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Greetings,
I hope this finds everyone unfrozen as we speed head on into Spring and Summer.

Spring is planting season in Indiana, meaning we will start seeing farm machinery and support equipment on our roads moving from field to field. Be careful when approaching farm machinery from all directions and give them plenty of room to maneuver. Every year we read about farm related accidents involving farm machinery in all parts of our great state.

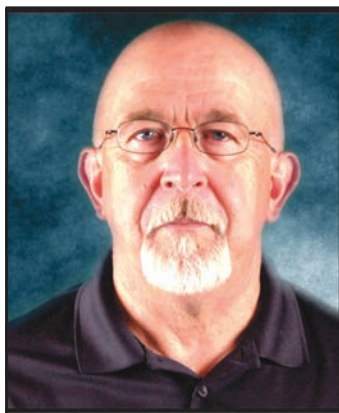
Spring is also the start of severe weather in our state. First responders must focus on severe weather, as strong storms, flooding, and the potential for tornadoes are a few of the elements we can expect to see during this time. Our members and departments are relied on heavily in their respective communities when storms are crossing the state. Now is the time to review your departments severe weather plan or to make sure the weather siren for your community is working properly before the season becomes very active.

I want to congratulate the following three 75-year members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Mr. Richard Myers, New Waverly VFD (9A), Mr. Ellis H. McFadden, Poe VFD (7), and Mr. William F. Garner, Hanna Twp. VFD (3). All three have been a member of our Association for 75 years. All are still active with their departments in some aspect or form. Considering this Association was formed in 1945, I find it truly amazing these three individuals have been around almost from the beginning of this Association. Congratulations, gentlemen.

The 2023 Legislative session will be over by the

From The President

Jerry Liston



time you are reading this article. We, as an association, started watching and tracking over Thirty (30) bills that affected the fire service in some form or way. The most bills in a long time. Go to the IVFA website and click on legislative update for more information.

I pose the following question: "how important is communications and teamwork within your department?" I will answer that question by saying very important.

Communications and teamwork are important for continuity within your department, because without both elements you are going to struggle as a department from the Fire Chief down to the boots on the ground. As you know, in the fire service, we should be working as a team and not as individuals. This is so important, especially when working in life threatening events, whether it is on the fireground or other types of incident scenes. Not being a part of a team can lead to

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HONORING OUR OWN FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association "HONORS"

House Concurrent Resolution 21 recognizes 86 volunteer firefighters with 50 years of service to fire departments across Indiana.

It all began with State Fire Marshall Stephen Jones addressing and thanking our 50 year members followed by comments from Director of Homeland Security Joel Thacker. We had a special guest who just happened to be coming out of the governor's office Doug Carter Superintendent of the Indiana State Police also (after being asked) speak to the group

and then it was onto the Office of the Governor Eric Holcomb who shared his gratitude to the members and thanked their families for being with them and allowed pictures with him following his comments. House Concurrent Resolution 21 recognizes 86 volunteer firefighters with 50 years of service to fire departments across Indiana.

Only once in a life time, can someone claim success for providing a service for 50 years and in 2023 the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association was proud and honored to announce that 86 of our members are able

to make such claim.

Many of you have heard me speak on this topic and again I will talk about the opportunity to bring our members celebrating 50 years of service to their community, their fire departments and their state to be recognized by the members of the Indiana General Assembly. Many of the members of the Indiana General Assembly attended and visited or spoke to our honorees on this historic day.

In a celebration at the INDIANA STATE HOUSE,

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Greetings; Fellow officers & members;

Well here we are four months into 2023 and still working with the Indiana General Assembly talking about funding (or the lack there of) Volunteer Fire Service.

That seems to be the top item for us this year although we have addressed some other issues in which you can read about on the Legislative Page of our IVFA website.

The IVFA has been in meetings with legislators to share our thoughts and concerns about sustaining and growing our volunteer services in Indiana through out this entire session, and hope to end on a positive note to help support our needs

We are still talking with many elected officials about our speaking tour across the state during the Summer and Fall of 2022 where we gathered in 11 locations, at

From the State House to the Fire House



by Larry Curl

least once in each Public Relations District and twice in most, to conduct a presentation and listen to our membership, State Senators, State Representatives, Township Trustees, and in some cases the media on the State of Readiness of our Hoosier Volunteer Fire Service.

We discussed topics that included Staffing, Funding, Training, and Mental Health and received comments from both members as well as elected officials as to our state of readiness or as in some cases the lack of readiness.

We marketed and promoted the cost savings that we are able

to enjoy as a state because of the services we provide, and we addressed the many reasons for our membership shortages, funding shortages, lack of support for the mental health concerns that impact our membership, as well as some training concerns.

For a listing of the entire bills the IVFA has been monitoring during the session 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 traveling to as many District Meetings as time permits

during and after the session and will be providing an update on legislation during those visits. To hear those updates you have to be in attendance so check the IVFA calendar on the website to see when and where your district will be hosting your next district meeting, and as well I will be presenting a full report at this years state convention but again you have to be there to hear it.

Remember this year we will have the 77th annual IVFA State Convention in at Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center June 14-16 2023. 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, or contact this years convention committee by reaching out to District Chairman Anthony Smith (you can find his contact information on the IVFA website or in this edition of the IVFA newspaper) or any member of this year's convention committee.

Lastly we have hosted our 50 year member's celebration day again at the State House where we honored the IVFA members who this year completed 50 years of service to their departments, communities and most importantly to their fellow citizens. Full detail of this event may be found in this addition of the IVFA quarterly newspaper.

Be safe, and be proud of the service you provide

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist

Deadline for August is July 1st

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President continued from page 1 freelancing and safety issues. This goes with mutual aid incidents with other departments and working together as one. You should know your neighboring departments before that mutual aid call, to be able to work as one. I have noticed several departments in my area conducting training together or familiarizing themselves with each other's apparatus and equipment. When we work together and function as one, we all have a better chance of coming back home safe and sound.

We are at a critical time and need in the fire service for volunteers in areas all around our state. Departments, especially small rural departments, are struggling to maintain full rosters. Run volumes, especially medical runs, are increasing as the baby boomer population ages. Due to inadequate daytime staffing, roster and funding issues departments are closing

their doors or are being forced to rely heavily on neighboring departments for assistance.

What is your department doing to address the recruitment and retention issue?

I spoke with a Fire Chief recently who told me his department put in a gaming room hoping to attract and keep younger members on station. So far, the investment is working and there has been heavy use of the facilities by the department's younger members. Another Chief told me his department started a monthly family night. Members and their families play board games or cards in a family-oriented atmosphere. The department furnishes the meal for the evening.

Here is a suggestion: if your department has a college or university in your community, consider building a partnership with the school and recruit members for your department.

Yes, you will have to provide training and you might only have them for a few years

while attending the school, but you never know they might stay around in the area after graduation.

This approach is working in the Vincennes area. The Vincennes Twp. Fire Department has partnered with Vincennes University. The department even provides housing and amenities off campus for these recruits if they meet certain qualifications.

I challenge all Fire Chiefs to think outside the box when attempting to recruit new members for their departments. Remember, diversity is a hot topic in the fire service.

The 2023 State Convention or Annual Meeting will be held in Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center. The dates are June 14, 15 and 16. The convention is hosted by District 13B and the convention committee is working hard to make this convention entertaining and enjoyable for the attendees. There is a heavy emphasis on training for this year's convention to go along

with the traditional activities. One of the activities I enjoy is the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction on Wednesday night. Diane Harrison and her team makes the Auction happen every year and all proceeds go to the Hoosier Burn Camp in Battle Ground, Indiana. Last year's Auction raised over \$10,000 dollars. Go to the IVFA website for registration and other additional information about the convention.

In closing, I will leave you with this thought that I recently found and borrowed from a Facebook meme; If you accept the call to leadership, you must be willing to be misunderstood, criticized, opposed, accused, and even rejected.

If I or any other officer can be of assistance to you or your department, please reach out to us. You will find our contact information on the IVFA website or in the newspaper.

Stay Safe!
Jerry

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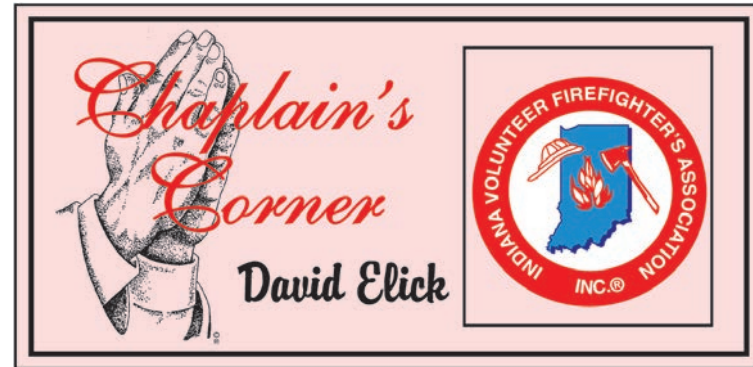
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Spring has sprung, FDIC and Easter has come and gone, convention is just around the corner, and the dog days of summer will soon be upon us. A friend of mine reminded me of a situation we sometimes need to keep in mind:

"A speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?". Hands went up all over the room. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 bill to one of you - but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the bill, then tossed it on the ground and began to grind it into the floor. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty, and asked, "Now, who still wants it?". Still the hands went in the air. "My friends, you have learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it was still worth \$20."

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what happened or what will happen, we never lose our value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely pressed, we are still priceless to those who love us. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do, or who or what we know, but by... WHO WE ARE!
Be humble, and kind. Choose happy!
God bless, and stay safe -
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From The Vice-President

Ross Emery



about funding issues within the volunteer fire service in Indiana. Plain and simple the system is broke. The last couple years we have been working hard to get a message across to our legislators in Indy that it is time for them to step up and figure out how to better fund the volunteer fire service in Indiana. We have shown that we save the state 4.5 BILLION dollars a year by providing the services we do. Our membership is our greatest asset, and we our losing people each year because they are tired of frying fish, flipping hamburgers and pancakes to keep the doors open at the local firehouse.

We hope that the message has been heard by some legislators, through some testimony on bills the IVFA has been supporting we had some legislators acknowledge that there is a funding issue. When will the help come, and where from? That is a great question and one we don't have an answer right at this moment, but we will continue to stay, engaged and connected with the legislators. Just as you should stay connected with your legislators, reach out to them, call, email, invite them to your events. Build that relationship, stay engaged and connected it will benefit your department.

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.

This year's convention, and annual meeting will be held at Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center June 14-16, 2023. The convention committee has worked hard on this, they have focused on providing great training during this year's convention. If you cannot attend the whole convention come check it out for a day or two. For all the information on convention please check out the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org. I believe they will have all the Training Prop Trailers from the State Fire Training Academy onsite for hands on training.

At the convention we will be honoring our 2023 state award winners. If you have ever attended a meeting that I have spoken at I am sure you have heard me say that we do not get enough nominations for our annual awards. So, it's never to early to start nominating for the 2024 awards. If you are unaware of the IVFA awards program checkout the awards section on the IVFA website, or contact you District Chairmen they would be glad to help through the process of nominating a worthy individual.

On April 3rd we honored this years 50 year Gold Crad recipients, this is a very special event that the IVFA puts on each year inside the state capitol. The new recipients of the gold card get a chance to meet with their legislators, get to go meet the governor. I always enjoy being there and meeting some members, and their family that have been the foundation of our organization and forged our future.

We as an association struggle

to get information out to our membership in a timely manner, President Liston and I are looking at methods to try an expedite information to our membership. We are in the process of looking at the possibility of a phone app. We are still in preliminary discussions, but that is something to look for in the future.

Health and wellness of our membership is becoming a hot topic and one we will continue to focus on, what can we do to take care of our membership? We will continue to work to improve the health and wellness and hopefully at some point be able to provide some health and wellness benefits for our membership.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the IVFA, please feel free to contact me or any officer. Our contact information is on the website at www.ivfa.org or in the quarterly newspaper.

Stay Safe
Ross Emery
IVFA Vice President

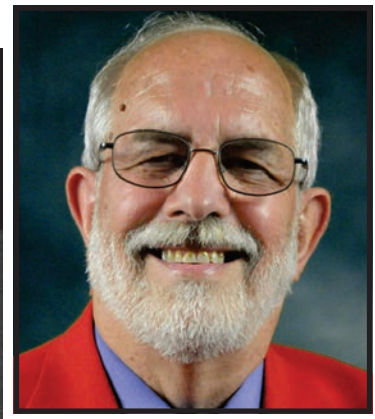
Greetings,
By the time you receive the IVFA quarterly newspaper hopefully the cold, snowy, icy and sometimes freezing winter, is all behind us and the spring planting and growing season is in full swing.
The first quarter has been very busy for the association as we focus on our legislative agenda. We work hard for our members during the legislative session. So please check out the article in this newspaper from our lobbyist Larry Curl for a full update on this year's legislative session.

I am not going to go into any details about any certain bills, however I want to speak

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Jean Smith



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, Aubrie Krueckeberg District #7.

Legislation is in process. Adjournment scheduled on April 29, 2023.

To keep up-to-date please go to our page Ivfa.org. Click on Legislative, here you can follow the bills that we are tracking

through legislation.
IVFA Convention 2023 will be June 14th-June 16th, Muncie Convention Center. 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

Public Relations Director Southeast

Edwin J. Scheele



We had a very warm February and March, reminded us we still are in winter. It should be getting better by the time you read this. We are having heavy rain today and chance of bad storms. Be careful when there are storms while working around trees and power lines.

It is never too early to be thinking about award nominations for 2024 convention in Indianapolis. All the awards and information is on the IVFA website. They need to be in by

February, but now is the time to be thinking about names and information of the person. Also Bridgeport Scholarship needs to be in by March 1st.

The 2023 State convention is fast approaching at horizon convention center in Muncie. Hope to see a large turnout for the convention.

Ed Scheele
IVFA PR Southeast

Public Relations Director East Central

Jeff Biehl



Greetings
The IVFAA lost a long-time member and past Officer Lou Bartlow, our condolences go to Larry Bartlow & family members.

I would like to thank Larry Curl for keeping us informed on legislative issues. You can go to IVFA.org click on legislative tap and track the bills we are watching.

Hope to see everybody in June at Muncie for the 77th convention hosted by 13B registration & Hotel information is on the website ivfa.org The committee has a lot of training planned along with the normal

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From the Historian's Desk

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Historian



Muncie the place to be in 2023!
**Make your plans now for the
 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's
 Association Convention
 June 14 - 16, 2023**

*Registration forms available on
 pages 32, 33, 34 and 35
 schedule of events on page 38*

**Miss Flame Contest
 Banquet
 Golf Scramble
 Vendors**

List of officers at convention

- PresidentJerry Liston
- V President..... Ross Emery
- Treasurer.....Luke Kluender
- SecretaryLea Ann Ellis
- Chaplain.....Dave Erick
- Sgt.@ Arms..... Brent Bush
- PRNWJeremy Reef
- PRNE..... Sam Bisel
-Gene Smith
- PRWCLarry Bartlow
- PREC.....Jeff Biehl
- PRSWSteve Nolan
- PRSE Ed Scheele

From the Historian's Desk

I have always been interested in history. In our great Country and the great State of Indiana, and The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association I will in my articles, try to bring you up to date on some of the happenings and remind you of days gone by.
 We are continueing to gather information for our 75 Year Book, and and getting ever so close to a finished product..
 In the interm , we have begun to collect any and all old news papers from the past years, and put them in a safe place in digital form. If by chance you have any old newspapers and think we might need to scan them into the archives, please contact

me at: Lkoehler@ivfa.org

If you have an old newspaper and we can scan it into our records, it will be returned to you once we have completed the scan.

10 years Ago

2013 Convention June 12 - 15 Muncie, IN
 We are headed back to Muncie for 2023
"Hope to See you There"

If you have a story about the good old days or back in the day just drop me a note to tell me about it.

Always be humble and kind
 IVFA Historian
 L.E." Buz" Koehler
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activities, Hoosier Burn Camp auction, opening meeting, Memorial service, Banquet, and vendors.

Please continue to put your funding raising events & meetings on the IVFA calendar and your Facebook pages that's how I hear about these activities and try to attend them

If you need help don't hesitate, call your District Chairman, Public Relations Officer, or any other State Officer, we will be glad to help you.

Please keep our brothers and Sisters in your prayers. Please keep our Military members at home and abroad in our prayers.

Jeff Biehl
 Public Relation East Central

Public Relations Director Southwest
Steve Nolan



I hope this finds all well and in good health. The FDIC is 4-27/29 this year. We could use help manning the IVFA booth. So far this year I have attended all my District meetings, a 50year pin presentation, 2 memorial services.

Remember, only you can prevent cancer so clean your gear and clean your trucks after every run.

Till next time be safe at all you do.

