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## From The President

Ross Emery



### 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 Madison in June at the Clifty Falls State Park June 18th-20th. The Committee are working hard to finalize all aspects of the 3 days and to make sure you have a great time in June. Madison is a very historic town and has a deep history in the fire service. On Friday afternoon you will be able to ride a trolley downtown and visit some fire stations and their museum. During the convention we will present our state awards for 2025, elect our state officers for 2026. We will also have our annual Miss Flame Contest, and our 2nd Annual Jr. Firefighter Competition. Last year we had 4 contestants, and I am proud to announce this year we have more than doubled that number. Hope to see you there! Please come join us, and enjoy some networking while we address the business of the fire in Indiana.

Due packets were mailed

to member departments in April. Please look them over and make sure 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.

On March 25th 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. This year we add 107 new lifetime members, which is the largest group anyone can remember of. If you were not able to attend the event at the state house your District Chairman will be getting ahold of you or your department to get a time to set up a presentation.

As I write this article here in the end of March, legislators are still in sessions. We spent a lot of time, on HB bill 1233. There is plenty of attention on property taxes, no matter how you fill, stay informed, stay engaged, and let your voice be heard. Please check out our Lobbyist Larry Curl's article for a more in depth look at legislation.

In February I was fortunate to travel to Washington DC to meet with our elected leaders, and attend the Congressional Fire Symposium. We had a great time, and networked with fire service leaders from around the United States.

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On March 25, 50 out of 107 50-year Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association members are honored at the Indiana State House.

## 50 year members honored at state capital

By Larry Curl  
IVFA Vice President & Lobbyist

### Greetings!

Well another good year for our 50 year members. This year we were pleased to have one hundred and seven (107) 50 year members who for the last 50 years have been volunteering for their communities and assisting friends' neighbors and families in their darkest hour, when they need some assistance.

One can only imagine what it's like to have served for 50 years but in 2025 107 can say they know because they just finished doing that.

On Mar 25 2025 we had 50 of those 107 members join us at the Indiana State House as the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association honored them and their family in an all day celebration starting at 0800 with coffee and donuts as many mingled with their elected State Senate and or State

Representatives.

Following the meet and greet we had congratulatory messages shared with us from State Representative Steve Bartels the author of a House Concurrent Resolution recognizing and honoring our 50 year members followed by the same congratulations from State Senator Mike Crider.

We then proceeded to present to our honorees a resolution, their gold card showing their life time membership and a life time dues paid for their 50 years of Loyal service to their community and to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association .

Then we were honored to have our newly appointed Indiana Secretary of Public Safety and IDSH Executive Director Jennifer - Ruth Green address our honorees sharing with them her pleasure that someone could for 50 years serve in the protection of others. The secretary is a graduate of the

U.S. Air Force Academy and a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom so she has seen some activity and we were honored to have had her address our members.

Following the morning activity and a lunch break we were honored to have the opportunity to spend some time in the Governor's Office with the Governor and his wife sharing a success story of a fire they had in her business protected with a Volunteer Fire Department. was able to continue the future of operating her antique shop. We then had the opportunity to discuss with the Governor some concerns we are currently experiencing as volunteers.

We end with we hope was a great day had by all who attended and or participated .

Looking forward to the next group who will be honored in 2026.

Thanks to all who assisted in this a great day.

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I attended several Dist. Meetings over the past couple months, thanks to everyone for their wonderful meals and great hospitality. I was even fortunate enough to present a Life Saving Award to Ben Knies from Dubois Volunteer Fire Department.

On March 8th, 2025 Don "HEV" Caylor of the Ridgeville Vol. Fire Department, made the ultimate sacrifice when he died in the Line of Duty. I want once again send my condolences to family and the Ridgeville Vol. Fire Department.

On a more personal note, the fire service lost a great man on March 31st. Jack Wilson a founding member of Wright Twp. Fire Dept. and a 46-year IVFA member passed away. Growing up in Greene County Jack was one of the pillars of the fire service, and was not only very involved in Wright Twp, but the Greene County Firefighters Association, an organization I am proud to say I served as an officer of including President. Jack was kind hearted, and loved by all. I been away from Greene County for over 20 years, but anytime I seen Jack, I would always try to make time to sit and talk to him for a few minutes. He will always be missed. To his family, friends, and fire department, my family and I send our deepest sympathy, and condolences.

Till Next Time  
Ross

## Nov 2025 "Political" talk

By Larry Curl  
*IVFA Vice President & your Lobbyist*

Greetings my Fellow officers and members, firefighters, emergency service responders, EMT's, paramedics and IVFAA members.

Another quarter has passed by since my last newspaper article; "Fire House to the State House"

Things are any thing but calm at the moment, with SB 1 (Property Tax update or reform) and HB 1001, however by the reading of this article we will have ended this session or may be in a special session. I am currently listening to Gov Mike Braun on the radio address these issues and it appears he is getting a good feeling we will close at the regular session.

As of this writing (Mar. 31, 2025) we still have some Public safety bills working their way through the system. Everyone is scrambling to get all they can get before the end of session.

So where is the IVFA legislatively. We were able to help in stopping a bill of major concern HB 1233. I want to thank everyone who got involved

either with phone calls, emails, social media messaging or in person talks with your state legislators. Its good to know when the going gets tuff the tuff get going, we can and do react. Thanks for the 250,000 posts on facebook.

We had 107 members this year whom were eligible for their 50 year Gold Card. A letter was sent to all 107 members congratulating them on their years of service and inviting them to attend a celebration in their honor at the State House. On Tuesday March 25th 50 of the 107 along with family for a total of nearly 180 joined us at the state house where we presented them with their gold card, 50 year service pin, and a 50 year challenge coin. We also presented them with a copy of a resolution, HCR18 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WITH 50 YEARS OR MORE OF SERVICE authored by

Representative Steve Bartels and co-authored by Senator Mike Crider honoring them from the state.

We had the newly appointed Jennifer-Ruth Green, Indiana Secretary of Public Safety and IDHS Executive Director address the group and thank them for their services as well as our state Training Director John Shafer and both Senator Crider and Representative Bartels. All shared their thanks and congratulations to our 50 year members.

After lunch and following a picture session in both the House and Senate we able to round out our day with a meeting in the Governor's office with Governor Braun. The Governor first introduced his wife who has some words of thanks she wanted to share. She has a antique shop in the historic district in or near Jasper Indiana and a few years back was alerted that a fire had started in her shop. Upon arriving both her and the (now)

Governor was met with several volunteer firefighters who were able to quickly extinguish the fire and save both the Historical Building and contents, due to their quick response and actions She just wanted to thank our volunteer for what they did and continue to do for Indiana.

Following the meeting with some very interesting topics covered we had some pictures taken and close out a very long but satisfying day. Thanks to all who helped make this year another rewarding day for our 50 year members. If you department has a 50 year member please let them know how much you appreciate all they have done for our service.

Following this years legislative session you can find all the bills that was passed or defeated on our website under the tab of legislation.

Be safe and thank you for your services

Larry Curl  
IVFA Lobbyist



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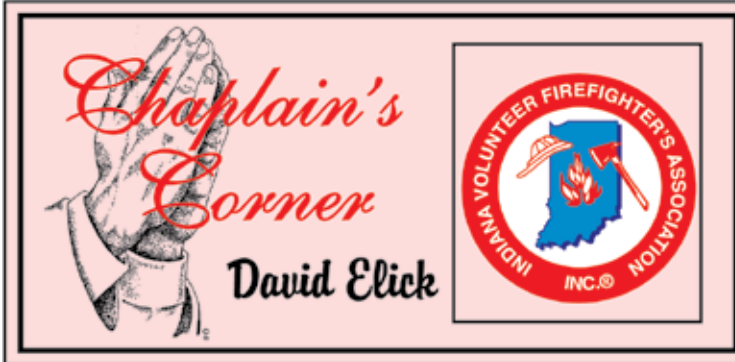
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**Chaplain Message May 2025**

Greetings all. As I write this, there are many thoughts and emotions that keep running through my mind. Some of these can be managed and changed, however most cannot. God has a plan. A plan which we are not privy to, but He has a plan for each of us. Often, we question the whys – Why did this have to happen? – Why would God let things turn out this way? – Why now? The answer to these questions is never easy, and sometimes, we never totally understand.

As firefighters, public servants, it's almost like we are gluttons for punishment when it comes to facing situations that pose these questions. Even though the answers might never come, God does have a way of resetting the system, kind of a starting over, if you will. It's called Spring.

To some, spring is signified by Easter, the Daytona 500, spring break, and the FDIC. Others see spring as a fresh start for better, brighter days ahead. Plants blooming, trees and lawns getting green again, and the return of birds singing. Even if we can't always figure out what God's plan has in store, we can be assured that spring is an opportunity to start fresh with a new sense of hope, optimism, and faith.

Trees, flowers and grass that were bare or dormant during the cold winter months grow to become new and beautiful during the spring. What a great time to grow in God, just like the spring plants do!

On behalf of our AMAZING associate chaplains, we wish you a new look forward to warmer days, and happier new beginnings!

Stay Safe –

Dave Elick

IVFA Chaplain

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# From the Historian's Desk



L.E. "Buz" Koehler  
Historian

From the Historian's Desk I was reading through the old newspapers reaserching information for a project, and ran across the following:

On September 11, 2001 our world changed forever and since that terrible day I think a lot about Volunteers, volunteering and watching out for one another. It's been a way of life for me for many years.

As a volunteer firefighter we always ask "what can we do to help?" or just "what can we do?"

We raise our families the same way, to think of others, and care about others. This was never more evident than when my daughter who lives out of State, faxed a Poem to me about "The Last Alarm".

I thought about that poem and knew that she did not fear for me, that I might get injured or worse, but that she understood what a volunteer firefighter is, does and why.

So as you go about doing your duties remember,

someone cares about you and they understand you're a volunteer, and they're proud to know you.

God gave us children to remind us that no matter who you are, someone cares.

We have continued to add items into the archives the last quarter.

We will continue collecting, as we still have some gaps to fill. If anyone that may have or acquires newspapers printed before 1985, please contact me.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler  
Past President  
Historian



## In Memory

# Larry L. Bartlow



Larry L. Bartlow, 83, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at his home in Montezuma.

Larry was born in Clinton, Indiana on April 14, 1941, to the late Paul R. Bartlow and Virginia L. (Jones) Bartlow.

On October 29, 1969, he married the love of his life, Eva Lou (Davies) Bartlow. They shared 53 years of marriage before her passing on March 1, 2023.

Larry was a United States Army veteran having served his country during the Vietnam war. He retired from Futorex where he was a fork truck operator for many years. Larry was a member of the Helt Township Fire and Rescue, the I.V.F.A.A. and the Montezuma Presbyterian Church.

Larry's second love was the volunteer fire service. He received Fireman of the Year while serving with the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department along with the Global

Award (now known as the McQueen

Excellence Award). He served the department as a Captain and as the Secretary/Treasurer. In 2007, he was awarded the President's Award; in 2011, he was honored as Mr. IVFA; in 2015, he received the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award. Larry served as District 11-B chairman, District Secretary, District Treasurer

Those left to remember Larry are his brothers Charles Bartlow (Jeri) of Collierville, TN., and Paul K. Bartlow (Diana) of Montezuma, special friends Jodi Rohr and Christina Reef and several nieces and nephews, and his IVFA family.

The family would like to thank Gentiva Hospice Care and Tracy's girls; Juanita, Diana, Connie and Shelby who all took such wonderful care of Larry.



Visitation was held at Brown-Mack Funeral Home on Sunday, February 9, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. held a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Funeral Service was conducted at Brown-Mack Funeral Home on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Keith McIntyre officiating. Military honors were held prior to the service. Burial followed at Oakland Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.brownmackfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownmackfuneralhome.com)

## From The Vice-President

Larry Curl



### From the office of your Vice President

Greetings fellow members, and welcome to (hopefully by now) spring 2025. Even though it seemed at time the cold and wet winter would never go away when it did we began seeing stormy, and even some tornado activities. Yes its been a rough few months but by the time you are setting on your back porch, kicked back in your favorite chair or where ever you might be while looking at the IVFA Quarterly Newspaper, I hope you are preparing for planting, growing, caring for the lawn, garden, flowers or what every you do outside.

The spring is always a nice change and makes us almost forget about the last season, WINTER.

Now is a good time to do some cleaning, clearing, and sprucing up a little not only at home but at the department as well. I agree none of us like to do spring cleaning but most of need to.

So what new with the IVFA. First and foremost its convention time. Yes 2025 Convention will be in Madison, Ind. at the Clifty Inn State Park, Address 1650 Clifty Hollow Road Madison, IN 47250

The dates are June 18 - 20, 2025 and we really hope that a bunch of you will find your way south to check out the 10 Reasons to Visit Madison, Discover the attractions, Come for the best riverside festivals & events, Dive into history, Get moving, Bring your furry friends along for the ride, Try our flavorful flare, Marvel in nature, Enjoy a home away from home, ARTS HERE NOW & Madison Music Movement, Shop where it's unique. And the best reason to come to Clifty Falls Jun 18-20 is to attend the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Annual State Convention. See old friends, meet new one, be a part of another history making convention and make District 14 work for the title of best convention hosts. And someone has promised to prepare a breakfast feast that includes "FRIED BOLOGNA" (DON'T KNOCK IT TILL YOU TRY IT) Yes we hope to see a record breaking number of you in Madison in June

We were honored to have 107 members who this year have completed 50 years of dedicated and charrished service to their community and to the State of Indiana. On May 25th we had 50 of those folks attend a celebration in their honor at the State House (picture included else where in this paper.

We are hoping to continue to build upon our Junior Firefighter Program, at the current time we have several that will participate in a timed competition to become the next Jr. Firefighter of the Year for IVFA. Good Luck to all

candidates.

And lets not for get our fabulous Miss Flames who will also be competing for the title of our State Miss Flame for 2025.

We hope all who are in a competitive competition find it interesting, fun, enjoyable and rewarding as they meet old friends as well as make new ones.

While we are talking about convention remember this is the time when we select or announce our award winners from the list of Annual Awards including, Angel Award, Bridgeport Scholarship MacQueen Excellence Award, Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award, Junior Firefighter

Legislator of the Year Award, Life Saving Award, Lois Boaz Award, Medal of Valor, Miriam A. Schaekel Award, Miss Flame, Mr. IVFA & Ollie Sandberg Award. There is someone in every department who is worthy and desiring of one of these awards and you can help that happen by placing their name into nomination. Look around see who is working to support you, your department, and your community and go on line and make that nomination TODAY.

While you are on line looking at the IVFA website look around, see what all is there that you may not have seen or known about. Also look at the apps we have that supports our Association and make sure you have downloaded them for faster, and the most up to date information about your IVFA, the only such association representing firefighter and EMS volunteers serving the residents of our great state.

Carol & I wish each of you a happy and safe Spring / Summer and we hope to see many of you as we attend your District Meetings and possible a fund raiser your department may be hosting

Be Safe, Be Kind and thanks for being a member our the greatest organization in Indiana.

Larry Curl

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# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

## PR Director West Central

Don Fultz



As I am writing this article we have had a lot of rain. Cause a lot of flooding. Remember turn around don't drown

I have attended several District meetings. District 21 meeting was at Washington Township Vol. Fire Dept in Buck Creek. District 12 meeting had a low turnout and District 11B had a good turnout with all the departments having good food. You all know I like to eat. I also attended District 11 A meeting at Cory Vol Fire Dept. They had 30 people in attendance. They had State Representative, Tim Yocum to talk. He is from District 42. Also good food.

The Governor of Indiana wants to lower property taxes. If a bill gets passed it would hurt the Volunteer Fire Departments. Some fire departments would have their budget cut in half.

A lot of fundraisers have started for the year. Check the IVFA calendar and support your local fire departments. I have attended three already this year..

Burn Camp will be May 28,2025. The IVFA people will be doing the cooking.

They serve hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and baked beans. If you have never been there, it is a wonderful experience. Please come and enjoy.

