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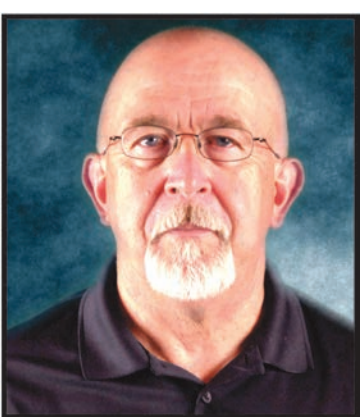
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From The President

Jerry Liston



Greetings!

We have quite a few things going on in our association as I write this article for May. The biggest is the upcoming annual meeting to be held in Indianapolis in June at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. The date is June 13, 14, and 15. Larry Curl and his Committee are working hard to finalize all aspects of the 3 days and to make sure you have a great time in June. Hope to see you there! Please come join us and enjoy some networking while we address the business of the fire service in Indiana.

We as an association struggle to get good information out to our members in a timely manner on the different platforms available. We are in the final stages of implementing a phone app for our members. The app will be used to push out notifications, as well, give you another path to our website. The app will be beta tested and hopefully will be available to all members in early to mid-June.

If you or your department have not taken the Cancer Survey,

please take the time to complete it. A link to the survey is located at IVFA.org or in the past two issues of the newspaper.

This legislative session this year was the short session. We watched several bills this past session. One bill watched was HB 1302 for Emergency Medical Services. This bill, which passed, and has been signed by Governor Eric Holcomb requires the county executive shall provide the Department of Homeland Security certain information relating to each emergency medical services provider in the county no later than July 15, 2024.

We invite you to leverage our new Savvik buying group benefit. Savvik, a long-standing service to public safety agencies, offers a range of programs and bids at no cost to IVFA members. Not only agencies but individual members can also benefit from vendor programs. A part of the expenditure through a Savvik contract supports the IVFA. Please go to the Savvik website and sign up your department.

In March of this year, we unfortunately lost a 77-year member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. William F. Garner of the Hanna Twp. VFD in District 3 passed away at the age of 97 years old; in addition, Mr. Garner is survived by his wife Doris and 5 children. A celebration of life service was held at the Hanna United Methodist Church on March 17, 2024 and was standing room only, a tribute to a man who served his town and country.

Due packets were mailed to member departments in April. Please look them over and make

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HONORING OUR OWN FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



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"HONORS"

78 LIFETIME MEMBERS IN 2024 DURING A CELEBRATION AT THE STATE HOUSE FEB 26TH, 2024

House Concurrent Resolution 24 recognizing 78 volunteer firefighters with 50 years of service to fire departments across Indiana.

Authored in the House of Representatives by Representative Steve Bartels and Republican, District 74 and Sponsored by Sen. Michael Crider

2024 CONVENTION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, - JUNE 13-15, 2024 - Schedule of events on page 39

Check out our Miss Flames on pages 18 & 19



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President

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Ensure all information shown on the roster sheets is correct. Change of beneficiaries and new members require new membership forms are submitted. Should you have questions, please reach out to your District Chairmans or the Central Office.

March is the start of severe weather season and we must focus on it. Strong storms and the

potential for tornadoes are few of the elements we can expect throughout the state. Make sure your department reviews their plans before the season becomes highly active.

In closing, until next time, stay safe doing what you do for your department and response service area. And lastly, I hoped you enjoyed the Eclipse on April 8th and survived the chaos that came with it.

Jerry

From The Vice-President

Ross Emery



Greetings from Southwest Indiana

Wow, where does time go!!! 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.

Dues packets for 2024 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 make sure 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 when submitting information back to the Central Office make sure your department keeps a copy for your department.

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From the State House to the Fire House




by
Larry Curl

Greetings; Fellow officers & members;

Well here we are (as of this writing) four months into 2024. The General Assembly adjourned sine die meaning with out setting a time to reconvene, with is typical for ending the session.

Just a quick run down on legislation for 2023/2024

The IVFA choose not to introduce any particular legislation this session as it was a short session, we were told it would be a quick session and we were already hearing from others that had public safety issues they were going to introduce and lastly it was not a budget year meaning there should have been no funding bills (which is never really the case).

So what did we see out of legislation this session

1) SB 33 – which for us was sort of an upgrade from last sessions HB 1454. If you recall HB 1454 addressed the sharing of some County LIT funds with fire departments. Well SB 33 in part says “Provides that a township fire department , volunteer fire department, fire protection territory, or protection district may apply to the county adopting body for a distribution

of local income tax revenue that is allocated to pubic safety purposes. Requires the county adopting body to review certain submitted applications at a public hearing.

2) HB 1302 Creates a county reporting of all EMS within each county showing who provides and who pays for it

3) HB 1385 – Establishes the community care initiative grant pilot program for the porpoises of assisting in the costs of starting or expanding mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams in Indiana

So the question now is what is the quest for the next session. As I travel around the State attending meetings I have ask the question and it usual comes back benefits and still working with the Indiana General Assembly talking about funding (or the lack there of) Volunteer Fire Service.

So I will ask those of you reading this article the same what should we be preparing for for the next session of the Indiana General Assembly. I would love to hear from you as I know there are issues and concerns that impact every department and most of our members I just want to make sure we are working on those items.

The IVFA will begin meeting with legislators to share our thoughts and concerns about sustaining and growing our volunteer services in Indiana, and hope to end on a positive note to help support our needs

We have 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 now we need to hear form our membership, about your concerns.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting of the members at the 78th annual IVFA State Convention where the conversation will go live.

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




TRAINING CONFERENCE

Join emergency officials, facility operators, excavators and other industry professionals at the French Lick Resort Nov. 12th - Nov. 14th to learn about best safety practices and trends in damage prevention.

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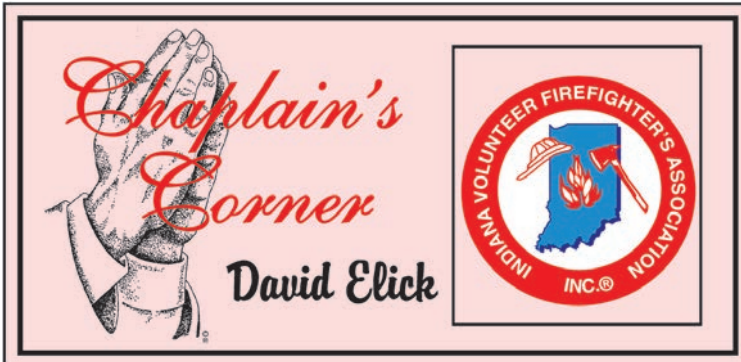
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Greetings all!

Spring has officially arrived, although, it seems like it arrived in January, and again in February, and again, well, you get the picture. Hoosier Hysteria, the Daytona 500, Easter, and FDIC have come and gone, and spring 2024 is in full swing.

Spring. A time of year when all that seems old, is new again. There is a local business here in LaGrange that posts various inspirational messages on their sign every couple of weeks. One such message recently said something about how even frozen flowers bloom again in spring.

Spring. Spring is a good time to reflect on life. The trees, the flowers, the things that appeared to die last fall, have bloomed back to life, and soon will be blessing us with natural beauty for another season. Our lives are different.

We are born, we live, we grieve those who go before us, and we too, will die one day. However, our lives live on in the memories of those we leave behind. Our lives spring back every time someone shares a memory, a story, an event, and this happens at anytime, anywhere. It's like spring all year long.

Jesus shared his life with all of us, and here, some two thousand and twenty-four years later, we know some of the stories of His life, as shared in the Bible. We still celebrate His birthday, and His death. Rejoice in knowing that even though the human life has ended, we also gain eternal life, where we are rejoined with those we love, those we miss, those we long to see once again.

Live each day as if there were no tomorrow. I share this from our house: Live simply, laugh often, love much, speak kindly, care deeply, expect little, give generously, forgive easily, and trust in the Lord with all your heart. As a friend of mine says, "Choose happy!"

God bless and stay safe,
Dave Elick, IVFA Chaplain

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This year's convention, and annual meeting will be held at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport. 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. We plan on having the first ever Jr. Firefighter competition at this year convention. We will also honor our 2024 state award winners, and elect our state officers for the year of 2025.

On February 26th we honored this years 50 year Gold Card recipients at the state house 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.

For the last year and half, we have been working on a cancer research study for our membership. If you have not filled out the survey please do, It will provide vital information that will allow us to have data to use as we continue to work towards legislations to help protect and take care of the volunteer's firefighters of the State of Indiana.

I am sure you have heard me talk about our struggle to communicate with our membership, I know I have talked about the IVFA developing a phone app. We are in the testing phase of that app. I do not have a timeline of when it will be released, but I am looking forward to this new tool for us to communicate with our membership.

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

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

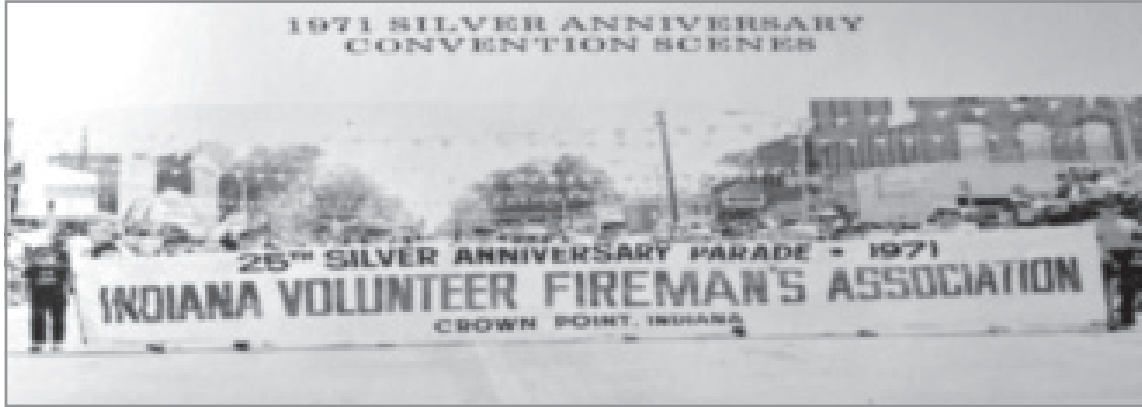


From the Historian's Desk

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Historian



SNAP SHOT IN TIME



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.

The IVFA just recently presented our first 75 Year

Member and the good news is we have several more 75 year members to make presentations to. What and monumental milestone to attain. Congratulations

Our 75 Years Book is nearing completion and will be going to press for printing vaery soon, we are continuing to work diligently on our 75 year book. Unfortunatley it will not be ready

for Convention time.

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
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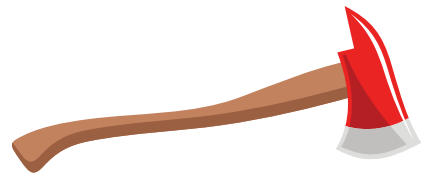
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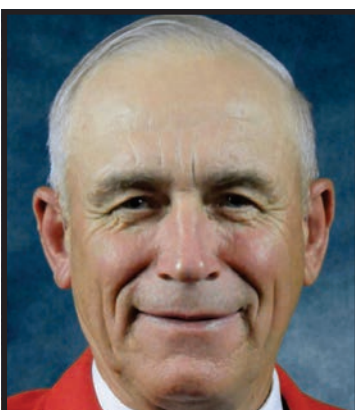
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The state convention is fast approaching. It is June 13-15 at the Crown Plaza in Indianapolis by the airport. Hope everyone can make it. Next year it will be at Clifty Falls at Madison. Now is the time to be thinking about awards nominations for next year and filling them out on the website.

Dues packets will be out soon. Check all information on the printout to be sure it is correct. Be sure the address is right and date you joined the fire service, if you have been on more than one dept. It is the date you joined the first dept. We need everyone to please fill out the cancer survey. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ed Scheele
IVFA PRSE

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On behalf of all the IVFA Districts of PREC Districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A, 13B, others; THANK YOU for all the help given to those effected by the tornado clean up last month. That's what we do. Help our friends, neighbors and communities when they are in need.

I, WE THE OFFICERS OF THE IVFA NEED YOUR HELP. WITH DUES PACKETS COMING OUT, IN THE COMING MONTHS, DUE OR POST MARKED BY JULY 31, 2024. YOUR DEPT. CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD BY CALLING THE CENTRAL OFFICE. COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT INFO IS CORRECT.

WHEN I DRIVE 2 HOURS

TO A DIST. MEETING TO SEE AND VISIT. I AM HOPING AND PRAYING YOUR ADDRESS IS CORRECT. IT LOOKS BAD ON US OFFICERS SHOWING UP LATE BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T UP DATE YOUR FIRE DEPT. ADDRESS AND THE DIST. CHAIRMAN DIDN'T EITHER.

