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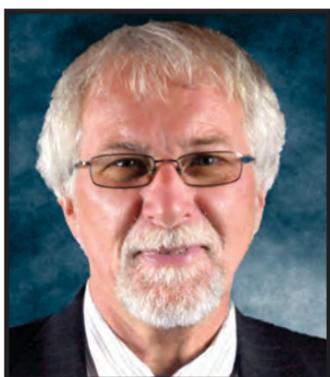
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From The President

David Israel



Hello IVFA Members:

I hope spring and summer is on the way.

The 76th IVFA Convention will be at Evansville, Indiana at the Bally's Hotel and Casino Evansville June 15-17, 2022. Come be a part of the festivities – Wednesday evening the burn camp auction, Thursday evening opening meeting, the crowning of the 2022 Miss Flame and most of the awards.

But most of all at the end of the night we honor the IVFA and IVFAA members that have passed away this past year. Friday morning our annual meeting is where you can be a part of the decision making of your IVFA Association with the Election of Officers for 2023 and, no Bill, I am not running again. So come to Evansville June 15-17, 2022 and be a part of Convention 2022.

Our new way of living (in my thinking) is from here on we will always have the threat of another virus just around the corner. 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 and boosters won't keep you from getting the virus, but it should or help keep you from being really-really sick, make sure everyone stays safe.

You can tell it's May, Ron is practicing for the Indy 500.

The COVID-19 Vaccine and

Boosters are available, it's free of charge, you do have to schedule for an appointment.

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 770 individuals take advantage of this program. THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A SUCCESS. Thank You!

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 Programs this past quarter presenting awards.

I would like to thank all our 50-year members for your service in your communities and for attending our State House Tribute; to THANK YOU for all that you have done. Hope you enjoyed your visit with Governor Holcomb.

Legislation 2022 is done and over; go to our website, click on Legislation and see what passed and what didn't.

It's not too late to sign up for the foam pick up. Get on the Fire Marshal's website and sign up. Also, while you're there, sign up for the smoke detector program and an oxygen valve to put in the line of those that are on oxygen.

Everyone be safe.

If you need something give me a call.

See you at the next District Meeting.

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**2022 IVFA
CONVENTION
JUNE 15-17
BALLYS HOTEL
& CASINO
EVANSVILLE, IN**

HONORING OUR OWN – FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
"HONORS"

86 LIFETIME MEMBERS IN 2022 DURING A CELEBRATION AT THE STATE HOUSE FEB 21ST, 2022

**House Concurrent Resolution 25 recognizing 86 volunteer firefighters with
50 years of service to fire departments across Indiana.**

Authored by Rep. Randall Frye and Sponsored by Sen. Michael Crider

Whereas, Those 86 dedicated volunteer firefighters are:

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AUGUST DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2022

From the State House to the Fire House





by Larry Curl

May 2022
"Political" talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and your Lobbyist

Greetings fellow officers & members,

By the time you see this edition of the IVFA quarterly newspaper hopefully the cold, snowy, icy and sometimes freezing winter, is all behind us and the spring planting and growing, cutting grass and trimming should be in full view. For those who enjoyed the ice fishing, it's time to transition to the warm water fishing or even if you don't do the ice fishing gig, it's time for fishing and maybe the swimming and summer campouts and cookouts. WELCOME to SPRING 2022.

After an unprecedented Indiana legislative session of an unprecedented 363 days due to the Indiana House and Senate not adjourning for the year as they usually do in early spring following last year's 121st session. Instead, by refusing to adjourn, legislative leaders retained the ability to bring lawmakers back to the Statehouse as needed — without having to rely on the Governor calling a special session.

Finally on Monday, March 7th the 122nd General Assembly adjourned SINE DIE which indicates that the General Assembly has completed its work or the time during the

allotted time provided them to do their work.

So what happened to public safety, more so to Fire & EMS; well we saw nearly 32 bills introduced and by mid-term there were only 12 or 13 bills left that addressed FIRE or EMS.

By the end of session we were left fewer than 10 that actually got passed:

HB1112 - MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES (SLAGER H), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

HB1174 - SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT (VANNATTER H), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB1246 - FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORIES AND LOCAL INCOME TAXATION (LEHE D), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB1314 - PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (BARRETT B), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

SB62 - SALE OF TAX SALE PROPERTIES TO NONPROFITS (YOUNG M), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

SB158 - PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS (CRIDER M), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code

concerning local government.

SB185 - NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE (HOLDMAN T), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Sb299- ANNEXATION OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TERRITORY (ROGERS L) A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

SB304 - TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND BUDGETS (NIEMEYER R), A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

For a listing of the entire bills the IVFA monitored during the session that actually passed, go to the IVFA website, click on the legislation tab at the top and then click the link marked Weekly Bill Track on the left hand side of the page.

I will be happy to answer any particular questions you might have of a bill if you will reach out to me or we will be providing a bill wrap-up at your district meetings and at the 76th IVFA State Convention at the annual meeting.

Remember this year we will have the 76th annual IVFA State Convention in Evansville at the Bally's Hotel June 15-17, 2022. Check out the IVFA website for a full convention schedule of meetings, activities, events and things that might be of interest to a member of the IVFA.

The partnership between IVY

TECH and the IVFA has done well and continues to do very well, meaning we are going to be able to show the members of the General Assembly that with some financial assistance we do have folks in public safety that will benefit if they will pass legislation providing education as a part of the state budget. Keep up the marketing and continue to promote this service to our membership or potential members who you are attempting to recruit. By now we should have been in every High School, talking with every administrator, counselor, and a very large group of the student body, showing and sharing with them the value and

benefit if they are willing to step up and volunteer to serve their communities in public safety.

Lastly, we hosted a 50 year member's celebration on February 21st at the State House where we were able to honor 86 IVFA members who this year completed 50 years of service to their departments, communities and most importantly to their fellow citizens. Full details can be found else where in this May edition of our quarterly newspaper.

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

Larry Curl
IVFA Lobbyist

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Find out more here!



Join emergency officials, facility operators, excavators and other industry professionals at The French Lick Resort **Wednesday, Nov. 9 - Friday, Nov. 11**, to learn about best safety practices and trends in damage prevention. Save the date for the 2022 MWDPTC and visit www.midwest811conference.com for more information.

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Granted life does not give us the luxury of experiencing a perfect life, and that is good. We do not need to take it for granted. However, at some point you may become overwhelmed, hold shattered images of what you expected. You don't need an inspirational quote sitting on your desk. You need the truth, and that is: God can make love exist after hate, trust exist after betrayal, and can make something beautiful out of the hopeless.

I invite you to step back, reconnect or discover God, and take in the wonder of God's beauty. Wake up to see the sunrise. Take time to walk and enjoy the fresh air. Enjoy time with family and friends. Go fishing. Light up the 'ole grill. Play some card games or yard games with friends. Volunteer at a local soup kitchen, and gain perspective on all you have to be thankful for. Look closely at your current situation from outside the box, and search for the hidden beauty in your life. What is beautiful in your life now? What is yet to become beautiful?

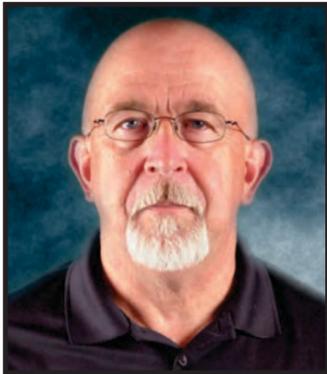
"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from the beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11

(There was a misprint February 2022 Bible verse should have been Leviticus 26:10).

August deadline is July 1, 2022

From The Vice-President

Jerry Liston



Greetings,

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable spring as we move into summer.

Dues packets will be mailed around mid-April. If your department has not received those packets by May 15 you might want to reach out to the Central Office at 877-606-4832. When you or your designee go through the packets to verify member contact and beneficiary information make sure address information is correct on the roster sheet. If a beneficiary change needs to occur, the member must complete a new beneficiary form. Before submitting information back to the Central Office make sure your department keeps a copy for your department records.

Recruitment and Retention is still a huge topic of discussion across the state. Departments, especially small rural ones, are

struggling to get adequate staffing levels. Departments are forced to be creative when it comes to recruiting new members. Social media platforms are being utilized more in today's environment. I have seen signage along roads and information posted at fundraisers. Whatever works for other departments could work for you. Keep an open mind and get creative with your recruiting.

This year's IVFA State Convention is in Evansville. The dates are June 15th, 16th, and 17th. We look forward to seeing you in person at this year's convention. The Convention Committee has worked hard to make the Convention an enjoyable experience for the attendees and guests.

The State Fire Marshal office would like to know whether your department has poor or limited access to the internet in your area. If your department has issues, please e-mail the Marshal's Office at firemarshal@dhs.in.gov or call the office at 317-232-222 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Did you know the state Fire Marshal's office has a smoke detector program? The program is called 'Get Alarmed.' If you have homes in your area that need a working smoke detector, go to getalarmed@dhs.in.gov to find the application and to get further information. The Marshal's Office will provide smoke detectors to

your department, as long as supplies are available. In addition, the American Red Cross has a program as well. The 'Sound the Alarm' Home Fire Campaign offers free smoke detectors upon request. Check with the American Red Cross in your area for more information.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has kicked off the PFAS Foam Collection Initiative. If your department has old foam and has not completed the survey on the IDHS Website, please do so. The state has grant monies and through a third-party contractor will come to your department and pick up the old foam at your department at no cost to your department and dispose of it properly.

In March we lost Paul Watland. Paul was the former IVFA District 2 Chairman. Paul was a mentor to many in the fire service, especially those members within his district and in his department, Crown Point Fire Department. Paul will be missed, but never forgotten. Please keep Paul's wife, Linda and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

President Israel and I are asking the District Chairmen to post their meetings on the website calendar. Please follow the calendar or look for mailings/emails for future meetings in your district. If, for some reason, you or your

department are not receiving those meeting notifications, please reach out to your District Chairman whose contact information is in the quarterly newspaper.

I will close with this simple message. Recently, I saw this meme on Facebook and thought I would share it with you. It was titled **'Be A Bottle of Water, Not a Bottle of Soda.'** I will explain further; The bottle is you. What's inside the bottle is your emotions/reactions. The outside world, people, an incident will attack and rattle/shake you from time to time. If you shake a bottle of soda, when you finally open it up, you're going to explode. If you shake a bottle of water, once you open it up, it's the same calm water it was before it got shook up. The meaning to this message is simply do not let other people, events or the world disrupt your inner peace or get under your skin. If you need help **Do Not Be Afraid** to ask for help.

If you have questions or if I can help you or your department in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at vicepresident@ivfa.org or at 317-385-2309.

Please continue to be safe as you protect your citizens and areas. Take care of yourself, too.

Best wishes,
Jerry L. Liston
IVFA Vice President

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Greetings,

I hope this finds everyone well at this time with the COVID going around, with some departments not having meetings or fundraisers but good news is covid is going down.

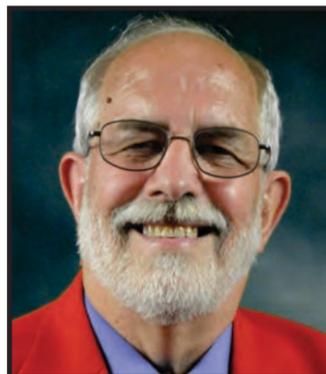
I have attended 3 district meetings and visited 1 fire

department this month.

Remember, only you can protect yourself from CANCER and the COVID. Please clean your gear and trucks after every run and get your COVID vaccine shots.

Steve Nolan,
Southwest Public Relations Director

Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith



I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends of those who are no longer with us this past year. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

The most recent in my area, Firefighter/EMT Bernard 'Bernie' Noll who fell in the line of duty January 14th while

serving on the Southwest Allen County Fire District for over 25 years. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace.

Retired Chief Robert Bremer, Hometown Fire Department, served 63 years on the fire department. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace.

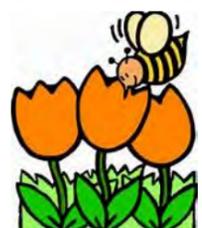
District 2 Chairman and 50 year member of the IVFA Paul Watland. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the Districts in Public Relations area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates. Cheyanne Rolston - District #4, Savannah Lyon - District #5, Kaylee Knight - District #6.

IVFA Convention 2022 will be June 15th-June 17th, Bally's Hotel & Casino Evansville. Please look on IVFA.org for Convention information.

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

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast



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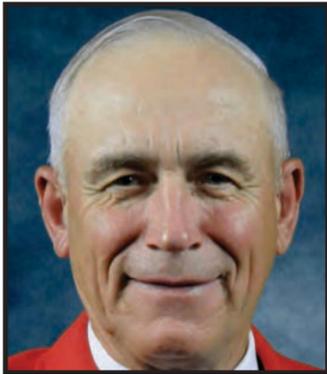
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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southeast
Ed Scheele



I hope everyone had a nice Easter.

I am glad that the Covid variances are getting better. We still need to be careful especially on EMS runs.

The state convention is fast approaching. It is at Evansville this year.

It is time to be thinking about getting nominations ready for the awards at next year's convention.

There were only three nominations for Ollie Sandburg Award and two for the Angel Award. Every department has members worthy of the awards. Information is on the IVFA website. There were only 16 Bridgeport Scholarship applications.

Start working on getting nominations for next year.

Hope to see everyone at the convention.

Ed Scheele
IVFA PRSE

Public Relations Director West Central
Larry Bartlow



As I write this the calendar says it is Spring, but the thermometer says otherwise.

It must be Spring as several departments in the area are already chasing grass fires. Hope everybody stays safe and watch out for hidden holes in the fields and washouts.

I would like to see a little more attendance at district meetings in our area. There has been a lot of

information made available at these meetings that is not being picked up from any other source. We're here to help you with information that you need. If you need help don't hesitate, call your District Chairman, Public Relations person or any other State Officer, we will be glad to work with you.

Also, if you have any ideas to make the meetings better be sure to let one of us know.

All districts have Facebook pages; be sure to use them to show what your department is doing and advertise your fundraisers. Those pages are looked at by several people every day.

Public Relations Director Northwest
Jeremy Reef



Hello Everyone,
I have been making the rounds this past quarter. I have attended all 5 districts for their meetings & many department meetings. I have also attended as many fundraisers as possible.

Please keep posting your events/fundraisers on the IVFA calendar & Facebook. This helps me & others attend your events/meetings. Please feel free to email me directly to attend your events/meetings, I will do my best to be there.

During the past quarter, a lot of us got a chance to talk to the Fire Marshal about training, some bills that went through the Statehouse & what is to come in the next session. I strongly encourage you to attend the next meeting in your district to learn about all the exciting things coming up.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your PRNW for the last 4 years.