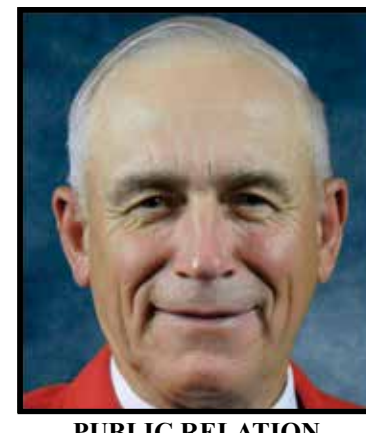
This year's convention is at Cliffy Falls State Park in

Madison, Indiana.  
The dates are June 18,19 and 20,2025. There will be an Auction of items the first evening. The money will go to Burn Camp to help support the campers.

Be Safe  
PR for West Central  
Don Fultz

## PR Director Southeast

Edwin J. Scheele



**PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORY SOUTHEAST EDWIN SCHEELE**

I hope everyone had a safe winter season. It is starting to get warmer. Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

The state convention is fast approaching. An enjoyable time is planned for everyone. anyone interested in the instructor refresher training on Thursday, June 19, from 8am to 12pm watch on Acadis to sign up. Thursday will also be the vendor display, co come for the training and then visit the vendors. The training is open to any instructor, you don't need to register for convention. We will have the second annual Junior Firefighter Competition. On Friday you can visit the fire depts and museum at Madison. Visit the fire depts and museum at Madison. Hope to see everyone at the convention. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Ed Scheele  
PRSE

## PR Director East Central

David Israel



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50-YEAR MEMBERS THAT ATTENDED THE STATE HOUSE CEREMONY**

Mark the date for the June 2025 IVFA Convention at Madison at the Cliffy Falls State Park in 2025. You need to get registered early too guarantee you a room and meals at the Banquet and all that the 2025 Convention Committee has to offer.

Please, Please MAKE SURE YOU CHECKED YOUR BENEFICIARY, IS IT CORRECT???? CHECK IT!!! ALSO MAKE SURE YOUR START DATE CORRECT????

WE THE OFFICERS OF THE IVFA WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US THE IVFA. I believe this year will be the year of the Volunteers to get the respect we need to support our Communities. Lobbing is not free.

HOW DID YOU LIKE BEING ABLE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD BY CALLING THE CENTRAL OFFICE. NOT SURE WHAT WAS GOING. WE HAD A LOT OF DEPARTMENTS NOT GETTING THEIR PACKETS. MIGHT JUST HAVE TO HAVE DIST. CHAIRMAN AND PR'S HAND DELIVER THEM THIS YEAR.

I BELIEVE THERE ARE A FEW OF US THAT HAVE A REGULAR DAY, JOB PLUS A SIDE JOB. DO YOU KNOW WHAT SEASON IT IS IN LATE MARCH, EARLY APRIL 2025 IT IS CALLED PLANTING SEASON.

SAM AND I TRY TO COVER EACH OTHERS DISTRICTS WHEN WE CAN. THIS LAST MONTH NEITHER ONE OF US COULD MAKE THE MEETINGS. WE BOTH CALLED OUR DIST. CHAIRMAN AND SAID SORRY. HOPE YOU UNDER STAND.

Some of the District Chairman in PREC have made some changes, to a short a Meeting and a possible short training. They are already posted on the IVFA Calendar. You don't have to wait to find out when they are, there on line NOW. Where THE IVFA CALENDAR ivfa.org. DIST. 8B will be having District Meetings on the second

Wednesday of the month. WE ARE GOING TO STEP BACK AND SEE IF WE CAN LOOK AT THIS A DIFFERENT WAY TO HIT THIS HEAD ON. YOUR DIST. CHAIRMAN WILL BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

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

THIS WINTER I AM GOING TO TYPE ALL MY DEPARTMENTS EMAIL ADDRESSES IN AND SEE WHO'S ADDRESSES COMES BACK, YOUR CHAIRMAN AND I ARE COMING TO YOUR DEPT. NEXT MEETING. (TO CORRECT THE DEPT. EMAIL ADDRESS SEND ME YOUR, CORRECTED EMAIL AND I WILL GET IT CORRECTED)

I have a plan.

HOW MANY OF YOU EVEN ASKED YOUR TRUSTEE FOR MORE MONEY?? HEY I COULD JUST LOOK IT UP ON THE IT'S WEB SITE.

NOT SURE IF ALL THE TURNOUT GEAR AND SCBA'S HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BUT WE SURE HOPE THE NEW INCOMING GOVERNOR LEAVES THAT LINE ITEM IN THERE.

PRESSURE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Congratulation's to those Departments RECEIVING NEW TURN OUT GEAR which is very much need to our Indiana Fire Departments.

We have Twp Trustee's that don't even have a tax base to be able to fund a Fire Dept BY LAW.

I hope our New Governor whom ever it is continues the 10 million for SCBA's and Turnout Gear. Next year will be a Budget year hopefully the IN COMING Governor will keep the SCBA/ Turnout Gear, line Item in the next two years.

We need the PREC 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 THANKS FOR LETTING ME PICK ON YOU TWO IN 2025? Thanks for the Memories Phil.

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 IF not, send me the corrections that need to be done and I will correct them on the web site for you. Thank You

Now is the time to start THINKING about the 2025 IVFA Awards.

IVFA Convention Chairman District 14 Cliffy Falls, Madison, IN

Here is what we need from you. Participation it's a two way street. I will get off the soap box NOW it's going to be a fun 2025.

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

See you at the next District Meeting.

PREC  
David R. Israel  
prec@ivfa.org

**Deadline for the August 2025 issue is July 1, 2025 please email your meeting notes, press releases, events, awards and photos to Sherri Chaney ivfd@hurdmedia.com**

*I usually start downloading content a week before deadline. I will send a thank you email then. That's how you will know I got your email. Any questions please call me at 574-870-5101, if I don't answer please leave a voicemail and i'll call you back. Thanks Sherri*

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

### District 1 Report



**Marshall Neese - Chairman**

**IVFA District 1 Meeting 12 DECEMBER 2024 / Liberty Township FD. Chesterton IN / Present 10 Attendees**

District Chairman - Marshal Neece  
District 1 Miss Flame - Grace Lyle  
Notes taken by - Steve Cope  
Special Guests

Doctor Jodi Allen Notes

- Meeting called to order at 1900hrs
- Miss Flame introduced herself and gave a brief background
- Liberty Township Chief introduced his department and gave a brief background of the department and plans for a new station in the coming year. The department is 100% volunteer.
- Marshal asked if everyone was receiving the IVFA newspaper.
- Marshal talked about the cancer survey. It is closed now. There is now an IVFA app for all phones.
- The next IVFA convention will be hosted in Madison Indiana. If anyone plans to attend it is urged to book a room as soon as possible, rooms are

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

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limited.

- Awards from the IVFA can be submitted on the IVFA website. Stipulations do apply.
- There are 2 scholarships offered from the IVFA.
- Marshal talked about all the awards that are offered. These are given out at the yearly convention.
- All public hearings can be viewed online at the IVNC website.
- State fire marshal is looking for departments with out of date gear. Funding has to be applied for.
- Liberty Township was a recipient of state funding for gear.
- Winter fire school is available. This can be found on the Acadis website.
- A new 9 story training tower is being built in Plainfield Indiana. Each floor has a different layout with different obstacles.
- Future conventions starting in 2026 will be centralized in the state.
- IVFA is working on a retirement package.
- Reviewing the membership booklet; trying to see what would be more beneficial for members.
- Marshall spoke of state meetings and how they are planned.
- Liberty Township did 50/50 tickets. 50/50 winnings given back to the district.
- Marshal gave thanks to Liberty FD for hosting the meeting. Next meeting date and location TBD.

Old Business:

- The Lake Ridge Chief brought up that the state is enforcing the use of Acadis and attendance of classes. If someone signs up and doesn't attend the class, the state can suspend your account for at least 6 months.
- The OSHA 655 was signed into the state. Unclear as of now when it will go into effect.

**Presentation:**  
Presenter - Doctor Jodi Allen. Doc. Allen spoke about mental health for first responders.

Meeting Adjourned: 2014 hrs

**District 1 IVFA Meeting  
27 FEBRUARY 2025 / Lake  
Ridge Fire Department /  
Present - 23**

Attendees  
District 1 Chairman - Marshal Neese  
District 1 IVFAA District chairman - Phyllis Vargo  
Note Taker - Steve Cope  
IVFA State Miss Flame - Grace Lyle  
IVFAA State President - Christina Reeve  
IVFA Communications Rep - Jeremy Reeve  
Meeting Called to Order

## 1900hrs

### Notes

Treasury Report - \$180.00 dollars in the account  
Christina Reeve - talked about joining the Auxiliary side of the IVFA. By doing this it gets you accidental insurance. One does not have to be FD affiliated to join. If anyone is interested they can speak to Phyllis Vargo or go onto the IVFA website and fill out the forms.

Christina talked about the awards given out at the yearly convention. Award submission is closed at this time. She gave a brief description of each award. Christina described the Macqueen award, ones submitted for this don't have to be FD affiliated. Winners of awards do not have to be present at the convention to receive it.

The Bridgeport scholarship is funded through the IVFA license plates. If anyone is interested, the information is on the IVFA website.

Christina brought up that Phyllis Vargo will be stepping down from her role. If there's anyone interested in the position to please see her for information.

Jeremy Reeve - Spoke about house bill 1233, it is no longer being pursued. Senate bill 1 - reduction of property tax. Money collected from this tax funds fire departments.

Reps from our state went to DC to talk about the OSHA standard. At this time it is stalled. A lot of fire departments will struggle should this standard go through.

### Chiefs Association offering a tool kit on recruitment and retainment.

Jeremy spoke on this years convention. This year it will be held in Clifty Falls Indiana. Milage is offered for travel, 1 per department. The next three years' convention will be held in Indy.

Junior FF Program - Last year was the first year it was offered at convention. The program is being looked over again. Last year there were 4 entries. Please help spread the word on this program, this is an avenue to get the younger generation interested in firefighting. If there are any questions regarding this please reach out to Jeremy.

Marshal - March 25th the 50 year membership celebration will be held in Indianapolis at the State House.

JR.- Our state fire Marshal is currently battling cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Jerry Liston is now Chairman of the Board.

Brandon Goodman - Northwest Indiana Peer Support Group. Gave a description of what they offer. They respond to critical incidents, they offer counseling for those affected. NWIpeersupportgroup.com

Miss Flame - Talked about last year's convention, their community project and her overall experience.

Chief Marvin Pyle - Chief welcomed everyone to the department. Gave a brief history about himself and the department. Chief also spoke on their new tanker 6142.

Marshal - Thanked the Lake Ridge FD for hosting tonight's meeting.

Events -  
April 5th 8am-11am is the Lake Ridge pancake breakfast and easter egg hunt.

April 19th, 4pm-8pm at the Griffith Izaak Walton. Griffith FD will be hosting "Kickin Cancer into Ashes" for FF Eric Damjoanovic.

Hoosier Burn Camp visitor day will be held Wednesday May 28th.

Meeting Adjourned 2001hrs.

## District 2 Report



Tom Fentress - Chairman

### District 2 IVFA Quarterly Meeting Held at Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department

**KEENER TOWNSHIP** – The District 2 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (IVFA) convened for its quarterly meeting on February 20, 2025, at the Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department. Due to the absence of a quorum, no official business was conducted, and instead, members participated in a roundtable discussion.

The evening began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor Bob Kralek of the Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department, a 50-year member who passed away earlier in the week. Additionally, members celebrating 10 and 25 years of service were acknowledged.

### Discussion Highlights

While no formal votes took place, attendees engaged in productive discussions on various ongoing initiatives and updates:

- IVFA Mobile App – Members were encouraged to download the newly launched IVFA phone application, which provides easy access to association resources.

- IVFA Convention – Scheduled for June 18-20, 2025, in Madison, Indiana, the event will include educational sessions for firefighters. Future

conventions will be held in Indianapolis at the Wyndham Hotel near the airport.

- Legislative Efforts – Members discussed the recent success in preventing the passage of HB 1233. Other legislative priorities include securing a \$1,000 income tax credit for volunteers, funding for fire departments serving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, and advocating for a retirement package for volunteer firefighters.

- Savvik Group Benefits – Members were reminded of available benefits, including discounted hotel rates, rental cars, and group purchasing options for firefighting equipment.

- Upcoming Events – Notable upcoming events include the IVFA's 50-year celebration at the State Capitol on March 25, 2025, and the Supporting Heroes Gala in Owensboro, Kentucky, on July 27, 2025.

- EMS Updates – The possibility of moving the Department of EMS under the Department of Health remains undecided. Members were also encouraged to support the White Rose Project, which raises funds for the EMS Memorial.

### Looking Ahead

The next District 2 IVFA Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025, at the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department. Members are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions shaping the future of volunteer firefighting in Indiana.

While this meeting did not include formal votes, the roundtable discussions provided an opportunity for members to share updates, voice concerns, and collaborate on the advancement of the IVFA's mission. The association remains committed to supporting volunteer firefighters across the state through advocacy, education, and community engagement.

## District 4 Report



Uriah Mast Jr. - Chairman

### Millersburg Clinton Twp. 4th District Meeting

March 13, 2025 - Millersburg Clinton Twp. held 4th meeting, food was served.

Jr. Mast called the meeting to order at 19:30; Chief Yoder led the pledge and Marvin Stalter

offered prayer.

Roll call were taken, 3 departments were represented, and 13 members were present.

No minutes from the last meeting.

Jerry Liston asked the question - What can the IVFA do for your department? Discussion followed, and a few ideas were given.

Jr. Mast reported that HB 1233 is currently dead. It may come back, written in a different form.

Jr. - If you have personal clothing or eyeglasses that gets damaged on an incident, contact him within 60 days of the incident, as you are entitled to some reimbursement toward replacement.

Jr. Mast reported there has been a death in our district.

Kenneth E. Schmucker served as New Paris Chief for 29 years and served 35 years in the township. The visitation will be May 3rd, 10am-12pm, at Rieth Rohrer in Goshen, IN, with the service to follow.

Jr. Mast reported the IVFA Convention is in June.

10 & 25 year pins were awarded.

Jerry Liston spoke about the IVFA app for apple or andriod devices. Also gave information about the SAVIK buying program.

### Announcements:

Foraker Fire Dept. is having a pancake breakfast on March 22nd at 6am.

Nappanee Fire Dept. is having annual fish fry is June 28th.

New Paris is doing a chicken BBQ on May 3rd 10am until sold out at TSC in Goshen.

Benton Twp., is doing a chicken BBQ on May 17th 11am-2pm.

Next meeting will be at Cleveland Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. May 8th at 7pm EST.

Meeting adjourned, Respectfully submitted, Marvin Statler, District 4 Secretary

## District 5 Report



John Grollich - Chairman

### I.V.F.A. 5TH District Meeting January 9, 2025

**Kewanua-Union Fire Department Kewanua IN**

**Refreshments at 7:00 PM**

GUESTS  
Sam Bisel PRNE  
Christina Reef IVFAA

# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

President  
Pascel Moon District 9A  
Chairman  
Larry Curl IVFA Vice  
President  
Carol Curl Past IVFAA  
President  
Chaplain Brandon Kuhn

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1934 with the pledge of allegiance following. There 11 members representing 4 departments. November minutes were read and approved as submitted. Larry discussed the awards available to IVFA members. Go to the IVFA web site for the forms for the different awards. He remarked on the 4.5 BILLION dollars the volunteer fire departments save the Indiana Tax payers yearly. He talked about recruitment and retention of volunteer fire fighters. Looking at obtaining a federal grant for recruitment.

Talked about locating a central location in the state for yearly convention. He remarked on the OSHA changes on the charts. He talked on some major changes be worked on with the legislation.

Sam Bisel discussed several issues with us on the cancer survey. It did NOT go well. Christina Reef advised that anyone who desires can join the IVFAA for \$10. District 5 Miss Flame for 2025 is Savannah Lyon.

John Grolich discussed Speaker Candace Asby. She is a wonderful speaker.

A mentor class in Vincennes March 1 and 2. Discussed several other training opportunities available.

