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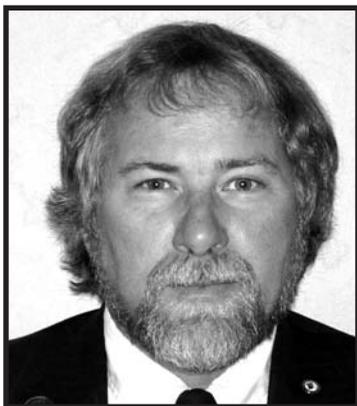
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## From The President

David Israel



I will try to keep this short and sweet and try not to upset too many. We all complained about how hot it was this summer, but I for one can handle the heat better than the cold.

This last quarter has been a very busy one for me – a lot of places, meetings and functions to attend. Sorry I could not make all of them.

Thanks to Ben and those responsible for putting together the 911 Memorial Service with the Traveling Wall at Versailles July 20, 2012. It was a great tribute to those that served in our Armed Forces, Fire, EMS and Police Departments, to keep us and our communities and our country safe. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of it.

Congratulations to all those fire departments that celebrated their 50

years as a fire department this last quarter. I had the opportunity to attend the Haysville Fire Department celebration and talk to two of their members that helped start that department and talk about the many changes from then to now. Keep up the good work.

The one problem all fire departments are facing is the fact that not all new members we bring on can drive a manual (stick shift) transmission vehicle. Did I get any laughs on that one?

Members, we have several problems out there. I get phone calls from people (FD members to cities and towns and even, Legislator Larry gets those) all over the state about fire department related problems. What do we do, how can the IVFA help us? I am not going to say what any of these were about, but if we want to make the fire service better in our communities and state, we all have to get along and communicate with everyone – be it township trustee, town board, city board, etc. or maybe even our own members of our department.

Larry and I put on a class at the ITA (Indiana Twp. Trustees) Conference September 25, 2012. (Thanks, Larry, you did all the work. I enjoyed the history lesson at the luncheon).

The class was Recruiting and Retention a Partnership. At the end we asked, "What in your area would make this partnership between trustee and fire department go smoother?" Several comments made were that if we knew more about how a fire department operated (how much training, be it

EMS, Fire, Specialty training like Trench Rescue, HazMat, fundraisers, etc.), the number of hours a member has to put into a fire department just to be a member of that department.

Another thing brought up was that if they (the people we contract with) were included in wants and needs of the fire department (equipment, trucks, turn-out gear, etc.) This means having a meeting with them and letting them know what you need (communicating) They, in turn, can look at possible funding in their budgets for those projects down the road. With the knowledge you give to them on fire department operations as they talk to the community. Maybe they can promote and encourage new members to join your fire department and I know it won't work everywhere, but we should at least try it.

Well, after that, if you read all of it - you're thinking what is he on? The nature of us is, we have done it this way for the last 20 or so years and it worked, so why change now. But we need to look around and see how many were there when we joined and how many do we have today, if it is less? What can we do to change it?

Where are we all supposed to be at on November 6, 2012? That's right, at the voting sites. I hope everyone has done their research on the candidates and talked to them about your concerns. Remember, you can't complain about it unless you did your part and voted.

I would like to THANK all of the IVFA officers (not going to mention any names), for their help, be it going to a meeting, attending a function I could not make, or doing a project for me because I didn't have the time and didn't want to let you, our members down. Thanks for making my first year as your president an enjoyable one.

Looking forward to serving you again next year as your IVFA president in 2013.

Peggy and I hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Be safe and hope to see you at the next district meeting.

David Israel

## Time for Lois Boaz letters

It's time to get your letters of nomination in for the Lois Boaz award.

It is the highest award the state auxiliary awards to any member in the state. It is a very nice honor.

Make it tough on the committee this year and send in lots of letters.

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## Jim Parker recipient of the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership award for 2012



Pictured is Jim Parker, recipient of the 2012 Ivan Nevil Leadership Award for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

(Left to right) – Joyce Nevil, Jim Parker and Barb Parker. – photo submitted by Tonya Nevil.

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Established in March of 2011, the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has been proactive at the local, state, or federal government level to improve fire/emergency services and life safety issues in Indiana. This award exemplifies the work, dedication, and distinctive leadership of the late Ivan Nevil (former IVFA President & past Indiana State Fire Marshal), his dedication to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and the fire service of this state. Ivan's legacy resonates in the message he would impart calling for a stronger fire service as a group effort looking and planning for tomorrow.

### Award Goals:

Each year an officer or individual from the fire and emergency services community within the state will receive the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award. This individual should exemplify one or more of the following goals:

- Leadership in promoting the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

- Leadership in promoting and supporting fire/emergency service and life safety issues.

- Advancing the readiness of the Fire/EMS services at any level of government (local, county, state, federal).

- Strengthening education through the development of fire education training programs.

This year's recipient is a person whose interest in the IVFA goes back some time, and one that has held many positions within the Indiana Fire Service and the IVFA;

This person has been a member of the IVFA for (51) years all the while showing leadership, chairmanship, and showmanship, served on committees and stood the time of fate;

He has held many offices in his own department as well as in the IVFA including leading this organization as President;

He and his wife, who has been just as active in the IVFA, standing by his side for all these years have (3) children, (7) grandchildren and (9) great-grandchildren;

He has been active in legislation, education, information and nearly all aspects of the IVFA.

This year's recipient of the Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award is...

**Mr. Jim Parker**

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Each district chairman or public relations director will pass information along to the members via e-mail, regular mail and at each district meeting.

The Association also is an Indiana Fire Caucus member. We assist in informing and advising legislators of fire-related legislation.

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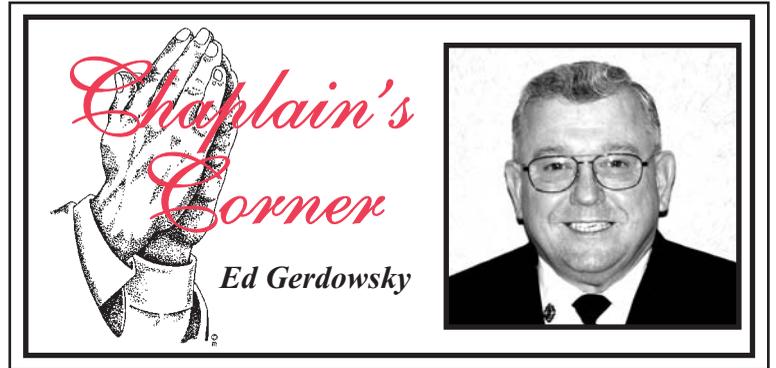
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Now that colder weather is here I hope everyone will be ready for the beauty God gives us of the colorful leaves and all that surrounds us at this time of the year.

I have been busy going to many fire festivals and district meetings when time allowed. I have also done several Memorial Services as have my other chaplains.

I attended the Indiana Fire Chaplains' training meeting at the Lighthouse Church in Indianapolis. There are a few district chaplains and local fire department chaplains who also want to belong to the IVFA Chaplain Corps. We welcome them to our membership.

I also was honored to do the Benediction at the Indiana Fallen Firefighters annual remembrance on September 21, 2012 along with Jack Zeeks who gave opening remarks.

It is a very moving tribute to our Fallen Heroes. We thank God for those who gave their lives to serve others as a firefighter.

I will be attending the November state meeting in Indianapolis and will be looking forward to seeing you there. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of my associate chaplains. We are listed in the paper.

I want to leave you with this Bible verse:

"(Jacob) dreamed that there was a ladder set up on earth, and the top of it reached to heaven;  
and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!"

Genesis 28:12

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky  
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# From The Vice President

*Steve Anderson*



I must start out by thanking everyone at IDHS that helped with the last round of District Taskforce training held at the Muscatatuck training center. I had the pleasure of participating with the D-10 taskforce in the many challenges put forth for our IMT and core group elements. We are very lucky to have such a facility within the state and available for us to train at. If you ever get the opportunity to take a tour of the grounds, or better yet, an

opportunity to participate in any trainings held onsite; be sure you take advantage of it. Congratulations to Randy Collins and the entire staff for a job well done.

The first Volunteer Officer Leadership training weekend is in the books, and from what I have heard, those that attended had a great time and learned a lot. We will continue to work with Chief Buckman to see if we can bring this class to other locations across the state in 2013.

It is not too early to start thinking about the awards handed out at next year's convention. There is no reason that each district cannot find at least one (maybe even 2 or 3) firefighters to nominate for one of the annual awards. If you get a few minutes before the holiday season, write that letter in support of these deserving individuals. For those not familiar with these awards, they can be found on the IVFA website.

If you have not seen your District Chairmen in awhile, send them a note and invite them to one of your meetings. I know that I had a great time visiting with everyone when I had that position. Also be sure to send in any articles to the newspaper, so we can show the entire state the great things that your department is doing.