Steve Nolan,
 Public Relations Southwest

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese

District 1 meeting was held on January 19,2023 at Lake Ridge Fire Department.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeremy Reef. Roll call of Departments was taken by Marshall Neese District One Chairman. Guests were Jean Smith Pr Northeast,Christiana Reef IVFAA

President,Dist.1 & 2 Chairperson Phyllis Vargo IVFAA, and Members of the Lake Ridge Fire Protection Board.

Lake Ridge Fire Chief Marvin Pyle welcomed everybody

and gave a brief history of the Department . Robert Walker of Lake County Home EMA Director spoke about getting better relationships between Departments and developing a community response team that will need volunteers. Patrick Westbury of Merrillville F D Announced a Lake County Peer Support Team getting started for Lake County Departments

Motion of Minutes of last meeting to be approved bi Walley Cook, and Second by Steve Cope.

Communication:
 Jeremy Reef talked about the Year Book that IVFA was putting together and to be printed shortly.

Also talked about awards that are to be in by January 31 2023 for the Convention on June 14 & 16.also has a Gun Raffle for the Convention. Also talked about the State Marshal wanting to build more training centers though the State. Jean Smith talked about money from the State to help replace Equipment \$24.2 Billion. IVFA legislation 28 bills updated weekly

.IVFAA Phyllis Vargo and Christina Reef talked about Miss Flame Mya Cheeseman in her 2nd year as Miss Flame for Dist. One Phyllis Vargo gave her a Crown and Sash. Christina Reef also stated anyone can join the IVFAA.

listed awards for the IVFAA Deadline Feb.1 2023.Marshall read Article to vote on for the SOG's

By Laws. Dist One Voted and passed.

Marshall announced the Grain Bin Training coming up on April 15 20232 at the Macc Training Center starting at 8am. Will need to know by March 31 if anyone is attending contact Marshall Neese Dist One Chairman.

New Business:

10 and 25 year Pins were given out and Fifty yr. Gold Cards were given out.

4 Deaths were in the District and a moment of SILENCE was given. Marvin Pyle announced that the Ambulance service will be starting January 29,2023.

Marshall stated 145 dollars

in the bank account and money was needed for Miss Flame and Flowers for Funerals. Next Meeting at Washington Twp. In March !6,2023

Submitted By
 Marshall Neese

District 1 meeting Meeting Called to order by Chairman Marshall Neese at 19:30 hrs. March 16, 2023

Pledge to Allegiance led by Jeremy Spargur from Washington Twp F D. Meeting minutes taken by Stewve Cope. Guests were Jeremy Reef NW Rep. Christiana Reef IVFAA President, Dist.1-2

IVFAA President Phyllis Vargo, Washington Twp. Trustee Scott Gilbert ,Jim Crowell from Sklarewitz Uniform Store In Hammond In.

Hosting Departments Chief Huffstodt Gave a brief History of the Department Proguess.

Jeremy Reef NW Rep. spoke about what the IVFA is trying to do for Members of getting Benefits for them. Also Convention Time is coming up on June 14,15,16,

In Muncie In. Info is in the IVFA paper. Jeremy also spoke on the Bills that the State Senate has before them. IVFAA President Christiana Reef spoke about Miss Flame Contest and duties of Miss Flame and that the Dist has one and Her name is Mya Cheseman from Griffith FD and second time running. IVFAA Dist 1 spoke about Awards that IVFAA has to offer. Also a Gun raffle is going on for the Convention and she has tickets to sell at 20.00 per ticket. Marshall talks about the Grain Bin Training at the Maac Center coming up in April and members have until March 31 2023 to sign up for Jim from Sklarwitz spoke on what his store can do for Departments.

Guest from State Police and Twp Trustee Scott Gilbert. Miss Flame spoke about herself and running for State Miss Flame and has a raffle going herself to raise money for her Trip tro Convention in June. Minutes of the last meeting motion was made

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 not to read them and Second by Steve Cope. LOFS Golf outing coming up 7-28-23. Jeremy Reef said any Department has Fundraisers coming up Put them on the IVFA Calendar at IVFA.org.
 Treasure report 247.03 in the bank.

OLD BUSINESS

75 yr Book coming out soon Info in IVFA Paper. Is everybody getting their IVFA paper:

NEW BUSINESS:

10-year Pin Given to James Schergen from Washington Twp FD.
 Misc. FDAA Spaghetti Dinner next month. Next meeting is at Lake Station May 11, 2023 7 pm Meeting adjourned at 20:30 Hrs.

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Tom Fentress - Chairman

District 2 Bi-Monthly Meeting Notes - 2.16.2023
Call to order by Chairman Tom Fentress, District 2. At 7:02 pm
Chief Tom Fentress, Keener Twp, led the pledge of Allegiance. Vol. Fire Dept.
Roll Call:

Tom Fentress - IVFA D2 Chairman and Fire Chief Keener Twp. Fire Dept. (host) | H. Linzy - Firefighter, Union Fire Dept. | M. Werno - Fire Chief, Union Fire Dept. | C. Reef - IVFAA President | J. Liston - IVFA President | J. Reef - PRNW - IVFA | P. Vargo - District 1 & 2 Chairperson - IVFAA | A. Cheeseman - IVFAA Member - IVFAA Griffith Fire | M. Cheeseman - IVFAA District 1 Miss Flame | J. Carter - Firefighter - Hebron Fire | K. LaDuke - Fire Chief, St. John Fire Dept. | C. Dutz - Fire Chief - Valparaiso Fire Dept. | M. Ruvalcaba - Firefighter - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | Matt Bristol - Captain - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | D. Pyzynski - Firefighter - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | L. Reynolds - Firefighter - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | D. Devries - Captain - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | L. Jones - Firefighter - Lincoln Twp. VFD | B. Claus - Lieutenant - Lincoln Twp. VFD | J. Langan - Firefighter - Union Twp. VFD | S. Guerrero - Firefighter - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | Miranda Ruvalcaba - Cadet & Miss Flame District 2 IVFAA - Keener Twp. Fire Dept. | M. Neese - District 1 Chairman - IVFA

Chief Tom Fentress welcomed everyone to the Keener Twp Vol.

Fire Dept.
 Chad Dutz & Kevin LaDuke - Indiana Fire Chiefs Association
 • Spoke about how the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association wants to be more engaged with the Volunteer Fire Departments - 77% of the State is Volunteer Fire Departments.
 • Would like to share information with IVFA to better Fire Departments across the state
 • SB 78
 • 972 members strong and looking for more
 • Chief LaDuke spoke about the Safer Grant
 o Can be used for Per Call Pay - if needed
 o Recruitment and retention
 • Reminder about Indiana Emergency Response Conference is Sept. 13 - 16, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN
 Meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Chief LaDuke and 2nd by Capt. D. Devries, Motion Carries.
 District 1 next meeting will be on March 16, 2023, at Washington Township.
 PRNW - Jeremy Reef:
 • Spoke about the 75 Yr book, \$59.99, and the deluxe version is \$89.99; only 12 days left to submit pictures or articles
 • Convention - Still time to register, Lots of training opportunities at the convention
 IVFA President - Jerry Liston:
 • Spoke on HB 1355
 • Discussed the 75-year members that have been awarded
 • Cancer Study intends to roll the volunteer firefighters into the presumptive cancer law.
 • Discuss ways to better communicate with our younger membership on Facebook, Instagram, and Social Media platforms.
 • Fire Reporting needs to be increased; it is only at 68% - If there are departments that do not use Image Trend, to please contact the IDHS for training, T. Fentress stated that he is able to help any who does not understand how to use it.
 • Ivy Tech Scholarship is going away.
 IVFA District 1 Chairman - Marshall Neese
 • Corn Bin training - The deadline is March 31, 2023, @ the MAAC Center
 • Griffith Fire Dept. Dinner is on April 19th
 • Hebron Spaghetti Dinner is April 2nd, 2023
 IVFA District 2 Chairman - Tom Fentress
 • Discussion from the quarterly meetings, passed around a signup sheet:
 o Dates for the remainder of the year are
 o April 20, 2023
 o June 22, 2023 - Wheatfield Vol. Fire Dept
 o August 17, 2023 - Hebron Vol. Fire Dept
 o October 19, 2023
 o December 21, 2023
 • House Bills that we need to

be watching
 o HB 1341
 o HB 1578
 o HB 1034
 o Senate Bill 78
 o Senate Bill 222
 o HB 1355
 • Marshal Jones Spoke about improvements in training
 o 14 million towards training sites
 o Still looking for a training coordinator
 o Red Cross is giving out fire detectors = Sound the Alarm
 • Need to make sure we have good emails for all the departments.
 • Supporting Hero's Gala is on 7/15/2023 in Louisville, KY.
 Treasurer's Report: \$ 234.00 - No Change to the account since the last meeting
 Crowning of the New District 2 Miss Flame: Miranda Ruvalcaba
 • Miranda gave a brief introduction of herself and her passions. Answered any questions from the group.
 Announcements:
 • New District 2 Facebook page was up and running. Tom Fentress will try to have 2 posts weekly, and if there is something that any department wants to run on the page, please send it to him, and he will do that.
 Good of the order: Nothing new
 Motion to adjourn the meeting - Motion was made by M. Bristol, Capt., and 2nd by L. Jones. Motion carried. The meeting Adjourned at 8:33 pm.
 Minutes recorded by T. Fentress, D2 Chairman.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting January 12, 2023 Bourbon Fire Department, Bourbon IN
 Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.
GUESTS
 Jean & E.J. Smith
 Savannah Lyon 5th District Miss Flame
 Kay Shumaker 5th District IVFAA Chair
 Larry & Carol Curl
 Daryl Eiler
 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1928 hrs. with the pledge of a allegiance to the flag followed. The meeting was attended by 17 firefighters representing 6 departments. The November minutes were read and approved as submitted.
 Larry Curl discussed the IVFA

report for showing the amount of savings the volunteer fire service makes for the tax payers in Indiana. The report states a 250% savings per year for township, county and state governments
 He commented on developing more interest in joining the volunteer fire service. He discussed pensions for the volunteer fire service.
 Jean Smith discussed our state legislators and who they are for each district of the state. He briefed us on checking on legislators on the IVFA web site. Legislative bills can be tracked on the web site as well. He advises that the Governor is looking funds for volunteer fire service training facilities through put the state.
 Chairman Grolich discussed cancers in the fire service.
 The chairman shared with us some education opportunities available.
 FDIC April 24 thru 29.
 IVFA convention will be in Muncie June 14 to 17 this year.
 E.J.Smith IVFAA vice president discussed the IVFA and IVFAA awards.
 Miss Flame for District 5 for 2023 is Savannah Lyon of Argos Fire Territory.
 Next meeting March 9 at Monterey Fire Dept.
 Meeting was adjourned at 2055 hrs.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Paul Martin
 District 5 Secretary

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting March 9, 2023 Monterey Fire Department GUESTS
 Jean Smith PRNE
 E.J.Smith Vice President IVFAA
 Savannah Lyon District 5 Miss Flame
 The 5th District meeting at Monterey F.D. in Monterey IN was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hrs with the pledge to the flag following. The meeting was attended by 16 fire fighters representing 6 departments. The minutes from January's meeting were read, corrected and approved.
 Jean discussed the current legislative bills.
 John commented on mutual aid procedures in this area. Should be set up to dispatch for automatic response and not have to request assistance.
 Grain bin rescue class on June 10 in Lapaz.
 Critical incident program to be in September.
 Discussed the closing of Mexico Volunteer Fire Department and current coverage.
 Fish fry at Aubbeenaubee Fire Department Saturday March 11, 2023. 4 to 7 PM.
 Saturday March 18 Chicken Fry at Mentone Fire Department.
 Pump training class in Goshen May 20 and 21.
 Jean advised that he has convention coins and gun raffle

tickets for convention in Muncie on June 14 to 17, 2023
 Next meeting at Chester Township, May 11, 2023
 Meeting adjourned at 2007 hrs.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Paul Martin
 District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Gerald (Jerry) Sprague- Chairman

Greetings to everyone from District 6.
 Hello to all from up here in the northeast. I think spring has finally arrived. Need to thank the Shipshewana VFD for hosting the District 6 meeting in March. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated.
 A special thanks to Terry Bradner of 1-800 Board-up for attending and supplying a lunch for us at our meetings. Congratulations go out to our 2022 District 6 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight from Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. She done a wonderful job representing District 6 at this past years events. Kudos Katie! Please let her know about department events so she can attend. She is on Facebook!
 Again we want to thank our lobbyist Larry Curl. He is doing a tremendous job for the IVFA at the Statehouse again during this very busy session.
 I would also like to thank Cody Miller of the Lagrange V.F.D. for providing a short presentation on EMR responses by our firefighters. These have been good trainings at our district meetings. Thanks so much Cody!
 The next meeting for District 6 as of this printing will be on May 23rd, 2023 It will be held at the Hamilton V.F.D. Flyers should go out the first week of May. It will also be on the IVFA website on the calendar. (ivfa.org).
 Again, It would be great to see better attendance at our District 6 meetings. Come on guys and gals. It is only one night every other month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your departments e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com. All district 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in district 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on May 23rd in Hamilton. Please visit the IVFA web site (ivfa.org)

IVFA. DISTRICT MEETINGS

as I am hoping the meetings for district 6 will be posted. STAY SAFE!!

E.G.H.
Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

**Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
January 16, 2023
Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:38 pm. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First role call was answered by 41 members representing 9 departments.

GUESTS: Jerry Liston – IVFA President, Jean Smith – PRNE, Jeremy Reef – PRNW, Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist, Christina Reef – IVFAA President, EJ Smith – IVFAA Vice-President, Carol Curl – IVFAA Past-President, Bev Vanlandingham – IVFAA Recording-Secretary, Aubrie Krueckeberg - District 7 Miss Flame and additional family and friends of award recipients.

Chairman Bisel asked to hold the minutes so that we could go directly to awards presentation.

Ellis McFadden, Poe Vol. Fire Dept., was presented his plaque for 75 years of service in the IVFA!

Phillip Meyer, Monroeville Vol. Fire Dept., received his 50-yr Gold Card

Leonard Bultemeier, Poe Vol. Fire Dept., received his 50-yr Proclamation

A short recess was held to allow for pictures to be taken with award recipients and guests.

Meeting resumed with the reading of the November minutes R/A

Chairman Bisel – No deaths reported in the district since the last meeting

Get nominations in to Sam for the McQueen Award

Nominations are due in soon for the IVFA awards. Those may be submitted online.

Bridgeport Scholarship is also available, see details and application online.

Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist – Cost Savings Survey was presented and discussed

Other funding options may also be out there, need to look for them and push for them.

Recruitment and retention

were discussed. Possibly push for a length of service pension and/or income tax exceptions for volunteer firefighters. Encourage funding through Hoosier Lottery Fund which already applies funds to the Indiana's police and firefighters pension fund.

You are encouraged to sign up for the IVFA's I AM RESPONDING. This will get the word out as quick as possible when there are legislative issues that need immediate support. Further details are under the Legislation tab on our website.

The state is going to promote and add training centers across the Indiana. The hope is to have a training center within 30 minutes of all fire departments in the state.

Jerry Liston – IVFA President – 75 Year Anniversary Yearbook was discussed. Submit stories and history of your department as well as personal biographies to be added to the book

There is a study in progress concerning cancer in volunteer firefighters. There will be a survey being pushed out asking for information. If you receive the survey, please complete it so that information can be compiled. The hope is to get a presumptive cancer law that is similar to what career firefighters in the state already have.

Getting closer to having the working agreement with the SAVIK Group. They are a volume buying group that departments can purchase through to save money. The IVFA would also get a small reward back from the group for the purchases made.

The state is still picking up AFFF foam, call the fire marshal's office to schedule your pick-up.

Utilize the state's 30-hour program as a way to bring volunteers on in a timely manner. Would also like feed back on the program and if you have problems or issues getting it or running it.

American Income Life, send the cards back in if you want additional information about insurance. The beneficiary that you have listed with the IVFA is the default beneficiary for AIL.

Get award nominations in by the end of the month.

IMAGE Trend, reach out to your local EMS Manager if you need assistance.

Jean Smith - PRNE – Go to the legislation tab on the website to see what is going on.

Distributed list of bills being looked at in session.

SAFER Grants are currently open.

Jeremy Reef - PRNW – Convention is coming up in June, it will be in Muncie this year. Have convention raffle tickets and challenge coins available for sale tonight. \$90 early registration is good until June 1st. Room rate of \$96+tax has

been secured.

Chairman Bisel – Ivy Tech program is funded through May 2023, unsure if it will be extended.

Reach out to your high schools about attending career days to promote your volunteer fire department.

Dinges Fire is offering a class on writing better grants. It is offered on March 14th in Topeka and March 15th at Huntington Twp., Huntington.

Next district meeting will be at Huntington Twp. VFD on March 20th. It will be our fund-raising bake sale.

Second roll call was answered by 35 members representing 8 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

**Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
March 20, 2023
Huntington Twp. Volunteer Fire Department**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:38 pm. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First role call was answered by 35 members representing 12 departments.

