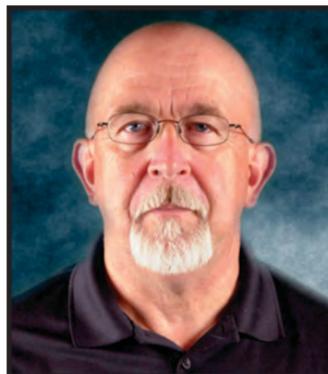
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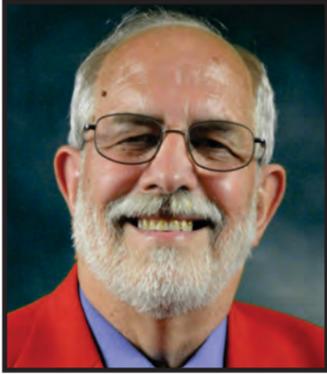
As I write this article on Easter Sunday to make the April 5th deadline for the newspaper, I hope everyone has remained safe and healthy. With the anticipated relaxation of COVID-19 protocols in the State and with vaccines and

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



Hello Everyone,

I express my deepest sympathy to Dave Elick and family for the loss of his mother Marcelette (Marcy). I express my deepest sympathy to Jack Kerney and family for the loss of his wife Barbara.

Due to the pandemic our quarterly meetings have been held as a Zoom meeting to keep in contact and keep everyone updated. We are scheduled to have an in-person quarterly meeting May 1-2.

Meetings in PRNE have been limited. District 7 has held a couple of meetings.

District 4, 5, and 6 have not held meetings due to the pandemic severity in those areas. We have a District 6 meeting scheduled May 25th, Lagrange Fire Department 7:00 P.M. Please check the calendar on ivfa.org for updated information. If you need anything please contact your Public Relations representative or your District Chairman. We are still here for you!

Legislation adjournment scheduled on April 29, 2021.

To keep up-to-date please go to our page ivfa.org. Click on Legislative.

The annual convention for 2021 is scheduled for June 9-11 in Clarksville at the Derby Hotel, Louisville North. Please check ivfa.org for updated information.

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

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,

The world has changed, wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, food should be served, only a certain amount of people to be in dinners, meetings, etc., flu season around the corner, please get the FLU shot. When will we be able to get back to our normal life or will we???

This quarter I have only attended 1 district meeting and 2 memorial services.

The IVFA trailer is now available to use and we would like to see it out and visible to the public; please

contact Don Cushman for the use of it.

Please keep your trucks and gear clean, only YOU can help to prevent yourself from getting CANCER.

Keep yourself safe and do what you can to keep yourself safe from getting COVID.

Till next quarter.

Steve Nolan, PRSW



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Linda Watland

Paul Watland, district chairman



Honored for 50 years of service



Two Lake Twp. VFD members, John Kroll and Norman G. Telford received their IVFA 50 year Gold Card, pins and certificates for their membership. Chief Alan Corning looks on.



Wayne Adams of Lake Hills VFD received his 50 year IVFA Gold card, pin and certificate.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2021 CONVENTION JUNE 9 THROUGH JUNE 11 CLARKSVILLE DERBY HOTEL LOUISVILLE NORTH CLARKSVILLE, INDIANA

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

The District 3 IVFA meeting was held at LaCrosse VFD on March 18, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Bob Uryga.

LaCrosse Chief Aaron Rust led the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Dave Robb began the meeting with a prayer. Roll call had 5 departments with 17 members present.

Guests: Past President Buz Koehler, Vice President Jerry Liston, P.R. Northwest Jeremy Reef, Spencer Equipment Jack Runion, IVFAA Vice President Christina Reef.

Awards presented to: 5 "Gold Card" 50 year IVFA members. Jim Hall - LaCrosse, Leona Uryga - Michiana Shores, Marjorie Wozniak - Michiana Shores, Roy Cohn - Springfield, James Baird - Hanna (not present).

10 year pins were also given to: (4) LaCrosse VFD members: Paul Adams, Brad Frank, Chris Frank, Chief Aaron Rust. LaCrosse Chief Aaron Rust was presented the MacQueen Excellence Award by District Chairman Bob Uryga.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Aaron Rust and seconded by Marge Wozniak to transfer the Convention 2019 money into the regular account. Motion carried.

Chairman Bob Uryga reminded everyone present about Convention 2021. Early registration ends June 9.

Bob also spoke about the "Economic Study of Tax Savings" study. This resource needs to be used by all our Volunteer Departments when negotiating with our funding sources.

Buz Koehler spoke about "New Look" for the paper.

Jerry Liston spoke about pending legislation. HB 1270 Homeland Security Bill.

Training for fire chief's course. Volunteers asked to be exempt from it being mandatory. A 40-60 hour course. Check the website to keep the information updated. An event calendar is on this site that can be used.

With the IVFA license plate just be sure that the member's info is correct.

District 3 has a Facebook page.

The IVFA trailer is available for events (call Don Cushman). IVFA award deadlines are to be looked

over. Bridgeport Scholarships deadline March 1.

Document calls when roads are out of service w/o info.

Ivy Tech scholarship program will end but Purdue Global will offer discounted classes.

Next level jobs (State Program) for members wanting further education as EMT, Fire, Police. Go to the State of Indiana website.

Casualties at house fire. Pictures released on Social Media created problems. Use some "uncommon" common sense.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Bendix and seconded by Aaron Rust. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Refreshments provided by LaCrosse Firefighters. LaCrosse firefighter donated \$40 to our District account. Thank you Paul.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
District 3 Secretary

After the Covid lock down, the 3rd District was able to hold the District meeting at the LaCrosse Vol. Fire Dept.

Welcome back and great to see our members and guests.

A special prayer was said for our lost members.

With the vaccine being administered to Vol. Fire Depts., we will try to move forward with our meetings.

A Special Awards program was the real need for the meeting for (4) 50 year pins and cards.

The Tax Savings book was really important to discuss.

The May 20 meeting will be at the Michiana Shores VFD. Refreshments at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

Chairman District 3
Bob Uryga

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings to everyone from up in the northeast. It is finally spring time up here. Thankfully, hopefully we are on the road to COVID recovery.

Need to thank our IVFA State Lobbyist Larry Curl for his ongoing representation of the IVFA at the Statehouse. Thank you Larry for your continued support, dedication and commitment to the IVFA and the volunteer firefighters in Indiana.

District 6 will attempt to start to having meetings again in-person.

We have been without meetings for just over a year! Will be exciting to see everyone in person again.

The next meeting for District 6 will be held on May 25, 2021. It will be held at the Lagrange V.F.D. in Lagrange, Indiana. The station is located at State Road 9 and North Townline Road. Hope to see everyone in attendance!

As always, it would be great to see more departments in attendance at our meetings. I don't believe one night every other month is too much to ask. If your department is not receiving the meeting fliers, please send an email address to spiralawn@ligtel.com

If any department or firefighter has any problems or concerns, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I will do my level best to help you out.

In closing, hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Years.

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
January 18, 2021
Preble Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:25 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 19 members representing 6 departments.

November Minutes: R/A.

Guests: Jerry Liston - IVFA Vice-President, Jean Smith - PRNE, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Terry Bradner - 1-800-BOARDUP.

Chairman Bisel introduced the guests and thanked them for attending.

No deaths reported in the district since the last meeting.

Presented 10-year pin to Joseph Gorman, Preble VFD.

Presented 25-year pins to Jerry Ashky, Dan Fuhrmann (not present), and Mark Juengel, Preble VFD.

Sam attended a Technical Large Animal Rescue Class hosted by the Blackford County EMA and taught by Nature's Way Animal Rescue. Class was well attended

even though very slick and snowy that morning. The class was very informative as to why this service is required and led to hands-on for the entire afternoon.

Presented the MacQueen Award during the Large Animal Rescue Class to Jeff Glancy of Glancy Funeral Homes. Jeff was nominated for the special attention he gives in caring for our fallen brother firefighters and their families.

Chairman Bisel handed the meeting over to Len Smith, District 7 Vice-Chairman, due to family emergency.

Vice-Chairman Smith presented Terry Bradner - 1-800-BOARDUP. Terry thanked the body for the invitation. Protechs is still very busy with COVID 19 deep cleaning. Please get in touch if there is anything that they can do to help you or your department.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Passed out a list of Bills that the IVFA is going to be watching during this legislative session. Special attention to HB 1270 and HB 1476.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist - further addressed HB 1476.

Ivy Tech program may be out of funding. Year-to-date Ivy Tech has invested approximately \$750,000 into the program. Excited that our volunteers are taking advantage of this benefit.

Purdue Global assists toward a bachelor's degree.

Next Level Jobs grants are available through the state. EMT and Paramedic may be available through this program.

COVID 19 vaccines are available. Get signed up for yours. Email is available on IDHS website stating that you are eligible as a first responder to receive a vaccination.

2021 Legislative Session has started. Over 1,000 bills have been presented.

Cost Savings Survey is printed and ready for distribution. Volunteer fire service is saving Indiana tax payers \$4.5 billion annually! The survey is broken down in multiple ways. Your departments need to be sharing this information with the elected officials, municipalities and citizens that you cover.

Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice-President - Take a look at the updated IVFA website.

Please make sure that your department keeps their information updated with the Central Office.

Members, please double check that your addresses are correct. Bad addresses cost the association money every year.

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you talk with them let them know that you saw their advertisement.

The Central Office has started to track suicide and cancer related deaths in Indiana.

IVFA license plates are available through the BMV. A portion of the fees help to fund the Bridgeport fund. This fund provides for a line-of-duty death benefit and also education scholarships awarded at convention

The IVFA has a clothing and eye glasses fund. If you have personal items damaged, contact your district chairman and submit a claim form. Cell phones are not covered under this.