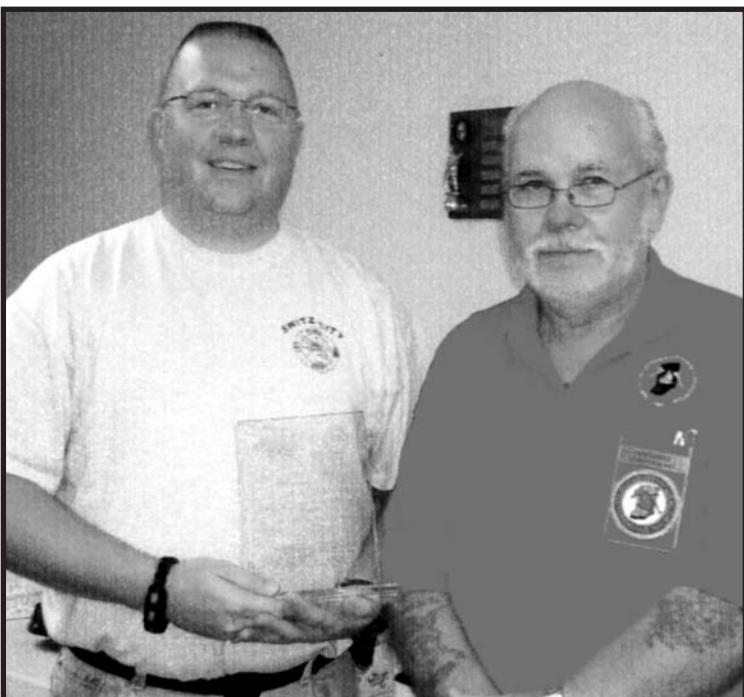
Have a great holiday season!  
*S. Anderson*

**Plan now to attend the 2013 IVFA Convention June 12 - 15 - Muncie, IN**

## Members receive 25 year service pins



David Wagoner - Democrat Twp.-Cutler Fire Dept., Todd Trent and Dan Bott - Flora Fire Dept. and David Ancil - Harrison Twp. Alto Fire Dept., all received their 25-year pins for their dedication and service to their respective departments within District 9-A. - submitted by District 9-A chairman Leighanne Ellis.



## Woodall named 2012 Global Award winner

Chief Bryan Woodall, Fair Play Grant Switz City VFD, was presented the Global Award by District 17A chairman Sam Emery. - submitted by Sam Emery.

## Boaz . . .

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# Happy Holidays!

## Troy Hunt receives 25 year pin

(In the photo at right) On September 10, 2012, Troy Hunt of the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department, received his 25 year pin.

(Pictured from left to right) are Troy Hunt and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



## Miss Flame notes . . .

Crisp temperatures, leaves changing their colors and holidays approaching remind me that each day provides us all with the wonders and gifts that the Lord has provided for us. Needless to say fall is one of my favorite times of the year.

Fall also brings to mind that October is Fire Prevention and that among the festivities there are some districts that will be having parades, good fire house dinners, open houses and some will be having their Miss Flame contests.

This is also the time of year that we begin making plans for our annual Miss Flame contest that will be held at our annual convention. Hopefully all the districts will begin to focus on selecting a candidate for their district. I would like to see each district have a girl to represent the district.

This year's convention committee has already started making plans for the girls. They are hoping to provide a great experience for each who attend. The Miss Flame committee will be working with them to make sure that the program will be one that each will remember.

If you have questions, please call me. There will be information mailed to each chairman in January. Thanks for all your help in this program.

Happy Holidays to All,

*Barb Kerney*  
2013 Miss Flame Chairman

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# Ellett awarded IVFA Lifetime Pin



Jim Ellett of the Coatesville Fire Department has been awarded the IVFA Lifetime Pin.

Jim joined the fire department in 1974 and became an EMT in 1991. He has held all ranks at the department over the past 38 years of service. This is the first Lifetime appointment for Coatesville Fire Department. Thirty-eight years and still counting . . . wow, what an accomplishment! – submitted by Tim Williams, Communications Officer, President Operations Board, Hendricks County Communications Center and Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

# 2012 District 18 award presented



At the 19 August 2012 meeting of the Indiana Vol. Firefighter's Assoc. in St. Anthony (Dubois Co.) Lt. Adam J. Vaal (pictured right) of the Jasper Fire Department was presented 2012 District Award by IVFA District Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

The Award, sponsored each year by the Global Corp. is presented to an individual or individuals who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the benefit of a local department, the District, or to the fire service in general.

In his presentation, Smith remarked, "Adam has done all of these things. Whether it is his service in his own department that has seen him rise through the ranks becoming a line officer, or his contributions in the training of other firefighters across the District and across the State."

Upon presentation, Smith concluded by saying, "Adam is a great Firefighter, a great Instructor, and a great friend."

Vaal is married to the former Stacie Kissling, and has a brother Bret on the JFD as well. Photo and article provided by District Chairman Smith

# Legal planning is not just for your parents

No matter our age, lots of us tend to think we are young, healthy, and immortal, but we all face risks. A little planning now could save your families a lot of trouble and heartache later.

When a person dies, jointly owned property passes to the surviving joint owner. Property owned by a deceased person (called a "decendent") with no other owner passes to the people named in the decedent's will. If the decedent has no will, distribution of the decedent's assets is directed by Indiana law, which provides for distribution to the spouse and children, if any, and if none to the parents and siblings. Distribution can include aunts, uncles, and cousins if there are no other surviving heirs.

In a will prepared you can name the persons who will receive your estate, the person who will take care of your minor children and assets your minor children inherit from you, and the person who will manage your estate at your death (called the "executor" or "administrator"). Your will must be signed exactly as required by Indiana law.

You can also appoint someone to manage your finances and make medical decisions for you in the event you become ill or injured and unable to make your own decisions. In a power of attorney you name the same person or different persons to make your financial and medical decisions. A power of attorney must be signed while you are competent to make your own decisions. Without a power of attorney your family may be forced to use the court system to be sure your business is handled.

Estate planning attorneys and most general practice attorneys can assist you with preparation of a will and power of attorney and can suggest

other planning that is appropriate for your situation. Take care of your family and plan for your future.

Cortney Rowe Givens  
The Rowe Law Firm, LLC  
Linton, Indiana

The Membership and Marketing Committee hopes that the information given to you in this article will make everyone think

about their own situation and maybe even a few of us will react.

It's something that no one likes to think about, but, unfortunately it is going to happen.

Wills and insurance policies are a very important part of making it easier on those left behind.

I can speak from my own experience of losing my husband when emotions are flowing, it would

have been much easier if we would have had things in place. – Diane Harrison

Happy  
Holidays

to one and all!

## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

*District 18 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

*District 4 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

*District 14 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

*District 17A Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

*District 11A Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

### OLD ADDRESS

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### NEW ADDRESS

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

2 Chairman. Since Paul was the only nomination, Paul was elected District 2 Chairman. Buz then asked for nominations for Secretary for District 1 & 2. Since there was no nomination for the position, it will remain open.

Tom Orrell & Buz Koehler presented 50 year pin and Gold Card to Harvey Lanning of Schererville and George J. Michals with 25 year pin and certificate.

Buz Koehler talked about some of the upcoming legislation this fall. Also asked the group if there are any suggestions on different bills, please contact Buz.

Dan Becker of the Indiana State Police Department talked about the new law that went into effect about you can't have flashing red light if you have a flashing blue light. This is a Class C Misdemeanor if caught.

Mitch Parish reminded everyone that they have \$3,500 accidental insurance as long as your dues are current. Please make sure your dues are paid and current.

Jessie Newton from California Casualty talked about their new program. They do have Auto/home/boat/motorcycle insurance. They also have Fallen Hero Benefit. If you die, your premiums are covered the rest of that year and next year. They also are doing a Fire House Make-over. There will be \$15,000 prize to have your firehouse made over. Start August 1st thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.

John Hart who is running for District 11 for the House of Representatives talked about where he stands on some issues.

There was a moment of silence for James Bents of Chesterton Fire.

Bill Howe Jr. wanted to thank Jack Eskridge and his company 1-800-Board-up for helping make District 1 & 2 able to present to the Hoosier Burn Camp a check in the amount of \$50,550.81. With that check and the Auxiliaries and Bike club from District 1 & 2 were able to give over \$60,000 to Burn Camp. This was a great effort in our Districts and Jack and helped A LOT of kids! So let's get behind this effort and make next year even better.

Paul received an email regarding area code 809, 284 and 876 coming up on caller ID, don't answer, these are scams.

### Department Announcements:

July 29<sup>th</sup> - Cedar Lake Fire Dept. hosting Annual Car Show;

July 28<sup>th</sup> - Lake Dale Fire Dept. Hog Roast;

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hess Fest to be held at Northwood's on US 41, from 3 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$20.00. Jack has tickets tonight or come to Crown Point Fire Department. Proceeds to go to Scholarship Fund set up thru Crown Point Community Foundation. Anyone in EMS knew Don Hess and this is a great way to honor Don for his dedication to EMS over the years. Please come and support a great man for a great cause.

Next meeting will be at Ainsworth-Deep River on September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 winner was Larry Stiegner from Cedar Lake Fire.

Tom wanted to thank Larry Polus, and all of the people from Global for providing the District Awards that were presented at this year's convention. Several years ago, when the District Awards lost their benefactor, Global never hesitated, and sponsored this tradition. This very impressive looking award affords the Districts

to honor and recognize an outstanding (local) person who has "gone the extra mile" in their area. We would like to thank Larry Polus, Global Emergency Products, and all the Global employees for the support of this Award program and for all of the support that they have shown to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Szot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Casbon. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marge Baumgardner  
Pro-tem Secretary  
District 1 & 2

## AINSWORTH-DEEP-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 19, 2012

District 2 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Chairman Tom Orrell thanked Ainsworth Deep-River Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll Call was taken by District 1 with 23 members representing 5 departments. District 2 by 11 members and 1 guest representing 5 departments.

Perry Herzog gave department history.