January Minutes – R/A

GUESTS: John Shafer – Indiana Director of Training, TR Hagerty – District 3 Coordinator, Jean Smith – PRNE, Jeremy Reef – PRNW and Aubrie Krueckeberg - District 7 Miss Flame

Chairman Bisel introduced our guests.

John Shafer – Indiana Director of Training – Thank you for the invitation. He has been in position for 3 weeks and this is the 6th IVFA District Meeting that he has attended. This is the best attended meeting yet.

Some objectives are to make the training division a true asset to the fire service in Indiana

Try to bring back the District Training Councils.

Indiana training budget has been at \$2 million dollars for quite some time. Starting next year, it will be \$3.5 million with the remaining fireworks funds to be split with half going to training.

Contact himself or TR Hagerty if you have questions or suggestions for the training division.

The Hub & Spoke training model – It will spool up over the next 5 years. It will be a \$24.5 million investment. This will include \$3.5 mil. to upgrade existing training centers and \$9.6 mil. to add 16 training centers. This will allow for a training center to be within 45 minutes of every fire department in the state. \$1.1 mil. to upgrade mobile training systems and replace the propane props. \$10 million will be set aside to help volunteer fire departments purchase PPE. Go to

Next Level Training on the IDHS website to fill out your interest form to get your department on the list.

ACADIS – Cleaning up its user list. Log into it to keep your account active. After 2 years of inactivity, your account will be deactivated. You will not lose your certifications; however, you will not be able to renew the ones with expiration dates. With updating your account, you will be required to add your SS#. This is due to the EMS compact agreement with other states. Your SS# will be used to verify your certification in Indiana to allow being able to perform in other states in case of emergencies. Your SS# will be hidden and be able to be seen.

Take a look at the state site for a free online course on lithium battery fires.

TR Hagerty – District 3 Coordinator – Currently have 5 FF I&II courses underway in districts 2 & 3.

FO 1 class will be starting in Auburn soon.

Keep an eye on District 3 Training FB page and Director Shafer is trying very hard to get the state's FB page up to date and stay current.

Chairman Bisel – No deaths reported in the district since the last meeting. The IVFAA did have Past-President Lou Bartlow pass away.

Director Shafer mentioned the questionnaire to fill out, there is a quick link on the IVFA Face Book page.

Jean Smith - PRNE – Go to the legislation tab on the website to see what is going on.

Distributed list of bills being looked at in session.

Suicide is being added to the list of LODD. It will be retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Jeremy Reef - PRNW – Convention is coming up in June, it will be in Muncie June 14-17. Have convention raffle tickets and challenge coins available for sale tonight. \$90 early registration until June 1st then goes to \$100. Room rate of \$96 + tax has been secured, must reserve by May 1st to get this rate.

Convention is going to put a real focus on training this year. We will utilize the state's mobile trainers on Friday. On Saturday there will be a grain bin rescue class. Attendee's in this class will be able to register in a drawing for a grain rescue tube. Two tubes will be given away. Recipients of the rescue tubes will also receive a free training session for their department. You do NOT need to register for convention to attend the training sessions.

The annual meeting will be Friday morning. Remember that each department is allowed 3 delegates for voting purposes. One delegate can turn in their mileage for reimbursement. Again, you do NOT need to register for convention to attend

the annual meeting.

Chairman Bisel – No word yet if the Ivy Tech program will be extended.

Dinges Fire is offering a class on writing better grants across the state. It is held here Huntington Twp. on March 15th. It was well attended, thank you!

The SAVIK Group is getting closer to being available to departments in the state.

The cancer survey is still being put together, hoping to roll it out soon.

State fire reporting – Make sure that you are getting this done. Failing to do so will affect your ability to apply for some grants.

Please read your IVFA Newspaper. There is a lot of information available to you in it. There may soon be an option for you to receive the paper digitally.

The recognition of 50-year members at the State House will be April 3rd. There are quite a few members receiving their 50-years this year. If you have a member on your department receiving theirs this year, consider offering to help get them to the program.

Chairman Bisel presented Wendall Brown, Warren VFD, his 50-year Proclamation from the State.

Next district meeting will be at Liberty Center May 15.

Second roll call was answered by 35 members representing 12 departments.

Berne VFD will have their spring breakfast April 15th.

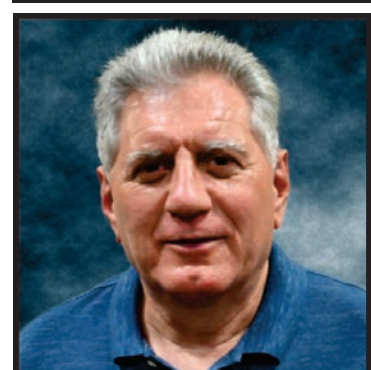
Following the meeting, we will have our annual bake sale which benefits our District 7 Auxiliary.

Would like to thank Chase Stephen, Huntington Twp. VFD, for being our auctioneer this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Greeting from District 8A

Good day to All.

our last District Meeting was at Kempton. Fire department March 29, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

We are. About a month away from the 2023 convention at the Courtyard Muncie at Horizon convention center. June 14-16, 2023, it's right out our back. Door District 8A. would like to see.

lot of 8A people there. On April 3, 2023 we honor are 50 years member at the State House. District 8A

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

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had one member. Larry Griffin from Hobbs Madison Twp. Vol Fire Dept.

Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association 75th Anniversary yearbook available to all member and Volunteer Fire

companies across the Hoosier state you can go to IVFA Website click on 75th years book You. Can do it online if you like.

District 8A is starting to look for a Miss Flame for 2024 Convention and start thinking about Mc Queen award. That need to be turn in by end.

of the year. The next District 8A meeting will be at Lafayette Twp. VFD Wednesday May 24, 2023

Rex Maynard
District 8A chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10

Bruce Neal was presented his 50year gold card and the State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award by Marshal Stephen Jones at Hope Fire Dept. January meeting.

State Fire Marshal Stephen Jones was a guest and speaker for the evening. He shared some of his goals for his tenure as Fire Marshal. He hopes to see more training and new programs become available for firefighters and departments.

At the November District Meeting Natalie Israel, representing Burney/Clay Twp. Fire Dept. was selected as our new 2023 Miss Flame. Congratulations, Natalie; and we welcome you as our District 10 Miss Flame!

Peggy Israel and Justin Israel were presented their 25year pins. Charles Israel was made an honorary member of the IVFA at Burney/Clay Twp Fire Dept. Banquet meeting.

Mark Dunn Chief at Trafalgar Fire was presented his 10year pin at the March District 10 meeting at Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept. Program was presented by Centerpoint Gas on things fire departments should look and things to do and not to do. MES Municipal Emergency Services provided the fine meal.

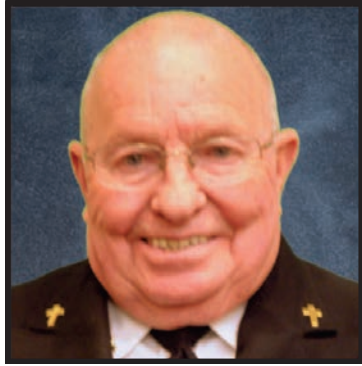
Next District 10 meeting will be held on May 17,2023 at Marion Twp Vol. Fire Dept. 7935 S County Road 250 E Greensburg, 47240. August 16th will be the August meeting at Needham Comm. Vol. Fire Dept. 6822 E 350 N Franklin 46131.

I want thank District Secretary Jim Davis and Board Chairman David Israel for conducting the District meetings while I was recuperating from knee replacement surgery I had on January 18th.

Have a good year and may and may it be a safe and prosperous one for all!

John M. Ray
District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Ralph 'Pete' Taylor - Chairman

I want to start my letter with a sad note today we have lost one of the best people we know Lou Bartlow.

With heavy hearts we will miss her and pray for Larry. We are here for you my friend. Love and prayers.

Greetings from District 11A.

Our last meeting was at New Goshen we can say your hospitality as greatly

Appreciated. Please let our Miss Flam, Dory Fear now know about department events so she can attend,

She is on Facebook and on IVFA website (IVFA.Org)

75 Year Anniversary Book is in the works. Please submit a biography of your fire Dept. and yourself.

Convention is coming up June 14-16 2023 in Muncie. Please plan on attending to show your support,

There is going to be a lot of training. Early restoration is \$90.00 till June 1 2023 after that it will be \$100.00

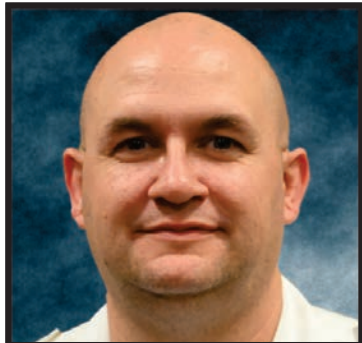
2024 convention will be in Indianapolis.

FDIC will April 24-29 in Indianapolis. Please continue to put your fundraising events on the IVFA calendar

on your Facebook page, that's how I hear about it.

Until next time say safe.
District 11A Chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

January 8, 2023

The meeting was held at the Marshall Vol. Fire Department. 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 was read and approved with no changes. Guest were announced. Larry Bartlow spoke of new elected officials being interested in the volunteer fire service, mentioned that Lobbyist Larry Curl has spoken with elected officials on how volunteer fire department's need more funding, and discussed the 75 yearbook. Treasurer's Report was given. The yearly November / Miss Flame meeting that has been held at Reelsville Vol. Fire will not be held there this year, they have voted not to host it, with this coming year the Miss Flame contest will be held the 2nd Sunday of November at Helt Fire in Dana. We had 3 departments, and 10 members present at today's meeting. We would like to thank Cameron Chapman with Donnley Safety for being on hand and showing off some equipment. Next meeting will be Sunday March 12th at 1:00 P.M., Location TBD.

The March meeting

Was held Sunday, March 12th at the Walnut Township Vol. Fire Dept. in New Ross. The meal started at 1:00 p.m. with the prayer and everyone was able to eat with no rush, being that they could continue to eat why the meeting was going on. We want to thank Walnut Twsp. For an excellent meal!! The pledge was led by Brent Bush and opening Prayer by Pete Taylor. The meeting started back up at 1:42 p.m., Guest were announced, on the Men's side Larry Curl, State Lobbyist / District 12 Chairman, Jeremy Reef, PRNW, Don Fultz, District 21 Chairman, Brent Bush State Sgt. Of Arms, Pete Taylor, District 11A Chairman, Guest on the Auxiliary side were, Christina Reef, IVFAA President, Carol Curl, Past IVFAA President, Beverly Taylor District 11A Auxiliary Chairman and Jordan Peebles, District 11B Miss Flame. Walnut Township presented awards to 3 Retired members. The women broke for their meeting. 4 10 Year pins were presented to members of the host department. Larry Curl spoke on bills currently in the house, a couple to pay attention to are Hose bill 1355 and Senate Bill 78 and spoke on the Cost saving book. Jeremy Reef spoke about a bill started by the State Fire Marshal and of the upcoming convention in Muncie, Registration fee is \$90 a person until June 1st then goes up to \$100 after the 1st and he believes the hotel rooms are \$96 a room per night. There will be grain bin training at the convention on the Saturday after Banquet night. Convention dates are June 14, 15, and 16th. Pete Taylor state 11A will have a meeting on March 19th at 1:00 P.M. in New Goshen. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Treasures report by Larry Bartlow was \$5127.69. Christina Reef spoke on the behalf of the Auxiliary side. Miss

Flame Jordan Peebles introduced herself. The Miss Flame Community Project this year is Collecting non-perishable items for a homeless shelter. If you have anything you want to donate contact Chairman Ryan and he will pick them up. Don Fultz talked about Hoosier Burn Camp. With the passing of current IVFAA 11B Chairman Lou Bartlow, the Auxiliary appointed Jodi Rohr to take her place. Welcome to you newly appointed position Jodi. 50 / 50 drawing was held with Jodi taking home \$47.50. The next meeting will be Wednesday May 10 at 7:00 P.M., location to TBD. I myself would like to take a minute and thank my Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan for running this meeting, I heard she did an excellent job.

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 you are reading these updates from our district.

Although at the time of this writing it's beginning to feel a little like summer 2023 but hopefully by the reading of this article it will be full on SUMMER, where we are enjoying warm temperatures, looking forward to cutting grass, planting gardens, working in the flower beds, taking vacations, going fishing and swimming or what ever it is you do in the summer. And what ever that might be I hope you are enjoying the summer of 2023.

District 12 is in the planning stages of hosting a District wide family day where we can bring together the old with the young, the new with the not so new and have a day filled with food, fun, excitement and sort of just enjoy the day with as many families as possible sharing the day and a good time. Stay tune to the District 12 face book page for more information and details. Hope you will consider joining us as we plan to simply enjoy the day with all.

We typically attempt to hold a "special gathering" for our life time 50 year members when we present them with their "gold card, for a lifetime membership. This year we were able to present a gold card to a 50 year member during the IVFA day at the State House where we had 86 members honored and for District 12 in the presence of his family we were able to honor "James Robert Linder" with the Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept.

Congratulations Jim on a job well done and a service well provided. We hope to see you at our next District Meeting so we might again share your years of service with members of District 12.

Check out the IVFA website, as it is loaded with great information as well as a calendar of activities and events. Look to see when and where our next District 12 meeting is and please try / plan to join us for a district update.

We look forward to attending (and seeing many of our Dist 12 members) at this year's IVFA State Convention June 14-16 hosted by IVFA Dist 13 B in Muncie Indiana. GOOD LUCK Dist 13 B I'm sure this will be another super convention.

And speaking of convention don't forget the 2024 convention will be right here in our very own District and plans are slowly starting to show the state that we too can put on a Great State Convention. If you have not reached out to the District 12 leadership please do, we need help from our members to host the 2024 IVFA State Convention.

The leadership of District 12 wants to hear from its members. Please share with us your thoughts, concerns, desires and wishes to bring interest back to the district and a larger audience at the district meetings. We typically host a Dist 12 meeting every other month beginning in Jan and we attempt to host it on the first Monday of the month but watch the calendar on the IVFA website for exact date, time, and locations. Also we will do a posting on our Dist Facebook page of the date, time and location too.

We are here for you the departments, the members and the families. We encourage you to let us know when your department is having an event or activity and would like to have a representative from the IVFA attend, speak, help you celebrate a special occasion, we want to help where ever and when ever we can.

Remember my challenge to each of you during 2023 is the same as it has been since I stepped up to lead our district. Let's start a movement in District 12, "see some one, ask someone" many folks would be willing to join if we were just willing to "ask them". How many new members have you taken on in the last few months, remember the challenge is still on and is for a full year so you still have time to recruit.

Our District 12 management team now includes;

Larry, Jim, Chara & Rick and ED

Your District 12 Leadership
Larry Curl – District 12 Chairman,
Jim Leaver – District 12 Vice Chairman, Chara Leaver – District 12 Secretary / IVFAA District 12 Chairperson, Rick Rusie – District 12 Chaplain, and most recently Ed Orr – District 12 official Photographer

Reach out to any of us if there is anything we can help your department with. My contact information can be found in this newspaper as well as on our IVFA website, and we would love to hear from you.

Welcome to summer 2023!!!
Larry

IVFA DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

Hold up, wait a minute....

How are we already 1/4 through 2023?!? It's been a very busy quarter and I see that we will remain full steam ahead for the foreseeable future. With that said, have you registered for the 2023 convention yet? Go to www.ivfa.org to access all of the necessary forms regarding convention.

Do you like food? OF COURSE, who doesn't?! Here's a sneak peek- Backyard BBQ buffet with bbq pulled pork, bbq chicken, banana pudding and much more. That's just one of the meals!

How about entertainment? Our DJ is bringing the whole arsenal- live music, dj services, Photo Booth, and karaoke! I know we have to have some "Sonny and Cher's" in our organization that can help keep us entertained with your karaoke skills, so get your favorite songs rehearsed and have a great time!

How about training? Vehicle extrication, search and rescue, grain bin rescue, and so much more. Bring your turnout gear with SCBA and come train with our fellow brothers and sisters from all over the state!

Don't forget we are collecting monetary donations to go towards the Hoosier Burn Camp. Please reach out if you would like to contribute. My goal is to raise \$10,000 of donations. Can you help? It's 100% for the kids!

Let's change gears for a few minutes and talk about a few things our President touched on in our last newspaper edition, and allow me to add my thoughts. President Liston had some great points and I would love to hear your thoughts too. So, ladies and gentlemen please keep your hands and feet in the ride and enjoy the ride....

President Liston reminded us to take pride in the fire service, the badge and t-shirt, honoring traditions, and serving our communities.

Let's start with our communities. What comes to mind when you think of your community? It's simple, our friends, families and neighbors is our community.

Let's set the scene - XYZ Community Fire Department is having their spring hog roast fundraiser at the fire house. Your first "customer" pulls in and parks their car loaded down with the entire family. There is a sign on a post in front of the parking spot that says "parking for hose only" and "department as\$hole only" next to it. You then see the car immediately back out of the parking spot and leave.

What do you think their first impression was?