Make sure that your beneficiary information is up-to-date. This should be double checked each year when your department gets its dues packet.

The IVFA public relations trailer is available for your department's use.

IVFA award nominations are due in by February 1. Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due in by March 1.

MacQueen Award nominations are due in to your district chairman by February 1.

Convention is scheduled for June 9-11; watch the website for information.

FDIC has been pushed back to later in the year.

If your department encounters a road closure that you were not aware of, document the closure, date and time and forward this information to IVFA officers.

Due to COVID 19 quarterly meetings have been virtual. Hope to get back to normal meetings in May. Members are welcome to attend quarterly meetings. Let your district chairman know that you are interested and they can give you information about when and where.

Vice-Chairman Len Smith - Make sure to get your award nominations in.

Next district meeting will be at Roanoke March 15. There will be NO bake sale due to COVID 19 restrictions. We will be asking for monetary donations from our departments to help fund the District 7 IVFAA fund. This fund helps our district Miss Flame with travel expenses throughout the year and also supports our IVFAA district chairwoman with expenses to state meetings

Second roll call answered by 17 members representing 6 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
District 7
March 15, 2021
Roanoke Volunteer
Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:40 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 26 members representing 9

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

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

- district 7

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departments.

January Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jerry Liston – IVFA Vice-President, Jean Smith – PRNE, Terry Bradner – 1-800-BOARDUP.

Chairman Bisel – There were 2 deaths in the district since the last meeting, Mathew Tyner of Mount Etna and Dave Vining of Roanoke. Along with this, please let your district chairman know of the passing of your members so that a Bible and grave marker can be delivered to the family in a timely manner. The IVFA is starting to track the cause of death for our records so if you can also provide this information it will be a great help. If the cause is cancer, try to find out the type so this can also be documented.

Convention will be in Clarksville June 9-11. Pre-registration is available, however, no payments will be taken until you arrive. Would strongly encourage more "Next Generation" members to attend convention as YOU are the future of OUR organization!

Cost Savings Survey has been distributed to all departments currently paid up. Please review this document and the information provided. Then share the information with the elected officials in your area.

The February quarterly meeting was held via Zoom. Eric Johnson of Supporting Heroes spoke. If a person passes away within 45 days of contracting COVID 19, it may be considered for line of duty death benefits.

The hope and plan is that the next quarterly meetings will be live and in person in May. Dates and location are pending. All members are welcome to attend quarterly meetings. If interested contact your district chairman for dates, times and location.

Take note of your IVFA newspaper, all pages now have the ability to be in color.

Thank you to everyone (departments and individuals) who contributed to the IVFAA District 7 Fund. The donations are greatly appreciated. This fund helps to support our district Miss Flame and district chairwoman with travel expenses.

Presented 50 year Gold Card to Richard Sprunger of Berne VFD; 25 year pin was presented to Todd Brundige of Roanoke VFD; 10 year pins were given to Roanoke fire chief Brandon Taylor for distribution to his members. They are Jason McCoy and Timothy

McCoy both serving in the United States Military on active duty status and Kasie Platt and Steven Thomas both of whom recently retired from the department.

Terry Bradner, 1-800-BOARDUP – Discussed upcoming golf outing to support the Hoosier Burn Camp. The event was canceled last year but is a go so far for this year. Would like to see a team from each area fire department. Also looking for sponsorships for individual holes.

Terry Bradner offered to provide free spray disinfecting service of your station or meeting area if you have an upcoming event that you would like to be prepared for.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Provided a printout and discussed bills that are still being watched and ones that have died.

Provided a hand-out on Purdue Global program and gave a brief explanation.

A contact list for the State Fire & Public Safety Academy was distributed.

Discussed Cost Savings Survey.

Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice-President – Look to the IVFA website for information. Your department can utilize the calendar on the site for upcoming events, trainings or meetings. If you experience any issues with the site please let the IVFA Central Office and your officers know of the issue and date/time it was experienced.

Bad addresses are always an ongoing issue. It is not always an incorrect address, it may be that the address is formatted in a way that the postal system may read it incorrectly. Another cause are members that live at a different address for part of the year and have their mail forwarded to that address. Due to the bulk rate that the newspaper is sent out at, it will not be forwarded and shows up as a "bad address". If you know of someone who does this, if you could have them contact the Central Office for change of address or to suspend delivery for the term that they are living elsewhere it would be appreciated.

IVFA death vouchers now have a required line for cause of death. This is to help track cause of death trends and possible line of duty death eligibility.

IVFA license plates are available to anyone through the BMV. A portion of the fee helps to support the Bridgeport Fund.

Dues packets are to be sent out soon. Please double check all information with our members. Information can be updated on the dues packet with the exception of

beneficiary. Change of beneficiary requires a new membership form to be completed indicating changes to be made. Keep in mind that beneficiaries are required to be at least 18 years of age.

Still trying to get a Facebook page for every district. Join your district's page to help keep up and see what is going on in your district.

IVFA Awards! Nominations can be completed on the website. There are many deserving members in the state! Take a look around and nominate someone that you know! Along with this is the Bridgeport Scholarship. The application has been streamlined and is available online.

Again, would like to see new and young faces at convention! Remember it is in Clarksville and hold any payment until you arrive.

Larry Curl has stepped up as the new Chairman in District 12 and his meeting night is the same as District 7.

The Ivy Tech scholarship program is coming to a close. The hope is that the state will seek this benefit as a recruitment and retention program for volunteer firefighters in Indiana and fund it going forward.

The Governor's Next Level Job Training program is still available. You may apply for EMT certification classes through this program.

Please do not sit on your Cost Savings Survey! Get this information out to anyone of influence in your community! This includes trustees, commissioners, Senators, influential real estate investors, just to name a few! Bottom line is getting the word out that WE, the volunteer firefighters in the state of Indiana are saving Indiana taxpayers \$4.5 billion annually!!

The IVFA is making Zoom meetings available at the district level if it is needed.

Chairman Bisel – Thanks to our guests for attending and thanks for the great turnout of members! Exciting to see so many departments represented.

Next district meeting will be at Uniondale VFD May 17th.

Second roll call was answered by 25 members representing 9 departments.

Berne has a raffle going on. Poe Drive-Thru Pancake and Sausage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Richard Sorg

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A,

Spring is in the air, summer right around the corner.

It's been a busy quarter so far.

I have given out several pins and Gold cards. I have attended

several meetings.

I tried to inform everyone what IVFA is doing in Legislature and benefits of being in IVFA. Ivy Tech is giving grants to Volunteer Firefighters for a two year Scholarship to earn a degree.

This is a great recruitment and retention tool for Volunteer Fire Departments. Attend your District meeting to find out more.

I would like to thank the State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker and the office people for coming out to District 8A meeting held at Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department in Noblesville, Indiana.

The next District 8A meeting is at Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department, Van Buren, Indiana, May 26, 7:00-9:00.

Rex Alan Maynard
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting at the Losantville/West Union Volunteer Fire Department on January 13, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was called to order with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 9 members from 3 departments present. There were 6 guests present - Larry Curl, David Israel, Jerry Liston, Don Cushman, Jeff Biehl, and Jeff Murray.

Jeff Murray from Donley talked about some of the equipment that he has available. Larry Curl talked about some of the bills in the legislature that the IVFA is watching. David Israel and Jerry Liston told the group about things that were going on in the IVFA.

Chairman Wright reminded the group about the IVFA convention coming up in June. Convention will be June 9 – 11 at the Derby Hotel Louisville North in Clarksville, IN.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There was a total of 13 fires and 9 EMS runs.

The next 8B District meeting will be held at the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and pizza was served.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B Chairman

On March 10, 2021 District held their meeting at the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 16 members from 4 departments present. 7 guests were present - David Israel, Jerry Liston, Larry Curl, Don

Cushman, Jeff Biehl - District 13A District Chairman, and Jason Greene, 13B District Chairman and his assistant.

Larry Curl told the group about the Economic Cost Saving Study that the IVFA had done. David Israel and Jerry Liston reported on things going on in the IVFA. Don Cushman reported that if anyone wanted to borrow the IVFA trailer to get ahold of him about it.

Chairman Wright told them about the convention coming up in June and hoped to see some of them there.

It was brought up about changing the time of the meetings. It was suggested to move the meetings from 7:30 P.M to 7:00 P.M. The members voted to change the time to 7:00 P.M.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There was a total of 10 fires and 31 EMS runs.

The next District meeting will be held at the Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Cowan, IN. at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and a lite lunch was served.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good Day to all,

It just seems like I did this a couple of weeks ago, but time has went by pretty fast!

The March meeting was at Democrat Twp. Fire, Cutler, IN.

The next meeting is May 20 at Galveston VFD. Hope to see you there.

I have been making a few department visits, handing out 10, 25 year pins and even a couple of 50 year Gold Cards; the 50 year cards to Joe Remaly and Larry Hamby.

How do you write something about 50 year members of Departments; just think of the dedication they gave the department and community! How many missed sporting events of their own kids and even grandkids? How many times did they miss a meal with family, or left because of a call? Both of these guys had told me they did not want to be recognized for the years they have been on! They both felt like it was just another day and that nothing special at all!

I guess if you think about it, that is what most of us say after a family has thanked us for helping them out in some way! Well, Joe and Larry, you are now in a group that all of us look up to, and I will always say Thank You for being there!

Thanks and Stay Safe!