Chairman Orrell introduced the guests in attendance - Gold card members Bub Wise of Crown Point Fire, Bill Howe Sr. of Schererville Fire Dept., Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Ralph Knapp of Lincoln Township other guest were Paul Watland, I.V.F.A. District 2 Chairman, Buz Koehler, past President I.V.F.A., Mitch Parish, ad taker for I.V.F.A. paper, Martha Thomas, past president of the I.V.F.A.A., Ed Morales, Porter Twp. Trustee, Marge Baumgardner, Secretary 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Jack Runion from Spencer Manufacturing, Jack Eskridge from 1-800-Board-up, Jim Crowell from Sklarewitz Uniform, Greg Eckardt, Porter Cty Haz-Mat.

Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes made by Arik Kleminski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Casbon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman with \$328.23 in checking.

Speaker Phil Topor - Fire Investigator Task Force from Merrillville Fire.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Chairman Orrell introduced the new 50 year Gold Card Member: Ron Meyers - Schererville Fire Department; Roger Meyers - Schererville Fire Department.

Chairman Orrell introduced the new 25 year members for the I.V.F.A. from Ainsworth-Deep River: Roger Carter, Perry Herzog, Roxy Herzog, Phil Milia, Roger Nicksch, and John Raasch.

Congratulations to all!

Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman wanted to give a recognition to Ralph Knapp on his 50 Gold Card. His department gave Ralph his card.

Buz Koehler talked about there will be a special edition of the I.V.F.A. regarding elections. Should receive at your home prior to November elections.

Moment of silence was held for Jim Thiel of St. John who passed away.

Jack Eskridge from 1-800 Board-up talked about the effort all the departments in District 1 & 2 did

this past year for collecting for the Hoosier Burn Camp. This year was the largest check the camp ever received from any one organization. Jack's boss from 1-800-Board-up gives \$2,000 in prize money for the boot drive along with \$600 from Task Force Tips.

Mitch Parish talked about how thankful we are to have Mutual Aid. Mitch just came back from Alaska where they don't have mutual aid.

Department Announcements:  
Cedar Lake Fire Department Boot Drive, Texas Holdem, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Eagle.

Crown Point Fire Prevention Open House Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 11-2.

Lincoln Township Christmas Auction Nov. 17th.

Update on Jim Bradford - getting better, can't wait to get back to the I.V.F.A.

Next meeting will be at Porter Township Fire on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 winner was Bill Howe, Jr. for \$59.00.

Motion for adjournment was made by Wally Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Perry Herzog. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marge Baumgardner  
Pro-tem Secretary  
District 1 & 2

## 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 16, 2012 at the Foraker Community Fire Department, which began at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge led by district secretary Elton Schafer. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 10 members and 4 guests. The minutes were read and approved.

California Casualty representative Jessica Newton explained the savings on their home and automobile insurance plan for firefighters and how to submit a claim. She also explained there is a "Firehouse Makeover" giveaway in the amount of \$15,000 available and all you need to enter your fire department at [www.FirehouseMakeover.com](http://www.FirehouseMakeover.com).

Chairman Smith informed the members that the state I.V.F.A. Miss Flame, Jessica Dove has a project which consists of an Auto Medical Identification Tag. When you come up to a vehicle accident, you can look for a sticker on the front or rear window, and if there is one, you will be able to find their medical history in the vehicle glove box.

He also informed the members the two Governor candidates running for Indiana came to the state officer's meeting in Indianapolis. August 4th candidate Mike Pence came and talked to the officers and on August 5th, candidate John Gregg was unavailable but sent his running mate for Lieutenant Governor Vi Simpson. They both discussed their views on what they see for the future of Indiana.

PRNE Jean Smith also discussed the two governor candidates and how they responded to House Bill 1005, fire protection for the firefighters and

about the state fire marshal's position.

Jean also informed the members about the upcoming legislation for next year. He asked each member to contact a senator or congressman to have them vote for an amendment to House Bill 1005 in order to get the volunteer firefighters eliminated from that bill.

Jean stated the I.V.F.A. is going to submit to legislation that the sale of novelty lighters (toy gun like) be banned.

He also discussed there will be a special newspaper that will come out in November showing how the candidates in your area voted for bills that dealt with fire service.

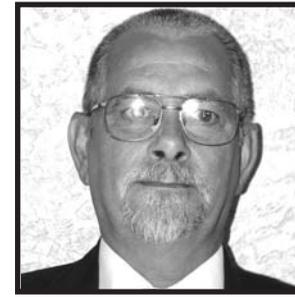
Jean also discussed House Bill 1212 which states that funeral escort vehicles cannot run blue lights on their vehicles and that they must be red lights. Some police officers think this applies to volunteer firefighters, but it does not.

Chairman Smith informed the members about the new website for the I.V.F.A. officers where you can messages directly to your chairman at [district4@ivfa.org](mailto:district4@ivfa.org).

The next meeting will be held at Liberty Township Fire Department in North Liberty on October 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

May 10, 2012

Kewanee-Union Fire Department, Kewanna IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

GUESTS:

Cindy Van Gordon

Larry Polas

Jean & E.J. Smith

Shelby Leach

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1937 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 12 firefighters representing 4 departments in attendance. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

It was reported that the F.D.I.C. show was a success.

We discussed the Line of Duty death loopholes.

2012 Convention June 13 thru 15 in Elizabeth IN @ Horseshoe Southern Indiana.

Training classes coming up at Camp Atterbury Aug. 31 thru Sept 2.

American Income Life benefit has increased from \$3000 to \$3500.

We discussed the narrow banding pros and cons. Make sure to document all issues with the radios.

When H.B. 1005 goes into effect it will affect the volunteer fire departments greatly. This issue is NOT dead. The novelty lighter bill will be presented next year.

Globe Fire Equipment is celebrating their 125 year anniversary by giving away 125 sets of gear to volunteer fire departments.

National Fire Conference June 24 and 25.

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT

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Kewanna Pancake Breakfast  
May 27, 6AM to 1 PM.

Tenderloin Fry at North  
Manchester June 9.

Next meeting at Etna Twp. Fire  
Department, Etna Green July 12,  
Election night.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Martin  
District 5 Secretary*

July 12, 2012

Etna Township Fire Department,  
Etna Green, IN

Refreshments were served by the  
host department.

GUESTS:

Brooklyn Gephart - 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Miss Flame

Larry Dolas - Global

John Beswarick - AFLAC

Terry & Judy Smith - 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Chairman

Jean & E.J. Smith - PRNE

The meeting was called to order  
by Chairman Kissinger at 1932 hrs.  
Pledge of the Allegiance followed.  
The meeting was attended by 11  
firefighters representing 5  
departments. The minutes to the  
May meeting were read and  
approved as submitted.

We discussed the reimbursement  
for eyeglasses and hearing aids; \$75  
for glasses and \$150 for glasses  
w/hearing aids. Hearing aid  
reimbursement of \$75 will be added  
to that ruling.

We discussed the convention, it  
was a good one. Next convention is  
in Muncie.

Dick Glant of Bremen is 2012  
Mr. IVFA.

Jean advised of a video that is  
available for wildland fires safety @  
www1.gotomeeting.com/register/9  
50414513

He advised NFPA sent out an  
alert notice that SCBA face piece  
lenses may undergo thermal  
degradation when exposed to  
intense heat and should be inspected  
before and after each use. Any  
SCBA face piece lens found to have  
cracks, crazing, bubbling,  
deformation, discoloring, gaps or  
holes should be immediately  
removed and a replacement issued.

It was noted that blue lights  
inside must be red to the rear and  
NOT blue.

Brook gave us a report of her  
activities at the convention.

Larry Dolas advised to change  
oil for diesels according to hours and  
NOT mileage. Rule of thumb is 1 hr.  
equals 25 miles.

John Beswarick discussed with  
us the AFLAC plan that is available  
for IVFA members until July 31,  
2012.

ELECTION:

Chairman: Don Kissinger

Sec./Treas.: Paul Martin

Meeting adjourned 2025 hrs.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Martin,  
Secretary/Treasurer*

September 13, 2012

Culver-Union Twp. Fire  
Department, Culver IN.

Refreshments were served by the  
host department.

GUESTS: Jean and E.J. Smith  
P.R.N.E., Terry and Judy Smith, 4<sup>th</sup>  
District Chairman.

The meeting was called to order  
by Chairman Kissinger at 1947 hrs.  
The pledge to the flag followed.  
There were 10 firefighters  
representing 4 departments in  
attendance. Minutes were read and  
approved as submitted.

Jean advised that the IVFA is  
working on getting the volunteer  
firefighters omitted from nepotism  
bill.

IVFA is again going to submit  
legislation for novelty lighters.

Jean discussed the ruling on  
recertification policies.

He advised that license plate  
forms can now be obtained over the  
phone with a credit card by calling  
the IVFA office.

American Life Income is  
looking for food stuffs for their food  
bank. The food bank is for  
firefighters and their families.  
Contact Michelle Baxter for more  
information.

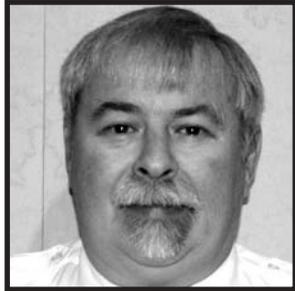
Chairman Kissinger presented  
Mike Grover his 25 year pin.

Next meeting is in North  
Manchester on November 11.

Meeting was adjourned at 2018  
hrs.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Martin  
District 5 Secretary*

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



*Jerry Sprague - Chairman*

Greetings from District 6  
Greetings to all.

Up here in the north it is  
beginning to look like fall is upon us  
with the colors in the trees and a  
little frost on the pumpkins.

My apologies to the district for  
not getting an article in the last issue  
of the paper.

