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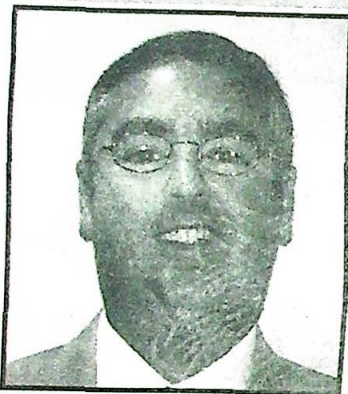
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## From The President

Tim Deckard



### Greetings

As another dry fall has approached us, let's remember to bring everyone home and be safe as we protect our communities.

As we look at the upcoming year, we are gearing up for another hard year battling the local government reform pushed by our state leader. As the negative ads are spoken, we only can get out and educate more that the figures that the state always uses is the number they want you to believe is wrong. Township government in every

township does NOT sit on bundles of money as some in this state speak about. I encourage you to get involved in this year's legislative session. THEY (your legislator) need to hear your voice on these issues. IT DOES make a difference. So please make a contact to them and let them know how you feel about local government reform.

ONLINE TESTING. What an issue. Just another way to weed us out and drive us in the ground. I find it very funny how this state can make fun of other states that border us in a very day joke but they are so very advanced in FIRE TRAINING PROGRAM and helping their volunteers that we can't learn from them and do the same for us. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association is TOTALLY against one test at special sites. The survey that went out several months ago reflected the number that IDHS says we want. You will be, if you have not already gotten, a survey from the IVFA and please take a minute to fill it out and return so we can have real numbers from the voice of the volunteers on what they want. No thought process has been put into this push on how it will affect us as volunteers. Cut back, cut back and cutbacks are all I hear and yet the motto is train like your life depends on it. It sounds to me it

won't have to listen to you anymore when you're gone. I have said and will say it again the one-size fits all push will NOT work in INDIANA, as it hasn't anywhere else. The fire service is NO different. I ask those that make those pushes, come to the volunteer side of life and deal with protecting your community for awhile and they

yet I really don't think they care, but hurry to get a name on something so I look good attitude. Once again I urge you to speak your voice to the IDHS and Board of Firefighting Personal Standards if you do not like the push that is happening.

Happy holidays as they

approach, take time out for your family remembering that the family comes first and be thankful for the blessings that we receive on a daily basis.

Stay safe,  
Tim Deckard, President

## Springfield Township Fire Department celebrates 50th anniversary

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 50 years of serving the residents of Springfield Township in northern LaPorte County. While actually founded in January of 1960, the May date was chosen so that the department could welcome the public to share this prestigious occasion without fear of inclement weather.

A banquet was held at the fire station with approximately 100 guests present, including the current membership and their spouses. Others present included Charter Members, Life Members, Former Chiefs, State Senator Jim Arnold, State Representative Tom Dermody, Township Trustee Howard Conley, and LaPorte County Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer. Buz Koehler was present representing IVFA President Tim Deckard, along with PRNW Director Jim Bradford, District 3 Chairman Dave Kaufman and IVFA Associate Chaplain Ron Devenport who gave the invocation and benediction at the event.

Master of Ceremonies, Battalion Chief Tim Sandy, introduced Chief Steve Marvel who thanked everyone who in some way contributed to the success of the department throughout the past fifty years. Steve then introduced the current membership to the guests. Senator Arnold, State Representative Dermody, Trustee Conley and Sheriff Mollenhauer, all spoke on their interactions with the department and offered their congratulations on fifty years of service.

There were 25 original Charter Members who pioneered the formation of the department in 1960 and we take this opportunity, for not only the department to recognize them, but the entire fire service community. These men are Jacob Bingman, Lyle Brinckman, Robert Gilreath and Benjamin Johnson.

Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford and Dave Kaufman presented certificates and IVFA Life Member Gold cards to the four fifty year members. Chief Steve Marvel and Assistant Chief Stacey Gilchrist presented "Charter Member" 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Badges to each of the remaining four. Battalion Chief Tim Sandy made a special presentation of a "Charter Member" badge and a "Firefighter" badge to former Chief Dan Kilgore in memory of his father who was a charter member.

A pictorial presentation of the history of department was played and enjoyed by all. The presentation was developed by Battalion Chief Dale Gilchrist and Assistant Chief Stacey Gilchrist. A majority of the historical photos for the presentation were furnished by Jake and Mabel Bingman who have become the unofficial department historians.

On Sunday, May 16, an open house was held with the public invited to come, celebrate and share this momentous occasion with us.

Some of the events that took place were tours of the facility and equipment, a demonstration of the department's extrication capabilities, Fire Truck Ride, and a fly-in by the Memorial Med Flight helicopter.

Mabel Bingman brought the quilt that she had made that included the name of every person who has served with the department over the past fifty years. Jake Bingman provided an insight into the department's history with his books containing Photos, News Clippings and other Memorabilia compiled throughout the decades.

A special guest for the afternoon's festivities was United States Congressman Joe Donnelly.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all and the department looks forward to serving and protecting the township for another fifty years.

## Ready, Set, Sail... On a **\*\*NEW\*\*** date! Call or e-mail for current rates!

**March 17, 2011, IVFA sets sail on their first fund-raising cruise.  
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Occasionally things happen that require us to change our plans. You guessed it! We had to change our plans. The same ship, same great itinerary, A new date — March 17. This is your second chance to jump onboard this fund-raising cruise and help out the IVFA. You can't beat having fun on a great cruise and help a great organization at the same time. When you step aboard Carnival's beautiful ship, The Destiny, you will soon learn why it was your destiny to take this cruise.

As you approach the ship you get a different feeling. A sense of excitement builds as you prepare to set sail. And nothing quite beats the feeling when you detect that ever so slight motion as she slips away from the pier to head out to sea. Stand by the rail and wave good-bye as your cruise adventure begins, because what lies ahead is 2 great stops and one full day of FUN at sea. It won't take long. You'll soon realize that you're goin' love this trip!

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## I.V.F.A. Benefits

### BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bridgeport program began through the generosity of the Bridgeport Fire Department after liquidating their assets. Your Association was asked to administer the program, which sponsors three \$1,500 Scholarships each year, to be awarded to volunteer firefighters, their spouses or children.

Each applicant must first fill out a scholarship form and submit it to their Bridgeport Scholarship committee by the deadline of March 1st each year. This benefit is available to members in good standing having paid their dues for three consecutive years and with the last year, being paid on time.

Each Scholarship may be used at the college of the recipient's choice.

The Association also supports this program through the special recognition license plate program in the form of a three (3) dollar fee that is used to maintain the program for the long run.

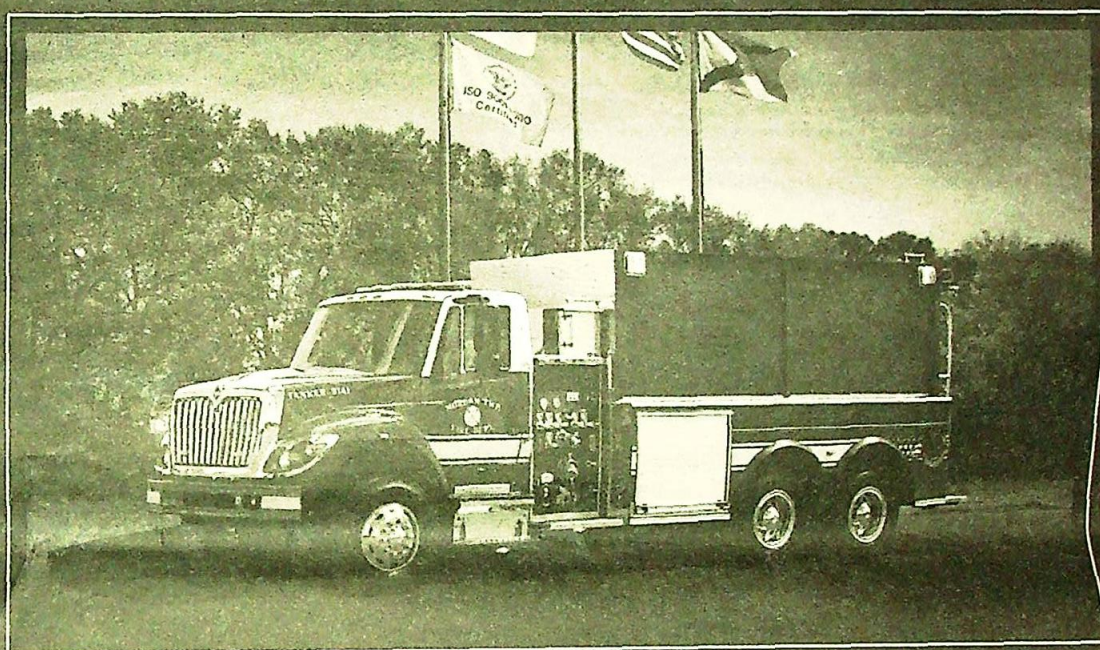
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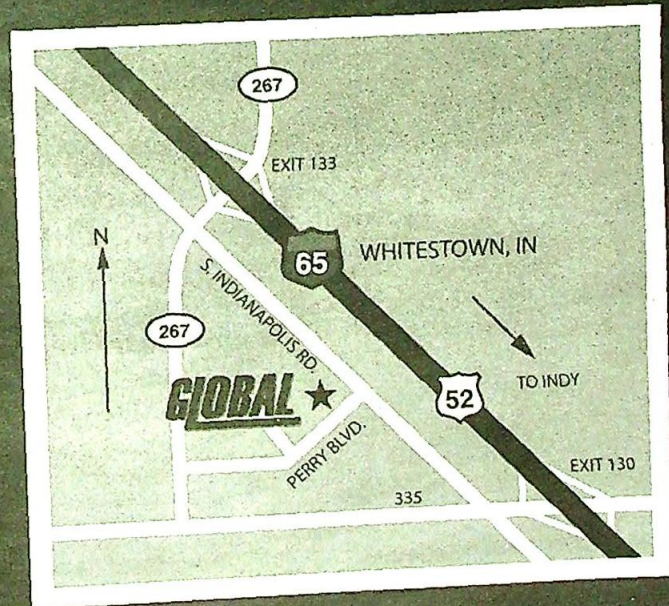
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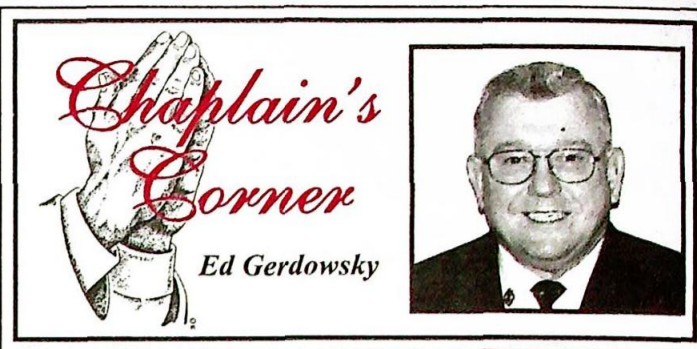
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I hope this finds everyone enjoying the hot summer by staying cool and looking forward to the fall. God's many changes of seasons are so beautiful and we can all enjoy His many blessings to us.

The State meeting in August went well with much discussion of the Memorial service. We have to make a few changes in order to keep things working well for all involved. I have attached a list of rules I think will help.

I want to again thank all of you for your help in any way. The idea of the picture tribute to our loved ones was received well. If you have a picture of your loved one to share for our Memorial service, please send them to Marlene Thrawley or myself so we can get them all together by convention in South Bend June 17, 2011 Memorial service.

If you have any suggestions for me, please be sure to contact me. I am also grateful to all my associate chaplains for all they do to keep the services for loved ones everywhere being performed as needed. God has blessed our organization with wonderful, caring people. Together we can keep our organization one to be proud of.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky  
8/30/10

**RULES FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Names being sent to those in charge need to be clearly printed so when putting them in the paper they are turned in correctly. We have no way of knowing if a name is spelled wrong since we do not know all the members.

Names must be sent in on a form in order for us to put them in for the service. We cannot have people coming in at the last minute and handing names to the Chaplain to add that day. If they are sent in after the deadline for the paper they will have to go in the following year. This is to make sure when printing is complete only those listed will be on the list at designated time. It is unfair to ask the printing company to print another one if that is what we send. It also can mess up the count for the roses and balloons.

We also need to keep in mind only District Chairmen are to go back in after the balloon ceremony to get the number of roses they need to pick up after everyone has had a chance to get pictures. This will make certain only those entitled to roses will definitely get them.

We ask your cooperation and do not want to offend anyone or upset anyone by these rules but it is very hard to make sure all is in order when it has been done for the time frame. We understand everyone would like to get their loved ones names in by convention but sometimes it is just not possible.

We hope with everyone's cooperation it will make the Memorial Service a blessing for all who have loved ones and fellow firefighters to be honored.

Should anyone have any suggestions or comments please contact me or any one on the Memorial Service Committee. Thank you for your help and may God's blessings be with all of you.

State Chaplain  
Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky

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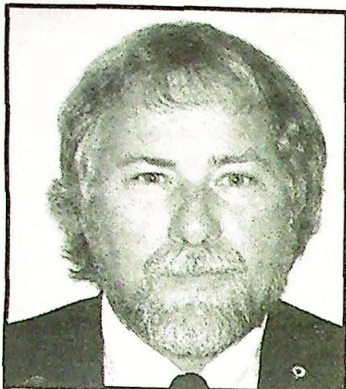
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# From The Vice President

David Israel



What a short summer and a hot one. By the time you read this I hope there hasn't been any snow yet.

IVFA Awards nominations due by February 1, 2011. Mail them to IVFA Central Office. Check the website for info of what should be in your letter of nomination for certain awards. Please do not send three pages of stuff when a single page will do. If you handwrite it make sure we can read it, PLEASE.

The following are due 2-1-2011: Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, Angel Award (for a female firefighter or EMT). I know there are more deserving people than four or five when we have a membership roster of 17,000. So please take the time and nominate someone from your department.

The District Global Awards are due 2-1-2011. These are nominations of individuals from your district. They need to be turned into the district chairmen at your January 2011 meeting.

Make sure whoever you nominate that their name is spelled correctly, the name of the fire department is correctly spelled and if it is a (volunteer, territory, fire district, EMS or whatever). This past year was not easy to decipher.

The Bridgeport Scholarships of which we give out three \$1500.00 need to be into the IVFA Central Office by and/or postmarked by March 1, 2011 to be eligible.

I hope everyone gets out to vote, the IVFA has worked pretty hard on this Local Government Reform to keep Township Trustees. I hope you as members got the information and spread it around and talked to your legislators, friends, family and your community. Thanks to those that did your part and for those that didn't, don't complain about it if Government Reform would happen. Hope you voted "no" for changing the Constitution on tax caps.

As my first year of being your vice president is coming to an end, I would like to thank you for your support and your hospitality of those new friends and fire departments that I got to meet and visit and I am looking forward to serving you as your vice president in 2011 and meeting more firefighters and visiting fire departments.

Something to think about for departments that have not revisited their fire contract amounts with their township trustees or whoever for the last few years (if they have stayed the same for five years or so and you're struggling to make ends meet) start talking to them next year before July budgets for 2012 have to be in about what they could do to help raise the contract amounts if they can.

Watch the IVFA website for legislation news and other happenings.

One thing I heard at a district meeting from a legislator was that we need to come to your meetings more often than just during an election year, so we know what is going on in the fire service. Keep inviting them to your meetings after the elections.

I could go on and on but I'm late getting this turned in to the paper.

Be safe and Happy Holidays.

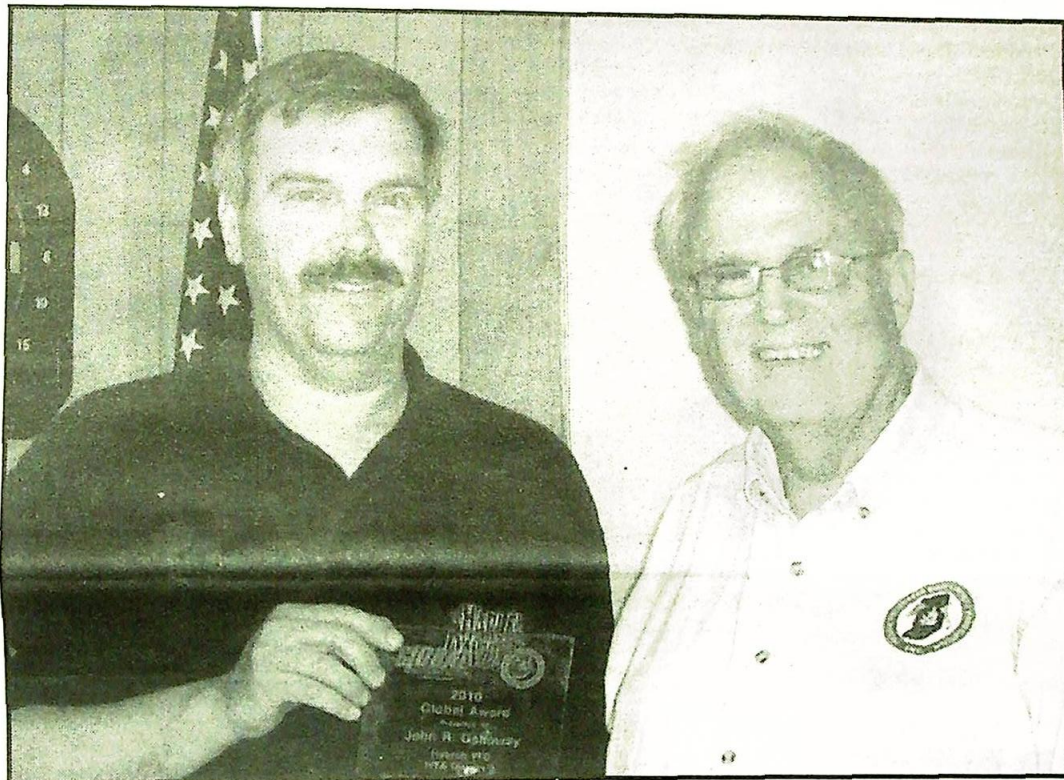
Attend your local district meetings and get involved. See you there.

## Charlestown FD has new engines



Charlestown Fire Department's two new engines. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## District 2 Global Award winner

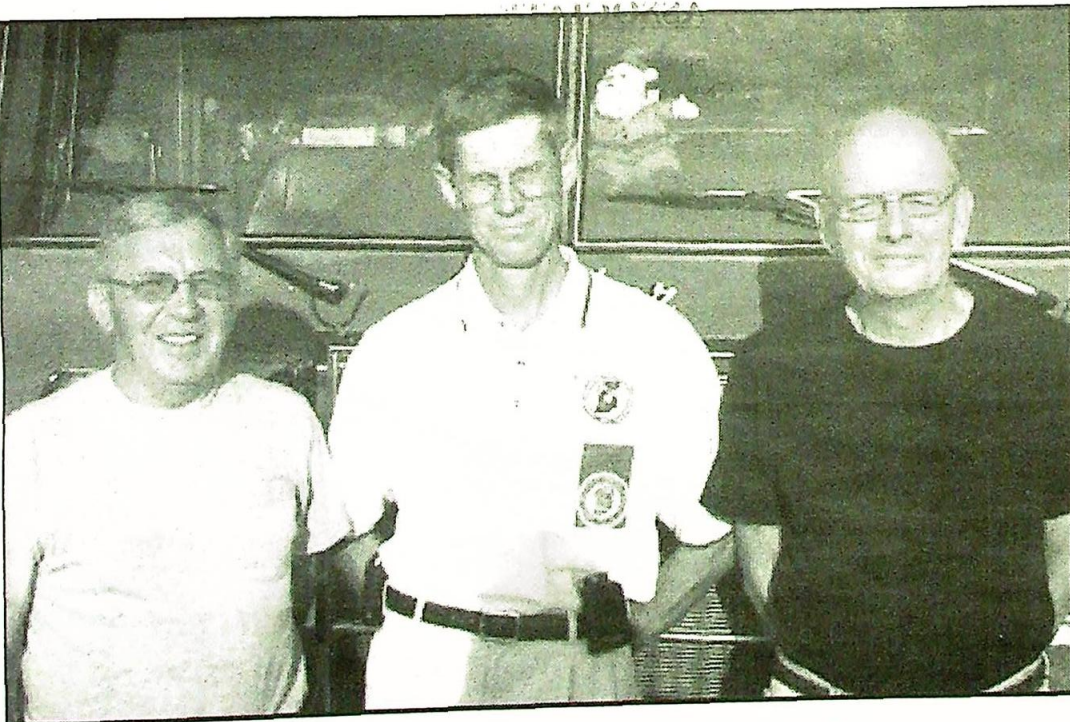


John R. Galloway, assistant chief, Hebron VFD, was presented with the District 2 Global Award by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

## Districts 1 and 2 make donation to Hoosier Burn Camp



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and District 1 and 2 Miss Flames, Mary Fazekas and Rachel Stenger make a donation presentation from District 1 and 2 to Mark Koopman of Hoosier Burn Camp. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



## Santa Claus VFD members receive 25 year pins

At the July 5, 2010 meeting of the Santa Claus VFD, (Spencer Co., District 18), two members were presented with their 25-year IVFA membership pins. Santa Claus fire chief Ed Hagedorn (left) and department treasurer Ernest Koch (right) are pictured with District 18 chairman John C. "Bull" Smith. - photo and article supplied by District 18 chairman Smith.

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

Lake Hills Fire Department  
July 21, 2010

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 4 members representing 4 departments, and District 2 by 23 members representing 7 departments.

Trophy winner: District 1 - Merrillville Station #1, District 2 - Cedar Lake.

Shane Adams, Chief of Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Dept. gave a brief history of the department which is strictly volunteer with 25 members and approx. 150 calls per year.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests in attendance. 50 year Gold Card members: Bub Wise of Crown Point, Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Pete Monix of St. John, Jim Bradford - PR-Northwest, Buz Kochler - Past President, Mr. I.V.F.A., Mitch Parish - Past President and Mr. I.V.F.A., Tom Orrell - District #1 Chairman, Marge Baumgardner - Secretary ProTem, Rachel Stenger - District #2 Miss Flame, Jack Eskridge of 1-800-Board-up, Larry Stott, past District #2 Chairman, Greg Eckhart, Porter Cty FIST, Ed Morales, Porter Twp Trustee, and Ronald Baylog -VP, general manager of Global Products.

Motion made by Ike Rench & seconded by Bill Casbon, to dispense with reading of the minutes - passed.

Buz Kochler talked about the state of our trustee. Buz advised the group to go and talk with your politicians who are running in November and ask how they feel about Local Government Reform. If the candidate supports this bill, these are the people we don't want to vote in to office. Buz talked about the Special Edition of the I.V.F.A. newspaper. They are trying to get it delivered to members' homes a week before everyone goes to the polls. If you have candidates that are running for office this November and do not support this Local Government Reform please let Buz, Paul Watland, or Tom Orrell know who these candidates are so we can publish their name in this special edition of the paper.

James Bradford - Next edition of the newspaper should be out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. Hoosier Burn Camp had 70 kids this year. Great time was had by all. Convention 2011 is in South Bend. FCC License, if you are coming due on your license renew it NOW. State Fire Marshal's office has Smoke Detectors for the Blind, the ones for the Hearing Impaired and not yet available. To obtain one of these please contact the State Fire Marshal's office to get the paper that needs to be filled out.

Mitch Parish announced that as of July 16-82 firefighters have died while on duty.

Treasurer Report - None given.

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Jim Bradford conducted elections of officers for District 1 & 2. District #1 did not have enough in attending to hold election; this will be conducted at the next district meeting. Jim Bradford asked for nominations from the floor. Paul Watland was nominated. With no one else nominated, a vote was taken and Paul Watland was elected District #2 chairman. Election for Secretary/Treasurer was on hold until next district meeting due to Diane Orrell not present.

Paul asked for all to rise for a moment of silence for deaths in our district:

Bob Szafranski of Lowell  
Richard Spring of St. John  
Ray Wright of Lake Station

Good of the order - Lake Dale was holding a Hog Roast on July 31- Noon to Midnight; Valparaiso Golf Outing July 26; Lake County Fire Chief Association Golf Outing will be at White Hawk Country Club on Sept. 24. More information to follow. Cedar Lake 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting Griffith Vol. Fire Dept. - August 18th, 2010.

Motion by Jack Eskridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bub Wise for adjournment, motion passed at 8:30 p.m.

Marge Baumgardner,  
Pro-tem Secretary

Griffith Fire Department

August 18, 2010

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 20 members representing 6 departments, and District 2 by 18 members representing 8 departments.

Trophy winner: District 1 - Lake Station, District 2 - Lincoln Twp.

George Thiel, Chief of Griffith Vol. Fire Dept. gave a brief history of the department.

Chairman Orrell introduced the guests in attendance. 50 year Gold Card members: Bub Wise of Crown Point, Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Pete Monix of St. John, Jim Bradford - PR-Northwest, Paul Watland, District #2 chairman, Marge Baumgardner - Secretary ProTem, Jack Eskridge of 1-800-Board-up, Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 chairman I.V.F.A.A., Jim Crowell - Sklarewitz Uniforms

Motion made by Kim Perry & seconded by Bob Szot, to dispense with reading of the minutes - passed.

James Bradford - Jim talked about Local Government. Please get out the word. FCC License, if you are coming due on your license renew it NOW. State Fire Marshal's office has Smoke Detectors for the Deaf, to obtain one of these please contact the State Fire Marshal's office to get the paper that needs to be filled out.

Treasurer's Report - None given.

given.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Herb Smith a captain for Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept. passed away. Tom asked for everyone to stand and asked for a moment of silence.

Tom had Aric Kaminski from Merrillville Station #1 to come up to the front and wished him luck and safe return home, he is being deployed to Afghanistan for 1 year.

Announcements - Tom asked the members to please sign the card that was being passed around for Martha Thomas. Martha has been going thru some medical issues and we want to wish her well and keep her in our prayers.