WITHIN THE LAST MONTH I PUT THE GPS INFO IN MY PHONE, 2HR DRIVE, PHONE SAYS YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESINATION. WRONG I AM AT THE 4WAY WITH NOTHING AROUND. SOMEONE CALLS ME FROM THE MEETING WHERE YOU AT, GPS SAYS I AM HERE BUT, EVIDENTLY NOT. YOUR WHERE AT THE CORNER OF WALK AND DON'T WALK, OH YOU NEED TO GO WEST ANOTHER 7 MILES TO THE STOP SIGN FD ON THE RIGHT. SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DEPT INFO IS CORRECT.

Some of the District Chairman in PREC have made changes on how, when and where there meetings are with Training on Saturday Mornings and a short Meeting. That's right 10AM on Saturday Mornings (8B) will be having Saturday morning meetings and a training meetings in 2024. You don't have to look them up. They are already posted on the IVFA Calendar. You don't have to wait to find out when they are, there on line. Where THE IVFA CALENDAR ivfa.org.

Since the District Chairman

can't seem to get your DEPT. email address, WOULD YOU Fire Chief or someone. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR CURRANT FIRE DEPT EMAIL ADDRESS and MEETING NIGHT TO David Israel at prec@ivfa.org.

Governors 10 Million Dollars Budgeted for turn out gear and SCBA's is about to be come reality for those are receiving. Congratulation's to those Departments RECEIVING NEW TURN OUT GEAR.

We need the District's input (all of them not just one or two, all of you) to make things better, on the training side, did you know you can down load all the IFSTA books from the book store?

District Chairman need two contact people from each Dept. so we can communicate to see what you need. We all have more going on in our lives than we can handle. Hey Ron and Bill when are we going on the road trips in the coming months of 2024. Had a road trip planned for us last week figured Bill was in the field working dirt and Ron was at the track testing tires so I canceled it.

But could we at least try to

make an effort to have two people at a District Meeting from each Department. Please go to the IVFA web site (ivfa.org) look up your Dept. INFO and make sure your INFO is correct or not, send me the corrections that need to be done and I will correct them on the web site. Thank You

2024 IVFA Convention June 12-15, 2024 : Have you got your Truck tickets yet???

Convention Chairman Larry Curl has a great line up well known speakers for Training. See you there.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CANCER SURVEY ON THE WEB SITE: ivfa.org

Here is what we need from you. Participation from you, it's a two way street. I will get off the soap box NOW it's going to be a fun 2024.

OH!! If I don't answer PLEASE leave a message or TEXT!!

See you at the next District Meeting.

PREC
David R. Israel
prec@ivfa.org
(812) 593-1564

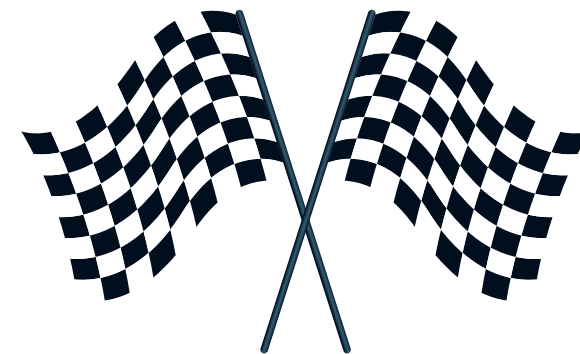
The importance of turning your photos and copy in on time

I work on The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter evenings and weekends. Sometimes I take time off of my regular 8-5 job working for the *White County News and Review* to check emails and download the photos that you all send to me. I sort the emails by district, then convert the files to prepare for printing.

To create the paper, I make sure all the ads are print ready. If they are not, I reset them. Then I place them on the appropriate pages. Next, I place all the copy and photos in the paper. When I have the paper completed, I send Buzz a copy of the paper to check over and I send to press after he approves it.

I need to get this paper off to the printer by the third weekend of the month. Please send your photos with descriptions, articles, events & meeting notes as soon as you can. I check the emails periodically in the beginning and as the deadline approaches, more often. I will send a reply to every email I receive. I enjoy hearing from all of you.

Thanks, Sherri Chaney
ivfd@hurdmedia.com



Deadline for the August 2024 Issue of The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter is July 1, 2024
ivfd@hurdmedia.com

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese

**District 1 IVFA Meeting
22 FEBRUARY 2024
19:19 HRS
HIGHLAND
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Special Guests
 Jeremy Reef - IVFA PR Rep.
 Christina Reef - IVFAA State President
 Phyllis Vargo - District 1 IVFAA President
 Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist/District 12 Chairman
 Carol Curl - IVFAA Immediate past present/chairman of the board
 Jerry Liston - IVFA State President
 Ross Emery - IVFA State Vice President
 Grace Lyle - IVFAA District 1 Miss Flame
 Notes
 • Roll call taken
 • History of HFD given by Chief Piptka.
 • Marshall introduced District 1 miss flame Grace Lyle. Grace has an item to raffle for her to get to convention in June.
 • Marshall also showed everyone the IVFA challenge coins. If interested to purchase, come see him after the meeting. Twenty dollars per coin.
 • Minutes to the last meeting, motion made by Steve Stelk, 2nd by Steve Cope. Motion carried to accept the previous minutes.
 • Jeremy Reef. gave a brief description of what his duties are for the state IVFA.
 • Larry Curl. talked about his duties for the IVFA as a lobbyist. Gave a quick update about the legislature. We currently have 5 bills. Larry also spoke about the yearly convention. This year they are selling raffle tickets for a pick up truck.
 • Ross Emery. Gave a brief description of his duties. Ross talked about the list of awards given out at the convention. Ross talked about improving the outreach of the IVFA.
 • Jerry Liston. Spoke on the cancer survey that the IVFA is doing. Savik buying group was mentioned and grant programs. Also spoke on the state fire marshal Steve Jones. Talked about the IVFSTA training books offered for free from the state.
 • Miss Flame Grace Lyle - Brief description given of herself. Raffle drawn. 872702 winning ticket. 91 dollars was the winning amount.
 • 10yr/25yr pins handed out. All to Highland FD members.
 • Chief Pyle announced their Easter fundraiser, 8a-11a March 16th.
 Meeting Adjourned @ 2049 hrs

DISTRICT 2 REPORT




Tom Fentress - Chairman

**Meeting Minutes for District 2
February 15, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location:
Keener Twp. Vol. Fire
Department – Demotte, IN**

Guest – Please see the sign in sheet
 Tom Fentress, District 2 Chairman
 Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance
 Special Guest Kenny Haun, Fire Chief of Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department spoke about the new Hub-n-Spoke Grant. Rensselaer VFD was awarded one of the newest training towers that will be able to be utilized by multiple departments. This is first one of the its kind in our area, and will save many departments time to travel for trainings. Chief Haun asked for assistance when the time comes with tools and wood to be used. Further meetings will be held as the training tower progresses.
 IVFA President Jerry Liston spoke about the Cancer Survey, he asked that all members please complete this, it is impative that all firefighters complete this survey. President Liston spoke about the Savvik Buying Group, this is a great opportunity to get the best price for equipment.
 President Liston spoke about the new IVFA phone app that will be coming out soon, it is the final testing phases, and hope to have it out by the convention.
 Solar Eclipse – Currently the northwest area is not is the path of this event, but you need to be careful if you are driving on April 8, 2024 into the center part of the state as the solar eclipse will be going through. Watch for overflow of patients traveling north, eye injuries will be the worst, and could take over an hour to affect those who look at the solar eclipse.
Old Business:
 D2 Chairman Fentress spoke about the following information:
 Meeting dates for District 2 meetings will be May 16, August 15, and November 14, 2024 all beginning at 7:00 PM (CST), location to be determined. We will have 2 additional trainings that will focus on specific areas, on Saturday June 22, 2024 District 2 will host a EMT / EMR skills day at Methodist Hospitals in Gary, IN. The second training will be a leadership round table meeting will be October 26, 2024. Location to be determined.
 IVFA 75th Anniversary books are still available, department bio

are due at the end of the month.
 Savvik Buying Group – They are offering a grant writing company, the company is only working with emergency responders.
 Health & Wellness, we are looking to create a network of CISM and First Responder psychiatric therapist throughout the state. If there are any member of the fire community if they know someone who would be willing to give their contact information to email Tom Fentress with this information. Members who are seeking help need to be seen within 36 hours of the event.

New Business:

District Chairman Tom Fentress spoke about the Bridgeport Scholarship – all scholarships applications are due March 1, 2024.
 Convention will be June 13 – 15, 2024. Convention website will be up and running soon. The location of the convention will be at the Crowne Plaza. Every department was mailed a packet of raffle tickets, please try to sell them all. The convention committee is still working on content, trainings, and programs to ensure 2024 is a huge success.
 Looking to create a survey for what the association members would like to see from the association. Looking for some feedback, more to come on this.
 OSHA changes – passed out some paperwork about the OSHA changes that will affect NFPA standards.
 Events coming up:
 2/26/24 – Legislative Day at the Capitol / 50 year celebration
 4/7/24 – Boone Grove FD – All you can eat pancake breakfast
 5/11/24 – Bowling with the Badges – Bowling Event – Keener Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
DISTRICT 5 REPORT

 John Grolich - Chairman
**I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
March 14, 2024
Lagro Fire Department,
Lagro IN**
 Refreshments were served by the host department.
 GUESTS :
 Savannah Lyon - 5th District Miss Flame
 Sam Bisel - PRNE
 Richard Sorg
 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1936 hrs. The pledge of allegiance followed. There were 6 firefighters representing 4 departments in attendance. The January minutes were read.
 Sam talked about the Savvik buying program and passed out some fliers on the same.
 He discussed the IVFA awards.

Nominations for these awards need to be in by March 1.
 He touched on the cancer survey and the Bridgeport scholarships. There are more scholarships then applications this year.
 John discussed the death benefits for firefighters.
 John touched on the training opportunities available.
 May 15 Chiefs day at the Indianapolis racetrack.
 FDIC April 18.19, & 20.
 Indiana Weekend @ National Fire Academy is August 3 & 4.
 Next meeting May 9 at Henry Twp. FD, Akron.
 Meeting adjourned at 2030 hrs.
 Respectfully submitted
 Paul Martin 5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Mack Grobis- Chairman

Greetings from Northeast Indiana! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter season! The district has been busy yet again! I would like to thank all of those departments who have invited me to their Christmas parties, awards dinners and other special events. This afforded me the opportunity to honor those who had 10-, 25- and 50-year anniversaries and were awarded pins from the association! I always like to sit and listen to stories from other departments... even though some of them cannot be repeated!
 In January we had our district meeting at Ashley-Hudson Fire Department. We had a few guests at the meeting. IVFA Lobbyist-Larry Curl, IVFA State Chaplain-Dave Elick and IVFA PRNE Sam Bisel. Thank you for making the drive! District 6 Miss Flame Jenna Mackin made her appearance at the meeting as well... She has been busy visiting departments and helping with their events! TR Hagerty from IDHS stopped by and gave us an update on what is happening with the State and their training initiatives. There was a meal provided by Terry Bradner and 1-800-BoardUp.
 In March, we had our meeting at Topeka Fire Department. We had a good attendance at this meeting! Thank you to all those members who drove the distance to attend. We had Cody Miller from Parkview EMS come and give refresher training on difficulty breathing patients. Thank you, Cody, for taking time out of your evening to present some training to the membership! Again, I want to express my thanks to Terry Bradner from 1-800-BoardUp for providing a meal at our district meetings! We had PRNE-Sam Bisel, D-7 Chairman Richard Sorg, IVFA Chaplain-Dave Elick. Also in attendance was IVFAA District 6 chair- Virginia Elick, IVFAA President Christina

Reef, IVFAA Vice President Bev Vanlandingham, IVFAA Sergeant at Arms-Suzie Lewis. We held a joint meeting which we may do more often in the future!
 If you haven't registered for the State Convention in Indy this year, I strongly suggest you register ASAP! Great line up of speakers and educational opportunities. There will also be a Junior Firefighters Competition held at the convention!
 I will suggest to all of our departments to encourage one or two people to be a delegate to attend the meetings. We would love to have more participation within the district.
 Within the next few months be on the lookout for the release of the IVFA's first ever APP!
 Check the website for the calendar of events for the State and district! \
 If you need to get ahold of me, my email is district6@ivfa.org. My cell is 260-585-3213.
 God Bless,
 Mack Grobis,
 District Chairman

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard- Chairman

Greeting From District 8A
 To All Department's, I Hope you signed up on the Savit Group. PPE Replacement and Equipment. This the budget time of the year for your County Council. Hope you are on the agenda For House Bill 1454 this bill. will help you to have more funding for your department. Spring is here and Summer is Right Around the Corner. With warm weather I hope more Department are starting to get outside and do more Training. Talking about Training, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association 2024 78th Convention/Expo Racing back to Indy at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport June 13-15,2024.
 Keynote speaker. Dr. Moore Merrel. for available Training at the Convention go to IVFA Website to Convection then Training List or to Register online.
 Please Continue to put your fund. Raising Events and Meeting on the IVFA Calendar and your Facebook pages. That's how the Offices. 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 they will be glad to help you. The Next Distict Meeting will be at Sharpville VFA Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m at 158 West vine Street Sharpville Indiana.
 District 8A
 Rex Maynard

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Greetings to all,

Well another spring is working thru the state and the brown of winter is giving way to green grass and fields of crops growing. The last few months have passed by faster than ever, and now its time to start thinking if the air conditioner is going to work?