Hope to see you at the next district meetings; if you need to know when & where they are, please contact me or your district chair. I also hope to see you all at the upcoming IVFA convention at the Bally Hotel in Evansville, June 15-17. If you need more information on the convention, please see the IVFA website or contact your district chair or me.

Thank you,
Jeremy Reef
IVFAPRNW

From The Treasurer

Luke Kluender



Taxes and Tactics

Taxes: It's time to pay property taxes again. Nobody likes taxes, but our governmental units require funding to provide services. Volunteer fire departments are among the best values in these services. Increases in equipment costs, fuel, and insurance may find us needing more funding. How do we get it?

Tactics: Have a clear plan to communicate your fire department needs to the community and the powers that be. Show them the cost increases and the various options. Perhaps a fee for certain services. Perhaps some refinancing of debt. Perhaps some new equipment to avoid costs on old equipment. Your budget should at least grow to reflect inflation.

Whatever the situation, your fiscal management deserves as much careful consideration as your fire scene management.

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DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Marshall Neese - Chairman

IVFA District 1 & 2 Meeting
March 16th 2022
Held at Lowell VFD

Meeting called to order at 7:37 P.M. by District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese.

Pledge to the flag of the United States of America was given by all in attendance.

Roll call was held. District 1 members: 2. District 2 members: 28.

Introduction of guests: Jerry Liston - IVFA Vice President, Jeremy Reef - IVFA PRNW, Christiana Reef - IVFAA President, Past President IVFAA Phylliss Vargo, District 1 & 2 IVFAA, Jim Sklarewitz - Sklarewitz Uniforms, Paul Russel-Dingle Fire Equipment, District 1 Miss Flame Mia Chessemann, Sydney Moon - 2021 IVFA Miss Flame.

Fire Chief Nick Hylek of the Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. gave a brief history and welcomed everyone and thanked the IVFA for their continued support of the fire service. Chief Hylek also held a round of applause for the Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary for the meal they prepared for the evening.

Reading of Minutes: Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed by Ike Rench; 2nd by Dale Smith. Motion passed.

Communications:

Deadline for IVFA newspaper submission is April 1st. IVFA newspaper is looking for Fire Departments to fill out an article to feature their fire dept. Form to fill out is on the IVFA Website. Contact Jeremy Reef for more information or help with the form.

FDIC is April 28 - 30, anyone interested in helping at the IVFA booth to contact Jeremy Reef.

State Fire Marshal has program to supply Fire Depts. with

smoke alarms and CO alarms. See State of Indiana Fire Marshal website for more details.

Jerry Liston gave updates and information on the following:

Indiana State Fire Marshal has online survey and study for Firefighting Foam and Cancer related deaths. Volunteer Fire Departments are encouraged to get online on the Fire Marshal website to complete survey. Dues packets should be out by early May. District 2 Facebook page is active, he encouraged all to "like" the page and share to keep everyone updated. IVFA has several awards that members can participate in submitted nominees for. All nominee forms are online and can be accessed on the IVFA website. State Fire Marshal has a program to help Volunteer Fire Departments with achieving State Minimum Standards for Firefighting certification. This is in efforts to help with recruiting and getting new members on the fire ground to support the department. More information can be gained on the Indiana DHS website. State Fire Marshal is looking to increase the reporting to NFIRS online. IVY Tech is continuing the scholarship for members on a Volunteer Fire Department and attending an IVY Tech Campus. Purdue Global is offering discount on online classes for members of a Volunteer Fire Department.

Jeremy Reef gave updates and information on the following:

IVFA 2022 convention is June 15 - 17 at Ballys Hotel & Convention Center located in Evansville, Indiana. Anyone interested in more information should contact Jeremy Reef. Dates for the 2023 convention are June 14-16 and it will be held in Muncie, Indiana.

2021 Miss Flame Sydney Moon introduced herself and gave information on IVFA District 9A happenings.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Motion was made by Ike Rench to award \$200 to the District 1 Miss Flame candidate for expenses at the IVFA convention to the amount of \$200, 2nd Larry Stanger. No discussion. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Larry Stanger to reserve up to \$200 for an arrangement of flowers for

District 1 and District 2 should they be needed, 2nd by Jamie Little. No discussion. Motion passed.

District 1 Chairman discussed the need to move the meeting date to the third Thursday for the next three meetings. This would be for the 2022 calendar year only. Motion was made by Michael Hodges to move the meeting date to the third Thursday, 2nd by Jamie Little. Discussion was had on the need. District 1 Chairman explained that "a potential host Fire Dept. would be able to accommodate a District meeting". Motion passed.

District 2 Deaths: Past Fire Chief Norman Telford of the Lake Twp. Fire Dept. passed away. Chief Telford was a Charter Member of his fire department.

Announcements: Lake of Four Seasons Fireman's Ball is April 9th.

Motion to adjourn by Erik Schmitt, 2nd by Cory Wietbrock. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

I.V.F.A. District 3 Minutes
March 17, 2022
Meeting hosted by
Kingsford Union VFD

Chairman Bob Uryga called meeting to order at 1915 hours.

Kingsford Union Chief Justin Francis led the pledge to the flag.

Chaplain Dave Robb started the meeting with a prayer. Chairman Uryga asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

Roll was called showing 7 members present, representing 5 departments.

Minutes of November meeting were read and approved and treasurer made his report.

Guests were Jeremy Reef - PR Northwest and Christina

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Reef-IVFAA President.

Jeremy addressed the meeting about State House activity. He reported that fire run reports are required by the state. Up to this time, less than 50% of departments are doing the reports. He urged everyone to look at and to use the IVFA website.

Jeremy reminded everyone about Convention 2022 in Evansville on June 15-16-17.

Also American Rescue Act money will be released in May. You will need to ask for it through your county.

Christina Reef urged everyone to use the website. She also spoke about the different awards and scholarships available.

Chairman Uryga spoke about HB 1246 regarding fire districts and funding.

He said we need to go to IDHS Website as well as IVFA Website to see available grants.

Bob said State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker has been very active and helpful for all departments.

Bob also told us about Special IVFA pricing on Lucas Device and AED's from Stryker. Also a reminder about FDIC in INDY on April 28-29-30.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
January 13, 2022
Urbana Fire Department,
Urbana, IN

Guests:

Jean Smith, PRNE

E.J. Smith, IVFAA Vice President

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1932 with the pledge of allegiance following. There were 10 members representing 5 departments. November minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Jean reported on current legislation. He advised that weekly updates are available on the IVFA website.

Chairman John and IVFAA Vice President E.J. Smith discussed the Miss Flame program and the eligibility requirements.

John remarked on the educational opportunities with Purdue and IVY Tech.

John discussed the many training opportunities available. These can be viewed on the ADADIS website.

We talked about the new 30 hour Emergency Response report program. New recruits can report and participate at fire scenes but CANNOT be involved with

interior attack.

John passed out 10 and 25 year pins to Urbana firefighters.

Next meeting March 10 at Warsaw Fire Department, Station #3, 620 East 200 South.

Meeting adjourned at 2037 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul W. Martin
5 District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
March 21, 2022
Bippus Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 29 members representing 10 departments.

November Minutes – Read, one correction Legislative Session started in January and not in March as read.

Guests: Jean Smith – PRNE, Terry Bradner – 1-800-BOARD-UP, Brandon Taylor – Taylor'd Equipment and Jay Hammel – Clear Creek Township Trustee.

Chairman Bisel – Thank you to Bippus for hosting the meeting tonight, apologies for having had to cancel in January due to weather conditions.

Had one death in the district since the last meeting, Simeon Reed of Warren VFD. Simeon was a 13-year member of the IVFA.

Quarterly meeting information, Richard attended on my behalf.

All dues have been processed.

There were 86 50-year members this year. 34 attended the presentation at the State House.

14,302 IVFA members, 1012 new members this year.

315 bad addresses, 254 have been corrected.

5862 license plates last year, 829 so far this year.

16 applications for Bridgeport Scholarships were received.

Have 2 American Income Life claims that are pending.

If you are having problems with Image Trend reach out to the Marshal's Office for assistance.

Legislation session has closed for the year.

The deadline for the May issue of the IVFA newspaper will be April 1st

Visit the IVFA Booth at FDIC, Booth #1006.

We are working on a 75th Anniversary Book. Will be more discussion in May.

If you are using the new Emergency Responder Support training program, please let the training committee know how it is working for you.

Marshal Thacker was awarded as an Honorary Member of the IVFA.

Training in Indiana is funded through fireworks sales. Funding had been set at \$2 million. Legislation got changed and now anything over the \$2 million will be split between the fire training fund and the state "rainy day" fund.

Get signed up to have your foam picked up.

Smoke detectors are still available through the Marshal's Office. There is also a listing of vendors that will help you with installations

The drawing for the gas card went to District 4.

Next quarterly meeting will be May 6, 7 and 8. Get in contact with Chairman Bisel if you are interested in attending a meeting to see how your organization's business is handled.

Jean Smith, PRNE – At quarterly meeting Marshal Thacker, Wade Walling, Meagan Thiele, and Robin were present.

Marshal Thacker stated that he had attended 5 funerals so far this year; 3 COVID deaths and 2 heart attacks.

First Fire Chief Training went well, had 42 sign up. Next one has been scheduled.

AFFF foam pick-up, finalizing a vendor for pick-up and then begin collections.

Jean read a list of bills that had been watched and the outcome of them in session.

Departments that are having an issue with slow or unreliable internet service contact Chairman Bisel. The Marshal's Office is compiling a list to try and support improvements.

The DUNS number that departments had used in the past for grant purposes is being replaced with a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Departments will be required to have an active UEI number to be awarded IDHS grants.

Terry Bradner - 1-800-BOARD-UP - Will be glad to help your department with smoke detector installations if you are doing a giveaway blitz.

1-800-BOARD-UP will have their annual golf outing to benefit the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Brandon Taylor – Taylor'd Equipment – Please give him a call with your department's equipment needs.

Chairman Bisel – 10-year pins were awarded to Roanoke VFD members Ryan Tobin, William Edwards and Dave Meitzler.

25-year pins were awarded to Jeff White of Andrews VFD and Huntington Twp. VFD and Brandon Taylor of Roanoke VFD.

50-year pin and Gold Card was presented to Jerry Helvie of Bippus VFD.

The district is still looking for a Miss Flame candidate if you know a young lady interested.

Membership benefits books and window decals are available up front.

Next district meeting will be at Bluffton May 16.

Second roll call answered by 29 members representing 10 departments.

Berne has a breakfast May 14th
Poe breakfast April 10th.

Warren is having a Dan's Fish Fry April 16th. Proceeds will benefit the Simeon Reed Memorial Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m with the District 7 Auxiliary Bake Sale fundraiser to follow.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a great spring. Summer is right around the corner.

Our last district meeting was at Cicero Twp. VFD. We had Joel Thacker, State Fire Marshal.

He talked about getting a colonoscopy at age 40 to check for cancer. Cancer is a big issue in Fire Service.

He informed us that any department has any AFFF Foam it can no longer be used as it is a cancer agent.

The Fire Marshal's office will pick it up free of charge. Just fill out the paper work.

I'm seeing that some departments have new officers; please send me an updated list: name, phone number and e-mail address for these new officers.

This year's convention will be at Tropicana Hotel Casino Evansville; we would like to see you there. The date is June 15-17, 2022.

The next district meeting is May 25, 2022 at Edgewood VFD, Anderson, Indiana. I encourage you all to attend. We always learn a lot at these meetings.

If your department is having any fundraisers, let me know so I can post it on the IVFA Website or Facebook page.

Rex Maynard
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 8B
January 12, 2022
Portland Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lloyd Wright at 7:15 p.m. Chairman Wright led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wright thanked Portland FD for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.

First roll call was answered by 10 members representing 4 departments.

November minutes were not available.

Guests: David Israel – IVFA President, Jerry Liston – IVFA Vice-President, Jeff Biehl – PREC, Jean Smith – PRNE, Sam Bisel – District 7 Chairman and Dinges Fire Company Rep., John Ray – District 10 Chairman, EJ Smith IVFAA Vice-President and Hannah Armstrong – District 8B Miss Flame.

Chairman Wright – Last district meeting was held at Pennville VFD. At that meeting they were able to crown Miss Hannah Armstrong as the new District 8B Miss Flame for 2022.

Jerry Liston – IVFA Vice-President – Shared bills that the IVFA is going to watch in legislation this session.

Remember and help pass the word about education packages available to members. There are Ivy Tech, Purdue Global and the Indiana Next Level Jobs education programs available. Ivy Tech has seen 417 members sign up and 70 graduate using their program.

The Emergency Response Support course guidelines have changed. They now require the course to have the oversight of an instructor. An Instructor I is able to oversee this course. Contact Jerry Liston or Chairman Wright if you need help finding an instructor.

On the fire side in the state, we have about 45% compliance in incident reporting while the EMS side has about 90% compliance. The state may look at legislation that would enforce the rules of reporting.

Jeff Biehl – PREC - Passed.

Jean Smith - PRNE – Starting the new legislation session, watch for updates.

Get MacQueen Award nominations in to your district chairman.

David Israel – IVFA President – Please take time and read through the list of bills to see if there are any that you would like to see followed.

Township trustees are being looked at again in the bill proposals.

American Rescue Plan Act may have a 2nd round coming up.

Public Funds income tax may have funds available but you will have to dig and work for them. There are other avenues of funds available if you look hard enough. These funds usually take a bit of work to get your fair share.

Have a conference call scheduled, working on finishing up cancer study.

Keep in mind that there are going to be four Bridgeport Scholarships granted this year.

January 29th will be the Memorial Service for Past President Jim Parker. Memorials to Jim Parker will help fund additional scholarships

Reminder to schedule your AFFF foam pick-up through the state. Still looking at ways to fund replacement.

There is a new section in the

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IVFA paper that showcases departments. Put an information packet together and submit it for publication.

Working on putting together a 75th Anniversary Book.

Evan Wilson is the new contact person for Armed Services Benevolent Association; contact President Israel for further information on getting in contact with their association.

Our association has received some complaints about American Income Life Insurance agents being harassing and overbearing. Let your officers know if this has happened to you or someone else so it can be further addressed.

Chairman Wright called for Old Business. None.

New Business – District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel asked for someone in the district to step up and help Chairman Wright out. Would like to see younger members get involved in YOUR association.

Sam also mentioned that he and his wife Kristy are sales representatives for Dinges Fire Company. Contact him for your needs and demos! Also, when you reach out to companies that advertise in our paper, please let them know that you saw their ad and appreciate their support.