Good of the order - Phyllis Vargo asked the group if they have any young ladies in their departments that are between the ages of 15 - 18 years of age who would like to run for Miss Flame. Applications are due to Phyllis by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The applicants will need to attend the November district meeting of the I.V.F.A.A. in November, which will be at Lowell.

Tom asked members to look at their departments for members for the state awards, such as Mr. I.V.F.A. District Award, and if you have a member that went above & beyond the call of duty, there are awards that can be given, see your district chairman.

Next meeting will not be at Pine Twp. Fire Dept. Instead it will be hosted by Porter Cty Environmental Haz-mat, 1995 S. State Road 2 in Valparaiso on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Bub Wise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Szot, Bub Wise for adjournment, motion passed at 8:30 p.m.

Marge Baumgardner,  
Pro-tem Secretary

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT



David G. Kaufman

Kingsford Union Fire Department

January 21, 2010

Program: The program for the month was presented by Ken Nemes from Med Flight on helicopter safety and aero medical operations.

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by chairman Kaufman at approximately 7:45 with the pledge led by the Kingsford Union Assistant Chief, followed by a prayer led by District Chaplain Ron Devenport.

Chaplain Devenport asked us to remember those who have gone before us including Charlie Wheatbrook, one of the founding members of the Kankakee Twp. Fire Department.

First roll call showed 10 members present representing 6 departments.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests present: Jim Bradford, PRNW, Ken Nemes, Memorial Med Flight.

Communications: Jim Bradford - Jim talked in depth about the following subjects: The IVFA Newspaper will be out the first week of February.

The Burn Camp will be June 2. If you have never attended, it may be

rewarding experiences that you may have throughout your entire fire service career.

NFIRS must be kept current within 60 days in order to be considered for benefits such as grants etc.

Dues billing will be out in April.

Get registered for the convention. It will be in Terre Haute this year.

Radio License Renewals - Get yours done now even if they are not due. Narrow banding goes into effect in 2013. You can't get behind the eight ball on this or you may be without communications.

The many hazards associated with engineered lumber. Fire departments should get some in depth training on these hazards and the catastrophic structural failures created when this material is exposed to extreme fire conditions.

Physical - There is a push on for departments to have their members get physicals. This could possibly attached to grants in the near future.

Wear seat belts as insurance companies are beginning to decline payment if seat belts were not being worn at the time of an accident.

Pending Bills that the IVFA supports.

Radio re-banding? 800mgz radios will be re-banded to 700mgz.

Brief discussion on the township Trustee issue.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: None.

Door Award: K.C. Freeland won \$16.00 in the 50/50 Drawing.

Ron Devenport and Dave Enochs won T-Shirts donated by Med Flight.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 hours with 10 members present representing 6 departments. Chaplain Devenport gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Sandy

District #3 Secretary/  
Treasurer

March 18, 2010

Cass Clinton Fire Dept.

Program: The program for the month was Senator Jim Arnold and State Representative Tom Dermody talking about legislative issues facing the volunteer fire service. Of special interest to all was the restructuring of local government and how that would affect the fire service. They were both open to and answered any and all questions that were presented to them. One of the main take offs from this presentation was that both of them are 100% behind the fire service and will fight for what is in our best interest.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 8:05 with the pledge by the Cass Clinton Chief and prayer led by Chaplain Devenport. First roll call showed 20 members present representing 7 departments.

Guests present: Guests present included: Jim Bradford, PRNW.

Communications: Jim Bradford talked about the upcoming Hoosier Burn Camp

and how every firefighter should try to go there at least once and support the camp. He stated that it is one of the best things that a firefighter could ever do, to go and support the kids whose tragic event has brought them to the camp.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: Coolspring Twp - Raffle; Lincoln Twp., Cass Clinton, Springfield Twp., and Kankakee Twp. will be having pancake breakfasts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 with 20 members present representing 7 departments.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tim Sandy

District #3 Secretary/Treasurer  
NEXT MEETING - Noble Twp. - July 15

Noble Twp. Fire Dept.  
July 15, 2010

Program: Carson Sirens of

and how every firefighter should try to go there at least once and support the camp. He stated that it is one of the best things that a firefighter could ever do, to go and support the kids whose tragic event has brought them to the camp.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: Coolspring Twp - Raffle; Lincoln Twp., Cass Clinton, Springfield Twp., and Kankakee Twp. will be having pancake breakfasts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 with 20 members present representing 7 departments.

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Sandy

District #3 Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: San Pierre Fire Dept., 6:30 PM - Refreshments, 7:00 PM - Meeting.

San Pierre Fire Department

May 20, 2010

Program: Following an excellent fish dinner, the program for the month was on the use of thermal imaging cameras in the fire service. It was presented by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm Fire and Safety. It was very educational with Tom demonstrating proper usage, explaining what you should actually be seeing, the evolution of the thermal imaging cameras, and the different types of image processors used by the various manufacturers.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 7:30 with the pledge by the Chief Jerry Russell and prayer led by Chaplain Devenport.

First roll call showed 15 members present representing 7 departments. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests Present: Buz Koehler, Past IVFA President, Jim Bradford, PRNW.

Communications: Buz Koehler - The legislative committee is working on upcoming legislative issues that will directly affect us as volunteer firefighters and our departments. Buz stated that there will be a special edition of the IVFA newspaper just before the fall election. It will name all the candidates and their stance on the issues as we know them. Jim Bradford reminded us that the newspaper articles must be submitted no later than July 5. The convention for 2010 is in Terre Haute and we hope to see you there. Jim reminded us to renew our radio licenses now as they will need to be completed prior to the FCC upcoming banding changes.

Old Business: None.

New Business: 25 year pins were presented to Rick LaPouch and Joe Krzyzanowski of the San Pierre Fire Department.

Good of the Order: Don't forget the convention in Terre Haute. Next year's convention will be in South Bend.

District 1 training is very active and there are numerous classes available - check the website for details.

Coolspring Twp. - Fireman's Ball, July 16 & 17, Lincoln Twp - Pork Chop Dinner, May 29.

Door Award: Money received from the 50/50 door award was \$16.00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 19:55 hours with 15 members present representing 7 departments. Chaplain Devenport gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tim Sandy

District #3 Secretary/Treasurer  
NEXT MEETING - Noble Twp. - July 15

Noble Twp. Fire Dept.  
July 15, 2010

Program: Carson Sirens of

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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Indianapolis gave a presentation on products that they have developed for the Volunteer Fire Service. This included an electronic air horn that is legal for use as an auxiliary warning device for the volunteer service since we are not allowed the use of sirens in our POV's.

Noble Township then presented a program on the capabilities and construction of their training center, with a tour following the presentation.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 8:40 with the pledge by the Noble Chief and prayer led by Chaplain Devenport. First roll call showed 15 members present representing 7 departments.

Guests present: Guests present included: Jim Bradford, PRNW.

Communications: Jim Bradford - Talked about the radio re-banding and getting your department radio licenses renewed early, due to the upcoming FCC bandwidth changes.

Said that the IVFA will be coming out with a series of talking points so that the membership can use when speaking with their legislators and other interested parties.

Old Business: Chairman Dave Kaufman talked in regards to the differences between a "Fire Protection Territory" vs. a "Fire Protection District". He also spoke on how we need to keep the trustees and about carrying this message to our Senators and State Representatives.

New Business: Elections were held with the following results: Dave Kaufman - District Chairman, Tim Sandy - Secretary/Treasurer.

Good of the Order: Coolspring Twp. - Fireman's Ball - July 16 & 17, Springfield Twp. - Fish Fry - August 28, Lincoln Twp. - Steak Fry - September 4.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with 15 members present representing 7 departments.

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Sandy

District # 3 Secretary / Treasurer

Next Meeting: September 15, Lacrosse Fire Dept., 6:30 PM - Refreshments, 7:00 PM - Meeting.

Lacrosse Fire Department  
September 16, 2010

Program: The program for the month was on "Electrical Safety" presented by the Kankakee Valley REMC. The program was extremely educational and oriented to emergency responder safety when responding to incidents where high voltage electric may be present. Using their simulator they re-created hazards that firefighters could encounter on a variety of calls.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 8:00 with the pledge by the Assistant Chief and the prayer led by Chaplain Devenport.

First roll call showed 20 members present representing 7 departments.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests present: Buz Koehler, Past IVFA President, Jim Bradford, PRNW.

Communications: Buz Koehler - Glad to be here! Jim Bradford reminded us that the newspaper articles must be submitted no later than October 5. The Website is up and running. Jim stated that the Fire Marshal's office has smoke detectors for deaf people and that if you have someone in your area that

may be eligible for one, you will need to contact the fire marshal's office. There will be a special edition of the IVFA paper in October. Dave Kaufman said too the training website is now indianfiretraining.net (not .com) and there are many classes coming up and they are all free of charge. He said that Noble Twp. is sponsoring the basic Fire Academy group of classes and that there are presently openings. He stated that at least one person in your department must now have taken NIMS 701, 702, 703, 705. These are required in order for you to be compliant with this years NIMSCAST.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: Springfield Pancake Breakfast - October 24.

Door Award: Money received from the 50/50 door award was \$13.00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:25 hours with 20 members present representing 7 departments. Chaplain Devenport gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Sandy

District # 3 Secretary / Treasurer

NEXT MEETING - Kankakee Twp. November 18.

## DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith, which was held on August 26, 2010 at the Bristol Volunteer Fire Department, which began at 7:30 p.m. The prayer was given by Russell Peterson and the Pledge by Chief Fay Kemp. The roll call consisted of six departments with 15 members and one guest.

The 4th District minutes from the February meeting were read by chairman Smith and approved by everyone. The 4th District is looking for someone to come forward to be the district secretary.

PRNE Jean Smith discussed the 800 mhz that the whole state will be required to be on this frequency by December 31, 2012, and that each department's license is updated. Jean informed the membership that if they have a radio with 800 mhz band, to make sure they turn it on and key it up once a week or month. If you don't use it, you will lose it.

Jean discussed the Safer Grant which is now open for applicants until September 17, 2010. This grant is for the retention of firefighters.

Jean passed out information dealing with Government Reform which is doing away with Township Trustees and Advisors. Chairman Smith informed everyone the changes this reform would make if approved and discussed the article in the South Bend Tribune which Rep. Craig Fry wrote on this subject.

Chairman Smith informed the members that the I.V.F.A. is looking for a new Web-Master and if you are interested, contact Buz Koehler. He also discussed the 2011 I.V.F.A. convention which will be held in

South Bend next year. Chairman Farrer, District #5, and chairman Smith, District #4, are inquiring to see if there is enough interest from the departments to have a waterball contest.

Chairman Smith reported that I.V.F.A. president Tim Deckard, I.V.F.A. vice president Dave Israel and Lobbyist Larry Curl, met with Congressman Dan Burton who is putting together a bill which will clarify what services can be charged by fire departments. He also questioned the membership as how far they would travel for certified training and taking certified tests, and the cost would come out of the member's own pockets. He stated he would like to know concerns and questions regarding this so he can take them to the officer's meeting the first weekend of November.

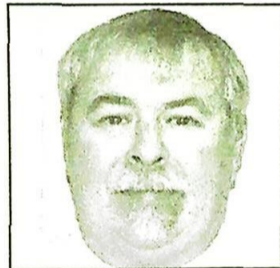
He informed the members that nominees need to be received for the different awards given away by the I.V.F.A. each year such as the Global Award which is given by every district to an outstanding firefighter or organization; Angel Award, which is given to a female firefighter, and the Ollie Sandberg Award given to a female or male firefighter in the state.

A 50/50 was completed. The next meeting will be held at Harris Fire Department on October 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman Terry Smith  
District #4

PLEASE NOTE: The 4th District meeting has been changed to Penn Township Fire Department on October 21st.

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - chairman

Greetings from District 6, Hello to all.

It is November already and it won't be long before the snow starts to fly up here in northern Indiana.

Thanks to the Ligonier Fire Department for hosting our meeting in August and to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in September.

My sincere thanks to the men and women from Ligonier and Hamilton for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided. They were great! Special thanks goes out to past IVFA V.P. Dave Elick for his help with our meetings. Dave has been filling in as our secretary. In our meeting in August Bob Geller from the Ligonier Fire Department was elected to the Secretary-Treasurer position. Congratulations to Bob and a big thank you for stepping up to accept the position.

It has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and Fire Department functions the last few months. It seems as though there is at least one and sometimes two events scheduled the same Saturday each weekend. There are still five departments in District 6 that I do not have an e-mail address for. You know who you are and if you don't, here they are: Ashley VFD, Orland VFD, Salem Center VFD, Spencerville VFD, and Washington Township VFD (Allen County).

Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. It is going to be held at the Churubusco (Smith Twp.) Volunteer Fire Department in Churubusco. Just a reminder to let all of you know, the District 6 Miss Flame contest will be held at this meeting. Please bring your candidates!

If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on November 23, 2010. Please visit the IVFA web site as the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

In closing I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving. Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

Jerry

Sprague (Spook), District 6  
chairman

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter - Chairman

July 19, 2010  
Uniondale Vol. Fire  
Department

Meeting was preceded by an Anhydrous Ammonia awareness class.

Meeting called to order by chairman Reiter 9:20 p.m. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call answered by 23 members representing 6 departments. Minutes of the May meeting read and approved.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA PRNE, Ivan Nevil - Past Pres. IVFA, Leo Feasel - Feasels Fire Gear Repair, Paul Baute - Grammer Industries, John Sweigart - Risk Management of East Central Indiana.

Chairman Reiter spoke briefly about benefit auction held at convention that raised \$4600 for Burn Camp. He announced recipients of awards at convention and also IVFA officers for 2011. 2011 Convention will be in South Bend and the 2012 Convention will be Horseshoe Casino in Harrison Co. There will be a new e-mail address to submit information to the IVFA paper. It was brought up about the games trailer for convention now that games are currently not being played. It was decided to store the equipment and to use the trailer for Public Education purposes. The IVFA is hosting a fund raiser cruise for the IVFA.

Jean Smith - PRNE: Reminder that dues are due by July 31. Board of Standards meeting is coming up and the EMS Commission is going to be in Indianapolis.

Ivan Nevil - Past Pres. IVFA - A conference call was held this past week discussing billing for

emergency incidents. The IVFA is making a presence in discussion on Federal Statutes. Legislation is still being discussed about engineered lumber construction. Ivan also explained more on local reform bills concerning how it will affect counties and departments. ISO could also be affected in the state by this legislation.

Chairman Reiter opened the floor for elections of District 7 officers. For chairman Walt Reiter nominated. No further nominations - a motion was made to close. Walt Reiter will be District 7 chairman. Floor was opened for the office of secretary. Richard Sorg, was nominated. No further nominations, a motion was made to close. Richard Sorg will be District 7 secretary.

Chairman Reiter presented George Schwartz, Uniondale V.F.D., with his 50 year pin. He then presented Jack Roller and Monte Fisher, both from Uniondale V.F.D., their 25 year pins.

Next meeting will be September 20, 2010 at Warren Vol. Fire Dept.

Other Business: Poe Days Aug. 27 & 28, Preble Tractor Pull July 23 & 24 and their Demo Derby Aug. 28.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 with 23 members representing 6 departments.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Well, it's that time of the year again -- field fires, combines and trash fires.

We are having a hard time this year because of the "burn ban" so I hope you fair well.

I hope the elected officials were the right ones elected for you.

The I.V.F.A. is trying hard to keep our elected officials up to speed on our needs and desires.

Please keep up the good work of keeping our state fire-free and please "come home".

There's a lot of training going on thru the state, please take advantage of it.

Please keep those notices of upcoming training and festivals coming.

All for now...

Bill

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Hello from the land of District 8B. Hope everyone had a real nice summer.

The September meeting for District 8B was held at the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department on September 8 at 7:30 PM. A light lunch of pizza and chips were served before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order with all saying the "Pledge of

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## DISTRICT 8B REPORT

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Allegiance" to the flag. There were 25 members from eight departments in attendance. Also present were Cindy VanGordon from Donley Safety, Jason Caulk from US Uniform & Supply, Debbie Rauhen from the Department of Labor, and Larry Curl from the IVFA.

Chairman Wright reminded the members about the different awards that are given away at convention by the IVFA. Convention will be held in South Bend next year. Larry Curl and chairman Wright talked about the issue of government reform.

The second roll call was taken with how many fire runs and EMS runs were taken. There were a total of 118 fire runs and 140 EMS runs.

The departments told about their different fundraisers that were going on: Fish Fry's, parades, hog roasts, and pork chop dinners.

50/50 drawing was held with items given away by the Blountsville VFD and Jason Caulk.

The next meeting will be held at the Union City Volunteer Fire Department, Union City, Indiana on November 10 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lloyd Wright

District 8B chairman

## DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Leighanne Ellis - Chairman

The District 9A meeting was held July 29, 2010 at Burlington VFD with 10 fire departments represented. The meeting was presided over by Chairman LeighAnn Ellis - opened by the pledge and prayer by Joyce Ancil. Guests were Jim Bradford, Mitch Parish, Gary Davis, Matt Timmer, and Ron Baylog from Global, Jason Caulk, U.S. Uniform and Supply and Charlie and Linda Baker from Towers.

The minutes were read and approved.

Thanks were expressed to Burlington for hosting this meeting because the assigned fire department was not large enough.

Jim Bradford reported on Remember November and those who are seeking election both local and state. Find out their feelings about local fire departments. Be sure to renew your FCC license by December, 2010 or you will lose your broadband for the coming year. Mutual aid - you must have a legally binding contract with all departments to which you respond.

There were 70 kids at the burn camp. The newspaper will be out this week.

The smoke detectors from Homeland Security were only for people who are totally deaf.

Training - New requirements for Mandatory Training - you can now do team training rather than just individual. 140 skills have been reduced to 89.

Mitch Parish - NFPA is coming out with new standards concerning flagging at accident scenes.

Gary Davis from Global has 2 trucks at the meeting - a ladder and

tanker. He also spoke about their new facility to service trucks.

Linda Baker shared her pleasure to be here. She is the Towers Fire Apparatus rep for this area.

Jason Caulk from U.S. Uniform and Supply spoke about his company and what he does. This was his first district meeting.

Old business - They raised over \$5000 at the Convention to send 4 kids to Burn Camp next year. Malerie Everett, our Miss Flame candidate, spoke about her experiences at the convention. Next year's convention will be at Holiday Inn in South Bend. In 2012 it will be in New Albany.

Waterball Tournament in Delphi raised \$900 for Relay for Life. Young America waterball tournament was won by New Waverly.

New Business - Dues packets must be postmarked by July 31 to be eligible for the Bridgeport Scholarship.

We have 40 members from 10 departments at this meeting.

Emergency Response Conference is Aug. 11-14 in Indianapolis.

Next newsletter deadline is October 5 at noon.

We need to work on billing for fires at exorbitant prices.

IVFA cruise is March 3 - 11 on Carnival Destiny.

Be sure to keep reports up-to-date so you can qualify for grants.

We need to look for a candidate for Miss Flame by January 1.

We need a calendar of events from various departments so Miss Flame can attend.

We might need to purchase magnetic signs for the vehicles that transport Miss Flame to parades, meetings, etc. We will get prices and bring back to the next meeting.

Awards presented - 25 year pins: Kenny Grove - Greentown Dan Minnick - Greentown Brian Lavengood - Greentown Norm Carter - Greentown Tom Hendricks - Greentown Charlie Hammond - Royal Center

BJ Cox - New Waverly Steve Rhinehart - Burlington Jerry Reef - Cutler Jim Neptune - Burlington 50 year pins and cards:

James McCoy - Galveston Alan McCoy - Galveston Ted Enoch - Cutler Jim Neptune - Burlington

The Global Award for our district went to Darrell Sterrett from Delphi.

Elections for District officers for 2010-2011:

Chairperson - LeighAnn Ellis Asst. Chairperson - Steve Rhinehart

Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Ancil

Door prize winners were Matt Bott, Dan Doyle, Denny Randle, Ron Wertz, Mitch Parish, Tom Hendricks, Joe Troutman, Jim Neptune, Bill Hardy, Jerry Reef and Kenny Grove.

Next meeting is Sept. 23 at Cutler.

LeighAnn Ellis - Chairperson Joyce Ancil - Secretary

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:**  
[printco@rhsi.tv](mailto:printco@rhsi.tv)

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

August took us to Anderson Twp. Fire Dept for the monthly meeting, where we discussed the Local Government Reform Bill. Elected officials and candidates were in attendance to state their views on various legislative issues that may come up in the next session.

Election of officers was conducted with John Ray being re-elected as chairman and Jim Davis as secretary.

On September 16, we traveled to Morristown to pay tribute to the late Everett "Ego" Davis, who had served the community through fire service since 1946.

Waldron was the place to be in September. The Fountaintown Gas Company presented a very interesting program on pipeline safety. Also, this early and unusually dry harvest season has kept firefighters very busy fighting field and combine fires throughout the area. Fortunately, there have been few injuries and no fatalities; but several acres of unharvested crops have been destroyed. Many farmers have taken extra precaution with not only a fire extinguisher, but a tractor and disk, along with a water tank close by, in the event of a sudden emergency. We are hoping for safe and fire-free conditions as the harvest continues. It's difficult to imagine the harvest being nearly completed before mid-October!

District 10 welcomes the Scipio-Geneva Twp. Fire Dept. back with us, and they will be hosting the October meeting. The November meeting, we will assemble at Hope, with the Miss Flame contest as a highlight of that meeting. The Auxiliary will also be with us at that meeting.

Keep safe and enjoy the season as autumn brings the changing colors around us!

John M Ray  
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## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A Our July meeting was held at the Jasonville Fire Department. I want to thank Pude Keller, Karen Duckworth, and everyone else for the meal and hospitality. State officers present were Bill Bush, Diane Harrison, Joann Hayes, and Eula Bush.

Our guest speaker was Bionca Gambill, a candidate for State Representative. She talked about her position on tax caps, and eliminating the township trustee position.

The District Miss Flame dance will be held on January 29 at the plumbers and steamfitters again, so mark your calendars.

Officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman Jack McFarland, Vice Chairman Dave Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer Bernie Anderson, Chaplain Pete Taylor, Sergeant-at-Arms Don Vermillion.

The annual district picnic will be the next meeting on September 19 at Fowler Park West Pavilion. It was decided to invite area politicians to come and give their views on the upcoming election.

On Sept. 19 our annual picnic was held. I want to thank David Phelpa, Larry Dunford, Bernie and Sandy Anderson and everyone else who helped make the day a success. The food was good and Flower Park was great. Diane Harrison invited all of those folks who are running for the different offices to come and talk with us. Seven candidates participated. It was very informative and interesting to hear their views. I want to thank Larry Curl for being the moderator.

Until next time Brothers and Sisters be careful out there.

Jack McFarland  
District 11-A chairman

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Clinton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. July 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The opening prayer was given by auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies and the Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. At this time, chairman Southard introduced the guests present followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report.

West Central director Diane Harrison spoke about a class entitled "Beyond The Names and Titles". Chairman Southard read a "Thank You" card from the district Miss Flame. A motion was made to have the district checks reflect two signatures on all future checks. Motion passed. Chairman Southard announced that a motion had been made to establish an advisory board consisting of Brent Bush, Larry Bartlow and Larry Ketchem. The

motion carried then he announced a Standards and Education committee meeting in Kokomo on August 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Jack Giles, president of the district Honor Guard, spoke to those present about the activities of the guard and made a request for support from everyone in the room. Don Kling spoke about his position on the honor guard and he also asked for cooperation towards the guard. Kaye Hanna, a member of the guard, gave to the district officers a copy of the honor guard expenditures of the monies given the guard by the district. A motion was made to table the honor guard's request to purchase two axes needed at the funeral ceremonies. There was a second and the motion carried.

Tim Deckard, president of the IVFA spoke about the upcoming November election issues such as local government reforms.

The election of district officers was held at this time. A motion and second was made to retain the same officers as in the previous year. The motion carried. The host certificate was given to Chief Scott Vanbuskirk of the Clinton Twp. VFD.

With no further business to transact, chairman Southard dismissed the meeting.

John Davies  
Secretary

Hillsdale Vol. Fire Dept.  
Sept. 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard and the opening prayer was offered by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. Roll call was taken.

Chairman Southard read a letter from the president of District 11-B Honor Guard, Jack Giles announcing that the guard has been abolished effective immediately. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letter as read. The motion carried.

Chairman Southard then read a letter submitted by the district Sgt.-At-Arms stating he was resigning as the district Sgt.-at-Arms effective immediately. A motion was made and seconded to accept this letter. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to have Dorman Owen serve as district Sgt.-at-Arms for the remainder of the term. The motion carried.

With no further business to transact, chairman Southard dismissed the meeting. The annual district picnic followed.

John Davies  
Secretary

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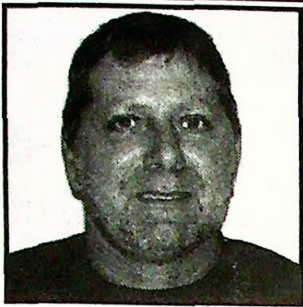
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



**Richard Cannon - Chairman**

Greetings District 14 members, Just wanted to let everyone know that myself and your 2010 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon have been doing a lot of traveling this quarter. We have traveled over 500 miles and one district meeting, three parades, three festivals, two memorial services, Scottsburg Fire Dept. 100 year of service, one candlelight service at Clarksville Station #3.

At our district meeting we had people talk on Local Government Reform and gave out one 25 year pin to Charlestown firefighter Larry Wampler and two 50 year Gold cards and pins to Clarksville Station #3 members Tom Sellmer Sr. and Bob Kraft.

If anyone needs us for any upcoming events, e-mail or call me so we can get out to help out and visit all departments. Also, to let everyone know that Districts 14 and 16 got the bid for the 2012 convention and it will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Harrison County.

Also, I will need a department patch from each department from District 14 to show off all the departments in the district for the convention. Also, don't forget to start writing your letters and get them sent to Central Office for Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg Award, Lois Boaz Award and the Angel Award.