June 11 hazmat exercise in Fulton County  
Meeting adjourned at 2052 hrs.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul W. Martin  
District 5 Secretary

**I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting  
March 13, 2025  
Etna Township Fire  
Department, Etna Green IN**  
Refreshments were served by the hosting Department prior to the meeting.  
GUESTS  
Chaplain Brandon Kuhn  
Savannah Lyon District 5 Miss Flame  
Sam Bisel PRNE  
Don Kissinger Past District 5 chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1929 hrs with the pledge to the flag following. There were 13 firefighters representing 7 departments present. January minutes were read and approved as submitted. \$135 was presented to Miss Flame Savannah Lyon toward convention expenses.

Sam Bisel discussed the Osha Regulations. It seems that Osha is relaxing some regs a bit.

IVFA will stay on top of issue. House Bill 1233 is a dead bill for this year. John discussed S.B one, property tax relief for IVFA members, bill died.

March 25 is 50 yr IVFA member celebration at the state house.

John discussed the IVFA convention coming up in June. Remarked about the new National reporting system, NERIS starting January 1 2026.

Down and Dirty training at Madison Twp. FD March 26 2026.

Fire Officer Strategiey and Tactics class May 13,15,20,22,27,29, June 3, 5, 10,and 12 at Knox FD. He talked on several other training opportunities

Pancake breakfast at Mentone FD on March 29.

Fish Fry at Monterey FD on April 6.

Next meeting at Culver-Union F.D. on May 8.

Chaplin Kuhn closed our meeting with a prayer  
Meeting adjourned 2045 hrs  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Martin  
Secretary

## District 6 Report



**Mack Grobis - Chairman**

Greetings from the Northeast! We should be cleared of all snow by now...thanks to that pesky groundhog!

District 6 kicked off the new year strong with our first district meeting of 2025 on January 28th at Concord Fire Department in St. Joe, Indiana. A huge thank you goes out to Chief Georgi and the Concord Fire team for their hospitality. We also extend our appreciation to Director John Shafer of the Fire and Public Safety Academy for joining us and providing valuable updates on education and training opportunities across the state. Dinner that evening was generously provided by Dinges Fire Company.

Our March district meeting took place on March 25th at Johnson Township Fire Department. Many thanks to Chief Fleckenstein for hosting. A special shout-out goes to Captain Margie Jones of LaGrange Fire Department and Parkview EMS for leading a continuing education session for EMS... your expertise and dedication are appreciated.

Also on March 25th, we were proud to hold our annual Recognition of 50-Year Members at the Indiana Statehouse. It was an honor to acknowledge and celebrate these incredible individuals who have dedicated half a century to the fire service. Their commitment and sacrifice continue to inspire all of us in the fire service.

On the legislative front, Lobbyist and IVFA Vice President Larry Curl shared that we're now over halfway through the legislative session. To stay informed on all current developments affecting our fire service, visit our legislative page at [www.ivfa.org/legislative](http://www.ivfa.org/legislative).

Looking ahead, mark your calendars! Our next District 6 meeting will be held at Fremont Fire Department on May 27th at 7:00 PM.

We're also excited to bring back an old tradition where host departments will once again provide the main dish for around 20 attendees. Regular members are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share. It's a great way to break bread and build camaraderie.

District meetings are an excellent opportunity to stay informed on local and national fire service issues, legislative updates, and to connect with fellow firefighters. We welcome new faces and hope to see increased attendance in the coming months!

Stay safe, and thank you for your continued service.

Mack Grobis  
District 6 Chairman

## District 8A Report



**Rex Maynard - Chairman**

Hello District 8A, I hope everyone is having a great spring and summer right around the corner it is time to get outside to start training outdoors. Before We know it will be time for the IVFA State Convention it will be June 18-20 2025 at 1650 City Hollow Road Madison Indiana 47250 or Clifty Fall State Park. I would like to thanks our three 50 Year Gold recipient that attend the 50 -year program at the state house.

I am looking for a Miss Flame candidate for 2026.

For our District 8A we have not had one in a few years. I would like you to start thinking about someone to nominate for the McQueen Excellence Award for 2026 that needs to be turned

in by the first

Meeting in January 2026 is past January two day be for the meeting I had a Chief call me and nominate someone for the Award I should have more than one

Nominated for is Award so start thinking about it.

The next District 8A Meeting will be at Wildcat Twp VFD Wednesday May 28,2025 at 7:00 p.m 208 South

Independence Street Windfall, Indiana 46078.

Thank you  
District 8A Chairman  
Rex Maynard

## District 8B Report



**Mikey Armstrong - Chairman**

My name is Mikey Armstrong and I'm the new District 8B Chairman. I received this honor on December 18th, 2024.

I joined the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department on May 18th 2016 and was elected the Assistant Chief on December 16th, 2020.

My wife Lindsey Armstrong and I are high-school sweethearts, and our Daughter Hannah "Cubbie" Armstrong is the current District 8B Miss Flame. I work at IU Health Jay as an equipment technician in the maintenance and facilities department.

I had my first District Meeting on January 8th at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Station. I want to thank Larry and Carol Curl and David and Peggy Israel for attending and wonderful words of encouragement.

I attended my first quarterly business meeting on the weekend of January 31st - February 2nd and attended 5 different department business meetings in the month of February also 3 different fundraisers.

On March 3rd I had the honor to present a 50-year gold card, pin, and challenge coin to Steve Fields of the Dunkirk Vol Fire Dept at their Monthly Meeting. Also on March 5th Jerry Liston, Hannah Armstrong and I attended Albany Delaware Twp. Vol. Fire Dept business meeting. It was a very interesting and eye-opening meeting. The questions and concerns they gave me were very valid and I have been in contact with their chief and one of the perks that they asked for I am in the extremely early stages on getting one of them done. So stay tuned.

If you have any meetings or fundraisers that you would like to me to attend to call/text me at 765-578-0107. I will always try and answer and if I don't, i'll make sure you do hear from me and if your ever in Pennville don't ever be afraid to stop by my house.

In the few months that I've had this distinct honor on being the District 8B Chairman, I have come to the realization that its not just my own department that has struggled with enrollment. Then you get the people to enroll and getting them to stay involved and have that same passion they had the first time they donned their PPE.

Being a volunteer firefighter/ first responder isn't just about being the first one to the truck or making the most runs. It's about that little kid who so excited to see Santa Claus at the Fire Station and getting to see the smile on their face when you let them blow the air horn or run the lights and sirens. It's about the family of six who is having a rough go of it and they get to come to the Fire Station for a free Beef and Noodles Dinner.

It takes a special individual to be Volunteer. I hope make District 8B and the IVFA proud. Thank you all and stay safe!

## District 10 Report



**John Ray - Chairman**

### GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 10 APRIL 2025

We started our 2025 meetings at my local department, Hartsville & Comm VFD on a cold January night. We had 22 firefighters from 9 departments in attendance, with a report of 355 runs during December & January. Our evening program was presented by Jason Mellencamp & Chad Walker of Center Point Energy. They spoke on appropriate procedures to follow at a gas leak scene. The main objective is to protect the residents and secure the area, until they arrive on scene.

In February we traveled to the Southwest on a another very cold and also, snowy night. Due to the weather, our attendance was small; but we did have 13 firefighters from 5 departments, reporting 226 runs. Pins were presented to Billy Koons for 25years; Luther Hurt, Damon Lee, Thomas Perry, Jesse Taulman, also from Southwest, received 10year pins. Our speaker for the evening, Chuck Gunter, had been deployed to Kentucky with Indiana Task Force One, to help with that

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area, which had been devastated by flooding. Thank you, Chuck for your service! We look forward to having you come to District 10 to share some of your experience, in the near future! A special thank you, to Jim Davis, District 10 Secretary, and PR David Israel for conducting the meeting, while I was ill and unable to attend.

In March, we traveled north in District 10 to Manilla. Brandon Lee Stone was presented his 10year pin. Jerry Lee Gulley, Phillip Ramsey & Ralph Stevens received their 25years. Each of these are firefighters are with Manilla Fire Dept. Rushville City Fire Chief gave a presentation on their new training facility, which is currently under construction. It will be a 3-story structure with separate rooms for different scenarios, and types of fires. It be will available to area departments and for district trainings. State fire training classes may also be held there.

March 25th was the 50year Celebration at the State House. A total of 50 IVFA members attended to receive their 50 yr gold card, pin and a copy of the State Resolution, proclaiming their years of membership. In the afternoon they met with Governor Braun in his office and have a picture taken with him. They were also able to go into the Senate and State Representative chambers to get a picture taken.

Total attendance was a 150 IVFA and family members.  
Don't forget the IVFA Convention June 18-20 in Madison at Clifty Falls State Park! The park lodge is full, along with the camp ground but; there are motels in the area with rooms still available. The registration fee is \$150.00. Please contact Rick Cannon (502-523-2665), Convention Chairman, for additional information.

We've had a number of spring storms & a tornado in our area in these past few weeks. As they say, "Keep weather aware"; and know precautions you, your family and community should take, to be safe. Should you be called upon to respond after these spring storms or for other emergencies, take care and be safe! Until next time,  
John M. Ray, District 10

## District 11A Report



**Pete Taylor - Chairman**

**Greetings from District 11A**  
We had our last meeting at Clay Count Perry Twp. on March 16, 2025. We had 4 guests 8 Dept. and 17 members present.

Guest Speaker was Tim Yocum

State Representative House District 42 vary informative.

I was proud to give Robert Same from Hymera Jackson Twp. Fire Dept his 50 Year Gold Card.

I attended the 50 Year celebration at the State House March 25, 2025. Very interesting and busy day. It was the largest celebration we have had.

I have been busy passing out 10 and 25 year pins. I have attended had several Memorials.

FDIC is coming soon April 7-12-2025. Stop by and see us at IVFA booth.

We need to push awards for next year. There are a lot of deserving people. Just look around.

Convention is June 18-20 at Clifty Inn State Park at Madison Ind. It was voted the next 3 convention well be held in Indianapolis.

Next District Meeting will be at Hymera Jackson Twp. VFD on May 18, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

Please come and bring someone. You will hear what going on at the State level.

We have lost some very good friends and icons in the fire service lately. Our dear friend Joan Hays, Larry Bartlow and Jack Wilson. They will be sadly missed.

Vol firefighters a putting themselves out there every day for there communities. They serve with honor and distinction every day and I could not be more proud to call them my Brothers and Sisters.

District 11A Chairman  
Pete Taylor

## District 11B Report



**John "Scott" Peebles - Chairman**

Greetings from District 11-B. Our last District meeting was held a Fairview Park Volunteer Fire Department on March 9, 2025. We had 5 Departments, 9 Members and one guest speaker. Our guest speaker was Deakon Fowler, from Donley Safety. I would like to congratulate Bob Brown from Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department and Larry Kersey from Roachdale Volunteer Fire Department for receiving their 50 year lifetime gold card. In January I was able to present the family of Michael Morgan from Cayuga volunteer fire department, his 50 year gold card due to his passing in December. I would like to thank

past district 11-B Chairman Jason Ryan for selecting me as the 2024 MacQueen award recipient. With that being said it's never too early to start thinking of people you would like to nominate for the 2026 awards. At our January meeting, Allie Flatter from Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department was crowned Miss Flame. Our next meeting will be held on May 15, 2025 at Kingman Fire Department at 7 PM.

## District 14 Report



**Rick Cannon - Chairman**

### Welcome from District 14

As you guys may know we have been busy getting ready for the 2025 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Convention held at Clifty Falls in Madison Indiana.

Your convention staff has been busy finding sponsors and getting everything put together.

Just to let everyone know know of what's going on at the convention June 18 2025 is our Hoosier burn camp auction that night we also have the State Miss Flame contest and our newest contest is our Junior firefighter competition which will be held on Thursday.

A special thanks to Robert Black and Madison Township Fire for bringing their equipment up to help out with the skills competition.

Thank you to the 2 business that don't want to be mentioned that gave the funding to lock in the living statue for our Thursday night Indiana volunteer firefighters memorial service.

Also on Thursday from 9:00-4:00 we will have vendors there for Thursday only.

On Friday is our meeting and at noon the down town firehouses and Frank Tafts fire museum will be open.

Registrations are still open as of now registrations are \$150 per person and we need them in asap so we can give Clifty Inn a head count for food.

Only hotel left if you want a room is Confort Inn call them directly 812-273-4443 and only talk to the main desk and tell them your with the IVFA

Any questions call me at 502-523-2665

Or Holly Cannon at 502-216-3379

Thanks Rick Cannon

Also our 2025 Miss Flame project is collecting money or Walmart gift cards for Madison Firefighters shop with a firefighters program.

## District 15 Report



**Paul Campbell - Chairman**

Welcome to the May newsletter. I hope everyone had a safe winter and is ready for the warmer weather.

We are a little more than a month away from the IVFA convention being held at Clifty Falls in Madison. The convention committee has been working hard to get this ready. Please come see us at the convention and have a good time while there.

I want to give a big thank you to all the departments that donated equipment for Steve Andersons project. I have seen the pictures and he collected a lot of equipment for other departments in the state. Also a big thank you to everyone that helped by going around and picking up that equipment. Our cadets in district 15 really stepped up to assist.

If you have any events that you would like me to attend, please let me know and I will do my best to get there. Have a safe summer and hope to see you at the convention.

Paul Campbell  
District 15 Chairman  
812-573-9473  
district15@ivfa.org

## District 16 Report



**Nick Faulkenburg - Chairman**

District 16 has not done much this new period. The weather has really slowed down our progress. We crowned our district Miss Flame Queen Ava Gray. Our district will be hosting several fundraising events, please follow us on Facebook for more Information. I visited several departments to get us back on the meeting list to present their department award pins. If any department in District 16 has not received its members awards please contact me.

## District 18 Report



**Nick Waninger - Chairman**

### District 18

#### January 16th 2025

The last meeting of the district 18 was held on January 16th 2025 and hosted by Carter Fire District. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Nick Waninger. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

Chairman Waninger gave the opening prayer, and remembrance of Keith Kluesner.

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 58 members representing 17 departments answering 659 alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith introduced the guest present.

Ava Verkamp District 18 Miss Flame Jack Kerney PRSW, Steve Bartles

District 74 rep., John Hancock IDHS and Paul Holcomb IVFA Past President

#### State Officer's report

Paul Holcomb talked about the new IVFA app, also talked about the awards that are on the website please nominate someone for Theis awards.

Jack talked about HB 1233, told everyone to get ahold of the district rep. and tell them about your concerns of the bill. There was a long discussions on this Bill (HB1233) with District 74 Rep. Steve Bartles. Jack also talked about tax reports that need to be completed

#### District Chairman's report

Chairman Waninger stated that if there were any changes it the officers in your department you should let Nick know.

Nick stated that there will be a junior firefighter competition at the state convention again this year.

Please complete Steve Anderson Survey, and the NVFC Survey.

#### Committee reports.

Parade will be on Oct 12 th 2025 looking for a host department for the parade. Carter Fire District will host the 2026 Miss Flame, and the parade.

#### Old business

None presented

#### New Business

Announcement- good of the order.

2025 State convention will be

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**District 18** continued from pg 9  
held in Madison IN. at the Clifty  
Fall State Park.

FDIC will be held in Indy on  
April 7-12 2025

2026 state convention will be  
held in Indianapolis

Paradigm Pipeline Training in  
Jasper

Dubois county fire school  
enrollment is now open.

Chairman Waninger thanked  
the host department for the meal.  
Announced the date and location  
of the next meeting. It will be on  
March 20th 2025 and hosted by  
Dubois Fire Department.

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

### District 18 March 20th 2025

The last meeting of the district  
18 was held on March 20th and  
hosted by Dubois Fire District.

The meeting was called to order at  
7:30 PM by Vice Chairman John  
C. Smith. The pledge of allegiance  
was recited by all members  
present.

Chaplin Jadon Hankel gave  
the opening prayer. The business  
meeting was called to order at  
8:00 pm by Vice Chairman John  
Smith and welcomed everyone  
has joined us tonight. Roll call  
was taken with 57 members  
representing 13 departments  
answering 412 alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith  
introduced the guest present:  
Ava Verkamp District 18 Miss  
Flame, Jack Kerney PRSW, IVFA  
President Ross Emery, Steve  
Anderson IVFA Past President,  
and Griffin Majors from Citizens  
First.