The month Of January found us at Delphi Tri Township for District Meeting and I will say that they had a great meeting with the largest group in attendance since before covid. Maybe it's because of how Dan Dulin, Chief of Delphi tried to con the departments in to thinking they were going to get free fire equipment.

The sad part is that he didn't want to become the public information officer for the district????

Our next meeting was held at Democrat Township, Cutler and our own P.R. Northwest has to try and top it???

Jeremy can you handle the pressure, or will he just go with the flow?

Convention is getting close and as like last year, I will not be able to attend. Leighann will do a wonderful job for our District, she is a pro now since this is her 3rd convention, I told you that once you start you are in for life Kerry!

Stay Safe
Pascal

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10

Harrison Township's welcomed District 10 to their newly remodeled fire station in January. 10yr pins were awarded to Brad Mathes and Matthew Hoffman & a 25yr pin to Joshua Kestler, all from Harrison Township.

Program was presented by Chuck Gunter, Field Program Manager for the Dept. of Homeland Security who talked about programs that the State has available for firefighters. Corey Slaughter DHS District 8 Training Coordinator talked about the programs his district has that can

be used by all departments of the DHS district.

Marshal Stephen Jones was also in attendance, and shared updates from his office.

Marietta was host for the February meeting. An interesting program was put on by Marrietta VFD with their grain bin rescue tube. They instructed the proper way to operate it, and what was involved in its use.

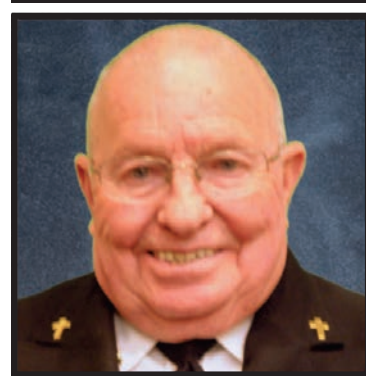
Chief, Brandon Fix of Marietta was awarded his 10yr pin; and 25yr pins went to Jason Mohr, Ben Pile and Issac Pile, also of Marietta.

We met at St. Paul for the March meeting in their new fire station. Chief Dan Pennington was presented a new IVFA clock. Retired firefighter, Butch Springmeyer of Clarksburg was given a 50yr Gold Coin. Ed Stone from Clifford also received his Gold Coin. St. Paul firefighters receiving 10yr pins: Jonathon Nedderman, Scott Robbins, and Elmo Redelman. Kris Martin of Manilla, was awarded his 25yr pin.

Since last newsletter, the following awards have been given: IFD firefighter, Mark Oakley received his 50yr Gold Card, Gold Coin and Meritorious Award. Moral Twp, firefighter Robert Boyer, received his 50 year Gold Card, Gold Coin and Meritorious Award. Gold Coins were also presented to Steve Stone and Fred Fry, of Marion Twp.; Charles Emswiler of Clarksburg; Bill Clark & Ronnie Tennell of Flat Rock; Ivan Shinolt of Elizabethtown; and brothers, Gary, Lloyd, & Mike Wissing of Manilla.

Spring planting season will soon be here; so be alert and be safe.

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Ralph 'Pete' Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A

Our meeting was at Pierson. We had 6 Depts, 31 members and 5 guests.

Our guests were: Larry Curl Lobbyist, Lary Bartlow WCPR, Jason Ryan District 11B Chairman, Johanna Bellville, District 11A Miss Flame, Maddy Ryan District 11B Miss Flame.

We presented J.C. Gummere with a station clock for their new station.

I attended the 50 year celebration at the State House. It was a busy day but a great day to honor the 50 year members.

Convention will be held in June Thursday, June 13, the Saturday June 15 at the

Crown Plaza in Indy by the Airport. Everyone is meeting ready for a fun time.

FDIC is April 15-20, come

and see the many venders and equipment. It's a fun time.

Go on IVFA website to find the bar code for the cancer. Survey and scan and take the survey we need every member do this.

Our next meeting will be at Prairieton Fire Dept on May 19, 2024. It would good to see more people attend the District meetings.

Tell next time,
Pete Taylor
District 11A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Well, I first off want to thank everyone that came out to the meeting at Black Diamond with the cold temperatures that day I was sure what kind of turn out we were going to get.

January 14, 2024 Black Diamond Fire Called to order at 1:11

Pledge- Chad Mize
Prayer- Pete Taylor
State officers: Larry Curl: State lobbyist, Brent Bush State Sgt. at Arms, Larry Bartlow PRWC, Pete Taylor 11A chairman.

Auxiliary: Maddie Ryan Miss Flame 11B, Bev Taylor 11A Chair, Carol Curl Past President, Jodi Rohr, 11B Chair

6 depts 15 Members Present
Broke for lunch at 1:16
Resumed at 1:39
Reading of the Minutes
1st Brent Bush
2nd Larry Bartlow

Larry Curl asked if there were any farmers in the room and read an article he found

Larry Curl spoke about SB54 Approx 78 50-year members Feb 28 state house event for 50-year members

Larry Curl spoke about HB1454.

Larry Curl suggested the depts go as a group to the council with the operating budget for HB1454.

2024 Convention: Indianapolis Crowne Plaza 6/13/24-6/15/24

Larry Curl talked about the convention raffle and explained how it's going to work

1. Truck
2. Dept
3. District

Rate for convention is 90.00 a person.

District 11A meeting 01/21/24 at Van Buren Harmony Station at 1:00 miss flame contest

Treasurer Report \$5167.79
1st Scott Peebles
2nd Chad Mize

Death in the District
Cayuga: Rick Lewis
Russellville: Phil Carrington
Spoke about the awards for convention.

Spoke about the miss flame project.
50/50 26.00

Winner Scott Peebles
Next meeting March 10 at 1:00
Closing prayer- Jarred Rohr

First off, I want to thank Jacquelynn for running this meeting as I was unable to attend due to being at home with your District Miss Flame who had surgery the day before for her Gallbladder.

March 10, 2024 New Market Fire Called to order at 1:14

Pledge: Scott Peebles
Prayer: Pete Taylor
State officers: Pete Taylor 11a chair, Larry Bartlow PRWC, Larry Curl 12A Chairman / lobbyist.

Auxiliary: Joann Hayes Past President, Bev Taylor 11A Chair, Carol Curl Past President
6 Depts and 12 members present.

Lunch 1:17
Resumed from lunch 1:45
Minutes from last meeting
1st- Scott Peebles
2nd Jack Giles
Treasure report \$5137.79
1st Jack Giles
2nd Scott Peebles

Larry Curl spoke about the session that lasted till 9:45 Friday night

Spoke about HB1302 (EMS Study Bill)

SB33 (public safety tax bill)
SB33 will be signed by the governor and the meetings for the council will be public

SB232 statewide 911 bill (Passed and will become a law)

Income plan- newer members
Pension plan- older members
Larry C had opinions from the floor on different topics

Larry C talked about the Ivy Tech program and looking at starting the program up again in State budget or different institution.

Larry C spoke about mental health

Larry C says he's going to the Hoosier Lottery for the pension plan since its advertised.

Home Loan Assistance -mentioned by Larry C

Larry C spoke about the 50 year celebration at the state house

Talked about a 77 year member who passed away two days after the celebration at the state house

Political action committee was asked and talked about

Larry C mentioned about starting a Political Action Committee (more information at convention)

Spoke about 2024 Convention: Indianapolis, Crowne Plaza, June 13-June 15

Larry C invited the US Fire Administrator as the keynote speaker

Convention registration is 90.00

40 raffle tickets coming in the mail - explained the raffle and how its going to work and what

the mailed tickets mean
Spoke about the JRFF challenge happening at convention
Spoke about the miss flame project

50/50 90.00 winner got 45.00
Winner: Aaron Thompson
Door Prize: Notebook
Winner was from Ripley township fire

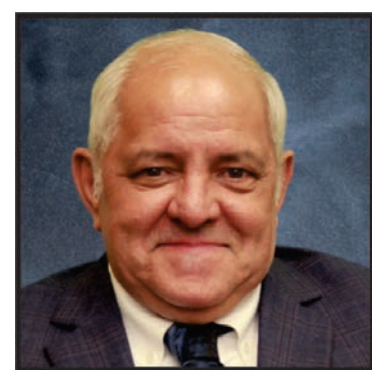
March 23- Helt Fire fish fry 4p-8p

April 13- Ripley Township bean dinner starting at 5:30

Next meeting May 8 at 7:00pm location TBD

Closing prayer: JoAnn Hayes
Meeting adjourn at 3:00

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

DISTRICT 12 NEWS / UPDATES / FUTURE ACTIVITY

"Good Morning."
"Good Afternoon." "Good Evening."depending upon the time of the day you choose to read your IVFA Newspaper either in print or electronically on our website.

Greetings and Hello From IVFA District 12, Boone, Hendricks, and Morgan County with just a touch of Hamilton and Marion

First let me say good bye to cold months of 2024 and welcome to (as of the writing of this article) Spring of 2024. Spring is the season during which the natural world revives and reinvigorates after the colder winter months even if they were not so bitterly cold for the most part this year.

One of the first signs that spring has sprung are the presence of tree buds and plant's buds During spring, dormant plants begin to grow again, new seedlings sprout out of the ground and hibernating animals like Bats, Skunks, Bears, and Snakes awake, watch out for the skunks. It becomes time to think about cutting the grass, planting new flowers, refreshing the old flower beds and getting the vegetable gardens in the ground. OK enough meteorological chat that I actually know very little about other than I do like spring.

So what are the plans for District 12 in 2024, first we hope to continue on the activities of the past and encourage more membership / families to join us, picnic, possible cook out, family dinner or maybe a planned trip such as attending the 2024 IVFA State Convention. More details

More meeting notes on page 8

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 12

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about convention later in this paper.

We would like to congratulate our 2023 (recognized in 2024) District 12 lifetime members for 50 years of service, Charles K. Bowers Sr. and Joseph L. Griffin. I was honored to be able to present Joe's 50 year card to his wife and family (Joe passed away in 2023) as he was a member of the fire department that I began my career at and we served together for many years.

I hope to encourage more members to attend our District meetings, while we have had a quorum at all our meetings so far sometimes its by a very slim margin so, to our membership and guests, watch the IVFA calendar, read the District 12 Facebook, talk to other members who might know the date, time, and location or read it on the post card that is sent out by our district Secretary and hopefully posted in every station.

We hope to have another family gathering in the Summer or early fall and we want to make sure every District 12 member, his/her family and our IVFA families are aware, invited, and hopefully join us.

Our last District Meeting was hosted by Advance VFD, Chief Jim Caldwell who always rolls out the red carpet and makes sure we are feed good and have a nice place to gather as do all our District meeting department hosts Thanks to all who have, and hopefully will once again host a district meeting. We try to host all our district meetings on the First Monday of the month beginning in January and go every other month through out the years. Please check the IVFA website calendar page to make sure when YOUR next district meeting will be. Also we are always looking for meeting hosts, locations, departments to host our meeting so if you are a department in our district and would like to host a meeting please reach out to our District Secretary Chara Leaver @ ivfaadistrict12@ivfaa.org (as she also serves as our IVFAA (auxiliary chairperson hence her email) or by phone at 317-31-286-7367 or you may contact myself your District 12 Chairman Larry Curl @ district12@ivfa.org or by phone at 317-605-6669 either of us would be happy to help you schedule to host a district meeting.

Remember Spring is here, little one are everywhere so drive carefully when responding in your communities.