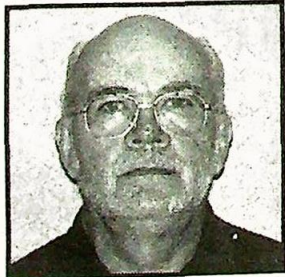
Also, send me your district Global Award person so the district can pick our winner by January 1, 2011. And if anyone has any IVFA members that need a 25 year pin, call me so I can come out.

And if you are building or adding on to your station, get ahold of me ahead of time so we can order your IVFA station clock.

The next meeting is on November 18, 2010 at 19:00 hours at Jennings Twp. Fire Dept., Austin, IN - 190 W. Main St. 47102.

Thanks,  
Rick Cannon,  
District 14 chairman

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



**Sam Emery - Chairman**

Greetings to all 17A members. July 28th a District 17A meeting was hosted by Edwardsport VFD.

State officers in attendance were vice president David Israel, treasurer Beverly Harker and PRSW Jim Abrams. Also in attendance was District 17A Miss Flame Miranda Baker.

Vice president David Israel gave a very informative talk on local government reform and how

it could affect the fire service, also insurance billing and that departments should nominate people for awards that are available.

Elections were held and are listed below:

17A chairman - Sam Emery  
Vice chairman - Scott Byers  
Secretary/treasurer - Courtney Hasler, Johnny Johnson

After the election Beverly Harker was asked if she would accept the position as chaplain and she accepted.

June Cahill, who is our outgoing 17A IVFAA chairwoman due to being elected state recording secretary, announced that Marie Emery was elected our new IVFAA 17A chairwoman.

I would like to congratulate Courtney Hasler on receiving the Global Award.

Many thanks to the Edwardsport VFD for hosting our meeting and providing a fine meal.

Information on local government reform was passed out to those in attendance.

August 9th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Worthington and passed out hand-outs on local government reform.

August 29th Greene City Firefighters Assoc. held their annual field day at the Bloomfield Park. Owensburg VFD won the hose replacement contest, Richland-Taylor VFD won the ladder raise, Center VFD won the bucket brigade and Wright VFD won in waterball.

After the points were added up, a second ladder raise was needed to determine the overall winner was Center VFD.

September 12th, I attended District 17A's IVFAA "Tastefully Simple" fund raiser at Scotland. Many good food items were on hand to sample.

September 13th, I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Owensburg VFD where one of the items discussed was local government reform and I passed out the information and questions to ask sheets.

September 18th I worked at the Scotland Festival for our fire department with our annual biscuits and sausage breakfast and spent the rest of the day with our yearly fund raiser.

September 22nd, Richland-Taylor VFD hosted our District 17A meeting.

State treasurer Beverly Harker spoke on legislative committee meetings with a big concern on novelty lighters and a big concern on local government reform.

There will be a special edition paper which will come out before the November election; everyone needs to check it out.

I again passed out flyers about local government reform and also I went through the information I received from Larry Curl.

Marie Emery, 17A IVFAA chairwoman, announced if there is any young lady wishing to run for Miss Flame, contact her before December 1st deadline and don't forget about the fund raiser.

Many thanks to Richland-Taylor VFD for hosting the meeting and a special thanks to chief Randy Baker for his "ham in the ground" and to all those who helped with the meal. A special thanks for our "Tastefully Simple" desserts.

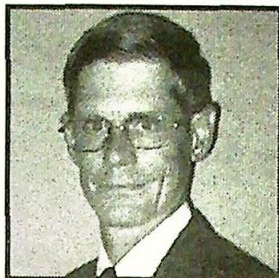
October 1, 2 and 3, Richland-

Taylor VFD will be at the Bloomfield Apple Festival.

Our next district meeting will be November 17th at Spurgeon VFD.

Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



**John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman**

Greetings from District 18, Our July 18 meeting was held at the American Legion of Tell City with the Troy VFD as our host.

Eighty four (84) members representing 22 departments and 3 individual members answered roll call. Departments present noted a total of 292 runs.

Riley Mehringer, District 18 Miss Flame thanked everyone for the opportunity she has had to serve as the district's Miss Flame.

Election for officers for 2010-2011 was held. The election committee was chaired by Bro. Benjamin Brown. Joe DeKemper and John Smith were nominated for the office of chairman. Following the vote, John Smith of the Huntingburg Fire Department, was re-elected to the office of chairman. The following were elected by one unanimous vote cast by chairman Smith, due to no opposition. Vice chairman Jeff Vaupel, Carter Fire District, secretary-treasurer Jeanne Daunhauer, Carter Fire District, and Sgt. At Arms, Ed Dicus, Haysville Fire Department and District Chaplain Bob Duley, Carter Fire District. These are the officers that will serve the district next year.

Chairman Smith offered thanks to Bro. Benjamin and his committee for their work. Chairman Smith then offered his thanks to Marty Holman and Bro. Giles for their years of service to the district. The 16 September meeting was held at the Ferdinand Community Center with the Ferdinand VFD hosting.

State vice president David Israel reported on the new testing proposal of getting the testing for classes taken at a fire school and then having to go to Ivy Tech to take a test has been discontinued at this time.

Scott Schnell with the Ireland VFD stated the fire prevention parade will be a Oct. 10 at 1:00 EST. lining up at 12:00. Frank Daunhauer invited everyone to the Annual District Memorial Service on Oct. 8 at 6:30 CST at the Carter Fire House. State Representative Mark Messmer was our guest speaker. Roll call was answered by seventy-nine (79) members representing 20

departments and 3 individual members. The departments present noted a total of 318 runs.

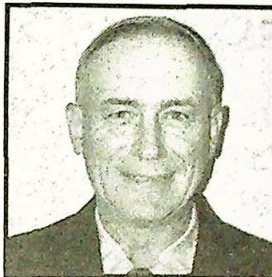
The next meeting of the District 18 will be at Schnellville Community Center on November 18, at 7:30 EST.

I hope many of you are involved with National Fire Prevention Week (as that is what is happening at the time of this writing) remember, "Prevention" is our best tool to fight a fire, and "Education" is the best means by which to prevent them.

Until next time-  
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"

John C. "Bull" Smith  
District 18 Chairman

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



**Ed Scheele - Chairman**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. It is very dry in southeastern Indiana as is in most parts of the state. Soon the weather will be turning colder and we will be having snow. Be careful when responding to incidents.

November 19th will be our district Miss Flame judging at Versailles Fire Dept. If your

From  
the desk  
of the  
Historian



"Enjoy the Holiday Season with a wish and a smile and may you receive all that you wished for."

Let's make an effort to make this holiday season as safe as possible for everyone.

John Davies  
Historian

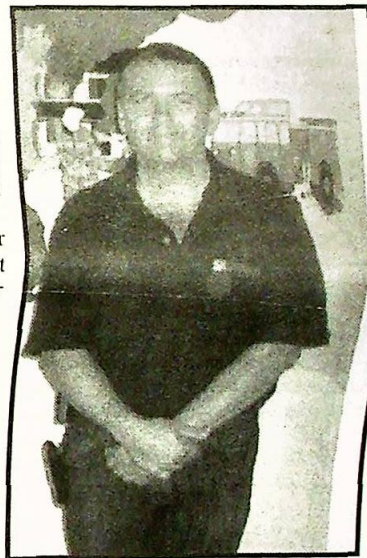
department will have a candidate, contact me or Pam Gerdowsky, IVFAA chairperson, as soon as possible. Young ladies must be between 15 and 18 by the convention next June.

Everyone needs to get letters written up for the state awards that are given at the convention. Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, and Angel Award letters need to be at the IVFA office by February 1st, 2011. There are guidelines on the IVFA website for the awards. Letters for the district Global Award need to be sent to me before the January 27th, 2011 district meeting or brought to the meeting. Every department has worthy candidates for these awards, so get letters written up.

Again, I thank all involved with me being Mr. IVFA for 2010. It was such a surprise to receive this special award.

Ed Scheele,  
District 19 chairman

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New member of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department - Keith Anderson. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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I was invited to attend the 2010 Kosciusko County Firemen's Fish Fry. Attendees of this event include all fifteen departments within Kosciusko County, including neighboring departments, who provide mutual aid.

Guest speakers were Fire Marshal Jim Greeson and District 5 chairman Tony Farrer. This special event also awards outstanding firefighters from each department and the Association.

District 5 chairman Tony Farrer and PRNE Jean Smith presented nine 25 year pins, two 50 year Gold cards and one Global Award.

Attending were many vendors that displayed the latest fire gear, equipment and trucks on display at this event. This group knows how to put on a fish fry, you won't go home hungry.

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 3rd-9th. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with." This is a reminder to prepare the community, along with our school children, the proper techniques of fire safety.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

*Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast*

*Time to be  
thinking about  
the 2011  
Miss Flame*

The fall season is upon us and it is time for us to begin our search for our Miss Flame for 2011. I hope that each fire department, districts and chairmen accept the challenge to see if we can have a representative from every district.

The contest provides a great opportunity for each individual who participates. We have been blessed in the number of talented young ladies who have represented their districts the past few years. They are our future and this is one way we can help assist them in preparing themselves to serve our communities.

Please take time to inform your members and the departments in your district of when your contest is being held so that all who want to participate may do so. If you need assistance with any part of the program, feel free to call me.

Our convention will be held in South Bend this year. They are busy making plans so that all may enjoy the convention. Special plans are being made for the Miss Flames.

Don't forget that March 10th is the deadline to have your entry in.

*Barb Kerney  
Chairman*

# *Cordry Sweetwater Fire Dept. takes delivery of new ambulance*



On Tuesday, August 3, a brand new 2010 Medtec Chevy 4500 Type III ambulance was delivered to the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department.

Most members of the department were on hand to view the new vehicle. The members are eager to get all the necessary equipment transferred to the new vehicle so it can be put in service as soon as possible. Purchase of the ambulance was made possible through various fundraisers the department has throughout the year and direct donations from the public.

A sizeable down payment was made but the department still has a significant amount to repay. The department will continue to accept monetary donations that may be sent directly to the department at 101 Firehouse Rd., Nineveh, IN 46164.

A few years ago the department recognized the need to replace their aging ambulance. An all-out effort was made to set aside funds for the future purchase. Tuesday marked the fruits of the department's labors.

The residents of Brown County and especially the Conservancy District will be well served now and in the future with this modern addition to the fire department's fleet.

The ambulance replaced the currently used 1990 model that is now for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing it may call 317-993-2372 for information.



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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
Quarterly Meeting  
August 7 & 8, 2010  
Crown Plaza Indianapolis  
Airport  
Indianapolis, IN

The quarterly meeting was called to order by president Tim Deckard at 2:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Past president Jim Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President called for the secretaries' report. Secretary Larry Bartlow read two thank-you notes the IVFA had received.

Luke Kluender, District 17-B chairman made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as printed and mailed. Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's report was given by Bev Harker. Income for the year through August 4 is \$257,890.77 which is down from 2009 by less than 1%. Expenses for the same period is \$219,335.24 which is a reduction of 8.6%. Income and expenses are doing well at this time.

Presented the proposed budget for 2011. This gives everyone time to look it over before the November meeting; at which time it will be voted on.

Motion by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman to accept the budget report as given. The second was made by John Ray, District 10 chairman. Motion passed by voice vote.

### District Chairmen Reports

District 1 - Tom Orrell: Next meeting August 18, 2010 at Griffith Fire Station #3. The October 20, 2010 meeting is at Porter County Environmental Building in Valparaiso.

District 2 - Paul Watland: Next meeting is September 15, 2010 at Lake Dale Fire Dept.

District 3 - Dave Kaufman: Next meeting is September 16 at LaCrosse Fire Dept.

District 4 - Terry Smith: Next meeting is August 26, 2010 at Bristol Fire Dept.

District 5 - Tony Farrer: Next meeting is September at Fulton-Liberty Twp. Fire Dept. in Fulton, IN.

District 6 - Jerry Sprague: Next meeting September 28 at Hamilton Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 7 - Walt Reiter: Next meeting September 20, 2010 at Warren Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 8A - E.W. Pape Jr.: Next meeting September 8, 2010 at Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 9A - Leighanne Ellis: Next meeting September 23, 2010 at Cutler Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 9B - Randy Denton: Next meeting September 9, 2010 at Monon Fire Dept.

District 10 - John Ray: Next meeting August 28, 2010 at Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. in Milroy.

District 11A - Jack McFarland: Next meeting September 19, 2010 at Fowler Park in Terre Haute.

District 11B - Larry Southard: Next meeting September 12, 2010 at Hillsdale Fire Dept.

District 12 - Larry Bruner: Next meeting to be announced in September.

District 13A - Carol Thrawley: Next meeting September 21, 2010 at Lewisville Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 13B - Jeff Biehl: Next meeting September 9, 2010 at Perry Twp.-Economy Fire Dept.

District 14 - Richard Cannon, Sr.: Next meeting September 16, 2010 at Charlestown Fire Dept.

District 15 - Steve Anderson: Next meeting September 21, 2010 at Owensville Montgomery Twp.

District 16 - Paul Holcomb: Next meeting September 15, 2010 at Ramsey Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 17A - Sam Emery: Next meeting September 22, 2010 at Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Dept. in Scotland.

District 17B - Luke Kluender: To be announced.

District 18 - John Smith: Next meeting September 16, 2010 at Ferdinand Fire Dept.

District 19 - Ed Scheele: Next meeting September 23, 2010 at Brookville Volunteer Fire Dept.

District 21 - Don Fultz: Next meeting August 30, 2010 at Wea Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office - Jack Kerney: Dues reporting for year is up-to-date with 14,393 members paid at this time. The registration and trademark of our Logo is now complete after two years of paper work.

Membership and Marketing - Diane Harrison: Still looking for easier way to get IVFA license plate. Twenty-six signed up for the Cruise.

Public Relations and Education - Jack McFarland: Trailer is here today for anyone to look at. It will be used at the Moreland Community Fair this week. The three large IVFA logos on the trailer need to be replaced. Need to spend some money on the upkeep of the trailer. Jack McFarland to make guidelines for the use of the trailer.

President Deckard has old IVFA sign that was stored at Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept. It is very large and needs a lot of work. Motion by past president Jim Parker that Tim dispose of the sign as it is no longer of any value to us. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

By-Laws and SOGs - Buz Koehler: Pass.

Historian - John Davies: Pass.

Logo - John Smith: If you want to use the logo, contact him with your letter or e-mail and the committee will look it over. Terry Smith, District 4, asked if a vendor could use the logo on T-shirts. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Ad-Taker - Willie Parish: Short six ads this issue.

Editor's assistant - Jim Bradford: Paper was 40 pages this issue. Total run for the paper was 16,926 copies. When you get the bad address report, please make the corrections as soon as possible. Also, check the paper for correct addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. We had 425 bad addresses this issue.

Clothing Claims - Tony Farrer: Had four claims this quarter; two for eyeglasses that were approved, one for a pair of pants that was approved and one for a pair of station boots

that was denied. The committee is recommending that we increase the eyeglasses benefit from \$50 to \$100 and the eyeglasses with hearing aids from \$75 to \$150.

Convention 2010 - Bill Bush: Thank everyone for taking part in this year's convention. Repaid the IVFA the loan of \$4000. Also presented check to Diana Harrison for the Hoosier Burn Camp for \$4713 from the auction at Convention. Also several comments of the excellent quality of the pictures from Convention submitted to the paper.

Convention 2011 - Tony Farrer/Terry Smith: They have registration forms with them. They are planning a swap meet for Friday afternoon. Also looking at the possibility of having Waterball Tournament on Saturday morning. They would like to have 16 teams, so talk it up at District meetings around the state. Their next convention meeting is September 19, 201 at 1:00 p.m. at the Berman Fire House.

Board of Firefighters Standards and Education - Jack Kerney: The next meeting is August 9, 2010 at Kokomo Fire Station downtown. Need people to attend these meetings. Quets concerning Cadet Programs and where you can test and what kind of surroundings.

Indiana Fire Services Institute - Buz Koehler: The organization is done as we know it.

Indiana Emergency Service Memorial Team - Diane Harrison: Had one line of duty death.

### OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain - Ed Gerdowsky: Traveled 1583 miles this quarter. Had eight memorial services, one benefit breakfast, three district meetings and one festival. Also took inventory of Bibles and Grave Markers. He has 28 Catholic and 27 Protestant and 176 Grave Markers. He requested that all district chairmen, the Bible and Grave Marker on the bottom of their district report paper that they turn each quarter.

Sgt.-At-Arms - Bill Bush: Getting clocks out in three days. Has some supplies with him.

Chairman of the Board - Larry Ketchem - Pass.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNW - Jim Bradford: Attended eight district meetings, one IVFAA meeting, three county meetings, two memorial services, one funeral, the Burn Camp, six fundraisers, and one trip to Printco for newspaper for a total of 1886 miles this quarter.

PRNE - Jean Smith: Attended all district meetings, 2010 convention, 2011 convention meetings and driven 22,230 miles.

PRWC - Diane Harrison: Attended all districts, several fundraisers and three memorial services.

PREC - Don Cushman: Absent.

PRSW - Jim Abrams: Attended one memorial service, two district meetings and two county meetings.

PRSE - Al Williamson: Driven 1475 miles attending six district meetings, two county meetings, two chiefs meetings, several fundraisers and one Gold Card presentation.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jim Parker - Pass.  
Carl Bruns - Pass  
Ivan Nevil - Pass.

Willie Parish - Would like the minutes show that he has turned in the old computer that he was using to the secretary. He is now using his own.

Jack Zeeks - Pass.  
Richard Glant - Pass.  
Buz Koehler - Pass.  
Jack Kerney - Pass.  
Larry Ketchem - Pass.  
Reminder the November 2010

meeting is the 5-6-7th.

The meetings in 2011 will be here at the Crowne Plaza and the dates are: February 4-5-6, May 6-7-8, August 5-6-7 and November 4-5-6.

Congressional Fire Institute Dinner will be April 6 and 7, 2011. This will be discussed at the November meeting. This will give everyone time to check their schedule if they want to go.

There will not be an Indiana Fire Institute Dinner in 2011.

Twenty-three directors were on the conference to allow president Deckard, vice president David Israel and Lobbyist Larry Curl to go to Washington, D.C. to meet with Congressman Dan Burton.

Congressman Burton is starting to put together a bill that would clarify what services would be charged for by a fire department. This problem of excessive charges are coming up all around the country. At present time, billing charges are being made on information provided by a Haz-Mat clean-up bill of several years ago. The present legislation is only to clarify what can be charged for.

Training Task Force - Steve Anderson: The review of mandatory practicals has been put on hold at this time. We need to locate the training survey that was sent to all chiefs about their department's willingness to do for training as to how far they would drive for training, testing and practicals. We need to put together our own survey, so that we can have our own numbers on our members feel about training. If we don't to this all training and testing will be at Ivy Tech at our own expense. We need to stay on cadet training issues.

In February of 2010 we had two insurance groups make a presentation to us. A decision needs to be made as to what we are going to do. Jack McFarland, District 11A made a motion that we continue with Riverwalk Insurance Solutions and have them make an in-depth presentation at the November meeting. Past president Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed.

Jim Bradford brought up about the narrow banding of radios. There will be more information in the November paper.

Bill Pape, District 8A asked about problems of getting IVFA license plates from the license branch. They will hand you the Career Plate. We are trying to get this problem fixed.

Discussion on the mistakes on the memorial folder at the convention. The correction of mistakes will be looked into. The problem will be board action.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m. by vice president David Israel.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Vice President - David Israel: Attended eight district meetings, three memorial services, one award presentation, two legislative meetings, two county meetings and five fundraisers.

Awards Committee - David Israel: Make sure that the name that is turned for an award is spelled correctly and the department name is correct (is it XYZ Fire Dept. or XYZ Volunteer Fire Dept. or XYZ Community Fire Dept.). Awards are to be turned in at February meeting.

Supporting Heroes - Eric Johnson: Supporting Heroes is putting on a class for "Line of Duty Death". This is a six-hour class. One class will be presented in Indianapolis on August 18 or 19. Another will be in Fort Wayne and the third class will be in November at Mitchell, IN. The Heroes Weekend get-together for next year will be in September. The Supporting Heroes banquet will be held March 5, 2011 at Shelbyville, KY. Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman, introduced their Miss Flame, Jennifer Dzuba who presented Supporting Heroes with a check for \$407 that she made from raffling off a Corn Toss Game set in their district.

Michelle Baxter - American Income Life Insurance: Explained some of the benefits of their program and that the Health Discount Card program that is at no cost to our members does have an expiration date on them and they do have to be renewed annually.

Mike Mackin: Asked all district chairmen to bring up in their district about waterball to see if there is any interest. They also have a Confidence Course program that might be of interest. He needs to know for future planning for the Games.

By-Laws and SOGS - Buz Koehler: Proposed to change to the IVFA SOG Guideline Article XVI, Section 7 and Paragraph 3 which now reads: "No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance for the damage of eye glasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to fifty dollars (\$50.00) except in the case of hearing aids in connection with eye glasses, where a maximum allowance is limited to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)." The change to read: "No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance for damage of eye glasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) except in the case of hearing aids in connection with eye glasses, where a maximum allowance is limited to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)." This proposed was submitted by the Clothing Claims Committee. This will be voted on at the November meeting.

Legislative - Larry Curl: Our legislative agenda needs to be set today. The main issue for this year is still Local Government Reform and this issue will take a lot of time. We will resubmit the Novelty Lighter Bill that was introduced last year with some changes.

Need to invite as many candidates for office as we can to district meetings. The question we want them to answer is, "Do you support Local Government Reform? Yes or No." We don't want any political answers to this question.

With the disbandment of the Indiana Fire Institute, we have met with fire chiefs, union, Indiana Firefighters Assoc., and the Fire Marshal's office to form the Indiana Fire Service Leadership and Legislative Committee. The three main goals of this group are: (1) Funding for the Fire Service in Indiana, (2) Education for the Fire Service in Indiana and (3) Legislation that impacts the Fire Service in Indiana.

This group has met with the Indiana Insurance Institute to help control third party billing. Congressman Dan Burton is also drafting Federal Legislation to correct this issue.

Engineered Lumber is being taken through the administrative process. Trying to develop model code for Indiana Fire Prevention and Buildings Office for notification and identification of Engineered Lumber. We need to educate our members on the characteristics of Engineering Lumber. We are putting together a

# 2010 CONVENTION MINUTES

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JUNE 18, 2010  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

**TIM DECKARD:** I welcome you, and as President I call this meeting to order of the 64th Annual Meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. At this time I ask everyone to please stand. I'm going to ask Vice-President David Israel to lead this group in the pledge and ask that you remain standing after our pledge. Our State Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky to come and lead us in prayer.

**MEMBERS OFFER THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ED GERDOWSKY:** Let's bow our heads. (OFFERS PRAYER)

**TIM DECKARD:** District chairmen, distribute your delegate vouchers and see that they are filled out properly. Remember, only one delegate from each department will receive mileage from their home to Terre Haute and back. Also chairmen, please poll your districts and the delegates, record them on the roll call sheets at this time. I'll ask the Credentials Committee, go to the room to the right and prepare for this morning's validation of credentials. Larry Bartlow, Jim Abrams, Diane Harrison, Buzz Kohler, Carl Bruns and Larry Ketchum. The Mileage Committee, I ask that you go to prepare for mileage payment. Beverly Harker, Jack Kerney, Richard Glant.

At this time, I ask for the reading of the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting.

**DELEGATE:** Mr. Chairman, I move that the minutes from the 2009 be not read.

**TIM DECKARD:** We have a motion on the floor to approve the minutes as they were published in the paper from the 2009 meeting. Do I have a second?

**DELEGATE:** I second that.

**TIM DECKARD:** We have a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**DELEGATES:** Aye.

**TIM DECKARD:** Opposed same sign.

At this time I call on our Miss Flame chairman, Barb Kerney.

**BARB KERNEY:** Good morning. We still have some beautiful young ladies with us this morning. I'm going to ask each of them to tell you what district they represent and their name. At this time we would like to thank you for your donation of your gift to the young ladies. And please remember to include them in your activities throughout the year. All of them are winners. And we're proud to have them. I'd like to introduce our 2010 Miss Flame - Audra Shumacker. Our runner up for 2010 is Rachel Butts.

**INTRODUCTION OF ALL CANDIDATES**

**BARB KERNEY:** I want to say something; you notice that one of our Miss Flames is in uniform this morning. We're very proud to say that Maryann will be joining the forces the first of July and we want to wish her all the luck, and take care.

**TIM DECKARD:** At this time we'll call our first guest to the podium, Beverly Roberts, from AYS Tours.

**BEVERLY ROBERTS:** I'm going to take just a few minutes to kind of tell you about a very interesting fund-raising project that we have going with the IVFA. For the first time we're offering what we're hoping will become an annual fund-raising cruise. We have set the date; it will be aboard the Carnival Cruise Line Destiny on March 3rd. It will be a five day, four night cruise. We have very competitive pricing on this for all the inside cabins, outside cabins and balcony cabins for those who prefer a balcony. We also have been able to negotiate within these prices a \$50 per cabin ship board credit. It can go for anything except the casino. And you cannot convert it into cash. So if you look at the pricing on this, keep in mind that it does include a \$50 per cabin ship board credit. I did prepare a flyer and Diane Harrison will have the flyers. If anyone is interested they can pick it up from her. And it gives you all of the information that you need about each cruise. The choice itineraries will be from Miami, you'll go to Key West. From Key West you'll come to Cozumel. Cozumel you'll spend a fun day at sea and then you'll come back into port at Miami. The rate you see includes your ship board taxes. It also includes your port charges. So the only additional charge you'll have would be your airfare getting there and transfers to and from the ship. It also lists important dates and deadlines. In order to hold your space on this cruise we would need to have a \$50 per person deposit by July 15th. That will assure you that you are on and that your price will hold tight for that particular cruise. If you do not for any reason, we encourage you to book early because we

cannot guarantee rates unless deposits are done in a timely fashion. So we really encourage you to book early. You really have no risk in booking early because any deposits are fully refundable clear up until January 3, 2011.