#### State Officer's report

Jack stated that dues will be  
mailed out between April 15, and  
May 15th. Jack also talked about if  
you got a FEMA grant and ask for  
payment there is a lot more info.  
That is needed. Jack stated that the  
National fire academy has been  
shut down for the time being.

Ross Emery stated that HB 1233  
has died. Ross also talked about  
nominating people for awards.

Steve Anderson talked about  
keeping your Acadius portal up to  
date.

#### District officer's report

Vice chairman Smith stated  
to make sure you let Chairman  
Waninger know if there is any  
changes in officers in your  
department.

#### Committee reports.

Parade will be on Oct 12th 2025  
and Jasper fire department will be  
the Host. Carter Fire District will  
host the 2025 Memorial service on  
October 5th

#### Report from guest present.

Brian Wessle from St. Anthony  
Fire department talked about the  
Honeywell SCBA'S that are not  
serviceable any longer. Honeywell  
shut down that division. There is  
a lot of Fire departments that are  
affected with this problem.

#### Announcement- good of the order

2025 State convention will be  
held in Madison IN. at the Clifty

Fall State Park.

FDIC will be held in Indy on  
April 7-12 2025

2026 state convention will be  
held in Indianapolis

Dubois county fire school  
registration in going on.

Dubois Fire Department stated  
they would like to host the 2027  
parade

Ross Emery gave the lifesaving  
award to Ben Kines from the  
Dubois Fire Department.

Vice Chairman Smith thanked  
the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and  
location of the next meeting.

It will be on May 15th 2025  
and hosted by Chrisney Fire  
Department at the St. Martins  
Church Hall

Last call for any other business  
to be brought before this body.

There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM  
Secretary/ Treasurer  
Stan Seifert

### District 21 Report



**Blaine Butler Jr. - Chairman**

Washington Twp / Buck Creek  
Vol Fire Dept hosted the District  
21 IVFA Quarterly meeting  
on February 24, 2025. A light  
meal was served. There were  
six departments represented  
with 15 members and 12 guests.  
The meeting was called to  
order at 1930 hrs by Chairman  
Blaine Butler with the pledge of  
allegiance following. Minutes  
from the November meeting  
were read and approved. Blaine  
discussed about the 2026-2029  
State Conventions. He talked  
about the status of the OSHA  
regulations that have been  
proposed have been put on  
hold. Blaine announced we have  
three 50 year members that will  
receive their Gold Cards at the  
State House on March 25th. He  
also reminded the members of  
the deadline for the Bridgeport  
Scholarship, and the Junior  
Firefighter deadline. Larry Curl  
spoke about working on updates  
for cost savings for taxpayers in  
township for volunteers. Larry  
discussed current legislation that  
affects volunteer firefighters.  
Guest Ryan Thoma from  
IDHS talked about updates to  
State Trainings and upcoming  
training dates in District 4 area.  
Our next meeting will be held at  
Wabash Twp Fire Dept. Station 1  
on May 19, 2025 at 7:30pm.  
A light meal will be served at  
6:45 pm. The address is 2899  
Klondike Rd W. Lafayette, IN  
47906.

Thanks,  
Blaine Butler Jr  
District 21 Chairman

## I.V.F.A. Secretary

*Leighanne Ellis*



**INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER'S  
ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
January 31-February 2, 2025  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Indianapolis, IN**

Meeting was called to order by  
President Ross Emery at 1330.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led  
by Vice President Larry Curl. The  
Invocation was given by Chaplain  
David Elick.

Roll Call was taken with 18  
District Chairman present and  
7 absent, 5 Public Relations  
Officers present and 1 absent, and  
7 past presidents.

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

New Chairmans present  
District 8B Mikey Armstrong,  
District 4 Uriah Mast Jr.,

**Guests:** No speakers on the  
docket. Jeff Biehl, Hannah  
Armstrong.

Presentation of the President's  
Pin from Jerry Liston to Ross  
Emery.

Ross Emery gave a  
presentation of past president  
card and life membership coin to  
Jerry Liston.

Scott Peebles was awarded the  
MacQueen Award for District  
11B.

#### Old Business:

1. IVFA Flag for dept. use,  
Brent Bush has prices for the  
flags, the flag for a 3x5 nylon  
style flag \$106, telescoping pole,  
base and tassels \$206, fringe  
added \$46. Need to decide on  
a standard for the flag so all  
the districts are the same. Will  
continue to search for cheaper  
costs on the set. Buying the flag  
will be at the cost of the district  
who wants to purchase it.

**Treasurer's Report,** Treasurer  
Luke Kluender, report was  
emailed out to review. CD's are  
up for renewal. Need to get a  
motion made for this. Business  
entity report form filed with state.  
Tax Exempt forms are filed and  
filled out and 1099 handed out  
to those who need them. Balance  
sheet sent out and 4-year analysis  
completed. Motion to accept  
Treasurer's Report made by Buz  
Koehler, second given by Dave

Elick, motion passed

**Central Office Report:** Jack  
Kerney, Department purge files  
starting, they have ran out of  
space for those files. Leaving  
the last 5 years in the files. Look  
at potential digital file saving  
of documents. Paid/Not Paid  
lists emailed out. Dept. rosters  
emailed out. Pin reports emailed  
out. Gold Cards- 107 life  
member list. Deceased members-  
30 reported from rosters, 76  
total deceased: 9 from cancer, 2  
LODD, 5 natural, 4 accidental, 54  
unknown. Name Badges for new  
chairmen passed out need to order  
for new chairman, Gold cards are  
in and going to state house for  
presentation and then to district  
chairman. 12,800 addresses  
prepared for newspaper, Post  
office form prepared, 252 total  
bad addresses. 13,036 total  
membership count, 11650 Active  
members, 38 military, 2 honorary,  
123 associate, 708 life members,  
18 past president, 43 individuals.  
957 new members were added.  
Talked about Dept. that have  
not paid for the last 2 years. 0  
pending AIL Claim, \$220,064.53  
paid out to date from AIL. 1  
LODD death paid out from  
Bridgeport Fund. Total license  
plates.

#### Executive Committee Report:

President Emery, Miss Flame  
Program, No Update on Cancer  
Survey, Cost Savings discussion,  
Vice President's Pin discussion  
Anthony Smith made a motion  
to send to board action to buy  
a new one. John Grolich gave  
the second. Jerry Liston led  
discussion on cost and appraisal  
of the president's pin and the  
expected cost of a new one for  
the Vice President's Pin Motion  
rescinded and remade to be  
worded as we get a cost for the  
pin and bring it back and make  
a decision for purchase then.  
District 4 vacancy filled. State  
house program, Fallen Firefighter  
Memorial Service discussion  
on how we as an organization  
can assist with the service. Cost  
analysis for the service is \$4,000  
to host it, and \$175 per name to  
be placed on the memorial. Phone  
App trajectory, LODD and how  
the district chairman handles it,  
Paul Holcomb has been asked to  
create a page workflow of how  
to handle this situation when it  
arises. Approved Life Saving  
Awards.

#### Committee Reports:

**Awards-** Vice President Larry  
Curl- MacQueen Award due at  
this meeting. Ollie Sandburg will  
be decided in May. Try a different  
format for the MacQueen  
Award. Will reevaluate forms  
for nominations to simplify the  
process.

• **Angel Award,** Diane  
Harrison- nothing to report

• **Mr. IVFA,** Steve Anderson-  
will meet this weekend.

• **Miss Flame Program:**  
Leighanne Ellis, applications  
are due this weekend. Pre-  
Convention meeting is May 4,

2025, from 12p-3p, Community  
Service Project is raising funds  
for Shop with a Firefighter of  
Madison County.

• **Jr. Firefighter Program:**  
Mack Grobis (Pascal Moon),  
Registration form and list of  
needed equipment. Plans to  
change some rules on participants  
to allow more people to compete.  
Paperwork deadline is April 1 to  
the committee. A virtual meeting  
will be held to finalize the  
schedule. Registration forms will  
be sent out soon. Discussion on  
where the online application goes,  
it is the central office, district  
chair, and now adding committee  
chair.

**Bridgeport:** Past President  
Richard Glant- 1 application  
currently.

**Budget:** Treasurer Luke  
Kluender, budget is on track.  
License plates will not be updated  
until the next quarterly meeting.  
President Emery requested a  
number analysis on sold and  
comparison from past year.

**By-laws and S.O.G.'s:**  
Chaplin Dave Elick, emailed out  
Policy and Procedure Manual for  
the officers to review and bring  
back to vote on in February.  
Jack Kerney made a motion to  
accept the manual, Buz Koehler  
gave the second. Motion carried  
unanimously.

John Grolich brought up  
discussion about district chairman  
jurisdiction. The committee will  
look at this By-law and advise  
on this. A district can come up  
with the by-law change. It is  
Section 13. Larry Curl made a  
motion to study it in the By-  
Laws Committee, Buz Koehler  
gave a second. Motion passed  
unanimously.

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

**Convention:** David Israel-  
2026-3-year contract for the  
next 3 years conventions, held at  
Wyndham, Registration \$100 and  
room rate of \$119 dollars. Plan  
for 2 districts to be hosts of the  
convention and be responsible  
for convention planning, and  
we would have state committee  
guidance. Richard Glant made  
a motion to proceed with the  
3-year plan for the next set of  
conventions. Second given by  
Rex Maynard. Motion passed.

2025- Madison, Rick Cannon-  
Registration is available, rooms  
are assigned for attendees, hotels  
down the road are available, hotel  
and campground is full.

**EMS:** Tom Fentress, 2/5/25  
EMS Lobby Day, IEMSA White  
Rose Project to fund the EMS  
Memorial. Discussed HB 1454,  
1233 and SB 446. Talked about  
insurance laws passed last year,  
and that private insurance pay  
increased 400% for Medicaid  
payments.

**Health and Wellness  
Committee,** Tom Fentress,  
discussed doing a round table  
in the PR areas for mental first  
aid training through MHA for  
first responders. HB 1092 offers  
2 million for training but needs  
the verbiage to be changed to  
Emergency Responders. Talked

about firefighter physicals and working with the fire alliance and fire marshal to get them into our departments at a reasonable rate. Also look at partnering with Indiana Hospitals Association. Talked about Gear washers and possible grants to obtain them, and soaps and facewashes for all volunteer departments and looking for grants for those.

**Insurance:** Luke Kluender, renewed the organization work comp policy with Liberty Mutual.

**Legislation:** Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, HB1233- watching closely, talked with a few legislators and had been advised that it won't be heard as it is currently written. Looked at Red and Blue Light on fire apparatus, no update. Report is listed on the website.

• DC Trip- Feb. 11-14, 2025.

Will have this weekend.

• March 25, 2025, 8:00am, State House 50-Year member celebration.

• Cost-Savings Study- should be done soon.

**LODD:** Paul Holcomb, creating the workflow for what to do when a call comes in and he will try to get it out this weekend.

**Logo:** District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report

**Membership and Marketing:** Sam Bisel (Pascal Moon), reviewed membership booklet updated. 2-week deadline for final changes before print. Savvik Buying Group is being found on the website. Additional benefits for Indiana PERF for Volunteers and paperwork for it was covered. LOSAP Program discussed along with

**Public Relations and**

**Education:** Jerry Liston and Don Cushman, storage of the trailer location may be changing. FDIC workers sign-ups are going to be passed around April 10-12, 2025. Need to have a standalone tablet dedicated for running cards during FDIC. Requesting one-page paper for merchandise that the association sells to hand out. Banner at went out at IEMSA, need to look for a new banner, and vendor equipment. Sausage supper, FDIC, IERC, and IEMSA booth events. Paul has a company that has a collapsible cloth backdrop and rolling case,

two table covers, and two rollups for around \$3000. Discussion was held on what needs to go onto the imaging of the backdrop. Anthony Smith made a motion to purchase for new marketing backgrounds for no more than \$5000. Pascal Moon gave the second. Funding is covered in the line item of the budget for Public Relations and Education. Ben Sieverding made a motion to amend the motion to rescind the motion made and use the line-item budget to purchase the marketing items. Second given by Blaine Butler. Motion passed.

**Newspaper:** Past Pres. Buz Koehler and Sam Bisel, 40-page issue, 13 advertisers, 13,018 addressed. Discussion on advertising in the newspaper and

who can advertise.

**Social media and Website:**

Paul Holcomb, spoof emails are going out and we need to check the sender email to identify that they are legitimate. Discussion on the app and its purpose. Easier access to get into the website. We have 499 subscribers. This can be an easy way to push out notifications to subscribers and membership.

**Special Projects:** Past Pres. Buz Koehler, Project Manager for the book, is leaving the publishing company. We have another manager assigned to us and we are requesting a production schedule for the book. We have the list of buyers and will follow up with ones that have specific mailing issues.

**Training:** Steve Anderson, discussed 1403 Instructor issue with people that have been doing live fire teaching for 40 years and having the same issue for new water certifications. Discussed legal ramifications of IAC 655 mandating FF1 for interior firefighting for those that were interior firefighting under the old mandatory/24 hours wanting legal interpretation. There will be an Adult Education opportunity at Convention on Thursday from 8a-12p.

**Younger Membership:** District 6 Mack Grobis (Pascal Moon), Covered under Jr. Fire Program Report.

### Representative Reports

**Board of Firefighter**

**Standards and Education:**

Steve Anderson, Phone meeting  
**Fire Alliance** Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, and Larry Curl, meeting schedule added to calendar.

**IN-Time** Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

**IDHS Senior Advisory Committee,** Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

**National Volunteer Fire Council,** Jack Kerney and Jerry Liston, May 8-10, 2025, in Virginia, Grant money issue taken care of. Membership to the organization has grown. Have seen letter that was written to OSHA from the President about the update.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President,** Ross Emery, goal of 14,000 members by Dec. of this year., add 1-2 benefits for our members, focusing on committees and quarterly meetings- the efficiency of the committees and going to some virtual meetings, looking at how to expedite things quicker and be more beneficial with our time. Pair up committees that can go together to be more effective.

**Vice President,** Larry Curl, supports president's plan for change and moving forward. We need to look at applying for Federal Grant applications. Start to look at developing regular sponsorships for yearly sponsors.

Meeting recessed at 1742 until Sunday February 2, 2025, at

0830.

Meeting is reconvened at 0830 am by President Emery.

Morning message given by chaplain Elick.

Megan Thiele with Indiana Fire Chief's Association and Lauren Bemis with Pence Media Group, came and spoke about how we can work together with IFCA. Showed presentation on Recruitment and Retention and about the SAFER Grant they obtained for R&R across the state. Have a GIS toolkit that a survey is listed on for existing, new, and dept. information. Asking for us to complete the survey to start collecting data so we can have more tools to recruit volunteers for departments.

**Secretary,** Leighanne Ellis, nothing to report.

**Treasurer,** Luke Kluender, went to Vincennes Supper and had a good time.

**Chaplain,** David Elick, spoke on vouchers being filled out and turned in by district chairman versus what the membership rosters are reporting.

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

**Historian,** Buz Koehler, 190 issues of the newspaper on the website. 1974-present. 45 convention books on the website, 12 videos, and pictures from convention on there. Currently working on quarterly meeting and convention meeting minutes.

**Chairman of the Board,** Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

**PRNW,** Jeremy Reef,

Vincennes supper, dist. Meetings,

**PRNE,** Sam Bisel, absent

**PRWC,** Don Fultz, attended 4 meetings, recent hospital stay.

**PREC,** David Israel, nothing to report.

**PRSW,** Jack Kerney, 5 dist. Retirement pres. Memorial service, 832 miles

**PRSE,** Ed Scheele, district meetings, 3 memorial services, has convention coins available

**Asst. Treasurer,** Bev Harker, absent

**Asst. Secretary,** Diane Harrison, absent

**Webmaster,** Josh Reisert and Paul Holcomb, nothing to report.

**Past President's Reports:**

Jerry Liston, be open to making changes and pushing forward, and thanked the association for allowing him to serve.

Richard Glant, nothing to report.

Jack Zeeks, nothing to report

Buz Koehler, nothing to report

Jack Kerney, nothing to report

David Israel, 5 district mtgs., 50-year pin, Winchester memorial, spears memorial.