Its not to soon to begin thinking of all the awards the IVFA offers to our deserving members and some one in District 12 just might be the person to receive the 2025 award, but only if he/she is nominated and you are the one to make that happen. Visit the website at www.ivfa.org to see how easy that is to make happen. I know we have members just as deserving within district 12 as all the other districts so show you care nominate a fellow member.
DONT FORGET TO LOOK

AT THE 2024 CONVENTION UPDATE LOCATED IN THIS ADDITION OF OUR PAPER or ON THE CONVENTION WEBSITE where you can register, reserve a hotel room, learn what activities and events will be happening at your District 12 Hosted Convention. If anyone is still wanting to assist with or work the convention please let me know SOON

We the leadership of District 12 is looking for activities, interests, and ways to get you our membership more involved. Let us know, we would love to hear from you. We are only as strong as our membership and we can only help you if you help us.

HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER ATTENDING OUR NEXT MEETING

Your District 12 Leadership Team
Larry Curl 317-605-6669
Jim Leaver 317-790-7887
Rick Rusie- 317-796-3356
Chara Leaver 317-445-6358
Ed Orr - 317-453-1249
BE SAFE - BE POLITE - SERVE PROUDLY

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Anthony Smith - Chairman

Hello District 13B and the rest of the Hoosier State!

I want to first apologize to each of you for my absence over the last several months, which I trust you understand with the given situation that my family has been going through. I will use this opportunity to beg and plead that you participate in the Cancer Survey, provided by the IVFA. Simply click on the link, provided on the IVFA website and or follow the information that has been provided in the newspapers. Please continue to keep my Father in Law, and Retired Fire Chief, Dennis Spears in your prayers. My family and I cannot thank you enough for your continued support and constant prayers and check-in calls, texts, and visits!

I look forward to seeing you at the district meeting, May 29th at Liberty Fire Department. We have several service pins to pass out for Liberty Firefighters, so it will be a good time!!

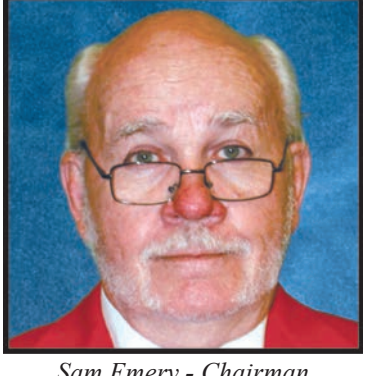
"Racing back to Indy" 2024 Convention has the "green flag" and will be hosted at the Crown Plaza- Indianapolis Airport, June (12th Pre-Convention), 13th, 14th, and 15th. There are many exciting events that will take place this year, including the drawing of a NEW PICKUP TRUCK!

For \$5.00 that's right, FIVE DOLLARS, you can purchase a ticket or multiple tickets for your "checker flag win". I don't know about you, but a \$5 chance for a new truck is worth it to me. Check out the website for more information about convention and much more! "Good luck, District 12!"

As always, please do not hesitate to call, text or email me if you have any questions, or any needs that I may be able to help with. Also, please post your department events on the calendar on the IVFA website and also to our Facebook page.

Respectfully,
Anthony Smith
District 13B Chairman
765-439-0911

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings,
Attended the Vincennes Sausage Supper and Meeting, good meal, vendors and several speakers.

I have been around to some of my depts. giving out the Gold Coins to 50 year members. Have a few to go.

Feb. 4th attended the Taylor VFD meeting. Feb 2nd, 3rd and 4th I attended state officers meeting in Indianapolis. Had some items and ideas to take back.

Feb 14th a memorial service was held for Oaktown-Busseron Twp. FD Russ moody condolences to the family.

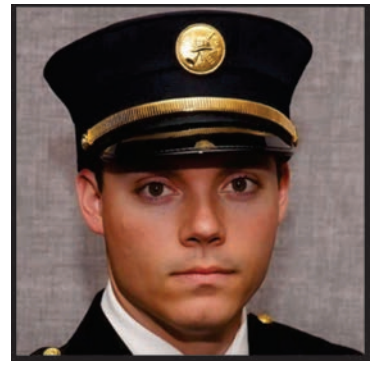
Feb 20th IVFA Dist. 17A meeting was held at the Taylor VFD. Remarks about the upcoming convention were given by Larry Curl, Luke Kluender, State Treas. of our use of funds and Jack Kerney gave on report on dues packets sent out and those who are late on dues.

Feb 26th I attended the 50 year presentation of gold card members and did have 3 members in attendance. Comments were given by members in attendance. Comments by a 75 year IVFA member gave comments on his time in the fire service. Great Job!

March 7th Taylor VFD meeting, at this time I am preparing a memorial service for Chris Stahl a 35 IVFA member and the Chief at Bloomfield VFD and old friend, condolences to his family.

Sam Emery
IVFA 17A Chair.

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger- Chairman

District 18 MARCH 21ST 2024

The last meeting of the district 18 was held on March 21st and hosted by Ferdinand Fire department.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Nick Waninger. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present. To start the meeting Chairman Waninger hand out three 50 year gold cards. Two members of the Birdseye VFD were recognized for their years of service. Ralph Andry and Wendell Wright.

One member of the Ferdinand Fire Department, Daniel Hoppenjans.

Two 25 year pins, Laura and Matt Reckelhoff.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Waninger and welcomed everyone has joined us tonight.

Roll call was taken with 63 members representing 14 departments answering 469 Alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith introduced guest present; Ross Emery, Jack Kernie, Jon Hancock-dist. 10 training coordinator, Mike Demeglio- Donely Saftey, Kathy Smith- IVFAA Dist. 18 Chairman, Nicole and Susan from IDEM.

Nicole, and Susan from IDEM gave a presentation on what can and can't be burned and sizes of piles. Main take aways were that no business can burn anything at all, and we all may or may not have broken burn rules before.

State Officer's report
State Vice President- Ross Emery talked about needing more state nominations for awards. Only 18 applicants for the Bridgeport were submitted. Continued about the cancer survey and the new upcoming jr. Firefighter competition at the state convention.

State Office -Jack Kernie talked about AFG and Safer Grants have not kept up with inflation, Fiscal Year 2024 ending had a combined 36 million dollar cut. They asked for a 15 million dollar increase in 2025. New OSHA rules will affect 37 NFPA standards and will affect how we do business as smaller Volunteer departments.

State Lobbyist - Larry Curl stated we had 78 life time members this year, 37 of whom attend the 50 year resolution with the governor. Larry talked about SB 33, the proposal that the county council must advertise when they have a meeting. Curl talked about

next years plan for state house session and how to get younger involvement in the fire service. Pinch-in plan? Retirement? Income tax credit? Reminded the association that volunteers save the state 4.8 billion according to our study in 2020. Lastly Curl talked about his district hosting the 2024 convention. They are giving away a brand new pickup truck. \$5 a ticket. All departments should have a received and envelope with 40 tickets inside, for every 40 sold they will be entered in a separate drawing to receive a portion of the profits after all bills are paid.

District Chairman's report
Chairman Waninger stated if any departments has fundraisers coming up, to please post them on the IVFA website.

District officer's report
Vice Chairman Smith talked about the cancer survey that was written in the November edition of the newspaper, please fill out if you have not.

Committee reports.
Carter Fire will host the 2024 District 18 parade and miss flame contest Sunday, October 13th.

Carter Fire department will also host the District 18 memorial service on Sunday, October 6th.

Old business
none

New Business
None

Announcement- good of the order.
2024 state convention will be held in Indianapolis on June 13-15 at the Crown Plaza

2025 State convention will be held in Madison IN.

Chairman Waninger thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will be on May 16th with the Schnellville fire department hosting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding- Chairman

District 19 IVFA Article

Our past two district meetings experienced very good attendance. The crowd at Blooming Grove VFD in Franklin county was amazing. Our next meeting will be at the Miller York VFD on May 23rd, mark your calendars.

Our district has experienced the loss of a few long time firefighters over the last six month. The Delaware VFD unexpectedly lost long time member Jarred Meinders and Bill Hosmer, a founder member of

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the department. The Otter Creek VFD lost a 50 year plus member, Bob Furst. Reflecting on these losses it caused me to think about those who came before us in the fire service and our departments.

These past members spent many years working and building our departments into what they are today. We should take time to honor their contributions and remember them and the impact they had on our departments and our communities. We owe it to them to make sure our new members understand and appreciate the history of our departments and how the efforts of these past members helped make us what we are today in the fire service.

As we come into the spring time, and wildland fire season, we can use this time to not only remember and honor our past but instill in our young members the love of the fire service. Sometimes we can spend too much time discussing the problems we encounter and not enough time on the good things about our departments and the fire service.

To honor those who came before us let us work to inspire our young members to love the fire service and everything it stands for.

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz- Chairman

District 21 meeting was held at Romney (Randolph) Vol Fire Department on February 26, 2024. A light meal was served.

There were 5 departments and 5 guests present. A total of 20 people.

Tatum Moore, our Miss Flame for this year's convention was given her sash.

Regular business was discussed.

Our next meeting will be at Sheffield Vol Fire Department in Dayton on May 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm with a light meal at 6:45 pm.

Don Fultz
District 21 Chairman

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING February 2-4, 2024 Crowne Plaza Hotel INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Liston at 2:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Ross Emery. The Invocation was given by Chaplain David Elick.

Roll Call was taken with 20 District Chairman present and 5 Absent, 5 Public Relations Officers present and 1 absent, 6 past presidents, the Lobbyist.

Reading the minutes from the last meeting, Jeremy Reef made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Don Cushman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Luke Kluender, report passed out to members. Emailed out balances of the last year totals, and the balances from the first month of this quarter. Relocated funds into larger CD's. with change to CD, we should see \$20,000 return in investment. Expenses need reduced. Discussion on how to reduce expenses and Membership committee is going to investigate this topic. Discussion on other items that could be reduced.

Motion to accept treasurer report as emailed made by Richard Glant. The second was given by Mack Grobis. Motion passed.

Guests:

State Fire Marshall Stephen Jones, talked about deaths across the state with the situations that occur across the state- 17 fire fatalities in January. Discussion on the Prevention of fires and the safety in using space heaters and maintaining smoke alarms. 2023 statistics- 80 fire fatalities across the state. 16,000 fire inspections across the state. Busy use of cadaver dog. The radiation transport division has been very busy with responding to calls and making sure inspections are complete. Current Projects- 4 training grounds are being built, looking for 2 more locations this year. PPE Grants are being sorted through and the bids for equipment are being looked at to get gear out to the dept. who were awarded? Hopes are to be 2-3 months and will be up to 15 sets a year. working on getting younger members involved in making decisions and attending

meetings so they can become more involved. Wants to make sure he knows the needs that the departments need so he can continue to make sure the funding is there to provide for the departments with equipment and training. Education library books are free to any firefighter in the state have to create an account. Email for fire dept. if we are wanting this, we need to put it together in a budget to go to legislation to get the funding for it.

Old Business:

1. Savvik buying group- \$4.48 made with partnership in this past quarter.

2. NIPSH Ascension St. Vincent Cancer survey- 296 members have completed the survey. Need to push to up the numbers more to have more data. Make sure to pass on to retired members and even non-members if they are out of the fire service now.

3. Phone App- complete and ready to be pushed out. Will be reviewed by social media committee and then pushed out to our members but make sure they are notified to be able to use it.

4. 50-year pin/gold card development- clarified 86 presentations to update documentation, still have 32 that need to be handed out prior to the new upcoming group. 39 have been presented but unsure date of presentation. 2 have been added to the list now that were not on the list prior. 480 starting list and 55 left to confirm and clarify for documentation.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, Dues are coming in and up to date. Paid/Not Paid lists emailed out. Dept. rosters emailed out. Pin reports emailed out. 81 deceased members to date, have 18 from rosters. Death Causes- 10 from cancer, 3 LODD, 60 Natural causes, 2 accidental, 6 with no cause listed. New name badges are in and passed out. Gold cards will be handed out after the 50-year presentation on Feb. 26, 2024. 23 dues packets prepared. 12,880 addresses prepared for newspaper. 46 addresses on hold for newspaper mailing, 268 total bad addresses. 13,254 Active members 2022 dues cycle, 12,372 2023 dues cycle, 13 active members 2023 dues cycle, 44 service members, 720 gold members, 13,255 members of association. 1 pending AIL Claims, \$220,064.53 paid out to date from AIL. Increase in phone calls about run reports mainly from insurance companies, ISO Rating requests are another call request. 6,184 license plates sold Jan.- Dec. 2023. 2016-3,604, 17-4,324 18-4,707, 19-5,179, 20-5,560, 21-5,862, 22-5,997, 23-6,184. Luke is going to check into what the plate costs are and the process of how to change it. Computer is running slow, going to have computer guy coming in to look and see if we can get it updated. This one is 8 years old.