I need to extend a big thank you  
to the folks at Aboite Township for  
hosting our last meeting. The  
desserts and hospitality were great.  
Also, a big thank you goes out to 1-  
800 Board Up for providing our  
dinner. I need to commend our  
District 6 Miss Flame Tianna. She  
has done a wonderful job  
representing the volunteer fire  
service in our district. Way to go  
girl!!

It would be great to see better  
attendance at our District 6  
meetings. Come on guys and gals. It  
is only one night every other month!  
There may be a few departments  
that are not receiving the meeting  
fliers. Please take the time to send  
your department's e-mail address to  
spralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled  
for Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at  
7:30 P.M. It will be held at the  
Hamilton Volunteer Fire  
Department. District 6 Miss Flame  
for 2013 will be chosen.

Our next scheduled meeting  
after this printing will be on January  
22, 2013. 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 27, 2012.

Please visit the IVFA web site as  
I am hoping the meetings for  
District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

In closing I hope everyone has a  
great Thanksgiving, a very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

*Jerry Sprague (Spook),  
District 6 Chairman*

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



*Walt Reiter - Chairman*

May 21, 2012

Markle Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by  
Chairman Reiter at 7:55. Chairman  
Reiter led the body in the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 30  
members representing 13  
departments. Minutes of the March  
meeting read and approved.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA  
Public Relations North East and  
Cindy VanGorden - Donley Safety.

Chairman Reiter - Spoke on trip,  
Officer's Meeting, Insurance and  
Home Town Hero Act. Walt noted  
that at present time IVFA benefit is  
\$150,000. IVFA member with 25  
years service who passes away is  
entitled to a grave marker regardless  
of dues status.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Camp  
Atterbury coming up Aug. 31.  
Elections in November, remember  
the ones that support IVFA.

Walt - Touched on California  
Casualty \$3,500 death benefit.  
Convention is coming up June 13 -  
15 at Horseshoe Casino in  
Elizabeth, IN.

Walt also noted that a memorial  
brick was placed in memory of Ivan  
Nevil, placed by the Sorg Family  
and District 7.

Les Markel spoke on PSOB  
benefit for killed in line of duty  
where this falls under. He made  
reference of Eric Johnson.

2011 IVFA Miss Flame Kalee  
Kongar and District 7 Miss Flame  
Merissa Bisel introduced raffle  
tickets for sale benefiting the  
convention.

Cindy VanGorden touched base  
briefly from Donley Safety.

Mort Sorg mentioned Burn  
Camp visitor day will be May 30.

Membership card updates are  
due.

Next meeting will be July 23 at  
Monroe. It is moved back one week  
due to conflict with Adams Co. Fair.

IDRC Conference Sept. 12-15,  
Zurcher Tire sponsoring Monroe  
Golf Outing July 21.

Meeting adjourned with 30  
members representing 13  
departments.

*Mark Evans*

*Acting District 7 Secretary*

July 23, 2012

Monroe Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting called to order by  
Chairman Reiter at 7:35 pm.  
Chairman Reiter led the body in the  
Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 31  
members representing 9  
departments. There were no minutes  
from the May meeting.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA  
Public Relations North East, Matt  
Lehman - State House  
Representative Dist. 79.

Chairman Reiter - Talked about  
the IVFA Convention held at the  
Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN.  
Election of officers was held: Pres.  
David Israel, V. Pres. Steve

Anderson, Treas. Bev. Harker, Sec.  
Diane Harrison, Chaplain Ed  
Gerdowsky, Sgt. At Arms Brent  
Bush, PRNW Jim Bradford, PRNE  
Jean Smith, PRWC Larry Bartlow,  
PREC Don Cushman, PRSW Jim  
Abrams, PRSE Ed Scheele. Other  
awards: 2012 State Miss Flame -  
Jessica Dove Dist. 3, Runner-up -  
Page L Fetter Dist. 11 B, Miss  
Congeniality Alyssia Smith Dist. 4,  
Mr. IVFA - Richard (Dick) Glant,  
Ollie Sandberg - Barb Kerney,  
Angel Award - Marlene Thrawley,  
Lois Boaz - Pam Gerdowsky.

Chrm. Reiter reported 2 deaths  
from Dist. 7: Calvin E. Beitler, Berne  
VFD Life member, Bob E Hughes,  
Roanoke VFD Life Member.

NOTES: IVFA license plates may  
be paid by credit card. Dues need to  
be paid by July 31, 2012 Dist. 4 made  
a request of a clothing allowance (per  
eyeglasses, contacts, hearing aids)  
change from \$75 to \$150. Will be  
voted on at the Aug. Officers  
Meeting.

Jean Smith PRNE- Jean  
commented on Wildfire Tapes, their  
availability and usefulness, even here  
in Indiana. He also commented on  
some of the Legislation issues.

Becky Sorg updated us on her  
participation at Hoosier Burn Camp  
this year. She has been chosen to  
attend the National Burn Camp in  
Washington DC as a State Burn Camp  
Representative.

Les Marckel reported that the  
family of Mr. Jimmy Zeeks, who was  
denied the line of duty death benefits,  
was overruled, they will receive  
\$335,000 death benefit.

Dist. 7 Global Award was  
presented to Michael L. Fisher,  
Uniondale VFD.

25 year pins were presented to  
Michael L Fisher and Tony Bennett,  
both from Uniondale VFD.

A question and answer session  
was held with Rep. Matt Lehman. A  
lot of comments and questions on HB  
1005 were made. Mr. Lehman was  
very receptive of the conversations  
held and thanked all of the firemen for  
their interest and comments.

Election of Officers for Dist. 7  
was held - Chairman - Walt Reiter,  
Sec. Richard Sorg.

Next meeting will be at  
Monroeville FD, September 17,  
2012.

Poe Volunteer Fireman's Festival  
- August 24-26 with a Motorcycle  
Poker Run on August 25.

Meeting adjourned with roll call  
of 31 members, representing 9  
departments.

*Gary L. Markley, Acting  
Secretary*

September 17, 2012

Monroeville Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by  
Chairman Reiter at 7:52. Chairman  
Reiter led the body in the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 17  
members representing 9 departments.  
Minutes of the July meeting were  
read and approved.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA  
Public Relations North East, Jessie  
Newton - California Casualty  
Insurance.

Jessie Newton - California  
Casualty explained benefits and  
insurance options available to IVFA  
members.

Chairman Reiter - At quarterly  
meeting Governor Candidate and  
representative spoke and took  
questions. Would encourage  
individuals to contact any election  
candidates and ask questions on any  
issues. The Board of Firefighter

Education and Standards is looking  
at teaching FF 1&2 in modules.  
Changes to Instructor recertification  
were made. Jessica Dove, 2013  
IVFA Miss Flame, spoke at meeting  
on her project of "Life Vials" for  
automobiles.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Legislation  
and issues were discussed at  
quarterly meeting with candidates.  
Legislation that the IVFA will be  
keeping an eye on 1005 and novelty  
lighters. IVFA By-Laws change  
passed. Changes made by Board of  
Firefighter Education and Standards  
on Instructor Recertification were  
presented.

Chairman Reiter announced two  
deaths in the district, Norman  
"Pappy" Scheumann, Preble and  
James Bollinger of Warren, both  
were 50 year members. Also a death  
in Dist. 6, William "Bill" Kinsey.

Mort Sorg added comments on  
1005 discussion at quarterly  
meeting. Also a Q&A with Allen Co.  
Commissioners will be held at  
Hoagland on Sept. 19.

Discussion from the floor about  
IVFA license plates, possible  
changes, new current changes and  
what the application fees help to  
fund.

Next meeting will be at Mount  
Etna VFD November 19. It will be  
Miss Flame competition. Also be  
thinking of award nominations, get  
them to Walt or Central Office.

Geneva will have a chili dinner  
Oct. 27 and Monroe a soup supper  
on Nov. 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 with  
17 members representing 9  
departments.

Chief Wolfe of Monroeville VFD  
had a presentation on recent major  
fires in town.

*Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary*

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



*Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman*

On July 11, 2012 District 8B held  
their meeting at the Hamilton  
Township fire station. The meeting  
opened at 7:30 p.m. with all saying  
the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
The secretary and treasurer's reports  
were read and approved. Roll call  
was taken with six members present.  
There were two guests in  
attendance: David Israel, IVFA  
president, and Melinda Wright,  
Democrat candidate for State  
Representative for District 35.

The group explained to Melinda  
Wright some of the concerns that  
they had about some of the bills  
concerning firefighters. She was  
glad to hear these concerns as she  
didn't realize anything about them.

Eddie Smith gave a report on next  
year's convention which will be held  
in Muncie, Indiana on June 12 to  
June 15.

Chairman Wright told the group  
about the increase in the American  
Life Insurance. He told them to  
return the yellow card if they had any  
changes.

Good of the order: Pennville  
VFD parade in July, Hamilton  
Township VFD hog roast on

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT

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September 8.  
Second roll call held with 160 fires and 114 EMS runs.

Next District 8B meeting will be held at Gaston Volunteer Fire Department on September 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Lloyd Wright,  
District 8B*

On September 12, 2012 District 8B held their meeting at the Gaston Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken with six departments in attendance. Three guests were in attendance: Tonya Rigsby from California Casualty, Cindy Vangordon from Donnelly Fire, and Doug Eckerty, State Senator from District 26.

The group asked Doug how he would vote for issues involving the fire service. He said that he was going to vote "no" on the trustee bill if it came up again. He said he was in favor of anything that would benefit the fire service. Time will tell.