Steve Anderson, traveled across the state. Worked with a dept. that has a new group of responders on the dept. to get them up and going.

Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

Larry Ketchem, absent

**District Reports:**

**District 1,** Marshall Neece- absent

**District 2,** Tom Fentress, district meeting, service pins awarded, working on being more involved with dept. awards dinners. MAAC fire graduation attendance. Miss Flame program.

**District 3,** Les Jensen, absent

**District 4,** Uriah Mast, Jr., newly appointed chairman, no meeting at time of appointment.

**District 5,** John Grolich, MacQueen Award, awards dinners, service pins handed out, memorial service.

**District 6,** Mack Grobis (Dave Elick), district meeting, Miss Flame program, MacQueen Award, awards dinners attended.

**District 7,** Richard Sorg, no report was available at time of reporting.

**District 8A,** Rex Maynard, 2 district meetings, service pins handed out, Christmas breakfasts.

**District 8B,** Mikey Armstrong, district meeting, buddy bag fundraiser, Chili dinner, Polar Plunge Fundraiser, Chili cookoff coming up and beef and noodle dinner on April 12 at Pennville.

**District 9A,** Pascal Moon, dept. visits, 2 district meetings, crowned miss flame, service pin presentations. Bill Shock will have a 61-year retirement party on Feb. 8 at Delphi Fire Station at 12:00pm.

**District 9B,** Randy Denton, absent

**District 10,** John Ray, memorial services, LODD funeral, service pins passed out, county and district meetings.

**District 11A,** Pete Taylor, district meeting, 50-year gold card presentation, service pins presented.

**District 11B,** Scott Peebles, district meeting, memorial service, 50-year gold presentation, Miss Flame,

**District 12,** Steve Kershaw and Vice Chair Rick Kersey, consolidating his member roster list of transitioned vol. to career dept. Miss Flame.

**District 13A,** Don Cushman, 50-year gold cards handed to dept.

**District 13B,** Anthony Smith, MacQueen award, LODD Service, Miss Flame, 50-year presentation, Fundraiser for Burn Camp, plans to add district trainings to schedule this year.

**District 14,** Rick Cannon, working on convention, 812-269-4135 talk to Emily to reserve your room at convention at the Clifty Inn Hotel.

**District 15,** Paul Campbell, district meeting, Miss Flame, 2 awards banquets, service pins presented

**District 16,** Nick Faulkenberg, district meeting, 50- year gold card presented, service pins presented, memorial service,

**District 17A,** Sam Emery, 2 fire chief's retirements, Vincennes Sausage Supper 382 members signed in, 16 IVFA Officers were present. 50/50 was \$1100.

**District 17B,** Tammy Wright, absent

**District 18,** Nick Waninger, absent

**District 19,** Ben Sieverding,

LODD funeral, district meeting

**District 21,** Blaine Butler, district meeting, Miss Flame, working on service pin presentations.

Eric Johnson from Supporting Heros talked about Gala July 26, 2025, it is their 20th anniversary. Talked about what Supporting Heros is and what they do as an organization: primary objective is to provide financial relief to spouse or partner at \$5000 immediately, then provide additional support on a monthly need when necessary. Pay for families to go to National Fallen Firefighter Service. Handles filing for Public Safety Benefits. 3-year limit to filing for federal benefits and the benefit is currently sitting at \$448,575.00, call them and they can help to identify what can be done to help the responders and families. The Federal Government does not require an autopsy for the federal benefit. 877-437-6369 is the number to contact Supporting Heros. We need to contact Paul Holcomb first and he will facilitate pathways.

**New Business:**

1. Nothing to report  
Announcement/Good of the Order:

1. Room reservations are available to be made today for the May meeting. May meeting is scheduled for May 2-4, 2025.

Richard Glant made a motion to adjourn meeting, Sam Emery gave second. Meeting adjourned at 1100.

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING January 31- February 2, 2025 Crowne Plaza Hotel Indianapolis, IN

Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb at 11:02 am..

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

Chairman of the Board Paul Holcomb called for nominations for Chairman of the Board, Dave Elick gave the name of Jerry Liston, and John Ray gave the second. No other names were submitted, vote for Jerry Liston was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**Board Action- Business:**

1. Matured CD's – Treasurer Kleunder would like to reinvest CD's once he finds an appropriate one that is beneficial to the organization. Jack Kerney made motion, and John Grolich gave second. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Anthony Smith, Second by Tom Fentress. The meeting adjourned at 1108.

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**IVFAA President**  
*Christina Reef*



**IVFAA President Newspaper Article – May 2025**

Hello Everyone,  
I hope you all had a wonderful spring. I love all the rain in springtime because it helps bring all the beautiful flowers for summertime.

A quick reminder that your annual membership dues will be coming up soon. You should have already received a dues letter. If not, please contact your district chairman or Dawn Harris (recording Secretary to get those paid.

I hope everyone is looking

forward to the convention this year. It is June 18th through 20th at Clifty Inn State Park. If you have not registered for the convention, it's not too late. Registration forms & information are on the IVFA.org website under convention.

There are 19 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 is to collect monetary donations for the Madison County Shop with a Firefighter program. If you are interested in donating, 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

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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.

Lastly, we have some open district chairman positions open (Dist. 5, 9A, & 17B). If you are interested in a district chairman position, please reach out to me. Phyllis Vargo from district 1 is also looking to retire as the chairman. If you are in district 1 & interested, please reach out to Phyllis or me.

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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**MISS FLAME COMMUNITY SERIVE AWARD**

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**NEW DISTRICT CHAIR TRAINING**

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- Beth Caudill

**MEMORIAL THROW**

- Carol Curl – Chair

**CHAPLIN EMERITUS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- JoAnn Hays

\*Miss Flame Committee is to be determined by the IVFA.



## IVFAA Chaplain

Judy Wirth



This got me to wondering what is patience. Webster's Dictionary says \*bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint.\* What does the Bible say? There are over 33 passages of scripture on patience. My favorite is found in James 1:3-4 which says- \*knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work that you may be perfect and completely lacking nothing.\* I guess that says it all. Maybe American Christian Author and Speaker, Joyce Meyer, sums it up best - Patience is not simply the ability to wait-it is how we behave while we are waiting.

As a daughter, better half, Mom, Granma, (and soon to be Great Granma) I wish I had a penny for each time I heard or said, "Just have patience" or "I wish I had more patience" in my lifetime. These last 5-6 months with a knee procedure and then a small complication, and Ron and I dealing with Covid, I have learned a lot about patience and how to accept it. Oh how I was ready to start getting on the treadmill again or start in on the stretching exercises. But knew I had to wait for complete healing. When the time frame came Covid knocked me (and Ron) on our tail feathers!

Do you pout and throw a hissy fit when your patience wears thin. Or do you cry and complain to anyone who will listen. Or do you let GOD and HIS timing get HIS job done. If it is waiting on health issues, or a prayer to be answer, or that new fire truck to arrive, patience is needed.

*Psalms 37:7 Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for HIM*

## Recording Secretary

Janet Matthews



### Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting February 2, 2025

**Crown Plaza Indianapolis, IN**  
President Christina Reef called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Chaplin Judy Wirth gave the opening prayer & Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the Pledge to the flag.

**Recording Secretary** Dawn Harris took roll call of those in attendance. 16 officers & 8 individuals present today. Organizational count as of today there are 29 Life members, 156 Individual members, 529 Departments for a total of 714 members.

**Corresponding Secretary** Janet Matthews was asked to read the last quarterly minutes from November. Martha Biehl made a motion do suspend

the reading of the minutes & accepted as they were sent out, Bev Taylor seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer Report** Martha Biehl gave the account balances of the organization as of 1/23/2025

- General Fund Amount \$32,502.19
  - CD #1 \$11,295.53
  - CD #2 \$20,236.40
  - Miss Flame Account \$4,116.44
  - Miss Flame Community Service Award \$2,213.37
  - Gaming Amount \$8,496.76
- All accounts/books are available & subject to audit.

**Chaplin's Report** Judy Wirth informed the group that there are cards going around the room so members can sign them & she will mail them out to those in need of thoughts & prayers. JoAnn Hays is not doing well & Larry Bartlow is at home being kept comfortable. Patty Fultz is not feeling well.

### President Christina Reef asked for committee reports:

- **Auditing-** Carol Curl reports she is awaiting a return call from CPA regarding cost to audit the organizations finances.
- **Budget & Finance-** Jodi Rohr is not present today but passed along that the committee is working on the proposed budget.
- **Chaplin's Assistants-** Judy Wirth reported that there will be a prayer session at the quarterly

meetings on Sunday morning at 7:45am & all are welcome to join. The one they had this morning went well.

• **Chaplin Emeritus & Communication-** JoAnn Hays not present.

• **Chinese Auction-** Hunter Davis reports they had meeting yesterday, really would like all to have their baskets to give to Lori at the May quarterly meeting. Sales are better when we have all baskets when we open on the first day. Also, as reminder there must be a list of the items in basket & the cost of them itemized. Ideas discussed about potential having baskets for teens

• **Historian-** Phyllis Vargo not present, Christina reminded everyone Buz Kohler is still gathering history.

• **Installation-** Joyce Nevil not here today but informed she will be replacing ribbons on the installation candles.

• **Jewelry-** Suzie Lewis reports that she has supplies with her today if anyone wants to get any pins to come & see her.

• **Lois Boaz-** Suzie Lewis informs that the committee is ready to select a winner from the letters.

• **Membership-** Cindy Krueckeberg reports committee is needing ideas to boost the membership.

• **Memorial Throw-** Carol Curl nothing to report.

• **Miriam Schaeckel-** Eula Bush passed along that they are ready.

**Secretary** continued on pg 14



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**Secretary continued from pg 13**  
• **Miss Flame Community Service Award** – Dawn Harris is now the chair of this committee & reports they are meeting today following this meeting.

• **Miss Flame-** Janet Matthews shared with everyone the 2025 Miss Flame community project this year for convention will be Supporting “Shop with a Firefighter” in District 14 where the convention will be held. Miss Flame meeting will be held after this meeting.

• **Nominating-** Sue Glant reports need nominations for officers at the May meeting, let the committee know if you are running.

• **Parliamentarian-** Beverly VanLandingham all is ok

• **President Advisory-** Phyllis Vargo not present

• **Social Media**

**Communication-** Virginia Elick encouraged everyone to post events on Facebook & to put them on the organization calendar. Committee is thinking of a new name to propose for the private page on FB, will bring ideas back in May.

• **SOG’s & By Laws-** Tammy Smith reports the committee has a motion that if the dues raise to \$15.00 per year that each member will get a quarterly newspaper with the increase, Hunter Davis seconded the motion. Discussion was held, all in favor, motion passed that IF the dues raise the organization

will supply them with a newspaper.  
Christina Reef informed that group that the increase topic has been tabled but this motion will be passed along when it is reopened.

• **Vice President Project-** Beverly VanLandingham reports will be doing 50/50 drawing again at convention. All required signatures have been received & the gaming permit paperwork will be sent in.

**Old Business:**

President Christina Reef asked if anyone had any follow ups from old business?

No one had anything to discuss regarding old business.

**New Business:**

President Christina Reef had Hunter Davis to introduce herself as she has taken over as IVFAA District chairman for District 13 A & B. Madi Reeder has stepped down. All welcomed her & offered to assist her in any way that she may need. Christina reminded the chairman that they are wanting to get an email address for each member of the organization, as you get them, please submit to Dawn Harris so she can add it to the member’s profile. Also, for those departments that have an auxiliary see if you can update the contact person for that auxiliary, would be ideal to have 2 contacts for each auxiliary & ask if they have

routine meetings. We would like to post the auxiliary’s meetings on the calendar &/or FB to see if can boost attendance. Christina reported we have several districts that do not have an IVFAA chairman & we will be sending letters to the IVFA districts to make them aware. District 5 & 9A no longer has an IVFAA chairman since last quarterly meeting. That only adds to the vacancies that we already had. A letter will be created to put in with the annual dues packet adding information about awards that the organization offers, a current membership flyer about the organization, a list of district chairman & the dates that their meetings are held in the district.

Buz Kohler came in to bring the news papers & informed group the 75 yearbook is still in progress.

Tammy Smith read the proposed submitted changes to the By Laws. Each chairman was to take these back to their districts to get their votes so now we are going to vote on them.

• **By Law** that the committee proposed. By Law Article 1, Section 6k: The treasurer shall provide the president with the password to the online account. The treasurer shall send the president copies of the monthly financial statements from the bank.

Vote was held, all in favor of adding this to the By Laws, motion passed it will be added.

• **By Law** submitted by

District 12, Carol Curl: there is no current By Law regarding this subject it is proposed to be added to them. In the event of a lawsuit evolving the IVFA & the IVFAA there shall be a meeting or meetings that may consist of the Board of Directors of the IVFA, IVFAA, Insurance agent(s) and or insurance legal representative(s). The IVFAA President may also be required to attend said meeting(s).

Vote was held, all in favor of adding this By Law, motion passed it will be added.

Vice president Beverly Vanlandingham reports that there are enough chairman present today for the 2/3 vote on both proposed By Law additions.

President Christina Reef said that she searched to get quotes & information on what we must do to create a new IVFAA cookbook. Cookbook can be 300 pages; we would have to type each recipe that we want to submit for publication. It would be a way for the organization to make some money if we can get enough involvement. Beverly Vanlandingham brought up idea of a Purse Bingo at the 2026 convention. She described to the group how it would work & asked members to think about it. Suzie Lewis reports she has placed order for more miniature American flags & IVFAA flags. Dawn Harris informed to help with postage she will send all the paid members cards to the district chairmen & the

chairman can disperse them to the members. She will trial this to see if it helps with expenses, but if a member wants it sent to them, she will try to do that as not to upset members. Holly Cannon was in the meeting & spoke on convention in 2025. Dates for convention are June 18-20, 2025, all camping spots are full/reserved already. The registration fee is now \$150 per person since it is later than February 1, 2025. Encouraged everyone to get their reservations made either at the Clifty Inn or the Comfort Inn near the Clifty Falls State Park, Madison Indiana. Reports that the convention committee will be holding a silent auction, sponsors for this still needed.

Christina asked if anyone had anything good for the order? Judy Wirth announced that at the May quarterly meeting the social hour event will be Kentucky Derby Celebration, bring your decorated derby hat to wear & your quarters & dollars to play. Closing prayer given by Judy Wirth. Tammy Smith made a motion meeting be adjourned Tammie Ruvalcaba seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 10:15 am. Next quarterly meeting will be first weekend in May.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Janet Matthews  
IVFAA Corresponding Secretary

# I.V.F.A.A. District Meetings

## District 6 Report



Virginia Elick- Chairman

**IVFAA Auxiliary Minutes Johnson Township VFA March 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call**

Dept total 2  
East Central Fire & EMS 2 - Cathy Mackin and Jenna Mackin  
Thorncreek Township Fire 0  
Individual total 8 - Andrea Weaver, Dave Elick, Deanna Armstrong, Jeff Schwartz, Jerry Sprague, Mack Grobis, Vicki Harrison and Virginia Elick  
Guests total 0  
Reading of previous meeting minutes - Last meeting held Jan. 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. – Concord

Twp. FD/St. Joe.

Entertain motion to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion by Dave Elick to suspend the reading of the minutes. 2nd by Jeff Schwartz. All in favor, all opposed, motion carried. Virginia has a copy if anyone wants to read them.

**Treasurer Report (before 50/50)**

Current balance \$207, Last call for anyone wanting 50/50 tickets for tonight. Total 50/50 collected 94, Winner \$47 Jeff Schwartz.

**New membership** forms are available. \$10 per year which includes \$3500 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit. Please get with Virginia or Andrea to make sure we have your current contact information including your email address.

**Death notifications** – Please contact Virginia, Andrea, or the State Chaplain, Judy Wirth if an auxiliary member has passed away. An auxiliary memorial service may be performed for them. A Bible, candle and rose are given to the family. If the family chooses not to have a

memorial service – that’s ok too.