Executive Committee Report: Miss Flame Guidebook, Code of Conduct discussed, California Casualty is no longer providing insurance in the state. Discussion held on the Solar Eclipse event. Discussion held on issue in Grant

County with volunteering for a fire dept. and be an employee of a state agency Dept. of Child Services. Information was located under the Indiana Administrative Code. Those affected may appeal to Inspector General to have a new ruling completed. LOSAP program information provided to Treasurer to investigate more information for benefit. District 16 vacancy needs to be filled with a member. Going to look into interest for this position. Dues study being looked at by membership and marketing committee. Mr. IVFA Committee being reviewed due to passing of committee members and the transition of those members to decide award.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Vice President Ross Emery- presentation to Jack Kerney for 60+ years of service. Discussed convention awards, look at ways to get award winners to convention, discussion on contacting the winners ahead of time to get them to come to convention. "Finalist announcement" and then getting them at the convention. Ollie Sandburg will be meeting next meeting to decide. McQueen Awards need to be in this weekend. 50-Year presentation February 26, 2024.

Angel Award, Diane Harrison- meet in May to decide.

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney- going to try and have the competition at the convention this year.

Mr. IVFA, Brent Bush- going to have to go back to the last 5 recipients due to the passing of the last 2 recipients

Ivan Nevil Leadership Award- Larry Curl- nothing to report

Miss Flame- Leighanne Ellis- covered list with districts and what was needed. May 5th 12-3p at Crowne Plaza optional event, plan for a pre-convention orientation. This will allow for the girls to have a prepared plan for convention prior to coming in. Mock interviews, introductions, fellowship, and hair and make-up.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, no applications have been submitted. March 1 deadline.

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender, covered in treasurer's report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: Chaplin Dave Elick, Miss Flame Program book being finalized and planned to be added to the S.O.G.'s. Code of Conduct Manual is being worked on and going to be added to the S.O.G.'s as well.

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

Convention: David Israel- 2023 Jeff Biehl and Anthony Smith- books are finalized and finished money made from convention was divided and Henry County fire dept. went to Shop with their Firefighter Program. The other departments in 13B gave to Chief Dennis Spears. Other monies going to stay for District Miss Flame and Burn Camp donation.

2024-Indianapolis- Larry Curl- convention will be June 13-15, 2024, which is a Thursday-

Saturday days. Website is created and will be available first week of February. Tickets have been mailed out to PRNW area. Will have the rest sent out shortly. They will have a pre-conference day on Wednesday June 12 for the golf outing, The BFFPSE and EMS Commission meetings will be on Wednesday as well. Holding a raffle for a pickup truck. If the dept. sells all the ticket sent then they get an entry into the drawing, if every dept. in the district sells all their tickets, then the district is also entered into the drawing. Looking for small businesses to get donations from for \$200 donation in supporting the membership to come to convention. "Sponsor a Firefighter" to come to convention. Convention coins are available for \$20. \$129 room rate for Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis.

2025- Madison, Rick Cannon- Contract is signed.

2026- accepting bid letters- no intent to bids have been received.

EMS: Tom Fentress, HB1302, reciprocity for out-of-state EMT and medics. Use of Volunteers on EMS calls. Reaching out for a conversation with IEMSA.

Insurance: Luke Kluender, look into other benefits to replace California Casualty.

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, in a short session ends in March. HB1362 identifies county EMS systems and service to area to then create summer study group for legislators, HB1328 Dept. Local Govt. Finance- amend. 23, unit of govt. that has contract with public safety service must report monies spent to those organizations through transparency program, SB54- Marion Twp. Fire consolidation bill.

LODD: Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

Logo: District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler and Sam Bisel, 3 advertisers lost but gained 1. Looking for advertisers.

Public Relations and Education: Steve Nolan and Don Cushman, Sign-up for FDIC will be coming out. IERC in October, trailer leak fixed, bearings greased and brakes are in working order.

Social Media and Website: Anthony Smith, discussed the app, Mack going to work on getting finalized for district/ PR Notifications and placing the district map on it. Looking at getting the Broadcasters Association for help. Data from Facebook covered.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, final deadline submission for dept. to book is Feb. 29, 2024. Proof book in March to make changes and second proof in April and have ready for Convention in June.

Training: Steve Anderson, nothing to report. BFFPSE meeting did not last long, not doing variances anymore. 655 Rules have final approval for public comments window and once closed will hold Public hearing meeting. Unknown dates for this. Training Academy



training scheduled at MADE. Dubois Fire School March 15-17 and 22-24, 2024.

Younger Membership: District 16 Mack Grobis covered some benefits after looking at NVFC website, we actually have more benefits listed: Homes for Heros-home financing, Legal Shield-legal assistance and preparation of Advanced Directives for First Responders, Provident- Class A&B insurance AD&D and Life Insurance Policies, Indemnity Fund to Injured in LODD. Complimentary subscription to Fire Rescue Magazine. Volunteers join the PERF fund from 2020, local govt. needs to approve for those members to be members of the PERF. 4-page resolution filled out by trustee and then submitted. Indiana PERF My Choice program.

Health and Wellness Committee, Tom Fentress, Kim Denton spoke about first responder mental health and getting the problem taken care of with resources on who they need to speak out to.

Meeting Recessed at 1736 . Will reconvene at 0830am Sunday, February 4, 2023.

Meeting reconvened Sunday Feb. 4, 2023.

Meeting was called to order at 0830 by President Liston.

Morning message was given by Chaplin Dave Elick.

Representative Reports

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

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

Hero's Competition, District 11B Jason Ryan, Paul Holcomb-possible name change to Skills USA.

IN-Time Jack Zeeks, nothing to report, no meeting held.

IDHS Senior Advisory Committee: Jack Zeeks, no meeting held.

National Volunteer Fire Council Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, meeting April 25 in Arlington. NERIS update will be given. Legislative committee asked to support move over safety day. Women's safety and cancer screening with fire exposure. 33195 members with NVFC. Indiana has 287 members.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, possibly renamed to In Home Fire.

Officer's Reports:

President, Jerry Liston, 1500 mile driven, sausage supper, fire alliance meetings, Vision 2025 -EMS Meeting for future and study.

Vice President, Ross Emery, district meetings, Sausage supper, taking interest for Jr. Firefighter Program. Deadline for application is April 2.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, nothing to report.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, Sausage supper, working on getting the gaming license done, did more looking into the BMV and increasing license plates.

Chaplain, David Elick, Bibles cost \$25, grave markers stayed the same, and box is \$52.50. we only charge \$75 for the cost to sell them. Brent Bush made motion that bibles go to \$75 and grave markers \$25, Jeremy Reef

gave second. Motion passed. Paul Holcomb made a motion to increase license plate fees to \$25, Richard Sorg gave second. Motion passed.

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

Historian, Buz Koehler/ Jason Ryan, nothing to report

Chairman of the Board, Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, absent, Paul Holcomb- nothing to report.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, 5 district meetings, 1 fundraiser

PRNE, Sam Bisel, wanted to know what should be located in the briefcase.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, all district meetings

PREC, David Israel, 3 district meetings.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, absent

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 2 meetings, 2 50 year presentations, 1 memorial service.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, nothing to report

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, nothing to report.

Jack Zeeks, nothing to report

Buz Koehler, nothing to report

Jack Kerney, nothing to report

Larry Ketchem, absent

David Israel, 2 station dedication clock presentation,

Steve Anderson, worked with an older almost obsolete dept. getting restarted and up and running.

Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

Tim Deckard, absent

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, meeting held at South Haven F.D., 5 dept. and 17 members present. Program about safety put on by South Haven. 1 memorial service

District 2, Tom Fentress, dealing with EMS 2025 report.

District 3, Les Jensen, absent

District 4, Elton Schafer, meeting held at Liberty Fire, 6 dept. and 22 members present. Program held with county commissioners to discuss each side issues and responsibilities. Develop a better understanding to have a better working relationship.

District 5, John Grolich, meeting held at Fulton-Liberty, 6 dept. and 12 members present. 3 memorial services. Service pins handed out. Sausage dinner. Attending meetings where local dept. is trying to go to a territory.

District 6, Mack Grobis, 5 christmas parties, 2 district meetings, 2 50 year presentations.

District 7, Richard Sorg, meeting held at Monroe, 9 dept. and 26 members present. 5 memorial services. Meeting held at Monroeville, 9 dept. and 29 members present. Miss Flame Judging. Issues with updating social media for district. Meeting held at Mt. Etna, 9 dept. and 32 members present. 2 memorials services.

District 8A, Rex Maynard, absent

District 8B, Tony Dalrymple, absent

District 9A, Pascal Moon,

meeting held at Delphi Tri-Township, 11 dept. and 26 members present. Program held by Dan Dulin on Eclipse, Chrisitina Reef talked about Awards and Convention. Meeting held at Camden-Jackson Twp, 7 dept. and 10 members present. John Shafer talked about state program updates, Larry Curl talked about HB1454 and convention.

District 9B, Randy Denton, Sausage Supper, Fundraisers for Miss Flame let he know.

District 10, John Ray, Meeting held at Harrison Twp. VFD, 8 dept. and 21 members present, program from Chick Gunter and Carry Slauter on Training Programs, Marshal Jones spoke. 1 memorial service. Meeting held at Columbus Twp. VFD, 7 dept. and 19 members present. Service pins passed out.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, meeting held at Van Buren Twp, 7 dept. and 31 members present. Program given by State Senator Gregory Goodie. Miss Flame Program

District 11B, Jason Ryan, service pins handed out. 2 district meetings, fundraisiers.

District 12 Larry Curl, 2nd annual holiday/awards dinner. Service pins passed out.

District 13A, Don Cushman, service pin passed out. Area is combining into territories.

District 13B, Anthony Smith, Feb 18. Dennis Spears retirement party, service pins passed out. McQueen award submitted.

District 14, Rick Cannon, meeting held at Vienna Fire Dept. 8 dept. and 25 members present. Program was crowning District Miss Flame, Cancer study, Clark Co. Hazmat and drones, HB 1454. 4 memorial services. Meeting held at Rykers Ridge Fire, 6 dept. and 20 members present. Program from Chuck Gunter and the Fire Marshals office. 2 memorial services.

District 15, Paul Campbell, meeting held at Boonville Fire, 8 dept. and 25 members present. District Miss Flame Program held. 4 memorials services.

District 16, Vacant position,

District 17A, Sam Emery, Meeting held at Vincennes Twp. VFD, 19 dept. with total of 53 represented across state, and 361 members present. The program was opening remarks by IVFA State officers, State Lt.Gov. Crouch, and other elected officials and fire representatives. 1 memorial service.

District 17B, Tammy Wright, absent

District 18, Nick Waninger, Bull Smith Representing, 75-year member presentation,

District 19, Ben Sieverding, meeting held at Blooming Grove VFD. 12 dept. and 41 members present. IDEM Program presentation. 1 memorial service.

District 21, Don Fultz, Meeting held, 5 dept. and 31 members present. 2 memorials services. Coming up with a plan for cooking at Burn Camp and having a cooker in case of fall through with current provider.

New Business:

1. Make sure we are continuing to deliver coins to our 50-year members.

2. Feb. 21 NVFC Webinar for Engaging Youth in the Fire Service.

3. Washington DC Trip- April 28- April 30, 2024

4. 50-year Celebration, please attend if possible.

5. Mack Grobis makes a motion to change the license plate decision to decrease the cost from \$25 to \$20. Steve Anderson gave the second. Motion passed. Cost will be \$20 for the license plate fees.

6. Jack Zeeks made motion to send computer purchase to board action, Second given by Steve Anderson. Will be sent to board action.

7. Jack Zeeks made a motion if association coins drop below 100 then we order more coins. Tom Fentress gave second. Sent to board action.

8. Supporting Hero Gala, board member will be paid for, they have to pay for their spouse through Luke, and mileage will not be paid for. Email your spot request to Paul Holcomb. Table will be sponsored at \$2500.

Richard Glant made motion to adjourn meeting, Tom Fentress gave second. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING February 2-4, 2024 Crowne Plaza Hotel INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb at 10:37 am.

Reading of the minutes, Richard Glant made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by Jeremy Reef, motion passed.

Board Action- Business:

1. Jack Zeeks made a motion to spend \$1000 to replace hard drive/buy new office computer, Marshall Neece gave second. Discussion was held about cost. Second and motion were retracted and Jack Zeeks modified motion to spend no more than \$2000 to repair/replace computer. Marshall Neece gave second. Discussion held on plan two towers and two monitors are currently being used. Plan is to work to use two towers and one monitor. Membership information is held with JLC. Everything else is backed up onto an external hard drive. Motion passed.