Chairman Wright asked to get award nominations into the state and MacQueen Award nominations in to him. Many don't want to single out an individual person, but this award may go to a company or department.

Sean Whitcomb, of Pennville VFD, presented a letter for consideration. It encourages you to reach out to your elected officials to draft legislation that would allow for volunteer firefighters and first responders to leave work to make emergency runs. Would also like to include language that would allow for attendance to trainings. Chairman Wright added that several years ago Portland FD took firefighters at different times of the day to work around their work schedules.

Portland FD is getting ready to start a Haz-Mat Awareness & Op's and Firefighter I&II. They hope to again offer flexibility in attending training hours.

Next district meeting will be at Redkey on March 9th.

Second roll call answered by 10 members representing 4 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Richard Sorg
Acting District 8B Secretary

District 8B held their district meeting on March 9th at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with Chairman Wright leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wright thanked the Redkey Fire Department for hosting the meeting and providing the light lunch.

First roll call was taken with 16 members from 4 departments present.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Guests that were in attendance: Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist, Jeff Biehl – PREC, David Israel - IVFA President, Sam Bisel – District 7 Chairman, Hannah Armstrong – District 8B Miss Flame and Carol Curl.

Larry Curl told the group about the laws that were passed and the ones they are watching. He also talked about the education package available to members. They are Ivy Tech, Purdue Global and the Indiana Next Level Jobs education programs. He talked about how the Fire Marshal wants all the departments to report their fires.

David Israel spoke on some of the things that are going on with the IVFA. He also stated that the Fire Marshal wants all departments to report their fires.

Good of the order: Lynn VFD will be hosting a Fish Fry on May 21st, Pennville VFD will have a Beef-N-Noodle Dinner on April 9th, Redkey VFD will have a Truck and Tractor pull on June 18th at 3:00.

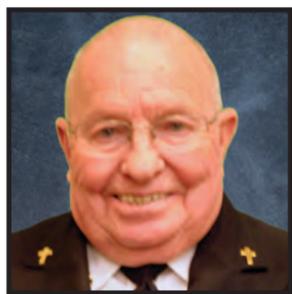
Second roll was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 10 fires and 95 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department on May 11th at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Submitted by Lloyd E Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings everyone, Spring is here. Looking forward to better weather.

Our last meeting was at Clay City Volunteer Fire Department. We had 7 departments present and 10 members. Sure wish we could get a better attendance.

FDIC this year is April 28-30 at Indianapolis. Be sure to check it out.

I've been to three award banquets, two memorial services, presented 10 and 25 year pins and three Gold cards. I've traveled 1,166 miles this quarter.

AFFF foam is cancer-causing and not to be used for training. Fire Marshal will pick up your foam you have on hand free of charge. Look on Fire Marshal website and fill out survey.

There are several bills passed this year that mention the fire service. Go on IVFA.org website and press legislation to see bills.

Education package thru IVY Tech and various grants are continuing for additional benefits for volunteers.

The next Fire Chief's class is September 26-30, 2022 and February 27 to March 3, 2023. Sign up on Acedis portal.

Fire Marshal has a smoke alarm program. Go on his website to find out how to get them.

We held our Miss Flame

contest in January. Molly Van Lannen will represent our District 11A at convention. Congratulations Molly and good luck at convention.

Till next time.
Stay safe.

Pete Taylor
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Well, it's been a busy couple of months trying to get pins out to all of the departments; I still have a lot to go!! I posted the departments I have pins for on the district's Facebook page, if you haven't taken a look at that please do, and if you just want to email me or call me and check that is fine also!!

Here is a little bit on the last couple meetings we have had. Please try to attend meetings and pass along information and ask questions, we can't improve things without input from you firefighters!!

January 9, 2022 the meeting was held at Helt Fire and Rescue at the Dana Station. Meeting started at 1:00 p.m. with the opening prayer and Pledge then we broke for lunch provided by the host department and it was a really good meal. After the lunch we got busy with the meeting where the reading of the last minutes were read and approved with no changes. Larry Curl, State Lobbyist gave us some details on bills that the IVFA was watching and spoke of the IVY Tech and Purdue Global programs. Treasurer's report was given; the checking account is in the process of being moved from Coatesville, to Fountain Trust in Rockville for ease of convenience. Spoke of the passing of James Parker who was the Speaker Bureau Rep. for Districts 11A, 11B and 12. We presented a 25 year pin to Paul Meadlo of Helt Fire and Rescue; Thank You for your service. Spoke about the Convention that is coming up, it will be June 15-17th in Evansville at the Casino. We had 3 departments and 14 members present at today's meeting. Next meeting will be Sunday, March 13th at 1:00 P.M., location TBD.

March meeting was held with a date change due to scheduling conflicts. The March meeting was held Wednesday, March 23rd at the Marshall Vol. Fire Dept. This was a new format that we had with this meeting. The new format we are trying is having the meal and a meet and greet 30 minutes prior to the meeting. The meal started at 6:30 p.m. with the prayer and everyone was able to eat with no rush, being that they could continue to eat while the meeting was going on. Shortly after 7 p.m we started the meeting with the Pledge and went into the meeting. Chief Kenneth Ryan of the Marshall VFD spoke and thanked

everyone in attendance. The women broke for their meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Larry Curl, State Lobbyist spoke on the bills that made it thru this session. If you guys want to know anything about the bills, please reach out to your District Chairman or Larry, he is a wealth of knowledge. Treasurer's report was given, checking account has been moved and going well in Rockville with the Coatesville account being closed on April 11th. Talked about the 50 Year Celebration at the State House that took place; Chairman Jason Ryan and Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan attended; we were able to present 2 Gold Cards at the Statehouse that day to Hillsboro VFD member James Hershberger and Russellville VFD member Ron Higgins. There was total of 86, 50 Year members being honored this year. Spoke of deaths in the district, 44 year member James Wilbur of Ripley Twp. VFD passed away Feb. 26, and 52 year member Gordon Foster of Hillsboro VFD passed away on March 21. Please keep these departments and families in your thoughts and prayers. General discussion was spoken about, after the women's meeting was completed, Miss Flame spoke of fundraisers she had attended so far, and fundraisers in the district were talked about. There were 4 departments and 8 members present.

Thank You,

Jason Ryan
Chairman 11B

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

"Hello!" and Greetings from District 12,

"Good morning," "Good afternoon," "Good evening," depending upon the time of the day you are reading these updates from our district in your quarterly IVFA newspaper.

We have had a very busy quarter in District 12 beginning with District 12 meeting hosted by Brown Twp. Fire Dept. Mooresville, IN. and Chief Rex Morley on January 10 where we have 6 departments present and 23 in attendance plus the IVFA President David Israel, the State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker, Edward Orr - our new district photographer and Tanya Rigsby of California Casualty and her uber driver Ron. The one who was not there is yours truly as I found out about 5 minutes before arriving at the meeting that the day before I had been exposed to covid (exposed but after testing did not have covid) so I quickly

did some adjustments asking the IVFA President and our Vice Chairman to conduct the business for the evening, thanks to both of them for the coverage.

Then we hosted our second meeting of the quarter on March 7th hosted by Chief Jim Caldwell at the Advance Fire Dept., Advance, IN. I was able to attend this one and we had another productive meeting, with the State Fire Marshal, Brandy Brandenburg - Sales Executive for RT Insurance in Crawfordsville, IN., Tanner Sizemore with Stryker Medical Supply, IVFA Vice President Jerry L. Liston, Sergeant-at-Arms Wm. Brent Bush, District 11A Ralph 'Pete' Taylor, District 21 Don Fultz, Public Relations Rep. Northwest Jeremy Reef, Public Relations West Central Larry L. Bartlow, IVFAA President Christina Reef, IVFAA Immediate Past President Carol Curl, IVFAA District 11A Beverly Taylor, IVFAA District 11B Lou Bartlow, IVFAA District 12 Chara Leaver and IVFAA District 21 Patti Fultz, and nearly 20 District members. Thanks to all for your attendance and your support for making this another great meeting.

I also want to thank our District Officers in attendance, beginning with Vice Chairman Jim Leaver, our District Secretary Chara Leaver, District Chaplain Rick Rusie and District Photographer Edward Orr. Without you folks we could not effectively run District 12.

During the last two meetings we were able to present some 10 and 25 year longevity awards.

Ten year pins were presented to Lowell Hamilton, Robert Sparks, Steven Pope, Kevin Kraney and Vicky Novack, and Jeffrey Stout with his 25 year pin all during the January meeting hosted by Brown Township FD.

At the meeting in March at the Advance VFD we were able to present a ten year pin to Matt Bowen and a 25 year pin to Chip McMann and Paul Richardson.

Thanks to all our 10 and 25 year members.

Additionally we have presented 2 lifetime membership: Edward D. Negal, Sr. with the Wayne Township FD in Marion County and Steven W. Miller with Eel River Vol. Fire Dept. Please thank all our 50 year members as they are the ones that brought us to where we are today.

It is certainly an honor when we can present a GOLD CARD, lifetime member for someone who has served his / her department, community, and the state with 50 years of service.

Congratulations to all who have received longevity pins during this last quarter and I apologize to any who I may not have gotten your name in this paper. If you think you are due a 10, 25, or 50 year recognition please reach out to us and let's take care of that.

We are still 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

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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.

As a district we still want to use our creative leadership, innovative teamwork and a winning spirit to grow District 12 in activities, attendance, and membership. You can help by attending our meetings and sharing your thoughts and your department activities.

If your department has any training, meetings, special events or fundraisers please let us know. We will help you promote your department by using our District Facebook, our association's website and word of mouth to let others know what you are doing. You can contact our District Secretary, **Chara Leaver** Cell: (317)-445-6358 or Email: ivfaadistrict12@ivfaa.org; yes she is so good she holds an office with both IFVA District 12 and the IVFAA. You can also reach out to me or the District Vice Chair but we would have to then reach out to the Secretary so might as well cut out the middle two guys and go to the one who can get the information on our social media outlets; thanks Chara.

Remember we are still promoting our "big goals". 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 still have some building/growing learning from our past and creating a new brighter, more productive and stronger future for District 12.

We welcome your input, your suggestions, your thoughts and comments as we continue our 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. While each of you is a valuable part of our association and our district, we still have departments in our district that do not belong to the IVFA. Our potential number of members can be much greater so we do have work to do and ask you for your help by reaching out to any department in Morgan, Hendricks, and Boone Counties and ask if they are a member and if not what we can do to have them consider becoming or rejoining.

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 also want to keep Larry Bruner, our past District 12 chairman, in our thoughts as he begins his life without his lovely wife of many years, Connie Bruner who passed away in March 2022. Our thoughts and prayers to Larry and his entire family.

We hope to see everyone soon, either at a district meeting, a department meeting, or the State Convention in June in Evansville where District 15 will roll out the red carpet as they host the 76th Indiana Volunteer Firefighters State Convention. If you've never been you don't know what you're missing, if you have been, welcome back.

Thank you and God bless you...

Larry, Jim, Chara, Rick and Edward,

Your District 12 Leadership Team

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DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

Spring is in the air and warm weather is near. Goodbye cold and hello sunshine!!

To all our members and subscribers to the paper, I urge you to stop for a moment and say a little prayer for our country's service men and women and also our allies. We are in a rough time right now.

On February 21st, I had the honor and privilege to attend the 50 years of service celebration at the State Capitol Building. I would like to congratulate each and every one of you that have reached this amazing milestone! Us youngsters look up to you and can only hope we will make the same impacts you have.

Our district convention committee has been meeting monthly in preparation of the 2023 convention. "Muncie is the place to be in 2023". We will always be happy to have more volunteers to assist with this convention. We are aiming to have fun, education and training available during convention.

Our next district meeting is May 12th at Hagerstown-Jefferson Twp. at 7 p.m. I still have a Smart TV to give away as a door prize. All you have to do is make sure 5 departments and 25 members attend the meeting. The IVFAA meeting will also meet during this time with us. Double your benefits by joining the IVFAA also. I would love to come to your dept. fundraisers, so please let me know when they are and also, let's get them on the IVFA website calendar. Indiana State Fire Marshal Tucker is planning to attend our meeting in May, as well as Wade Walling, who is the director of the Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy. Bring any and all questions you may have for them to answer. Reminder to the district, our meetings are open to all of our members. So please do not think you have to be a chief or officer to attend. Come one, come all.

Reminder to all, I need three (3) emails for each department. Most common is the Chief, Assistant Chief and Secretary. I am not picky as to who gets the emails I send, I just want to be able to have as many members receive information as it will be valuable to all to know. Please text, call or email me with that information... 765-439-0911 or district13b@ivfa.org.

Please enjoy the change in weather. Be safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14,

We are trying to get out to all our departments but the information we have on meeting dates and times are wrong. Also the information on the chief or main contacts are wrong, so if each department can call our Central Office and update your information would be great so we can come to a department meeting; also if you can update any department information on our website. If you would like to contact me directly my cell phone is 502-523-2665 and I can help you out with the information. If you have any events coming up let me know so we can get it on the website.

Also the convention is in Evansville this year June 15-16-17, 2022 and we need members to come up that Friday morning June 17 to vote during that morning the meeting for our bid against Indianapolis for the 2024 convention. Your department can have 3 dues paid members to vote during the meeting and 1 dues paid member can get mileage from their house to the convention and back paid that day. We would like to see more members there and you can buy a meal ticket for the night if you want to stay for the meal and the night meeting.

Thanks,
Rick Cannon,
District 14 Chairman

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from Southwest Indiana, and hopefully everyone is starting to have warm weather.

As I write this article we are 75 days away from the starting of the 2022 IVFA Convention hosted by

District 15. This has been a really long process due to the cancellation of the 2020 convention, among other hurdles we have overcome along the way. We are looking forward to hosting the convention.

The last few months have been very busy, I think we have finally moved past COVID as I see more departments getting back to their normal activities. I really enjoy getting out to your department functions and fundraisers. If you have an upcoming event please reach out to me. You can also share your event on the District 15 IVFA Facebook page, the IVFA Facebook page, and the IVFA website. If you need assistance with getting your events on our social media platforms, please reach out to me.

I have been traveling around to award 10 and 25 years service pins. I know I got a little behind during the last two years due to COVID, but I am trying to get around to every department as quick as I can. If your department has an event or you have a meeting you want me to attend to award pins, please reach out to me.

I had the privilege to attend the ceremony honoring the 86 new 50 year members of the IVFA at the Statehouse on February 21st. It is an honor to help celebrate this accomplishment with these individuals.