Pascal Moon
District 9A Chairman

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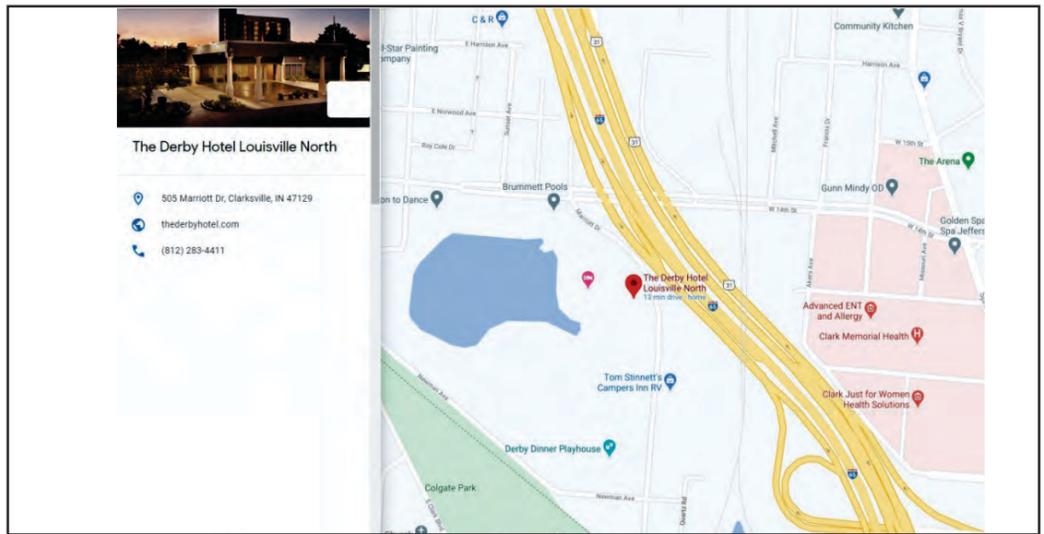
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**June 9 - 11, 2021
Clarksville, IN
Derby Hotel Louisville North**

Wednesday, June 9th

10AM TO 5PM	Convention Registration	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
11AM TO 4PM	Golf Scramble	<i>TBD</i>
1PM TO 4PM	Hospitality Room Open	<i>Hospitality Suite</i>
5PM TO 7PM	Reception & Dinner	<i>Ballroom</i>
6PM TO 7PM	Miss Flame Mixer	<i>TBD</i>
APPROX. 7:30PM	HBC Benefit Auction	<i>Ballroom</i>
10PM TO Close	Hospitality Room Open	<i>Hospitality Suite</i>



Thursday, June 10th

8AM TO 10AM	Vendor Set-Up	<i>Inside Hallways & Parking Lot</i>
8AM TO 4PM	Convention Registration	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
10AM TO 5PM	Vendor / Exhibit Hours	<i>Inside Hallways & Parking Lot</i>
8AM TO Noon	Miss Flame Judging	<i>TBD</i>
9AM TO 11AM	BFFPSE Meeting	<i>TBD</i>
Noon TO 1PM	Miss Flame Luncheon	<i>Hotel Restaurant</i>
1:30PM TO 2:30PM	Open Miss Flame Judging	<i>TBD</i>
3PM TO Close	IVFA Officers' Meeting	<i>TBD</i>
3PM TO Close	IVFAA Officers' Meeting	<i>TBD</i>
4:30 TO 6PM	Vendor Hotdog & Beer Bust	<i>Ballroom</i>
6:30PM TO 8:30PM	Opening Meeting	<i>Ballroom</i>
8:45PM TO 9:45PM	Memorial Service	<i>TBD</i>
10PM TO Close	Entertainment	<i>Ballroom</i>
10PM TO Close	Hospitality Room Open	<i>Hospitality Suite</i>

Friday, June 11th

7:00AM TO 8:45M	Coffee Clutch	<i>Hospitality Suite</i>
8AM TO 2PM	Convention Registration	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
9AM to Close	IVFA Annual Meeting	<i>Ballroom</i>
8:30AM to Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	<i>LaGuardia</i>
11AM TO 3PM	Miss Flame Outing	<i>TBD</i>
1PM TO 4PM	Trainings Sessions	<i>TBD</i>
5PM TO 8:30PM	Children's Party	<i>Hospitality Suite</i>
5:30PM TO 8:30PM	Annual Banquet	<i>Ballroom</i>
9PM TO Close	Entertainment	<i>Ballroom</i>
10PM TO Close	Hospitality Room Open	<i>Hospitality Suite</i>

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DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

February found us traveling to Carthage for presentation of 10 year pins to two Carthage Vol. Fire Dept. firefighters: Jeremy Green and Josh Long. Additional 10 year pins were given at Amity to Richard Monson and Cory Ramsey and to Steven Glackman, Timothy Plymate and Bryan Stucker of Fairland Vol. Fire Dept. Our District meeting was canceled due to snow and bad roads.

March District Meeting was held at Needham Vol. Fire Dept. with a great meal and good attendance. Meeting was interrupted, however, as Needham was called out on a controlled burn that got out-of-hand. Wade Walling and Megan Thiele with Fire Marshal's Office and the Fire Academy were in attendance. They shared information about new programs and encouraged everyone to go to DHS website for getting phone numbers of staff at the Academy.

The Ivy Tech program is filled for 2021. There have been 400 who have earned degrees and ½ million dollars spent for firefighters to earn a degree since the program was started.

Next District 10 meeting will at Edinburgh Fire Dept. on April 21st, May 19 meeting will be at Southwest Vol. Fire Dept. and the Aug 18th meeting will be held at Wayne Twp. in Bartholomew County.

Connie and I attended fundraisers at Letts, New Point and Marion Twp. I was also able to attend the Decatur County meeting in March. In addition, I have received both of my covid shots.

Have a safe, blessed and wonderful Spring.

John M. Ray
District 10 IFVA Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,
The vaccines are out and I hope it takes care of the virus.

Glad to get back to having district meetings.

We held one on March 21, 2021 in Lewis Twp. We had 6 departments, 19 members and 4 guests. We toured their new firehouse after the meeting. It's

really nice. I'm so glad for them. They will receive a station clock.

By now each fire department should have received a book on Tax Savings produced by the Indiana Vol. Firefighters. Be sure and sign the back page and send it to IVFA Central Office. Very interesting book on how much volunteers save the state tax dollars.

Convention will be held on June 9-11, 2021 at Clarksville, IN. Go on IVFA website to get your registration filled out. \$90.00 till June 1, after that \$100.00.

I passed out two 50 year Gold Cards to firefighters in Shepardsville on Feb. 8, 2021. I've given some 25 and 10 year pins. I'm starting to get out more. Hope to see everyone in the next few months.

Our next District meeting will be May 16, 2021 at Thunderbird Fire Prot. Territory in Famersburg, IN.

Any departments having any fundraisers let me know. If you need anything I can help you with let me know.

We lost a great lady in Barb this month. Let's pray for Jack and his family. Our loss will be greatly felt.

Till next time, stay safe,

Pete Taylor
District 11A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Happy New Year to everyone!!!
Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Hope all is well with your departments. I first off want to congratulate all of the new officers on the departments that have been elected for 2021.

With the new year means I have some pins I would like to get out to everyone, so hopefully I will be able to make contact with your department and get these passed out to everyone.

Our last district meeting was held on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at Reelsville; we were served a wonderful holiday meal. We had 6 departments represented with 16 members present.

Larry Curl was present and discussed the upcoming year for Legislation, Next Level Jobs, Purdue Global and the IVY Tech Program. Also was discussed was the cost savings study.

Vice President Liston discussed ways to help improve attendance at IVFA meetings, discussed the IVFA website and newspaper.

Please if you get a chance go and check out the District 11B's Facebook page; if you have any fundraisers coming up you are more than welcome to post them or send them to me and I will get them posted on there.

Years of service pins were handed out during the meeting and

Years of Proclamation for the 50 year members were presented.

The district did have a passing of a 60+ year member of the Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department, Russell Warren Bush, please keep his family in your thoughts.

You can reach out to me any time via email at district11b@ivfa.org or give me a call at 765-592-0306.

We are still needing host departments for upcoming meetings, Sunday, March 14th at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 P.M., and Sunday, July 11th at 1:00 P.M.

Well, until next time,

Jason Ryan
District 11B Chairman

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

"Hello!" and Greetings from District 12,

"Good morning." "Good afternoon." "Good evening." depending upon the time you are reading these updates from our district.

I first want to offer our thanks to President Israel and Vice President Liston for their work in managing the district during the many months we were without a Chairman as they stepped up and ran the district. Thanks to the both of you.

Beginning in February District 12 came under new leadership. Some not so new faces but serving in different places comes a new District Chairman Larry Curl, yes the IVFA Lobbyist and a 50+ year member of the fire service and the IVFA. My fire service background is quite extensive but still growing. Beginning in 1969 as a Jr. Firefighter at Wayne Township Fire Dept, Marion County where during the next 30 plus years I served as an active firefighter/line officer and rose to the level of Chief of the Wayne Township Fire Department where I spent a few years during our growing and changing status within Wayne Township. As well I have some national exposure as a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, where I served as chairman for a few years in the Volunteer & Combination Officers Section and during my chairmanship had the opportunity to testify before Congress on some national fire problems, concerns and issues, and yet today stay active with that section.

I also currently serve with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation located in Emmitsburg, MD, on the grounds of the National Fire Academy and home of National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, where our mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes. Yes, I do have some serious background

thus the reason I wanted to lend my time, talent and background to District 12.

We also have a new Vice Chairman of District 12, Jim Leaver who also serves with the Hendricks County Rehab Unit as their President. Jim, too, comes to us from Wayne Township as a fire service member for over 25 years. Jim served under my leadership at a station and headquarters level thus the reason for his answer to me when I asked him not long ago if I could meet with him, "sure am I in trouble." I think that explains Jim's background.