2. Jack Zeeks made a motion to purchase 500 IVFA association coins now and then when we get through those when the inventory gets to 100 we will reorder them in 500 increments and watch the supply and demand to appropriately reorder when necessary. Brent Bush gave the second. Motion passed.

Chaplain gave benediction. Motion to adjourn meeting by Mack Grobis, Second by Richard Glant. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



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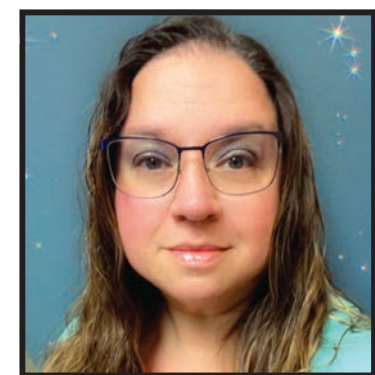
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IVFAA President
Christina Reef



Hello Everyone,
I hope you all had a wonderful spring. I love all the rain in the springtime because it helps bring all the beautiful flowers for summertime.
I hope everyone is looking forward to the convention this year. It is June 13th thru 15th at the Crown Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport. If you have not registered for convention, it's not too late. Registration forms & information are on the IVFA.org website under convention.
There are 21 district 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. This year the Miss Flame project to collect items for Wheeler Mission. If you are interested in helping them collect items, please reach out to them or your district chairman.

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

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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



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

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Virginia Elick - Chairman

March 26, 2024 IVFAA District 6 meeting minutes

IVFA District 6 Chairman Mack Grobis opened by calling the meeting to order. The meeting began with the pledge and a prayer, by State Chaplain, Dave Elick. After dinner, IVFA Chairman Grobis conducted the IVFA meeting. He suspended the meeting for the IVFAA District Chairman, Virginia Elick to conduct the IVFAA meeting.

IVFAA Chairman Virginia Elick stated she has been appointed as the IVFAA District 6 Chairman until regular elections can be held at the July District 6 meeting. She encouraged people to attend and to vote. She reported the last meeting minutes, and the Treasurer's report were not available at this time. We hope to get them soon. IVFAA membership forms were available with a dues fee of \$10 per year.

IVFAA Chairman Elick stated IVFA District Chairman Mack Grobis is willing to suspend the IVFA meetings to allow the IVFAA Chairman to conduct their business. This will allow any IVFA member who is also an IVFAA member to vote on Auxiliary business as needed.

She also stated she would like the Auxiliary to continue with the 50/50 drawings at each meeting. The goal is to have at least \$100 in the Treasury to give to the District 6 Miss Flame to help with expenses she has regarding the convention. IVFAA Chairman Elick said she will be getting some tickets so it could be started again at the next District 6 meeting.

Guests in attendance were IVFAA State President, Christina Reef, IVFAA State Vice-President, Beverly Vanlandingham, IVFAA State Sargent-at-Arms, Suzie Lewis as well as the IVFA State Chaplain, Dave Elick.

President Reef reported there are awards for the Auxiliary side needing more nominations. The committees did not have very many to choose from and were sure there were more that could be received due to deserving members. She encouraged more nominations or letters be submitted. This can easily be done using the IVFA website. She also stated if there were any questions, to contact the District Chairman or email one of the State Officers - contact information is available

through the IVFA website. President Reef also said the IVFAA has a \$3500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy available for free to all paid IVFAA members. She encouraged everyone to keep their beneficiaries updated. It is very awkward to award beneficiary money to a person when he or she may be an ex-husband or wife and there is a current husband or wife.

Vice-President Vanlandingham stated she has been receiving questions regarding the policy. Family have contacted her believing they should have a death benefit to help with funeral expenses. That is not the type of policy that we have. It is an accidental death or dismemberment policy. So, if a member has passed due to cancer (for example) the policy will not cover that.

There were 6 paid members in attendance.

The meeting was concluded. IVFA District 6 Chairman, Mack Grobis, resumed the IVFA meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Elick, IVFAA District 6 Chairman.

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Cindy Krueckberg - Chairman

District 7 of Indiana Volunteer Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on March 18, 2024 at Nottingham Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Chairman Cindy Krueckberg. With the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 8 Members, 2 Individuals, and 4 guests.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved. State minutes were read.

A check was given to Carol Curl for 25 dollars for the miss flame sash.

Chinese auction Logan Lockwood has been putting together a spa basket and Bev reported that it is almost done all she needs is lotion and a bottle of wine Cindy stated that she has a bottle of wine and Christine stated that she will get some mary kay lotion to Cindy to add to the basket and it will be done.

Miss Flame project Wheeler Mission. These items can just be brought to convention. Carol said that Larry is trying to get a semi at the convention that everyone can put the items. Christina stated that the only thing that could be lightly used is the pack and plays, everything else should be bought

new. SOG's and By-laws are available on the website and are finished.

We discussed Kristy stepping down from recording secretary and Dawn was nominated and accepted and resigned from Corresponding secretary. And was elected as the responding secretary. Election was held to fill the corresponding secretary. Janet Mathews was nominated and accepted. Janet was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Departments need to get with Cindy about 10,25,50 year pens for members.

If we have a new auxiliary forming we need to get them in contact with Bev, or Christina.

Miss Flame meeting on the 5th of may is not mandatory.

Dress code for Miss Flames this year at the Convention will be put into place due to short dresses last year. They are also required to wear either gray or black.

Aubrey talked a little about what she has been doing since the last meeting she has been to several pancake and sausage breakfasts. She stated that she has served a lot of coffee, cleaned trays, and made pancakes. She likes to make special pancakes for the kids such as mickey mouse.

If you pre register for Convention you will be getting a challenge coin. Convention will be held June 12-15 at Crown Plaza in Indy.

Cindy brought up all of the upcoming events that she found on the Facebook page. Poe pancake and sausage March 24th from 9am to 1pm, Berne Pancake breakfast April 13 starting at 530 am, Huntington township Golf outing June 1st at 9am, Hoagland Easter Parade March 23rd at 1pm, Ossian Pancake breakfast April 13th from 6am to 11 am.

Aubrey brought up asking if we could get a venmo for fundraisers for those who do not have cash on them that was tabled for the next meeting.

Next meeting will be at Ossian on May 20, 2024 at 7pm.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 2nd by Christine. Motion passed.

We made \$1297.00 from the bake sale thank you to all who participated.

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Bev Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A-A Aux.

The Weather is getting better and we can get out more, feels good.

Our last meeting was held at

Pierson TWP. We had 9 ladies present. We talked about the Convention in June Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th at the Crown Plaza Hotel by the airport. Lots of fun things planned. District 12 is hosting. A lot surprises and different programs.

Our Miss Flame Jahanna Bellville well be collecting items for the Wheeler Mission. She

collecting cleaning items, food items such as canned soups, Granola bars, peanut butter, jelly etc. and personal hygiene items. Please help if you can. Bring items to the next District meeting and I will make sure she gets them.

The next meeting will be at Prairieton Fire Dept. May 19,2024 I would love to see more people come out. Hope to see you then!

Stay Safe
District 11A
A Aux. Chairman
Bev Taylor

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jodi Rohr - Chairman

Has Spring finally sprung or is Mother Nature just teasing us? It's been nice hearing the birds and watching the flowers peak through, hoping frost doesn't get them. I hope each of you has been able to enjoy the Easter holiday with family and friends.

Unfortunately, not much is going on in the district. Attendance is very sparse. PLEASE let me know what we can do to get more people involved. Do we need to move meetings to weeknights rather than Sunday afternoons?

If childcare is an issue, we'll work on rectifying that. If you need or want me to attend your local auxiliary meetings, reach out. I would love to get out and meet with more of you.

Our January meeting was cold and snowy! Hot pizza on a cold day hit the spot. Thank you to Black Diamond Fire Dept for hosting. Once again, we did not have enough members to conduct a meeting.

In February, I presented a Bible to the family of Betty Woodard from the Cayuga Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you to Chaplain Judy Wirth for her guidance and support. (Our Chaplain is really a peach.)

Our March meeting was on the 10th in New Market. We discussed the 10-year pins that will soon be available to members.

I reminded everyone to get their reservations and registrations in for Convention. Two days later, I had the honor of presenting 25-year pins to Kim Bailey and Meisha Jumps from the Cayuga Auxiliary. Each of these ladies have been members of the IVFAA for over 30 years. Their picture, along with pictures of the newly opened blessings box, located beside their firehouse, can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Speaking of Convention, get your reservations and registrations in before June 1. After that, registration increases to \$125 per person. ALSO, buy your truck raffle tickets!! A \$5.00 investment for a \$50, 000 truck sure sounds like a deal to me. How many of you are willing to buy tickets for a 50/50 raffle for a pot less than \$50? In my opinion, \$5 for something worth \$50,000 sounds like a much better return on your investment.

Stay safe out there and remember that it doesn't cost you anything to be kind.

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Flutz- Chairman

District 21 meeting for February 26, 2024 was held at Romney Vol Fire Department.

Tatum Moore was presented her sash for Miss Flame 2024. The IVFAA will be presenting 10 year pins to their members. We have three 10 year members at this present time.

We had some changes of State Officers at our quarterly meeting in February.

They will hold their new office until convention. At convention elections will be held for officers for the next year. At this time Janet Mattreus is our Corresponding secretary and Dawn Hillenburg-Harris is our Recording secretary.

Please make sure you have your reservation for the convention and the hotel by May, 2024.

Our next meeting will be at Sheffield Vol Fire Department in Dayton, IN on May 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm. A light meal will be served at 6:45 pm.

Hope to see you there.
Patti Fultz
District 21 Chairman



IVFAA Chaplain

Judy Wirth



that "deer-in-the-headlights look and said OH!

After this conversation, I got to thinking about my answer that I gave her. Was I correct in my response? Maybe there are other reasons our volunteers walk into dangerous situations as others run away from it, but what? SOOOO.....contacted 25 of my closest firefighters, ladies and gentlemen, and they all had about the same reason that I thought -

#1 Giving back and serve the communities where they live.

#2 Follow in their families foot steps, to carry on the family contributions.

I know of 3rd and 4th generation firefighters.

#3 Some got started in Cadet Programs and decided to stay for the action and helping.

#4 The local departments went out and invited the community to come and just learn basic fire prevention and they just stayed on.

I was very thankful I answered correctly. That means my Bible verse John 15:13 rings true!

I am so honored to work alongside each and everyone of you. I pray everyday for your wisdom and knowledge on the job but number one YOUR SAFETY. I love you all.

Thank You for all you do.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Hope to say hello to you at Convention!

Take Care,

Judy

P.S. I had one first responder tell me that the old TV show 'Emergency' was the driving force for her to get into this service!!!!

Squad 51!

Station 51!

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, then to lay down one's life for his friends.

I was visiting with a friend a few days ago and she asked if I was still very active with the volunteer fire service. I answered, "Yes, first responder's are very special to me and it is an honor to work alongside these wonderful folks and help them in anyway I can!" Her reply kinda surprised me, "Why would anyone want to do this job, there isn't enough money in the world for me to do this! Is the pay that good?" I told her this is VOLUNTEER fire service, there isn't any money or getting paid. She was shocked to hear that, shook her head, and was very quiet for a moment then asked, "Why? Why do it then?" My answer was - to give back to the community where we live, to help our neighbors in their time of need. She just looked at me with

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Miss Flame Competition 2024

By Leighanne Ellis

Congratulations to all our District Miss Flames. This year we have 21 young ladies that will be representing their respective districts vying for the title of State Miss Flame at the IVFA Convention June 13-15, 2024. We couldn't be more proud of all their hard work. New event happening this year will be the pre-convention orientation. This will be held May 5, 2024 from 12p-3p at Crowne Plaza Hotel in

Indianapolis by the airport. This is an optional event for the girls but will allow for them to get advice on hair, make-up, interviews, and introductions. Plus they will get to meet each other prior to convention and start building those lifelong connections. Please keep an eye out on Remind for current updates, and also watch your mail for information.

We would also like to send our congratulations to our current State Miss Flame Alexxys

Standish. She was crowned the Indiana State Fair Queen and is making history for Newton County and District 9B. Please invite her to your events.

Good Luck Girls, and we cannot wait to see you soon!

Miss Flame Committee-Leighanne Ellis, Janet Matthews, Tammy Smith, State Miss Flame Alexxys Standish, Andrea Standish, and Carol Curl-convention



The Miss Flame Competition 2024 will be held at Our convention, June 13-15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2501 S. School Road, Indianapolis. We hope to see you there!