The second deposit deadline would November 3rd, is \$150 per person. And then final payment on this would be due January 3, 2011. All cabins and prices are subject to availability if the deposit is after July 15th. Once we have to start releasing those cabins we might not get those cabins back.

But we wanted to be sure that everyone was aware that a portion of the proceeds on this cruise will come back to the association. The information on how to get in touch with me is also on the flyer. If you have any questions you can also address them with Diane Harrison. She's my contact at the IVFA. If you have any questions grab a flyer and give me call. Thank you.

**TIM DECKARD:** Our next speaker, I had an opportunity to meet her at the State House while testifying before a legislation of your behalf. This morning I would like to welcome to the podium Bionca Gamble, Linton Township Trustee. She is running for state representative in District 46 formerly held by Vern Tineher, who is a friend of the fire services.

**BIONCA GAMBLE:** My name is Bionca Gamble I'm excited to be here amongst a bunch of fire departments of the men and women who serve our community. My name is Bionca Gamble. I am trustee of Linton Township here in Vigo County. This is my 20th year in office. I have served the community of Linton Township for the past 20 year. When I first came on board as Linton Township Trustee we were faced with all kinds of budget crises. We started out with; the fire department had a whopping budget of \$7,000. And in that course we have been very fortunate to garnish some money from Build Indiana. Representative Vern Tineher was very helpful, very instrumental in that. And we have seen through proper assessment and budgeting that our fire department now has a budget of \$43,000. They've been able to purchase new equipment. So I guess what I'm here to say to you today is that I know the pain and the struggles that volunteer fire departments go through. I know what battles you face. I face them also. As township trustee and a volunteer fire department we are up against administration that wants to do away with us. And it has been their goal, their objective for the last six years to do away with this. I was at a fund-raiser yesterday for the unions and talked to several gentlemen there and they had no idea this was going on. That the governor is attempting to do away with township trustee and local volunteer fire departments. And so what I'm here to say today is that we all need to come together. We all need to join forces. Don't be out there doing it by yourself, but we have the Kernan-Shepherd report. Chief Justice Randall Shepherd is on the Indiana Supreme Court. He's an attorney. He had never been a member, to my knowledge, of a volunteer fire department nor has he held a local office. On the other hand, Joe Kernan has been a mayor of South Bend and he's also been lieutenant governor and governor. There again, he's never been a member of a local volunteer fire department, nor has he been trustee. But they have come together, the two of them, and orchestrated this instrument, this pamphlet which I have read. And their intent is to modernize this antiquated system that we fall in under and do away with it. So as a candidate for state representative, having been in the trenches. Having been a member and responded to emergency runs for our local fire department, I know what we're all going through and how we need to come together and fight this battle together.

And toot our own horn, pat ourselves on the back and tell our local residents, our local assistants exactly what we do. That it's important to maintain the volunteer fire department. I think grass roots government is the closest form or system of government to the local citizen. And we know better than anyone, if you say a house or a location we know exactly how to get there. All the Kernan-Shepherd report has done is said this is what we need to do away with. But they have not come together and said well, this is how we're going to fix it. There are no answers to the problem. They think we are the problem and that we need to be done away with. So I'm out here knocking on doors, talking about how I want to be the eyes, ears and voice of the 46th District. My background as a trustee and a nurse, I'm think are positive qualities to bring to the state house. And once

lected you will be assured, I want you to know that I will be your advocate in the state house. But until then, until November it's up to us. And this goes on for two more years. He will not rest until this is the one task he wants to see completed. We need to keep persevering, pushing on and telling people that we are the best form of quick reaction, volunteerism and a presence in our community. So with your help and with my help we can get this accomplished and I look forward to serving all of you in the state house. Thank you very much.

**TIM DECKARD:** District chairmen, if you have not done so turn in your delegate vouchers and your roll call sheets. At this time we'll call for officer's reports. Call for a report from the Vice-President.

**DAVID ISRAEL:** To me it doesn't seem like it's been a year since we was here. I know the vehicle I drive to attend the district meetings and all that tell me that it's been a long road. I enjoyed being Vice President. Attended a lot of district meetings. I haven't gotten to as many as I wanted. It's kind of a big change coming from district chairman to vice-president. And when you get a district built up like 10 was it's hard to let go. But John has taken care of it. The District 10 supported him well. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Vice President. And I've made a lot of new friends. And I hope I've helped the district chairmen and the departments that are out there. Thank you very much.

**TIM DECKARD:** At this time we'll call for a report from our Chaplain.

**ED GERDOWSKY:** The chaplain is kept busy. I could use one more Chaplain to take Dave Sichelka's place. So if anybody wants to be a Chaplain to that area I'd appreciate them letting me know. I've tried to get to as many meetings as I can and a few of the festivals. If you need me for a memorial service just give me a call and I'll send one of my chaplains or I'll do it. Thank you.

**TIM DECKARD:** We'll have a report from our Sergeant-At-Arms.

**BILL BUSH:** The people that have ordered these clocks to rebuild firehouses. I had some of them that were sent out. Everybody got them? If you need anything else. Thank you.

**TIM DECKARD:** I'll call for a report from our Board Chairman?

He's busy  
PR Northwest Jim Bradford.  
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PR Northeast Gene Smith.  
PR West Central Diana Harrison.  
PR East Central Don Cushman.  
PR Southwest Jim Abrams.  
PR Southeast Al Williamson.  
(All passed)

**TIM DECKARD:** Past Presidents report:

**JIM PARKER:** Pass  
**CARL BRUNS:** Pass  
**IVAN NEVIL:** Pass  
**MITCH PARRISH:** Pass  
**RICHARD GLANT:** Pass  
**JACK ZEEKS:** Pass  
**BUZ KOEHLER:** Pass  
**JACK KERNEY:** Pass  
**LARRY KETCHUM:** Pass  
**TIM DECKARD:** District Reports.  
DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: Pass  
DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Pass

**DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN:** Pass

**DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH:** Pass  
**DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER:** Pass  
**DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE:** Pass

**DISTRICT 7 WALT REITER:** Pass  
**DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE:** Pass  
**DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT:** Pass

**DISTRICT 9A LEA ANN ELLIS:** This year with it being an election year the IVFA is putting out a special election edition paper. So for all of you guys here we're trying to get the opinions, comments of who is running. So if you could go back to your areas and whoever is running in your areas for state representatives and state senator, I would like to get their contact information so I can contact them. That way we can get it in the paper. So as soon as you can get that information to me, the better, because we want to get it out in October. But just an email, phone number and address, whatever you guys can get of whoever is running in your area. If you know your district area, I have the names of those that I can get for you or you can go on the in.gov website under Secretary of State and that should help you see who is running in your area. And getting that information will help me out so I don't have to do all the areas. Thank you. You can send it to my email address at missflame1983@yahoo.com. It's on the website under District 9A.

**TIM DECKARD:** You'll be hearing

more about the project Lea Ann has spoken about later on this morning.

**DISTRICT 9B RANDY**

**DENTON:** Pass

**DISTRICT 10 JOHN RAY:** Pass

**DISTRICT 11A JACK**

**McFARLAND:** Pass

**DISTRICT 11B LARRY**

**SOUTHARD:** Pass

**DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER:** Pass

**DISTRICT 13A CAROL**

**THRAWLEY:** Pass

**DISTRICT 13B DENNIS**

**SPEARS:** Pass

**DISTRICT 14 RICK CANNON:** Pass

**DISTRICT 15 STEVE**

**ANDERSON:** Pass

**DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB:** Pass

**DISTRICT 17A SAM EMERY:** Pass

**DISTRICT 17B LUKE**

**KLUENDER:** Pass

**DISTRICT 18 JOHN SMITH:** Pass, Mr. President.

**DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE:** Pass

**DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ:** Pass

At this time I call to the podium our lobbyist Mr. Larry Curl.

**LARRY CURL:** Good morning. Let's talk about a couple of proposed bills from last year. We talked about novelty lighters, we talked about engineered lumber. Novelty lights did not find a home because it somehow had the stigma of being cost effective to us, attached to it. I don't really understand that, but you know politics. I didn't get that involved with it. We're coming back again to figure out how we can work on novelty lighters. Now from the state house perspective I'm not sure who wants to pick that issue up and I'll tell you why. Our proposed bill carrier last year is the only legislator that got defeated in the primary. So we will find somebody to carry the novelty lighter issue. Engineered lumber. We did have a bill carrier for the engineered lumber. We talked about Nancy Michael actually is the representative in this area. Actually Nancy Michael did agree to carry the bill on engineered lumber. We had the bill drafted, we had it presented and we withdrew it because it's a very debatable, very questionable very contentious bill. The builders don't like it. The single family housing folks don't like it. I shouldn't say they don't like it; they just have a question about it. They're concerned about what it's going to do. So we've carried it from a piece of legislation to an administrative rule. We're in the process of trying to take it to the state code. All we're looking for is if you're going to build with engineered lumber let us know about it and identify it. Put a placard or some sort on the building saying here it is, and when we, the fire service, pull up we will know and understand. Now what are we going to do different if we see a placard. That's what I thought. We've got to have an education ourselves. We need to understand what that engineered lumber will do. And we're going to try to promote that education internally through our association. But we're also going to try this legislative or this administrative rule. That's the two pieces of legislation. Unfortunately neither one of them got passed.

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training DVD for all district chairman to use at their meetings.

Past president Ivan Nevil made motion to adjourn this meeting and proceed to the Board of Directors meeting. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

AUGUST 8, 2010

CROWN PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

(1) Need to purchase Mr. IVFA patches and year pins. The patches are \$151.00 for 50; this is the minimum order. The year pins are \$140.00 for 20 years.

Past president Jack Kerney made the motion to purchase these items. Past president Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(2) Request from Convention 2011 for startup loan of \$4,000.00. Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush made the motion to allow this. Past president Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(3) Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush made motion that we allow up to \$150.00 for the Public Education Trailer to clean up, purchase small repair items and replace the brake battery. Past president Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(4) Reprint of the Memorial Folders for convention because of some errors in them. Carol Thrawley, District 13A made motion to allow \$100.00 for the reprint. E.W. Paper, District 8A made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn made by past president Jim Parker. The second was made by past president Jack Zeeks.

Motion passed by voice vote.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow, secretary*

We continue to monitor on a more than frequent basis this local government stuff. And you've heard me for two years stand here and talk about this local government stuff. And what is one of the things we always talk about - call your legislators. How many of you called your legislators?

**DELEGATE:** Larry, how many has talked to the candidates running against the incumbents.

**LARRY CURL:** Thank you very much. That's kind of where we're headed right now. I'm going to talk to you a few minutes about motherhood, apple pie and carrying the flag and volunteerism. I got to tell you, all four of those statements are statements of principle and statements of value, of which very few of you can disagree with.

We all know what motherhood, apple pie, the American flag and volunteerism is. Do we not know what that is?

**DELEGATE:** The American Dream.

**LARRY CURL:** It's the American Dream. Well, let me show you the next American Dream. Local government reform. A single statement which almost nobody can define. I don't know of any one single person in the state government, in local government, in this room that can define local government reform. What is it? We hear all about it. We listen to people talk about it. But what is it?

So we're going to try to define what it is. I'm not sure that we can do that, but let's just try to define it. Let's talk about funding. Is local government reform all about funding? I got to tell you the governor said one time it was about funding, cost savings and reducing the overall cost of government, did he not? Where do we get our funding at today? Through what method? Township trustee? Fund-raising. That's how we get our funding today, isn't it? Where are we going to get it when we do local government reform? Well, I've heard I don't know, the counties, the cities, we may not. So I guess the reality is we don't really know do we?

Our budget process that we go through. Who's in charge of that today? Who's in charge of putting together a fire department budget today? If we go through reform, who's in charge of that budget?

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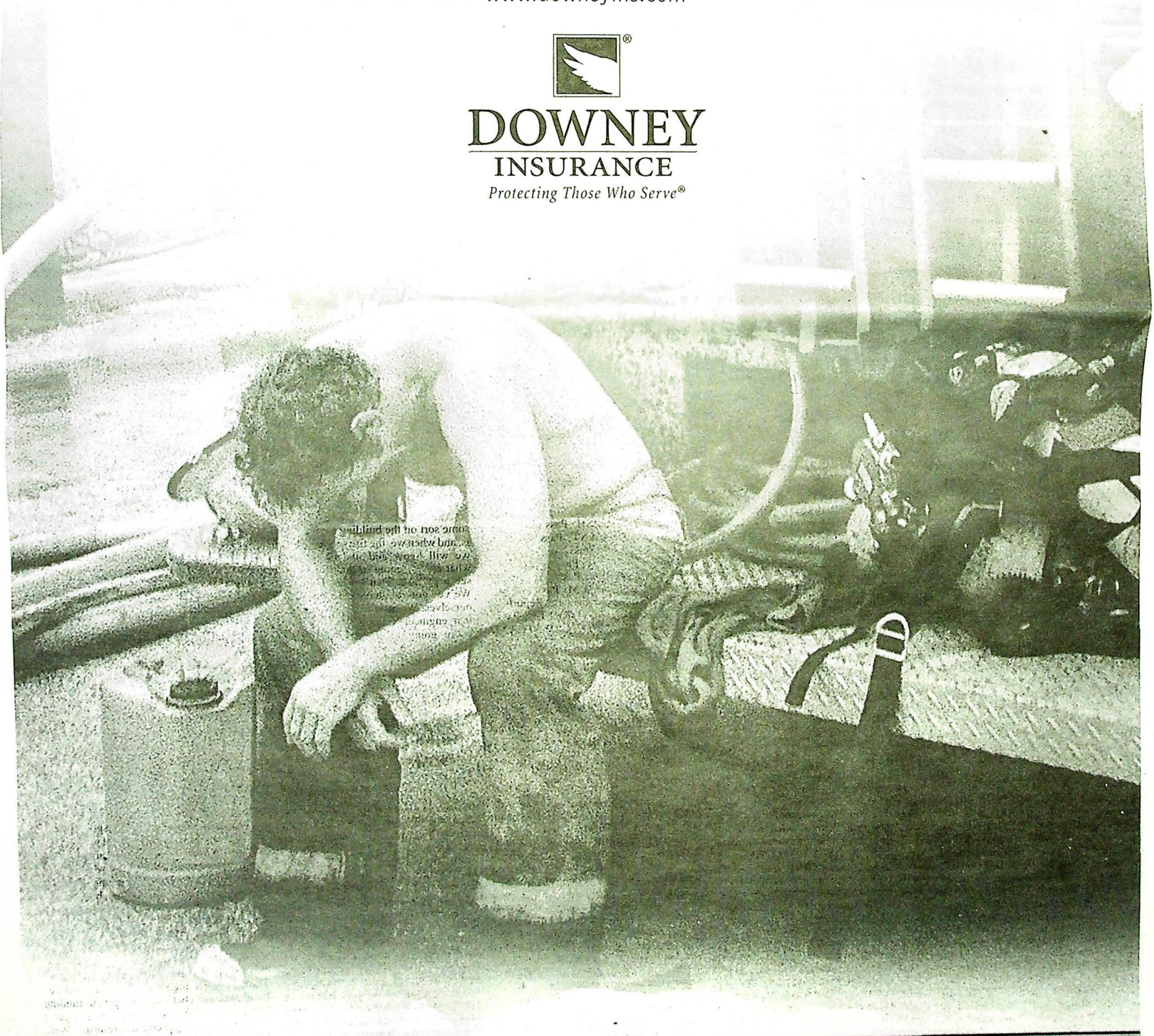
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2. Return your Individual Plate Requests to the IVFA Central Office no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
AAAA	ARNN	Saturday, February 7
ARNO	BATE	Saturday, February 14
BATF	BLAI	Saturday, February 21
BLAJ	BRID	
Rental fleet vehicles		Saturday, February 28
Heavy vehicles		
Trailers		
BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOR	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
PATU	PONT	Monday, September 7
PONU	REDM	Monday, September 14
REDN	ROBE	Monday, September 21
ROBF	SANC	Monday, September 28
SAND	SERM	Wednesday, October 7
SERN	SLON	Wednesday, October 14
SLOO	SPRI	Wednesday, October 21
SPRJ	SUCE	Wednesday, October 28
SUCF	THOP	Saturday, November 7
THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
VANP	WALD	Saturday, November 21
WALE	WATT	Saturday, November 28
WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out only the one application per person not per license plate.
4. You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year.
7. Refer to the BMV procedures below:

### BMV PROCEDURES

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$15 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow ALL directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

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YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER  
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B  
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00  
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## Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

**FEBRUARY 5, 2011  
DEADLINE: JANUARY 5, 2011  
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Top of Form

IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)

Name  IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew  Choose Month

Day Time Phone  Evening Phone  # Plates Requested

County Of Residence  Amount Paid \$  Check #

Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:  
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney  
P.O. Box 4797  
Evansville, IN 47724  
1-877-606-4832

\*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

# 2010 Convention minutes . . .

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We are all in this together. And we need to be able to negotiate and work together. We need to be able to figure out what is the best way. The unfortunate reality is there's going to be some reform. And we all know that. Don't we all know that really? There's going to be some type of reform. How strong, I can tell you that in my short two and a half or three years in downtown there, we've talked about Senate Bill 512.

Let's just talk about the Kernan-Shepherd report for a second. Recommendation #5 talks about creating a county-wide body to oversee the provision of the public safety service. If you go through that recommendation five it talks about the economies of scale. What does economy of scale mean? Does anybody have a clue what they mean by that? Let's go to the next slide and see if we can figure it out.

I looked it up and the definition of economy of scale simply says a decrease in the unit cost of a product or a service resulting from large scale operations as an example. So if we're going to try to scale back, what we're doing today and we do that by increasing to a larger volume, I kind of translate that from eliminating a trustee or a township and going to a county. Would that not be going from a small scale to a large scale? Is that what he's talking about when he's talking about cost savings there? I don't know. So are we talking about a countywide fire department maybe? I don't know, I'm not sure.

Yet the other part of that recommendation #5, part #5 says to adjust service and revenue area for a more fair distribution of both services and taxes. Fair distribution of services and taxes. Now let me tell you my opinion. And this is strictly Larry Curl and if you've got a quarter you can get a cup of coffee with that some places. My opinion says if you're going to do fair taxing that mean everybody in this county will pay the same amount of taxes. Would that be fair? I mean if I live Wayne Township in Marion County and I pay one tax rate. And on the other side of town is Warren Township in Marion County and they pay another tax rate, that's certainly not fair if we're doing county wide service is it? And at the time if Warren Township has a full paid career 24 hours a day professional fire service, then shouldn't we have that in Wayne Township? Now take that to your own county. Let's go to your county. Do you have any paid fire services in your county?

**DELEGATE:** Yes.

**LARRY CURL:** Do you have any volunteers in your county?

**DELEGATE:** Yes.

**LARRY CURL:** So fair and equal would mean what? They all should be career paid, 24 hour a day available fire. Where in the hell is the money coming from? Now we want to talk about economy of scale, we want to talk about the savings, if you'll look at Vanderburgh County; they're currently going through a proposal to consolidate in Vanderburgh County. And in the local paper a statement by a great friend of ours - no comments Art. John Buckman says in the paper he told what it would cost to do a career fire department. Who can afford that? It's crazy. It doesn't make any difference, whatever the analogy may be, it's to do away with local government.

Two years ago we had a senator propose Senate Bill 512 and in the explanation of the local expenditure it said the bill had indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. We don't know what it's going to cost. Simply said from the financial folks in the administration we don't know what it's going to cost at the local level. Why are we moving forward - we don't even know what it's going to cost. It also says that the county fire department - now this is in the bill - the bill got defeated two years ago. We're still working on local government reform, defeated bill two years ago may not be defeated bill this year. Fire department consolidation - the county fire department will include a fire department of the township and fire protection districts. But also buried into that bill is a statement about the appointment of a county fire chief. But yet if you ask them today, no we're not taking away your fire department. We're not changing the looks, the outcome, and the reduction of volunteers. We're not altering what they do or say or how they operate. But yet in a proposed bill we said a county fire chief. And I asked the question in a committee hearing - what's the county fire chief going to do? Well, they're going to coordinate all the fire departments. No. The County fire chief doesn't coordinate all the fire department. They're the county fire chief of a county fire department. That's what a county fire chief is. The chief of the county fire department. Now how are we going to pay for it? Remember, we're going to be equal and fair. If we're going to be equal

and fair that means we've got to have career fire department. And that can go into that into road repair and street lights and sidewalks. I mean, if we're going to be equal and fair and we're going to do county services, if one taxpayer in that county has a sidewalk in front of their house, should we all have it. If one person has a paved road, should we all have it? If one person has local trash collection, should we all have it? I mean if we're going to be equal and fair, let's be equal and fair. But you could bankrupt the state today being equal and fair.

This is election year. Remember November. Every member of the house is up for election this year. Every member of the house. Which means that every one of you will have probably two candidates out there trying their best to win your support and your vote? That would be every Republican and Democrat. Some of you will be fortunate enough to have three. That will be an Independent in there. I encourage you, District Chairmen, I encourage you PR, find out who those folks are, contact those folks, ask them, beg them, plead with them, together to be at our district meeting and ask the questions. Ask the questions? Do you support local government reform? Yes or no. Not, well I got to study it, I've got to look at it, and I've got to understand it. You know what, if you're a candidate, if you are not informed on local government reform shame on you for being a candidate. The answer we want is yes or no. We don't want the political answer, we don't want the maybe answer, we don't want the I'll have to think about it answer. You either support it or you don't. And if you do, we don't. And if you don't, we will. Do we understand that? Is that pretty simple and straightforward? Don't give me the BS answer; don't give me the political answer. It's yes or no. And if it's yes for you it's no for me. And if it's no for you, it's yes for me. I'll vote for it if you don't support it. But you're going to have to tell me yes or no. We should not accept anything but a yes or no answer. They're going to dance around it. They're going to give you all kind... Well, I have to read what the bills are going to say. No you don't. We're going to help you by putting together a contact list. The newspaper is going to share a contact list with us. But why don't you help us help you. If you know who's running in your district, if you know the candidates, if you know their contact information, please forward that on to the newspaper or the District 9A - Lea Ann. Forward the information to her. Send it to the webmaster so we can gather it. Send it to your president, send it to Ivan Nevil, and let's somehow get that information together so we can start sharing it.

If it's not important to you, you're in the wrong place at the wrong time. Because it is important. Is there going to be government reform, yes there is. There truly is. There's no question in my mind there will be government reform. How far will we let it go? How far will we let it go, how much will we let it affect us. And I'm going to tell you, if it (inaudible) today, and you believe they tell you it's not going to affect the fire service, then I've got a piece of property out here that's very valuable to me. I've had the governor's administration tell us about - I had the Senator that proposed Senate Bill 512 at the Senate hearing. This doesn't affect the fire department. I did a word search on the bill and it was like 100 times the fire department was mentioned in the bill. And it doesn't affect the fire department? Then why are we listed in there 100 times if it doesn't affect the fire department. I'm

going to tell you something, this is more about the fire department than it is the trustee. But it is more about us and our services than it is anybody else. And we typically are that group that will sit back and do nothing until it's done and then we'll whine and cry because it was done. I urge you - July, August, September, and October. There's four months that we can make a difference. Now the unfortunate thing that makes me sad here today - how many members do we have?

**DELEGATES:** 16000 roughly.

**LARRY CURL:** We're very close to 17,000 members in the IVFA - how many do we have in this room? How many do we have registered? This may be the biggest in a long time, but you know what, it's still a sad representation isn't it. It's really pretty sad when you get right down to it. And that's the scary part for me. I'm afraid that this is going to be the size group that gets out and does something. And then everybody else will say oh, Bill or Joe or Jack or Sue or somebody else will take care of it. I have a few years of fire service, quite a few if you really want to know the truth, and some of you caused me to have gray hair. And some of you caused me to have no hair. That's okay, I love you all. We've got to get actively engaged. Thank you very much.

Those are just what we went through here. Those are just some talking points. There's a perforated part in there. Take that, perforate that card, take that little card that you get out of that, carry it with you wherever you go. When you sitting at the fish fry at your local fund-raiser, at the kids' ball game, or wherever you may be at, get engaged with that conversation. It's that important. It's that important that the IVFA paid to have these things printed up, perforated and had available for you to use. It's that important to us that we want you to have them available to you 24 hours a day. We want you to share it with your neighbors, your friends, your family and other individuals in the fire service. We actually were hoping all the district chairmen would take a handful, take a box, take a truck load. Let's circulate these things so every one of the 17,000 plus have a copy of this. Let's talk to them in your district meetings about what we talked about. If I need to be there, let me know when it is, I'll try my best to be there. Unfortunately I'm somewhat limited right now. So we need to carry on this conversation when we leave this convention. We need to take it to the meeting.

**TIM DECKARD:** Thank you Larry. Once again, walking the halls of the State House with a lobbyist, the legislators of the state house know that the IVFA is alive and well once again. There are a couple of things that I want to share with you that, if you will listen to what Larry said. First off talking about the ISO. The legislators were in the chambers and they were talking about the ISO, that they really didn't understand what they were talking about, didn't know what they were talking about. And one of the senators stood up and said if we know what the 1, 2 and 3 caps are going to do we would not have voted to put those caps on. I don't know #2. Sitting in the meeting that Larry talked about on June 4th were all the leaders of the fire service came together to try to discuss and start discussing legislative. A representative from an organization within this state stood up and said why is the reason that we should have 20 fire departments in one county. Point #3, I don't know is at hand. I don't know is what is making the rule that affects us. So if you don't think that something's not going to happen and that

we can sit here and continue to do nothing, guess what - when it's all done and said and done we can't say anything. So I encourage you to go out and meet with your friends, your neighbors and your family to discuss this. Because those I don't know are the ones that are making the law. And it has been said that I made, many more, that those three points have been said over the last 30 to 60 days. And the question has come up just earlier - will the fire departments go away? They're already saying why does there need to be 20 fire departments in one county. So what does that tell you right there. So I'm begging with you and I'm pleading with you, we cannot sit. We have to get out in our communities and educate our neighbors and our friends.