On February 20th Public Relations Southwest Steve Nolan and I had the honor of presenting 2 Medals of Valor and 2 Lifesaving Certificates to Chris Robb and Andrew Cox of New Harmony Fire Department and Kari Denning and Vicki Daws of Posey County EMS for their actions in rendering care to Deputy Brian Hicks of the Posey County Sheriff's Department who was shot in the line of duty on September 18th, 2021. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Our next meeting will be May 17th at Black Twp. Fire Department in Mt. Vernon at 6:30 P.M. Central Time.

Ross Emery
District 15 Chairman
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DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Ashley Armstrong - Chairman

Hello District 16!

I would like to say hello and tell you what a pleasure it is to be your IVFA District 16 Chairman! I recently attended my first IVFA quarterly meeting and since, I have been busy planning our first District 16 meeting to be held in

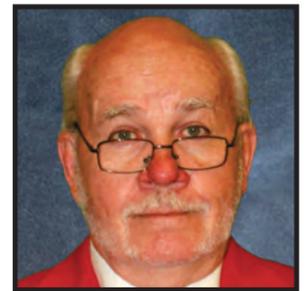
awhile. This meeting will be held at and hosted by the Leavenworth Fire Department. The meeting will be Monday, May 2nd 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Please follow the IVFA District 16 Facebook page for more information.

If your department has any upcoming events or fundraisers, please email or text me the information at district16@ivfa.org or (812) 267-4769, so that I can get it added to our Facebook page and the IVFA calendar.

Stay Safe and I look forward to meeting you all!

Ashley Armstrong
District 16 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

February 21st I attended the 50 year presentations at the Capitol in Indianapolis. It was good to see all of those in attendance.

I had the honor of presenting Cameron Lemont Wolf from the Marion Co. CD Fire and Rescue Department his 50 year Gold card and pin. Thank you for all your years of service.

March 2nd I attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting in Scotland.

March 9th I made a visit to Vigo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. They will be having a breakfast April 23rd at the Knox County Fairgrounds with fire trucks and other equipment including vendors on site and activities for children.

March 11, 12, 13, I attended state officer's meeting in Indianapolis where business pertaining to the fire service was discussed and speakers on hand gave us how their office conducted items of the fire service.

March 14th I attended Taylor VFD auxiliary meeting.

March 16th IVFA district meeting was held at the Taylor VFD in Scotland.

President David Israel was our first speaker and gave information on bills in the Statehouse and how these affect the fire service. Comments and questions were taken.

PRSW Steve Nolan spoke about the FDIC and hope that some that haven't been need to go.

The next 17A meeting will be May 18th and hosted by the City of Petersburg Fire Territory.

June 15 thru 18th will be our state convention in Evansville. Hope we have a good attendance.

Hope to see you.

At the state convention, Rylee Lemons of Vigo will be our Miss Flame. Good luck, Rylee.

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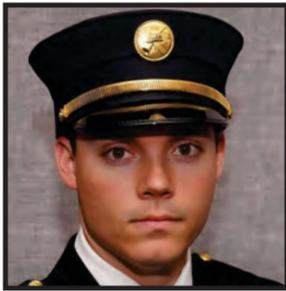
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July 20th will be District 17A annual meeting at Loogootee Volunteer fire Department.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery
IVFA District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger - Chairman

Greetings from District 18!

Now that it's April can it please warm up and have a little more moisture in the air? I've heard several departments getting paged out for field fires in the last two weeks (writing this 3/31/22), sometimes multiple in one day. As temperatures warm up, remember to hydrate and keep an eye out for your brothers!

The last meeting of the District 18 was hosted by Perry Central Vol. Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Chairman Nicholas Waninger.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

Gave the opening prayer.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by chairman Waninger and welcomed everyone that was joining us tonight.

Roll call was taken with 47 members representing 10 departments answering 158 alarms.

Sec. Stan Seifert introduced guests present, Larry Curl - state Lobbyist, David Israel - IVFA president, Steve Nolan - PRSW, Jerry Liston - VP of IVFA, Clay from Stricker, Audrea Leubbusen - Miss Flame.

State Officer's report:

Larry Curl reported on some bills that are going on in the state. Larry also talked about how much that the volunteer fire departments are saving the State of Indiana. Talked about IVFA working on a benefit package for volunteer departments. Larry also talked about IC code 36-8-12.

David Israel talked about some money that fire departments could get if they work with their township trustees.

VP Jerry Liston talked about the bad foam that the state will collect from fire departments.

Steve Nolan, PRSW talked about making sure of the beneficiary is up-to-date, also talked about doing run reports at home; use caution so no one else sees it. Need help at the FDIC to work the booth.

Chairman Waninger gave out 6-10-year pins, 2-25-year pins, and 1-50-year pin.

Chairman Waninger talked about the 30-hour training.

Miss Flame talked about if any department has something coming to let her know, and she will try to make it to your department's event.

Chairman Waninger thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will

be on May 19-2022 with Anderson Township Fire Department as host.

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

Our meeting for March 28th was held at Rossville Vol. Fire Department in Rossville, IN. We had 8 departments present. A delicious meal was served.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Introduction of 14 guests. Our Miss Flame, Larissa Butler was present.

Had discussions on several subjects. I passed out 10 year service pins to 8 people and 25 year pins to 5 people.

The next meeting will be May 23rd at Kirklin Vol. Fire Department in Kirklin, IN.

Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. A meal will be served before the meeting.

Don Fultz
District 21 Chairman

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



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Meeting called to order at by President David Israel at 1335. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jerry Liston. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Discussion on Cancer Research information given by Dr. Carolyn Muegge, an epidemiologist with NICHE, specializing in firefighter healthcare. Has data for 30 years of research data on firefighter specific to study on health and wellness. 20% of firefighters have an increased chance of dying from cancer compared to normal population. Has a section built into FEMA grant for a volunteer research study. They are wanting to obtain information for a study with the State of Indiana volunteer service about cancer patients. Gave history of research and development of this program.

Roll Call was taken with District Chairman 22 present and 3

Absent, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 6 past presidents, the Lobbyist and Executive Council.

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Handed out balance and budget sheet and discussed necessary. Handed out proposed budget for 2022. Need to get letter of engagement approved so the accountant can start on auditing the books for 2021. CD is maturing and need to know what to go with for the money. Copyright attorney has completed the renewal process for the trademark.

Motion to accept treasurer report, Rex Maynard made second gave by Ed Scheele. Motion passed.

Motion by Sam Bisel to send budget and mileage to board action second by Richard Glant. Motion was rescinded.

Motion to approve budget and send to board action by Buz Koehler. Second given by Bob Uryga. Motion passed.

Discussion held on mileage rate. National rate is \$.56. Recommendation given by treasurer to raise to \$.50, motion by Buz Koehler to increase to \$.50, second by John Ray. Discussion was held about affect to budget. Motion and second rescinded will be brought up in board action.

Steve Anderson motion to send mileage to board action. Larry Curl gave second. Motion passed and sent to board action.

Old Business:

Discussion held on benefits summit and will be posted in the newspaper.

FDIC attendance was down about 30% and closed down early on Saturday.

Executive Committee Report: David Israel.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, dept. paid lists and dept. rosters sent out, 10- and 25-year pin lists and 50-year card lists sent out. 81 new life members this year. 56 members added to deceased list. 12,983 addresses sent to paper, 218 bad addresses. 373 addresses on hold currently. Need to make sure we get these updated correctly. 13,361 members. 930 new members added. IL claim paid. 5,177 license plates sold since January 2021 to present.

Committee Reports:

Awards - Vice President Jerry Liston - nominations are down, please market those to districts
Angel Award, Diane Harrison - nothing to report.

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney - initiate at convention and contact convention committee to get more information.

Mr. IVFA, Ed Gerdowsky - nothing to report. Get nominations in.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, discussion held on donation made to fund from McUllah Fire Dept. and sustaining after that donation is gone. We will assume the continuation and keep 4 scholarships.

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender. Nothing more to report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, had attorney to check Bylaw and SOG. Few pages need to have verbiage changed

from he/she to the title of position.

Motion to accept verbiage changes where needed. Brent Bush made a motion, Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

Indemnification paragraph needs to be looked at and President Israel will have the attorney to look at it in case we need to have it modernized. Also brought up that we need to create a policy and procedure manual, a sexual harassment policy, public photo use release, and discipline policy created. Adding a virtual meeting format to SOG. Also adding number lines in SOG to be better directed and adding version numbers to the documents starting with version 1.

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

Convention: President David Israel.

2021 Convention - Paul Holcomb, Rick Cannon, John Gott - financials are completed and report has been submitted.

2022 Evansville - Jack Kerney, Ross Emery - convention coin created. Hotel name is Bali Hotel and Casino. Wait until after Jan. 2, 2022 to call and make room reservations.

2023 Jeff Biehl - contract has been signed.

Intent to bid for 2024 needs to be turned in at February quarterly meeting.

President has old credit card machines that need destroyed. John Ray made a motion to destroy the machines. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

EMS: Vice President Jerry Liston, discussion held on state of EMS providers and the decline. Also spoke on IEMSA conference and what was covered.

Insurance: Luke Kleunder, nothing to report.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, need to start looking at the cost of services for the benefits package we're wanting to present to the legislation. Need to start talking about the cost savings study across the state and we're ready to go now. Also need to get involved with state lottery to try and receive funds from them since they promote police and fire support.

LODD: Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, nothing to report.

Logo: District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report.

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, still waiting for call back on \$3500 life insurance policy. Going to set up zoom committee meeting with Savik and then bring them to quarterly meeting. Going to attempt to have marketing consultation done to assist with membership drive. Change color of dues packet mailing envelope.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, department highlight on front page, form will be filled out and sent in to be added for to newspaper. Editing process will be followed. Oldest department in state highlighted first 40-page issue.

Public Relations and Education: PRSW Steve Nolan, 38 names need to be added to

trailer. And correct spellings of words. Work on restocking supplies on trailer. 2022 contract signed for FDIC. 4/25-4/30, 2022. Need to get picture of the trailer when updated and send to the paper. Will be stored inside during the winter.

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reisert, President Israel, going through webpages and updating and correcting.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, Acclaim Press, creates books for fire, police, and other organizations. They collect and produce history book for the association. They are going to be invited to come to next quarterly meeting. Challenged officers to bring back history of this association and give to committee so they can prepare the book.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, ERS training available on Acadis. IDEM is making rounds to put out information on items to burn. Looking at getting back into PR training programs.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, youth camp in progress, Vincennes University is on board. Social media is working keep pushing it. Ivy Tech and Purdue programs are working.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: there is an opening on this board, get with President Israel for this.

Fire Alliance: Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, nothing to report.

Hero's Competition: on hold, Jason Ryan interested in being the rep. Nothing to report currently.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks, next meeting November 16, 2021.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, reports emailed.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman, nothing to report.

Benefit's Summit: David Israel, nothing to report.

Officer's Reports:

President, David Israel, 5 district meetings, 3 dept. meetings, benefits summit, couple memorial services.

Vice President, Jerry Liston, 11 district meetings, 16 dept. events, memorial service.

Chaplain, Ed Gerdowsky, memorial service and couple district meetings.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, pass.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, district meeting.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, pass.

Historian, Buz Koehler, starting electronic history of association. District meeting and memorial service.

Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, district meeting, FDIC.

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, absent.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, district meetings, fundraisers.

PRNE, Jean Smith, district meeting, department meeting, fundraisers, benefits summit, NVFC.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow,



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

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting Sunday, March 13, 2022 Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Christina Reef. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with a prayer. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis. **Announcements:** President Christina Reef reminded the group to be respectful of each other & allow others to speak, do not interrupt each other. Please do not be having side conversations to

others sitting near you while someone else is speaking. Joann Hays was not able to be here, but she has sent a craft item for everyone in attendance today; Suzie will be passing them out to all. Sydney Moon, State Miss Flame in attendance & informed the group of how her reign is going & that she has visited 20 out of the 25 districts thus far. She hopes to make an appearance to all 25 before her reign ends.

Ross Emery came to the meeting to inform everyone about the convention in June & left registration forms for anyone that needed one.

Recording Secretary: Beverly Vanlandingham took roll call for the meeting; it was answered by 21 officers & 8 IVFAA members today. Organizational count 708 paid members & 26 life members for a total of 734 members.

Correspondence Secretary: Janet Matthews was asked to read meeting minutes from 11/7/2021. Lou Bartlow made motion to dispense the reading of the minutes & accept them as written, Carol Curl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. President Christina Reef asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made to them, no corrections needed made.

Treasurer Report: Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. President Christina Reef asked if anyone had any questions regarding the accounts. Treasurer report is accepted & is subject to audit.

Chaplain Report: Judy Wirth gave her report of events/actions since the last quarterly meeting. She is sending a card around the room for everyone to sign for Joann Hays. Judy reports that she will be ordering more Bibles soon as our supply is dwindling.

Steve Anderson came to the meeting to speak to the group about convention & that if anyone needs assistance with their hotel reservations to please let him know. Judy Wirth presented an angel to Steve from IVFAA in memory of his mother, who recently passed away. Steve thanked the organization for all the thoughts, prayers, & cards during his family's difficult time.

Vice President's Report: E.J. Smith reports she has attended several district meetings/functions since the last quarterly meeting & will continue to as she can. The V.P. project this year will be 50/50

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2021 / 2022

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- Kristi Bisel
- Sue Glant
- Connie Ray

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- Bev Vanlandingham - Co-Chair
- Bev Taylor
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- Marie Emery
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- Suzie Lewis - Northeast
- Janet Matthews - East Central
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- Kathy Smith - Southwest
- Pam Gerdowsky - Southeast

CHAPLAIN EMERITUS & COMMUNICATIONS

- JoAnn Hayes

* Committee meetings will follow the I.V.F.A.A. By Laws & Robert's Rule of Order



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raffle & she has already obtained the gaming license for convention. Reminded everyone that she is trying to visit different districts, so post your meetings on the IVFAA calendar or Facebook page.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Suzie Lewis brought the district name bars that were ordered that has the organization logo on it as well. If anyone wants to order one personalized then please let her know, they are \$14 if you want a personalized one.

Committee Reports: Line officers will continue to meet each Saturday of quarterly meetings at 1 p.m. The chairman of any committee can post in the IVFAA Facebook group of a time that they would like to meet up on these Saturdays as well.

Audit: Carol Curl, nothing to report.