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We helped the stranger that was just driving thru our area, they were just passing thru when they happened to have that bad day with a car wreck or maybe a medical condition.

We help our own family members when they have had a power outage and needed

oxygen for the father of a member.

We help the older in our area by just maybe helping them back in a chair and talking to them, we help the young by putting a band aid on at a community event or sitting in the firetruck.

We help the community at that fund raiser just by allowing them to sit and talk to others they haven't seen for a while. As they give the department money to help with equipment or repairs.

How about helping the other members on the department move the pool table, gun safe or freezer in the house, or building a wheelchair ramp for a member's son after a car wreck.

The time we spend training, missing the kid's events at school, or being late to a family Christmas, birthday, and awards

program. It is to try to make someone else have a better day.

The benefits that I have received for the years of meetings, trainings, fires, car wrecks, smell of smoke, CO checks, false calls and fund raisers, has been as simple as thank you, a plate of cookies, a cup of coffee, and egg sandwich, ice cream, pizza and hugs.

The thing is that some times, the hugs and cookies are better than any type of monetary benefits.

We often only think of ourselves in that we need to be "paid" for what we are doing, if that's what you fell you need and want to receive something, check for discounts for first responders'.

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doing!

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2024 IVFA Miss

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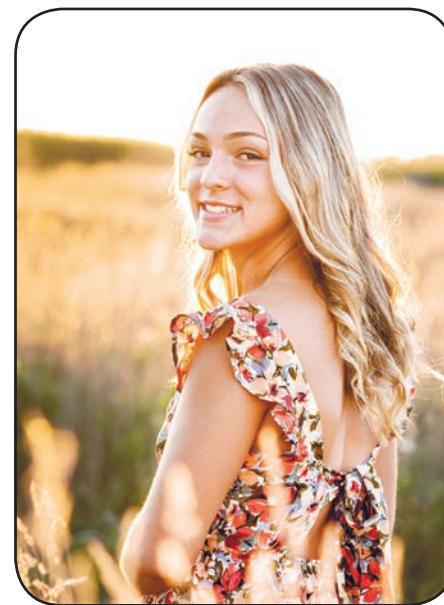


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Leighann McKnight

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Natalie Israel

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District 17A Miss Flame

District 17B Miss Flame

District 18 Miss Flame



Ava Gray

Natalee Rickard

Peyton Goodrich

Molly Goffinet



Flame Candidates

District 5 Miss Flame



Savannah Lyon

District 6 Miss Flame



Jenna Mackin

District 7 Miss Flame



Aubrie Krueckeberg

District 8B Miss Flame



Hannah Armstrong

District 11B Miss Flame



Madalynn Ryan

District 12 Miss Flame



Adreyan Welch

District 14 Miss Flame



Randi Palmer-Sipe

District 15 Miss Flame



Morgan Davis

District 21 Miss Flame



Tatum Moore

Come to the convention to see who will be Miss Flame 2024, Good Luck Girls!



Alexxys Standish 2023 IVFA State Miss Flame

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1



Marshall Neese , District Chairman



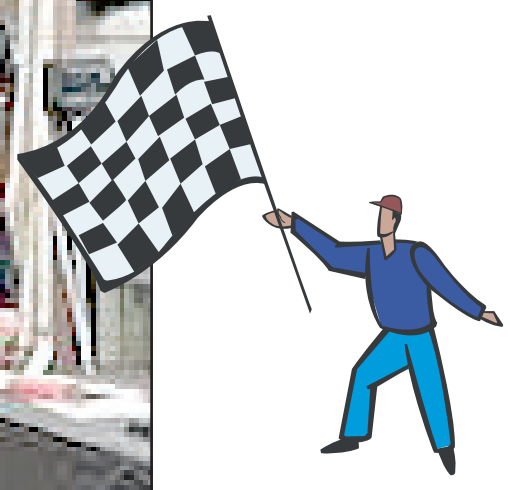
Chairman Marshall Neese is with Harry Carey and give him his 50yr gold card and pin and coin.



Dist. Ch. M.Neese, Kenneth Drake, Cesar Macias, Jeffery McDaniel, Morgan Wright. Not in picture: Brent Leffel, Richard Massey, Matthew Pepelea, Bryan Rhoten, Micheal Steele, Gregory Turich, Donnie Young, Received 10 year pins.



Dist. Ch M.Neese , Stephen Barney, Julius Kish, Kenneth Mika, John Mouratides, Chief Micheal Pipta, Donald Scheidt, Ronald Staroscsak. Not in picture is Jesse Becerra. They received there 10 yr. and 25 yr. pins.



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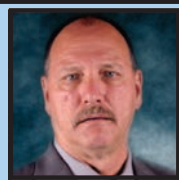
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Jean Smith, Elton Schafer, District Chairman



Foraker Fire Department recognizes their own at Awards Banquet



Foraker Fire Department Chief Andrew Ramer receives 25 Year IVFA Service Pin. Kraig Brubacher not present for his 25 Year IVFA Service Pin. (Submitted by Jean Smith)



Foraker Fire Department Chief Andrew Ramer honors Gene Zimmerman with a watch for 20 Years of Service. (Submitted by Jean Smith)



Foraker Fire Department Chief Andrew Ramer honors Jake Crist with a watch for 20 Years of Service. (Submitted by Jean Smith)



Foraker Fire Department honors James Stauffer with 30 Years of Service with his two sons Jolen and Bradley Stauffer. (Submitted by Jean Smith)



Foraker Fire Department Chief Andrew Ramer honors Kevin Ramer with 10 Year IVFA Service Pin. (Submitted by Jean Smith)

We're gearing up for the convention!



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Jean Smith, Elton Schafer, District Chairman



Liberty Fire Department membership honoring Jerry Knepp and Allen Albright. (Submitted by Jean Smith)



District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer presented the wife's of Jerry Knepp and Allen Albright their 50 Year IVFA Challenge Coin. (Submitted by Jean Smith)



District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer and Chief Robert Litteral presented Todd Matthys, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department his 25 Year IVFA Service Pin. (Submitted by Jean Smith)

We're gearing up for the 2024 convention in Indianapolis!



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by Beverly Lockwood, Richard Sorg, District Chairman



Preble Fire Department

Richard Sorg from IVFA District 7 presented members of the Preble Fire Department with their service pins.

Richard Counterman, Mike Brite, Derek Augsburger, and Joy Rittmeyer (not pictured) received their 10-year IVFA pins.

Receiving their 50-year IVFA pins and coins, Duane Rekeweg, Tom Carnall and Mike Hoffman (not pictured).

The Preble Fire Department extends heartfelt gratitude for their dedicated years of service to both our department and the community.

Hoagland Volunteer Fire & EMS

IVFA District 7 Chairman Richard Sorg visited our department and presented service pins to some of our members.

- Congratulations Joe Minnich - 50+ years
 - Congratulations Sam Counterman - 25+ years
 - Congratulations Larry Minich - 25+ years
 - Congratulations Seth Baird - 10+ years
 - Congratulations Dawn Faurote - 10+ years
 - Congratulations Clay Buckmaster - 10+ years
 - Congratulations Todd Buckmaster - 10+ years
 - Congratulations Michael Schmidt - 10+ years
- We thank you for your service, your courage, and your sacrifice.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Submitted by Beverly Lockwood, Richard Sorg, District Chairman



Markle Firefighter of the year



Markle Firefighter of the year Captain Nate Schmalzried (center). Presented by Chief Jon Gray (left) and Asst. Chief Mike Grant (right).



Dist. 7 Miss Flame Aubrie Krueckeberg has been busy with the annual bake sale for the Dist 7 on March 18th. On March 17 she flipped some pancakes for Monroeville VFD.



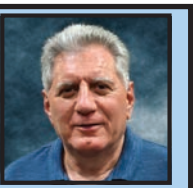
IVFA District 7 Miss Flame Aubrie Krueckeberg at the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department Easter breakfast taking a break with the Easter bunny.



Photo to the left: Aubrie Krueckeberg IVFA District 7 Miss Flame helping at Preble Fire Department pancake and sausage she is representing District 7 very well if you want her to come to any fundraising function you have at your fire department feel free to let us know and we will get you in contact with her.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Submitted by Rex Maynard, District Chairman



Amboy Vol. Fire Department

Erhardt Ballschmidt 50 Years challenge coin and his resolution paper from the state house. Congratulations!



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Tony Dalrymple, District Chairman



IVFA 50 year gold members Lloyd Wright, Allan Hilfiker and Ralph May



25 year pins on Salamonia Volunteer Fire Dept. Adam Manor and Damien Kunk

10 year pin Joe Vinson Pennville Volunteer Fire Dept.

Portland Fire Department Chili Dinner



David Harriett 10 year pin with Montpelier Fire Dept.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Pascal Moon, District Chairman



25 year member Curtis Borden and Pascal Moon, District 9A chairman



Delphi Tri -Township Life Member Bill Schock and Pascal Moon, District 9 A chairman



Delphi Tri-Township 25 Year member Pat Cawson and Pascal Moon, District 9 a Chairman



District 9A Miss Flame Leighann McKnight and Pascal Moon, District 9A Chairman



Twelve Mile and Harrison Twp. Lucerne extrication training



Greentown VFC extrication train with new Holmatro tools

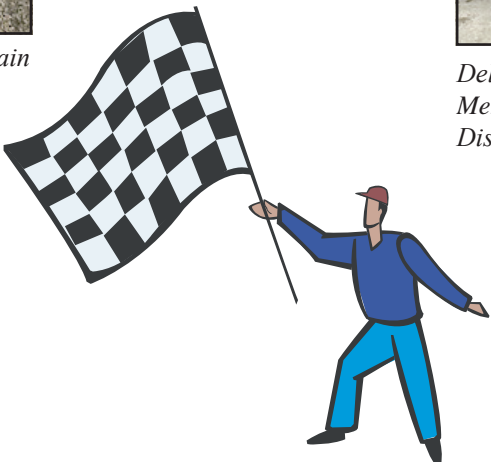


Twelve Mile Truck 3 after refurbishment, 1972 Chevy bought new in Twelve Mile and still in use



Delphi Tri-Township 25 year Member and Pascal Moon, District 9A Chairman

We're gearing up for the convention!



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by Connie Ray, John Ray, District Chairman



Mark Oakley with his 50 year card he received at the State Capitol. From left Jerry Liston IVFA President, Mark Oakley, John Ray IVFA District 10 Chairman



50 Year Member Frank Hoban receiving his 50 Years of Service Coin by IVFA Past President David Israel. Frank and David are both on the Burney-Clay Twp. VFD.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman



District 11A James Clark from Turman Twp. on the left with his chief, received his 10 year pin.



Darrin McComman Turman Twp. on the left with his chief received his 10 year pin from District 11A



District 11A James McKinney, from Turman Twp. on the right with his chief received his 25 year pin.



Gary Lingenfelter Otter Creek Twp., received his 50 Year Gold Card at the State House.



Robert Salmon from Otter Creek Twp., received his 50 year Gold Card at the State House.



JC Gummere from Pierson Twp., received a Station Clock from District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor.



Robert Taylor from Honey Creek Twp., received his 50 year Gold Card at the State House.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

Submitted by Jodi Rohr & Jason Ryan, District Chairman



Left to Right: Jason Ryan, Chairman 11B and Jim Cole, Marshall Vol. Fire Dept. 25 year pin.



Left to Right: Ron Higgins, Russellville Vol. Fire Dept. and District 11B Miss Flame Madalynn Ryan. Madalynn presented Ron his 50 Year Challenge Coin.

Cayuga Fire Department



25 year membership presentation L to R: Meisha Jumps, Jodi Rohr, Dist 11-B IVFAA Chairman, Kim Bailey.



A new Blessings Box newly installed at the Cayuga Fire Dept.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman



Brett Leland assisted District Chairman, Anthony Smith and presented Tony Shelton of Straughn Fire Department his 25 years of service pin.



Firefighters from Straughn also presented a retirement plaque to Tony. Thank you Tony for your commitment to your community and fire department, and may you enjoy your retirement!

Keeping up with an old challenge

During the 2023 Convention, the Hoosier Burn Camp was presented with over \$25,000 with joint efforts of the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction, held annually at the convention, and with individual donations from several departments around the state.



District 13B Treasurer, Brett Leland received a donation from the Whitewater Valley Motorcycle Club for \$2,100! WWVMC held a motorcycle run last fall in efforts to raise money for HBC, and to be given to HBC at the 2024 convention. Thank you WWVMC for choosing this organization to support!