**LARRY CURL:** I know some of you have some suggestions. I love suggestions. I'm going to be at the hotel, please stop by and share that. Let's figure out what can I do as your lobbyist to help you in your community. If I need to develop a program for each one of you in the fire force, I can do that. We do friendly cards. Whatever we can do stop and let me know. We'll work on whatever to make that happen.

**TIM DECKARD:** If there's no more mileage claims to be turned at this time I'm closing the 2010 Mileage Committee.

Moving to our Committee Reports from the Central Office, Jack Kerney:

**JACK KERNEY:** All of the dues notices are in the mail now. We got one back for a bad address. That's been corrected and we've got departments who have called and said they did not get their packets. So they got lost in the mail some place. So they've already been mailed back.

**MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING DIANE HARRISON:** Pass

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE JACK McFARLAND:** Pass

**HISTORIAN JOHN DAVIS:** Pass

**TIM DECKARD:** I'd like to apologize to the association. Over the last several months our website has had major problems this year with our website. In the middle of the year we lost our webmaster. And then the second, our server went down. And then lastly, I received a resignation letter from our current webmaster, so we are back to square one and trying to find a webmaster. I apologize from the officers. I apologize from myself to the association. The website is a vital part of our association, our group. And over the next three or four months we're going to be finding a webmaster and we're trying to currently work on our server problem and trying to get our information out to our members. We have to have this up and going by at least October to be prepared for the 2011 legislative session, since it is a long session. This is a vital part and so we're going to be working diligently for our website. Buz, do you have anything to add for our report?

**TIM DECKARD:** LOGO COMMITTEE JOHN SMITH:

**JOHN SMITH:** We reviewed the use of the IVFA logo.

**TIM DECKARD:** Editor's Assistant Jim Bradford

**JIM BRADFORD:** I'll pass.

**TIM DECKARD:** Do you want to talk about the deadline, the changing of the deadline.

**JIM BRADFORD:** The

reservation deadline now is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

All the District Officers and District Chairmen will be getting a letter in the mail with the new email address on it for Printco.

**TIM DECKARD:** As long as the website is still viable we're going to try to put the new email address for the webmail.

Convention remarks - David Israel.

**DAVID ISRAEL:** - Later on in the meeting we'll decide where we're going in 2012. Right now we're thinking for 2013. The convention committee needs this by February 1st of 2011. So if anybody out there, any district is thinking about doing the convention get that in by February 1st.

**TIM DECKARD:** Any remarks from our 2011 convention committee?

**TONY:** Everybody excited about coming north? You're ready, let's go. We're getting excited. And we've got all the committees pretty well set and everything. We are going to have pre-registration today in the lobby starting at noon. We're going to be wearing Hawaiian shirts so there's quite a few of us here. District 4 and 5 are going to be wearing those today. Pre-registration is going to be \$65 and for the first 100 we're going to give some cash prizes and things away. I don't know what the girls have come up with. We've got some new things we're working on for next year. We're talking about maybe having a swap meet one day for you guys to bring some old equipment to sell and maybe swap and trade and stuff like that. We're talking about doing that up there. We're also going to have an antique truck show up there. All the vendors and everything, the facility we have up there, everything will be inside. Vendors, everything, trucks, everything will be inside. A few things, we're going to be across the hall or across that's the street from them. We're hoping the Football Hall of Fame is still going to be there. We're talking about maybe one night having one of our opening dinners or something there on the gridiron. We welcome everybody to come next year. We're looking forward to it. So we've got a great committee really working hard on this. So thank you. Terry, you got anything to say?

**TERRY SMITH:** Just one thing, Tony didn't know it. But those that pre-register will get a ticket or something, we'll draw out a name and they will get one night free. Paid. So pre-register. We hope to see you all there. We're going to have a lot of fun. You all come, and we look forward to it.

**TIM DECKARD:** Board of Firefighters Standard and Education - Jack Kerney.

**JACK KERNEY:** I'll pass.

**TIM DECKARD:** Alright, Indiana Fire Institute committee report was forwarded.

The next one is National Volunteer Fire Council.

**JACK KERNEY:** Pass

**TIM DECKARD:** I call to the podium now our Board Chairman with our Audit Committee Report. Larry Ketchum.

**LARRY KETCHUM:** As you know, each year we go through an annual audit and then what have you for the budget and get things approved. It has been done. Last week, the board went through it last evening. I will bring it before you, the people. I cannot explain to you. If you would like I'll have Bev to come up here. She's the one last week since she's our treasurer that works with the audit committee. So if anybody's got any questions, Bev if you would come up here on the stage with me. We can get that worked out.

**BEV HARKER:** I done last year's annual budget report in the May paper which lists our expenses. If you have any other questions about that I'll be glad to answer it. Otherwise, the auditor found nothing wrong with the books or anything.

**DELEGATE:** Do we need a motion to approve on it?

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ IVFA # \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD ADDRESS**

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ADDRESS**

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEBRUARY 5, 2011  
DEADLINE IS:  
JANUARY 5, 2011  
12:00 NOON**

**STATE OFFICER'S MEETING**



Malinda Bell

Corresponding Secretary

IVFA Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, August 8, 2010

Crown Point Hotel Indianapolis Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

Call to order: President Beth called meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann. Joann let everyone know how Martha Thomas was and Sharon Angel. Martha had a heart attack, send cards to her home. Sharon Angel is in a nursing home: Riverview Village 103, 576 Eastern Blvd., Clarksville, IN 47129, phone #812-283-0789. We need to keep them in our prayers.

Pledge to the Flag: Miriam led ladies in Pledge to the Flag.

Congratulations to new line officers June Cahill and Diane Gray; also two new district chairmen - District 4 Shelby Leach and District 17A Marie Emery. Miriam seeing about getting pictures taken of new line officers and new district chairmen.

Roll call: Recording secretary June Cahill. There were 25 officers and 12 guests for a total of 37 present.

Minutes: Lou Bartlow made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes with a second from Barb Kerney. It was asked if any corrections or additions needed to be done, there were none. Minutes stand as written.

Beth sent two papers around; one is for birthdays and cell numbers and e-mail numbers, any new addresses. This is so we have optional way to get ahold of you if needed to.

Miriam said man be down in a few minutes and take pictures of ladies who need their pictures taken.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dorothy gave report. Report stands as read. Report attached to minutes.

Correspondence Report: Malinda read a card from Karen Maier that she was no longer District 4's chairman, also a Thank You card from 2010 IVFA Miss Flame Autumn R. Schumacher. If you would like for her to attend your meetings or activities you are having. Her home phone 219-828-3027, cell: 219-869-0102. She is from San Pierre Vol. Fire Dept. District 3. I had also gotten Linda Johnson's dues and she would like a copy of new bylaws, also she would

**Lois Boaz**

**Awards**

**Committee**

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Bloomfield, IN  
812-384-6748

Sue Glant / Year 2009  
619 S. East St.  
Bremen, IN 46506  
574-546-3509

Lou Bartlow / Year 2010  
PO Box 12  
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765-592-2227

know how many years she has been a member. I gave her dues to recording secretary June.

District chairmen's reports are to be turned in to Beth and Malinda at each quarterly meeting. Make sure they get turned in.

Membership: 60 - Indiana, 271 - Dept. Members, 14 - Life for a total of 345.

Chaplain's Report: Joann has Bibles; if you need any see her after meeting and pick them up. Ladies, if you have any illness or death in your districts, please let Joann know. Joann talked about we need to order new sympathy cards. Joann is to look and see what she can find and get prices. Any man that belongs to IVFAA gets a Bible when they become deceased.

Auditing: Barb Kerney - they met Saturday and everything fine and in order.

Installation: Toni will be ready by next year.

Financial Study: Toni passed out papers for getting a budget put together, did one last year and had good response, will meet with her committee in November. So please bring back the paper she passed out with what your expenses will be, so the budget can get done.

Leona - Membership, working with men to get new members; she is working with district chairmen, talk to them and ask for the chief's name.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney donated \$100.00 to Mary Mackin Memorial Fund; each year this is donated to this fund. Thank you, Barb. Barb said had a very successful year.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: no report.

V.P. Project: Diane. She has a fire truck donated, it is first prize, second a quilt, third and fourth, cash. Tickets have been donated. Joann will have them at the November meeting. This will be tickets and flyers.

Bylaws: Susie, no changes except listing his and her in books. Have to be a district chairman for two years before can run for a line officer's position. Susie will get the corrections made and may have books by November meeting.

Jewelry Chairman: has 11 state shaped pins left. She also has some old jewelry if any district chairman would like to take some with them. Marlene's daughter-in-law was hit by a car in May, she is in a coma, breathing on her own. Her name is Mindy Hanni, husband Michael. Remember in our prayers.

Nominating: Pam says good to go.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis have all books. An idea was brought up about where to store the books, talked about storing at recording secretary's home, she has a fire safe file cabinet. Lou felt that the committee should keep them so Phyllis will have them in totes.

President's Advisory: Barb Parker - so far doing just fine.

Parliamentarian: Lou says Okay.

Old Business: Lou and Larry got new computer and printer for our recording secretary and got it all set up for June. Great job, Larry and Lou. June came up and spent a whole day with them and she took it home with her. A discussion was held on briefcases

for the line officers and district chairmen. Some are in really bad shape. Lou motioned to buy three cases on wheels with a second from Heather; all approved to buy three new cases on wheels. Susie showed her case and it is cloth and has shoulder strap. Miriam is going to check with Curls about emblem on cases and how much it would cost. Barb Ketchem said we should be able to buy everyone one on wheels. Tabled till Carol Curl comes to meeting.

Lois Boaz: Marie Emery said to get letters started coming. And again congratulations to Lou Bartlow, our 2010 Lois Boaz recipient.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker, okay.

Mr. Bill Bush came in and asked about how the 2010 convention went. Asked if we enjoyed fish fry Wednesday, yes, The Boogie Heads, Thursday, yes, and the Banquet, Friday, yes. Convention went very well. Beth said we had talked about sending letters out to all departments and individuals about their dues. A letter was written up by Lou and was signed by Beth and June will get letters sent out. Michele from the insurance company that is giving us free accidental and dismemberment in the amount of \$3,000.00. If belong to IVFA also you will get another \$3,000.00 Coverage 24/7. Talked about Health Discount Program (20%-60%) Savings on prescriptions, hearing care, vision care/products, chiropractic care \*\*optional discount dental is available\*\* (this covers everyone in the household), Children safe kits for your children and grandchildren.

We took a break at 9:30 a.m. Buz came and took pictures of ladies that needed their picture taken for the newspaper. Resume at 9:45 a.m.

Beth passed out IVFAA emergency call list 2010/2011. If something goes wrong, sickness, death you are to call your president first which is Beth. If can't get a hold of Beth, call Chaplain Joann. Beth wants to know what is going on, if can't talk to Beth, call Joann the Chaplain. With Martha sick, Barb Kerney will be called for now on the emergency list while Martha is sick. Beth talked about committees and why she put chairmen on the committees.

Sang Happy Birthday to Suzie, Jim and Barb Parker 61 years anniversary. Vi will be 80 so we sang Happy Birthday to her.

Convention Report: Eula Bush said work together with your committees, communicate. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves. 2011 Convention report - District 4 discussed what all will be going on at the convention which is at South Bend next year.

Treasurer Dorothy got sick and had to leave so what checks she wrote already pick them up after meeting. Mail rest of your vouchers in to Dorothy and she will get your checks to you.

New Business: Marlene Thrawley discussed about Power Point - get pictures to her and information and she will add to the Power Point they did Friday night at Banquet. They go different places and put power points together for different departments. Was asked if we could have a copy of this and was told they could be put on CDs for us. Heather made motion that we do this with a second from Pam. Would put pictures of Miss Flame, Lois Boaz, about the insurance and etc. Barb Kerney, E.J. Smith, and Joann Hays will help her, this will be her committee. Marlene would like pictures brought to her at November meeting if we want any pictures on the

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**TIM DECKARD:** Motion on the floor that we approve the audit that was published. Been seconded. All in favor - signify by saying aye. Opposed same sign. Motion carried.

**TIM DECKARD:** At this time I'm going to call to the podium Nominating Committee Chairman Ivan Nevil.

**FIVE MINUTE BREAK**

**TIM DECKARD:** Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, I ask you to gather your committee together for securing our room. Now, I'll turn the podium over to our nominating chairman, Ivan Nevil.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Thank you, Mr. President. The Nominating Committee for the year 2010-2011 for the office of President the committee submits the name of Tim Deckard and Dave Elick. Mr. Elick would accept the nomination?

Dave Elick: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I accept the nomination.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Is there any other nominations from the floor for president. (Called three times) Nominations are closed. District Chairmen, poll your delegates. The doors will be secured. We do have 143 registered delegates. So there is 143 votes.

**LARRY CURL:** Remember a few months back we all got those pieces of paper in the mail that said U.S. Census and we had to fill out and check the box and how many people are living here, what are you age, what is your disability. You know, we ought to do that. As a fire service we ought to do that. We ought to have the Indiana Volunteer Fire Department Census. So I began talking to the leadership and Steve got involved. I think Jack Kerney said we'll talk to the state because

Steve has done some of that stuff. And low and behold and he had. He's got some of that data already together. It's probably outdated by this point, its three or four years ago. Long story short, we're going to try to create, to develop, to draft a fire department census for the State of Indiana. Now I've got some big dreams with this. It's not just in this room. I am hoping that we can put together a grant to send off to those folks that give away all the money they don't have and give a federal grant to promote and market this. And we can do this on a big scale. I think we could do there where we actually have the opportunity to generate a program that will tell us, if you

all participate, that will tell us in any particular county we have 373 firefighters, 90 percent of those are white male between the ages of 30 and 65. We have 27 ladder trucks and 105 pumpers and 3 rescues. Our average expenses, our annual budget is "x" number of dollars. There are a lot of things we can gather from that. What value is that to us? It's good information. You're right; it's nothing unless we all participate. You know, wouldn't it be great to be able to go by county by county and tell the governor, look if you're going to do local government reform we have this number of firefighters. Are you going to replace all of them? Do you know what we have? When we go talk to them about legislation it would be nice to say yeah, we do need this. We're trying to find funds for a ladder truck in this district because we don't have any ladder trucks in it. It would be nice to be able to just know ourselves what resources are available to us, wouldn't it. How many of us often wonder if I have a major incident in my district how many pieces of apparatus I can get. How many firefighters can I get out and count on. What is the age of our firefighters? Are they available? Let's talk about recruitment and retention for a minute. I'd like to call that retention and recruitment because if you retain them you don't have to recruit. A lot more productive and less costly. That's a whole program for another day. Wouldn't it be nice to say in a county - hey, countywide we're short daytime firefighters. Now how many are short daytime firefighters? How do you know that?

We're talking about a major incident, we're talking a lot of people, and we need apparatus and people. How many are available in your county? See, here we are - don't know. We don't really know. We're guessing what we have. If we were to do a fire department census we could ask these questions and get the information and put it into a data base and we could build on that from now on. I'm going to turn it over to Steve he's got an opportunity today to start us on that track.

**STEVE:** One of you has probably seen in the last couple years we did this three or four years ago with the dues payments. What I'd like to do is try to get another opportunity to get data from more departments and more

updated information from those departments that participated the first time. I've got some helpers in the back. What I need is if you filled out a delegate or travel voucher, would you stand up. Because I know there's one of those for every department that's here. If you filled out a delegate voucher for your department stand up and we have a piece of information that we would like you to fill out to the best of your ability. I know there's information on here some of you may not know. That's fine, what you don't know we'll try to find out. While we're in the process of doing that I meeting yesterday have one other quick announcement to go ahead and take care of. Those of you that were in the firefighters training and education heard about Project Makeover. Two year project being undertaken by the State to update the training curriculum. I was lucky enough to sit in one of those groups and our committee worked on the practical. At 2:00 o'clock today in the Road, it's a restaurant, we have a presentation where we will go through some of the details that we did. Yesterday we couldn't get into the detail. Dave Provo from the State will be there. And we will actually show some of the changes that we've made or suggesting. Yesterday the board voted to take it out and pilot it, to test it, to see what needs to be changed and updated. That's where we need your guys' help. There were six or seven of us that sat there. We need input from all over the state on what else needs to be tweaked on that. But at 2:00 o'clock today we will have a session for that in the restaurant area.

**LARRY CURL:** If you folks that had that green piece of paper would fill that out sometime before the end of the convention and make sure that Steve has that. We're going to start today doing the handwritten and if you type, our hope and our desire if we'll eventually get (inaudible) here's the information. Here's the database and it can all be (inaudible). If we don't participate it's of no value. If we all participate it's a great value.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Please write your county on the green paper. What county you are from. Are there any delegates that did not receive a green copy? Steve, are they going to have some available back at the motel?

**STEVE:** Yes. They'll be in Larry's shop down at the lobby.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Okay, we do have the results of the election. Tim Deckard has been elected as President for the coming year.

**TIM DECKARD:** Thank you very much. It's been a busy year and it looks like the next year's going to be another busy year. I have to thank the boys back there smiling that have supported me over many years of my district from Lawrence County. Thank you all again for your support. Thank you again for your confidence in me to lead this group. We have some major things that are going to affect us and we just need to continue moving forward for our association.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Thank you, Mr. President. For the Vice-President the Nominating Committee submits the name of David Israel. Are there any nominations from the floor for vice-president? (Called three times) The nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for David Israel for Vice-President?

**MR. SECRETARY:** I cast one unanimous ballot for David Israel for Vice-President.

**IVAN NEVIL:** For the office of Secretary the committee submits the name of Larry Bartlow. Are there any nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Mr. President, would you cast one unanimous ballot.

**TIM DECKARD:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Larry Bartlow for Association Secretary.

**IVAN NEVIL:** For treasurer the nominating committee submits the name of Beverly Harker. Are there any nominations from the floor? (Called three times) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** Mr. Chairman, Larry Bartlow casts one unanimous vote for Bev Harker for Treasurer.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Sergeant at Arms. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Bush for sergeant at arms. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor?

**DELEGATE:** I nominate Brent

Bush. **IVAN NEVIL:** Brent Bush. Will you stand? Would you accept the nomination of sergeant-at-arms?

**BRENT BUSH:** Yes. **IVAN NEVIL:** Are there any nominations from the floor? Bill?

**BILL BUSH:** I will retire today. **IVAN NEVIL:** We have to check the secretary's records that he has been a district chairman for two years. I'm sure he has been. We have the secretary to check the records.

He is an official candidate. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Brent Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Brent Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms.

**IVAN NEVIL:** For Chaplain. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Ed Gerdowsky. Are there any nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for the Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Ed Gerdowsky Chaplain.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Public Relations Northwest. The committee submits the name of Jim Bradford. Are there any nominations from the floor? District 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B. (Called three times) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Bradford for PR Northwest.

**IVAN NEVIL:** PR Northeast. The Committee submits the name of Gene Smith. Are there any further nominations for PR Northeast? (Called three times) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Smith for PR Northeast.

**IVAN NEVIL:** PR West Central. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Diane Harrison. Are there any further nominations for PR West Central? (Called three times) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison for PR West Central.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Public Relations East Central. The committee submits the name of

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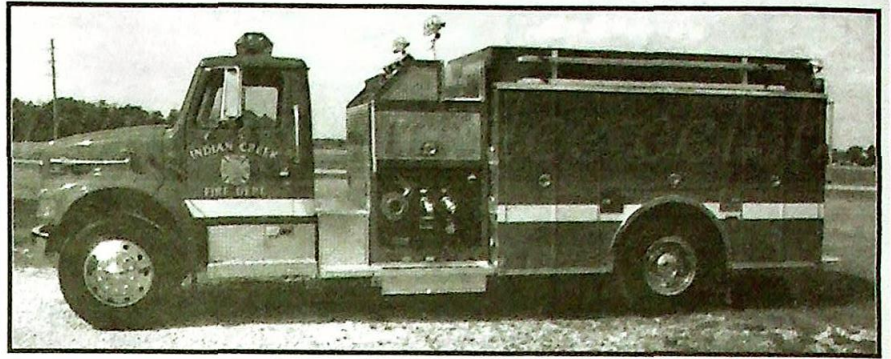
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Don Cushman. Are there any further nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Don Cushman for PR East Central.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Public Relations South West. The committee submits the name of Jim Abrams. Are there any further nominations for PR South West from the floor? (Called three times) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Abrams for PR South West.

**IVAN NEVIL:** Public Relations South East. The committee submits the name of Al Williamson. Are there any further nominations from the floor? (Called three times) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary.

**LARRY BARTLOW:** I cast one unanimous ballot for Al Williamson PR South East.

**IVAN NEVIL:** That concludes the election for this year. Thank you.

**TIM DECKARD:** Thank you chairmen. At this time I want to release the Credentials Committee, Larry Bartlow and your committee, thank you very much. At this time I'm going to ask our convention chairman David Israel to come.

**DAVID ISRAEL:** We have one district bidding for 2012 convention. District 16 and 14 for the 2012 convention. I'd like to have Paul Holcomb and Rick Canyon come up here please and introduce our guest.

**PAUL HOLCOMB:** At this time I'd like to call up Stacy (inaudible) and Joyce Deckard. Stacy with the Harrison County Tourism Bureau and Joyce with the Horseshoe Casino. This is what we have to offer for you all in 2012.

**JOYCE:** Thank you Paul. On behalf of the Horseshoe Casino and Harrison County Visitor and Convention Bureau, thank you for allowing us to present to you today. I'm going to ask the question and the answer is a multiple choice and you've got to pick one you think it's going to be.

Question #1: What will the room rate be at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana for the 2012 Convention? The answer is C, \$95.

Question #2: How many different off site food venues will you have for meals that are not included in your registration? The answer is D, six.

Question #3: Where will your meetings be held? D is correct.

Question #4: How much money is the Horseshoe Casino giving each registrant to play in our casino? It is D - \$5.

Question #5: The Harrison County Convention Bureau will provide on-site registration. True or false? True.

Question #6: The Harrison County CVB will provide (inaudible) register to each attendee and will stuff all materials in the bags. True.

Question #7: The Harrison County CVB will provide the following: D - all of the above.

You all are winners.

**PAUL HOLCOMB:** Room rates are \$95 plus the state 11% occupancy tax. The registration fee for 2012 will be \$60. That will include four meals throughout the convention. That's part of your registration fee. All your little amenities at the banquet and the four meals. The pre-registration is \$60. Late registration is \$75. We will do early registration at next year's convention.

**DAVID ISRAEL:** Ladies and gentlemen, it's kind of a formality that Rick and Paul and I toured the facility. It's a real nice facility. I think we'll have a good time there. We got so much ground down there we're just trying to figure out where we can do outside vendors, whether they should do outside vendors. They set aside the whole second floor for meetings and stuff. It's really a nice facility. So at this time we need a motion to accept their bid.

**MIKE MACKLIN DISTRICT 6:** I make a motion we accept their bid.

**DAVID ISRAEL:** Second?

**BILL BUSH:** Still Sergeant At Arms, I second it.

**DAVID ISRAEL:** All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? We're going to Horseshoe in 2012.

**TIM DECKARD:** Bill's asked me to make an announcement, as you're leaving your spot if you'll pick up the papers from where you're seated, and put them in the trash so you can help the school. The school was gracious to allow us to use the school this week. It's a very nice facility, so let's help them out. As we're closing our meeting is there any other...

**PAST PRESIDENT JIM PARKER:** The Ladies Auxiliary has about \$250 worth of silent auction tickets that need to be sold. We ask that we help the members.

**TIM DECKARD:** The ladies have asked us to announce that they have the auction tickets that they need to sell. So

let's help their association out. Is there anything else to be brought before the floor before we close today's session?

**MIKE MACKLIN DISTRICT 6:** I have, I've been interested in taking over as the games committee chairman. I've heard the last couple of years we want the games to continue. I (inaudible) to District 4 and 5 to possibly think about maybe instead of having the games on Saturday like we have had in the past. We'd like to keep that, what about maybe Thursday afternoon. There's kind of a dead spot there in the convention that might help things go a little bit. If you could, let me know, I'll be around. Let District 4 and 5 know so they can have some help with their planning of their convention and everything. I just want to let you know, I am interested. I will take over the Games Committee. Thank you.

**TIM DECKARD:** I ask you to please stand. I'm going to ask our Chaplain to come forward and close us with our invocation.

**CHAPLAIN OFFERS THE CLOSING PRAYER.**

**CONVENTION ADJOURNED AT 11:55 A.M.**

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power point. Marlene's e-mail address is mthrawl@yahoo.com. Barb Parker was wondering about pictures of Memorial Service. The men used to have pictures taken and then with rose given to families of the deceased they don't do that anymore. If you need get from Joann programs and roses. This tabled till November. Parker will bring this up again for discussion.

Carol Curl came in to meeting, we talked to her about cases. Three roll cases with logo and for line officers put President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Chaplain, Treasurer and Sgt.-At-Arms. Cost approximately \$30.00. Voted to buy three cases for our line officers. Lou motioned to find out how much case costs, cloth cases on wheels. And if they are under \$40.00 then buy one for every district chairmen, with a second from Toni. All approved. Carol will come to November meeting with prices. Janet Matthew made motion if price for cloth cases on wheels under \$40 - we purchase them with a second from Toni, motion stands at our November meeting.

Heather made motion for our

Chaplain Joann have a case on wheels with a second from Suzie, all approved.

Carol checking on price for 20, Chaplain Joann would like to give each family of deceased that we have lost after convention 2009 to convention 2010 a rose, program and picture. Copies will be made and given to Joann at November meeting. A motion from Toni for Joann to get a nice picture, rose, and program for families with a second from Lou. All approved.

Beth wants to talk to new district chairmen after meeting to get acquainted with them.