**Awards** – Lois Boaz, Miriam Schaeckel – winners to be announced at the Convention June 18 – 21 in Madison. The awards honor the member’s involvement with their fire department, community and family.

**State quarterly meeting minutes highlights** – Meeting held in Indianapolis on February 1 -2.

**Members** – As of February 2, 2025 – there are 29 life members, 156 individual members, 529 department members for a total of 714 members. Ideas on how to increase membership are welcomed. If dues are increased, it was discussed and passed to have an IVFA newspaper sent to those members.

**District baskets** – The Chinese Auction committee is requesting all baskets be turned in at the May quarterly meeting. Sales are better when all the baskets are present when they open on the first day of convention.

**Miss Flame community project for 2025** – “Shop with a Firefighter”. Monetary donations and Wal-Mart Gift Cards will be accepted. The donations will go to support over 150 kids.

**75 year book** – Buzz Kohler reported the 75 year book is still

being worked on.

**SOG’s & By-Laws** – By-Law Article 1, Section 6k was passed. It reads: The Treasurer shall provide the President with the password to the online account. The Treasurer shall send the President copies of the monthly financial statements from the bank.

By Law to be added was passed. It reads: In the event of a lawsuit involving the IVFA & the IVFAA, there shall be a meeting or meetings that may consist of the Board of Directors of the IVFA, IVFAA, Insurance agent(s), and/or insurance representative(s). The IVFAA President may also be required to attend said meeting(s).

**Fund raising ideas** – President Christina Reef has searched to get quotes and information on what needs to be done to create a new IVFAA cookbook. Cookbook can be 300 pages, and each recipe would have to be typed out before being submitted. Vice President Beverly Vanlandingham brought up an idea for a Purse Bingo for the 2026 convention. Purses or other items (totes, for example) would be the prize.

**Membership cards** – Dawn Harris, Recording Secretary reported she will send paid membership cards to the district

chairmen for them to distribute to the members, on a trial basis. The hope is this will help with postage costs. But, if a member wishes her to send it directly to them, she will do so at their request.

**2025 Convention** – June 18 -20, 2025 in Madison. Registration forms are available through the IVFA.org website.

**IVFA District 6** - please watch the District 6 Facebook page for any new information or events that may be taking place in the district. Please submit posts to the page regarding your department or auxiliary. Anyone can post to the page.

**Any other business** - If you have anything you would like to put into the district basket or any ideas for the basket please get with Virginia. That has to be taken to the May quarterly meeting.

**Next meeting date** – May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

**Host Department:** Fremont Volunteer Fire Department (100 E. Spring St., Fremont 46737)

**Upcoming Meetings:** July 22, 2025 meeting to be held at Albion Volunteer FD, (210 Fire Station Dr., Albion, 46701) September 23, 2025 meeting to be held at Columbia Township VFD.(22 E. Radio Rd., Columbia City 46725)

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# I.V.F.A.A. District Meetings

## District 7 Report



Beverly Lockwood - Chairman

### March Meeting Minutes

Meeting on March 17 2025 Called to order by Richard Sorg IVFA District 7 Chairman at 19:32 and the Pledge Led by IVFAA District 7 Chairman Cindy Krueckeberg

Guests at Meeting Where: the Gray Family NEPR Sam Beisel NWPR Jermey Reef

November Meeting Minutes were read and approved at 19:35 by Sec. Caleb Vanlandingham M. Along with the Roll Call was completed as well with 11 Depts and 32 Members attending.

Before the main meeting started the Gray family wanted to thank and present a gift from the family to Dave Meitzler and Sherri Meitzler for their efforts with pulling their family member out of the wreck he was involved in. They stopped to assist aid when driving by the wreck.

JANUARY Meeting was canceled due to weather so the meeting was kept at Roanoke Fire station in March. There was 2 Deaths- Death of Alan Grabner from Monroeville in District 7, And Chick Roff of Decatur in District 7 as well.

Reminder if there is any deaths in District 7 please get a hold of Richard Sorg Chairman or Sam Beisel NEPR so that way they can contact the families to see if they would like IVFA Service and bible or Grave Marker.

Clifing Falls is the location

of the IVFA Convention this year in June, Then the next 3 years will be in Indy at a venue with a contract to try and keep the convention central and if changes need to be made they will discuss it.

NEPR Sam Beisel speaking- Talked about the IVFA Web App. please down load it there is alot of info on the App. Especially the House Bills everyone likes to follow, All the house Bills that are Failing or Passing, or going to senate in the state Leg. there is a lot of bills know that are in there all the ones with tax breaks for FF where dead in the house. Go to the App to get the whole listing. Also there is a calender on the App you can download your fire depts events on it so everyone in the state can see what your dept is doing so if there in the area they can attend.

Savic buying Group try to take advantage of the buying power for EMS Supplies and office supplies as well. Also on the state convention try to attend if your able too it is a fun time and there is a Burn Camp Auction where all the money goes to the Indiana burn Camp it helps kids go to the camp in the summer time approx. 1500 per kid to go. Also reminder if you lose your glasses or contacts or damage your clothing during a run you can be reimbursed for some or all of the cost. Contact IVFA for more details if wa.

### March Meeting Minutes

Jermey Reef NWPR Speaking- Brought up awards for the state there is alot of awards given each year at convention and the bridgeport Scholarship as well. Along with those awards there is a Mcqueen Award which can go to non FF personnel as well this is an appreciation award that is given out by each district in the state. And there will be a Junior FF competition again this year at convention only one junior FF per district will compete. And if you turn in any Nominations know they will be held for next year which is due by February of

each year. Richard Sorg Speaking- Reminding everyone the 3500 accidental death and dismemberment if you get a postcard in the mail asking for update info if you don't fill them out they will default to your next of kin that's on file with IVFA. Also this is not a life insurance policy. Also American income& Life is giving away free Will Kits to assist in that matter.

10-Year Pins were presented to Danial Garde, Jaran Taylor both of Roanoke the pins where presented by District 7 Chairman Richard Sorg.

Meeting was adjourned at 2020 by Chairman Richard Sorg, with the annual bake sale following Next Meeting will be at Uniondale/ Markle Station 2 on May 19th 2025.

Minutes Prepared by District 7 Sec. Caleb Vanlandingham

## District 11A Report



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

**Hello to all from District 11A**  
It's spring time finally! The buds on the trees and the flowers are making their appearance.

Our meeting with Cory Fire Dept was March 16, 2025. We had seven members present.

Chinese Auction was discussed. We had many thoughts about what we will provide. Decisions will follow.

Award letters are needed. It's to late for this year. Look around for someone for next year. WE need participation in this venture.

It was noted the fireman can

join the Auxiliary and get double insurance benefits. Good idea men.

Convention is June 18-20-2025 at Clifty Falls in Madison Ind. It was voted on to have the next 3 conventions same place in Indy.

Miss flame project is gift cards from Walmart to help under privileged. Please help your Miss Flame to get her share.

The fund raisers discussed about making a cook book. Look for some good recipes to be included.

50 Year members were honored at the State House on March 25, 2025 Good turn out with lots of fun.

It is with deep sadness to tell you we have lost some great friends and important members of the fire service. Our love and prayers go out to the families of Joan Hays Past President, Past Chaplin of the IVFAA. Larry Bartlow WCPR and Jack Wilson past Chief of Wright TWP. They were not only icons of the fire District but very good friends. They are missed greatly.

District 11A Chairman IVFAA Beverly Taylor

## District 11B Report



Jodi Rohr - Chairman

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the IVFA and IVFAA for their calls, texts and cards following to the passing of Larry Bartlow. Both organizations have suffered a great loss with his passing. Up until a few days before his

death, he was as sharp as ever. On a personal note, Larry and Lou were both fixtures in my life for years. We all know he suffered greatly following her death. For 18 months, I rode shotgun with Larry to multiple meetings and on numerous adventures. There will never be another Larry B!

District 11 B met at the Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department on January 12th, with eleven members and five guests present.

Bylaw and SOG revisions were discussed. At this time, the membership was not in favor of increasing dues from \$10 to \$15. Due to increased postal charges, it was discussed that the e-mail list needs to be updated to start possibly sending information via e-mail rather than through the Postal Service.

All members were in favor of giving Miss Flame money now rather than waiting until the convention so that she could start dress shopping.

The state auxiliary is looking into creating a cookbook as a fundraiser, all in attendance thought this was a good idea but just not sure how well they would sell.

After reconvening with the men, the 2025 Miss Flame was announced. Allie Flatter will represent District 11B at Convention in June.

The March 9 meeting, held at the Fairview Firehouse, with lower attendance compared to the previous meeting, with only six members and two guests.

Following a discussion, approval was given for the secretary to procure checks from an alternative source rather than the bank to reduce costs.

It is not too early to send in recommendation letters for all the awards. A complete list of those awards is located at IVFA.org. These letters of recommendation would be for the 2026 IVFA convention.

Jodi Rohr

**The Miss Flame Competition 2025**  
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**Madison, IN on June 18-20, 2025.**  
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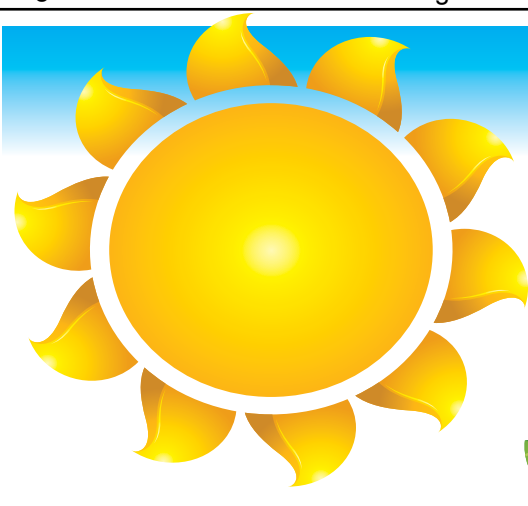
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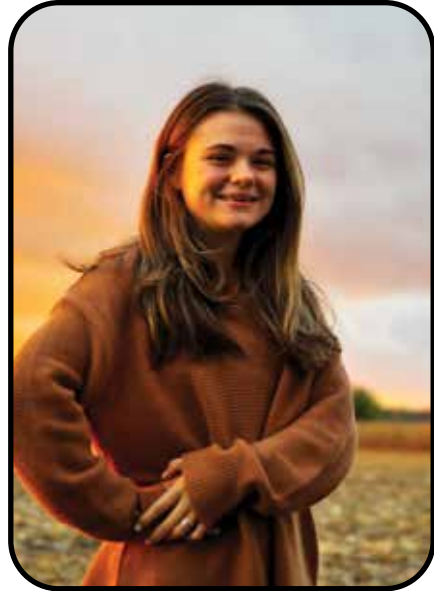


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*Miss Flame District 5*

*Miss Flame District 6*



*Miranda Ruvalcaba*

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*Madison Tigner*

*Miss Flame District 11A*

*Miss Flame District 11B*

*Miss Flame District 12*

*Miss Flame District 13B*



*Jahanna Bellville*

*Jana "Allie" Flater*

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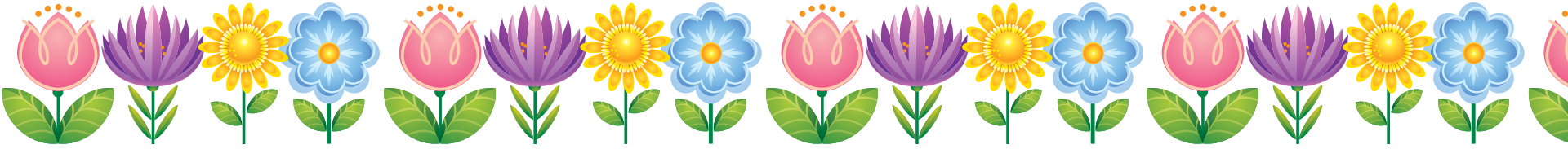
*Natalee Rickard*

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*Ava Verkamp*



# Flame Candidates



*Miss Flame District 7*

*Miss Flame District 8B*

*Miss Flame District 9A*

*Miss Flame District 10*



*Aubrie Krueckeberg*



*Hannah Armstrong*



*Claire Ellis*



*Natalie Israel*

*Miss Flame District 14*

*Miss Flame District 15*



*Randi Palmer-Sipe*



*Morgan Davis*



*2024 State Miss Flame Grace Lyle*

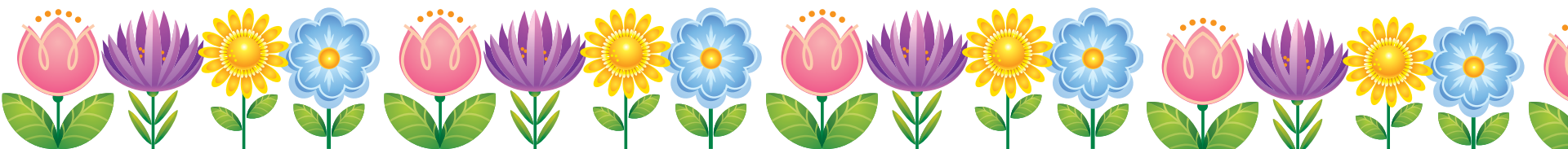
*Miss Flame District 21*



*Tatum Moore*

**Come to the convention to see who will be Miss Flame 2025,**

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Marshall Neese, District 1 Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1



Pictured is Ms. Lyle talking to the audience about the IVFA Convention in front of Lake Ridge's new Tender, which will go in service towards the middle of March. Photos submitted by Marshall Neese Dist. 1 Chairman

## The District 1 IVFA meeting was held on February 27th at Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

"Last night, we were honored to host the District 1 IVFA meeting!

A special thank you to District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese, and Phyllis Vargo from District 1 IVFAA, for enlightening us about crucial legislation affecting volunteer departments throughout Indiana. Your

insights were invaluable!

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to Grace Lyle, IVFA's 2024 Miss Flame, and the wonderful members of the Lake Ridge Fire Auxiliary. Your dedication and support made the evening a resounding success!"



New Tanker into Service 4-5-2025 Members of Lake Ridge Fire Department



Chief Marvin Pyle and Miss Flame Grace Lyle at the pancake breakfast on 4-5-2025 at Lake Ridge Fire Station

## Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Celebrates New Addition During Successful Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce the official launch of their brand new 2025 Peterbilt tanker during their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. This state-of-the-art vehicle is set to significantly enhance the department's ability to serve and protect the community.

The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser drew enthusiastic support from community members, whose contributions are vital to the continued success and growth of the department. The event provided a warm atmosphere of camaraderie,

delicious food, and an opportunity to showcase the dedication of Lake Ridge volunteer firefighters.

"We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support from our community. The addition of the 2025 Peterbilt tanker marks an exciting milestone for us, and we couldn't have achieved this without the incredible generosity and participation of our neighbors," said Fire Chief Marvin Pyle.

The Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department looks forward to using the new tanker to enhance emergency response capabilities and ensure the safety and well-being of the residents they serve.

## Burns Harbor F.D. awards 10 year pins



Receiving their 10 yr. pins from IVFA and on the Burns Harbor F.D. from left to right are Derek Nowacki, Matthew Kerr and Matthew Friday, from Dist. 1 Chairman Marshall Neese. Not pictured are Christopher Chapman, Micheal Coslet and Garrett Killingbeck

Submitted by Marshall Neese Dist. 1 Chairman

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

## Griffith Fire Dept. awards pins

## Ogden Dunes Fire Dept. awards 10-year, 25-year pins & 50 year gold card



Ralph Alvarez recieved his 25 year pin from the Griffith Fire Dept. Submitted by Marshall Neese Dist. 1 Chairman



Members from Ogden Dunes Fire Dept. receiving their pins. From left to right is Charles E. Litzkow receiving his 50-year Gold Card back in March 25, 2025 at Indy and now receiving their 25-year pins are Phillip Grenchik, and Douglas Murfitt receiving their 10-year pins are Sean Alvey, Nick Ayres, John Hill. Matthew Emmons is not pictured. Submitted by Marshall Neese Dist. 1 Chairman.