And not to be left out, Jim's lovely wife Chara Leaver has agreed to take on the position of our 12th District IVFAA chairperson. Welcome both Jim and Chara.

Together with the help and continued assistance of the not so new District Secretary, Brian Edwards and our Public Relations Director Larry Bartlow and the support of you, the members of District 12 including departments in Marion, Hendricks, Morgan, Boone and one department in Hamilton counties, we hope to grow our district in support, activities, trainings, social events and meeting attendance.

Speaking of attendance, we are revisiting the dates and locations for our district meetings so that we can more fairly host our meetings to meet within locations with the most departments. Essentially our plan is to host a meeting twice per year in each of our most populated (by departments) counties with an occasional visit to all five counties within our district. The dates and locations will appear on the IVFA website calendar soon.

Our "mission" is simple: As we look at the overall purpose of the IVFA and District 12 we see clearly an opportunity of bringing together members with common causes like desire, talents, purpose and objectives in serving and protecting our citizens.

On the other hand our Vision "where the district hopes they will be in the future and the Goals setting our day-to-day operational tasks may not be quite as simple or as clear so this is what we hope to work on with the members of our district.

As a district we want to use our creative leadership, innovative teamwork and a winning spirit to move District 12 to the top of the list of all districts in activities, attendance and membership. Yes, this is a challenge not only to District 12 but to the other 24 districts.

We hope to create a district with a purpose and a purpose for our district.

These are big goals, but why have a district without goals and why have goals if they are not BIG goals. Together with our District leadership, the department's leadership and membership we can build upon the past to create a brighter, more productive and stronger future for District 12.

We welcome your input, your

suggestions, your thoughts and comments as we begin our new journey of growing our district together.

We hope you will support us, join us, and be an active / participating member with us. As an association we are nearly 14,000 strong, as a district we support those numbers with our 324 active members. Each of you is a valuable part of our association and our district. Our potential number of members is much greater so we do have work to do.

We hope to be invited to and be stopping by your departments visiting with your members in the months to come just to share the value you bring to the IVFA and to share the benefit you get as a member.

We are also working on and hope to bring to those having earned 10, 25, and 50 years of service, a service award pin recognizing your years of service. If you have reached any of these three milestones in length of service please make sure we are aware of that, we have a list we will be working from but sometimes we may not have all your years of service credited.

We look forward to this new challenge of serving you and on a personal note, I am honored to be able to join the rank of District Chair and serving with the other 24 District Chairs as we work to improve and provide the services of our state association to our membership.

Thank you and God bless you...

Larry, Jim, Brian, & Chara

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B,

2021. The vaccines are out and I hope everyone gets theirs and things start getting back to normal before long.

The cost savings study is done and was mailed out; it is a good tool for you to use when talking to legislatures, town and township governments and your own community people; show them how much you save them by being volunteers.

I am back out visiting and will get the rest of my service pins issued. I would like to congratulate David Eakins, James McElfresh, Paul Ripberger, Dennis Summan of Bentonville Fire Dept.; they received their 50 year Gold cards and pins.

Chiefs, please check the IVFA website, make sure information is correct, addresses and MEETING NIGHTS; if

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DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is healthy and doing okay. Please stay safe.

We are planning on having a District 6 meeting on May 25th at Lagrange Fire Department. Please try to attend. It's been a long time. Due to Covid we were not able to have district meetings. Please get on the ivfa.org page for information.

On March 25th I presented Marlene Poling from New Haven Adams Township her 50 year Gold card. Congratulations Marlene!

In March I got to check out Ligonier Fire Department's new fire station in progress. It's looking very nice!

I would like to send our deepest sympathy from District 6 to Dave Elick and his family with the loss

of his mother in March.

Would also like to send our deepest sympathy to Jack Kerney and his family who lost his wife in March. Barb was a past IVFA State Auxiliary President.

The annual IVFA Convention is scheduled for June 9-11 in Clarksville.

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 to all,

Thank goodness life is looking better. We have had the

**Stay Safe
and
Stay
Healthy!!**

vaccine and the weather's looking better. I think we are going to make it.

We are starting to get out a little. Had a District meeting in Lewis Twp. on March 21, 2021. They will be in their new firehouse soon. I'm glad for them.

Convention is coming. It's going to be in Clarksville, IN on June 9-11, 2021. It will be good to be back to half-way normal. I've missed getting together.

We attended Barb Kerney's memorial service on March 26, 2021 at the Salem United Methodist Church in Evansville, IN. She was a pillar in the fire service and Auxiliary. She will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to Jack and his family. She was loved by family and friends.

If you have any fundraisers or questions, you can contact me. I will help if I can. Hope to see you soon. Stay safe, well and happy.

Till next time,

Beverly Taylor
Chairman 11A Auxiliary

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DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Judy Wirth - Chairman

Hello from District 14. Not much news to report. We had a good turnout at our last district meeting. We all especially enjoyed D-14 vice chairman Charlie Heishman's birthday cake topped off with a pink glitter fire truck!!! We sure hope we can get more auxiliary members to show up at our district meetings. Hopefully we can get more members active across the state. I hope we have a super turnout at convention June 9-12 at Derby Hotel, Jeffersonville. See ya soon.

Judy Wirth

**IVFAA
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Judy Wirth



Happy Spring to everyone! The sunshine is so beautiful but the wind is so sharp and COLD. I guess winter is saying, "I am not ready to give up yet!"

Convention plans are underway for June. I hope all of us will be able to see old friends we have missed this very long time and make new friends as well.

It was a grand honor for me to be able to conduct our IVFAA Memorial Service for our very dear friend Barb Kerney. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go to Jack and the family. She will be greatly missed.

Easter is fast approaching. The reason for all of us to sing praises and make a joyful noise to our Lord that Jesus died for all of us and forgives us of our sins. Hallelujah!!!!!!!

Take care my fire family. If you need help with anything give me a holler.

Judy



DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope this finds everyone doing much better with the pandemic and the nice weather we have been having. I hope the Dear Lord will keep the sunshine for all of us to enjoy and the grounds dry for the farmers.

Not alot going on without meetings but have attended the usual Lenten fish fries. Morris also had their famous breakfast we could attend.

With my heart aching and full of sadness it is hard to realize we lost a very dear member of both the IVFA and IVFAA. Barbara Kerney will be missed by all as she was so involved with both organizations and gave her all to do for others. Please keep her and Jack and family in your prayers. The IVFA and IVFAA service was very nicely attended. God bless us all and hope to see everyone in May.

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19

**IVFAA
President**
Carol Curl



May 2021

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

Greetings my fellow Auxiliary members, Spring is in the air, at least by the date but waking up this morning to high 20's does not feel much like Spring although they say it will rapidly reach mid 60's so we'll see.

A year ago in my chat with you we talked about Spring in the air but that's not all. Yes, Coronavirus seems to have taken over the world and all our lives, but today I am hopeful and praying daily that we have reached a new level of coronavirus, with all the vaccinations available, and the possibility of **herd immunity**, (when enough people are vaccinated it is harder for disease to spread). Together we can beat COVID-19. When it's your time, get vaccinated please. Larry and I have gotten our shots and we feel a

bit more comfortable about getting out and join others in meetings, gatherings and activities although we do attempt to use some caution with face coverings and some social distancing. It's great to be able to once again socialize carefully but without fear.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share with you the loss of Barbara Kerney who passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Barbara was so very much a part of the IVFAA for such a very long time serving as our president from 2002 to 2005 and again 2013 to 2016. She has served on many committees and worked at various levels including Chairperson of the Miss Flame Committee for many, many years nurturing and guiding all those lovely young ladies as they competed for the title of IVFA STATE MISS FLAME, and I can still hear her telling all of them that they are all winners. Barb was a very dear friend and one that would help anyone any time. She loved the auxiliary and all who belonged. She will be missed. Please keep Jack and her whole family in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to honor her for her years of support to us, the IVFAA members. God be with her now and forevermore.

So as of the writing of this newspaper article we are planning for the 2021 IVFA State Convention scheduled for June 9 - 11 in Clarksville at The Derby Hotel Louisville North hosted by District 14 and 16. I first wish to thank the committee that I'm sure has and will be putting all the hard work to putting together this 75-year convention. I encourage all to attend, participate, enjoy and support this year's state convention. I am sure you will find something (or many things) of interest and fun for you and your family. We hope you will attend our annual auxiliary meeting as well as the Miss Flame contest and all the events of the convention. All of the dates, times, and locations for all this year's activities will be found in this newspaper.

During our annual meeting we will be conducting the election of officers for 2021-2022, please make sure your vote counts by attending the meeting and casting your vote.

If you would like to become more active, please reach out to our election committee Chairperson, Carolyn Zeeks at 812-583-6186 and let them know of a position you might be interested in serving in. We also still have a couple of District Officer's positions open as well if you live in District 15 or District 16 area we have openings for the Chairman's position. An auxiliary is only as strong as the members and its officers so please let's fill these vacancies and begin to rebuild the districts.

In closing, this will be my last article as your president. It's time for me to step down, step aside and allow for some new leadership to step up. After serving as your president for the past five years, (2016-2021) I want to give others a chance to share their thoughts, ideas and service as leaders of our great organization.

I have had five wonderful years, some very good times (and some challenging times as well), met hundreds of new people, made a lot of friends, and I can say it has and will always be my honor to have

served such a great organization, working with so many great and wonderful folks and meeting so many new and friendly people over my five year term. I ask that all of you continue to serve and be a part of the IVFAA just as I will continue to do as well. I will still be available for talks and to assist whenever and wherever and I will continue to see many of you as I will still be traveling with my husband, Larry as he travels the state talking (and talking) about legislation to all of you.