Let's use the same fundraiser but with this example-

After the car is parked, you see a family of 4 exit the vehicle and immediately express their interest with the apparatus sitting outside.

They walk over and start taking pictures of the fire trucks and show an overall impressed expression. The family is greeted by a firefighter of the department as they walk in the fire house and ask if they would like a tour when they finish their meal. The children jumping for joy and excitement after hearing this offer to the family. After they eat and completed the tour of the fire house, the husband and wife takes the time to share some information about themselves to the firefighters. They go on to explain they had just moved to the neighborhood, coming from the opposite side of the state and where they came from. They go on to say that they relocated due to their jobs and found XYZ community very welcoming and an added bonus is the fire department is volunteer, which they miss because they use to serve on a department where they came from.

The couple initially came to support the fire department fundraiser and left as applicants and now proudly serve on this department.

Obviously this is the better scenario, right?

We are absolutely nothing without our communities. Our communities deserve nothing but the best from it's firefighters. We must strive to always become better, even if you think you are already top notch, there is always room for improvement. Remember, we work for the community. Our fire house is their fire house. Our fire truck is their fire truck. But with that said- it's their emergency, not mine. Respond as if it was your emergency. Now comes the pride part.

It is a privilege to serve on your fire department, not a right. Your community is trusting you with their lives and in their darkest times. Wear the shirt, bunker gear and badge with pride, respect, integrity and honor. Absolutely anyone can wear a t-shirt with your fire department logo or name on it, but does that truly mean they are a firefighter?

Well, I guess it depends on how they choose to represent. It goes without saying that family comes first. With family coming first, our next priority would be our jobs. After we make sure our family is taken care of is when we look after our family, friends and neighbors, I.e. Our community.

Once we have acknowledged serving our community is a privilege, we must maintain our professionalism and integrity. We must always represent our departments with pride. Emergency services in this day in age are always under the microscope, due to social media. Always assume that someone is watching your every move. At all times we provide a service in and out of the public's eye, and this has to be accomplished through integrity. Do it right 100% of the time even when no one is around. We represent our department no matter the time of day, on a call or when we are just sitting around posting on social media. You will forever be known as "the person on the fire department". Your old name of- John Q Public no longer exists.

The next time you jump on the next latest and greatest social media platform to post your latest updates, pictures, and videos, ask yourself if it can be used against you. Will that Facebook post you made making fun of a fellow firefighter, or the half naked picture you took and posted on

instagram, or the video you added on TikTok supporting racism, or using Snapchat as a way to secretly trash talk your peers, poorly represent you and your department? These are all examples of how you can quickly ruin your reputation and loose trust of others.

Traditions have a meaning and purpose. Though we may not know why every single time why we do things a certain way and feel what we are doing at the moment is stupid or old school, I promise one day it'll click and you'll go "hmm.. I get it now". Firefighters dislike two things. One being, "this is how it's always been/this is how we've always done it". The other dislike is change. But how is this possible? If you don't like change, yet you are stuck saying this is how we've always done it/how it's always been, I urge you to try something new and different, even if it is something small. It's a start. You can always go back to "how it use to be" in a blink of an eye. But honestly, trying something new now and then will not hurt you. It'll give you a new perspective and an honest opinion.

So to recap,

Wear the shirt, badge and gear with the upmost respect, pride, integrity, confidence, and be honest.

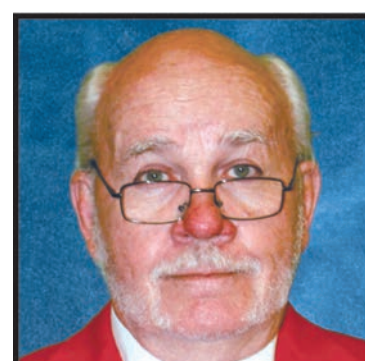
This will be the last article you will see prior to our district election, which takes place July 6th at Fountain City Fire Department. So with that said, it has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your District 13B Chairman thus far. It has been a wild 2 years in this position, and I feel that we are just getting started. I have goals in mind I would like to see us reach, but it can only be achieved if we work together.

Our next district meeting May 10th at Raleigh Fire Department. Meal will be at 1830 with the meeting to start at 1900hrs.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do for you, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Anthony Smith
765-439-0911

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Another year has started with attended with Dist. 17A meeting at the annual Vincennes Sausage Supper with 402 signed, 75 Depts. represented, 23 from Dist. 17A.

We had several speakers passing information on fire service.

Thanks for Vincennes VFD for the good meal and having us. Thanks to the Vendors for being there.

I visited Oaktown VFD to give information requested.

I attended IVFA meeting in February at Indianapolis. Good meeting with information to be passed along.

March Dist. 17A was hosted by Taylor VFD with several state officers in attendance, with information they presented. To those in attendance,

we crowned our Dist. 17A Miss Flame Natalee Rickard who accepted donations from those on hand.

March, I presented Bicknell VFD member Michael Smith a 50-year Gold Card. Thanks for your years of service.

Sympathy to Larry Bartlow for the loss of his wife Lou.

Dist. 17A next meeting will be held at Bicknell VFD on May 17th.

Be safe out there.
Sam Emery
IVFA Dist. 17A CH

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger- Chairman

District 18 IVFA March 16 2023

The last meeting of the district 18 was hosted by Tell City fire department. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Nicholas Waninger. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present. Brother Benjamin Brown gave the opening prayer and remembrance of those who passed away. Jerome Kunkler of Anderson Twp and Gene Sherlock of Lost River. The business meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Waninger and welcomed everyone that has joined us tonight. Roll call was taken with 62 members representing 20 departments answering 356 alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith introduced guest present Jack Kearney IVFA central office Steve Nolan PRSW Steve Anderson Past President Ross Emery Vice President Kathy Smith Chairman District 18 IVFAA District 18 Miss Flame, Katlyn Betz

State Officer's report
Ross Emery talked about some of the bills that are going through the house, and senate

Jack stated that the dues will be mailed out in April 15th and about the 4-1500.00 Bridgeport scholarship had only 17 applicants

Steve Nolan talked about the FDIC show in Indy anyone that wants to work should let Steve know. The trailer is still available to use. Also talked about COVID is a line of duty death.

Steve Anderson talked about the changed in the state fire marshal's office command. Steve talked about the cancer study that the state is doing with some other states.

Steve stated that when you recertify your ems certification you will be asked to give your social security number

District Chairman's report
Chairman Waninger stated that if there are any changed in officers in your department to let him know. In addition to the IVFA website The IVFA is looking into developing a social Media app that could help us put out mass motivations to our members on legislative updates

District officer's report
Vice Chairman Smith talked about how if personal insurance will cover you if you are in an accident while reroute to a scene.

Vice Chair Smith talked about the Red Cross smoke alarm program that gives your department alarms to install in homes.

Committee reports.
Parade and Miss Flame contest will be held on Sunday October 15 2023 hosted by Holland fire dept.

IVFAA will host the miss Flame part.

Chairman Waninger thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will be on May 18th 2023 with the Haysville fire department as host. It will be held at the Jasper outdoor Rec.

Last call for any other business to be brought before this body. There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM
Secretary/ Treasurer - Stan Seifert

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

District 21 meeting for February was held at Darlington Vol Fire Dept on February 27, 2023. A lite meal was served.

There were six departments and seven guests present and our District Miss Flame, Tatum Moore. Tatum talked about the Miss Flame project for convention 2023.

Regular Business was discussed.

Our next meeting will be at the Clarks Hill Vol Fire Department May 22, 2023 at 7:30 pm. The address is 9401 White Street Clarks Hill 47930. A lite meal will be served at 6:45 pm.

Don Fultz
District 21 Chairman

HONORING OUR OWN FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association "HONORS"

HONORS continued from page 1

On Mar 3rd 2023, with family present, Representative Randall Frye prepared and read HCR 21, a House Concurrent Resolution recognizing Indiana Volunteer Firefighters on the occasion of 50 years of dedicated service and Senator Michael Crider sponsored the same in the Senate. Both chambers unanimously recognized the resolution where it will now be entered into the state's official records listing all by name.

One of IVFA's single greatest gifts is when we can assist in the presentation of a gold card, a lifetime membership or the reading of the resolution honoring a 50 year member

On April 3rd we honored by HCR 21 86, members of our association: Listed below are those 86 members

Roxie Ann Herzog, Raymond G. Lawson, David L. Shepard, John W. Huppert, Vernon G. Hyatte, Robert J. Mele, Richard Scheffel, Robert J. Kralek, Thomas E. Oswald, Mark Esenwein, Harold E. Reed, Jr., David A. Shambarger, Chuck Baldwin, Charles A. Campiti, James H. Sherwood, Timothy Kersey, Danny Conkling, Frank S. Blanton III, Walter C. Crowder, Keith Newcomer, Larry Lee Park, Steve Tetrich, Mark D. Shearer, Herbert E. Anderson, Jr., Michael C Hallien, Carl D. Lyvers, Doug A. Scott, Tracy L. Stroh, Ronald D. Crider, Fred S. Ilnicki, Gary L. Markley, Jerry L. Cowans, Calvin E. Hofstetter, Patrick A. Newcomer, Philip A. Meyer, Charles Jay Sagers, Jr., Ned A.

Solloway, Erhardt Ballschmidt, Larry O. Griffin, Michael Charles Lykens, Larry D. Petro, Jack G. Bunner, Steve Dale Seerley, Robert Michael Aker, Frederick R. Michael, Stanley A. Simonin, Richard G. Schuette, Billy L. Saltwell, Daryl Bruce Neal, Robert E. Boyer, Bruce A. Kuhn, Joseph E. Kenworthy, Harold L. Keller, Terry G. Morris, Ronald D. Helderman, James Robert Linder, Paul H. Sembach, David Allen Freeman, Ralph E. Webb, Robert N. Chandler, Phillip W. Meredith, Charles L. Harlow, Gerald W. Williams, Ernie Alexander, Larry R. Englehardt, Michael R. Berry, Larry E. Cromer, W. Michael Roberts, Michael G. Smith, Richard J. Dillon, Mark Lee Froelich, Roy M. Wever, Dale K Walker, James B. Hawkins, Michael E. Benham, Melvin J. Daunhauer, Glenn M. Ellis, Carl A. Forston, Mark A. Ruxer, Edward T. Gerdowsky, Charles W. Levi, Gordon D. Phillips, Robert Jay Smith, David L. Ingram, Alan Hale, Mark H. Mattes, Rawn P. Walley, and Leslie L. McConnell

We congratulate and honor all 86 of which 28 were in attendance during the State House Celebration on April 3rd 2023 along with family and department members

Thank You for the service you have provided during your 50 years. Pictures and comments may be found on the IVFA facebook page or on the IVFA website photo gallery.

Larry W. Curl
IVFA Lobbyist and Lifetime Member



Eric Holcomb shares his gratitude to the members and thanked their families for being with them and allow photos with himself following his comments.



House Concurrent Resolution 21 recognizes 86 volunteer firefighters with 50 years of service to fire departments across Indiana February 3, 2023.

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING February 3-5, 2023 Crowne Plaza Hotel INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at by President Jerry Liston at 1:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Ross Emery. The Invocation was given by Chaplain David Elick.

Guests: State Fire Marshall Jones, District 10 John Davis, District 15 Vice Chair Paul Campbell,

Roll Call was taken with 23 District Chairman present and 2 Absent, 5 Public Relations Officers

and 1 absent, 7 past presidents, the Lobbyist, and Webmaster.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Don Cushman made a motion to accept minutes as emailed. Richard Glant second the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurers Report, Treasurer Luke Kluender, report was emailed out to board members for review prior to meeting, hard copy provided to Vice President and Secretary. No questions or discussion were posed during presentation,

Motion to accept treasurer report as emailed made by Rex Maynard. Second given by Tammy Wright. Motion passed.

Guests:

1. Indiana State Fire Marshall Steve Jones. stejones@idhs.in.gov, over 70,000 fire runs across the state in 2022, over 2 million ambulance runs, spoke on legislative bills that were related to the fire service. PFAS labels, blood testing for PFAS, utility battery systems, grant program for Stop the Bleed. Discussion on the governors 24 million dollars in budget line for the fire service. Goal to have a training site at 30 mile proximities to any dept. in the state. 10 million to purchase fire gear and SCBA to replace older gear. Can fill out form for possible training site locations if interested in having it in your area. Trying to streamline contacts that if a request is emailed there is a response within 24 hours. 14 million from governors budget to go towards EMS. Looking to provide programs on the computer

to assist with studying. Also buy educational equipment to teach EMT Class. Bill to have address removed from public record if a responder. Still have funds to collect PFAS Foam. Discussion on fatality fires in residential settings, encouraged to go back out and complete smoke alarm drives. Can call office or red cross to get smoke alarms to install. Office tracking training completion of who is completing these trainings.

Old Business:

1. Supporting Hero's Gala, July 15, 2023, give names to Paul Holcomb. They all need to be submitted by May meeting.

2. Savvik Buying Group, waiting for information to be sent to Savvik to finalize information. Needs email, address, name of dept. and member roster of dept. possibly obtain emails from DHS website under variances to identify emails. District chairman need to collect and update emails as much as possible or identify and give information to the Central Office to update for information to be sent out. Revamp of dues packets to update information on email addresses. President will call and speak with Julie Fontaine about communications.

a. Acadis information discussion on how to manage and handle information and needs of SSN for the EMS Compact.

3. NIPSH Ascension St. Vincent Cancer Survey, trying to get information out to members, Dr. Maggey is in charge of this information to get study completed. Conference call over 55,000 names

in the data list. Trying to shorten list down to only active firefighters currently.

4. Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner-DC, May 22-23, 2023, names to Larry Curl if your interested in attending.

5. FDIC Booth- April 27-29, 2023, need to get with Steve Nolan to put name on the list to assist with working the booth. Have opened the booth to the Auxiliary to join in the booth.

6. Zoom is available for district and committee meetings.

7. Bad Addresses, district chairman need to help the Central office out to get those updated.

8. Three 75 year members this year, District 9A, 3 and 7.

9. By-law/ SOG Updates, and the McNeil Guideline Proposals for Code Of Conduct.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, Dues packets being prepared to be sent out. Rosters sent out in email. Pin lists have been sent out. Deceased list sent out, 57 deceased members to date. Name badges prepared for newspaper. 84 gold cards mailed out. 206 bad addresses received. 328 total addresses on hold. 13,356 total members, 12,431 Active members, 31 service members, 720 gold members, 93 associate members, 2 honorary members, 56 individual, 20 past presidents. 2 pending AIL Claims, \$207,736 paid out to date from AIL. 5,997 license plates sold in 2022.

Executive Committee Report:

Code of Conduct covered, Lobbyist Contract covered. Agenda for committee lengthy but speak with president if more info is needed. 5 life saving award nominations, 3 from district 9A and 2 from 17A non-members.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Vice President Ross Emery-Ollie Sandburg will be chosen in May, has other nominations for awards, will be passed to appropriate chairs. Work on 50-year gold card update and all awards passed out. He is going to work on getting past due list cleaned up. McQueen awards need to be completed this weekend.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison- nothing to report

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney- nothing to report

Mr. IVFA Larry Curl- nothing to report

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, nothing received yet for applications.

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender. Nothing to report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: Chaplain Dave Elick, Covered Code of Conduct from Insurance Company. Have reviewed and will make changes in the report then be sent out once finalized. Will need reviewed by email and then finalized at May meeting. By-law Change from November meeting for qualifications of Chaplain.

Current Bylaw:

Article V- Officers, Section 14- See *Secretary* page 13

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In order to be elected to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, or Public Relations Director of the Association the person must:

- Be an active member of the association;
- The local department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the association; and
- Shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years.
- The PR Director must live within the PR Area they represent.

Proposed Change:
Article V- Officers, Section 14- Qualifications of Officers

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- The PR Director must live within the PR Area they represent.
- To be elected to the office of Chaplain of the Association, the person must:

- Be an active member of the Association, and Indiana resident;
- Have served as a public safety, military, associate chaplain/chaplain, or religious clergy for at least two (2) years; and
- Have assisted with at least two (2) two convention memorial services.

Roll Call vote was conducted, and motion was passed, 34 yay, 4 nay, 3 abstained, and 4 absent.

Clothing Claims:

District 5 John Grolich- glasses claim, it will be paid for \$100 after confirmation of membership. Possible proposal of change to increasing reimbursement to up to \$250.00 after claim with indiv. dept., no further discussion held.

Convention: President David Israel, 2025 Convention- 2 bids from district 14 Madison IN and District 16 Clarksville.

2023 Jeff Biehl- taking registrations and coins and raffle tickets available for sale. June 14-17, 2023. Information listed on website.

2024- Larry Curl- putting together committee assignments, working out hotel details.

EMS:

Tammy Wright, Nasal Glucose is allowed need to follow protocols. Teaching updates and methods, online education available need to have 62 hours. If state certification relapses, you have to take national registry to recertify. Texas Ems Summit Commission meeting March 10 at 10 am. New certs have to have Soc. Sec. Number due to EMS Compact with state, Running with Shears 5K May 13, 2023 and Golden Siren award May 20, 2023, IEMSA/ IEN conference Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2023.