Daniel Huzzie recieved his 10 year pin from the Griffith Fire Dept. Submitted by Marshall Neese Dist. 1 Chairman

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**Uriah Mast,  
District 4  
Chairman**

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

### Recipients from 4th District Meeting in Millersburg



Left to right - Jr. Mast(Chairman), Kenneth Miller, Abe Schlabach, Lester Miller, Ferman Yutzy, Chief Yoder



Left to Right - Jr Mast( Chairman), Duane Miller, Chief Miller  
Photos submitted by Uriah Mast



**John Grolich,  
District 5  
Chairman**

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

### Noble Twp. awards 10-year and 25-year pins



10-Year Pins for Firefighters from Noble Twp.



25-year Firefighters from Noble Twp.  
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7



**Richard Sorg,  
District 7  
Chairman**



Daniel and Jaran both from Roanoke Fire Dept. receiving there 10 year pins from Richard Sorg chairman District 7

March district 7 meeting heald at Roanoke VFD.  
Photos submitted by Beverly Lockwood



Meritorious Service Award to John Petro for 35yrs of service (L-R Asst.Chief Trent Markley, John Petro TR Hagerty, Chief Josh Daugherty)



Meritorious Service Award to Fred Frantz for 60+ years of service. (L-R Asst.Chief Trent Markley, Fred Frantz, TR Hagerty and Chief Josh Daugherty)



John Petro 35 years of EMS service , EMT (L-R Asst.Chief Trent Markley, TR Hagerty, John Petro, Chief Josh Daugherty)



Meritorious Service Award to Tim Thompson for 30+ years of service. (L-R Asst.Chief Trent Markley, Tim Thompson, TR Hagerty, Chief Josh Daugherty)

**District 7 Awards  
LCFD**

On Jan 13th TR Hagerty with the State Fire Marshal's Office was on hand to present some special awards to members of LCFD. We celebrated these milestones with a carry in dinner with all family members included.

Photos submitted by John Petro



Trent Markley 24 years of EMS service, EMT, (L-R TR Hagerty, Trent Markley, Chief Josh Daugherty)



Chase Gentis 11 years of EMS service, EMR (L-R Asst.Chief Trent Markley, Chase Gentis, TR Hagerty Chief Josh Daugherty)



Tristan Niblick 5 years of EMS service, EMR (L-R Asst. Chief Trent Markley, Tristan Niblick, TR Hagerty, Chief Josh Daugherty)



Cody Yeiter 5 years of EMS service, EMR (L-R Asst.Chief Trent Markley, Cody Yeiter, TR Hagerty, Chief Josh Daugherty )



Rex Maynard, District 8A Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A



District 8A McQueen Excellence Award 2024 to Boren Foundation Upland Indiana. Photos submitted by Rex Maynard



50-years Gold card presented to Stan Wilson of Edgewood Fire Department.



Mikey Armstrong, District 8B Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

## Awards given in District 8B



On March 3rd at Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department Business Meeting Mikey Armstrong presents Former Chief Steve Fields with his 50 year card, pin and challenge coin.



Dunkirk Vol Fire Dept Business Meeting on February 3rd . Chief Rob Fields and Firefighter Scott Sisco received their 25 pins Presented to them by District 8B Chairman Mikey Armstrong.



Redkey Vol Fire Dept Chief Randy Young, Firefighter Gary Devoss, and Firefighter Roger Clay received their 25-year pins at their February 3rd Business Meeting.



Camera shy Firefighter Bruce Grady received his 25-year pin at Redkey's February 3rd Business Meeting. Photos submitted by Mikey Armstrong



Chief Mike Kimmel (25yr) and Firefighter Chris Graber (10yr) received their pins on Bryant's February 6th Business Meeting.



Firefighter Zach Hudson received his 10-year pin from Chief Mike Weitzel at Portland Fire Dept's February 6th Business Meeting.



Firefighter Don Stafford received his 25-year from Chief Lonnie Bell at Pennville Vol Fire Dept's February 19th Business Meeting.



Firefighter Greg Michael received his 25-year pin from Chief Lonnie Bell at the Pennville Vol Fire Dept on February 23rd.



John Ray,  
District 10  
Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10



## Our 50-year members honored at Statehouse

Recipients who were honored recently at the IVFA Gold Card Celebration at the Indiana State House. Front row from L: David Stone, Kenny Stone, Gene Wever, Charles Deweese. Back row from L: David Israel, PREC, Gayle Gatewood, Donald Hedrick, Jackie Brockman, and John Ray, District 10 Chairman. Honorees who were not able to attend were: Danny Strasser and Richard Henry Woehlecke

Photos submitted by John Ray

## Awards passed out at Manilla Vol. Fire Dept.



This is Manilla Firefighter Brandon Lee Stone receiving his 10 yr pin from District 10 Chairman, John Ray at the March District Meeting.



This is Manilla Firefighter Jerry Gulley receiving his 25 yr pin from District 10 Chairman, John Ray, at March District meeting.



This is Ralph Stevens of Manilla Vol. Fire Dept. receiving his 25 yr pin from John Ray, District 10 Director.



Pete Taylor,  
District 11A  
Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

## Awards given in District 11A



Nathan Mader of Cataract Vol Fire Dept received his 25-Year pin



Ross Hyatt of Clay City Vol Fire Dept received his 25-Year pin



Robert Samm of Hymera Jackson Twp received his 50-Year Gold Card

Photos submitted by Pete Taylor

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John "Scott" Peebles, District 11B Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

## Awards given in District B by District Chairman



David Bailey from Cayuga Fire Department received his 25-year pin



Brett Galloway from Fairview Park Fire Department, received his 10-year pin



Patrick Davis from Fairview Park Fire Department received his 10-year pin

Photos submitted by John "Scott" Peebles

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## 50-year member honored



Family of Michael Morgan (50 Yr member of Cayuga FD) receiving his 50 Yr Pin, Gold card & coin from Chairman Scott Peebles & Vice Chairman Jack Giles. Side note, this was a posthumous presentation, as Mike passed in December of 2024

## Allie Flater to represent District 11B in Miss Flame Contest



Allie Flater was chosen to represent Dist 11-B in the State Miss Flame contest. Allie is a junior at North Putnam High School. She is pictured with Mike Daviess, Chief of the Fillmoe Volunteer Fire Dept. Photo submitted by Jodi Rohr



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

## District 11B awards volunteers for service



Vice Chairman Jack Giles presenting 10 year member Cole Dean (accepted by his father Terry as Cole is currently deployed) and 25 year member Kenneth Kerns (accepted by his son, Ken Jr).



Vice Chair Jack Giles with Chief Aaron Thompson presenting 10 Years pins to Andy Clayburn and Andrew Plunkett



Tim Jenks of Fillmore Fire with his 50 year coin



Gordon Stone receiving his 10 year pin



Vice Chairman Jack Giles, 10 Yr IVFA member Darren Wiatt, father of 10 Yr member Joey Nelson, 50 Year member Ron Higgins with Russellville Fire Chief Darrick Wiatt



Andrea Shoffner (25yr), Steven Shoffner (25yr), Jefferson Township Chief Rick Cooper, Joseph French (10yr), Charles Tincher (10yr) and Buddy Tincher (10yr) receiving pins from Vice Chairman Jack Giles



Floyd Township Fire Chief Jeff Brooks, Matthew Robbins (receiving his 10 year pin) with 11B vice Chairman Jack Giles



Floyd Township member Christina Stone receiving her 10 Year pin from Chief Jeff Brooks & Vice Chairman Jack Giles



Cloverdale Assistant Chief Tod Shedron ,Vice Chair Jack Giles with Martha Miles (10 Yr) and Brad Roberson (25 yr)



David Bailey receiving his 25 Yr pin from Chairman Scott Peebles



Firefighter R. Ed Sprinkles receiving his long awaited 25 year pin.  
*Photos submitted by Jack Giles*



A 25 year pin was presented to Floyd Township founding member Shawn Walton (represented by his wife).

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**Anthony Smith,  
District 13B  
Chairman**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B



**District 13 IVFAA Chairperson - Hunter Davis, District 13B Miss Flame - Khloe Conner, District 13B Chairman - Anthony Smith.**

## Meet and greet with District 13B Miss Flame Khloe Conner

Hello!! For those of you who don't know me my name is Khloe Conner. I am the Miss Flame for District 13B. I am trying to go to every station so I can and meet as many people as possible. I have been to three stations so far and wanted to give them a shout out for letting speak and a huge thank you to everyone I have met with, for their support! So thank you Centerville's Fire Department and Andy Aughe who let me speak. Thank you to Milton's Fire Department and Matt Bartlett for letting me speak. Thank you to Greens Fork Fire Department and Doug

Wheeler for letting me speak! I also want to thank everyone who was at the meetings when I was it was nice to meet new people and thank you also to the ones who weren't there for all you do with the fire departments. Again my goal is to go to all (or as many as possible) fire departments I can. If you can help me out with this goal and get in contact to chiefs and or anyone on a fire department I have not been to and let them know I would love to come speak that would be greatly appreciated. So again thank you to everyone!! I am very excited to be on this journey!!

## Congratulations to 50-year members at the Indiana Statehouse

Congratulations to all of our newest 50 year members around the state, especially to Donald Onstott (Milton Fire Department), Jon Eakins & Phillip Stanley (Bentonville Fire Department), Richard Chew (New Lisbon Fire Department), Alvin Gulley (Everton Fire Department), Terry Vaughn (Prarie TWP Fire Department), Elton Halcomb (Raleigh Fire Department), and Lyndon Wicker (Dublin Fire Department), all from District 13B!

We had a very nice and full day honoring our newest IVFA Life Members at the State House I hope you will be able to share some memories with your family and friends about that day.

I would like to thank Vice President/Lobbyist Larry Curl for making this event possible! I would also like to express my gratitude to Governor Mike Braun and his wife, Maureen, for taking their time to meet each and every one of our attendees while at the State House and

sharing some personal stories back and forth with the group! We look forward to next year and we also look forward to work closely together to keep improving the volunteer fire service and what it can offer our new recruits and retain our current firefighters.

As you may remember back in 2020, it was announced that Indiana Volunteer Firefighters saved the taxpayers and the state of Indiana \$4.5 billion dollars annually. That is 20% of the states budget we - Volunteers, save!

We have since updated our cost savings study, and in 2025, at no surprise, that figure has gone up. Would you believe me if I said we're now at \$6.1 BILLION DOLLARS in savings for the taxpayers? Well, believe it, and it's about time our volunteers see some of it in return one way or another! Please share your thoughts and ideas to me and all of the other leadership within the IVFA so we can work on keeping volunteer fire departments safe and effective.



**IVFA leadership within Governor Braun and Mrs. Braun.**



**Alvin Gulley, Everton Fire Department.**



**Jon Eakins, Bentonville Fire Department.**



**Elton Halcomb, Raleigh Fire Department.  
Photos submitted by Anthony Smith**



**Phillip Stanley, Bentonville Fire Department.**



**Lyndon Wiker, Dublin Fire Department.**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B



Hank Dennis 10 year pin- Centerville Fire/Rescue

Tammy Smith- Centerville Fire/Rescue 25 year pin.

Donnie Miller- Centerville Fire/Rescue 10 year pin.



Tony Clarke- Centerville Fire/Rescue 25 year pin.

Josh Hensley- Milton Fire Department 25 year pin.

Branden Granger - Milton Fire Department 10 year pin. (Not pictured- Matt Bartlett 25 year pin, Milton Fire Department.)



Whitewater Valley Motorcycle Club is coming in hot again! The second annual motorcycle ride for Hoosier Burn Camp brought in \$4,100! It will be an honor to present the money raised this year during the annual Burn Camp Auction, during Convention.

I would also like to say "thank you" to Chief Bartlett and Milton Fire Department for hosting our first training for the year at our district meeting at your fire station!

We appreciate the WWVMC for hosting this event and allowing us to participate with them!



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

## District 14 celebrating 50-year members at the Indiana Statehouse



William Schafer from Clifty 6 Fire department received getting his 50 year gold card at the State houses Indiana volunteer firefighters 59 year state house ceremony by chairman Rick Cannon

Robert McKenzie from Hanover Twsp Fire department received his 59 year Gold card at the state hose 50 year service by Chairman Rick Cannon  
Photos submitted by Rick Cannon

**2025 CONVENTION : CLIFTY INN at CLIFTY INN STATE PARK, MADISON, IN - JUNE 18-20, 2025**



Paul Campbell, District 15 Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

## Congratulations to District 15 Miss Flame Morgan Davis

Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department sent Morgan Davis to the IVFA District #15 Miss Flame held at Elberfeld Fire Dept.



Yankeetown FF Jaimmie Davis Morgan's (Mom) & Morgan Davis



IVFA Miss Flame District #15 2025, Morgan Davis & Steve Abderson  
Photos submitted by Misty Wallace



Yankeetown Firefighters, 1st Assistant Chief Kyle Clark IVFA District #15 2025 Miss Flame Morgan Davis Firefighter Stacie Clark & Mccormick Clark

## Former Fire Chief & Honorary Member of the Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department honored at Indianan Statehouse



Former Fire Chief and Honorary Member of Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department, Terry Snodgrass, received his 50 year service pin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association at the state house in Indianapolis



Terry Snodgrass with wife Sherry Snodgrass, Grandson Logan Snodgrass current Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief and Lawson Snodgrass, Son of Logan & Lauren Snodgrass and Great-Grandson of Terry & Sherry Snodgrass



YVFD Former Fire Chief & Honorary Firefighter Terry Snodgrass & Logan Snodgrass YVFD Fire Chief  
Photos taken by the Snodgrass Family & submitted by Misty Wallace

## Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department Held thier Annual Easter Egg Hunt a tradition started many years ago. This year due to the weather it was held inside Yankeetown Elementary School Gym.

## Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department help with school recycling project



Yankeetown Elementary School is participating in the the 2 million can recycling contest and Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department is doing thier part to help by dropping off the cans they have collected.  
Submitted by Misty Wallace

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16



Nick Faulkenburg, District 16 Chairman



## Ava Gray is selected to represent District 16 as Miss Flame

Nick Faulkenburg -Chairman District 16 with Ava Gray District 16 Miss Flame



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B



Tammy Wright, District 17B Chairman

## Emmalynn Harris of Indian Creek crowned 17B Miss Flame



## Local 50-year member awarded The Golden Hoosier Award at the Indiana Statehouse



Oolitic Fire Chief Ted Maze wins the Golden Hoosier Award

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Nicholas Waninger, District 18 Chairman

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

## District 18 presents awards to members



Larry Curl presents 61-year award to Donald Burnham Jr.



President Ross Emery Presents Linden Roberts with his 75-year award.



IVFA leadership presented the 4th 75-year member length of service award to 97 year old Linden Roberts, and a 50-year coin to Donald Burnham at the English VFD department meeting this evening. Both are still very active with the dept. (L-R Vice President Larry Curl, President Ross Emery, Past President-Jack Kerney, English Fire 50-Year member Donald Burnham and wife, English Fire 75-Year member Linden Roberts, Dist. 18 Chairman Waninger, Photographer-Past President Steve Anderson)



At the monthly meeting of the Santa Claus Vol. Fire Dept. Chairman Waninger presented a 25-year pin to Mark Lautner (left) and 10-year pin to Josh Marshall (right)  
Photos submitted by Nick Waninger



At the annual awards dinner of the Ferdinand VFD on 22 March, several members were presented with IVFA Years of Service Pins. Photo left: Receiving the IVFA 10 Year Service Pin were FVFD Firefighters Dillion Henke, Austin Weyer, and Brandon Schaefer (l-r)



Photo right: Receiving the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin were FVFD Firefighters Patrick Jochem and Gregory Englert (l-r). Also receiving the 25 Year Award but not present was Danny Boeglin.



At the annual Holland VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) Firefighter's Dine & Dance of 8 February, two HVFD members were presented with IVFA Service Awards. Pictured receiving the 10 Year Award were Corey Weiler (l) and the 25 Year Award Greg Englert (r).



At the District 18 meeting of 20 March two Dubois VFD firefighters were presented with the IVFA 10 Year Service Pin. Pictured receiving the award from Dist. 18 John "Bull" Smith is DVFD Firefighter Nathaniel Hopf. Also receiving the award, but not present, was DVFD Firefighter Dillion Henke.