So it's not good-bye, it's just stepping away from the office of President, and assuming the office of Immediate Past President / Chairman of the Board as I continue to serve, support, encourage and promote the value, service, and goodwill of our Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary.

See you all soon,

Carol

- district 13B

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corrections are needed, please get them to me. Please get your events listed on the IVFA website.

Our next meeting will be May 13th at Hagerstown. Hope to see you there.

David, Sis said "hi".

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

Brothers and Sisters be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Hello from District 14,

Hope everyone is doing good and are back to having meetings; if you are please give me a call so I can come out to speak at your meeting.

We have been busy with the state convention coming up in June 9-11 at the Raddison Hotel in Clarksville, Indiana.

The members of District 14 have been getting stuff together for the convention; we are still looking for vendors and door prize donations; if you know of someone, let me know.

Also if you want to help with the convention you can call me and we would love all the help we can get.

Our next district meeting will

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be on May 20, 2021 at 19:00 hours at New Washington Fire Department so come out and see us.

Rick Cannon
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 15,

Hopefully as we move forward into the remaining of spring and into summer we can get back to somewhat of a normal lifestyle.

The plan for District 15 is to go back to in-person meetings in May. Please watch your email and the District 15 Facebook page for those dates and times.

This time of year is very busy for the IVFA as dues notices have been out and we prepare for our annual Convention in June. The information for this year's annual Convention is in this quarter's newspaper.

District 15 has been selected to host the 2022 Convention; we will be putting out more information on this soon.

I hope to start traveling around the District a little more as COVID restrictions start to lift. I have a lot of 10, 25 pins and a few 50 year Gold cards to get to our membership. If your department is having a function, fundraiser, awards ceremony or just a monthly meeting, please let me know I would love to stop by.

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

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In late December we had 2 deaths within the District, Calvin Cooper of Oakland City Fire Department and James Bealmear of Ohio Township. I would like to thank all the local departments, IVFA officers who attended and helped with both memorial services.

On March 24th, 2021 Barb Kerney passed away. I want to extend my deepest condolences to one of my mentors and a great friend, Jack Kerney and his family. There is not enough room in this paper to describe to contributions and what Barb meant to the IVFA & IVFAA. I will just say she was one of the most caring, unselfish people I have ever met.

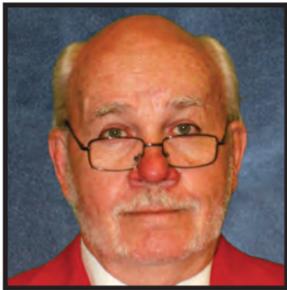
I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Be safe.

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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Hello to all,

Due to the Covid-10 virus most district meetings were cancelled by the department who was hosting it. I understand their actions and hope all to stay safe.

I presented the MacQueen Excellence Award to J.D. Flynn, chief of Logootee Volunteer Fire Department for what he has done.

November 20th I presented 25 year pins to Ty Byers, chief of Highland Twp. Fire Dept. and to Randy Baker, chief of Taylor Fire Dept. Thank you for your years of service.

January 20, 2021 I held a memorial service for Center-Jackson Fire Prot. Territory member Donald Bruce. Condolences to the family and department.

January 24, 2021 I held a memorial service for Lyons VFD chief Teddy York with 48 years of service. Condolences to family and department.

March 26, 2021 I attended a memorial service for IVFAA past president Barbara Kerney, a great

lady who worked hard for those in the fire service, a good friend to me and my family. She will be missed. Condolences to family and fire department.

April 1st a memorial service Beech Creek Twp. fireman Larry Shute was held. Larry was a 58 year member of the IVFA. Condolences to the family and department.

Next 17A meeting pending to be May 19th at the Bloomfield VFD. Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery
IVFA 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18, The District 18 meeting of 18 March was hosted by the New Boston VFD.

41 members representing 16 departments answered roll call and reported answering a total of 502 runs. Guests included Steve Nolan - PRSW, Carol Curl - IVFAA State President, Larry Curl - IVFA State Lobbyist, Carl Deel - State Fire Marshal's Office, and Tasha Wiseman, District 18 Miss Flame.

I hope that everyone is looking forward to attending this year's Convention. Check out the website for information on how to register.

The District 18 shares in the loss of Barb Kerney. We have all lost someone very special.

Well, here it is again spring. So here come those false alarms associated with thunderstorms. And those grass and field fires that seem to follow people getting rid of debris that has piled up over the winter. Let's all be careful out there.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on Thursday, 20 May with the Luce Fire Territory as our host.

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

John "Bull" Smith
Chairman, District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

District 19 held their first meeting in a while on March 25th. After the last two meetings were cancelled due to COVID concerns the district met at the

St. Leon VFD station.

The meeting was well attended with members from 10 different departments in attendance. There were several guests in attendance as well: Sean Murphy, Industrial Safety & Training; Tom Stevens Jr. & Mike Dimeglio from Donley Safety; Mike Rusk from Vogelpohl; Patrick Myers from Hoosier Fire.

There was an extensive explanation and discussion regarding the Economic Study of The Tax Savings produced by Indiana Volunteer Firefighters. Members were reminded of the IVFA State Convention in June at Clarksville at the Derby Hotel, registrations should be postmarked by June 1st. Kayla Scranton, East Enterprise VFD, will be representing the district in the Miss Flame contest at the convention.

Updates to the Acadis Portal as related to fire certification courses and how instructors can access the Lead Instructor Templates and Lead Evaluator Handbooks for the certification courses.

The district would like to make a real effort to have at least one or two members in attendance at district meetings from each department in the district. The district meeting attendance continues to increase, we would love to see everyone.

After the meeting was adjourned Sean Murphy, from Industrial Safety & Training,

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Robert Uryga, district chairman



Fifty-year pins

Ten-year pins



50 year pins: Leona Uryga, Michiana Shores VFD - Roy Cohn, Springfield Twp. VFD - Marjorie Wozniak, Michiana Shores VFD - James Hall, LaCrosse VFD - Not pictured, James L. Baird, Hanna VFD.



10 year pins: LaCrosse VFD, Paul Adams, Brad Frank, Chris Frank, Chief Aron Rust.



MacQueen Excellence Award winner:
LaCrosse Chief Aron Rust given by District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Matt Schafer

Service awards presented



Vice President Micah Martin presenting President John Manges with a plaque for his 35 years of service with the New Paris Fire Department.



President John Manges presenting firefighter Rick Rolston with his 35 years of service award with the New Paris Fire Department.



President John Manges presenting assistant chief Shane Rolston with a plaque for 25 years of service with the New Paris Fire Department.

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gave a short training presentation on possible table top exercises. The next meeting for District 19 is May 27th at the Rising Sun VFD Fire Station.

District 19 Chairman
Ben Sieverding

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From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING February 2021 Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order by President David Israel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jerry Liston. The Invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Pete Taylor.

Roll call was taken with 14 District Chairmen present and 9 Absent and 2 open districts, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 6 past presidents, the Lobbyist, Webmaster and Executive Council.

Eric Johnson with Supporting Heroes, spoke about Covid in first responders with LODD illness. Spoke on legislation that Congress has passed with Covid related illness and contracting the illness within 45 days and receiving LODD benefits. Discussed LODD

benefits that are missed which could be available to families. Moved Gala to July 10, 2021.

Wade Walling, IDHS Training Director, spoke on the Indiana Grant Writing Symposium. Feb. 6 another symposium was held. Spoke on what the volunteer side needs from the academy and the fire chief's academy that is being built. Elizabeth Westfall spoke on the curriculum development of programs. Starting to refresh LMS content Adobe changes have made some content outdated. New trainings are going to be coming out soon and working with a group in Ohio to bring in new content as well. She is looking for some other ideas from the volunteers about what programs we would like or a way to get more input for participation. She brought up the talking point of banning OSB during training fires and that Virginia is looking at this ban. They would like input from IVFA and members on their thoughts.

Tonya Rigsby with California Casualty, going to be in contact with district chairmen to start attending meetings. Wants to speak about new items starting and rate reductions. She advised they are giving away a safe with 5.11 gear in it. If you're having meetings and need items for giveaways contact her and she can assist.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Don Cushman made a motion to accept minutes as printed. Pete Taylor seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Report was emailed out to all officers. End of year and card statements and 6-month transaction from July-Dec. 2020. Issue came up with mail service and discussion

was brought up with how to handle the delay. It was decided to allow treasurer to handle delivery on an as-needed basis with mailing out items. Jack Kerney made a motion to accept treasurer report. Bob Uryga seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Executive Committee Report: David Israel, going to revisit life-saving award guidelines to have it more clarified. Some districts want virtual meetings; if so contact Josh Reiser and he can assist in getting them setup. Make sure to keep contact with your departments to assist with needs. If your holding meetings make sure they are listed on the website, if they are cancelled please keep everyone informed so nothing is missed. Make sure the members are handed their pins and not left with a chief of department so we know the pins are being handed out correctly. Covid vaccine information was sent via email on how to obtain it for first responders, make sure to try and email it out to all on your email list.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, if have not received your reports they will be re-sent upon notification. Already have had 70 deaths year to date. Gold cards all sent out. Will need to order more 50-year pins before next year. Still mailing out dues notices. 13,520 addresses sent to Harmony. 389 bad addresses and getting progress made to lower. 13,909 members, 953 new members from last year added. No American Income Life claims this quarter. 5524 license plates for 2020.

Committee Reports: Awards - Vice President Jerry

Liston - met on virtual committee and spoke on MacQueen District Award, info on website updated. Have some Ollie Sandburg nominations being sent in.

Angel Award: Diane Harrison -not present.

Jr. Firefighter Award: Jack Kerney - dependent on convention.