Insurance:

Luke Kleunder, nothing to report.

Legislation:

Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, discussion held on bills we're tracking. Watching 30 bills due to more public safety bills being introduced, 17 are being closely watched by the association. You can visit the legislative section on the website to follow our agenda and the outcomes of the bills.

LODD:

Dave Elick, nothing to report. Supporting Hero's offering Honors Benefits courses, Feb. 7 and Feb. 9 Plainfield, April 9 in Whitestown,

May 25 in Seymour 9a-5p.

Logo:

District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report.

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, Savvik Group discussed. List of small list of grants to publish for our members to apply and receive monies for their depts. Legal representation for memberships to use if they are needed.

Newspaper:

Past Pres. Buz Koehler, 13,213 copies printed. 30 advertisers. 48 cents per copy cost. Discussed advertising lost. Business card adds can be placed for \$16 and issue. New change to editor and has had some issues but have been worked out.

Public Relations and Education:

Don Cushman, sending out form for FDIC booth signup. IERC Sept. 13-16, 2023.

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reisert, website has been updated with needed information. Discussion on doing an app for the association. Will be investigated. Every committee will have an email address that forwards to the members on that committee so the information needed can be forwarded as necessary.

Special Projects:

Past Pres. Buz Koehler, picked out articles and information to be places into the book from the papers. Others will be picked from the internet archives. Will start having information sent out to the membership to get preorders started. Need to presale 300 books. Goal to be completed by the end of the month to start being printed. Want to have book in hand by convention. Association will receive 20 book free of charge.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, He should be getting an appointment to the board for the volunteer position. NVFC reps brought back some hazmat training back and has 2-year grant for train the trainer for this program. There are 3 and 7-hour class versions.

Younger Membership:

District 6 Jerry Sprague, Facebook posting is working. Discussion held on youth camp, June 2024, sponsors and topics needed. App discussion held in partnership with social media committee.

Health and Wellness Committee, created in part with discussion from the roundtable meetings. Baseline physicals and critical incident stress debriefing. Ask about lottery money to pay for physicals or hospitals to assist with program. Couple groups identified for CISM. Want to start creating partnerships with these groups to get information out. Need to find groups that will travel. Look at creating a IVFA Team of our own.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: Steve Anderson, nothing currently to report.

Fire Alliance Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, Cybersecurity discussion and Indiana is listed as #3 in risk of threat level. 4-year 20 million dollar grant available IOT: SLCGP Committee (in.gov) There are trainings on the IDHS Website. Free Analysis is available. Chiefs leadership course is being updated and started in Plainfield. Asked if it will be provided elsewhere unsure if this will be available. Discussion on 5-day course and mandatory requirements. Leadership for Junior Officers' course, series course done in two weekends is going to be made available. Leadership Saturday classes discussion held.

Hero's Competition, nothing to report.

IN-Time Jack Zeeks, starting to do training again.

National Volunteer Fire Council Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, first responder suicide and PTSD information discussed, brought

up concern for what we are giving Bridgeport fund to and for in regards to LODD. Bridgeport committee will look into this and give recommendation. Recruitment and retention discussion held. They have fliers that can be made and sent out to get information out to dept. Training Summit will be held in OK. Feb. 21 live discussion held on physicals. Feb. 23rd Virtual de-escalation tips for the fire service. Feb. 24 Cancer Symposium. March 5th Annual Membership meeting virtually. Asked for committee support at federal legislation for bill to extend the Siren Grant. May 19-21 Spring Conference. Anheiser Bush emergency drinking water open until March 31, 2023.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, have your dept. sign up to get smoke alarms to install.

Meeting recessed at 1800. Will reconvene at 0830 Sunday morning.

Sunday February 5, 2023

Meeting reconvened at 0832.

Chaplain Dave Elick gave morning message.

Tammy Williams from AIL came in and report to board bout benefits and what the member is getting once they send in the form. Those mailings will be going out soon. Her contact number is 317-828-1183 is the contact number for Tammy. Claims \$650,170 has been paid out between the member policies and AD&D policy.

Officer's Reports:

President, Jerry Liston, 6 district meetings, alliance meeting, sausage supper,

Vice President, Ross Emery, approx.3,000 miles, 5 district meetings, Vincennes Sausage supper, 60 year celebration, Al Williamson memorial, IEMSA Conference.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, nothing to report.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, absent.

Chaplain, Dave Elick, bibles and boxes are in and be passed out. We have the new box engraved \$30 for the box and \$10 for the laser engraving. These boxes will be specific to our organization. Current boxes we have are \$52.50. Current price for purchase of bible and grave marker if necessary is \$75.00. We have had 135 in the past year passed out.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, nothing to report.

Historian, Buz Koehler, reports given in committee.

Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, pass

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, nothing to report.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, 4 district meetings, 1 department fundraiser.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 16 meetings, 7 department visits. Service award presentations.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, absent.

PREC, Jeff Biehl, 7 meetings, 3 department visits, fundraisers, memorial service. 60 year celebration

PRSW, Steve Nolan, 3 district meetings, 50 year celebration.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 3 meeting visits, 12 dept. contacts, attended 3 memorials, 3 fundraisers, and pin presentations.

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,

Al Williamson memorial, dept. visit to Deputy to revisit after rebuild from fire. Assist Evansville fire with tanker shuttle during large fires.

Paul Holcomb, Phone app.. Discussion was held on the app. Anthony Smith will look into an app, we will exchange a convention booth

space, ad in the paper, and a website space for the app to be completed at no charge to the association. Updated convention guidelines sent out via email with new changes to hosting convention pre-registration, Tim Deckard, absent

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, meeting held at Lake Ridge Fire Dept., 9 dept. 27 members present, program given from Robert Walker with Lake County Homeland Security. 3 memorial services.

District 2, Tom Fentress, meeting held at Lake Ridge Fire Dept., 3 dept. and 9 members present. Program given by Robert Walker from Lake County Homeland Security. 3 memorial services.

District 3, Bob Uryga, meeting held at Lincoln Twp. Fire Dept. 5 dept. and 15 members present. Meeting held at Bass Lake, 6 dept. and 18 members present. Program from Jerry Liston about Legislative Agenda. 2 Memorial services.

District 4, Elton Schafer, meeting held at Jefferson Fire Dept. 7 dept. and 14 members present. 1 memorial. Service pins passed out.

District 5, John Grolich, meeting held at Bourbon Fire Dept. 6 dept. and 12 members present. Program was Miss Flame.

District 6, Jerry Sprague, meeting held at Washington Twp. Allen County. 8 dept. and 22 members present. Presentation given by Larry Curl. 1 memorial service. Service pins handed out. Meeting held at Ashley- Hudson Vol. Fire Dept. 9 dept. and 28 members present. Program on EMS Training Birthing and Care of Newborn. 2 memorial services.

District 7, Sam Bisel, district meeting, 75-year presentation, 16 visitors present. 41 members and 9 dept. present. Dept. visit and service pins.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, meeting cancelled due to weather, 3 memorial services. Service pins passed out.

District 8B, Tony Dalrymple, meeting held at Saratoga Ward Fire Territory, 7 dept. and 15 members present. Discussion held on bylaw change and legislations. Open position of District Secretary available.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, meeting held at Russiaville Fire Dept. 4 dept. and 8 members present.

District 9B, Randy Denton, meeting held at Goodland Fire Dept. 5 dept. and 20 members present. Service pins and 50 year gold card presentation.

District 10, John Ray, Jim Davis, district meeting and service pin passed out.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, absent

District 11B, Jason Ryan, meeting held at Marshall Vol. Fire Dept., 4 dept. and 10 members present. General program held.

District 12 Larry Curl, meeting held at Advance V.F.D., 9 dept. and 12 members present. 1 memorial service. Annual awards dinner held, plan to continue this dinner. Service pins and 50-year gold card presentation.

District 13A, Don Cushman, district round table, 2 Christmas parties, service pins passed out.

District 13B, Anthony Smith, district meeting with miss flame crowning, service pins, 50-year gold card presentation, fire marshal presentation, convention meetings, 3 Christmas parties, online store for convention fundraiser.

District 14, Rick Cannon, meeting held at Reddington Fire, 7 dept. and 21 members present. Program over quarterly updates. Meeting held at Deputy Fire Dept. 8 dept. and 25 members present. Miss Flame crowned, McQueen, and Dinges updates given. 3 memorial services.

District 15, Steve Anderson, meeting held at Marrs Twp. 11 dept. and 25 members present. Miss Flame program contest held. Incorporating

next district meeting on a Saturday to get more interest and training.

District 16 Ashley Armstrong, absent

District 17A, Sam Emery, meeting held at Vincennes Twp. 71 dept. and 402 members present. Vincennes sausage supper program held, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch IDHS Joel Thacker, and Marshall Stephen Jones all spoke. 60 year celebration.

District 17B, Tammy Wright, 2 district meetings, 3 dept. meetings, service pins passed out, 5 50-year gold cards, miss flame crowned.

District 18, Nick Waninger, Meeting held at Jasper Outdoor Rec. 12 dept. and 60 members present. One memorial service.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, meeting held at Aurora Fire Dept. 13 dept. and 46 members present.

District 21, Don Fultz, meeting held at Williamsport Fire Dept. 7 dept. and 18 members present. 2 memorial services.

New Business:

1. By-Law amendment was passed and will be changed.

2. Dept. paid/not paid list, make contact with non paid dept. to answer questions and attempt to get membership back. Meeting at Mexico about their closing doors due to contract issues.

3. Lobbyist agreement/Contract, will go to board action.

4. IVFA Historian appointment, President Liston appointed Buz Koehler to the Historian position. Jason Ryan will be assistant.

5. President's Progression Plan, progression for the next 1,2, and 5 years of the association.

6. Officer's intending to run for office need to send interest to Jack Zeeks and nominating committee by May.

7. Guide for creating a diverse dept. handout given for reading content.

Buz Koehler motion to adjourn, second from Richard Glant. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 0930 .

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING February 3-5, 2023 HILTON GARDEN HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Board Action Business Meeting called to order the chairman of the board Paul Holcomb at 0939

Reading of the minutes, Jack Zeeks made a motion to accept them as emailed, Jeremy Reef second, motion passed.

Board Action- Business:

1. Lobbyist Contract increase of 5% the first year in 2022 to \$54,893.85, 3% increase for the next two years ending in 2025 \$56,540.67 and \$58,238.89 the final year. Buz Koehler motion to approve Jeremy Reef second, motion approved.

2. 2023 Chamber Day Dinner to not exceed \$1000 and send 3-4 representatives. Rick Cannon made a motion to accept, Rex Maynard seconded, discussion held this group will have about 125 members of legislation present. Look at making this an annual event to network with participants. Motion approved.

3. Historian Buz Koehler requested to buy a scanner to scan papers and information to upload to website and buy external hard drive to hold information, not to exceed \$400.00 Motion made by Sam Bisel, Dave Elick seconded, motion passed.

District ticket drawing \$100 gas card winner, Justin Koontz District 17A Bloomfield Fire Dept., runner-up Allison Reef, District 9A Democrat Twp.- Cutler Fire Dept.

Richard Glant made a motion to elect David Israel to Board Chairman, motion seconded by Jeremy Reef. Motion passed.

Chaplain gave benediction.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jack Zeeks, Second by Don Cushman . Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

IVFA AUXILIARY OFFICERS - 2022 - 2023
PRESIDENT: CHRISTINA REEF
VICE PRESIDENT: EJ SMITH
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: JANET MATTHEWS
RECORDING SECRETARY: BEVERLY VANLANDINGHAM
TREASURER: MARTHA BIEHL
CHAPLAIN: JUDY WIRTH
SGT.-AT-ARMS: SUZIE STOUT LEWIS
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: CAROL CURL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2022 - 2023
DISTRICTS #1 & #2: PHYLLIS VARGO
DISTRICT #3: LEONA URYGA
DISTRICT #4: BRENDA SCHAFER
DISTRICT #5: KAY SHUMAKER
DISTRICT #6: KIMBERLY SMITH
DISTRICT #7: KRISTY BISEL
DISTRICT #8A: BETH MOON
DISTRICT #10: LORI BAXTER
DISTRICT #11A: BEVERLY TAYLOR
DISTRICT #11B: JODI ROHR
DISTRICT #12: CHARA LEAVER
DISTRICTS #13A & 13B: MADI REEDER
DISTRICT #14: JOANN SMITH
DISTRICT #15: JERRI JOHNSON
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DISTRICT #18: KATHY SMITH
DISTRICT #19: PATTI FULTZ
DISTRICT #21: PATTI FULTZ

PAST PRESIDENTS
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BETH CAUDILL: 2009-2011
MARTHA THOMAS (Deceased): 2007-2009
JOANN HAYS: 2005-2007
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MARY MACKIN (Deceased): 2000-2002
FAYE SALLEE (Deceased): 1998-2000
LOU BARTLOW: 1996-1998
PHYLLIS VARGO: 1994-1996
MAXINE DAVIES (Deceased): 1992-1994
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LORETTA NULLINER: 1986-1988
NICKIE SUNDAY (Deceased): 1984-1986
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BARBARA SURBER: 1980-1982
LUCY STOFER: 1978-1980
VICA MCGILL (Deceased): 1976-1978
MARY BOYD: 1975-1976

PAST PRESIDENTS
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CAROLYN McCARTY (Deceased): 1971-1973
ROSELLA BOUSMAN (Deceased): 1969-1971
MARY STAFFORD (Deceased): 1967-1969
BARBARA KERNEY (Deceased): 2013-2016

NEW CONTACT & E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR 2023
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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary
Janet Matthews



I.V.F.A.A Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, February 5, 2023
Crown Plaza Hotel Indianapolis, IN

President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag. IVFA Chaplain David Elick came to the meeting delivered an inspirational morning message to the group & brought one of the bibles that the IVFA presents to families of passing members. The IVFA went to a non-denominational bible & wooden box

to put them in. Discussion was had in the room of the IVFAA going to the same type of set up.

Recording Secretary Beverly Vanlandingham was not present at the meeting, President Christina Reef took roll call answered by 7 IVFAA members & 23 officers present.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews was asked to read minutes from November 2022 quarterly meeting to the group. An error was noted in the minutes stating, IVFAA was not a 501C3. Correction will be made to this error, that IVFAA is a 501C3. Phyllis Vargo makes a motion to accept the minutes with the correction noted, Beth Moon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried to accept the minutes with correction.

Treasurer report given by Martha Biehl. Each member in room was given a copy of the report to review. No corrections or additions is subject to audit.

Agent Tammy Williams from American Income Life Insurance came to talk with the group. Gave her phone number 317-828-1183 to the group for everyone to have & encouraged them to call her if they had questions/concerns. IVFA 13B Chairman, Anthony Smith came to talk about convention & brought registration forms for those that may need one. Informed the group that there will be many training opportunities will be offered at convention this year.

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Chaplain Judy Wirth informed the group that there are several "Thinking of you" cards being passed around for everyone to sign. She reviewed the current list of IVFAA death's & that the deadline for her to have all names for convention memorial is May 1st. Please inform Judy if you need bibles as she has a supply with her. Please remember to let Judy know if you have any needs/requests/illnesses & she will pass it along to the members.

President Christina Reef called for committee reports.

Auditing: Carol Curl reports will be ready. She discussed with Beverly Harker the need for the potential of an outside audit needing to be done. She will think about it but did not feel anything was needed at this time.

Budget & Finance: Kathy Smith reports committee met yesterday & had good discussion with Janet Matthews about real expenses from last years Miss Flame competition. Committee is set to make some changes & will have something to present in May.

Chaplin Assistants: Judy Wirth reports the flower fund is critically low. Discussion was had about the cost of flowers & cost of delivery fees for them. She has began sending gift cards to some in place of the flowers just depending on the fees she is quoted. Hat was passed to

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2022 / 2023

AUDIT
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Patti Fultz
Tammy Smith
Connie Ray
Kimberly Smith

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Phyllis Vargo
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Eula Bush
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Suzie Lewis

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Carol Curl - Chair

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Judy Wirth - State Chaplain
Phyllis Vargo - Northwest
Suzie Lewis - Northeast
Janet Matthews - East Central
JoAnn Hays - West Central
Kathy Smith - Southwest
Pam Gerdowsky - Southeast

CHAPLAIN EMERITUS & COMMUNICATIONS
JoAnn Hays

NEW DISTRICT CHAIR TRAINING
Phyllis Vargo - Chair
Joyce Nevil
Lou Bartlow
Kathy Smith
Leona Uryga
EJ Smith
JoAnn Hays

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

Corresponding

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collect more money for the flower fund.