On 25 January, during the annual family gathering of the Schnellville VFD (Dubois Co.) two members of the SVFD were presented with the IVFA 10 Service Pin. Pictured receiving the award from Dist. 18 Vice Chairman John "Bull" Smith is SVFD Firefighter Casey Kern. Also receiving the award, but not present was SVFD Firefighter Chris Geyer.



At the 6 February meeting of the Jasper Fire Department (Dubois Co., Dist. 18) Thomas J. Kiefer was presented with the IVFA 50 Year Service Pin, Gold Card, and Challenge Coin. Joining the JFD in July of 1974, Tom served for 33 years before retiring from active duty. During his years of service Tom was appointed Assit. Chief in 1992, received his Instructor Cert. in 1995, and served on committees for the purchase of several engines and the building of the Jasper Fire Tower. Pictured along with Tom are Dist. 18 Vice-Chair. John "Bull" Smith (l) and JFD Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang (r). Congratulations Tom!



At the Dist. 18 meeting of 20 March, Dubois VFD Firefighter Ben Knies was presented the IVFA Life Saving Award. In July of 2024 during a DVFD incident, an individual entered a body of water. Family members communicated that the individual could not swim and the individual was going under. Firefighter Knies entered the water and brought the individual back to shore. Pictured with Firefighter Knies are IVFA State President Ross Emery and Dist. 18 Vice Chair John "Bull" Smith



At the annual meeting of the St. Meinrad (Spencer Co.) Advisory Board and Fire Department meeting of 30 January. Three members of the SMVFD were presented with the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin. Pictured receiving the award are SMVFD Firefighters Victoria Gehlhausen, and Steven Troesch. Also receiving the award but not present was SMVFD firefighter Lance Fischer.

Photos and articles provided by Dist. 18 John Smith

### Deadline for August 2025 issue is July 1, 2025.

Please send all info to [ivfd@hurdmedia.com](mailto:ivfd@hurdmedia.com)

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21



**Blaine B. Butler,**  
District 15  
Chairman



Tatum Moore is District 21 Miss Flame  
Photos submitted by Blaine B. Butler



Presented 10 year member pins at Washington Twp / Buck Creek Vol Fire Dept



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Thanks Sherri*

# 2025 IVFA Basic Training

Every Fire Department struggles to have a quality training program that develops firefighters who can perform the basic skills on the fireground. Training takes time. Time is limited for volunteers. Work - Life balance is something our younger members have conflicts internally and externally. Priorities in a work-life balance include the 5 F's. Faith - Family - Friends - Finance - Fire Department. These priorities are not established in numerical order. Work-Life balance priorities change based upon time and circumstances.

These training tips are designed based upon basic performance expectations. The expectations are that the firefighter is great at the following tasks. Get dressed - handline to the door - enter the building - perform primary search and rescue - apply water to the fire.

John M. Buckman III  
State Fire Academy Director (Retired)  
Fire Chief (Retired)

## Basic Training Program Session 1 PPE

Able to rapidly dress in 2 minutes including SCBA on air.

Able to perform a monthly inspection of PPE.

Able to perform a weekly inspection of SCBA including the facepiece.

Demonstrate the operation of the emergency by-pass valve.

Demonstrate the skip breathing or other air rationing technique.

Replace an SCBA air cylinder with their eyes closed.

Demonstrate cleaning and sanitizing SCBA.

Demonstrate gross deconing of turnout gear.

Demonstrate buddy breathing.

Demonstrate operation of a PDD device.

Return SCBA / PPE in service.

60 minutes total time



## Basic Training Program Session 3 Water Application - Fire Control

Demonstrate properly deploying a pre-connect to a front door of a structure.

Demonstrate properly loading a pre-connect on the apparatus.

Demonstrate making a forward lay of supply line from a hydrant.

Demonstrate properly turning on/off a hydrant.

Demonstrate the proper deployment of a skid load allowing for the maximum reach and smooth advancement of hand lines

Demonstrate and explain when to use a direct attack.

Demonstrate and explain when to use a combination attack.

Demonstrate and explain when to use an indirect attack.

Demonstrate and explain the use of a transitional attack.

Demonstrate the assembling and operation of a portable monitor off the apparatus.

Demonstrate the use of a portable monitor on the apparatus.

Demonstrate and explain the use of a portable monitor flowing 400 gpm.

180 minutes



## Basic Training Program Session 2

### Search and Rescue

Before a search can be conducted, priorities must be established.

Determine order of search areas, the areas most severely threatened by fire and the potential locations for large victim numbers are considerations for establishing and prioritizing search operations.

Immediate fire area and fire floor are the primary search areas. Next is the one floor directly above the fire spread.

Two main objectives in conducting a structural search: searching for life and assessing fire conditions.

Control the door and the flow path of air into and out of the structure.

Check door temperatures, watch for fire spread and have an exit strategy.

If it's hot get down / if it's not stay up.

Stay in contact with a wall.

Rapidly move through room making sure you are searching the entire room / under furniture - behind furniture.

Monitor smoke-heat-fire conditions.

Remain oriented to the structure (count doorways - look for windows).

Carry and use a TIC.

Have a fully charged and operable hand lights.

Carry some kind of tool to widen your search pattern.

Communications with other search team members and command is essential to search safety.

Search teams consist of two with visual, voice or physical contact, utilizing the recognized techniques of wall contact and directional turns. A search pattern for a room is conducted in either a clockwise or counterclockwise direction, keeping consistent throughout the search and rescue operation.

If a victim is located notify command of location.

Request additional resources to facilitate removal.

120 minutes total time



## Basic Training Program Session 4 Engine Operations

Properly position apparatus near hydrant and/or properly position fold-a-tank for drafting purposes.

Make a hydrant connection using LDH.

Perform all in-cab procedures to engage pump.

Exit the cab and deploy wheel chocks.

Pump correct pressures to 1 3/4" - 200' preconnects in length with a fog nozzle using tank water.

Pump correct pressures to 2 1/2" - 200' preconnects in length with a fog nozzle using tank water.

Switch from tank to hydrant for supplying water.

Switch from tank to drafting from fold-a-tank for supplying water.

Pump 3 - 2 1/2" handlines with a fog nozzle at the same nozzle pressure.

Lay lines and make connections for supplying another apparatus.

Demonstrate proper driving techniques on a road course a minimum of 5 miles long.

Perform preventive maintenance on apparatus using department checklist.

120 minutes



# IVFA Display at FDIC



## Cadets assist with used equipment collection during Spring Break



Cadets from Lynnville, New Harmony, Newburgh, Poseyville, Wadesville and Yankeetown gave up a day of their spring break to assist with a used equipment collection. Items collected included turnout gear, SCBA's and all kinds of loose equipment that will be distributed to Indiana departments in need. To submit a request, send a list of specific equipment needed to Past President Anderson at [sanderson@ivfa.org](mailto:sanderson@ivfa.org).

## www.ivfa.org

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association was established many years ago to support the needs of Indiana's volunteer firefighters.

Throughout the years the IVFA has continued to grow in size, and continues to provide members with quality information on a wide range of various issues. Providing timely and useful benefits has also been one of our goals.

Having been "off-line" for almost a year, the IVFA returns "on-line" with the re-introduction and complete overhaul of the [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) website. This site has several new features including:

- Department Listing page, which allows departments to post current department information in a directory (i.e. address, contact name, phone, e-mail, website addresses, etc.)
- IVFA Officers, District Chairmen and Public Relations page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail).
- Training Events Calendar that allows you to submit electronically your "open enrollment" training programs and courses to be held, including class description, location, dates, contact person(s), e-mail contacts, etc. This list would be

maintained by date. Users can view what training is available in their area and how to contact the related "host" department to schedule people to attend.

- Events Calendar that follows the same structure as the Training Events Calendar. Having a fundraiser, muster or other "public" event to raise funds? Then post it here so others can see and attend.

- For Sale page that provides space for departments to post "sale" items that other departments may be interested in purchasing (firefighting related only, not personal items), and sorry, but NO trucks, please.

- The Department Spotlight page to provide special recognition to fire departments around the state. The "Spotlight" information would be provided by the department via e-mail, based on the number received, (along with pictures), would run on a monthly or quarterly cycle. Information is included in the site as to how to "nominate" your department.

- Forms page, which contains many of the forms used to submit information for the web-site, as well as the IVFA License Plate and Change of Information forms. Other forms will be targeted to be included soon as well.

- "Links" page to many

emergency related websites, both at the state and federal levels.

- Finally, a Benefits Information page that describes the benefits you receive as an IVFA member.

While this provides a good starting point, there are many other ideas being considered for the site – such as, being able to post some of the articles found in the newspaper version, along with, other special recognition pages for award winners, an advertiser/sponsor page that will provide links to many of the same emergency service vendors. Also a guest book, an Indiana map which pinpoints the locations of the departments who have submitted information, and special pages for Fire Schools and the IVFA convention.

But . . . we know that you may have ideas as well as to what you want to see on the site. We want your ideas, they can be e-mailed to the IVFA webmasters at [webmaster@ivfa.org](mailto:webmaster@ivfa.org). Also, please note that NO information on any department will be posted without their consent, via use of one of the electronic forms or via e-mail.

The IVFA Website – another benefit to the IVFA and its members. [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org)

## “ANGEL” Award

To be presented at the opening meeting at the annual convention by the President of the IVFA and the State Fire Marshal or an appointee representing the Burn Camp.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service
- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year

### THE AWARD:

There will be a minimum of \$100.00 gift to the Hoosier Burn Camp in the recipient's honor.

Trophy – Acrylic flame with an angel engraved on the top. The

bottom shelf will have a firefighter holding a child and the middle shelf will have a plaque that reads:

There have been times When you didn't have any time

And yet you took the time.

There have been times When you had enough cares

Of your own, And yet you still cared.

There have been times When you had given All you could give, And yet, you kept on giving.

Thank you.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office: Angel Award Committee

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# Honoring our military

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

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



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Banter, Blake Andrew	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Liberty Center	IN
Barton, Steven Daniel	Prairie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brookston	IN
Blanton, Jake Thomas	White River - Hazleton V.F.D.	Hazleton	IN
Blevins, Toby	Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Richmond	IN
Bloom, Stephen Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Colgate, Nicholas Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Dickerson, Michael Ryan	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Middletown	IN
Doane, Joshua Tanner	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	Shoals	IN
Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
Garver, Jeron Blaze	Clinton City Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Clinton	IN
Gill, Gary Dwight	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bloomington	IN
Gillett, Matthew Steohen	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc	Pacifica	CA
Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
Hollingsworth, Brian Lee	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bluffton	IN
Johnson, Franklin Delano	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Goshen	IN
King, Jacob Davis	Highland Twp. Fire Dept.	Bloomfield	IN
King, Odis Ray	Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.	Mitchell	IN
Kirby, Michael S	Oolitic Vol. Fire Dept.	Oolitic	IN
McCoy, Jason Evan	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fort McCoy	WI
McCoy, Timothy Russell	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hubbard	OH
Miller, Tracie Jeanette	Columbia City Vol. Fire Dept.	Columbia City	IN
Mustin, Devin	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Myers, Aaron Dean	Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.	Covington	IN
Osgood, Cody Michael	Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Farmland	IN
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Perez, Lidia Lizania	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	Porter	IN
Pugh, James Christopher	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Real, Christian Joe	Daleville-Salem Twp. Fire Terr.	Daleville	IN
Rhea, Owen Parker	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Rickard, Bradley Edward	Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brazil	IN
Robbins, Brett Allen	Concord Twp. Fire Dept.	St. Joe	IN
Rodgers, Travis Gene	Jackson TWP. Vol. Fire Dept.	Kingman	IN
Rohr, Heath	Helt Fire Rescue	Cannon AFB	NM
Schnebelt, Saben	Hogan Twp. Fire Dept. Co. 1	Lawrenceburg	IN
Scudder, Darin Ray	Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Rising Sun	IN
Sears, Matthew Douglas	Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Battle Ground	IN
Service, Matthew Shane	Amity Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.	Edinburgh	IN
Skaggs, Andrew Thomas	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Marrero	LA
Snowden, Steven	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.	Fort Bragg	NC
Stewart, Jacob Donny	New Middletown Fire Dept.	Corydon	IN
Tharpe, Riley Cole	Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept.	Mountain Home	ID
Thompson, Courtney Loraine	Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept.	Beaufort	SC
Uffelman, Conner James	Poe Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Vance, Eric Robert	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Walters, Joshua	Culver-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Culver	IN
Weaver, Michael D.	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Williams, Clayton D.	Georgetown Vol. Fire Dept.	Logansport	IN
Willis, Emmanuel Syphen	Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #71	Merrillville	IN
Windle, Joey Cartell	Jonesboro Vol. Fire Dept.	Jonesboro	IN
Yoakum, Christopher G	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Belvoir	VA
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3pm-4pm	Search & Rescue Dog Training	Hoffman Room
5pm-6pm	Dinner	Overlook
6pm-7pm	Miss Flame Mixer	Hoffman Room
6pm-7pm	Junior Firefighter Mixer	Clifty Room
6pm-8pm	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	Overlook
8pm-Close	Hospitality Suite	Clifty Room
8pm-Close	Miss Flame Girls Night	Room 230 (Parkside West)

**Friday, June 20, 2025**

7am-8am	Coffee Clutch	Clifty Room
7:45am-8am	Opening Prayer w/Judy Wirth	Family Room/Common Area
8am-2pm	Convention Registration	Hotel Lobby
8am-5:30pm	Chinese Auction & IVFA Merchandise	Clifty Room
9am-Close	IVFA Annual Meeting	Overlook
9am-Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Hoffman Room
11am-3pm	Miss Flame Pizza & Pool Party	Family Room/Common Area/Pool
12pm-4pm	Firehouse Tours & Fire Museum	
12pm-4pm	Trolley Service to Downtown Madison	
1pm-2:30pm	Service Dog Training	Overlook
5pm-8:30pm	Childcare	Clifty Room
5:30-8:30pm	Annual Banquet & Awards	Overlook
9pm-Close	Entertainment	Overlook
9pm-Close	Hospitality Suite	Clifty Room

**Thursday, June 19, 2025**

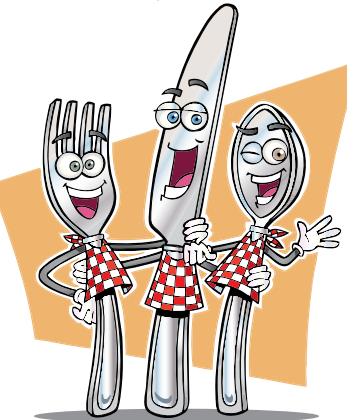
7:45am-8am	Opening Prayer w/Judy Wirth	Family Room/Common Area
8am-4pm	Convention Registration	Hotel Lobby
8am-4:30pm	Chinese Auction & IVFA Merchandise	Clifty Room
7:45am-8am	President Welcoming	Outdoor Area TBD
8am-12pm	Miss Flame Closed Judging	Conference Room
8am-12pm	Inservice Training	Overlook 2
8am-10am	Vendor Setup	Hoffman Room
8am-12pm	Junior Firefighter Competition	Outdoor Area TBD
9am-2pm	BFPSE Meeting	Overlook 1
10am-4pm	Vendor Exhibits	Hoffman Room
12pm-1pm	Junior Firefighter Lunch	Family Room/Common Area
12pm-1pm	Miss Flame Luncheon	Overlook 1
2pm-5pm	Junior Firefighter Interviews & Judging	Conference Room
2pm-3pm	Miss Flame Open Judging	Overlook
3m-4pm	IVFA Officer's Meeting	Overlook 2
3pm-4pm	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Overlook 1
4:30pm-6pm	Dinner	Overlook
6pm-10pm	Childcare	Clifty Room
6:30-8:30pm	Opening Meeting	Overlook
8:45-9:45	Memorial Service	Overlook
10pm-Close	Entertainment	Overlook
10pm-Close	Hospitality Suite	Clifty Room

**Miss Flame contestants will gather in Room 230 at 8am**  
**From there, they will be escorted individually to the**  
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**\*\*\* Downtown Trolley\*\*\***  
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**Lunch 11am-2pm**  
**Dinner 5pm-8pm**  
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**Clifty Inn Pool Hours:**  
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