VP Project: E.J. Smith reports that committees of VP & Chinese Auction met yesterday all together. E.J. spoke to Lori Baxter & confirmed she is interested in being the "go to person" for the Chinese Auction. Lori has the collection buckets & tickets for the auction. Discussion was held & again this year we will be having kid's gifts as well as the normal baskets. Lori will be at the May meeting & if any district wants to bring their basket, Lori will take them. E.J. discussed the sign up for the auction; encouraged members on the committee to sign up to assist with the auction to give relief/assist Lori. Reminding everyone that those that sign up to work that they also must turn in a copy of your DL, only the people that are on the list are able to work at the table. Carol Curl informed the group that for the last 5 years the IVFAA has voted & paid for Lori's room at convention in return for her being willing to run the auction & be the keeper of the items/money. Carol Curl made a motion that the IVFAA again pays for Lori Baxter's room for 3 nights at convention this year, Sue Glant seconded the motion, discussion was had. All in favor, motion carried & IVFAA will be paying for Lori's room at convention x 3 nights. Committee will meet @ 3 p.m. on Saturday of the May quarterly meeting.

Miriam Schaeckel Award: Joyce Nevil reports letters have been received & a decision will be made.

Lois Boaz Award: Leona Uryga reports that letters have been received by all committee members & a decision will be made.

Miss Flame: Janet Matthews reports that committee members met yesterday & all decisions of tasks have been made. The community project that the girls will be doing is collecting pop can tabs for Riley Hospital. Janet encouraged all chairmen to take that information back to their districts to inform them & their Miss Flames. Have received approx. 12 entry forms thus far & aware of a few more that are in the mail. Janet reviewed the list with the group to make them aware of some missing parts. Janet will be submitting the names & photos to the newspaper before deadline of April 1st. E.J. will be sending out certified letters to each contestant to provide competition information.

Miss Flame committee will meet in May on Saturday @ 4 p.m.

Budget & Finance: Kathy Smith reports to the group that her committee met yesterday & decided to keep the same budget that we are working from this year for next year as well. Copies of proposed budget are included in with the financial report that Suzie Lewis passed out. Carol Curl made motion that we vote on the proposed budget today, Joanne Smith seconded the motion. Discussions were held, asked for votes, 3 in favor, rest of group opposed, motion did not carry. Kimberly Smith made a motion to table the voting of the budget until the May quarterly meeting, that way it would give the group time to review the proposal, Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, budget voting is tabled until May meeting. Kathy said her committee can meet @ 3 p.m. in May for more discussion.

Mary Mackin: Kimberly Smith reports her committee met yesterday & that today there is a silent auction in the back of the room. She encouraged the members to take time to view & to bid on items of desire. Committee is holding a bake sale at the May quarterly meeting if anyone wishes to donate baked goods, all will be appreciated. Kimberly thanked her committee for all their efforts.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks encouraged everyone to be thinking if they are running for an office again or if you wish to nominate someone.

Installation: No one from committee present at meeting. President Christina Reef informed the group that she received a letter from Pam Gerdowsky from District 19. The letter explained Pam's resignation of her position. All the supplies that she had in her possession were turned in. Pam is willing to assist this year at convention with installation to aid in training someone new. Lou Bartlow has volunteered to assume the position of installation & help Besty with this. Lou informed the group that she has ideas of revamping the program since "live" fire can no longer be a part of the program. Kay Schumaker made a motion that the installation process be cut down/condensed, Marie Emery seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Lou will work on condensing the program. Christina asked the group if anyone else would be willing to learn the process with Lou Bartlow. Beth Moon volunteered to learn this process as well.

Membership: Diane Stapleton not present but submitted report to President Christina Reef. The committee is reviewing membership pamphlet & working on it to help boost membership to the organization.

By-Laws & SOG: Christina Reef reports the committee met yesterday for 2 hours & was able to get through the by-laws. Started working on review of the SOG's & the committee will again meet for 2 hours at the quarterly meeting in May to get them completed. Suzie passed out the updated by-law / SOG request change form, as well as the updated membership form so everyone can see them. Christina will have lawyer review by-laws once they are completed

before dispersing them to everyone. This committee will again meet for a 2-hour meeting in May as well.

Historians: Neither in attendance of meeting.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow, nothing to report.

Social Media Communication: Tammy Smith nothing to report.

Chaplain Assistants: Judy Wirth reports committee will meet on Saturday of the May quarterly meeting.

Tammy with American Income Life came to the meeting to inform group that it is time to renew our benefits & that letters will be sent out. Reminded the group if they do not want contacted for other options of coverage, do not return the yellow card. Beverly Vanlandingham will send an updated member list to the life insurance company. Miranda McKee was introduced to the group as she will be taking over our account with the new renewal. Miranda gave out business cards so if anyone needs to contact her, they can.

Buz Koehler informed the group that at the end of this year, the organization will be changing editors as Pam Barlow, after 22 years, is retiring. IVFA is in search of a new editor. The deadline for the May edition of the paper is April 1st. All items must be to the editor by April 1st, including the Miss Flames names & photos. Convention book deadline is May 10th, for anyone that is submitting for the convention book. Buz did say that he is also trying to find a member to train on the functions/duties of the newspaper. If he can find someone, they can train with him & learn the job. This will make it easier for the organization to continue with a paper whenever he decides to step down. Please let him know if anyone is interested in this position.

Old Business: President Christina Reef informed the group that in August the new district chairman class will be held. Reminded everyone to try to think of deserving members for any of the awards that are given out & encouraged nominations to be submitted.

New Business: President Christina Reef reports that there were some nominations for awards via the web, but there was miscommunication of who was to receive them. Christina is working with Josh Reiser to help create a path for these in the future as well as the formats of each application. All nominations that go through the website now will go to the IVFAA president email. The president will then filter them out & forward them to the committees in which they are for. Christina has talked with Matt, the webmaster about building out 4 links on the IVFAA website. He says it will take up to 3 hours to do the desired work, which will cost approximately \$225.00. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion that the organization pays the \$225.00 to have Matt add these links, Tammy Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried; Christina will contact Matt. The organization has a couple of CDs that are short term & coming to term in April & May. Discussion was had in the group regarding these. Carolyn

Zeeks made a motion to have both CDs to stay in for 11 months. Carol Curl seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Martha will renew both CDs for 11 months when they come due. District meeting invites for meetings need to be happening to remind members of your district of date/location. Need to ensure that chairmen are notifying them in the way that works for the members, either mail or email. Lois Boaz jackets when ordered for the winner often are not being ordered in the correct sizes. Seems the jackets are either too small or too big. Would like to have discussion of ideas of how we could do better at this. Many past winners purchase themselves a new jacket as the one the organization presents to her does not fit. All white coats should be the same "winter white" color & are more difficult to find these days. Many have been ordered from Blair, Women Within or Macy's. Discussion was had about the possibility of a loaner jacket being used like the men do for Mr. IVFA. Then after the woman wins, we get appropriate measurements & then order one that will fit. Lou Bartlow made a motion to table this discussion until the May meeting, Beth Moon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, jacket discussion will be tabled until May quarterly meeting. Fellowship this Saturday afternoon went well & at the May meeting Lou Bartlow suggests playing cards, Euchre, 500 Rummy, or other games; all in agreement. Joann Hays is wanting everyone to submit recipe cards to her for a project she wants to do for the Miss Flames. Please bring them to the May meeting or mail them to her. If you have your recipe cards today, you can give them to Beverly Taylor & she will get them to Joann. Christina challenged the group to come up with ways of how to boost attendance at IVFAA district meetings. Patty Fultz has started a new auxiliary in her area, Forest VFD from Forest, IN. Marie Emery started a new auxiliary in her area, Vigo Township from Bricknell, IN. Christina congratulated both ladies for adding to our organization. Christina is chatting with people from 8A & 8B have expressed interest of adding members & possibly a district chairman. May quarterly meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza on May 6, 7, 8. Meeting rooms are deciding factor of locations that we go to for quarterly meetings. David wants to go there in May, then decisions will be made of location to have quarterly meetings at routinely. 2023 convention will be in Muncie, June 14, 15, 16 of 2023. Lou Bartlow announced she has 2 young girls obtaining their 25-year pins in her district this year.

President Christina Reef asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order? No one had anything to add. President Christina Reef asked for meeting to be closed with prayer. Closing prayer given by Judy Wirth. Chara Leaver made a motion the meeting be

adjourned; Beth Moon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

IVFAA President Christina Reef



Hello Everyone,

I trust you all had a wonderful spring. Personally, I don't think I got warm fast enough. I do absolutely love all the flowers.

I hope everyone is looking forward to convention this year. It is June 15th thru 17th at Bally Hotel in Evansville. We have 16 Miss Flame contestants this year. The Miss Flame committee & Convention committee have been working hard to make sure all the contestants have a fun & exciting time while building friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime.

At the last quarterly, we did pass a motion to build out the IVFAA side of the website (IVFA.org). There will be some new sections coming soon: Miss Flame, By Laws/SOGs, Awards, Forms-Documents (funeral voucher, memorial service guides, membership form, insurance beneficiary form & etc.). I will send out an email when the update has been completed. If you are not a district chair & want to be added to my email list, please let me know.

I want to let you all know that anyone is welcome to attend the state quarterly meetings. You are also welcome to join our fellowship event that we have on the Saturday before the meeting. If you are wanting to attend a quarterly meeting, please contact me. I will make sure you receive all the necessary information. We have had so much fun & learned a lot about each other over the past year doing these fellowship events. I hope we can continue this event in the future so we build even stronger relationships.

Please continue to post your meeting date, time, and location on the website calendar & on the IVFAA Community Facebook page. Please also post any events happening in your district. This will not only help me know when your meeting is but will also let others know in your surrounding areas.

Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions. I'm always happy to

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help.

Sincerely,
Christina Reef
IVFAAPresident@IVFAA.org

**IVFAA
Vice President
EJ Smith**



Hello Everyone:
Spring is here! I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather.

I am attending as many district meetings and auxiliary department functions as I can. The last three months I have attended seven district meetings, two fundraisers, two convention meetings and two IVFA memorial services - Past President Jim Parker and LODD Bernard 'Bernie' Noll, Southwest Fire District. If you are having a district or department function please let me know and I will try my best to attend.

We have an IVFAA Community Facebook page. Please post your meetings, events and other communications on this page. You can also post meetings and events on the ivfa.org website calendar.

I.V.F.A. Convention will be at Bally's Hotel and Casino Evansville June 15-17, 2022, 421 NW Riverside Dr., Evansville, Indiana 47708. Phone #: 812-433-4000,

Website

<https://www.ballys.com/evansville/>

I am looking forward to seeing all of the Miss Flames at Convention. I would personally like to wish all of the Miss Flames "Good Luck." Remember you are representing your fire department and your district. Have fun and make new friendships that can last a lifetime.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail me at:

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Stay Safe and Healthy,

E.J.Smith

Vice President IVFAA

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Judy Wirth



With spring in the air, I hope things will get a fresh start. Baby animals being born, beautiful flowers blooming, and a renewal with life. God in all HIS glory! Maybe the worst of Covid is behind us and we can start new there, too.

I would like to take this time to thank my Fire Family with all the cards, thoughts, texts, and emails in the passing of my Aunt. She was a very special lady who was happy to support me with my IVFAA responsibilities. Our "job" on earth is to let Jesus' light shine through us so the whole world can see HIM in us. My Aunt was a perfect example of this. I hope we all can follow in Jesus' footsteps and let HIS light shine for all to see. Enjoy more sunshine, warmer temperatures and all that is around you.

I do hope that this will be a good year for all departments who are planning money-makers and events that all goes smooth, for success, and community involvement.

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A,
Yea, it's spring! Looking forward to warmer weather and pretty flowers.

We held our Miss Flame contest in January. We were fortunate to have three beautiful girls. They are all winners. The girls did a great job representing their fire departments. The judges had a very difficult decision. We have had several state winners from our district. Hoping for another one. Our 2022 Miss Flame is Molly Van Lannon. She will represent us at convention. Be sure and invite Molly to your meetings and fundraisers. She would love to come help.

I would love to see better attendance at our district meetings. Our goal this year is to grow our district with more members.

If your fire department is interested in starting an auxiliary or has membership questions, please feel free to contact me.

You can update meetings, fundraisers, time and location on the website calendar and on the IVFAA Community Facebook page.

The state convention will be held at the Ballys Hotel and Casino in Evansville this year. Dates are June 15-16-17, 2022.

If you have meetings or fundraisers, I will do my best to attend. Let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 812-448-3232.

Till next time!

District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone from District 14. Hope everyone is having a great spring.

Not much to report; our last district meeting was held at Vienna Fire Dept. in Scott County. We discussed a little about the convention coming and encouraged everyone to try and come. We also asked everyone to save all their pull tabs from all their cans and bring them to the next district meeting or the convention for our Miss Flame Reese Cannon to turn in for the community project that they are doing for the children's hospital in Evansville.

Please check the IVFA and the IVFAA websites for upcoming events for all departments in the state and our locate area. If possible, anyone that can go to support some of these events it would be greatly appreciated.

All of the IVFAA dues are due to the state by July 31st. If you would like me to turn them in for you, please contact me and we will set up a time that we can meet.

Our next district meeting will be in Sellersburg at Tri County on May 19 at 7:00.

Anyone with questions please call, text, or email.

Thank you,

JoAnn Smith
District 14 Chairman
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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Greetings one and all. It's so nice to see the signs of spring.

I would like to start out that we have a new auxiliary forming in the district.

Welcome to Vigo Twp. Auxiliary. I attended their meeting in March; a very nice group. I am looking forward to getting to know them. Our Miss Flame Rylee Lemons is a member of the

auxiliary and is looking forward to convention.

I attended the Taylor auxiliary meeting in March. Several members in attendance. Plans were made to have an Easter egg hunt and family get-together, also plans for upcoming festivals this summer were also discussed.

It was nice to see everyone at the state officer's meeting in March.

I attended the IVFA District 17A meeting March 16 at Taylor Station.

Our Miss Flame Rylee Lemons attended. I would like to thank the fire department and auxiliary and district and individuals who gave donations to her to help with her convention expenses. A very good meeting and many thanks for the meal that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

We are planning on having an annual district meeting sometime in July after the convention and collecting dues and election of officers to be held at that time.

Everyone take care.

Marie Emery
District 17A
IVFAA chairman

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

IVFA District 21
03-28-2022 Minutes

The monthly meeting of the District 21 IVFAA was held on March 28th at 1930 hours with Patti Fultz presiding. There were 10 members present at the meeting including Patty Fultz,

Diane Buck, Christina Reef, Carol Curl, Melinda Butler, Shelby Butler, Larissa Butler, Misti Moore, EJ Smith, and Lou Bartlow.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

New Business

- We discussed ideas for the District 21 Chinese Auction Basket this year. We decided on a wreath and Carolyn Watson has offered to make it for us.

- Tickets for the Chinese Auction will be 1 ticket for \$1 and 6 tickets for \$5.

- Convention this year will be held in Evansville at the Ballys Casino. Early reservations for convention are due by June 1st.