Good of the order: Pork chop dinner at the Blountsville VFD, Ice Cream social at the White River VFD, Chili Supper at the Liberty Township VFD, Hog Roast at the Pennville VFD, Fire Prevention Parade in Farmland, and Chili Sipper at the Albany VFD.

Second roll call was taken with 93 fires and 98 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held at the Hartford City Fire Station with the Miss Flame contest held. The meeting will be held on November 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Wright thanked the Gaston VFD for hosting the district meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and pizza was enjoyed by all.

*Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B*

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



*John Ray - Chairman*

Greetings from District 10,  
In August District 10 met at the Manila Vol. Fire Dept.

State Representatives Sean Eberhart and Randy Fry were in attendance to discuss the coming legislative year and answer questions from those present. Larry Curl, IVFA lobbyist, was there to assist with legislative questions and address concerns of the IVFA.

2013 Elections were held for the District with results being: Jim Davis reelected Secretary and I will continue to serve as District Chairman. Jim and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for the vote of confidence to lead another term.

In September we met with Hope Vol. Fire Dept. Our special guests that evening were Senator Gregg Walker and Representative Sean

Eberhart. Both legislators spoke briefly on the issues pertaining to fire service and some items that may come before the 2013 legislature. There was a time of questions and answers following their remarks.

Russ Futrell shared with us how 1 800 Board Up could help fire departments and fire victims as well. Lanett Stewart, Regional Coordinator for Southern Indiana Supporting Heroes had a brief presentation about the work they do for the families of fallen firefighters.

Marion Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. at Milhousen was the site of the October meeting. The department displayed their newly purchased Sutphen Pumper.

An Open House at Amity Community Vol. Dept.'s new station was held October 13. We presented Chief Jackie Brockman with an IVFA clock from the State Association to hang in the new station. IVFA president David Israel and District 10 Miss Flame Haley Teltoe were also present at the open house.

The November 21<sup>st</sup> district meeting will be at Elizabethtown Vol. Fire Dept. at 7 p.m. The Miss Flame contest will also be held at the Aux. meeting that evening.

Jim and I would like to be the first to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

*John M. Ray  
District Chairman*

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



*Larry Southard - Chairman*

Bellmore  
July 8, 2012  
The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies and the Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush.

The guests present were announced by chairman Southard and auxiliary chairman Lou Bartlow introduced her guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Larry Curl, the IVFA Lobbyist spoke on some of the bills that were proposed to the legislature and made a strong suggestion that we should support those who will help the IVFA.

Roll call was taken with 7 departments with 17 members answering the roll. Larry Bartlow announced that a review of the insurance program has been made.

Chairman Southard opening the floor for nominations for the district officers for the coming year. The following were elected:

Chairman - Larry Southard  
Vice chairman - John Morphy  
Secretary-treasurer - John Davies

Sgt.-at-Arms - Larry Shannon  
Chaplain - James Lawson

Chairman Southard gave updates in education as announced thru the internet, mail and the fire marshal's office. Auxiliary chairman Lou Bartlow presented

John Davies with his 25 year pin as a member of the auxiliary. Diane Harrison announced that nominations for awards must be in before the deadline. Jason Grimes of the Bellmore Vol. Fire Department awarded 25 year pins to Robert Brown and Darell Robbins of his department.

Chairman Southard presented Chief Jason Grimes with the host department certificate.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies  
Secretary*

## DISTRICT 12 REPORT



*Larry E. Bruner - Chairman*

Greetings from District 12,  
Our meeting of July 23 was hosted by Coatesville VFD with 16 members present from 5 departments.

Guests were Lona Huffman - The Ezell Group, Jerry Johnson - Donley Safety, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Carol Curl - District 12 IVFAA president, Lou Bartlow - State IVFAA past president, and Larry Bartlow - WC PR #3.

SOG change in Article 7 was read and approved by all in attendance. Election of District 12 officers was held and our officers for 2012 are: Larry Bruner - chairman and Brian Edwards - vice-chairman/secretary. All guests afforded time to speak to the group. Discussion followed for the good of the order.

Remember November, remember it is your duty as a member of your local community to seek out information about those who are running for state and local office.

Our September 24 meeting was hosted by Danville Fire Department.

We had 11 members present from 5 departments and 8 guests. Guests were: State Senator Michael Young - 35th District, State Representative Jeffrey Thompson - 28th District, Lanett Steward - Supporting Heroes, Rodney Hayes - Global Emergency Products, and state officers Larry and Lou Bartlow and lobbyist Larry Curl.

Remember District 12 now has combined meetings with the IVFA and the IVFAA. IVFAA chairperson Carol Curl is always in attendance to conduct auxiliary business.

Our next meeting will be held at Decatur Twp. Fire Department, Station 71, on November 26, 19:00 hours.

Hope to see you there!  
*Larry E. Bruner*

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



*Richard Cannon - Chairman*

Welcome everyone from District 14,

We have been busy this quarter where we had the IVFA trailer out in the district at Sellersburg Celebrates and at Spencer Twp. for the annual chicken dinner.

Also we went to the memorial wall for all 343 members of the New York Fire Dept. that were read off. Went to Jennings Twp. for a 25 year pin.

At our district meeting at Madison 5, we held our elections for offices where Rick Cannon was voted district chairman and Danny Stoner - secretary, Jamie Hooudgens - treasurer, Tom Sellmar Sr. - chaplain and vice chairman was a tie between Charlie Heishman and Terry Conway and will be voted on again at our November 15 meeting at Borden Fire Dept. on West Water Street in Borden.

Our Miss Flame election is coming up in January, so if anyone has a girl that wants to run, I need the information by the end of November. Also any upcoming events your department is having, e-mail me the information so I can get it on the new IVFA website.

*Thanks,  
Rick Cannon,  
District 14 chairman*

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



*Harry Logan - Chairman*

District 15 of the IVFA met on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at Haubstadt Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Logan at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge was led by Sgt-at-Arms Jack Kerney.

A reading was given by Heather Martin.

Introduction of guests in attendance: Bev Harker - State Treasurer, Jim Abrams - PRSW and wife Stella, Lonna Huffman - Ezell Insurance Group, Sandra Hile - District 15 IVFAA and Steve Anderson - State Vice President. Several members of Marris Twp. Auxiliary were also in attendance.

Minutes were distributed from last meeting. A motion to approve as written was made by C L Mitchell, seconded by Heather Martin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was submitted. Motion to approve was made by Sam Martin, seconded by Ross Emery.

Roll call was answered by 22 members representing 7 departments and 17 guests.

Lonna Huffman gave a brief look at the AFLAC policy which is available to IVFA & IVFAA

members.  
Chairman Logan gave update on raffle for district. Jim Abrams got the hog donated for us and Barb Kerney secured tickets donated by Kwik Kopy. Thanks to Jim & Scott. They will sell for \$5.00 each. Harry will have the tickets. Everyone is asked to do their part to help raise funds for the district.

Jack Kerney announced dues are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Officer's meeting will be in Indy Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Harry presented our 2012 Gopal Award to Tony Hipp from Haubstadt Fire Dept. Tony has given a lot to the fire service, his community and his church.

Jack Kerney reviewed Board Standards. Up & coming Fire Fighter I & II will be taught in modules.

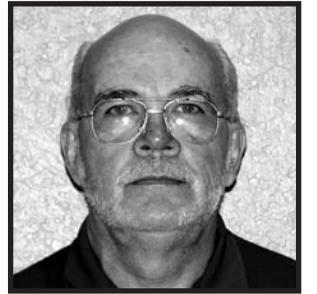
Jack also discussed some of the House Bills that the IVFA will be working on.

Department reports given.  
Thanks was given to Haubstadt for the meal & dessert.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

*Barb Kerney, Secretary*

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



*Sam Emery - Chairman*

Greetings from District 17A,  
July 25th IVFA District 17A meeting was held in Freelandville.

State officers in attendance were Jack Kerney - past president IVFA, Barb Kerney - past president IVFAA, Bev Harker - state treasurer IVFA, Jim Abrams - PRSW, June Cahill - recording secretary IVFAA and Marie Emery - District 17A IVFAA chairperson.

We had Tanya Rigsby from California Casualty Home & Auto who gave a presentation on what her company had to offer with firefighters in mind.

We also had Lona Hoffman from the Ezell Group who discussed what their group had to offer.

I would like to thank them both for attending the presentations they gave and the hand-outs they passed out.

Ashley Dugger, District 17A Miss Flame, was on hand and was introduced to the group and assisted in passing out door prizes.

Ross Elmore, Mid-America Fire & Safety had door prizes for us and asked if anyone needed anything, give him a call.

State officers spoke on several items affecting the fire service and how they affect the fire service. Many thanks for their attendance and the information presented.

Elections were held by Jim Abrams, PRSW and the officers elected are as follows:

District 17A chairman - Sam Emery  
District 17A vice chairman - Scott Byers

District 17A secretary-treasurer - Courtney Hasler  
Sgt.-At-Arms - Johnny Johnson  
Chaplain - Beverly Harker

August 2nd I attended the monthly meeting of the Richland-

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT

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Taylor VFD.

August 6th Jack Kerney and I attended the Elnora-Elmore VFD meeting to see what was needed to get them back in the IVFA.

August 13th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Lyons VFD.

August 14th I attended a meeting at the Fair Play Grant Switz City VFD and presented Chief Bryan Woodall the 2012 Global Award. Bryan is a 17 year member of the IVFA. Bryan is also a 21 year member of the Greene County Sheriff's Dept. where he holds the position of Lieutenant. In both departments Bryan held many certifications.

September 10th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Lyons VFD.