Mr. IVFA: Ed Gerdowsky - nothing to report.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, one application has been received at Central Office.

Budget and Insurance: Treasurer Luke Kluender, bill for Workman's Comp. is paid.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, spoke on what and how to qualify to attend sponsored events. The reading is in order to qualify for a paid IVFA event as an officer, you must attend 3 quarterly meetings and convention to have your way paid for. Jack Kerney made a motion to accept change. Richard Glant made the second, roll call vote showed a unanimous vote to pass.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich - nothing to report.

Convention: President David Israel, 2021 Convention - Paul Holcomb, Rick Cannon, John Gott, dependent on covid, planning on having one and will be 2 years in one year. Not taking pre-registrations, will have pre-reservations in case the convention is cancelled. Send your reservations in and will be taken care of on the first day of convention. All forms are on website.

2022 Convention: Jack Kerney, still a go.

EMS: Vice President Jerry Liston, pass.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, still working on 50-year resolution. Unable to hold ceremony at the Statehouse this year. Still working on Ivy Tech program. Still holding weekly committee calls. All bills are updated on the website on what we are following, we are looking at 14 bills and found in the weekly watch. HB1055 Fire Protection Territory; HB 1270 DHS changes for authorities and divisions; HB 1476 Township and Municipalities reorganization were touched on. Cost Savings report is being passed out at the Statehouse. Contract signed for Purdue Global for a discounted rate for members to attend for a Bachelors Program.

LODD: Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, nothing to report.

Logo: District 18 John Smith, absent.

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, working to set up a meeting to speak about a Savik benefits group.

Nominating Committee: Jack Zeeks, names will rollover from last committee meeting.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, now printing color on any of the pages.

Public Relations and Education: PRSW Steve Nolan, trailer repainted and LODD names printed on the trailer will be updated yearly. FDIC in August, IERC in September

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reiser, ETC company was bought out and our personal contact Matt has started his own company and we will be staying with him.

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Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, nothing to report.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, nothing to report.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, nothing to report.

Representative Reports:

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith, nothing to report.

Fire Alliance: Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, trying to build up training sites, plan for a training site in Plainfield area.

Hero's Competition: David Israel spoke on looking for a new committee chair head.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, no meetings held. April 15-19 is next meeting and will be the 45th anniversary for NVFC.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman, nothing to report.

Benefits Summit: David Israel, will be held May 16-19, 2021 dependent on Covid.

Officer's Reports:

President, David Israel, district meetings, life-savings awards and events.

Vice President, Jerry Liston, 6 district meetings, 2 funerals, LODD, 1150 miles.

Chaplain, Ed Gerdowsky, district meeting and 3 funerals.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, absent.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, pass.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, district meetings, station clocks ordered and waiting for

award names to order.

Historian, Paul Smith, absent.
Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, pass.

Webmaster, Josh Reiser, pass.
PRNW, Jeremy Reef, pass.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 1 district meeting, keeping in contact with dept.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, district meetings, and station visit.

PREC, Don Cushman, working on getting pins in 13A passed out.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, district meetings, 4 funerals.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, district meeting, 2 funerals, fundraiser, 6 dept.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, absent.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, pass.

Jack Zeeks, pass.

Buz Koehler, pass.

Jack Kerney, pass.

Larry Ketchem, absent.

David Israel, pass.

Steve Anderson, pass.

Paul Holcomb, pass.

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, absent.

District 2, Paul Watland, pins passed out, funeral.

District 3, Bob Uryga, planning to pass out (5) 50-year pins, 1 funeral.

District 4, Elton Schafer, 2 Bibles passed out, in contact with 6 dept. and a few other chiefs. Pins passed out.

District 5, John Grolich, absent.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, absent.

District 7, Sam Bisel, district meeting.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, contact with depts. 7 new chiefs,

(2) 50-year pins to pass out.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright, absent.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, pass.

District 9B, Randy Denton, 125-year celebration May 8 at Rensselaer.

District 10, John Ray, district meeting, funeral, 2 Bible presentations, MacQueen award presented.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, passed out pins, MacQueen award presented, funeral.

District 11B, Jason Ryan, 2 meetings, passed out pins and 5 funerals.

District 12 No chairman currently (covered by president and VP), funeral.

District 13A, No chairman currently.

District 13B, Jeff Biehl, 2 funerals, pins passed out, 2 district meetings.

District 14, Rick Cannon, pins passed out, station dedication, funeral.

District 15, Ross Emery, 2 funerals, zoom meeting planned.

District 16 John Gott, absent.

District 17A, Sam Emery, 2 funerals, MacQueen award presented.

District 17B, Heather

McGlocklin, absent.

District 18, John "Bull" Smith, absent.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, absent.

District 21, Ed Watson, absent.

New Business:

1. Those who signed up for Washington D.C. trip the last time are still eligible to go this time if the trip is held.

2. FDIC covered for August.

3. 50-year membership unable to be held at Statehouse. Currently working on a different plan for the celebration. Pete Taylor made a motion to end meeting. Motion passed.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING February 2021 Zoom Meeting

Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb.

Steve Anderson gave a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Buz Koehler gave second. Motion passed.

Board Action - Business:

1. Ad Takers request for computer purchase to streamline processes on its own computer and not his personal computer. Jack Kerney made a motion to purchase the computer, Larry Bartlow gave the second. Motion passed.

2. Supporting Heros Gala, email Paul with name and guest name so it is correctly added to the list.

Chaplain gave prayer to end meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jack Kerney, second by Pete Taylor. Meeting adjourned.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Gerald Sprague, district chairman / photos submitted by Tammy Craig



10 and 25 year service pins awarded



Orange Twp. VFD members receiving their 10 year pins.



Orange Twp. VFD members Jim Abbs, Phillip Weaver and Jan Abbs receiving their 25 year pins.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- Submitted by Richard Sorg, District 7 / Sam Bisel, district chairman



25 year service pin awarded

Todd Brundige of Roanoke VFD is presented his 25 year pin during the March District 7 meeting at Roanoke.

Pictured (left to right) - Brandon Taylor, Roanoke - Fire Chief, Sam Bisel - District 7 Chairman, Todd Brundige, Jean Smith - PRNE and Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice-President.



50 year service pin awarded

Richard Sprunger of Berne Vol. Fire Dept. is presented his 50 Year Gold Card.

Pictured (left to right) Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman, Richard Sprunger, Jean Smith, PRNE and Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice-President.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

- submitted by Rex Maynard, district chairman



50 year service pin awarded



Erhardt Ballschmidt
50 Year Gold Card

2020 MacQueen Award recipient



Steve Anderson
Lafayette Township Trustee

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



10, 15 and 25 year pins



Dustin Robinette from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department was presented his 10 year pin by Chairman Lloyd E. Wright at their meeting. Congratulations on your 10 years of fire service.

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The Salamoniam Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on January 17, 2021. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Bob Smith with his 10 year pin. Congratulations on your 10 years of fire service. John May received his 25 year pin but was unable to attend. Congratulations for your 25 years of service.

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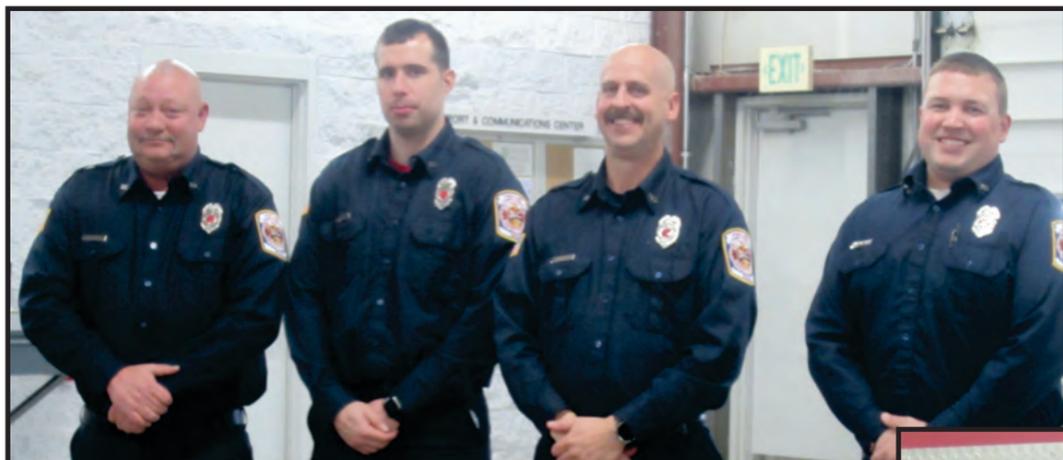
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Ten, fifteen, twenty-five year pins awarded



The Portland Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on April 1st at the fire station. Honored for their years of fire service were Donnie Corn for 15 years, Brandon Clifton for 10 years, Travis Theurer for 10 years, and Derek Mills for 10 years. Pictured from left to right Donnie Corn, Derek Mills, Brandon Clifton, and Travis Theurer. Congratulations for your years of service.

On March 10 at the district meeting Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Steven Sharp from the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin. Also receiving a 25 year pin but not present was Scott Sharp. Congratulations on your 25 years of service.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Fifty-year member awarded



President Shawn Copeland of the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department presented Gene Henderson with his 50 year Gold card and pin at their fire meeting. Congratulations for your 50 years of fire service.

Recognized for retirement



On March 20 Carlos Riddle from the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department who is retiring was honored for his 18 years of service. The department gave him a clock and a plaque to honor his retirement. It was also a surprise birthday party for him. Good luck and thank you for your service.

From District 6 IVFAA



Marlene Poling, pictured on the right, from New Haven Adams Twp. is shown receiving her 50 year Gold card from E.J. Smith (left), District 6 chairman. (submitted by E.J. Smith, District 6 chairman).