- Next year's convention will be held in Muncie on June 14, 15, and 16.

- The Miss Flames are collecting pop tabs this year for their community service project. If anyone has any that they would like to give, please get with Larissa Butler or bring to the May meeting.

- Patti F. is trying to get a head count on who will be at the banquet for convention so that Don can reserve a table, so please let her know if you will be in attendance.

- Peterman Brothers are doing a charity showdown to support the Hoosier Burn Camp; all you have to do is go online to the website and vote as many times as you would like.

- Discussed what went on at the March state quarterly meeting and that they will be having a bake sale for the Mary Mackin Award during the May state meeting.

- Forest Auxiliary is working on getting their membership packets all filled out and they will be joining the IVFAA.

- Next meeting will be May 23rd at the Kirklint Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours.



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What Is A District Meeting?

A place to gather information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

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district meetings.

PREC, Jeff Biehl, district meetings, LODD memorial, 3 dept. meetings, pin presentation.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, FDIC, MacQueen Award, 4 memorials, 2 fundraisers, stations meetings.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, district meeting, fundraiser.

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, absent.

District 3, Bob Uryga, pass.

District 4, Elton Schafer, district meetings, stations clock, pin presentations, MacQueen Award, dept. visit.

District 5, John Grolich, 3 county meetings, MacQueen Award, pin presentation, fundraisers, open house, 2 memorial services

District 6, Jerry Sprague, pass.

District 7, Sam Bisel, pass.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, pass.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright, pass.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, pass.

District 9B, Randy Denton, 3

memorial services, meeting.

District 10, John Ray, memorial service, MacQueen Award, dept. meeting, pin presentation, retirement ceremony.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, pin presentation, station clock, 3 memorial services.

District 11B, Jason Ryan, memorial service, 4 fundraisers, district meeting.

District 12, Larry Curl, new district chaplain and secretary, planning district holiday celebration.

District 13A, Don Cushman, MacQueen Award, pin presentations.

District 13B, Anthony Smith, LODD service, memorial service, pin presentation.

District 14, Rick Cannon, FDIC, memorial service, pin presentations.

District 15, Ross Emery, absent.

District 17A, Sam Emery, fundraisers, department visits, 3 memorial services.

District 17B, Tammy Wright, FDIC, dist. meeting, fundraiser, golf scramble, pin presentations.

District 18, Nick Waninger, station dedication, Miss Flame parade, 7 memorials.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, pass.

District 21, Don Fultz, 2 fundraisers, memorial service, station dedication.

New Business:

-Sausage Supper in Vincennes has been cancelled.

-District Secretary, Vouchers need turned in if they have not been already.

-Supporting Hero's Gala, business cards need turned in if

you want to attend.

-April 6-7, 2022 Washington, D.C. trip, need to turn in cards if you want to go, those who were going to in 2021 will be selected first then add others in.

-FDIC April 26-30, 2022, will need workers, please contact Steve Nolan to help.

-Benefits summit will be held in Ohio in 2022.

-Committees can use zoom to stay in contact for meetings.

Sam Bisel made a motion to recess the meeting, Ski Gerdowsky seconded. Recessed at 1745.

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, Business meeting continued.

Meeting reconvened at 0830 by President Israel.

Chaplain gave morning message.

Reporting to the state.

Marshal Thacker with Indiana State Fire Marshal Office. He will be happy to attend any of your meetings. For reporting over 90% for EMS compliant. For the fire service we are around 40% and there are questions of how and when and why the reporting should be done. IDHS has openings so just go to the website and check out the openings. His office will come out to you to assist with reporting program. PFAS - chemicals coming from gear this is causing cancer, found to come from AFFF foam. It is not allowed for training but can be used for firefighting. The Marshal's Office wants to take extra foam off hand to help department who need disposal of the foam. They cannot replace it and it shouldn't be used due to hazards. Fluorine free foam is available. Look at LEPC funds for county foam replacement. LEPC puts budget together and it is passed

by group then it can be funded. Reach out to this office if needing assistance for LEPC clarification. Complete survey from Fire Marshal Office to get foam taken care of they have budget for disposal but there is no funding to replace it. Graham Peaslee from Notre Dame has done research on PFS. ERS 30-hour program is set up and ready to go. Can be done in-house and trying to get people onto trucks quicker. They're not allowed to make interior attacks but have minimum training for fire ground assistance. Variances on sprinklers and fire walls, new developments, or conversions on buildings (old barn to wedding venue), distances from hydrants to businesses and what the fire code says in placement of fire sprinklers are being seen daily. He wants to be able to return information to responding department about the variances that are going on in buildings in responding areas. Plan to do monthly reports and will be trying to figure out how to get it out to those areas. Arson fires are tracked, and fatalities are separated. The fatalities are separated within homicide, suicide and accidental. jthacker@idks.in.gov 317-954-2770.

Past President Richard Glant motion to adjourn, second from Don Cushman. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 1023.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 5-7, 2021 HOLIDAY INN

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Board Action Business Meeting called to order by the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb at 10:23.

Reading of the minutes, Brent Bush made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by John Ray, motion passed.

Board Action - Business:

1. Motion to approve 2022 budget. Motion made by Buz Koehler, second by Rex Maynard. Discussion held on doing mileage motion first. Second and motion rescinded.

2. Mileage for 2022 to be set at federal rate of \$.56/mile. Motion was made to make mileage at \$.50 per the recommendation of the treasurer by Ross Emery, second made by Larry Curl. Motion passed. Effective January 1, 2022.

3. Motion to accept the 2022 budget. Motion given by Ski Gerdowsky, seconded by Buz Koehler. Motion passed.

4. CD Renewal rate is now found at 0.55% for best rate. Second CD placed into money market account. Buz Koehler made motion to allow for treasurer to make best decision for best rate CD. Second given by Jack Zeeks.

5. Letter of Engagement for audit committee effective January 2022 for fiscal year 2021. Motion made to secure auditor given by Buz Koehler, second given by Larry Bartlow. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jack Zeeks, second by Richard Glant. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Chaplain gave benediction.

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In the Spotlight

Columbia Township Fire Department Whitley County, Indiana

Bio from Michael Schrader, 50+ year member of Columbia Township Fire Department, Whitley County, Indiana

I joined the Columbia Township Fire Department in January 25, 1970. My father and uncle were members at the time. I had gone with them to several fires and it sparked my interest in the fire service.

I have seen many changes in the fire service. We used to get fire calls over the phone. The telephone operator would call the township captains and they would in turn call the men on their squad. Usually, the wives would make the calls while the firemen headed to the scene of the fire. When the party lines gave way to dial phones and electronics, our department went to home fire monitors to receive calls. Eventually over the years we were outfitted with pagers and walkies.

Most runs were fighting fires when I came on. I remember reading in old minutes of our department that one year they had 12 fire runs. That was over 50 years ago and our rural service area was mostly farms. Over the years fire departments have taken on more and more responsibility as the community grew. We now are involved in fire rescue, accident runs, medical runs, public assists, ice rescue and continuous fire training on a weekly basis.

Many changes have occurred over the years. Protective equipment just to name a few, our department's fire jackets were knee length black rubber rain coats and black barn boots when I joined. Today we have fire retardant bunker jackets and pants and fire-resistant boots with steel toe and steel arch and sole inserts.

SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus). The improvements made over the years have been of benefit to fire fighter's health and

safety along with in helmet cameras to help fire fighters see when inside a burning building.

Fire Certification and continued training is now required of each fire fighter, both paid and volunteer departments. When I first came on the department we were trained by members of our department (kind of like on the job training) and maybe a class or two from an outside department. Local REMC's would conduct classes for our department to educate us on lines down and what to look for when arriving on scenes. If you were lucky your department might have sent you to the Purdue Fire School.

Fire apparatus has improved. They have gotten bigger to accommodate increased functions performed by personnel and are more user friendly and more expensive.

The challenge today for rural departments is the ability to recruit and retain new members. Yes, there are a lot of requirements for firefighters today and requires a big commitment, including a commitment to your community. With increased family commitment it's hard to get and retain new members. The commitment to my community has been very rewarding to me over the years and one that I would not trade for anything. It's a good feeling to look back and remember the times I have helped those in need at a time when they were most vulnerable.

I have held certification of Instructor, Arson Investigation and offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Chief, Chief and currently Public Information Officer. I have just completed my 52nd year with the department.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / Elton Schafer, district chairman



Honored for 50 years



District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer presented Allen Albright, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department his 50 year IVFA service pin, IVFA Gold Card.

Foraker VFD 10 and 25 year pins awarded



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Brian Martin, Harvey Martin, Japheth Martin, Micah Martin, Devon Ramer, Stanton Ramer, Foraker Volunteer Fire Department their 10 year IVFA service pin.



Public Relations Northeast Jean Smith presented Doug Hochstedler, Todd Ropp, James Stauffer, Chris McFarland and Trustee Ken Miller, Foraker Volunteer Fire Department their 25 year IVFA service pin.

Foraker FD retires old pumper



(Pictured at left) – Foraker Fire Department retiring old pumper, 1987 1,000 gpm pump with 1,800 gallon of water with a new Sutphen six man cab, 1,500 gpm pump with 2,500 gallon of water. Congratulations! – (Pictured at right) – Foraker Engine 842 made its first structure fire; assisted New Paris Fire Department on a barn fire.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Sorg / Sam Bisel, district chairman



25 and 10 year pins



District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel presented 25-year pins at the March District 7 meeting at Bippus VFD. Pictured (left to right) Brandon Taylor of Roanoke VFD, Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman and Jeff White of Andrews and Huntington Twp. VFD's. (Picture by Richard Sorg.)



10-year pins presented at District 7 meeting at Bippus VFD. Pictured (left to right) are Ryan Tobin, William Edwards, District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel and Dave Meitzler. All three recipients are members of the Roanoke VFD. (Picture by Richard Sorg).



Helvie awarded 50 year pin and Gold card

Jerry Helvie, past chief of Bippus VFD, is presented his 50-year pin and Gold Card at the March District 7 meeting at Bippus VFD. Fire Chief Dave Schnitz also presented Jerry with a department award honoring his 50-years in the fire service.

Pictured (left to right) Dave Schnitz - Bippus Fire Chief, Jean Smith - PRNE, Jerry Helvie and Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman.

(Picture by Richard Sorg)

I.V.F.A. Convention "2020 II" Registration Form Bally's Hotel & Casino Evansville June 15-17, 2022

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Fire Marshal Flashpoint

by Joel Thacker,
State Fire Marshal



With spring slowly coming to Indiana, it is a good time to reflect on the achievements of the first quarter of 2022. IDHS is proud of several successful efforts, including important legislation signed by Governor Holcomb that will benefit several elements of the Indiana public safety community. The bi-partisan support was refreshing and served as a good testament to the amount of backing Hoosier lawmakers have for first responders.

Additionally, Indiana is moving ahead with the recent PFAS Class-B Foam Collection initiative, with pickups and disposals set to begin in the coming weeks. Staff with the Indiana State Fire Marshal and the Fire and Public Safety Academy continue to work hard to keep safety and training at the forefront of the IDHS mission: “Working for Hoosiers to provide a safe, secure and resilient Indiana.”

Legislative Review

SEA 381 authorizes Indiana to become an “agreement state” with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This is an important, initial step toward state coordination of all nuclear and radioactive projects and components that impact Hoosiers. As Indiana quickly becomes a hub of nuclear medicine and research, this better positions the state to support, monitor and facilitate this activity. The radiation program for the Indiana State Fire Marshal will coordinate these efforts.

HEA 1314 has a more immediate and specific impact to Indiana’s fire and EMS services. The legislation amends the definitions of EMS, EMT, Advanced EMT, Paramedic, Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support and Emergency Patient. This act also implements a mandatory reporting process by which fire departments are required to report to IDHS data relating to each emergency response. *Compliance with this requirement will be necessary for departments to receive grants administered by IDHS.* Also important, the law amends how funds from the Public Safety Fee are distributed by increasing the dollars deposited into the Regional Public Safety Training Fund. This change could add significant funding for regional public safety training.

PFAS Foam pickup/disposal beginning soon

If you were among the 200 or so departments that replied to the [IDHS online survey](#) regarding the PFAS disposal program, you should be hearing soon from US Ecology, the state-selected vendor to pickup and dispose of existing PFAS Class-B foam. Also, it’s not too late for fire departments to complete the survey and participate in the program.

This partnership between IDHS and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will have a significant impact on reducing the PFAS risks to firefighters and the environment due to Class-B Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF).

Through the [IDHS online survey](#), fire departments have already self-reported more than 50,000 gallons of AFFF foam present across the state, and that number continues to rise as more departments learn of this free service. Gov. Holcomb included the PFAS collection program among his 2022 priorities.

Doug Pope is the field operations coordinator with US Ecology. He or Travis Pritchard, project manager, will be reaching out soon to discuss the process. US Ecology will need the following information:

- Confirmation of location and approximate quantity of AFFF material
- Details about AFFF material that may need to be removed from firefighting apparatus
- Date and time the pick-up can be made
- Organization representative(s) who will be at your facility during the pick-up and will sign the form

Please work directly with US Ecology for pickup and disposal for your department. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Indiana State Fire Marshal at 317-232-2222 or firemarshal@dhs.in.gov or Tracy Barnes, IDEM Project Manager, at (317) 232-8456.

Join Indiana State Fire Marshal and Academy staff at Interchange sessions

These daylong sessions will include presentations and Q and A with various Marshal staff and IDHS Sections (lunch provided with registration). Registration is required via Acadis, and the event can be used for continuing education credit.

May 7, MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield

June 25, [Marshall County Fairgrounds](mailto:MarshallCountyFairgrounds), 211 W. Walnut St., Argos

Aug. 20, [Gibson County Center](mailto:GibsonCountyCenter), 8100 U.S. 41 North, Fort Branch

The Interchange is an opportunity to talk about Indiana firefighting trends, data collection and how the state and local entities can work better together to support Hoosier firefighters, EMS, emergency managers and more. Training opportunities will be a point of discussion, as the Academy continues to grow its regional training presence. For more information, contact academy@dhs.in.gov.

Additional dates are coming soon.

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

THANK YOU!!

IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year Award 2022

June 1, 2022

The future of the IVFA and the Volunteer Fire Service depends upon the youth of our departments. Our youth should be encouraged to join as a junior and grow into a member that will provide, assist, give, and participate as a value to not only our association but to the departments and the COMMUNITIES we all serve.