September 15th I attended the Scotland Festival where my department has a breakfast and has a booth. Our department presented Larry "Red" Blackmore a plaque for his 30 years of having a horse-shoe pitch as a fundraiser. Larry is a 35 year member of the Richland-Taylor VFD.

September 26th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Richland-Taylor VFD in Scotland. State officers in attendance were Bev Harker, IVFA state treasurer and Jim Abrams, PRSW. Several items pertaining to the fire service were discussed.

This is an election year, please get out and vote.

Our next district meeting will be November 13th at the Lyons VFD.

Also January 19th, 2013, District 17A meeting Vincennes sausage supper.

Hope to see you at our meetings.

*Sam Emery*

*District 17A chairman*

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT



*Steve Nolan - Chairman*

Greetings from 17-B,

It is with sadness that I report on the death of IVFA lifetime member, Dallas Norman Kelp of the Brown County VFD. Dallas died on September 1, 2012. Dallas was a founding member, Past Chief, and life long member of the BCVFD. Dallas is the father of Chief Dak Kelp and grandfather of BCVFD member Nick Kelp. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and the department.

Our last meeting was on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ellettsville FD. In attendance were guests President Israel, Public Relations Jim Abrams and our Lobbyist Larry Curl.

We held our elections and the same officers were retained for another year, Chairman Steve Nolan, Vice-Chair Bobby Brown, Sec/Treasurer Luke Klunder and Sergeant-of-Arms L. D. Martin.

In this upcoming election we must back politicians that will back volunteer fire departments and members so we must know where they stand on issues that are important to us. Remember, if you do not VOTE, then you don't have a complaint of what happens.

Our next meeting will be on October 10, at the Shawswick VFD Station #3 at 625 Peerless Road in Bedford, with food served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. We have Shelly Yoder (candidate for Congress) and Senator Brent Steele that will be in attendance and hope

to hear from more. Rod Pressel of Hoosier Fire Equipment will also be in attendance. If you need directions, please call 812-583-6845 or 812-279-6684.

Have safe and happy holidays.

*Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B*

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



*John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman*

Greetings from District 18.

The 19 July meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the St. Anthony VFD. 98 members representing 28 departments answered roll call.

We were joined by guests that included Jack and Barb Kerney from the Central Office, and Lona Huffman.

Our annual election of officers was held. As a result, all District Officers were re-elected to their positions.

The meeting of 20 September was hosted by the St. Meinrad VFD. 70 members representing 21 departments answered roll call.

Jack Kerney reported on upcoming legislative concerns. We were joined by Air Evac who brought in one of their aircraft prior to the start of the meeting. John Gott and Air Evac personnel presented a program on Landing Zone operations and safety.

It was my pleasure to present Robert Duley of the Carter Fire District with his IVFA 25 year membership pin.

The St. Anthony VFD was awarded the honor of hosting the

2013 District Parade and Miss Flame contest.

Lynn Krodel of the DNR discussed concerns brought on by the drought conditions this summer.

National Fire Prevention Week begins within a few days of this writing. It is my hopes that every department puts forth the effort to... **"fight fire in the best way possible"!!** To **EDUCATE** the public on the many ways to **PREVENT** fires. A comprehensive Public Education Program can often be more useful piece of "Apparatus" that we have.

Until next time-

"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

*John C. "Bull" Smith*

*Dist. 18 Chairman*

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT

*Stephen Macke - Chairman*

Greetings from District 19.

We have some new faces in District 19. At the July meeting we elected a whole new set of officers:

to make this happen and it was a great success. 1531 motorcycles participated along with several cars.

Fall is here and temperatures are changing but we will soon be dealing with fires started in the falling leaves.

Clark County still has a burn ban in effect but should be lifted in October.

Election time is here and we should be paying attention to the candidates that will best serve the needs of our fire service here in Indiana and the rest of our state. Get out and vote.

Be safe.

*Al Williamson*

*P.R.S.E.*

## Public Relations Director Northeast *Jean Smith*



Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 7th-13th. This year's theme is "HAVE 2 WAYS OUT". This is a reminder to prepare the community along with our school children the proper techniques of fire safety.

I hope you will find the following information of great interest.

**The U.S. fire service (2010) NFPADATA.**

• 1,103,300 firefighters protected the United States in 2010. 335,150 (30%) were career firefighters and **768,150 (70%) were volunteer firefighters.**

• Most career firefighters (73%) are in communities that protect 25,000 or more people.

• Most volunteer firefighters (95%) are in departments that protect fewer than 25,000 and more than half are located in small, rural departments that protect fewer than 2,500 people.

vice chairman Todd Schutte, Batesville Fire; secretary Mark Marsee, Milan Fire; Chaplain Doug Butt, Sunman Fire and myself district chairman Stephen Macke, Batesville Fire.

Our September meeting was held at Drewersburg Volunteer Fire. Since being elected I have attended a dinner honoring longtime members and retired members of Dillsboro Fire. I would like to thank the Dillsboro chief for inviting me to this.

If anyone in the district is having an event, let me know and if I am able I will try to attend and help if needed. If you need to get a hold of me, you can e-mail at [district19@ivfa.org](mailto:district19@ivfa.org).

Our next meeting of District 19 will be at Milan Fire where we will have Miss Flame judging.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

*Stephen Macke*

*Chairman 19*

• There are an estimated 30,125 fire departments in the United States. These fire departments have an estimated 51,300 fire stations, 66,800 pumpers, 6,800 aerial apparatus and 72,800 other suppression vehicles.

• Medical aid calls have more than tripled since 1980.

• A fire department responds to a fire every 24 seconds.

• Departments protecting larger communities tend to have a higher proportion of firefighters in the age groups 30-39 and 40-49 than smaller communities.

• In 2010, there were an estimated 14,200 collisions involving fire department emergency vehicles, while departments were responding to or returning from incidents.

**Firefighters fatalities (2011)**

• There were 61 firefighter deaths in 2011.

• Stress, exertion, and other medical-related issues, which usually result in heart attacks or other sudden cardiac events, almost always account for the largest share of deaths in any given year. Of the 32 exertion- or medical-related fatalities in 2011, 31 were classified as sudden cardiac deaths and one was due to a stroke.

• Fireground operations accounted for 30 deaths.

• Residential structure fires accounted for the largest share of fireground deaths (12 deaths).

• Four firefighters died in four vehicle crashes. In addition to those deaths, three other firefighters were struck and killed by vehicles.

**Firefighter injuries (2010)**

• There were 71,875 firefighter injuries in 2010.

• 32,675 of all firefighter injuries in 2010 occurred during fireground operations. Other firefighter injuries by type of duty include: responding to, or returning from an incident (4,380); training (7,275); non-fire emergency (13,355); and other on-duty activities (14,190).

• The major types of injuries received during fireground operations were: strain, sprain; muscular pain; wound, cut, bleeding, bruise; and smoke or gas inhalation.

• The leading causes of fireground injuries were overexertion, strain (25.7%) and fall, slip, jump (22.5%).

• Regionally, the Northeast had the highest fireground injury rate.

*Jean Smith,*

*Public Relations Northeast*

## Public Relations Director Southwest

*Jim Abrams*



I attended District 17B's meeting on August 8th at Ellettsville Vol. F.D.

I attended 50 year celebration of Hayesville V.F.D. on September 15th.

I attended District 15's meeting at Scott Twp. VFD on September 18th.

I missed District 18 meeting at St. Meinrad due to another meeting.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Richland VFD on September 26th.

I will attend District 17B's meeting on October 10 at Shawswick VFD on 625 Peerless Rd., Bedford at 6:30.

I plan to attend Carter Fire

District Memorial Service on October 11th at 7:30 EST at Dale, Indiana!

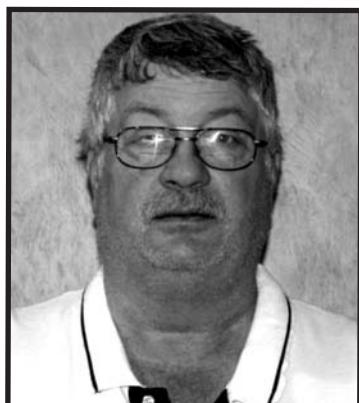
I hope everyone has a safe and joyful Holiday Season!

*Respectfully,*

*Jim Abrams*

*P.R.S.W.*

## Public Relations Director East Central *Don Cushman*



Happy fall weather. No rain all summer, now we can't turn off the spicket.

Let's all be safe out there and remember ice and snow will be here soon.

Slow down and drive safe.

Happy holidays to all.

*Don Cushman*

*PREC*

## Public Relations Director Southeast

*Al Williamson*



Greetings to all,

Congratulations to Rick Cannon, District 14, Paul Holcomb, District 16 and Steve Macke, District 19 for being elected to their district chairman positions.

Haven't been able to get around as much this quarter but have made two district meetings, two chief's meetings, a benefit ride at Campbell Twp.

Also rode in the escort for traveling Vietnam Wall. The ride went from Clarksville to Jeffersonville to Charlestown to Sellersburg to New Albany and returned to Clarksville where the wall went on display.

Many people put in a lot of hours

# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, IN AUGUST 4 & 5, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Israel at 1:00 P.M.

President Israel called on Vice President Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

President Israel set ground rules for the Governor Candidates. They have been given pre questions that we are going to ask. If you have a question let Lobbyist Curl know and he will try to get it in. If anyone has any personal issues please do not bring them up today.