Chaplin Emeritus & Communications: JoAnn Hays not here today

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter reports committee met yesterday & encourages everyone to bring their baskets to the May quarterly meeting. Lori will take them home with her & take to convention to have good assortment to have out on first day of convention. Kids baskets & free tickets will continue at convention this year. Discussion in the committee of how to generate more money from the auction. The potential for pre-sale of tickets & looking into the possibility of this happening, not sure if this can or not with the gaming laws.

Historian: Phyllis Vargo nothing new.

Installation: Beth Moon nothing to report.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis reports has supply if anyone needs anything. She also informed group that she has many pieces of past dated jewelry & discussed the possibility of selling some of it at convention. There are charms, pins, tacks from past conventions that someone may want if they have a collection

Lois Boaz Award: Beth Caudill reports did get letters in & one will be chosen for this award.

Mary Mackin: Kimberly Smith said the committee will be doing a bake sale at the May quarterly meeting.

Membership: Christina reports Sydney was here yesterday & there is a draft of a flyer that has been passed out for all to review. It tells about the auxiliary, history, purpose, benefits, awards for the members. Would like to get everyone to review it, would like to have this on the table at FDIC.

Memorial Throw: Carol Curl says all is ok.

Miriam Schaeckel Award: Phyllis Vargo reports a recipient has been chosen.

Miss Flame: Janet Matthews reports committee met yesterday & that a flyer has been passed out for each chairman to take back to their district to support the community project of collecting items for The Shelter Inc. in Connersville. Josh is going to add this flyer to the website. Currently a few Miss Flame applications have been received but I am hearing that there are only 3 districts out of the state without a Miss Flame representing them. It is nice to hear we are getting a great response of young ladies participating. Reminded everyone that Janet needs all applications in some format by March 10th.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks announces it will soon be election time again, be thinking if you want to rerun or run for an office.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow not present at meeting.

President's Advisory: Lou Bartlow not present at meeting.

Social Media Communication: Christina Reef reports this is now maintained by Brenna Liston & Sydney Moon.

SOGs & By Laws: Christina Reef reports will vote & discuss in new business today. She also informed everyone that the new code of conduct policy will be coming out to the IVFA & IVFAA in May 2023. When this policy is rolled out each member will have to sign an acknowledgement page that you did read & receive it.

V.P Project: E.J Smith reports that 50/50 raffle will be held at convention. Working on obtaining the gaming license.

Buz Koehler came to room & brought newspapers with him. Asked the group to review the paper

& let him know if anyone sees any issues/errors in it, you can email him if you do. It is the first issue from our new editor. He also let us know that he has been elected as the IVFA historian & he will be working on creating digital history of the organization. He reports that the first 2 sections are done on the 75 year book & going well. Deadline to reserve a book is February 28th. We need to sell at least 300 copies; this book will be on the national registry.

Old Business: President Christina Reef asked if anyone had any old business to discuss with the group. She did thank everyone for helping to push out the awards that are offered. Nominations were received & each organization knows that they have many deserving members out there of the awards available.

10-minute break

New Business: We have some new District chairman that have taken over in some districts. Leona Uryga is now District 3 Chairman, Lori Baxter is now District 10 Chairman, Madilynn Reeder is now District 13 A & B Chairman. President Christina Reef brought up to discuss with the group that our IVFAA emails addresses have never been paid for by the IVFAA since the emails were set up. Seems the IVFA gets a yearly bill but they have not been informing the IVFAA when they are billed or giving us an invoice for our portion. When IVFAA emails were initially set up the IVFAA was to pay \$200 per year for this email access. IVFA President Jerry Liston entered the room, & informed the group that both presidents have agreed to investigate this situation before any money exchanged. This situation has been tabled for now & will be addressed once it is completely investigated. Jerry Liston informed the group that there is discussion of an APP that may be created to aide in communication to the organizations members that can send out instant messages. Looking into forming alternate ways of communication for members no mater their ages. Also Jerry passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone in that room that would like to help at the IVFA booth at FDIC. April 24th-29th is FDIC & there is space at the booth for IVFAA to have members there to help promote the organization & be present for questions. Those that help man the table do get event passes to go into the event.

Christina asked each district chairperson to please bring a game or puzzle for a donation to The

ARC of Indiana at convention. Can be a board game, family game, card game, the hotel uses them for the staff to play them in their down time when not working.

Christina asked if anyone had any discussion on the SOG change that has a change request that is in front of them. SOG change request for Recording Secretary Article #7 is a what we need to discuss/vote on. Current SOG reads: New Auxiliary membership certificate is to be filled out & given to the President. The President will give them out at the next state meeting. The proposed change reads: Each new Auxiliary will receive a membership certificate, signed by the Recording Secretary & President. This will be presented to the Auxiliary by the District Chair or designee. The group had discussion & believes that a signature line on the certificate should be for the District Chair along with the President & Recording Secretary. Most time the chairmen are the ones involved in the development of that Auxiliary that is joining the state level. All in agreeance to have 3 signature lines on the Auxiliary membership certificate. Kimberly Smith made a motion to have the SOG be changed & altered to add a signature line for the District Chair to sign then accept the proposed change, Chara

Lever seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried the SOG of Recording Secretary Article #7 will be changed to proposed change with alteration added. Each new Auxiliary will receive a membership certificate, signed by the Recording Secretary, President & District Chairman. This will be presented to the Auxiliary by the District Chair or designee.

Bylaws review, each district chair was given a set of bylaws at the November quarterly meeting with the proposed changes in them. Each chair was to take back to their district, review them with members & get their votes on them. Many of the Bylaws had changes made in verbiage to make grammatically correct. President Christina Reef read each by law, the way it is written then along with the proposed change. After completion of reading the proposed changes, discussions were held. District Chairs & Past Presidents will vote on the proposed bylaw changes today, Representing the Board. In depth discussion being requested to be held on Bylaw Article 2 Section 4 and on Bylaw Article 4 Section 1. Judy Wirth made a motion to accept all of the Bylaw changes that were purposed with exception to Article 2 Section 4 & Article 4 Section 1, Beth Moon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. All proposed Bylaw changes passed with exception of Article 2 Section 4 & Article 4 Section 1.

Bylaw Article 2 Section 4: Current bylaw reads: Vacancy of an elected officer. In case of a vacancy in the office of the president, the vice-president shall immediately assume office for the remainder of the year. In case of the vacancy of the other elected officers, once a resignation is submitted to the hands of the president, upon receipt, that officer is no longer responsible for that position. The president of the auxiliary will contact the Chair of the Board of Directors notifying her of the vacancy. The Chairman will then contact the Board of Directors to ask for nominations of names for the vacancy. The nominations will be brought before the Board of Directors of the next State Officers meeting and voted upon. You must be a two-year member before you can hold a district chairman position. Proposed change to bylaw reads: Vacancy of an elected officer. In case of a vacancy in the office of the president, the vice-president shall immediately assume office for the remainder of the year. In case of the vacancy of the other elected officers, once a resignation is submitted to the hands of the president, upon receipt, that officer is no longer responsible for that position. The president of the auxiliary will contact the Chair of the Board of Directors notifying of the vacancy. The Chairman will then contact the Board of Directors to ask for nominations of names for the vacancy. The nominations will be brought before the Board of Directors of the next State Officers meeting and voted upon. You must be a member at least for one (1) year before you can hold a district chairman position. Discussion was held within the group of how their districts debated this particular bylaw. Some wanted to keep the same others ok for the change. Vote taken by those voting members in the room & by popular vote the bylaw passed with the proposed version. Article 2 Section 4 will read: Vacancy of an elected officer. In case of a vacancy in the office of the president, the vice-president shall immediately assume office for the remainder of the year. In case of the vacancy of the other elected officers, once a resignation is submitted to the hands of the president, upon receipt, that officer is no longer responsible for that position. The president of the auxiliary will contact the Chair of

the Board of Directors notifying of the vacancy. The Chairman will then contact the Board of Directors to ask for nominations for the vacancy. The nominations will be brought before the Board of Directors of the next State Officers meeting and voted upon. You must be a member at least for one (1) year before you can hold a district chairman position.

Bylaw Article 4 Section 1: Current by law reads: All membership dues are payable July 1 and delinquent after September 30, with no voting power after September 30. They shall be eligible to have voting power at the State Convention. Annual dues are as specified in Standard Operating Guidelines, Section XI, Item 2. Proposed change to bylaw reads: Section 1. All membership dues are payable July 1 and delinquent after July 31st with no voting power after August 1st. Annual dues are as specified in Standing Operating Guidelines, Section XI, Item 2. Discussion was held with the group, many opinions from many districts differ on the topic of payment of dues & the length of time before they are considered delinquent. Vote taken by those voting members in the room. The new proposed changed did not pass even though many voters not wanting to keep it as it currently reads. Kimberly Smith agreed that her district will submit a new bylaw request change for this Bylaw Article 4 Section 1, requesting that there is a 60 day limit for dues to be paid by members as well as timely notices being mailed out. Bylaw Article 4 Section 1 remains as written until new submission for change is received.

Christina informed the group that she is assisting Recording Secretary on the membership rosters to ensure that we have capability to create a list of 25/50 year members without much effort. Suzie has a current list but we want to ensure that as an organization we are staying on top of these so they are presented within a timely manner of milestone memberships. Discussion was had a last quarterly meeting of creating a Survey for IVFAA members. Each person has a draft in front of them that they can review. Please take this back to your districts & get members opinions on this. As an organization we need to have value added input to insure we are keeping members informed & have open communication. Fellowship event for February did not happen as the organizer was not in attendance. Anyone has any ideas/interest in the May fellowship event, please let Christina know. Phyllis Vargo along with help of others will be putting on District Chairman class at the May quarterly meeting. It will be on Saturday for one-hour, the group will decide on a time & email it out to everyone & add it to the Facebook page. Christina reminded everyone to post their events/meetings on the IVFAA Facebook page. Those committee chairs please let Christina know when you will be holding your committee meetings in May on that Saturday. We have many committees & some members are on more than one committee.

President Christina Reef asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order? Christina reminded everyone that we will be making goody bags for the annual meeting. We need items for them, samples, pens, flyers, candies anything to fill them with. Carol Curl will be making the bags. Christina asked Judy Wirth to give our closing prayer, prayer given. Kimberly Smith made motion for meeting be adjourned, seconded by Leona Uryga. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. by President Christina Reef.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

IVFAA President

Christina Reef



Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful spring, even if it was extra rainy. I love all the rain in the springtime because it helps bring all the beautiful flowers & also helps with allergies.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the convention this year. It is June 14th thru 16th at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie. If you have not registered for convention, it's not too late. Registration forms & information are on the IVFAA.org website under convention. We have 22 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. These young ladies build friendships that last a lifetime & learn some important life skills.

At the last quarterly meeting, we did approve updates to the organization's bylaws. These will be distributed to each auxiliary & also available on the website in the next couple of months. I want to personally thank everyone who has been on the SOG & Bylaw committee these past 2 years. They have all worked very hard. The committee reviewed each SOG & bylaw line by line. Thank you so much ladies!

Even though awards are closed for this year, it's never too early to start thinking about next year. I would like everyone to look over the available awards on both the IVFA & IVFAA side. The list of awards is located on the IVFA.org website under awards. Once there you can read about each of the awards & even nominate someone. I know we have more people who are extremely deserving of each of these awards in every district & every department too, because I met them as I travelled around the state attending meetings & events. If you have any questions or issues, please contact your district chairman or a state officer.

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 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 attended the IVFAA Memorial Service for past president Lou Bartlow. She was currently district

11B district chairman. She will be missed.

If you are having a district or department functions please let me know and I will try my best to attend. We have a IFAA Community Face Book 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.

The I.V.F.A. Convention will be at Courtyard Marriott Muncie Horizon Convention Center, June 14-16 2023. 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 life time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail me at ivfaavicepresident@ivfa.org.

Stay Safe and Healthy
E.J.Smith
Vice President IVFAA



Miss Flame 2023 Community Project



Hello Ladies,

Every year the Miss Flames have a community project. This is a great way to get the Miss Flames involved in local community organizations. In past years, we have done food drives, worked at animal shelters, collected aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house & collected socks for the homeless.

This year our community project will be collecting a variety of items for The Shelter Inc in Connersville (www.shelterconnersville.org). They are a non-for-profit shelter which provides supplies to the homeless in Fayette County. They have been operating for over 3 years providing meals, supplies & support to the homeless. Since opening their doors, they have helped over 300 individuals get off the streets & get the help they needed.

We are asking all the Miss Flames to collect items to help not only keep the shelter running but to also help provide supplies to those in need. They will need to bring these items to convention.

- Cleaning supplies
 - o Dish soap
 - o Trash bags 13 gallon kitchen & 45 gallon
 - o Multi surface cleaner (Bleach, Lysol, & etc.)
 - o Bathroom cleaner
 - o Floor cleaner (Fabuloso, Swiffer wet jet pads, refill cleaner & etc.)
 - o Laundry detergent
 - o Dryer sheets
- Non-Perishable Food – The shelter only has a microwave & toaster for cooking meals right now.
 - o Microwave meals (Ramen noodles, mac & cheese, Dinty Moore meals, dry soups & etc.)
 - o Canned foods (Tuna, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Soups, vegetables, ravioli & etc.)
 - o Cases of Water
 - o Peanut Butter
 - o Coffee & tea bags
- Misc. Supplies
 - o Toilet paper
 - o Paper Towel
 - o Kleenex
 - o LED Light Bulbs
 - o Paper Plates
 - o Plastic Silverware
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- Toiletries & personal hygiene items
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Happy Spring to all! It will be great to have warm temperatures, and balmy breezes, to enjoy flowers and new birth of God's beautiful creation. This is a very special season with Easter just around the corner, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, who saved us from our sins. But along with all of this, also comes thunderstorms, flooding, high winds, and tornado's. Let us keep all of our Public Safety Personnel in our prayers for their safety as they try to keep us safe.

I hope to get to visit with all of you at our annual convention in June at the Convention Center in Muncie. I am sure it will be a grand time for all to enjoy old friendships, get new friendships, and learn from each other.

I would like to take this time to thank the associate chaplains for IVFAA. It is an honor to work with these ladies in this role of our organization to bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones with Memorial Services.

Phyllis Vargo, Suzie Lewis, Joann Hayes, Janet Matthews, Kathy Smith, and Pam Gerdowsky. Thank you so very much. You all are so appreciated.

Holler if you need anything I am only a phone call away!

Take care,
Judy

Deadline for August is July 1st

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The passing of a mentor to all, Lou Bartlow

by Christina Reef
President IVFAA

Lou Bartlow, or as most called her Mama Lou, passed away on March 1st. She was a lifetime member of the IVFAA. She held many offices over her years of service, President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, & 11B District Chairman. Her dedication & love for the IVFAA was unmeasurable. She was willing to help in any way that was needed. Lou was always there to guide & offer advice to members, new & old. She was an amazing mentor & truly always wanted to do what was best for the organization. She made sure we all walked the line & obeyed the Bylaws & SOGs. Lou would say "Now, if you ladies would just listen to me, you will know what we need to do". She never knew a stranger & would greet everyone with a warm smile & ask how you were. Lou truly cared about us all. She was always ready for a hot cup of coffee with 2 Splendas & some toast with peanut butter. She loved to sit & visit with everyone. She said that she was blessed to

be part of our organization, which was family to her. But we are the blessed ones, because she was a part of our lives & cared for us all so much. Her passing has left a huge hole in our hearts & organization, but we know she is always guiding us from above.

Lou Bartlow Obituary

Eva Lou Bartlow, 80, of Montezuma, IN passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at The Gibson Family Center for Hospice in Terre Haute.

She was born in Bloomingdale, IN on September 14, 1942, to Robert Davies

and Ruth Trimble Davies. Preceding Lou in death are her parents, two sisters Sue Pfeifer and Danna

Leonard, nephew Derron Davies, and two brothers-in-law Walter Leonard and Ed Pfeifer.

Lou is survived by her husband Larry Bartlow of Montezuma; brother Mike

Davies (Becky) of New Goshen; nieces Julie Bigger of Bloomingdale, LeaAnne

Thompson of Montezuma, and

Michele Goodwin (Ryan) of New Goshen; nephews

Dan Leonard (Janet) of Rockville, David Leonard (Cindy) of Noblesville, and Richard Pfeifer (Linda) of Overgaard, AZ; and several great-nieces and

nephews. She is also survived by 2 adopted daughters; Jodi Rohr (Anthony) of Montezuma and Christina Reef (Jeremy) of Cutler. She thought the world of her adopted daughters and loved spending time with them.

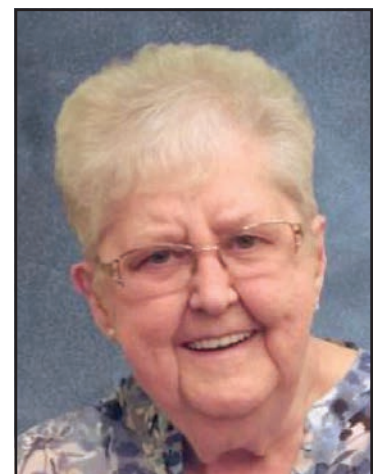
Lou was a graduate of Turkey Run High School Class of 1960. She and Larry

were married on October 25, 1969, at the Montezuma Presbyterian Church.