The IVFA president shall select / appoint a committee of seven that will include the Founder of the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year award, Jack Kerney (as a permanent member) to Manage, Operate, and Oversee the IVFA annual selection of an IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year during the IVFA State Convention. This committee shall have appointed one new member each year replacing the longest serving member annually. (During the first selection each member shall be designated as to the way they shall be replaced over the next six years). This committee shall select a chairperson each year to oversee the committee activities.

This committee shall utilize and take full advantage of such existing programs as but not limited to:

- o National Volunteer Fire Council - [National Junior Firefighter Program \(found on the NVFC website\)](#);

- o VCOS Silver Ribbon Report: - [Guidelines and Best Practices for a Successful Youth Fire Service Program](#);

- o [Junior Firefighter Program - Kentucky Fire Commission](#).

RULES FOR CADET/JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS...

All these and many other programs already exist and can be valuable in the process as the IVFA Junior Firefighters Program moves forward.

DURING OUR STATE CONVENTION WE SHALL AWARD A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, GUIDELINES, AND JUDGING...

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER CONTESTS SHALL

- Be selected / chosen from a field of contestants. (Only one contestant from each IVFA District)

- Any IVFA member department may submit one candidate to the District Level.

- Each District shall be entitled to select a Junior / Cadet firefighter who shall represent his/her district and participate in the competition / judging at the state convention for the title of IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year.

- The maximum number of contestants will be 25; (one per IVFA district).

- Skills judging will occur on Thursday morning of the convention.

- Personal interviews and essays will be judged by a panel of judges on Friday morning of the convention. (The panel shall consist of three fire chiefs).

- The winner being announced during the annual banquet.

- The currently awarded Junior Firefighter shall serve as the

IVFA Junior Firefighter over the next year’s full convention and shall provide guidance and directions to all who enter the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year each year.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER CONTESTANTS SHALL

- Be between the ages of 14–18 at time of convention.

- Department be represented must be an IVFA member.

- Contestant must be a paid member of the IVFA.

- District entries must be in the IVFA Office by June 1.

- Each contestant shall be responsible for all expenses at the convention, i.e. registration, room, meals and transportation. It is recommended / suggested that the contestant’s Department and District support the contestant financially to cover such expenses.

- Be a member of an organized Junior Firefighter or Cadet program of an IVFA Member Department.

- Maintain (and show proof of) a 2.0 grade point average (C) in the school course work during the year prior to and the year of the contest. (Must be provided with application.)

- Contestants and their parent or guardian must sign a waiver that includes full disclosure of risks and releases the IVFA from liability should they become injured.

- At least one parent, guardian or chaperone shall attend with the contestant during all phases of his/her registration, judging, award presentation during the State Convention. (It is suggested and encouraged that the department of each contestant have representation present at all activities to show support to the contestant).

- Must be in attendance at the IVFA State Convention at a minimum of or during the judging process and the Annual Banquet.

- Each contestant shall be responsible for his/her own PPE including

- o Footwear
- o Coat
- o Pants
- o Gloves
- o Hood
- o Helmet
- o Eye Protection

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER JUDGING SHALL CONSIST OF

- The contestant will be required to submit a 500 word essay of his/her duties, trainings, activities (including but not limited to, Church, Family, School, Community, Fire Department, and other organizational participation. (Must be provided with application)

- Hands on “Accuracy & Timed” Competition (based on the minimum (mandatory) State Training Standards) during the IVFA State Convention. (Judged by three (3) Certified Instructors who will judge each of the event stations).

- A final judging by a

panel of three Fire Chief’s chosen by the IVFA Junior Firefighter Convention Committee who will;

- o Review the essay
- o Review the Hands on results.

- o Ask a series of three questions (provided by the committee) and two questions of the judges choosing.

- o Grade each contestant based on their over all activity during all phases of the judging.

- o And select the “IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year”

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR WINNER SHALL

- Be recognized at the IVFA State Convention Banquet as the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year.

- Be presented with a trophy sponsored and presented by Jack and Barbara Kerney, the founders of the State Junior Firefighter Award Program.

- Be nominated for the National Volunteer Fire Council NVFC Junior Firefighter of the Year Award competition (if all criteria have been met).

- Become the IVFA Junior Firefighter Ambassador.

- o Attending State Activities.

- o Attending Department Activities.

- o Talking at events about the value of becoming a Junior Firefighter.

- o Addressing events as requested (and available) to promote Junior / Cadet Fire / EMS programs within departments.

- During the State Convention all Junior Firefighter / Cadet contestants will be invited to participate in a social activity of their peers, provided by the Convention Hosts on Wednesday evening.

MARKETING / ADVERTISING OF THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR CONTEST SHALL BE

- Developed by the committee;

- Shared on the IVFA website;

- Advertised in the IVFA newspaper;

- Placed on the IVFA Facebook page;

- Promoted at every District meeting.

The IVFA reserves the right to cancel or change the competition upon notification to all participants.

see ‘emergency medical’ page 22

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minor Child Release, Liability Waiver And Hold Harmless Statement For Participation In The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Inc. Junior Firefighter Competition

I understand that there are certain risks involved with participation in the activity identified above. On behalf of my minor child identified below, I hereby RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Inc., ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, ASSISTANTS AND EMPLOYEES from any and every claim, demand or action of any kind arising due to bodily injury, illness, death and/or property damage resulting from any incident which may occur to my minor child as a result of my child's participating in the organizations activities. This RELEASE, LIABILITY WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS STATEMENT does not apply if such injury, death or damage is caused by the willful, reckless or gross negligence of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Inc., its officers, agents, volunteers, assistants and employees.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER SIGNATURE FORM

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of: _____

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Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

I concur that _____ is an active member of _____
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(Volunteer Fire Department)

Fire Department in the State Junior Firefighter Competition.

(Chief/President of Volunteer Fire Department)

I concur that _____ will represent District _____
(Member IVFA) (District Number)

In the Junior Firefighter Competition at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring junior firefighter member's dues are current with the IVFA

(District Chairman)

(Date)

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE IVFA OFFICE

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Eighty-six members honored for 50 years of service



Congratulations to all members!!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Lee Poulson - Sam Bisel, district chairman



Fifty year Gold cards awarded

Pictured are Sam Bisel, center, from District 7 presenting Bruce Preston (right) and Wendell Brown (left) with 50 year cards for being on the department for 50 years. Bruce served 1972 to 2003 and Wendell 1972 to present and is still very active in all duties of the department.

Retires after 40 years of service



Mike Bolinger, (right), was presented his award for retiring after 40 years of service by chief Lee Poulson from the Warren Fire Department.



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Golf Scramble – Evansville – Bally's Casino and Hotel

Date: June 15, 2019
Location: Helfrich Hills Golf Course
1550 Mesker Park Dr
Evansville, IN 447720
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Murray recognized for 50 years of service

Michael Murray from the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department was one of the 80 volunteer firefighters that was recognized for their 50 years of dedication to the fire service at the State Capitol by our State Representatives and by the Governor. Pictured with Michael is his wife.

Awarded 10 year service pin



On March 6 District 8B Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Kenneth VanDevender from the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department with his 10 year service pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Kenneth VanDevender and Lloyd E. Wright.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

- Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



Members attend Governor's meeting to announce program



Governor Eric Holcomb; John Ray, 10th District Chairman; and Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice President.

Among those attending the Governor's meeting announcing the A Triple F program at Greensburg Fire Dept. on March 11 were: (from L to R): Larry Curl, District 12 Chairman and IVFA Lobbyist; David Israel, IVFA President;

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10:00a – 3:30p	Registration Open	Las Vegas Room
Noon – 3:30p	Chinese Auction	Las Vegas Room
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
6:30p – 7:30p	Miss Flame Information Session	4H Expo Hall
6:30p – 7:30p	Jr. Firefighter Informational Meeting	4H Expo Hall
3:30p – 5:00p	Shuttle to 4-H Auditorium Load at Lobby	
4:00p – 7:00p	Viewing of Local Fire Apparatus	4-H Parking Lot
4:00p – 7:00p	Registration Moved 4-H Auditorium	4-H Auditorium
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7:00p – Close	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	4-H Auditorium
8:00p – Close	Shuttle Back To Hotel	Unload in Lobby
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Thursday		
7:00a – 8:30a	Coffee Clutch	Hospitality Room
8:00a – 4:00p	Registration Open	Las Vegas Room
8:00a – Close	Junior Firefighter Competition	Skanska Parking Lot
8:00a – 4:00p	Chinese Auction	Las Vegas Room
8:00a – 10:00a	Vendor Setup	Conference Center Hallways
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Walnut D
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Pre Judging	Walnut C
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Post Judging	Walnut E
9:00a – 10:00a	Center Point Energy Seminar	Walnut A
10:00a – Noon	BFFPSE Meeting	Walnut B
Noon – 1:00p	Miss Flame Luncheon	Atlantic City Room
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
Friday		
7:00a – 8:30a	Coffee Clutch	Hospitality Room
8:00a – 2:00p	Registration Open	Las Vegas Room
8:00a - Close	Junior Firefighter Interviews & Essay Judging	Walnut C&D
9:00a – Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Walnut A
9:00a – Close	IVFA Annual Meeting	Walnut B
11:00a – 4:00p	Miss Flame Outing	It Takes A Village Rescue
8:00a – 4:00p	Chinese Auction	Las Vegas Room
Noon – 3:00p	Hospitality Room	Presidential Suite 8th Floor
Noon – 1:30p	Lunch On Your Own	
1:00p – 4:00p	Seminar Drones In The Fire Service	Walnut F
5:00p – 9:00p	Children's Party	Atlantic City Room
5:00p – 8:30p	Banquet	Pavilion
9:00p – 12:00a	Entertainment TBA	(Open Bar) Pavilion
10:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room Open	Presidential Suite 8th Floor

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



Manilla VFD new ERS recruits

District 10 new ERS (Emergency Response Support Class) recruits for the Manilla Volunteer Fire Dept., Shelby County.

Honored for 50 years



Harold Burkman member of Scipio/Geneva Twp. Fire Dept. receives his 50 year pin from District Chairman John Ray at the 50 year reception at the Statehouse.

August 2022 deadline: July 1, 2022

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

– Submitted by Ralph "Pete" Taylor, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five year awards given



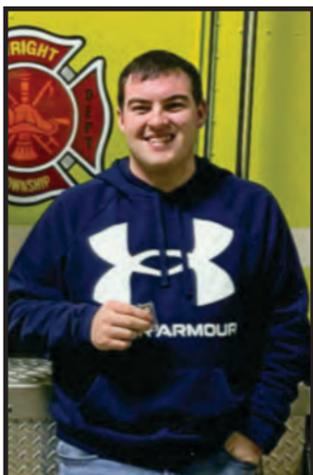
Christopher Williams received his 10 year pin from 11A chairman Pete Taylor on January 3, 2022 at Shepardsville Fire Department. Left is Christopher Williams, pictured at right is Pete Taylor.



Stephen Williams, right, received his 10 year pin from Pete Taylor, (left) on January 22, 2022 at Shepardsville Fire Department.



Kyle Shipman received his 10 year pin on February 25, 2022 at Hymara Fire Department. Pictured at left is Pete Taylor and right is Kyle Shipman.



Noah Wilson from Wright Twp. received his 10 year pin on 1-22-22.



Brandi Mace from Jackson Twp. received her 10 year pin in March.



Wesley Key received his 10 year pin in March. He is from New Goshen, IN.



Justin Disney received his 25 year pin on January 6, 2022 at Jasonville FD.



Brian Ream (left) received his 25 year pin from Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A at Clay City Harrison Twp.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

– Submitted by Ralph “Pete” Taylor, district chairman



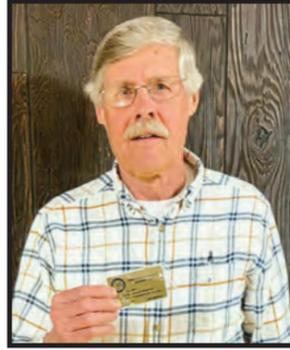
Twenty-five and fifty year awards given



Pat Gamble (left), Christopher Shields (middle) and Matthew Wingler (right), received their 25 year pins on March 3, 2022 at Cataract Fire Department.



Karl Sebastian (left) and brother Kenneth Sebastian (right), received their 25 year pins. They are from Patricksburg Fire Department.



Leland Rentschier received his 50 year Gold card on March 1, 2022. He is from Patricksburg FD.



Steve Madder (left) from Cataract Fire Department received his 50 year Gold card on March 3, 2022 from chairman Pete Taylor (right).

August 2022 deadline: July 1, 2022

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

– Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Ten year service awards given to members



Shown receiving her 10 year pin is Danielle Baker, New Market Volunteer Fire Department and Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B.



Shown receiving his 10 year pin Darrick Wiatt, Russellville Volunteer Fire Department and Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B.



Shown receiving his 10 year pin is Darryl McArthur, New Market Volunteer Fire Department and Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

- Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Ten, twenty-five, fifty year awards given



Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B is shown giving Cody Wright of the New Market Volunteer Fire Department his 10 year pin.



Dave Nelson, Russellville Volunteer Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B.



Mick Conley, Russellville Volunteer Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B.



Pictured are Chief Brian Stearley, John McPherson, Reelsville-Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., receiving his 25 year pin and Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B.



Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B presents Paul Meadlo of Helt Fire and Rescue his 25 year pin.



Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B is shown presenting Jon Wilbur of Ripley Township Volunteer Fire Department, his 50 year Gold card and pin.



James Hershberger, (left), Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department and Ron Higgins (right), Russellville Volunteer Fire Department, are presented their 50 year Gold cards and pins from Jason Ryan (middle), Chairman 11B.

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Honoring our military

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

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Members On Military Leave Updated 2/11/21



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U.S. Department of Homeland Security



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Member Name	Department	City	State
Andras, Jarred Jude	Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept.	Merrillville	IN
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
Rohr, Heath	Helt Fire & Rescue	APO	AE
Schnebelt, Saben	Hogan Twp. Fire Dept. Co. 1	Lawrenceburg	IN
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
Yoakum, Christopher G	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Belvoir	VA
Zehnder, Dustin Thomas	New Chapel Fire Company	New Albany	IN

IVFA members travel to Washington, DC

Members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association recently traveled east to attend the 32nd 2022 Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington DC on April 7, 2022. At the dinner we heard from the newly appointed U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, who addressed some critical issues facing our nation’s fire service many of which we had just addressed with members of the Indiana Congressional delegation earlier in the day.