President Israel called for the reading of the Minutes of the May 2012 meeting. District 13-A Chairman Carol Thrawley made a motion to accept the Minutes as printed. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Harker reported still working on trying to get us a signature card. CD has matured and she put it in checking. She has a meeting with an investor next week. It is a structured CD where principle is guaranteed and interest is between 1 1/2% to 5%. Bridgeport Scholarship Expense we had a recipient for 2011 who dropped out of school. So the school refunded the second semester for \$750.00. She reviewed the proposed budget for 2013 with us and we will vote on it in November. Review it and let her know if you have any questions or comments concerning the budget before the November meeting. Remember we need to run this organization as a business and live within what we budget. Any Committee that thinks they will need additional funds needs to notify the Treasurer so she can budget it. District 2 Chairman Tom Orrell made motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel welcomed the new District 11-A Chairman Don Vermillion, District 19 Chairman Steve Macke. District 21 Secretary George Buck setting in for Don Fultz.

### OLD BUSINESS

Provident program – 90 day free sign up period over response not quite what they thought it would be. But the program is up and running.

Our young people just don't realize how important this benefit is to them.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Central Office:** Jack Kerney – Passed out deceased and bad address reports. Dues expiring July 31, 2013 13,217 paid this far. License plates 2,198 so far this year and it is down. Talk them up in your districts meetings. Picked up 20 dues packets on Friday, those are the only ones not entered this far. 109 departments that paid last year but they have not paid this year. 8 departments that have not paid for 2 years. 124 Departments that have not paid for over 2 years. Speakers bureau and District Chairman have gotten 14 departments and 294 members rejoined. Special thank you to District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb who has gotten 5 departments rejoined. As soon as we get all the dues entered we will send you paid and not paid list, membership list, gold cards and 25 year pin list. If you need anything please let them know.

**Award Committee:** Chairman Steve Anderson – Every award had a winner. The challenge is out there for each district to have a nomination for each award for next year.

**President Israel –** The Ivan Nevil Leadership award the family has asked to take over the award. We will still assist them when needed.

**Angel Award Committee:** Chairman Diane Harrison – Like Vice President Anderson said every district has someone deserving, please take time and nominate them. The 2012 Angel Award winner is with us today Marlene Thrawley.

**Membership and Marketing:** Chairman Diane Harrison – Discussed grants, for fire prevention, education on how to keep our firefighters. We need more ideas for benefits for our members. Alaska cruise went very well. Charlie and Friends Tours are willing to work with us and put together any "adventures" together that we would be interested in. I believe Past President Kerney covered the speaker's bureau.

**President Israel –** introduced Richard Glant 2012 MR. IVFA

**Public Relations & Education:** Chairman Carol Thrawley – President Israel reported that Carol came in to the executive meeting last night and we went over some concerns that we had on the trailer guidelines. Carol Thrawley will need to see proof insurance for anyone pulling the trailer. Use the towing equipment provided. Trailer has done roughly 1,200 miles since convention. Let them know if you need the trailer or the banners. Everything has been purchased. Anyone wanting to help at IRC conference September 2012 let them know. District 16 Paul Holcomb questioned the facebook and smart phone signs, Carol said that it won't be a problem and it is included in the price.

**Web site:** Chairman Israel – All convention award winners are on the web site. The Officer email addresses are ready and we need to know if you want it forwarded to your personal email or not. District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb reviewed how to do this and he will hold a training class in the morning. State Miss Flame will also have an email.

**Logo:** Chairman John Smith – Anyone wishing to use logo send

him a request by email. Still have patches available.

**Editor's Assistant:** Chairman Jim Bradford – absent; if you would like to send him a card address is Golden Living Center, Fountain View Place, Room 328, Portage, IN 46368

**Mitch Parish –** mailed out 16,528 newspapers, and have 250 IVFA and IVFAA 50 to handout this weekend.

**Convention:** Chairman Israel – Thanked Rick and Paul for a great convention. Needed to make 2 clarifications. Reading of the names - don't put deceased after the name - it sped things up and still showed respect for the past winners. Do to misreading of the contracts there was an hour mixer before the banquet so we started the meeting portion then stopped for the banquet then finished the meeting. Received a lot of good comments back on this and have decided to continue this in the upcoming conventions.

**Convention 2012** 95 % of the things wrapped up. Thanked everyone for their cards, emails and articles in the paper. Financial report and convention reports have been turned in. Jack Zeeks commented on Thornton's Corporation thinks that the Association should send a thank you letter to them. President Israel will take care of this.

**Convention 2013 –** over 100 pre-registered, call hotline for reservations for hotels, numbers are in the paper, tentative schedule is in the newspaper, credit cards will be ran when they get the credit card machine. Mitch Parish need addresses and phone numbers for contacts for the convention.

**Clothing Claim:** Chairman Lloyd Wright – had one claim for glasses; it was approved. President Israel stated for District Chairmen to let Lloyd know if you have a claim so they will know to schedule a meeting at the quarterly meeting.

**Training Committee:** Larry Southard – The Board of Firefighting Standards and Education has announced that they are looking into teaching Firefighter 1 and II classes in modules. Haz-Mat testing will come from Jones so much proctoring, instructing and continuous education. Instructors are just letting their certifications lapse. We are concerned that the intent is to go to using only State Instructors. Steve Nolan is on the re-write committee. Don't know what the answer is, July 31<sup>st</sup> paramedics became license instead of certification. EMR – first responder, EMT basic is now EMT; EMT basic advanced is going away. EMT Intermediate is going away. You have 2 years to complete crossover training. If you don't cross over you drop back to whatever you had if it is still there. Trauma center rules – communities are having a lot of problems with

them. Vice President Anderson 1) we need to find out the number of instructors that are not recertifying. Getting these numbers might help our cause. 2) Former Instructors can still teach, they just can't sign off on it.

**Lobbyist Curl –** Congressman Pence is a lifelong Hoosier born and raised in Columbus, IN. He was raised with 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Congressman Pence graduated from Columbus North High School, went on to graduate from Hanover College in 1981 and earned his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law in 1986.

Congressman, I am sure J.D. refers to law in some manner but for those of us who don't have a clue what J.D. stands for please educate us when you speak.

Congressman Pence and his wife Karen have been married for 26 years, live in Columbus, IN and currently rent a house in McCordsville for professional reasons. They have 3 children, Michael, Charlotte and Audrey. Karen is an elementary school art teacher and the honorary Chairwoman of the Art Therapy Initiative at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

In 1991, Congressman Pence was named president of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a foundation in Fort Wayne that exists to conduct and circulate research on Indiana issues at the state and municipal levels.

Following his work there, he started a business to produce a statewide radio show in 1993 "The Mike Pence Show" which aired on 18 radio stations across the state, and hosted a Sunday morning television show in Indianapolis.

Congressman Pence was elected to serve his fellow Hoosiers in Congress in 2000, and earned a sixth term in November of 2010. Today, he represents more than 650,000 Hoosiers in 19 counties in eastern Indiana.

During his 12 years as Congressman he has served on many congressional committees, and today he continues to serve U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs -Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary –Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Member of the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet.

This is a committee that I think I would like to learn more about: when you look up the word Intellectual you see words like Thinker, Brain, Academic, Scholar and with Competition: its Rivalry, Opposition Antagonism, War, and to tie that together with the internet sounds to me like someone is building some type of a smart war game that some of our grandchildren might play in video...

A strong supporter of the military, Congressman Pence has visited Hoosier soldiers in Iraq and/or Afghanistan every year since hostilities started in the Middle East. He has made visiting Indiana men and women in uniform who sacrifice to maintain our freedom a high priority.

Please join me in welcoming Congressman Mike Pence, Candidate for Governor for the great State of Indiana.

Congressman Pence: Thank you for that warm welcome. Larry, thank you for your leadership and friendship council of the year as we showed in Indiana and Washington DC. I appreciate it very, very much and I am delighted to be with all of you today. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association may have a rich 67 year history since the formation of this Association but you are part of a fabric and legacy of Hoosier volunteerism. And I am confident that back before the founding of this State. I am delighted to be with you today although I am at a loss for words when I think about volunteer firefighters. When I think about men and women who for no pay run in when others are running out. It deeply inspires me to say the least, and in the years that I have represented 19 counties, a lot of rural counties. Across the communities I have seen it again and again what volunteer firefighters mean to the communities. I have witnessed the sacrifice that volunteer firefighters and their families make and have made. So let me just begin by paying a debt of gratitude to all of you for the work that you have done. I am pretty partial to firefighters. My cousin Rosella is married to a full time firefighter in Chicago, who actually was in the movie "Back Draft". He is a wonderful guy. He was on disable reserve for about a year and a half. He is now back full time. It's a great career. Whether he is a full time firefighter, or for those of you who go to work at one job and the beeper goes off, bells go off and you drop what you are doing. There is something different about the job

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you all do and I think it is only comparable to the job of the Men and Women in the armed forces around this country and around the world. So just let me say this from my heart, I am going to pray for you. When I was going through law school my best friend was a guy who would pass away in 2000, Larry Grimes. He was the Chief of the Newburgh Fire Department. Larry was a remarkable guy. He helped me understand the service and I will never forget at his funeral the incredible tribute from all over the state that came to stand with him and his family.