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

— submitted by Pascal Moon, district chairman



Fifty year members honored



50 year member Larry Hamby of Pipe Creek Twp. Bunker Hill



50 year member Joe Remaly, Liberty Twp. Burrows Fire Department

Ten year members honored

(At right): 10 year pin members of Pipe Creek Twp. Bunker Hill



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

- Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



Ten year pins awarded



Fairland VFD members Steven Glackman, Timothy Plymate and Bryan Stucker receive their ten year service pins from John Ray, District 10 chairman.



Firefighters from Amity Volunteer Fire Department Cory Ramsey and Richard Monson, each received their 10 year service pins from District 10 chairman John Ray.



Carthage firefighters received their ten year service pins. Jeremy Green and Josh Long also received their pins.

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

I want to start off by apologizing that the photos and article didn't make it in the last paper, not really sure what happened there. But hopefully

we are good this round. Well, it looks like spring is here and hopefully everyone can enjoy it; COVID is still with us but things are easing up, fundraisers are getting into full swing!!!

We held a meeting Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m., with the Pledge being led by Chief Brent Lewis and Prayer by Pete Taylor. We broke for a delicious lunch; after lunch the IVFAA broke for their meeting. During the men's meeting, items discussed were the awards available at the IVFA Convention that is in June. State

Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke about the Ivy Tech program on how the funds were low, Purdue Global, and Next Level Job on the Education side of things; he then spoke about the Cost Savings study and advised there would be no 50 Year Resolution Party held at the Statehouse this year. Next up was Vice President Jerry Liston who discussed the IVFA website, newspaper on checking your address; make sure it's correct for you are getting your newspaper, the IVFA license plates and the Trailer that is available for fundraisers. The men's meeting was completed and the Auxiliary rejoined us. Lou

Bartlow advised how the men and can the IVFAA also and get an additional \$3,500 in insurance, 3 cards were passed around to be signed. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Clinton Township (Putnam County), 4218 W. County Road 450 North, Greencastle IN, 46135. Prayer was led and the meeting ended at 2:47 P.M.

Meeting from Sunday March 14, 2012 at Clinton Township.

We held a meeting Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Clinton Township Vol. Fire Dept. The

meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m., with the Pledge being led by Chief Kenneth Stone and Prayer led by Pete Taylor. We broke for lunch at 1:10 p.m.; after lunch, the IVFAA broke for their meeting. During the men's meeting the minutes from the January meeting were read and approved with Brent Bush being first and Brett McCloud second on approval of the minutes. Larry Bartlow went over the treasurer report and mentioned that the talk of moving banks is coming slowly due to Covid. Larry Curl, State Lobbyist, went over the cost

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

– Submitted by Pete Taylor, district chairman



Ten year pins awarded

25 year pin recipient



Ivan Kull (left) received his 10 year pin on February 9, 2021 at Praireton Fire Dept. from Pete Taylor (right), Chairman 11A.



Kourtney Gummere of Pierson Twp. received her 10 year pin on January 13, 2021 from Pete Taylor, 11A chairman.



Robin Brown of Pierson Twp. received her 25 year pin on January 13, 2021 from district chairman Pete Taylor.

Fifty year members honored with awards



In the photo on left – Benny Randolph (left) and Mark Snapp (middle) received their 50 year Gold cards on February 8, 2021 at Shepardsville Fire Dept. from Pete Taylor (right), Chairman 11A.



In the photo on right – William Shelds (left) of Praireton Fire Dept. receives his 50 year Resolution on February 9, 2021 from District Chairman 11A Pete Taylor (right).

In the photo bottom right – JC Gummere of Pierson Twp. received the MacQueen Excellence award on January 13, 2021 from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor (left).

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

- Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded



Left to Right – Jason Ryan, Chairman and Cajetan "Casey" Jalowiec, 10 year pin (Marshall Vol. Fire Dept.)



Left to Right – Douglas Holt (Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept.) 10 year pin and Chairman Jason Ryan.



Left to Right – Jason Ryan, Chairman and Fire Chief Darren Foreman (Coal Creek Fire & Rescue), 10 year pin.



Left to Right – Jason Ryan, Chairman and Bryan Matricia (Coal Creek Fire & Rescue), 10 and 25 year pin.



Left to right - Jason Ryan, Chairman and Randolph Barnett (Fillmore Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.), 25 year pin.



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Banter, Blake Andrew	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Liberty Center	IN
Barton, Steven Daniel	Prairie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brookston	IN
Blanton, Jake Thomas	White River - Hazleton V.F.D.	Hazleton	IN
Blevins, Toby	Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Richmond	IN
Bloom, Stephen Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Colgate, Nicholas Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Dickerson, Michael Ryan	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Middletown	IN
Doane, Joshua Tanner	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	Shoals	IN
Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
Garver, Jeron Blaze	Clinton City Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Clinton	IN
Gill, Gary Dwight	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bloomington	IN
Gillett, Matthew Steohen	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc	Pacifica	CA
Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
Hollingsworth, Brian Lee	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bluffton	IN
Johnson, Franklin Delano	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Goshen	IN
King, Jacob Davis	Highland Twp. Fire Dept.	Bloomfield	IN
King, Odis Ray	Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.	Mitchell	IN
Kirby, Michael S	Oolitic Vol. Fire Dept.	Oolitic	IN
McCoy, Jason Evan	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fort McCoy	WI
McCoy, Timothy Russell	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hubbard	OH
Miller, Tracie Jeanette	Columbia City Vol. Fire Dept.	Columbia City	IN
Mustin, Devin	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Myers, Aaron Dean	Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.	Covington	IN
Osgood, Cody Michael	Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Farmland	IN
Pemberton, Cean L.	Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.	Victoria	TX
Perez, Lidia Lizania	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	Porter	IN
Pugh, James Christopher	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Real, Christian Joe	Daleville-Salem Twp. Fire Terr.	Daleville	IN
Rhea, Owen Parker	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Rickard, Bradley Edward	Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brazil	IN
Robbins, Brett Allen	Concord Twp. Fire Dept.	St. Joe	IN
Rodgers, Travis Gene	Jackson TWP. Vol. Fire Dept.	Kingman	IN
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Scudder, Darin Ray	Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Rising Sun	IN
Sears, Matthew Douglas	Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Battle Ground	IN
Service, Matthew Shane	Amity Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.	Edinburgh	IN
Skaggs, Andrew Thomas	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Marrero	LA
Snowden, Steven	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.	Fort Bragg	NC
Stewart, Jacob Donny	New Middletown Fire Dept.	Corydon	IN
Tharpe, Riley Cole	Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept.	Mountain Home	ID
Thompson, Courtney Loraine	Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept.	Beaufort	SC
Uffelman, Conner James	Poe Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Vance, Eric Robert	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Walters, Joshua	Culver-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Culver	IN
Weaver, Michael D.	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Williams, Clayton D.	Georgetown Vol. Fire Dept.	Logansport	IN
Willis, Emmanuel Syephen	Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #71	Merrillville	IN
Windle, Joey Cartell	Jonesboro Vol. Fire Dept.	Jonesboro	IN
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

- Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Recipient of Statehouse Resolution



Left to right - Jason Ryan, Chairman and Gordon Foster (Hillsboro Vol. Fire Dept.), 50 Year Proclamation.

MacQueen Excellence Award recipient



Left to right - Garry Davis - MacQueen Fire Equipment, Larry Bartlow - IVFA PR West Central, Fire Chief Kenneth Ryan (Marshall Vol. Fire Dept.) and Jason Ryan, Chairman.



Left to right - Garry Davis, MacQueen Fire Equipment and Fire Chief Kenneth Ryan (Marshall Vol. Fire Dept.), receiving the 2020 MacQueen Excellence Award.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

- Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded to members



CTVFD pins: Left to right: front row - Lydia Chubb (10 years / 25 years), Pam Buis (10 years), Buffy Wilkerson (10 years), and Kenneth Stone (10 years). Back Row - Larry Curl (State Lobbyist), David Owens Jr. (25 years), Jason Ryan (District Chairman).



Jason Ryan (District Chairman), Jeff Beasley, Rockville / Adams Township Vol. Fire Dept., (25 years.)

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saving fund; he went over the Ivy Tech program and the funds and discussed Purdue Global is offering courses like Ivy Tech did. He discussed a few House bills and legislation information. Larry Bartlow brought you the District not having an elected Secretary, at this time Larry nominated Jacquelyn Ryan to be the District Secretary, this nomination passed, 1st by Kenneth Stone and 2nd by Bent Bush, with all in favor. Years of service pins were passed out to the following members of Clinton Township, 10 years - Kenneth Stone, Pam Buis, Buffy Wilkerson, Scott Huff, Michael Wilson, and 25 years - Lydia Chubb (10 years and 25 years) and David Owens Jr.

Fundraisers were discussed, Helt Township, Jonah Fish Fry March 27, Kingman VFD, Jonah Fish Fry, March 20, Bainbridge freewill biscuits and gravy w/Easter egg hunt to follow on March 27th.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 P.M. at New Market Volunteer Fire Department.

Closing Prayer by Pete Taylor. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M. Have a Happy and Safe Spring,

Jason Ryan
District 11B Chairman

[Stay safe & stay healthy during these troubled times!](#)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

- Submitted by David R. Israel, IVFA president

Ten and twenty-five service pins awarded



Pictured from left to right: Jennifer Tarter, Steven Thomson, April Stout, Evan Kerkhof and Diana Soots, President David Israel, District 12 Vice Chairman Jim Leaver and Vice President Jerry Liston. Not present were Justin Clay, Scott Hamilton, Mark Harris, Jacob Harshey, Aaron Morgan.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

- Submitted by David R. Israel, IVFA president

Brown Township awards banquet held February 27

The Chief's Award went to David Gilkerson - (pictured top left photo - left to right) David Gilkerson, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Stout, Fire Chief Rex Morley, EMS Division Chief Mark Singer.