She was a beautician for 57 years and the former owner of Brown Funeral

Home. She was a member of the Hilmon Firefighters Auxiliary. She was the past president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Auxiliary (I.V.F.A.A.).

A visitation was held at Brown-Mack Funeral Home on Sunday, March 5, 2023



from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. I.V.F.A.A. memorial service was held at 7:00

PM. Funeral service was Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Keith

McIntyre officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Montezuma.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to I.V.F.A.A. or another charity

of your choice in memory of Eva Lou Bartlow.

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

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Leona Uryga - Chairman

IVFAA District #3 Business Meeting 03/15/2023

Called to order 7:07 PM at Coolspring Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Pledge by Leona Uryga followed with prayer by Diane Stapleton.

Roll Call: 12 members from four departments present: Pleasant, Michiana, Coolspring, Bass Lake and 2 individual members for total of 14 members in attendance.

Guests: Vice President EJ Smith and husband Jean Smith, PR Directory NE, Miss Flame Emily Jensen and Father Les Jensen.

Treasurer Report:
Beginning Balance: \$3,580.79
\$25.00 to Janet Matthews for entry app

\$175.00 to Les Jensen for Miss Flame

\$25.00 to Leona Uryga for stamps
Ending Balance: \$3,355.79

Correspondence:
IVFA Convention 6/14/23 - 6/16/23 registration form presented

Old Business:
Leona reported of pending vote for change in bylaws to be passed on date for dues to be paid.

New Business:
Leona reported 75 Year book may be purchased on-line (Leather \$69.99)

VP EJ spoke about IVFA convention being held at the horizon convention center in Muncie 6/14/23 - 6/16/23 listing some of the convention events and Miss Flame responsibilities. There are 23 Miss

Flame participants.
Leona introduced District #3 Miss Flame, Emily Jensen and opened the floor for questions.
Motion by Dolly Millick and second by Bob Uryga to raise amount for Chinese Auction Basket donated to IVFA Convention from \$35 to \$50. Motion Passed.
Motion made by Diane Stapleton and second by Bob Uryga to allot \$20 for Kids Basket to be made for IVFA Convention. Motion Passed.
Annemarie Bunton Submitted bill for last year's IVFA Chinese Basket (June 2022) and was issued \$35.00 check #549.
Bob Uryga spoke of IVFA banners about saving money.
Next meeting will be 5/17/23 at Kingsford Union Volunteer Fire Dept.
Motion to adjourn by Annemarie Bunton and second by Diane Stapleton. Motion Passed at 7:39 PM
50/50 Total \$41.00
\$20.50 to Becky Ulrich
\$20.50 to IVFAA Dist. #3

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Kimberly Smith- Chairman

Hello everyone! Spring is finally here. I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather.

I'm excited to announce that District 6 has partnered with Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion (Noble County) to provide old fire hoses for their animals. Black Pine Animal Sanctuary is one of the only multi species sanctuaries in the Midwest, and is the forever home to over 60 species of animals, reptiles, and birds. Animals that live at the sanctuary, have been surrendered

or confiscated by legal authorities and will remain at Black Pine living peacefully and being well cared for, for the remainder of their lives. The sanctuary became accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries in 2019, ensuring that Black Pine is a true sanctuary.

We are asking fire departments throughout the state of Indiana to

bring their old fire hoses to the IVFA Convention in Muncie in June to be donated. Fire departments in District 6 can bring hoses to our May District meeting at Hamilton Fire Department on May 23rd. The collected hoses will then be delivered to Black Pine to be woven together to make beds

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for a variety of animals. We are hoping to make this an annual event. Please contact me, E.J. Smith, or Jerry Sprague with any questions.

To learn more about Black Pine check out their website at www.bpsanctuary.org.

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www.bpsanctuary.org
Please continue to invite our District 6 Miss Flame, Kaylee Knight, to any events that your department may be hosting. So far, she has attended events in all six counties that make up District 6. Awesome job Kaylee!

Make plans to attend the annual IVFA Convention June 14-16 in Muncie. If you have never attended Convention before, I highly recommend it. This is a great opportunity to meet with other members around the state, honor fallen firefighters and auxiliary members, award deserving members, and elect our state officers. Registration forms and a schedule can be found in this issue of the newspaper.

As always, please contact me with any questions. I hope to see you at the next district meeting!

Kimberly Smith
IVFAA District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,
Sorry to say we lost a good friend Lou Bartlow. She was a great friend and leader.

She will be greatly missed. IVFAA will not be the same without her. Fly High Lou. Looking forward to better

weather and pretty flowers. We started the year off with sickness at our house but we are much better and getting stronger everyday. I would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, and calls. WE sure have a lot of good family and friends that care about us. WE thank God everyday.

Convention 2023 IVFA/IVFAA will be June 14- 16th at the Muncie Convention Center.

Registration and hotel information is on the website. Please post your meeting dates, time and location and fun raisers on the website.

Our last District meeting was at New Goshen we had a beautiful lunch of spaghetti, garlic,

Bread, salad and tea.Thanks for hosting.

Contact me if you have questions or concerns. Hope to see you at the next District meeting.

It will be at Shepherdsville, May 21st.

Until next time, Be safe
Beverly Taylor, Chairman 11A

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jodi Rohr - Chairman

Hello from rural Parke County. My name is Jodi Rohr. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed chairman for District 11-B. Due to the untimely passing of IVFAA Past President, current 11-B chairman, Lou Bartlow, Christina Reef appointed me as chairman at our March meeting.

I am no stranger to the fire service. My family have been members of the IVFA since before I was born. Both my grandfather, Bert Ketchem and my dad, Larry Ketchem attained gold card status. Bert served for many

as the chief of the Odon-Madison Township FD in District 17-A. Dad served as chief of the Montezuma FD for several years, District 11-B chairman, Ollie Sandberg Award winner 1987, and IVFA President 2007-2008. My mom, Barbara, received the Lois Boaz Award in 1986. My husband, Anthony, a member of the Hilmon Firefighters, has been a member of the IVFA for

over 25 years. I have been a member of the IVFAA for over 25 years also. Anthony and I live outside of Montezuma, IN. Anthony is employed at Elanco, Clinton Lab. I am a teaching assistant at Montezuma Elementary School. We have two sons, Jared, a member of the Montezuma-Reserve Township FD and Heath, a Captain in the USAF. We also have three granddaughter, Haley, Makayla and Gracelyn.

I look forward to this new adventure. I will be the first to admit, I have a lot to learn, but with guidance from those of you that have served this organization ahead of me, I know I will succeed. I have very big shoes to fill, but my goal is to make Lou proud. She was a great mentor to many, including myself, and served this organization well during her tenure.

I would like to see District 11-B grow and become more active in the association as a whole. Please reach out to me and let me know how I can be of assistance.

If you haven't already done so, send in your registration and make your reservations for Convention. Early registration is \$90 per person, if postmarked by June 1. Be sure to mention you are part of the Association when making your room reservations. "Muncie, The Place to Be in 2023". I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Be kind to one another, it doesn't cost you a cent. May you all have a very blessed Easter.

Jodi Rohr
4rohr@bloomingtondaletel.com
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DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone. Hope everyone is having a wonderful spring.

We want to wish our Miss Flame, Reese Cannon, the best of luck this year. We also asked our members to help her with the community project by bring some of the items to our next district meeting for the convention.

I would like to reminder everyone about their dues that will be coming up for renewal by no later than our July district meeting. They can be turned in to me or they can be mailed directly to the state.

Our next district meeting will be held at the New Washington Vol. Fire Dept. in New Washington,

May 18 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see everyone there.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Have a safe and fun summer.

JoAnn Smith
District 14 Chairman
502-380-7532 or
jsmith19513@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

I'm so thankful Spring is in the air, it's sure been a long winter.

We started the year with our District 17A meeting at the annual Vincennes Sausage Supper (50 years). A very good meal and good time was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank everyone who donated cookies and supported our cookie sales which supports our Miss Flame.

Congratulations to Natalee Rickard from Oaktown VFD, she will be representing our 17A Dist. At meetings and the convention. Good luck to her I'm sure she will do a great job.

Our dist. Would like to extend sympathy to Larry Bartlow on his loss of Lou, she was a very active member in our organization and will be missed very much. Lou was a very good friend to all.

I have attended several meetings with Sam, where he gave awards and pins and 50 year Gold Cards.

Thanks to Taylor Twp. VFD for hosting our March meeting and the donation to our Miss Flame. Dues for 23-24 year are due by July.

Marie Emery
IVFAA Dist. 17A Ch

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

District 21 meeting for February was held February 27,2023 at Darlington Vol Fire Department.

Our Miss Flame, Tatum Moore presented the Miss Flame project for convention this year. The project for this year is going to be collecting a variety of items for The Shelter Inc in Connersville. Tatum left a box at Darlington Vol Fire Dept to put donated items in. She is going to put boxes with the list of donations in other fire stations. Thank you Tatum.

A IVFAA membership survey is going to be sent out to all members to get your feedback on the organization and the direction we are needing to go to grow for the future.

Our next meeting will be at Clarks Hill Vol Fire Department at 7:30 pm. A lite meal will be served at 6:45pm. Hope to see you there.

If your fire department is having any fundraisers, please post them to the website or facebook under IVFAA community or District 21.

Don't forget our convention for 2023 will be held in Muncie, IN on June 14-16.

Patti Fultz
District 21 Chairman



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Spring is here and summer is right around the corner, get signed up for the **Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Convention in Muncie Indiana**

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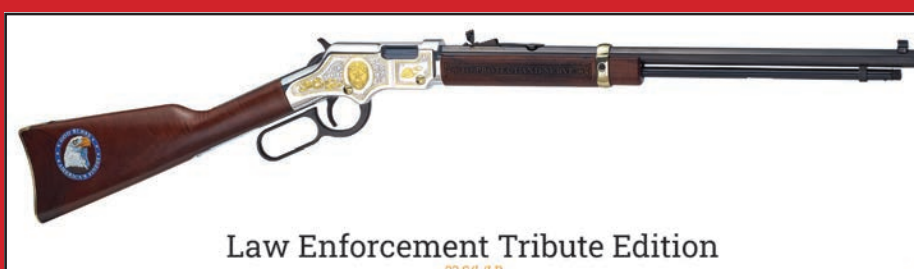
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2023 Miss Flame Candidates



District 1
Maya Cheeseman



District 2
Miranda Ruvalcaba



District 3
Emily Jensen



District 4
SheyAnn Rolston



District 5
Savannah Lyon



District 6
Kaylee Knight



District 7
Aubrie Krueckeberg



District 8B
Hannah Armstrong



District 9A
Leighann McKnight



District 9B
Alexxys Standish



District 10
Natalie Isreal



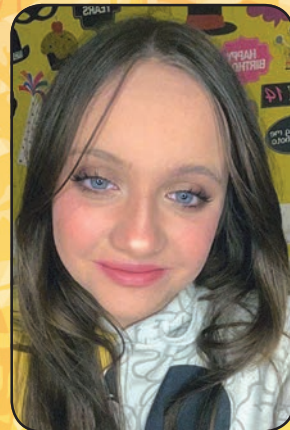
District 11A
Dory Fearnow



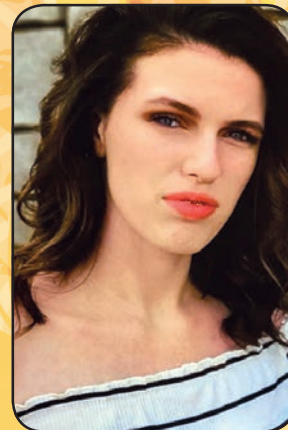
District 11B
Jordan Peebles



District 12
Katie Rusie



District 13B
Sierra Vance



District 14
Reese Cannon



District 15
Lillian Eickoff



District 16
Allysen Armstrong



District 17A
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District 18
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Tom Fentress , District Chairman



Introducing Tom Fentress New District 2 Chairman

Education:
Indiana Wesleyan University, MBA 2015 – 2017
Purdue University North Central, BS 1999 – 2003

Professional Credentials: National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE)
National Association of EMT Instructor (PHTLS, AMLS)
American Heart Association Instructor (ACLS, PALS, BLS)
Indiana Department of Homeland Security Certifications (Firefighter 1/2, Fire Officer 1, HazMat Ops)
Instructor Certifications - Indiana (Fire Instructor 2/3 and Primary Instructor)

Biography:
Tom Fentress is the EMS Director at Methodist Hospitals, Gary IN. Tom holds degrees from Indiana Wesleyan University (Master of Business Administration) and Purdue University (Bachelor of Education). Tom holds many certifications in Fire and EMS, including Paramedic at the State and National level, Fire Officer for the State of Indiana, as well as Fire and EMS certification as an educator.

Tom is very active in the Emergency Services. Tom serves as the Fire Chief and Training Officer for his volunteer fire department at Keener Township Vol. Fire Dept. in Demotte, Indiana. Tom has been on the fire department for 18 years and has held many different positions during his tenure. These positions include Secretary / Treasurer, Training Officer, Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief. On the EMS side, Tom has been a Paramedic for 12 years and an EMT for 16 years. During his time in EMS Tom has held several positions including Paramedic, Preceptor, EMS Educator, Program Director, and EMS Director. Tom currently sits as the Program Director for the EMT, Paramedic, and American Heart Association for Methodist Hospitals, in Gary, Indiana.

Tom's research interests include Adult learning in EMS, breaking traditional bias in education, leadership development and protocol / medications update based on research. Recently Tom has had several research papers published. Tom is also a content reviewer for Jones and Bartlett Publishing.

Tom is active in different organizations as well; Tom sits on the Indiana EMS Association Executive Board holding the seat of Vice-President. He serves as the President of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and District 2 Chairman for the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association.

District 2 Miss Flame Candidate - Miranda Ruvalcaba



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Gerald Sprague, District Chairman



District 6 Age of Excellence, 50 Year Gold Card and 10 Year Pins Awarded



Ligonier Fire Department member Martin McDonald receiving his 50YR Card, Pin and Statehouse Resolution.



Ligonier Fire Chief receiving the MacQueen Award of Excellence for District 6.



Several members of the Ashley-Hudson V.F.D. receiving their 10 YR pins from Jean Smith, PRNE and District 6 Chairman,

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

Bob Uryga, Chairman



These banners are for great publicity and are priced at 60 dollars each. The cost is what we pay Bob Uryga IVFA 3rd district Chairman 219-872-6245



2022 Ligonier FD Service Awards

Photos submitted by Chief Jeremy Weaver



2022 Awards- (L-R): Kirsten Sheley- Officer of the Year, Geoffrey Bush – 1st Responder of the Year and Michael White – Firefighter of the Year:



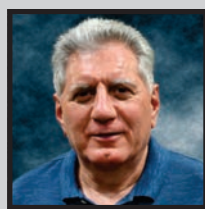
2022 Ligonier Fire Department years of service: (L-R) Gerald Sprague – 40 Years of Service, Kenny Sprague – 35 Years of Service, Geoffrey Bush – 20 Years of Service, Eric Bench – 15 Years of Service, and Kirsten Sheley – 10 Years of Service.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

- submitted by Rex Maynard, District Chairman



50 Year Gold Card Awarded

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

John Ray, Chairman



50 Year Gold Card Awarded



50 Years Gold Card Larry Griffin Hobbs Madison TWP vol Fire Department. District 8A



District 10, Hope Volunteer Fire Dept. 50 year member pictured receiving his Gold Card. Pictured from L to R are, David Israel, Board Chairman; Fire Marshal, Stephen Jones; Mr. Neal; Jim Davis, District 10 Secretary; & John Ray, District Chairman.

I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What Is A District Meeting?

- A place to gather information.
- A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.
- A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.
- A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.
- A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.
- A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.
- A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

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

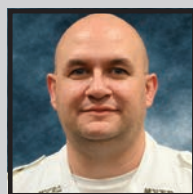
Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

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

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

- submitted by Jason Ryan, District Chairman



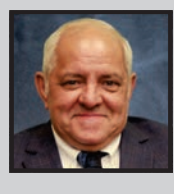
10 & 25 Year Pins Awarded



Matt Estes, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, Jay Estes, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, Wesley Fishero, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, Aaron Adams, Hillsboro VFD, 10 Year Pin, and Brian Harshbarger, Hillsboro VFD, 25 Year Pin, and District 11B Chairman, Jason Ryan

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

Larry Curl Chairman



State Fire Marshal Steve Jones presented Chief Larry Curl (Ret.) along with IDHS Executive Director Joel Thacker with a State Fire Marshal meritorious service medal on 1/21/23 at the Vincennes IN Sausage Supper. Over 360 were in attendance at the dinner. Photo provided by John Buckman

Challenge coin now available

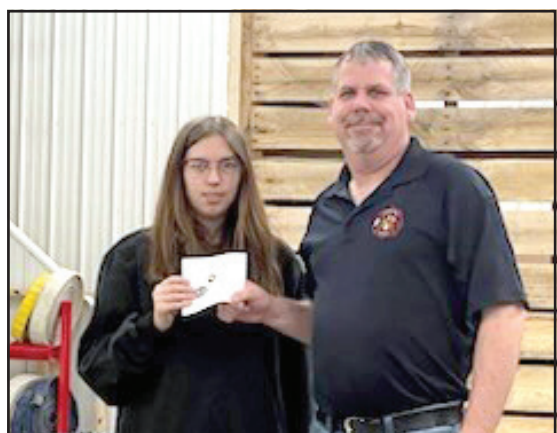


District 13B and the 2023 Convention committee are selling challenge coins. \$20 each. All proceeds go to assist with funding the convention. Get with District 13B Chairman/Convention Chairman Anthony Smith or the committee to get your coin while supplies last!