District Chairman, Anthony Smith was 1 of 11 Volunteer Chief Officers that attended the Fire Chiefs Academy, Class #6. The volunteer attendance made up 31% of the class total. Though the class is not required for Volunteer Chiefs, I definitely recommend our Volunteer Leaders to sign up and attend. You will immediately utilize the knowledge you gained from class and benefit greatly from the networking opportunities you are introduced to!

Glenwood Fire Department



Congratulations to Kevin Marlatt on 10 years of service!



Congratulations to Michael Bittinger on 10 years of service!



I would like recognize Life Member, Paul Sembach on receiving his 50 year challenge coin!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B



Submitted by Anthony Smith, District Chairman

Chief Dennis Spears Retirement



Congratulations Kerry Oliver, with Abington Twp Fire Department for your 10 years of service! Kerry is an asset to Abington Fire and surrounding Departments. He is constantly sharing valuable information around the emergency service community in Wayne and Union Counties to better assist Firefighters perform their duties!

Commitment, pride, passion, love, desire, professionalism, putting others before yourself, selflessness, mentor, a Fire Chiefs-Fire Chief, are just a few words that will describe Chief, Dennis Spears.

Dennis dedicated 45 years of his life to the Town of Centerville, and Centerville Fire/Rescue. Dennis never complained when the pager went off, it was simply time to go to work, regardless of the circumstances. Never would you hear Dennis complain about lack of sleep, burnout, or even anything negative. He took an oath 45 years ago to provide a service to the ones who called for help and always did it with a smile.

We know had it not been from this setback of the cancer diagnosis, retirement would not have been a consideration. We ask you to please keep Dennis in your prayers. Keep pushing forward, Dennis!

We cannot thank everyone enough who came to show Dennis love and support at his retirement party!



William (Bill) Paddock Memorial

March 25th, 2024, Abington Twp Fire Department mourns the loss of Retired Fire Chief and IVFA Life Member, William (Bill) Paddock. I would like to express my deepest condolences to AFD and Bills family during this difficult time.

“All Wayne County fire departments and listening stations, be advised Retired Fire Chief, William (Bill) Paddock, a kind and gentle soul left this earth March 20th, 2024, and has been reunited with many great legends, family, friends, and his late wife of 50 years, Linda Paddock.”

“Bill was a founding member of the Abington Township Volunteer Fire Department, serving 50 years and 20 years as Fire Chief. Bill is a Life Member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, with 56 years of membership. You have completed your mission here. You have been a good friend to all, You have made your family and community proud, and have shown what a true legacy is for many to admire”.

“You will always be remembered by your helpful generous heart, your friendly smile, the passion to the fire service and most importantly- having the honor to claim you as, husband, dad, brother, grandfather, Chief and friend”.

“You have fought the good fight, and now it’s time to rest. May you always watch over us and leave little reminders of you to help us through tough times”.

“All units break for a moment of silence.....William Eberly Paddock, may you rest in peace. Thank you for 56 years of dedication to the fire service. Until we meet again, Retired Abington Township Fire Chief, AF-1”.

“WQDR 697, Wayne County Fire Dispatch clear”.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14



Submitted by Richard Lee Cannon Sr., District Chairman

District 14 Miss Flame

Randi Palmer Smith crowned 2024 district 14 Miss Flame from Vienna Township Fire Department



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Submitted by Richard Lee Cannon Sr., District Chairman



Lovett Fish Fry



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and district 14 Miss Flame Randi Palmer Sipes working the Lovett fish fry



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Submitted by Misty Wallace, Paul Campbell, District Chairman



For the Love of Books

Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department got all dressed up in support of one of their own Firefighter Ben Wallace and his wife Kimberly, they were elected Count & Countess at the for Love of Books Dolly Parton Imagination Library For warrick county gala. YFD made a donation and attended the For the Love of Books Gala where the royal court raised a combined total of 60,710.92



The royal court showing the amount raised.



Pictured above back row: Fire Chief Terry Laib, FF Mike Wittenbraker, 2nd Assistant Chief Kyle Clark, front row: 1st Assistant Chief Logan Snodgrass, FF Stacie Clark



Back row: Fire Chief Terry Laib, FF Mike Wittenbraker, FF Ben Wallace Front row: FF Misty Wallace, 1st Assistant Chief Logan Snodgrass, FF Stacie Clark, 2nd Assistant Chief Kyle Clark



Kimberly & Ben Wallace

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Submitted by Misty Wallace, Paul Campbell, District Chairman



District 15 Miss Flame



Morgan Davis selected to Represent YFD in the District #15 Miss Flame. At our Business mtg we celebrated with a cake for her winning District #15 Miss Flame.



Morgan with Paul Campbell, District 15 Chairman



Morgan with her Grandparents Firefighter Jay & Former Firefighter Charlotte Davis



District 15 held thier Miss Flame Contest on January 16.

At Boonville Fire Department. There was three participants. Cadence Sylvester from Chandler VFD, Morgan Davis Yankeetown VFD and Lillian Eickhoff from German Township VFD.

Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department elected Morgan Davis to represent YFD at the District #15 Miss Flame contest held @ Boonville Fire Department on January 16th. Morgan did a awesome job and was crowned the IVFA District #15 Miss Flame.

Congratulations Morgan & Good Luck in June.



Morgan with Kyle Clark



Morgan's parents Firefighters Jaimmie & Kyle Davis



Morgan with Steve Anderson

10 Year Pins Presented



Brock Ruffert 10 year service pin



Logan Snodgrass 10 year service pin



Kenny Frantz 10 year service pin (Pictures Taken by FF Mike Wittenbraker)

Paul Campbell on behave of th IVFA & District #15 was present at Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Departments April Business Mtg. and presented Brock Ruffert, Logan Snodgrass and Kenny Frantz with thier 10 years of service pins.



Ben is pictured above with his Wife Kimberly and sons Campbell & Carston.

Ben Wallace is a 3rd Generation firefighter for Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department following in his parents Dave and Misty Wallace, and his Grandpa (PePaw) Alan Wangler's footsteps.

Alan Wangler was a Charter member helping to start the Department in June of 1961, he served over 50 years till his death in 2014. Dave & Misty Wallace joined the Department in October of 1984.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Submitted by Misty Wallace, Paul Campbell, District Chairman



Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department has been on several metal aid runs in the month of February for out of control field fires.



Yankeetown Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt



Picture Firefighter Jaimmie Davis, District #15 Miss Flame and Firefighter Stacie Clark are waiting on the kids to arrive all the eggs are hidden



Carson and Taylor visit with Sparky.



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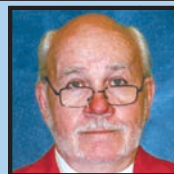
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A



Submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



Mike Kirk was presented award and received his Gold Coin Earlier.



Current Miss Flame Alexxys Standish and Natalee Rickard Dist. 17A Miss Flame.



Dist. 17A Miss Flame was presented donations from IVFAA Chair. Marie Emery, 17A Chair. Sam Emery and Randy Baker Taylor Twp. Chief.

Gold Coins Awarded



50 Year Coin, Michael G. Smith, Bicknell VFD

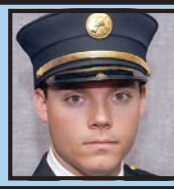


Gold Coins awarded, Sam Emery with Petersburg Members William Traylor and Lowery Cooper with Chief Ross Elmore in attendance.



50 Year Gold Coin recipients, Tony Wichman, Washington Twp. & Bernard Mallett, Plainville FD with 17A Miss Flame Natalee Rickard.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18



Submitted by John Smith, Nicholas Waninger, District Chairman

Birdseye Firefighters Receive 50 Year Awards



At the District 18 meeting of 21 March in Ferdinand, two members of the Birdseye VFD were recognized for their years of service. Ralph Andry (l) and Wendell Wright (r) were presented with the IVFA 50 Year Service Pin, Gold Card, and Challenge Coin. The recipients are pictured along with IVFA State Vice-President Ross Emery and Dist. 18 Chairman Nick Waninger. Photo & article provided by Dist. 18

Ferdinand Family of Firefighters



At the District 18 meeting of 21 March in Ferdinand, a true family of Ferdinand fighters were recognized for their years of service. Matt and Laura Reckelhoff (husband and wife) were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Pins. Daniel Hoppenjans (Laura's father) was presented with the IVFA 50 year Pin, Gold Card, and Challenge Coin. Photo & article provided by Dist. 18

Lost River Township VFD 10 Year Service Pin



During a visit to the Lost River Twp. VFD in March, Dist. 18 Chairman Nick Waninger (r) and Vice-Chairman John "Bull" Smith (l) presented a member with a service award. Receiving the IVFA Ten Year Service Pin was LRTVFD Firefighter Rob Houchin. Photo & information provided by Dist. 18

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Submitted by Ed Scheele & Ben Sieverding, District Chairman



Batesville Fire and Rescue

District 19th the annual party of the Batesville Fire and Rescue, Ed Gerdowsky received his 50 year gold card and challenge coin. Also receiving challenge coin was Bill Wintz, Mike Gutzwiller, Fran Effinger, Denis Schutte. Not present was Bob Salatin and Don Weigel.

Ray Weisenbach, Morris Volunteer Fire Department received his 50 Year Challenge Coin from Ed Scheele PRSE



Ed Gerdowsky, Ed Scheele IVFA PRSE and Todd Schutte, Fire Chief



Ray Weisenbach and Ed Scheele, PRSE

Rising Sun VFD Gold Card Recipient



50 Year Member Gary Brett of the Rising Sun VFD receiving his 50 year Gold Card

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Bill Wintz, Mike Gutzwiller, Fran Effinger, Ed Scheele PRSE, Ed Gerdowsky, Denis Schutte, and Todd Schutte, Fire Chief. Not pictured Bob Salatin, Don Weigel

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

Submitted by Ed Scheele & Ben Sieverding, District Chairman



50 Year Coins Presented



William Hudelson with Wea Twp. Fire Dept. receiving his 50 year coin, presented to him by Don Fultz (District 21 Chairman)



Alan Hale with Rossville Vol. Fire Dept. receiving his 50 year coin, presented by Don Fultz (District 21 Chairman)



Gordon Phillips with Johnson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. receiving his 50 year coin, presented by Don Fultz (District 21 Chairman)



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IVFA 2024 State Convention Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE... Watch for addtions – updates – corrections

WEDNESDAY — JUNE 12

1000 1200 BFFS&E Meeting

THURSDAY — JUNE 13

0800 - ??? Golf Outing at Southern Dunes Golf Course
Visit (Registration for full details)

1000 - close Registration / Chinese Auction

1500 - 1630 Political Forum discussing the duties, responsibilities, and choices for fire and ems
Panel Moderator Former State Representative Randell Fry
Panel to include (hopefully) 2- Trustees 2- County Council Members – 1 Senator – 1 House member and one expert on Districts, Territories and Departments

TBD Miss Flame Mixer
(just prior to Burn Camp Auction)

1530 – 1630 Jr. Firefighter Welcoming Social

1700 – 2100 Dinner & Burn Camp Auction
(possible offsite)

2130 – 2330 HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

FRIDAY — JUNE 14

0800-close Registration / Chinese Auction

0730 – 0900 Prayer Breakfast / Coffee Clutch

0700 – 1600 Vendor Setup & Display 

0800 - 1150 Miss Flame Judging

0900 – 1100 Dr. Candance Ashby
Leadership from the bottom up

1100 – 12PM Kraig Kenny
Legal Stuff for department using volunteers in providing EMS

1100 – 12 PM Megan Thiele
Accessing SAFER grant material relating to recruitment & retaining volunteers

1000 - ? Jr. Firefighter Competition & Judging

1200 -1300 Lunch (on your Own)

1200 -1300 Flame Luncheon
1330 -1430 Miss Flame Judging

1330 – 1430 Ron Ritchey & Shane Ray Discussion and Demonstataion on Sprinkler systems using the NFSA sise by side burn trailer
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1500 -1600 IVFA Officers Meeting 

1500 -1600 IVFAA Officers Meeting

1630 -1800 Social Event (Light Dinner)

1830 –2000 IVFA Opening Meeting

2030--2130 Memorial Service

2130 –2330 HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

SATURDAY — JUNE 15

0800-close Registration / Chinese Auction

0900 - 1200 IVFA Annual Meeting 

0900 - 1200 IVFAA Annual Meeting

1100 – 1200 Indiana State Training Director John Shafer
Accessing training resoures from the State Fire Academy

1130 -1300 Lunch on your own

1100 – 1600 Miss Flame Outing

1500 – 1630 Dr. Candice McDonald Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers

1730 -2100 Annual Banquet & Awards
Keynote Speaker - U.S. Fire Administrator - Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell

2130 -2359 Dance / Entertainment

2130 -2330 HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN



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