Toni Sorg's daughter passed state board on first try.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Entertainment at 3:30 p.m. - going to have a "Theme of Winter Land". Going to be doing some crafts, etc. Would like all ladies to attend, even if you are not an officer or a member and you come with your husband who is an IVFA officer would like for all ladies to attend. We will have fun. Date is Saturday, November 6. Meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at the Crowne Point Hotel Indianapolis by airport.

If any committees are having meetings, can have them after supper.

Adjournment: Pam made motion to adjourn with a second from Lou. All approved.

Closing prayer: Chaplain Joann did the closing prayer.

Submitted by  
IVFAA correspondence secretary  
Malinda Bell

## DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the May 6, 2010 District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order

by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was recited. Phyllis had everyone stand for a moment of silent for passing of 2 of our district auxiliary Cele & Bill Christensen.

Prayer was given by Deb Vandyke of Lake Dale Fire Dept.

Guests include Jim Bradford, PR Northwest I.V.F.A., and Paul Watland, District #2 chairman, and Rachel Stenger, Miss Flame District #2.

Roll call was taken with 17 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 2 individual.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2- by Jim Vargo to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report with \$623.60 in checking. A report stands as read for audit.

Old Business - State dues are due by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send them to Phyllis first.

New Business - Martha Thomas said the convention committee is looking for pictures for a slide show. If you have any please get them to Martha.

Phyllis stated that there will be 3 people remembered at the Memorial Service at Convention this year. They are Betty Sontag from Lake Station, Cele & Bill Christensen of LOFS.

Phyllis stated that she still had some state raffle tickets available to buy if you are interested.

Also, they have tickets for the Chinese Auction at convention. If you would like to purchase some please see Phyllis, she will make sure they get to auction.

State Auxiliary is looking for a 12 x 12 quilted square from District 1 & 2. They will be making up a quilt to give to past president.

Department announcements were given.

50/50 winner was

Next meeting is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at Crown Point.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2- by Rita Stanger to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Marge Baumgardner  
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. Dist. 1 & 2

Minutes of the Sept. 9th, 2010 District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was recited. Prayer was given by Linda Abraham of Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

Guests include: Paul Watland, District #2 chairman, and Tom Orrell, District #1 chairman.

Roll call was taken with 17 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 2 individual.

Minutes were read by Marge Baumgardner. No correction or addition to minutes.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report with \$709.00 in checking. A report stands as read for audit.

Old Business - State dues are due by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send them to Phyllis first.

New Business - Phyllis advised the group that there was new e-mail address for Printco, which is printer for the I.V.F.A. newspaper. Please send your pictures and articles to them. If you need to write down the address, see Phyllis after the meeting.

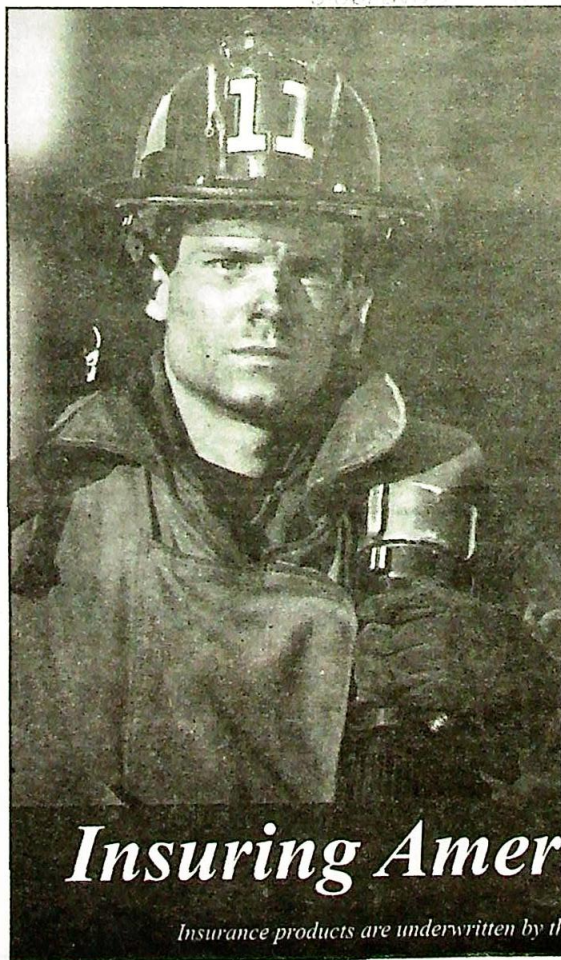
Phyllis had a copy of the financial report from the state. She has it at the front table if anyone wants to look at it. From the state funds which are \$30,936.80, Phyllis stated that there will be a new computer purchased for the State Secretary.

Phyllis presented the rose and program from the Memorial Service at Convention to Tom Waitkus of Lake of Four Seasons to give to Shannon Iorio on behalf of her parents Cecil and Bill Christenson.

Phyllis talked about the quilt square for the state. She took a t-shirt from the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention that was hosted by District 1 & 2 and backed it and sent it to the state for the quilt square.

Miss Flame applications are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> to Phyllis. Phyllis asked that you go back to your departments and see if there are any young ladies between the ages of 15 - 18 that would like to run, right now there are several applications for District #2, but have none for District #1. And if you have more than 2 applicants from your

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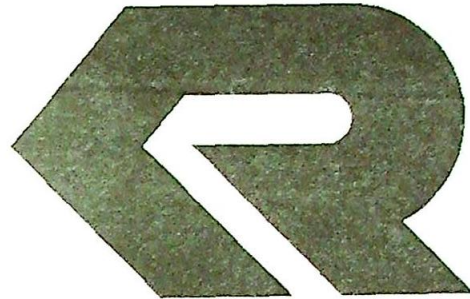
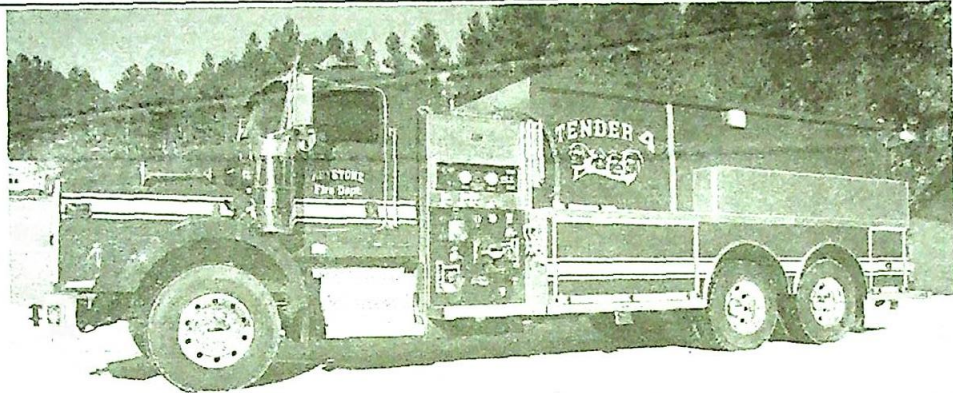
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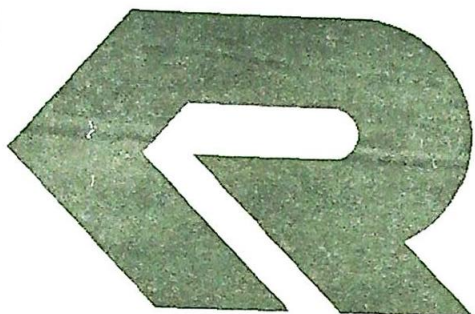
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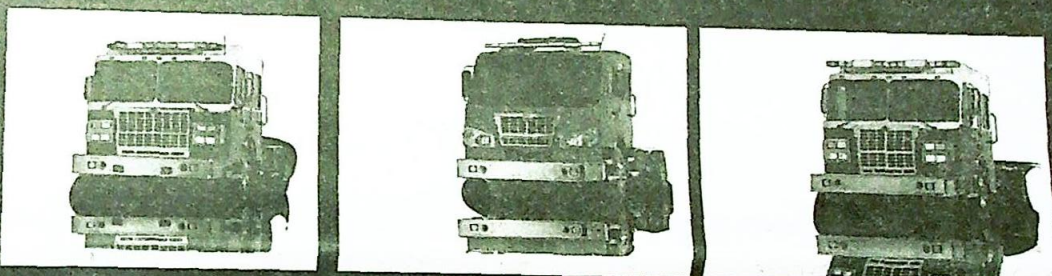
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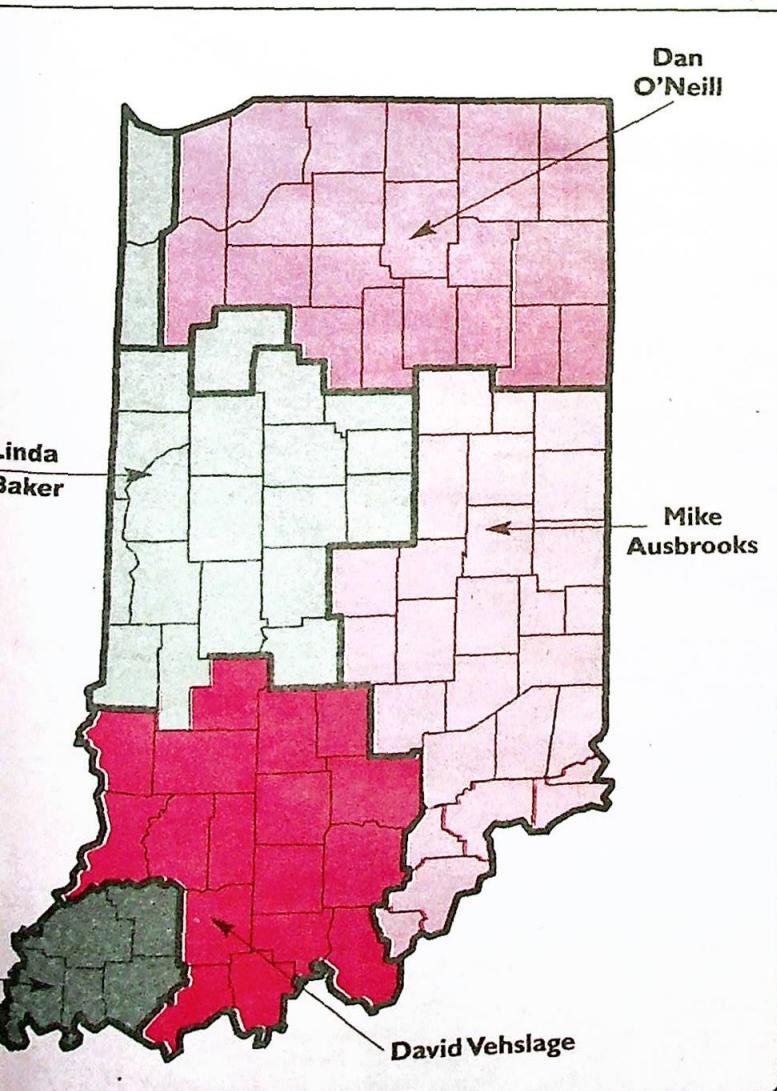
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**DISTRICT 1 / 2 REPORT**

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 department, you will need to have a run-off in your department before the one application can be turned into the district. Phyllis reminded the girls from Lowell in attendance that they will need to have 3 judges. It was also asked if we could invite Miss Flame from District #3 who is the current state Miss Flame. We will get her address and send an invite.

Motion was made by Jackie Rench, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Szafranski to have a Silent Auction at the November meeting. Each auxiliary will need to bring 3 items. Motion passed.

Department announcements were given.

Next meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> at Lowell.

Motion by Tom Waikus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackie Rench to adjourn. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted by:  
 Marge Baumgardner  
 I.V.F.A.A. Sec. Dist. 1 & 2*

**DISTRICT 7 REPORT**



*Susie Lewis - Chairman*

July 19, 2010

District 7 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on July 19, 2010 at the Uniondale Volunteer fire station.

The meeting was opened by chairman Suzi Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by five ladies from three departments and one individual.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

There was a brief discussion of convention as all members in attendance had attended convention.

Congratulations to Diana Gray, the newly-elected vice president of the I.V.F.A.A.

Officers for 2010 - 2011 are president Beth Caudill, vice president Diana Gray, recording secretary June Cahill, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, chaplain Joann Hayes, and Sgt.-at-Arms for year 31 Miriam Schaeckel.

The sign up of individuals to the IVFAA was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to get individual members.

The upcoming fundraiser of the IVFA, a cruise, was mentioned.

There was a question on license plates and this will be looked into.

Motion was made by Joyce Nevil, seconded by Virginia Wilson to retain the same officers for the coming year. Motion passed. Officers for District 7 for 2010 - 2011 are Suzi Lewis, chairman and Toni Sorg, secretary.

The next meeting will be on September 20 at Warren. The Miss Flame contest will be at the November 15 meeting at Andrews.

Motion made by Diana Gray to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

*Antoinette L. Sorg, secretary*

September 20, 2010

District 7 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on September 20, 2010 at the Warren Volunteer fire station.

The meeting was opened by chairman Suzi Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by five ladies from three departments and one individual.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

There was a brief discussion of August officers' meeting. The sign up of individuals to the IVFAA was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to get individual members.

The Chinese auction for convention 2011 was discussed. Suggestions were to be brought back to the November meeting.

The November meeting will be at the Miss Flame contest for the district.

We will be having our Christmas gift exchange at the next meeting. You are asked to bring a \$5.00 gift for the exchange.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2010 at Andrews - Miss Flame contest.

Motion was made by Heather Kongar to adjourn, seconded by Dorothy Reiter. Meeting adjourned.

*Antoinette L. Sorg,  
 Secretary*

**DISTRICT 17A REPORT**

*Marie Emery - Chairman*

IVFAA district meeting was held at the Edwardsport VFD July 28.

Elections for the year were held. Newly elected chairperson is Marie Emery, vice Kathy Ferguson, secretary Annette Baker, treasurer Janet Hardgrave and chaplain Stella Abrams.

Congratulations to June Cahill, our newly elected state recording secretary. We also thank her for serving as our chairperson since July 2003.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The group discussed fund raising ideas to support the district for the next year. The Miss Flame applications are available.

The ladies' meetings are held the same time as the men's meetings. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

September 22 our meeting was held at the Richland-Taylor VFD. Twelve members and one guest present. State officers present were June Cahill and Malinda Bell. Miss Flame applications were discussed and a report was given on the Tastefully Simple fund raiser, an idea of having a cookie sale at the annual Vincennes sausage feed on January 15, 2011.

Our goal for the next year is to see if we can increase our membership.

Next meeting will be November 17 at Spurgeon VFD.

*Marie Emery  
 17A chairperson*

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT**



*Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman*

Hi Ladies,

We had our State meeting Aug. 7 & 8 in Indy. We talked about membership, dues and committees for the coming year, new bags for chairmen and officers, call list for sick, the upcoming convention in South Bend and other topics of interest. We also have the line officers hosting our November state meeting in Indianapolis.

We had our District 19 meeting August 10th at Morris Firehouse with members from Batesville, Blooming Grove, Morris and Sunman. Morris had a nice luncheon with many other wonderful foods for us to enjoy. Thanks for hosting Morris. The Morris Ladies' Auxiliary also presented us with copies of the Standard Operating Guidelines for Responding to a Fire Call. It is a very good informational sheet which one can go by. Thank you for sharing that with all of us. Morris will also have a breakfast November 14. Our next IVFAA meeting will be November 9th at Sunman.

We are trying to find someone with a daughter or granddaughter who would be interested in running for Miss Flame for District 19. I hope we will come up with one by November meeting in Versailles.

I have heard from Milan and Aurora and hoping to get them involved in our IVFAA. If you know of others, please let me know.

I will be going with Ski to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Indianapolis Sept. 2. It is a very meaningful service and tribute to those we have lost in the line of duty.

I hope you have all been able to bear the excessive heat this summer and we will have a good fall and winter ahead. If you have any

concerns or questions, please let me know. May you all enjoy God's many blessings!

*Pam Gerdowsky  
 District #19 chairman  
 Aug. 17, 2010*

**Cruise . . .**

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Speaking of families, let's not forget that cruises are fun for all ages. So, for those who want to bring the family . . . Go for it! Carnival offers the best children's program afloat. Camp Carnival is available for children 2-11 and the O2 Teen club will keep "like minded" teens 15-17 busy and happy. We can't forget that 12-14 year old group either. They will love the Circle "C" Teen Club. All offer supervision with trained counselors.

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**From The Treasurer**

*Beverly Harker*



Hello everyone, The last three months have been busy and gone fast.

I attended one memorial service for Anthony Mann of the Stinesville Fire Dept./Bean Blossom Township. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and fellow firefighters.

I've attended four district meetings, games day at Bloomfield and a legislation meeting at Indianapolis.

I'm sure everyone is busy with Fire Prevention now (Oct. 5th). It's a time that small kids remember for many years.

I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

*Submitted by: Beverly Harker  
 IVFA Treasurer*



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By now many of you that attended your district meetings have been informed about the consequences of the "LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM" if it passes. The effect on Township departments will be the greatest. I hope you have contacted your state representative and senator and let them know your feelings.

I want to thank District 9A chairman Leighanne Ellis for mailing all of the representatives and senators to find out how they intended to vote on the bill. The special edition of the paper you received in October had the information.

Be sure to read the article on upcoming communication changes that will also effect just about every department in the state.

Your district meetings are the place to receive valuable information on how the IVFA works on your behalf.

Although this might be a little bit early, everyone have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

*Jim Bradford  
PRNW*

**Public Relations Director West Central**  
*Diane Harrison*



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

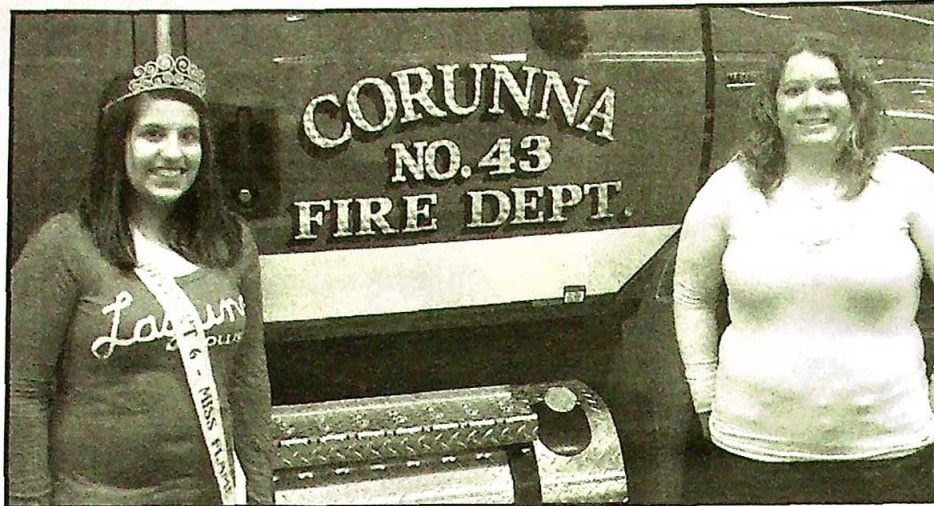
It has been a very busy quarter for me at work so I was not able to attend as many functions as I would have liked to. Hopefully I will get people trained at work so I will have more time to do what I love.

I attended District 12 meeting and 11-A picnic. For those firefighters in 11-A you missed a very informative meeting. We had seven candidates running for state senator and state representatives present to tell us their position on the issues concerning us and answer our questions. A special thank you to Larry Curl for being the moderator for the event.

I hope everyone took time to vote. You don't deserve to gripe if

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# Auburn FD holds 125th anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration



IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Katie Enfield and IVFA 2008 state Miss Flame Kristen Wylie attend Auburn Fire Department's 125th's Anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration.

(Pictured at right) - IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Katie Enfield and IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague (Spook) at the Auburn Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration.



On July 31, 2010 Auburn Fire Chief Michael VanZile gives opening remarks at Auburn Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration as Auburn Mayor Noeman Yoder looks on.



IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Katie Enfield participates in water ball at the Auburn Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration.

*Photos were submitted by District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague (Spook)*



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**PRWC  
report . . .**

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you don't vote.  
Remember it's not too late to sign up for the first-ever cruise. More information is in this issue of the paper.

Remember we set a record on the Hoosier Burn Camp auction last June so our work is cut out for us next June. Anyone wishing to donate items can bring them to convention or if not able to attend convention, call me.

Harold and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Stay safe,  
Diane Harrison  
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*Nappanee Volunteer Fire Department accepts  
chain saw as second prize at 2010 convention*



The chain saw was presented to the Nappanee Volunteer Fire Department by District 4 Miss Flame Alyssia Smith and chairman Terry Smith.

(Left to right) - chairman Terry Smith, Chief Don Lehman, Miss Flame Alyssia Smith and Assistant Chief Tom Anglin.

This saw was second prize from the 2010 IVFA convention.

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PLEASE NOTE TO ALL ADVERTISERS AND IVFA MEMBERS - THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE 5TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION

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Nappanee Volunteer Fire Department accepting the chain saw. - photos submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

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*Jim Abrams*



# Osoło VFD presented clock for new addition



A clock was presented to Osoło Volunteer Fire Dept. for their new addition.

(Left to right) Chief Jerry Miller, chairman Terry Smith and Doug Stone. - photos submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

I attended District 17A's meeting July 28th at Edwardsport Vol. Fire Dept.

Attended state meeting at Indianapolis on August 7 and 8.

I attended a memorial service for Anthony Mann from Stinesville/Bean Blossom Vol. Fire Dept. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and fire department.

I attended District 18's meeting at Ferdinand.

I attended District 15's meeting at Owensville on the 21st.

I missed District 17A's meeting at Scotland due to prior appointment.

I will attend a memorial service at Dale Carter Vol. Fire Dept. on October 8th.

I will attend a new station opening October 10th at Haubstadt Vol. Fire Dept.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.

May you all have a blessed holiday!

Sincerely,  
Jim Abrams  
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The new addition to the Osoło Volunteer Fire Department.



**FEBRUARY DEADLINE:  
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**Public Relations  
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Al Williamson**



Greetings to all.

Hope everyone is enjoying the sudden change to fall weather. First, district chairman Rick Cannon asked me to pass on the next District 14 meeting will be at Austin, November 18th at 1900.

For IVFAA members, Sharon has been back in the hospital with abdominal pain and was thought to have had colon cancer which turned

out to be negative but she does have a blockage that will be treated with medicines first, then surgery if the meds do not help. We thank all for the cards and prayers. I will pass on her results.

I have had the P.R. trailer at Sellersburg Celebrates, the Memphis Festival, and with Rick Cannon's help to the Austin F.D.'s Festival. It has been a good reception and we have been getting out IVFA info and talking to as many people as possible including those running for office. We have had several candidates at some of the district meetings and all (Republicans, Democrats, and others) agree with the IVFA on the need to keep Trustees and maintain the people's contact with their local government.

District chairmen need to make a C.D. of departments in the district to be played on the TV during events.

Contact Carroll or your PR Director to have trailer at your events.

Thanks to the FF's and ladies of the Sellersburg Fire Dept. for their assistance in manning the PR trailer.

*Al Williamson,  
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This acclaimed training will be available August 18, 2010 at its new online home -- [pbeducation.org](http://pbeducation.org). *To Hell and Back* has a new format that enables fire department supervisors and trainers to create user groups, build custom courses from the available educational modules, and track user progress and proficiency. *To Hell and Back* provides an easy, measurable way to train firefighters.

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For more information on *To Hell and Back*, visit [pbeducation.org](http://pbeducation.org).

**Clarksville Fire Dept. holds memorial/candle light service**



Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, District 14, poses with Kristy Demas. - photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



Pictured are (left to right) - Tom Sellmer Sr., Rick Cannon - District 14 chairman, Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, District 14, Al Williamson - PRSE, and Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.



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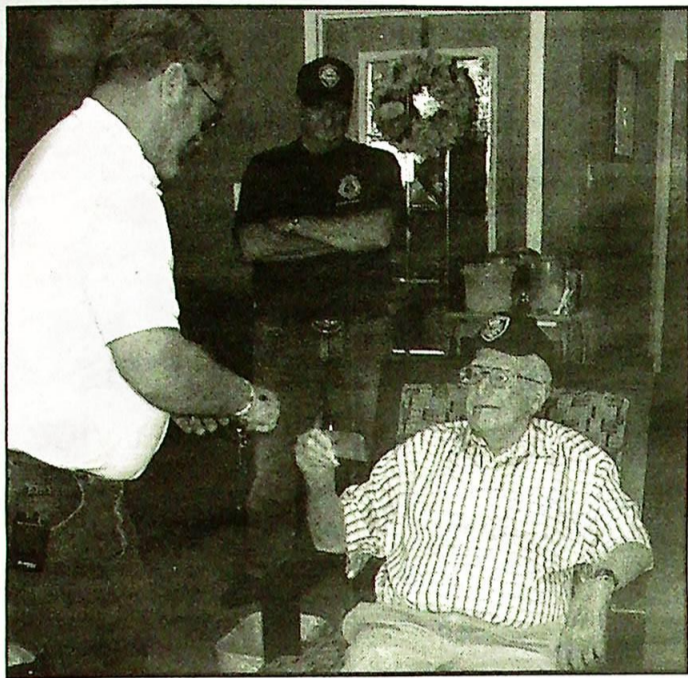
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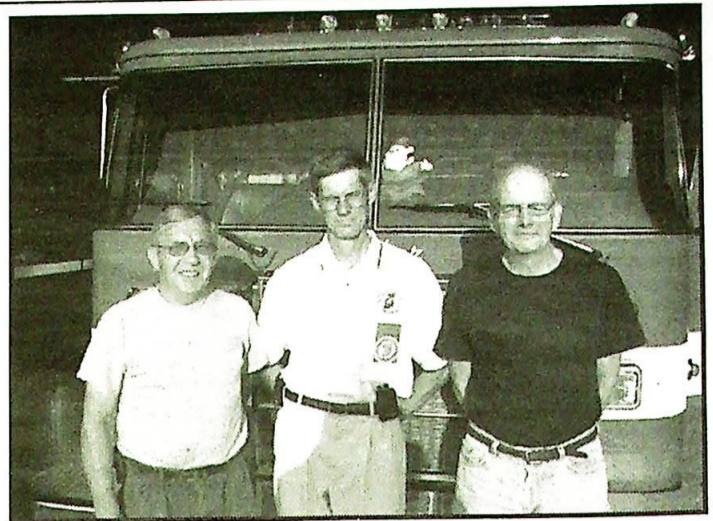
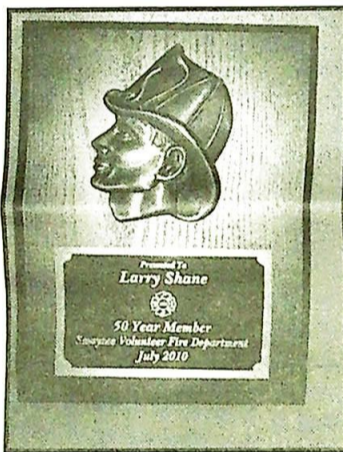
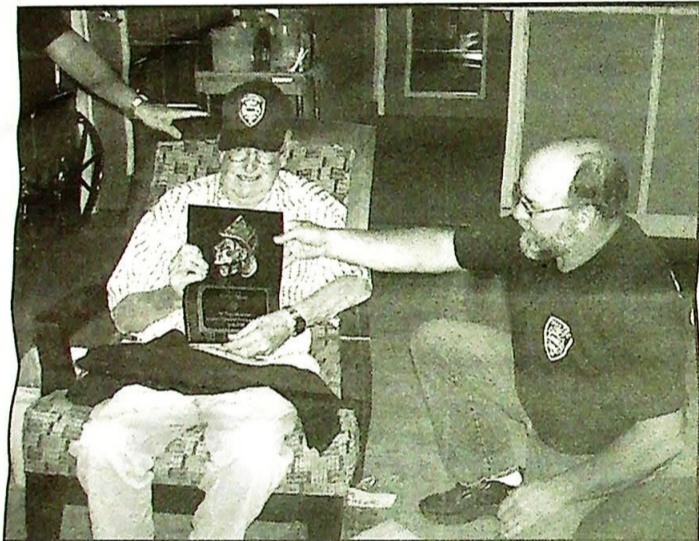


In the picture to the left IVFA District 8A Chairman E.W. Pape, Jr. awards Chief Shane his 50 year Gold Card and pin.