I would like to give a special thank you to Matt Bartlett from Interstate Towing. Matt sponsored our challenge coins as soon as he heard of the opportunity. Matt is also a firefighter with Cambridge City Fire Department. On behalf of the convention committee and District 13B, thank you!



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Brodie England, (right) 10 Year Pin



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Chad Bowman (right) 10 Year Pin



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Clint Jackson (right) 10 Year Pin



Secretary Jacquelyn Ryan (left), Walnut Twsp. Fire Fighter, Chase Kinkead (right) 10 Year Pin



Deadline for August is July 1st

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

- submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



10 & 25 Year Pins Awarded



Members of Everton Fire Dept receiving their 10 yr. service pins, pictured from left to right Devon Nicholas, John Staples, Steven Nobbe and PREC Jeff Biehl photo submitted by PREC Jeff Biehl



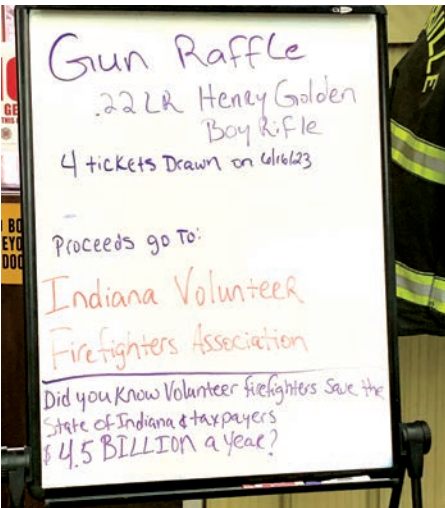
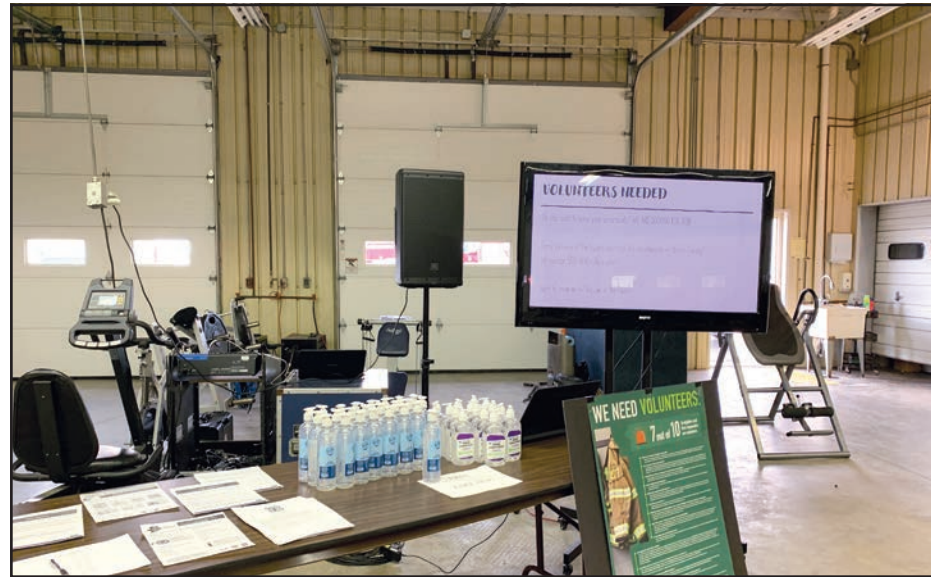
Greg Roach of Everton Fire Dept. receiving his 25 year service pin. Photo submitted by PREC Jeff Biehl



Congratulations to Assist Chief Mark Buchs of Webster TWP Fire Department on reaching 10 years of service!

Centerville Fire/Rescue chicken and noodle dinner & Free Will Donations

Free will donations accepted by Centerville Fire/Rescue during their chicken and noodle dinner. Thank you Past President Steve Anderson and IVFAA President Christina Reef for your support and help! Thank you to PRNW Jeremy Reef and IVFAA District 13 Chairperson, Madi Reeder for helping with raffle and coin sells!



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



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	Cannon AFB	NM
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
Uffelmann, 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 Syphen	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

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- Richard Lee Cannon Sr., District Chairman



10, 20 & 25 Year Pins and Gold Card Awarded



Melody Duke and Jacob Cheesebrew received their 10 year pins. Not pictured is Zack Lacroix and Dustin Sanders who are also getting their 10 year pins.



Several members received years of service pins from IVFA at tonight's meeting. AJ Lamb and Roy Brown received 25 year pins.



Kent fire Charlie Foster getting a 20 year pin from Chairman Rick Cannon and Fire chief Brett Roberts



Here you are giving the belated 25 year pin to Dave Brandon.



Here is a picture of you and Jason Hancock getting his 10 year pin.



Here you are with John Craig getting his 25 year pin.



Robert Chandler Fairplay Fire Company #1 getting his IVFA 50 year gold card and pin from Madison fire chief Ken Washer



Kent fire member Kim Barnes husband accepting a 25 year ivfa pin from district Chairman Rick Cannon and Fire chief Brett Roberts



Lovett Volunteer Fire Dept. new brush truck



Lovett Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry



District 14 chairman Rick Canno. And district 14 Miss Flame Reese Cannon at Spencer Township Volunteer Fire departments annual awards dinner and 25 years pins presentations



District 14 Reese Cannon with Kent fire chief Brett Roberts

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

- submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



Sam Emery 17A Chairman, Randy Baker Chief Taylor VFD, District 17A Miss Flame Natalee Rickard and Marie Emery IVFAA Chairman Miss Flame accepts donations.



District 17A Miss Flame Natalee Rickard and IVFAA Chairman Marie Emery



District 17A Chairman Sam Emery awarded a 25 Year pin Michael Ringwald of Martin County VFD Search and Rescue with Chief Monty Wolf in attendance



Bicknell Chief Tom Houghland, Michael Smith 50 Year Gold Card recipient,, District 17A Chairman Sam Emery & PRSW Steve Nolan
Photo by Mike Petty



District 17A Chairman Sam Emery presented District 17A IVFA 2022 McQueen Award to Chief Chris Stahl Bloomfield VFD

Deadline for August is July 1st

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Tammy Wright, District Chairman



Monroe Fire Protection District recently held its annual awards banquet



EMT of the Year David Smith



Officer of the Year Adam Branam



IVFA Past President Tim Deckard presented 10 year pins



IVFA Past President Tim Deckard presented 25 year pins



IVFA Past President Tim Deckard presented Joe McWhorter with his IVFA 50 year Gold card and Pin



Battalion Chief Tim Deckard presented Captain Joey McWhorter and Assistant Chief Joel Bomgardner with the Indiana State Meritorious Service Award and medal

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith / Nicholas Waninger, District Chairman



10, 25 & 10 Year Pins Awarded



At the March meeting in Tell City Chairman Waninger presented service member pins to 3 Tell City Firefighters (Left: IVFA Vice President Ross Emery, 10 years of service John Kleeman, 25 years of service Gerald Yackle and Greg Linne, Chairman Waninger)



Congratulations to Kenneth Hausenour on 50 years of service (Right), 10 years of service Colten Hausenour (Middle) and Scott Schuetter (Left)



At the District 18 Meeting of 19 January, two members of the Jasper Fire Department were presented with the IVFA 10 Service Pin. Pictured (l-r) are District 18 Chairman Nick Waninger, Jasper Firefighters Jeremy Johnson, and Wayne Murry. Photo and article provided by Dist. 18



At the District 18 Meeting of 19 January, two members of the Jasper Fire Department were presented with the IVFA 10 Service Pin. Pictured (l-r) are District 18 Chairman Nick Waninger, Jasper Firefighters Jeremy Johnson, and Wayne Murry. Photo and article provided by Dist. 18



Birdseye Chief Turns Over The Reigns

On 1 January, Birdseye VFD Chief David "Smitty" Smith stepped down from the office of Department Fire Chief. Smith served as Chief for 33 years. On 18 January, (which was also his birthday) a surprise celebration was held in his honor. The event was attended by many friends, family members, and fire service colleagues from across the county. District 18 Vice-Chairman John "Bull" Smith gave a speech that listed the many accomplishments made by the department under Smith's leadership. District 18 Chairman Nick Waninger thanked Smith for his help when he became Chairman, and then presented a Certification of Appreciation to Smith from the IVFA and the BVFD. Smitty will continue to serve the Department and community as a Firefighter. Pictured (l-r) Dist. 18 Sgt.-at-Arms Brad Haas, Vice-Chair John Smith, David "Smitty" Smith and Dist. Chairman Nick Waninger. Article and photo provided by Dist. 18

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NVFC members will have a total of three opportunities to enter to win an XF1 helmet in 2023. One recipient will be randomly selected after each entry period. To be eligible to enter, applicants must be an active U.S. volunteer firefighter and a member of the NVFC.

The first entry period is now open until April 30. Learn more and enter to win at www.nvfc.org/helmet.

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District 13B Convention

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Mooreland, IN. 47360

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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Convention

Start Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

End Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023

Last Day to Book: Sunday, May 14, 2023

Hotel group rate: \$96.00+tax

- Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center for \$96.00 per night

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IVFA Miss Flame

Start Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

End Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023

Last Day to Book: Sunday, May 14, 2023

- Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center for \$96.00 per night

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For reservations, call 765-287-8550 to speak with a hotel professional or visit their website. When calling, guests will need to mention that they want to book in either the IVFA or Miss Flame Block. For any other questions regarding hotels and convention registration, contact Jeff Biehl at 765-524-7718.

Thank you!



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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	_____	_____	
IVFA MEMBER	_____	_____	
IVFAA MEMBER	_____	_____	
GUEST	_____	_____	

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Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Annual Convention Golf Scramble – Muncie – Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center

Date: June 14, 2023

Location: Crestview Golf Club
3325 S. Walnut St.
Muncie, IN 47302

Check In: 7:30 a.m.

Tee Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration Fee: \$45.00 per person (payable at the golf course)

Includes: 18 holes of golf with Cart

Lunch will be provided by Reid Health.

There will be 4 individuals per team. If you do not have 4 people we will assign a team.



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Dave Reeder

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Registration must be returned by June 7, 2023 to have lunch.

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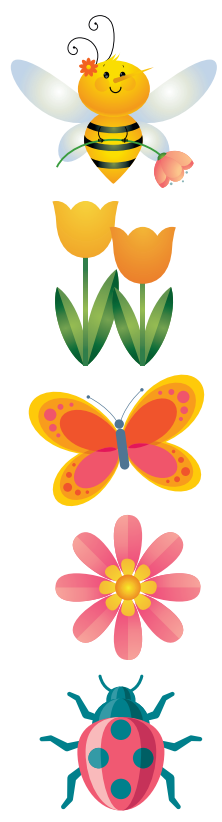
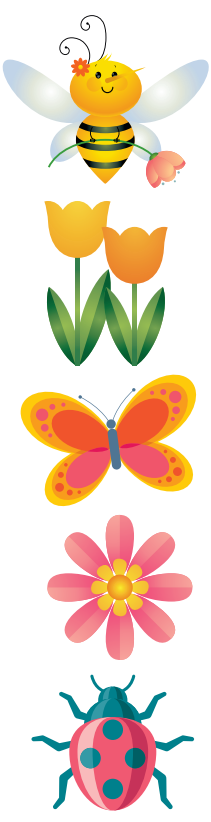


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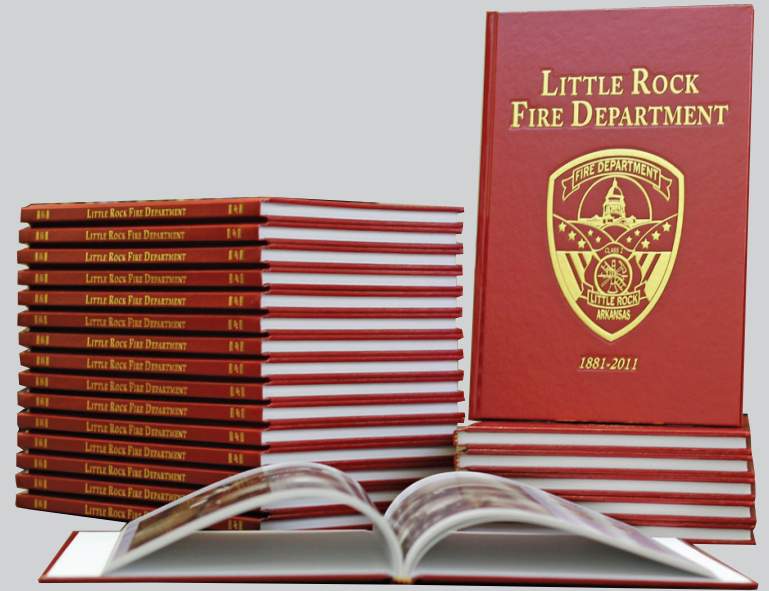
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*** Times and locations subject to change ***

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
(All times are Eastern Time)

Time	Event	Location
9am-3:30pm	Golf Scramble	Crestview Golf Club
9am-6pm	Outside Vendor Setup	Parking Lot
10am-4:30pm	Registration	Interurban Hall
12-3:30pm	Chinese Auction	Interurban Hall
3-6pm	Inside Vendor Set up	Lobby
5-7pm	Meal Served	Delaware
6:30-7:30pm	Miss Flame Information Session	Prairie Creek
7pm-Close	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	Delaware
9pm-12am	Hospitality Room	Marriot Conference Room

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Time	Event	Location
7-8:30am	Breakfast	Marriot Conference Room
7-9am	Vendor Set-up	Lobby/ Parking Lot
8am-4pm	Registration	Interurban Hall
8am- 4pm	IVFAA Chinese Auction	Interurban Hall
8am-12pm	Miss Flame Pre Judging	Cardinal Creek 1
8am-12pm	Miss Flame Post Judging	Cardinal Creek 2
8am-12pm	Miss Flame Judging	Cardinal Creek 3
9-10am	Center Point Seminar	Mississinewa
9-10am (tentative)	REMC Live Line Training Seminar	White River 1
9am-5pm	Vendors Displays Open	Lobby/ Parking Lot
9am-5pm	self-guide extrication demo	Parking Lot
10am-12pm	BFFPSE Meeting	Delaware
12-1p	Miss Flame Luncheon	Prairie Creek
12-1p	Vendors Luncheon	Food Trucks
1:30-2:30p	Miss Flame Open Judging	Interurban Hall
2:30-4p	Hospitality Room	Marriot Conference Room
3-4p	IVFA Officer's Meeting	White River 1
3-4p	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	White River 2
4:30-6:00P	Hot Dog Bust	Delaware

6:30-8:30p
 8:30-9:30P
 10pm-12am
 10pm-12am

Opening Meeting
 Memorial Service
 Entertainment DJ/Singing Fireman
 Hospitality Room

Delaware
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 Delaware
 Marriot Conference Room

Friday, June 16, 2023

Time	Event	Location
7-8:30am	Coffee Clutch	Marriot Conference Room
8-2pm	Registration	Interurban Hall
8a - 4pm	Chinese Auction	Interurban Hall
8a-Close	IVFA Annual Meeting	Delaware Hall
8a-Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Interurban Hall
10am-4pm	IDHS Live Burn Trailer	Parking lot
10am-4pm	IDHS Confidence Trailer	Parking lot
10am-4pm	IDHS L.P. Tank Simulator	Parking lot
10am-4pm	Cascade Trailer	Parking lot
10am-4pm	Grain Bin Trailer	Parking lot
11am-3pm	Vendors Displays Open	Lobby
11am-3pm	Vendors Apparatus Open	Parking Lot
11am-4pm	Miss Flame Outing	Boulder Falls
12-1pm	Lunch on Your Own	Food Trucks
12-3pm	Hospitality Room	Marriot Conference Room
5-8:30pm	Banquet	Delaware Hall
5-9pm	Children's Party	Hackley Reserve
9pm-12am	Entertainment DJ/ Singing Fireman	Delaware Hall
10pm-12am	Hospitality Room	Marriot Conference Room

Saturday June 17, 2023

Time	Event	Location
8am-12pm	Grain Bin Trailer	Shafer Hall / Parking lot



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