During our time in the DC area we paid visits to our Indiana Congressional Delegation, where we shared our concerns on legislation involving AFG and SAFER Grants needed to be fully funded augmenting local funding, H.R. 3728 Funding construction and refurbishment of fire and EMS stations, H.R. 4377 Volunteer First Responder Housing Act, S. 2316 Volunteer First Responder Housing Act, H.R. 2454 Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act, S. 2037 Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act, H.R. 1480 & S. 2700 Helping Emergency Responders overcome and teaching firefighters and EMS personnel to identify mental health concerns in their colleagues, H.R. 6768 Authorizes FirstNet permanently and remove its sunset date, H.R. 4377 & S. 2316 The Volunteer First Responder Housing Act, and H.R. 3728 Asking Congress to Fund Fire and EMS Station Construction! Our main focus was on Grants, Mental Health, and Cancer in the Volunteer Fire Service.

We also spent time visiting the National Fire Academy, home of the National Fallen Firefighters Monument, the Brick Walk of Honor, where we were able to look up several bricks honoring members of the IVFA and the historic Memorial Chapel. Thanks to our tour guide, Chief Smiley White, who was able to share with us the history of the NFA Campus.

Finally, since we were only a few miles away, we made a stop in Gettysburg, PA to review some Civil War history. We were able to stand on the same grounds, where six Indiana military regiments were involved in the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg, during the American Civil War. The battle at Little Round Top subsequently became one of the most well-known actions at Gettysburg, and of the entire war.

It was a fast paced, very interesting, and hopefully rewarding trip that will bring back to Indiana some much needed resources to continue to allow the IVFA and its membership the ability to provide our service to our constituents. (submitted by Larry Curl)



MEMBERS OF IVFA WITH SENATOR MIKE BRAUN IN DC
Left to Right: Brent Bush – Buz Koehler – David Israel – Larry Curl - Senator Braun
Jason Ryan - Jerry Liston - Pete Taylor – John Grolich - Tammy Wright.



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Left to Right: John Grolich, Brent Bush, Jason Ryan, Pete Taylor, Tammy Wright, Jerry Liston, David Israel, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, Smiley White, Operations and Support Branch Chief NFA.



**IVFA MEETS WITH CONGRESSWOMAN VICTORIA SPARTZ
ON THE STEPS OF THE US CAPITOL**

Left to Right: Tammy Wright, Jerry Liston, John Grolich, Larry Curl, Congresswoman Spartz, Buz Koehler, David Israel, Pete Taylor, Jason Ryan, Brent Bush.



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IVFA MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN BUCSHON

Left to Right: Tammy Wright, Jerry Liston, Larry Curl, Pete Taylor, Jason Ryan, David Israel, Congressman Bucshon, Brent Bush, Buz Koehler.



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*Maya Cheeseman
District 1*



*CheyAnn Rolston
District 4*



*Savannah Lyon
District 5*



*Kaylee Knight
District 6*



*Hannah Armstrong
District 8B*



*Leighann McKnight
District 9A*



*Mollie VanLannen
District 11 A*



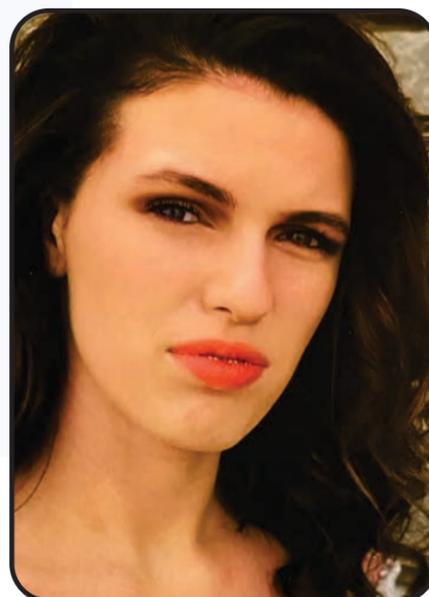
*Jordan Peebles
District 11 B*



2022 IVFA Miss Flame Candidates



*Madilynne Reeder
District 13*



*Reese Cannon
District 14*



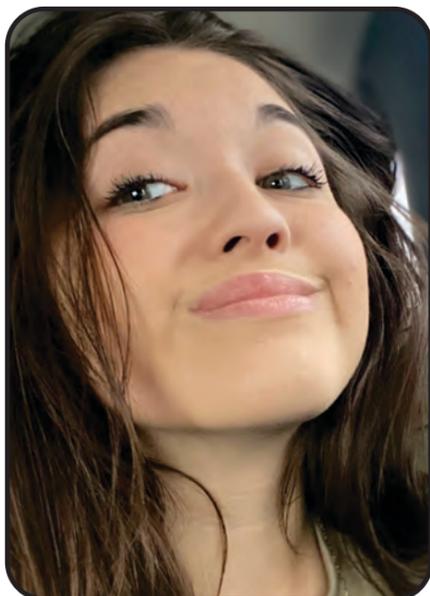
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*Allysen Armstrong
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*Haley Deckard
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*Aubrey Luebbehusen
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*Larissa Butler
District 21*

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-A

– Submitted by Joseph P. Hilburt, Assistant Fire Chief, Jefferson Twp. VFD / Don Cushman, district chairman



Members complete class on grain facility work and rescue



From Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department, Sulphur Springs IN District 13 A

Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department (JTVFD) recently had 9 members complete a 4 day, 36 hour class on Grain Facility Work and Rescue.

Included in this class was working inside of grain storage structures, confined space operations and permits, and rope rescue, both high and low angle.

The instructor was Mike Harp of SATRA. We are now in the process of getting all of our equipment in and placed on Rescue 7-6 and additional training.

Several local businesses donated to this effort and fundraiser we held. Also Jefferson Township Trustee Melinda Grounds assisted with the purchase of equipment.

Chief Heath Hudnut set up the training for this class. JTVFD will soon be providing Grain Bin Technical Rescue for Henry and surrounding counties.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

– Submitted by Anthony Smith, district chairman



Department mourns loss of assistant fire chief



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

– Submitted by Anthony Smith, district chairman



Fifty years at the Statehouse

Over 100 friends and family gathered to support and celebrate a half century of dedication and passion. Chairman Anthony Smith presented Firefighter Robert McGuire of the Fountain City-New Garden Fire Department his 50 year pin and Gold card. Our guests of honor were introduced to their respective State Representatives and Senators. Breakfast and lunch was provided. After lunch, we went to the Governor's office to meet and introduce the newest group of 50 year members.

Thank you, Larry Curl, for putting forth the time and effort to make this event happen each year.



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Abington FD hosts fund-raiser breakfast

Abington Fire Department serving hot biscuits and gravy for breakfast on this snowy day. Chief Ausmas and his crew have been working hard on raising funds to update equipment.

Firefighters pictured are: Kevin Branson (Centerville Fire/Rescue), Louis Shook, Stephanie Boggs and Daniel Floore. Fire Chief James Ausmas is working behind the scenes.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

– Submitted by Anthony Smith, district chairman



Firefighters visit solar park



Firefighters from Centerville Fire/Rescue had a site visit to the solar park that was recently installed in town. Their power provider, Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) has several solar fields throughout the state.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



Reese Cannon crowned District 14 Miss Flame



2022 IVFA District 14 Miss Flame Reese Cannon was crowned by 2021 State Miss Flame Sydney Moon.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



Members awarded for years of service



Dupont Fire 50 year Gold card, Mike Shultz.



Rick Cannon, (left), District 14 chairman, presents the 10 year pin to Lieutenant Dominic Dattilo at the Fair Play Fire Company #1 meeting on March 7, 2022. (Photo submitted by Dave Snodgrass, Captain, Fair Play Fire Company #1).



District 14 Miss Flame Reese Cannon with Vienna Twp. fire chief Wayne Williams and assistant chief Jeff Case.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by Ross Emery, district chairman

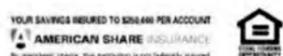


10 YEAR PIN PRESENTATION – (Left to right): District 15 Chairman Ross Emery, Robbie Skaggs, Skeleton Owen Fire Territory 10 year pin recipient and IVFA Vice President Jerry Liston.

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District 15 Miss Flame crowned



On February 22nd District 15 crowned their 2022 Miss Flame. (Pictured left to right): Sydney Moon, 2021 IVFA Miss Flame; Mackenzie Elliott, 2022 IVFA District 15 Miss Flame and Ross Emery, District 15 Chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by Ross Emery, district chairman



Members receive ten year pins for service

10 year pin presentation Chandler Fire Department – (Left to right) – Spencer Wester 10 year pin recipient, District 15 Chairman Ross Emery, Wes Williams 10 year pin recipient, Denny Oakley 10 year pin recipient, Jack Kerney, IVFA Past President.

Twenty-five year pins awarded

Fifty-year Gold card awarded



25 year pin presentation Chandler Fire Department. (Left to right): Ross Emery, District 15 Chairman, Jerney Sylvester, 25 year pin recipient and Jack Kerney, IVFA Past President.

50 Year Gold Card Presentation – (Left to Right): Ross Emery, District 15 Chairman, Terry Cupp, 50 year Gold Card recipient, Jack Kerney, IVFA Past President.



25 year pin presentation, Skelton Owen Fire Territory. (Left to right) Brad Fisher, Jeremy Gottman, Ross Emery - District 15 Chairman, Mark Myers, Bob Fisher.



Ten-year pin awarded

10 year pin presentation Skelton Owen Fire Territory – (Left to right) Ross Emery – District 15 Chairman, Nick Wilkinson.



25 year pin presentation (Left to right): Ross Emery, District 15 Chairman, Terry Laib, Yankeetown Fire Department 25 year pin recipient, Jerry Liston, IVFA Vice President.

Awards presented



Austin Brown, Training Officer of Shawswick Vol. Fire Department presented Shawn Patrick Fields the Jim McFarland EMS Award for 2021.



Robert A. Brown, Fire Chief of Shawswick Vol. Fire Department presented Adler Ramsay FF / EMT the 2021 Firefighter of the Year award at a training meeting in January 2022.

(submitted by Robert Barber, Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department)

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

- submitted by Ross Emery, district chairman



Medals of Valor and Life Saving Certificates awarded to members



The IVFA awarded 2 Medals of Valor and 2 Life Saving Certificates to emergency responders from New Harmony Fire Department and Posey County EMS. The four responders went above and beyond and put themselves in a hostile situation to assist Deputy Brian Hicks of Posey County who was shot in the line of duty on September 18th, 2021.

(Pictured left to right): IVFA Medal of Valor recipients Chris Robb and Andrew Cow from New Harmony Fire Department, Steve Nolan – IVFA Public Relations, Posey County Deputy Brian Hicks, IVFA Life Saving Certificates recipients Kari Denning and Vicki Daws and Ross Emery, IVFA District 15 Chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

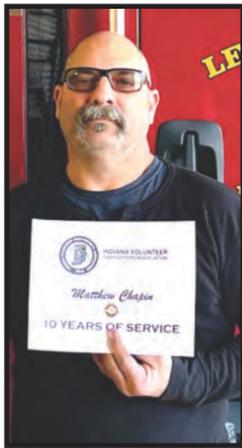
- submitted by Ashley Armstrong, district chairman



Leavenworth Fire Department ten year members receive pins in March



Ashley Armstrong
Leavenworth FD



Matthew Chapin
Leavenworth FD



Zachary Green
Leavenworth FD



Spencer Griswold
Milltown &
Leavenworth FDs



Kevin Goss
Leavenworth FD



Samantha Lahue
Leavenworth FD

2022 District 16 Miss Flame



Allysen Armstrong

In March, Allysen Armstrong was crowned the District 16 "2022 Miss Flame". Allysen is the daughter of firefighters Gregory & Ashley Armstrong of Leavenworth. This is the third year for Allysen to participate in the "Miss Flame" events and she is

looking forward to this year's IVFA Convention in June. Allysen is a high school senior, graduating a full year earlier than expected. Allysen has a deep passion for helping others and serving the community. With that being said, if your department has any upcoming events, she would love to attend if possible to help.

Allysen can be reached at (812) 734-4326 or email Allysen2005@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

- Submitted by Tammy Wright, district chairman

District 17B Miss Flame



We crowned Miss Flame Haley Deckard in January. Haley is from Pleasant Run Fire in Heltonville and excited to meet all our departments!



Earns 10 year pin

Earning his 10 year pin from Brown County Fire was Nickolas Kelp.

Fruitdale FD pins given



Accepting her 50 year Gold card/pin was Linda Jones of Fruitdale Fire.

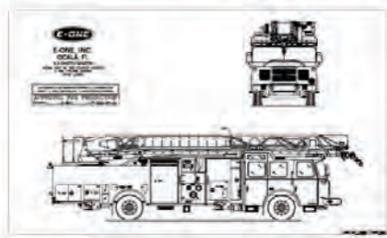


Fruitdale Fire Lieutenant Dia Gold accepted 25 year pin for Jimmy Norton.

August 2022 deadline is July 1, 2022

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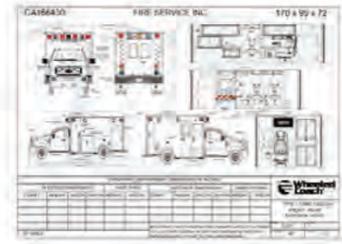
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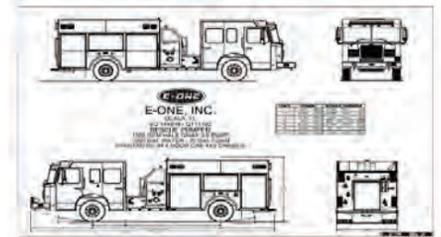
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by Nicholas Waninger, district chairman



(Left to Right): VP – Jerry Liston, Mike Vaal, 25 years, St. Meinrad; Nick Waninger – 18th District Chairman; Bryce Denning, 10 years, St. Meinrad; Jared Ubehlor, 10 years, St. Meinrad; Br. Benjamin Brown, 50 years, St. Meinrad; Mark Leffert, 25 years, St. Meinrad; Levi Leffert, 10 years, St. Meinrad; Derek Suhrhinrich, 10 years, Central Perry; Jon Suhrhinrich, 10 years, Central Perry; President David Israel.



50 year pin - Br. Benjamin Brown



10 year pin – Chris Waninger – Jackson Twp. Vol. FD

Several members receive awards



Jon Schepers - 10 year Birdseye Vol. FD

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

- submitted by Shelby Butler and Don Fultz / Don Fultz, district chairman

Fifty-year Gold card members



William Hudelson, Wea Twp. FD, receiving his 50 Year Gold Card from District 21 Chairman Don Fultz.



Larry Sturgeon, West Point FD, receiving his 50 Year Gold Card from District 21 Chairman Don Fultz.

REMC awards grant



Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department receiving a grant from Tipmont REMC.



Ed Ottinger, West Point FD, receiving his 50 Year Gold Card from District 21 Chairman Don Fultz.

Due to space limitations once again, several photos from District 18 and District 21 were unable to be published in this issue. Look for them in the August 2022 issue.

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