In the lower left picture the present SVFD Chief Jeff Duncan honors Larry with a plaque from the department for his 50 years of service to the SVFD and Community.

Chief Shane joined the department in 1960 and was Chief from 1973 until 1989.

— submitted by David Prickett



# Huntingburg VFD members receive "Stork Award"

At the September meeting of the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) three members of the department were presented the "Stork Award" from Memorial Hospital of Jasper.

The Award was presented in recognition of the member's efforts during an EMS call on January 3 of this year.

The call, originally a report of a woman going into labor, took an unexpected turn when a young lady decided to make her entrance into the world quicker than anyone expected.

Memorial EMTs delivered the child in the home with the assistance of HVFD First Responders and EMTs. Mother and child were then transported to the hospital and later released.

HVFD Chief Glen Kissling (center) presented the awards to firefighter/FR Jason "Noisy" Weyerbacher (left) and firefighter/EMT Josh "Jack" Morrison (right).

Also receiving the award, but not present was firefighter/FR Aaron "AB" Bell. — photo and article provided by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

# Places first in waterball

At the Holland Fest on Friday, September 17th, the Holland VFD, Dubois Co., District 18, hosted their annual waterball contest. Finishing in first place was the team from the Ferdinand VFD. — submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.



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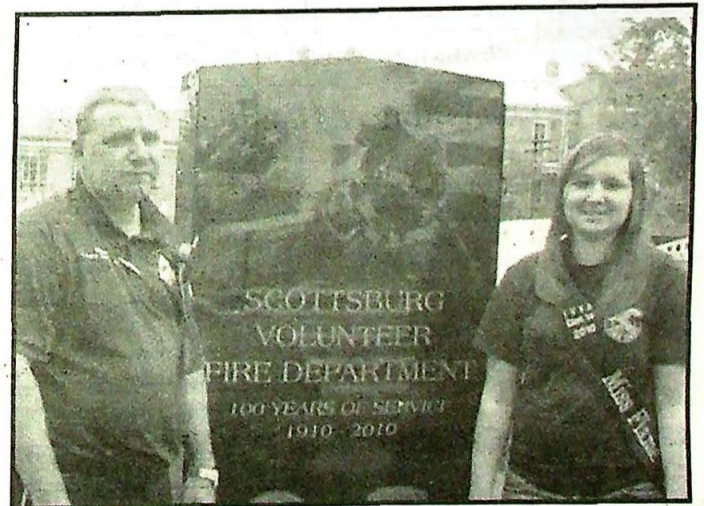
# Scottsburg FD celebrates 100 years of service with parade



Shown is State Representative Terry Goodin (left) and District 14 chairman Rick Cannon (right) with Rebecca Cannon, District 14.



On September 11, Scottsburg Fire Department celebrated 100 years of services with a parade. Shown is Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, District 14 and Fire Chief James Richie. - photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



Pictured is Rick and Rebecca Cannon, District 14, in front of the memorial.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 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.



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Jeremy	Wade	Watkins	Forest	Forest VFD
Andrew	T.	Sparks	Petersburg	Petersburg VFD
Matthew	F.	Gaff	Ligonier	Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy	Ft. Wayne	St. Joseph Twp. FD
David	C.	Perry	Merrillville	Merrillville VFD #2
Joel		Storm	Madison	Western Fire Co. #3
Darin	Ray	Scudder	Rising Sun	Rising Sun VFD, Inc.
Odis	Ray	King	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
William	Jason	Goings	Boonville	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Cean	L.	Pemberton	Wahiawa	Sandborn VFD
Todd	Morris	Daniels	Alexandria	Richland Twp. Fire Dept.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert	Wawaka	Rome City Fire Dept.
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Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth	Poneto	Chester Twp. VFD
Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
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Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Jordan	H.	Craig	Sunman	Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio	Sunman	Sunman Rural FD Inc.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
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Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
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Dallas	William	Hutts	Kingsford Hts.	Kingsford-Union VFD
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder	New Albany	New Chapel FD
Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Jered		Stettet	Dubois	Dubois VFD
Michael	Alan	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
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Jared	John	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
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# What you need to know about Command Training Centers

## Indiana Command Training Centers

How can one person run a fire in a residence, apartment complex, commercial building, strip mall, and tire warehouse all in one day? The answer- realistic simulations in an Indiana Command Training Center or CTC.

Tactical simulation training can be traced as far back as the French military leader Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon would bring potential military commanders into a large room with a large tabletop battleground diorama in the center. He would run them through various war game scenarios to test their ability to command divisions of the French Army on the front lines.

Modern day Incident Command Training Centers (CTC's) provide interactive simulations of emergency incidents through computer programs and three-dimensional models. These simulations are more technologically advanced than in Napoleon's day and offer a less stressful, more educational opportunity to grow as incident commanders. These simulations are much more than putting "smoke and fire on a slide" and a CTC is not a "testing ground" or "command hazing center"- they are educational facilities.

Division Chief Chad Abel of the Fishers Fire Department comments, "A Command Training Center provides an environment where the fire officer can safely make mistakes that would otherwise be costly at an actual incident, provides a cost effective way to test new incident management procedures, challenge existing procedures and provides a location to train with mutual aid partners in order to standardize incident management. This creates a more efficient response to local incidents."

The controlled exercises take firefighters and command officers through simulated incidents to teach them to make better decisions on the fire ground - decisions that could potentially save firefighter and civilian lives.

### Indiana Command Training Centers

The first nationally recognized Command Training Center was created in an old Phoenix Fire Department fire station in 2000. Ironically enough, this first virtual training facility in Phoenix had its roots right here in Indiana. The Project Manager for the Phoenix project was Don Abbott from the Warren Twp. Fire Department near Indianapolis. You may remember Don Abbott from his Abbottville tabletop training city that used to travel around the country challenging incident commanders.

Most modern Command Training Centers are divided into several sections to replicate an incident as realistically as possible:

#### Control room

The control room provides all the images to the kiosks, Chief's car and/or command vehicle using Fire Studio Digital Combustion software. The sequence of images is determined by storyboards that account for potential actions of participating officers. In most cases the control room also doubles as a dispatch center where a trained controller dispatches the runs and provides realistic injects into the scenarios. Some control rooms have an actual dispatching console, which allows an actual 911 dispatcher to dispatch the incidents.

This provides a way for new dispatcher to gain practical experience in a realistic but safe environment.

#### Kiosks

There are cubicles or kiosks that allow responders to receive or give assignments based on their fire conditions and tactical objectives. Each kiosk has a computer monitor and radio that allow for communication and interaction, but each participant sees only pictures of his or her assigned area and actions. A firefighter assigned to supervise a ventilation crew on the roof for example, will see ladders thrown, the roof conditions, and the smoke and fire conditions from the ventilation hole. The participant's position apparatus and initiate tactics for a variety of tasks such as laying hose, conducting a search, pulling ceilings and venting roofs. Participants can relay observed fireground conditions and tactical benchmarks to Command.

#### Chief's Car

A first arriving Chief will sometimes arrive in a Command vehicle. To replicate this environment, some Indiana CTC's furnish an actual dissected vehicle in their classroom. A large screen in front of the command vehicle displays elements of the simulation. The Incident Commander can view what they would normally see from the street or parking lot while fireground tasks are taking place. Some CTC's, such as Fort Wayne, have an apparatus bay that allows a Chief Officer to drive a vehicle into the bay and manage the incident using the same resources they will have available to them at an actual event. Clay Fire Territory has two options- the interior cab of a Ford SUV or the back end of a Hummer. Every attempt is made to make these simulations as realistic as possible.

#### Command Vehicle

Some incidents can simply not be managed from inside a small vehicle. When the scope of an incident escalates, the Incident Commander can transition to a larger vehicle that houses a support officer and senior adviser, along with any other command staff positions that may be required. County or regional IDHS District Command vehicles can be incorporated in to larger scenarios to assist in managing an incident more effectively.

#### Classroom

Classrooms are used for various training sessions, and during simulations they can serve as a staging area and as a place to conduct critiques of the incident. Firefighters can discuss strategy and tactics, risk versus benefit, crew deployment, task level assignments, and the incident action plan they implemented for the incident. This is a "no-fault learning environment" where honest discussions can take place and ideas can be shared. Post simulation discussions are used to reinforce the positive results and provide input on areas that need to be reviewed. Firefighter training feedback consistently indicates these discussions are the most beneficial component of any CTC program.

#### Simulation development

Developing a single scenario can be a very complex process and can take over 200 hours to complete. After all that work, an actual simulation may last only 15 to 20 minutes with 8-10 people

participating in the incident. Participants playing the roles of responding companies take their assignment at the kiosks and communicate via radios. As the incident escalates and the IC begins to divide the incident into manageable divisions or groups, additional officers assume the command responsibilities for each area on the fireground. If the goal is to take the incident to the next level, the IC moves from the chief's vehicle to the command truck, and the command team continues to grow with the incident. Recognizing that an incident has escalated beyond the resources available is key to successful incident stabilization. After the incident is complete, the participants reconvene in the classroom to dissect the incident during the post simulation review.

#### Practical Application

The need for incident command expertise is a critical component of firefighter safety. Fire Chief John Buckman states, "Each year there are fewer structure fires and now Indiana has an alternative training methodology that has been

developed utilizing command simulations. An F-16 fighter pilot spends over 300 hours in a flight simulator before flying an actual F-16. Should an individual who is going to command a small army of 12 or more firefighters in one of the most dangerous professions in the world have incident command level training before they get their hands on a radio and start giving orders? I believe the answer is yes. At German Township FD (near Evansville) we have used the Fire Studio software product to train incident commanders. It is an opportunity to burn buildings in our district without the real smoke and fire and risk. This is done by developing a script and then building a scenario utilizing a building in our response district. There is smoke, fire, rescue situations, and all of the other challenges that an IC might face. They are making decisions, creating habits, developing a command presence before they are standing in front of a real building committing real firefighters to do a tactical operation or a task."

#### Certification

Many Indiana CTC's offer Blue Card Certification. Blue Card training is based on retired Phoenix Fire Chief Alan Brunacini's Fire Command book and is designed to manage NIMS Type 4 and 5 incidents - which account for more than 99 percent of a department's incident activity. The program provides the individual or department with a training and certification system that defines the best standard command practices for common, local, everyday strategic and tactical emergency operations (NIMS Type 4 & Type 5 events). This training and certification program produces Incident Commanders that make better decisions; thereby reducing costly mistakes that cause injury, death, and unnecessary fire losses in the local response area.

The Blue Card local command standard requires that each student taking the course receive no less than 40 hours of online training and instruction on the 8 Standard Command Functions and 8 hours of training on Incident Safety Operations. The on-line program is

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# Command training centers . . .

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followed by an additional 24 hours of hands-on training at a regional CTC. Because the program is certification based, it requires 12 hours of CE/field command experience (documented) each year.

This is the only comprehensive ICS training program of its kind and requires a person to manage multiple types of incidents and operate at various levels of supervision. The student must perform at both the "first due" officer level and Incident Command level for every scenario. This program requires an individual to complete a 40 hour online training program before attending the 3-day practical skills program.

More information on this program can be found at [www.bluecardcommand.com](http://www.bluecardcommand.com) or [www.bshifter.com](http://www.bshifter.com)

### Indiana CTC's

The State of Indiana will soon have more regional Command Training Centers than any other State. Some of these CTC's have been developed using only local funding, others have utilized federal funding and/or funding provided by IDHS. Although each center may be designed a little differently- they all operate with the same Mission: to develop competent incident commanders capable of managing a safe incident from start to finish.

**Clay Fire Territory (South Bend)**  
The Clay Fire Territory CTC opened in September 2007 and at that time was only one of a dozen CTC's in the country. This CTC was a direct result of Chief Schabbel and Assistant Chief Vance visiting the Phoenix, AZ Command Training Center in 2005 as part of their IMS Symposium. The Clay CTC was funded through a combination of department funds and IDHS Homeland Security Grant Funds. When the center opened in 2007 we were making our own simulations and focusing on NIOSH LODD reports and how they pertained to our department. We realized very soon you really need a sturdy curriculum package and soon found the Blue Card Hazard Zone Management System to be the solution to our officer development training. Blue Card is truly the only NIMS Compliant Type IV & V Hazard Zone Management System and prefers commanders for 99.9% of the incidents will face. It seems like a lot of the simulation based training out there wants to focus on NIMS Type I/II/III events, but these are not putting firefighters in the hazard zone like a Type IV or V event are. This is what the NIMS Training has missed.

The Clay CTC features a Classroom, a Battalion Chief's Prop/Conference Room, Kiosk Room, and Control Room. Contact Training Chief Brian Kazmierzak at 574-272-2144 or visit [www.clayfd.com](http://www.clayfd.com) or [www.bluecardcommand.com](http://www.bluecardcommand.com) for more information.

### Northeast Indiana CTC (Fort Wayne)

The Fort Wayne CTC hosts courses at the Public Safety Academy of NE Indiana [www.publicsafetyacademy.org](http://www.publicsafetyacademy.org). This regional CTC opened in May 2010 and has already completed three Blue Card courses with another three scheduled before 2011. The CTC has also been used to deliver Company Officer training on first due decision making and size up. This center offers two full

size classrooms, kiosk room, apparatus bay for command vehicles, dining area, and a fully functional EOC. Contact Training Chief Mike Miller at 260-427-1246 for more information or visit the website above.

### Fishers

When the options for creating a CTC were investigated, it was decided that the best option for the Fishers Fire Department is to create a mobile CTC. This one of a kind unit will be housed in a 12x60 mobile office that will allow for easy transport to different training sites. The new 12 x 60 mobile office that will house the command training simulator was ordered on May 28<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be delivered by mid July. The Fishers Education and Safety Division and Communications Division are currently working with the IT Department to obtain the equipment necessary to make this project a success. **The Fishers Fire Department Staff Officers, Battalion Chiefs and Captains have completed all components of Blue Card Training. All Lieutenants and Acting Officers are scheduled to complete the training by early fall.** Contact Division Chief Chad Abel at 317-595-3200 for more information.

### White River

The White River CTC is located at a temporary site located at Fire Station 51 at 3016 W. Olive Branch Road until the construction of the new CTC is finished (within the next couple of months). The site currently has 7 apparatus work stations, 1 command work station, and a control computer. Mark Hart, Battalion Chief White River Township FD says, "We have mandated all of our officers and ride out officers obtain the Blue Card Certification. We have been in to process of really looking at our incident command SOP's over the last 2 years and the CTC has allowed a lot of valuable input and given us the opportunity to test it in the simulator. It has given us a platform to get everyone to use the same terminology, same size up and a clean transfer of command. It also has allowed us to be able to look at different occupancies and talk tactics. It is work in progress and we are learning everyday."

### Crown Point

Crown Point recently opened their remodeled training room as a 6 position CTC with new furniture to accommodate this expansion. The computers are installed and they are currently configuring the network. All Crown Point Chief Officers have completed the entire Blue Card program-both the on-line and the hands-on skills. Their Line Officers have completed the on-line program and are scheduled to complete the hands-on skills in June. They recently submitted an AFG grant to double the size of the CTC to (12) seats and provide the training to all Officers in our MABAS 207 division. They also plan to use their CTC for other computer based training. Contact: Michael J. Parks, Division Chief-Training Crown Point Fire Rescue E-Mail: [District1Training@IndianaFireTraining.com](mailto:District1Training@IndianaFireTraining.com) or [training@cpfire.com](mailto:training@cpfire.com)

### Wayne Township

Wayne Township developed their incident command center based on Don Abbott's "Abbottville" concept with the

support of Fire Chief Larry Alcorn. Wayne began developing a modern CTC at their training academy in 2009 and it was completed in January of 2010. What was once a maintenance bay and office area now houses eight kiosks, a control room and a room with a command vehicle and 20 foot projection screen. While designated as a learning facility, they recently used the CTC for our promotion process with tremendous success. This Fall Wayne will begin Blue Card training for all officers and put their Standard Operating Guidelines through many practical evaluations. Their goal is to make every call seem "routine", so everyone who "catches the officer seat" can establish, transfer and manage an incident the same way, from a simple still alarm to a four alarm fire. Contact Rick Duncan at 317-281-4345 or [rick.duncan@waynetwp.org](mailto:rick.duncan@waynetwp.org) for more information.

### Summary:

Simulation based training is the best way for new fire officers to develop the skills necessary to

incident. Experienced fire officers can learn new management skills, more effective resource management, and can manage more difficult scenarios such as a multiple victim rescue or firefighter mayday event. The public deserves competent officers that can manage their worst day, and firefighters deserve competent supervisors that will keep them safe. This is training that can be utilized immediately. Training Chief Doug Cox of the Auburn Fire Department states, "The knowledge gained from the simulations can be put to use immediately on the streets.....an outstanding class for a company officer or a newly promoted chief officer." Indiana Command Training Centers offer the only venue for this state-of-the-art training and the nationally recognized Blue Card certification.

The Blue Card certification is IFSAC accredited and CTC organizers are currently seeking IDHS certification for this

training program. Contact any of the Command Training Centers above for more information regarding their programs.

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2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Room 2?? @ Marriott
6:30 PM-7:00 PM	Miss Flame Mixer	Suites 12-13
5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Welcome Dinner	Great Hall
7:00 PM - ??	Auction for Hoosier Burn Camp	Great Hall
10:00 PM-12:00 AM	Entertainment	Great Hall
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011</b>		
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8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Miss Flame Judging (closed)	Suite 11, 4, 6
8:30 AM-11:30 AM	Board Bus for Notre Dame Campus Tour	
9:00 AM-11:30 AM	Hospitality Room	Room 2?? @ Marriott
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	BFPSE	Convention Hall C North
10:00 AM-5:30 PM	Vendors Open	Convention Hall A & B
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Seminar	Suite 1
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Seminar	Suite 3
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Miss Flame Luncheon	Suites 12-13
12:20 PM-3:00 PM	Board Bus for Studebaker Museum Tour	
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Final Judging	Recital Hall
2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Hospitality Room	Room 2?? @ Marriott
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	IVFA Officers' Meeting	Convention Hall C North
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	IVFAA Officers' Meeting	Convention Hall C South
5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Beer Bash	On the Island
5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Open Meeting	Great Hall
9:00 PM-12:00 AM	Entertainment	Great Hall
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011</b>		
7:00 AM-7:45 AM	Coffee Klutch	Galleria B
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Memorial Service - Honor Guard	Bendix Theater
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Registration	Box Office
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	IVFA Business Meeting	Convention Hall C North
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	IVFAA Business Meeting	Convention Hall C South
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
9:30 AM-4:00 PM	Board Bus for Kid's Health Museum Tour	
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Burn House for Children	Outside
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Vintage Trucks on Display	On Closed Street
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Swap Meet	Outside
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Vendors Open	Convention Hall A&B
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Public Open House	
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Miss Flame Mixer	
1:00 PM-10:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
1:30 PM-Close	IVFA Business Meeting, if need	Convention Hall C North
1:30 PM-Close	IVFAA Business Meeting, if needed	Convention Hall C South
2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Hospitality Room	2?? at Marriott
6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Banquet	Great Hall
10:00 PM-12:00 AM	Entertainment	Great Hall

# Walkerton FD members receive twenty-five year service pins



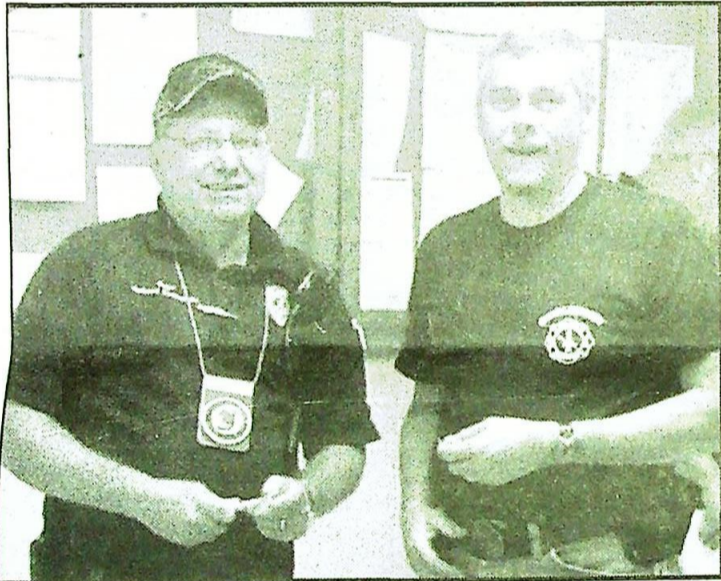
Miss Flame Alyssia Smith and chairman Terry Smith presented 25 year pins to the following on the Walkerton Fire Department:  
(Left to right): Roger Hamilton, Jeff Baker, Tod Brems, Miss Flame Alyssia Smith, Jeff Hamilton, Dan Young, and chairman Smith. - photo submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.



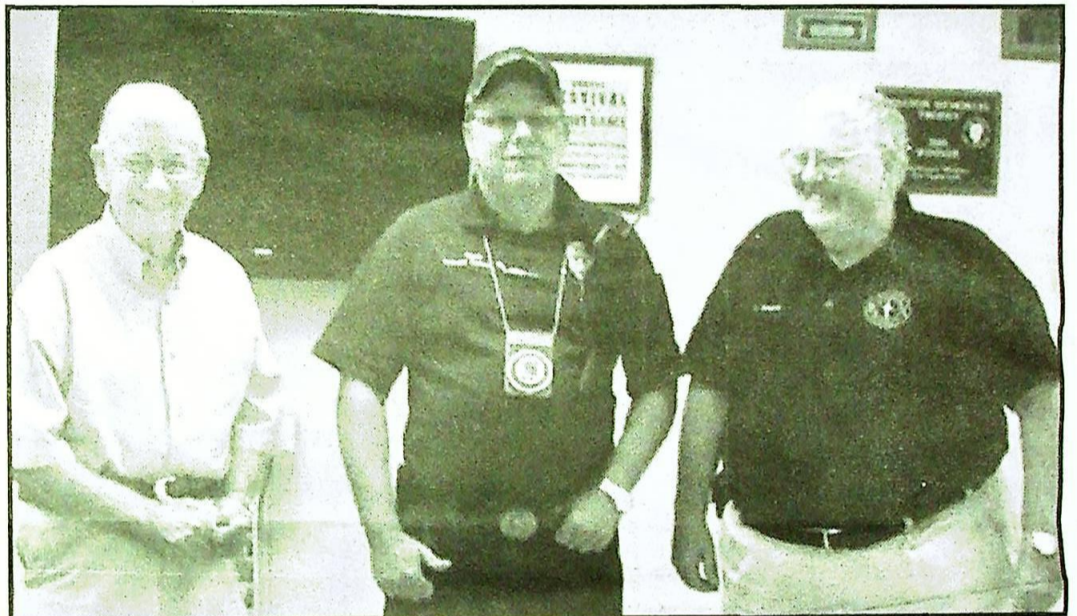
## Bromi presented 2010 Global Award

Emil Bromi from the New Paris Volunteer Fire Department was presented the 2010 Global Award by Miss Flame Alyssia Smith and chairman Terry Smith. - photo submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

# Wampler receives twenty-five year pin



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon is shown giving Larry Wampler his 25 year pin at the IVFA meeting in Charlestown. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



## Kraft, Sellmer presented 50 year Gold cards and pins

Pictured is Rick Cannon presenting Bob Kraft and Tom Sellmer Sr. with their 50 year Gold cards and 50 year pins at the IVFA meeting held in Charlestown. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

# Serving up the fish . . .



Curtis and Deven Martin are shown serving up the fish at the Foraker Volunteer Fire Department fish fry on August 28, 2010. - photo submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

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### Wayne Township VFD holds open house and dedication



STATION DEDICATION – Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department, Grass Creek, celebrated with an open house and dedication.