Engineer of the Year went to Brenden Birkla (not in attendance.)

Firefighter of the Year went to Jonathan Mariner (pictured top right photo - left to right) EMS Division Chief Mark Singer, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Stout, Jonathan Mariner.



Officer of the Year went to Robbie Sparks (pictured bottom right photo - left to right) EMS Division Chief Mark Singer, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Stout, Robbie Sparks.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

- Submitted by Nancy Cushman

Middletown Fire Dept. members receive awards



On February 21st, Don Cushman ECPR, Jason Greene, District 13A Chairman and David Israel, IVFA President presented 10 and 25 year pins to the following members of the Middletown Fire Department:

10 year pins: Paul Jarren Casstevens
Joe Cooper

25 year pins: Scott Emswiler
Gary Mingle
Roger Mingle
Brian Rednour



On February 21st, Don Cushman ECPR, Jason Greene, District 13A Chairman and David Israel, IVFA President presented a 50 year Gold card to Jerry Manis of the Middletown Fire Department.

(more photos to be included in the August 2021 issue)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Jeff Biehl, district chairman



Ten year service pins awarded in District



Bentonville Firefighter Amy Coffiman receives her 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Bentonville firefighter Brandon Suttles receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Susan Phenis of Abington Fire Dept. receives her 10 year service pin from Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Dublin Firefighter Rodney McCreary receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.



Chris Taggart of Dublin Fire Department receives his 10 year service pin from chairman Jeff Biehl at Milton FD. Pictured (left to right): Chairman Jeff Biehl, Chris Taggart, Milton Chief Richard Pollitt.

Twenty-five year pins



Prairie Twp. firefighters receive their 25 year service pins from chairman Jeff Biehl. Pictured from left to right: Roy Claar, Jeff Biehl - Chairman, Terry Matney, Gary Wilson, Shelley Wilson.



(Pictured at left) - Bentonville Fire Chief presented his 25 year pin by his father Paul Ripberger; Chad presented his father his 50 year pin and card early.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman and Jeff Case



Vienna Twp. VFD awards presented



Left photo: Chris, Middle photo: Jeff, Right photo: EMRs.

Vienna TWP. VFD held their annual Christmas and Awards Dinner in February. During the celebration, Chief Wayne Williams presented Jeff Case with the Firefighter of the Year Award and Chris Barnett with the Rookie Firefighter of the Year Award. The Department also celebrated the newly graduated class of EMR's, Jeff Case, Josh Klossner, Tiffany Klossner and James Sipe. – (submitted by Jeff Case).

Vernon Fire Department's new firehouse



Station clock to Vernon Fire Department chief was presented by IVFA president David Israel and vice chairman Jerry Liston.

2021 Miss Flame



Reese Cannon was crowned District 14 Miss Flame 2021. She is pictured here with district chairman and Grandfather Rick Cannon.



With her parents Richie and Kelly Cannon.

Helping homeless at community kitchen

District 14 members and Miss Flame working the Jeffersonville community kitchen. This year Miss Flames will be collecting socks for the 2021 convention to go to the homeless at the Jeffersonville community kitchen.



District Vice-chairman having his birthday cake made by District 14 IVFAA.



(more District 14 photos to be included in the August issue)

August deadline:
July 5, 2021



NVFC Mourns Passing of Longtime CEO Heather Schafer

Heather Schafer, the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) chief executive officer, passed away suddenly on March 15.

Heather had helmed the organization, which also marked its 45th anniversary on March 15, for 27 years and the NVFC saw dramatic growth and success under her leadership.

"It is with a deeply heavy heart that we announce the loss of Heather Schafer, who has been an integral part of the NVFC for more than half its existence," said NVFC chair Steve Hirsch. "She will be greatly missed by the NVFC staff, board, members,

and the entire fire and emergency services community. She was a visionary, and we are grateful for all she has done to further the NVFC's mission. Her legacy won't be forgotten."

Heather joined the NVFC in 1993 and took on the role of CEO in 1994. She managed the NVFC's internal and external operations and played an integral role in developing and implementing the organization's

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

- submitted by Sam Emery, district chairman



50 year service proclamations awarded



Robert Showalter - Montgomery VFD



Ron Bell - Madison Twp. VFD



Mike Hardesty - Bloomfield VFD

Members receive 25 year pins



Randy Baker, Chief - Taylor VFD and Ty Byers, Chief - Highland Twp.

MacQueen Excellence Award winner



J.D. Flynn, Chief - Loogootee VFD, receives the MacQueen Excellence Award with wife Lori and daughter Mary looking on.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John C. Smith, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five year service pins awarded

At the March meeting of the Haysville VFD, 3 members were presented with the IVFA Years of Service pins by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Receiving the 10 year pin were HVFD Firefighter Keith Keller and HVFD Fire Chief Shane Fawks. Receiving the 25 year pin was HVFD Firefighter Michael Steinhart.

Pictured, left photo: Shane Fawks, middle photo: Keith Keller and right photo: Michael Steinhart.



(In the photo at far left) : Dirk Hunt of the Jefferson Twp. VFD of Otwell is pictured with the IVFA 10 year service pin.

(In the photo at far right) : At the 2 March meeting of the St. Meinrad VFD, SMVFD Firefighter Trevor Vaal was presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

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Register Now for the NVFC Virtual Training Summit

Registration and course selection is now open for the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Virtual Training Summit, taking place Friday, May 21, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. EDT. This free online conference is open to all volunteer firefighters, EMS providers, department leadership, and other fire department personnel from across the United States.

The NVFC's annual Training Summit provides an opportunity for fire and EMS personnel to participate in classroom training on key health, safety, and leadership topics as well as share ideas and best practices with volunteer responders from across the country. In response to ongoing pandemic-related safety concerns, the NVFC is pleased to offer the 2021 Training Summit virtually so that more first responders can attend.

Attendees will be able to choose from eight breakout sessions addressing responder health, safety, recruitment and retention, leadership, situational awareness, and more. The day will wrap up with an interactive Q&A and networking session. Participating live provides the opportunity to ask questions and connect with other attendees, but attendees can choose to attend only certain sessions as their schedule allows and access recordings of the others afterwards.

The NVFC Virtual Training Summit is supported by California Casualty, ESIP by McNeil & Co., Firefighter Cancer Support Network, NFPA, Provident, Verizon, and the University of Wyoming AG Disaster Program (WALARM). Find out more about the event and sponsors at www.nvfc.org/summit.

Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, NVFC Virtual Training Summit conference planner, at 202-887-5700 or Rachel@nvfc.org.

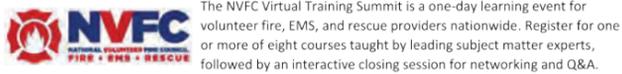
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The NVFC is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides critical resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at www.nvfc.org.



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AGENDA

TIME	SESSIONS
12:00 p.m. EDT (11:00 CDT, 10:00 MDT, 9:00 PDT)	Firefighter Cancer: Latest Research and Prevention Techniques Keith Tyson Taboos in the Fire Service Dan Maffia
1:15 p.m. EDT	Roadway Incident Safety and Survival in 2021 Jack Sullivan Extinguishing the Flames of Liability Dave Denniston
2:30 p.m. EDT	Congratulations, You've Been Promoted... Now What? F.R. Montes de Oca Showing Why You are Worth Volunteering With Bill Gardner
3:45 p.m. EDT	Officer Development & Leadership Success in the Volunteer Fire Service Tom Merrill Media Mayday: A Volunteer Fire Department's Guide to Dealing with the Media Robert Leonard
5:00 p.m. EDT	Closing Session with Q&A and Networking Hosted by NVFC Interim CEO Kevin D. Quinn

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strategic plan. During her tenure, the NVFC grew immensely – from hundreds of members and a staff of two, to over 25,000 members and a staff of 11.

With Heather's leadership, the NVFC secured federal grants that allowed the organization to offer groundbreaking programs and resources. She led the development of the Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program, Fire Corps, Share the Load program, Make Me A Firefighter program, and more. She also formed many

partnerships and collaborations that benefited the volunteer emergency services community. In addition, she oversaw the NVFC's advocacy efforts, which resulted in many victories for the fire and emergency services over the years.

Heather's contributions to the organization cannot be overstated. Her guidance and vision will have a lasting impact on the NVFC and the volunteer fire and emergency services. Heather's commitment, innovation, and passion for the organization's mission has helped

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

– submitted by John C. Smith, district chairman



Ten year service pins awarded



At the March meeting of the Santa Claus VFD District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 10 year service pin to SCVFD Firefighter Jeremy Schipp.



At the 24 February meeting of the St. Anthony VFD, two members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Pictured with the award are SAVFD Firefighters Luke Rohleder and Matthew Schnell.



Wall clock presented

At the 14 February meeting of the Jefferson Twp. VFD, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith made the following presentations. JTVFD Fire Chief Chris Young (bottom photo) is pictured holding the IVFA Wall Clock presented in observance of the new station that the Department built and moved into in 2020. JTVFD Firefighter Colton Bush (top photo) is pictured receiving the IVFA 10 year service pin. Also receiving the 10 year pin, but not present was JTVFD Firefighter Dirk Hunt.



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to shape the NVFC into what it has become.

In addition to her work with the NVFC, Heather volunteered at her local fire department and loved to kayak and spend time with family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her loved ones as they navigate this very difficult time.

During this transition period, NVFC first vice chair Kevin D. Quinn is serving as interim CEO.

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