The station's new improvements are four new bays, a new kitchen, and community room in the original fire station built in 1960-1961, central air conditioning and new restrooms.

In 1945 they organized a fire brigade and purchased a 1946 model American Fire Co. fire pumper truck. Until 1945 Grass Creek had to fight fires with a bucket brigade.

They have served their community well with some of the more recent purchases of a 2005 engine and a 2005 pumper/tanker and a new grass truck purchased in 2007. – photos submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast.



IVFA CLOCK PRESENTATION – (left to right) Chief Andrew Dague, Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department, PR Northeast Jean Smith, Ryley Cripps, District 5 Miss Flame, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer at the August 24, 2010 station dedication.



WAYNE TOWNSHIP MEMBERSHIP – Pictured are members of the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department.

### Receives 25 year pin



Larry Menkedick, Napoleon V.F.D., is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

Also pictured is Napoleon fire chief Justin Greathouse. – submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.



## Firemen recognized for confined space rescue



On May 26th, Miles Waters from the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department was presented a Letter of Commendation from the Muncie Fire Department for his help in the confined space rescue. – photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman



Mike Lykens from the Blountsville Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department presented a check to Rick Compton and Brian Buck from the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department to help with medical expenses after they were injured in a confined space rescue.



Tim Troxell presented checks to Rick Compton and Brian Buck from Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Rick and Brian were injured in a confined space rescue.

The checks were from Applebee's Dine to Donate to help them with their medical expenses.

Pictured (from left to right) Tim Troxell, Rick Compton and Brian Buck.



Randy Ried, Deputy Chief of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, accepted a Letter of Commendation from the Muncie Fire Department on behalf of the department.

This was for their confined space rescue.

### Clouse presented Global Award



Dennis Clouse from Montpelier was presented the Global Award at the July District 8B meeting at the Daleville Volunteer Fire Department.

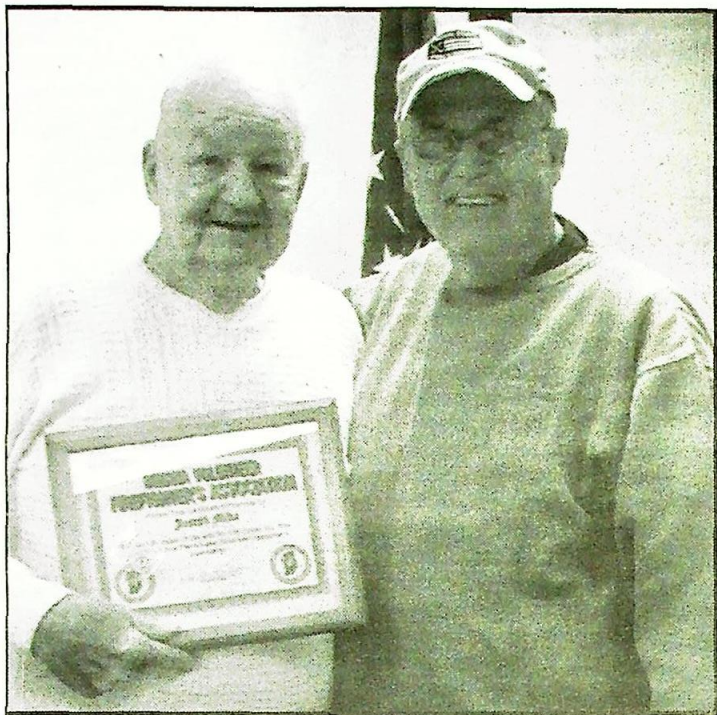
Pictured (left to right) are Dennis Clouse, Heaven Smith, District 8B first runner-up and Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

### Fish and chicken fry held

(Pictured at left) – The Monroe Township (Cowan) Volunteer Fire Department, held a fish and chicken fry on August 28 at their fire station.

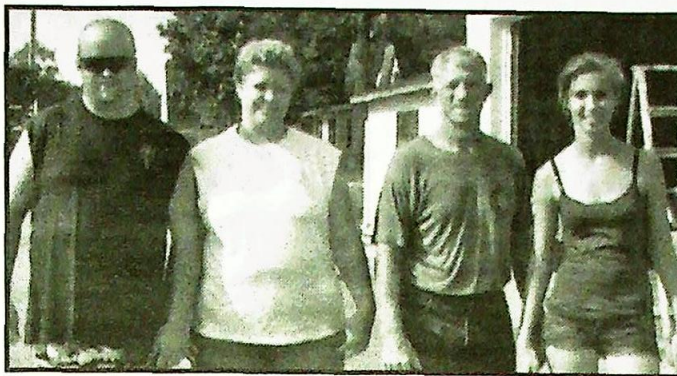
Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame, is shown helping them out. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

# Joe Mika awarded certificate and pin for 50 years of fire service



Joe Mika, 50 year member of Lowell VFD, is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and 50 year pin by District 2 chairman Paul Watland. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

# Pennville VFD holds waterball



On July 10th, the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held waterball. Winning 1st place was the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured from left to right: Brian Mahoney, Norle Byrs, Eddie Smith, and Heaven Smith. - photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Winning 2nd place was Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured from left to right: Preston Bemis and Chris Bemis from the Portland Volunteer Fire Department, Rich Theurer, Ashley Theurer and Ronnie LeMaster from Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department.



The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department also had waterball for the little kids.

Pictured is Ronnie LeMaster from the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department showing his son Austin how it is done.

# Carey receives congratulations as ten year member



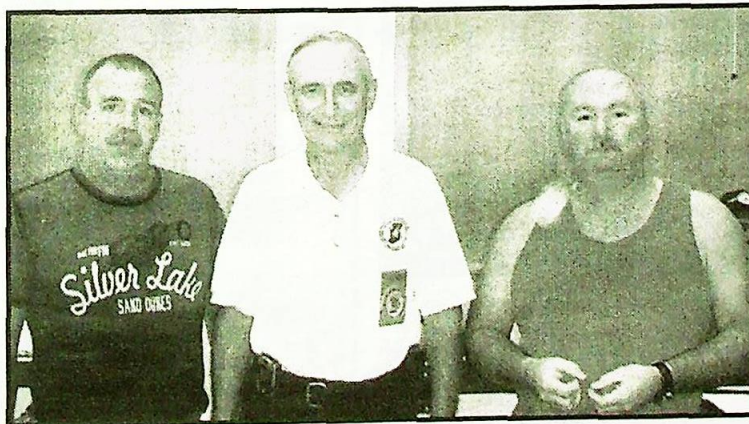
Todd Carey (right) receives congratulations as a 10 year member of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department by president Kevin Pedersen. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



# New rescue truck for Liberty Township VFD

The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department has a new rescue truck which is a F550 Ford truck. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

# Receive 25 year pins



Kevin Anderson and Wes Holt, Lawrenceburg Fire Department, are shown receiving their 25 year pins from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

# Last district meeting



(Pictured at left) - Secretary/Associate Chaplain Dave Sickelka conducts his last district meeting with chairman Tony Farrer at Monterey Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast.

**February 5, 2011  
deadline is . . .  
January 5, 2011  
12:00 p.m. C.S.T.**

# District 9A holds first annual awards dinner

District 9A held their 1st Annual Awards Dinner on August 29th, 2010 at host department Burlington Fire Department.

There were 40 members present with eight guests also in attendance. Awards handed out were 25 year pins, 50 year pins and cards, and Global Award.

A big thanks goes out to Global Emergency Response and Gary for sponsoring the dinner. Thank you also to Charlie and Linda Baker for some door prizes, along with others who donated door prizes to our event.

I would like to also take the time to thank all departments who have shown up to the meetings and have made a great impact on our community. Keep up the great work and be safe!

*Leighanne Ellis  
District 9-A chairperson*



Ten members representing five departments received their 25 year pins. Representing Burlington Fire Department: James Neptune and Steve Rhinehart; from Cutler Fire Department: Jerry Reef. Five members from Greentown Fire Department: Kenneth Grove, Daniel Minnich, Brian Lavengood, Norm Carter and Tom Hendricks. From New Waverly: BJ Cox and finally from Royal Center: Charles Hammond.



Four members from three departments received 50 year pins. From Burlington Fire James Neptune, from Cutler Fire Ted Enoch, and from Galveston Fire Department James McCoy and Alan McCoy.



Chairperson Leighanne Ellis and Gary Davis from Global Emergency Products present the District 9-A Global District Award to Delphi Tri-Township firefighter and assistant chief Darrell Sterrett.



Members from the Liberty Township-Burrows Fire Department receive their station dedication clock from Chairperson Ellis.

## Awarded certificate for retirement from fire service

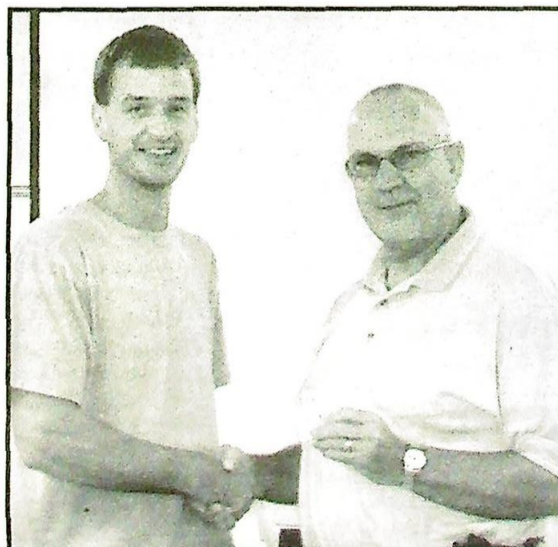


Don Sacksteder, Cedar Grove V.F.D., is shown receiving a certificate for his retirement from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

## Struewing recipient of Global Award



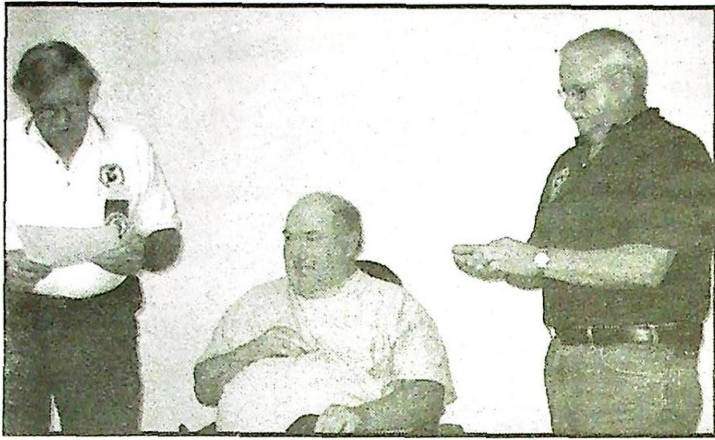
Dale Struewing, District 19, is shown receiving the Global Award. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.



*Celebrates  
35 years as  
member of  
fire service*  
Gerard Abraham, assistant fire chief (right) receives congratulations as a 35 year member of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department by president Kevin Pedersen. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

**February 5, 2011  
deadline - January 5, 2011  
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# Uniondale VFD members receive pins



Uniondale VFD members from District 7 are shown receiving their 25 year pins from Walt Reiter, district chairman. Pictured are Jack Roller, Monte Fisher and Walt Reiter. - photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

# Members receive pins and certificate



Van Sprunger and Donald Kuhn are shown being presented with their 25 year pins from Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Also pictured is District 7 Miss Flame Kayle Konger. - photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

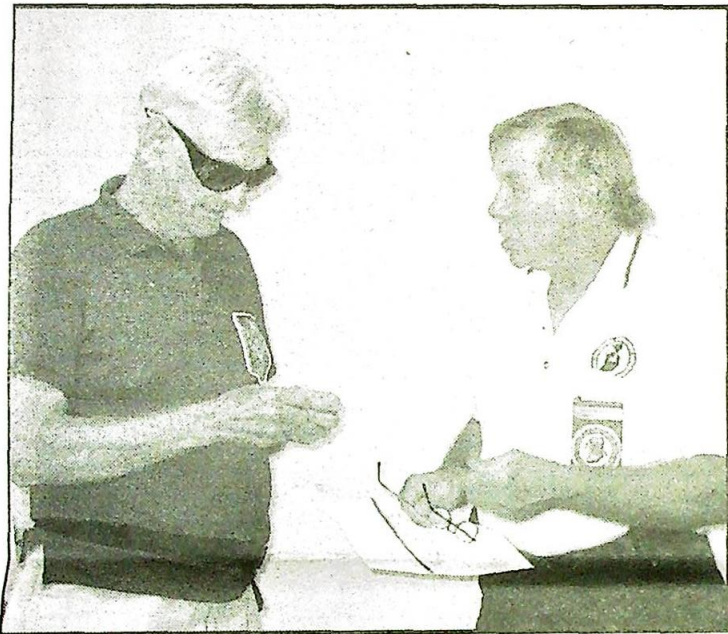


Army Velasco is shown receiving his 50 year pin and certificate which were presented to him by District 7 chairman, Walt Reiter.

Also pictured is District 7 Miss Flame Kayle Konger.

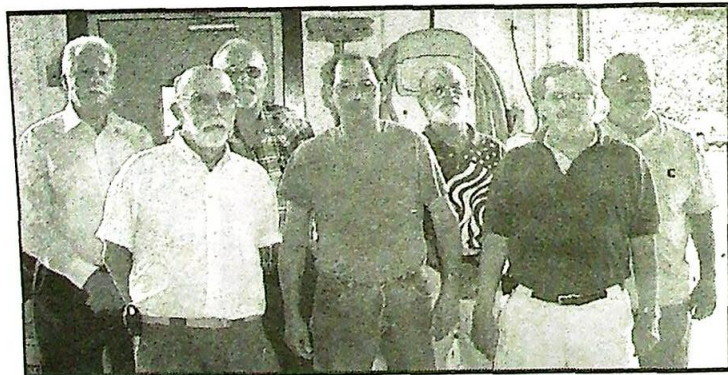


Jeffrey Yoder, Michael Gerber, and Arthur Nussbaum, are all shown receiving their 25 year pins from District 7 chairman Walt Reiter.



Uniondale VFD member, George E. Schwartz, from District 7 is shown receiving his 50 year pin from Walt Reiter.

# Roanoke members awarded 25 year pins



Roanoke VFD members shown receiving their 25 year pins (in no particular order) are John A. Christ, David A. Rietnour, Dave M. Vining, Jerry D. Willett, Edward J. Moore, George A. Roberts and Charles Jay Sagars. - photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

# Celebrating 60 years of service



Jefferson Center Volunteer Fire Department celebrates 60 years of fire service with an open house, hog roast, fire truck show and Lutheran Air on display. - submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast.

# Make plans now to repair winter-damaged lawn for next spring

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Pictured is Jean Smith, PRNE, firefighter (left), firefighter Brent J. Augspurger (center), receiving his 25 year pin from Walt Reiter, (right), District 7 chairman.

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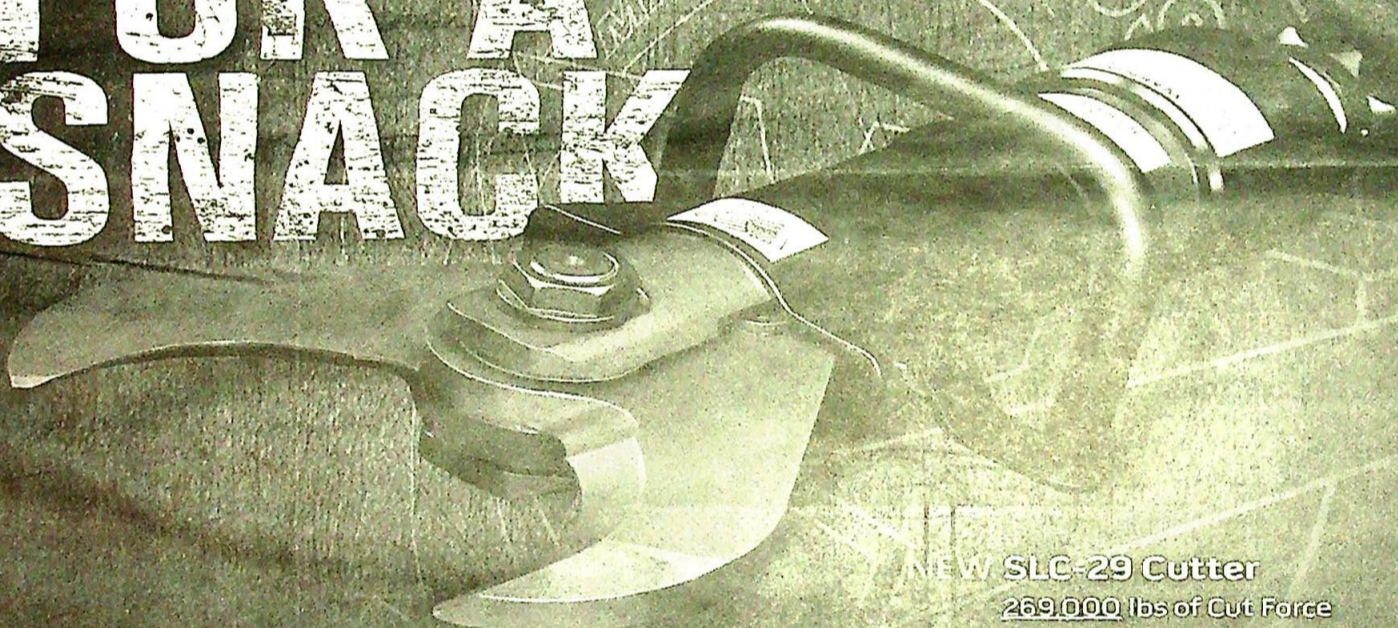


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### Albion firefighter receives award

Albion volunteer firefighter and Fire Prevention coordinator Phil Jacob has been awarded the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association 6th District "2010 Global Award for Dedication to the Fire Service".

Pictured (left to right) are Indiana Volunteer Firefighters 6th District president Gerald Sprague and firefighter Phil Jacob.

Jacob has been a volunteer firefighter for the Albion Fire Department for 43 years and is a strong supporter of fire prevention education efforts throughout northeastern Indiana.

Jacob also coordinates the use of the "Operation Lifesaver" Fire Education and Safety Trailer.

The heritage and dedication to the volunteer fire service does not stop with Phil. The Jacob family has 105 years of combined volunteer fire fighting service, this includes his father and sons.

The Jacob family continues to be role models for volunteering and community services in the Albion area. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

### Twenty-five year pins and Global Award presented



Hartsville Fire Department presented 25 year pins and the Global Award at the 2010 fish fry. From left to right: Hartsville Fire Chief Ed Johnson, 1st Assistant Chief and 10th District chairman John Ray, Global Award winner Jim Davis, past Miss Flame and daughter Keri Davis and 25 year award recipient 2nd Assistant Chief Scott DeBusk. - submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.

### John Cordry awarded Gold card and pin



John Cordry (right) of the Taylorsville Fire Department is shown receiving his 50 year Gold card and pin from District 10 chairman John Ray (left). - submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.

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# Spencer Fire Department hosts annual chicken dinner



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On September 4, 2010 the Spencer Fire Department held its annual chicken dinner where District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, District 14, worked along with them. Rick and Rebecca pose here with chief Steve Wheeler. - photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## New ambulance delivered to Cordry Sweetwater FD

On Tuesday, August 3, a brand new 2010 Medtec Chevy 4500 Type III ambulance was delivered to the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department. Most members of the department were on hand to view the new vehicle. The members are eager to get all the necessary equipment transferred to the new vehicle so it can be put in service as soon as possible.

Purchase of the ambulance was made possible through various fundraisers the department has throughout the year and direct donations from the public.

A sizeable down payment was made but the department still has a significant amount to repay. The department will continue to accept monetary donations that may be sent directly to the department at 1010 Firehouse Rd., Nineveh, IN 46164.

A few years ago the department recognized the need to replace their aging ambulance. An all out effort was made to set aside funds for the future purchase. Tuesday marked the fruits of the department's labors. The residents of the Brown County and especially the Conservancy District will be well served now and in the future with this modern addition to the fire department's fleet. The ambulance replaced the currently used 1990 model that is

now for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing it may call 317-933-2372 for information. Submitted by Brian Lucas

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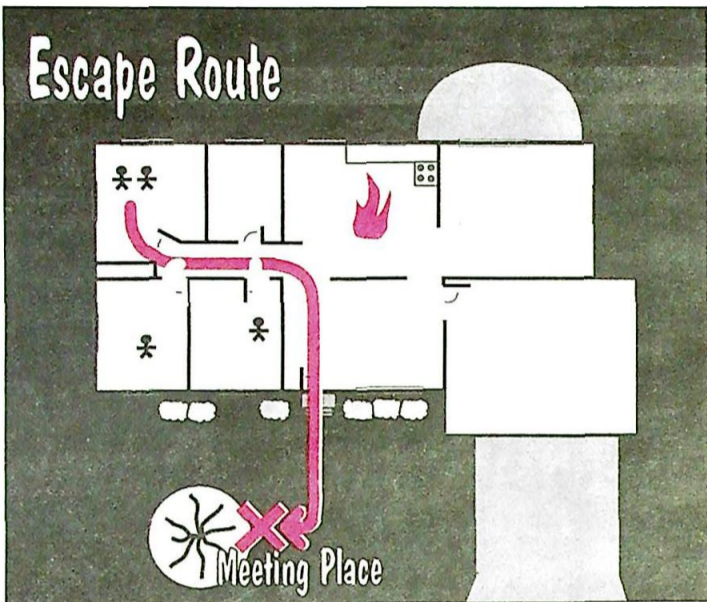
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A family escape plan consists of:

- Sketching the layout of each floor, including windows, doors and stairways.

- Working out two escape routes, if possible, for each room. Mark them clearly on the sketch, and make sure there are no obstructions blocking the routes. Make sure every family member is familiar with the routes.

- Assigning a family member to help the elderly or very young escape.

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outside the home for everyone to meet in case of a fire. (Once outside, count heads, stay together, and don't go back inside for personal belongings.)

- Holding fire drills, including some at night, so everyone will know what to do in an emergency.

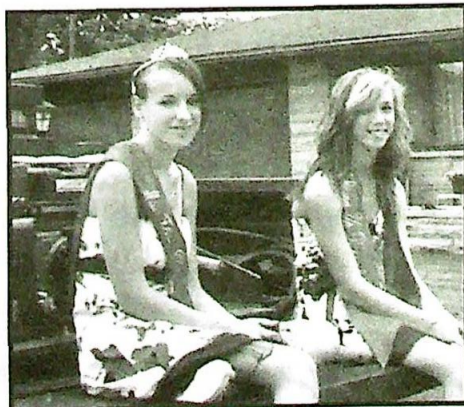
## Ridgeville VFD hosts fish and chicken fry



The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry on September 18th at their station.

Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame is shown helping the guys out. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Attend parade



On June 12th the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade. Getting ready for the parade are district 8B Miss Flame Megan Karn and Heaven Smith, District 8B Miss Flame 1st runner-up. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

# Radio operations news . . . . .

Radio operations news from the IPSC Communications conference: 800 Mhz SAFE-T system.

(1) The current user base on the system is 52,000 users. The system can handle a max user base of 64,000. Our current growth rate is about 2% per month. At this rate we will run out of user ID's by September 2010.

Of the 52,000 user ID's issued approximately 24,000 radios, 46% have NEVER been turned on or used since they were issued. This is causing concern at the state level. The state has basically said USE IT OR LOSE IT, which means they can deactivate the unused ID's and collect the asset and redistribute them to other agencies that will use them.

Radios can be cashed with that info sent to the state, but don't expect to cash a lot of radios.

(2) Rebanding of the 800 system radios will start sometime around September. The ordering agency will be contacted by Motorola and EF Johnson as to the procedure.

Local VHF systems:

(1) There are several NEW Fire, Police and Multi-Agency mutual aid channels that have been set aside for inter-operability. These frequencies DO NOT require an FCC license unless they are installed in a base station.

(2) VHF / UHF NARROW BANDING - The FCC has issued an order that on December 31, 2012 the current wideband channels which we currently use for communication will be changed to narrow band ONLY.

All FCC licenses which do not include a narrow band designator will become VOID (YOU NO LONGER HAVE A LICENSE TO OPERATE). To avoid this

possibility it is recommended that all licenses be renewed prior to December 31, 2010. The license renewal should include the wide band designator, the narrow band designator, and while you are at it, also include the 6.25 digital designator (this will be a requirement by 2028). THIS WILL ALSO RESERVE YOUR CURRENT FREQUENCIES FOR THE 6.25 DIGITAL CONVERSION.

If you renew your license between January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012 you will LOSE your current wideband license.

The point is renew NOW as outlined above. The license is good for 10 years and the cost for

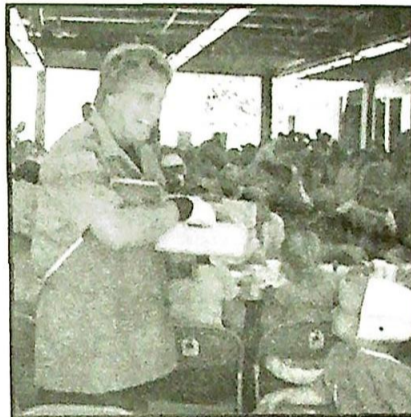
adding the narrow and 6.25 digital designators is minimal.

EQUIPMENT:

The older radios currently in use by many departments (HT1000, HT200, GP300, GP350, GM300, MaxTrac, Maratrac, and others) in the Motorola line and as well as some Kenwoods, and Icom will NOT narrow band these radios MUST be replaced. With the info you have now it is suggested you contact your vendor and start a systematic replacement so you're not hit by a BIG budget item all at once.

With the need to add more channels to support interoperability be sure not to order equipment that will not support a large number of channels, suggestion 64 channel min.

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## Nappanee FD hosts July fish fry

Serving the delicious fish to those attending the Nappanee Fire Dept. fish fry on July 17, 2010. - photo submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

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