It is a tremendous honor for me to be standing for the opportunity to serve as Governor for the state of Indiana. Frankly it deeply humbles me. I was at the state fair yesterday, there is a beautiful wall up there that the National Guard has put up, and you ought to go see it. It is called the Thank You Wall. They are inviting Men and Women to leave pictures and mementoes of members of their family who served in the military at the base of the wall, so I and my twenty-year-old son, who is a Boilermaker, I am a lifelong Hoosier, my family are all Hoosiers and then my son is a Boilermaker. Michael and I went out there and I'll tell you, you know you get busy on political roll and you are going from thing to thing to thing. My Sister had dug up a picture of my Dad getting the bronze star in Korea and he was about Michael's age and I handed him the picture and said just go over there and put that at the base of the wall and I'll tell you what that was tough on this guy. Had a reporter ask me afterwards a lot about my Dad. He said to me, what do you think your Dad would have thought about you running for Governor? I said, well he had no use for politicians or lawyers. My Dad is proud. He followed work from Chicago down to Indianapolis and then down to Connors where I was born. I don't think he would have ever imagined one of his four boys and two girls would be able to stand for Governor of this great state. First reason I am running for Governor because I love this great state as much as you do. Secondly, I am running for Governor I really think Indiana is on the verge of growth and opportunity like no other time. I think we have made a lot of hard choices in the last 8 years and Indiana right now is poised for a period of tremendous growth, job opportunities, quality of education, stronger communities and my little family and I are going to see if we can be a part of that. And not just to keep it going the way it's going but see if we can build on the progress that has been made. Take Indiana from reform to results that is my ambition. And going through all the reforms some of them has been less popular than others and we've talked about those. But everywhere I go when I say to people that my ambition is taking Indiana from reform to results. We have come out with a series of proposals my committee and I did. Go to Mike Pence.Com and click on issues and you can see the series of proposals. We have a tax cut across the board for all Hoosiers that would still leave us hundreds of millions of dollars to go into our reserve fund. That would give us a manageable increase for state level. I just think a 10% cut in

income tax across the board would be just the deal our economy could use. Until we do a full look back at all regulatory policies and determine the cost benefits value of each and I think we just have to hit the pause button and ask ourselves what is on the books that should be there and what is on the books that we got to clear out. Clearing out the underbrush and determining the things important to us. And the last big idea we have turned out although there will be a few more has to do with my belief that I think the time has come to bring vocational education back as a priority to every high school in the state of Indiana. That is the way it was when I was growing up in Columbus and we had a very wholesome industrial art pathway at Columbus High School. The truth of the matter for whatever reason in the last thirty years we have gotten away from it and if you recognize the fact that in Indiana we do two things well, we make things, we grow things. Making sure that our kids have a full range of choices in high school with the background and training that they need to choose their careers including in public safety. That they would be interesting in choosing. That is an ambition of mine. I am not talking about reinventing the wheel on post secondary education and an associate's degree I'm talking about some creative regional partnership. Where maybe you say that fourth year of school for a student who wants to go work in this particular industry, go work in the insurance industry, wants to go work at Dow Agra science which you can do right out of high school if you have the right certification, as an associate with their company. And maybe somebody that wants to go into public safety that fourth year in high school could be their first year of post secondary and then we are beginning to use in my opinion use our k - twelve system to say to kids we want you to be successful in life regardless of where you start and that is the choice and chart of things you are about. We also want to say regardless of where you want to start in life whether you want to start with a college career or do you want to go into the work force right out of high school like a very large number do. So here is some of my ideas look at Mike Pence.com for more of them but let me just say I am glad to do it and I look forward to our conversation. I would be honored to have your personal support as well as the support and work of the Association. I thank you all for having me today very much.

Lobbyist Curl: Congressman we are honored as well to have you here before us. And to come and talk to us about some of the concerns we have as the fire service. As you well know we represent 16,000 plus members and we are in every county in the state of Indiana. Whether it is Marion County or any of the other 91, we have volunteers within that organization. During the current administration one of the things that came out of that and I am not asking you to comment on what the current Governor or the current General Assembly has done, but one of the things that have come out of that based on the Kernan Sheppard report. The Kernan Sheppard report is a well written report I am not sure they went deep enough far enough or got enough involved I can assure

you that nobody in this room or any of the leadership of the fire service was called upon to talk about what are we going to do in reform. Last year the General Assembly passed House Bill 1005. House Bill 1005 says that is the nepotism and conflict of interest bill that we are exempt from nepotism that is a no brainer in my opinion we don't take any money, if all our families want to come to work with us, come on. I don't think that is an issue but we are not exempt from conflict of interest. We currently have 500 plus members of our Association that hold elected offices. Most volunteers, they volunteer for school board, they volunteer for little league, their church, their fire department and they volunteer to go out and serve their community as an elected official. We just believe that putting volunteers in that conflict of interest bill is the wrong thing to do and to take it a step further if you look at the bill, we are the only named volunteers serving our communities that is named. It doesn't speak about the law enforcement, the parks department, it doesn't speak about any other volunteers other than the volunteer firefighter. Any thoughts on whether we should or should not be allowed to serve.

Congressman Pence: Well let me say as I got read into this issue well let me start big picture and go down. I think the Kernan Sheppard report was an effort to erase the chalk board and ask the question if you had to completely start over what is the most efficient way to be done. I mean we are coming up on our 200 anniversary in the Hoosier state. When you chose the county seat because it was a one day horse and buggy ride from the furthest point of the county so thinking that way about government and having continuous commitment to efficiency and improvement is heavy biased and it is always a useful discussion. But I will stipulate in very broad principle that present legislation that you referred to Larry is not withstanding obviously from the larger meet and part Kernan Sheppard shall we say similarly rejected on a bipartisan basis. People ask me from time to time what your view of local government reform is.

Lobbyist Curl: I think that is kind of where we were headed.

Congressman Pence: I generally answer that by saying, gee, look at the time. But let me answer the forth right here people say are you familiar with local government reform, well I am familiar with government reform. Everybody and one of the things we just unveiled in addition to our tax cut is an expansion of Indiana's performance at state level. I want greater accountability. I want greater transparency at every level and I think that is what everyone of us take off your hats you are wearing today everyone as a citizen expects that and want that. We want strong public officials to use our tax dollars as if they were their own and to use those resources and get as much out of every single dollar as they can. So I support a very broad principle of government reform on every level including local government reform, now with that being said on a larger Kernan Sheppard proposal the question that I am asking right now, is there a way that we could consolidate or promote policies that

allow for and including the volunteer services. Consolidate back office function without compromising back office accessibility to the responsive and I don't know the answer to that, I have people looking at it real hard. Let me say it again in case some of you were taking notes or tweeting, I don't tweet so anyway is there a way or a policy we could promote that would allow local communities, cities, townships, counties that could consolidate back office functions. Over the years we have worked very hard finding grant support for township departments. So that is how I would approach that in very broad terms. In terms of the whole nepotism and conflict of interest you know if it is regrettable that the General Assembly even passed the bill on nepotism and conflict of interest but we all know the stories, we all know the momentum behind that and the General Assembly made the decision. I do believe that we can do more in the area of transparency, I think in moving forward and I called for this on Tuesday of last week a more transparent government at every level. A more transparent government is more powerful and I think the lack of transparency in arguably the guiding force behind unfortunate incident that individuals voted, allowing relatives to have a full time job to make sure that it doesn't happen. And as we think about ways to promote transparency, I am not sure we unring the bell on how roll at that 1005 it is not perfect let me just say I think that legislation was intended and has to some extent succeeded in closing a confidence gap the public has had in regards to government services but going forward I will commit to you to look for opportunities where we can promote greater transparencies and continue conversations of how we can promote more efficiencies.

Lobbyist Curl: You spoke something about grants and certainly the fire service enjoys the opportunities to receive and use the grants. We have learned quickly that there is a move, a foot or we think there is, to take the federal government out of the fire service and I am not sure that is unilaterally agreed to. I am not sure it really should happen. I am not sure they really want it to happen but let's bring it more closer to home. At a state level a lot of us depend on tax dollars to do the business we do even though we are volunteer, there are still expenses that we occur. What is your feeling with the state's involvement on this?

Congressman Pence: You got me thinking about the federal piece. And the state in general operating capital improvements is locally and there are a couple of areas where I think the state has a role to play. And does play that role and I would continue to support in that role. And the chief among them is when firefighters are called on to go above and beyond the day to day expectations of the community, I get that and I am more than willing to work with firefighters to ensure their safety of structure coordinating when unexpected events happen. We saw this in my home town a couple of years ago in Columbus when the flood waters rose and flooded 10,000 homes.

Lobbyist Curl: What are your feelings on a state fire academy?

Congressman Pence: Short answer, I said the State had a couple of roles to play. I honestly think the State could be doing a better job at

providing training and educational opportunities for firefighters. I will talk about that for a second. The department of education sets forth curriculums, guidelines, policies and procedures and this can also go for our first responders. Something I whole heartily believe in, we are going to run to promote good jobs, great schools, safe streets and strong families. And when I talk about safe streets I have an obligation to State of Indiana that we respond, our first responders have the background the training the resources to get the job done and come home safely. I said that in my announcement speech. I want to make sure that each and every one of our responders has the best training they can have. I support the idea of enhancing the quality and opportunity to improve training services for first responders. You all take time away from home, family and children to step forth and volunteer and I think you absolutely deserve to have the best training and education that we can provide. I am determined to work through this issue. I am open to a training academy but I want to do the most efficient means that we can make that training happen. I want to do this in a fiscal matter and promote public safety at the same time. The doors are open on that one.

Lobbyist Curl: The other issue is the State Fire Marshal office. Many of us don't believe we have a State Fire Marshal office. There is division level at Homeland Security. They do boiler inspections, fire prevention, code enforcement. What they don't do is fire service and EMS. It used to be if we had a question about the fire service you would call the fire marshal office and today if you call the fire marshal's office you may, if you get the right person, you might get an answer but there is nothing in their description, we don't talk about firefighting, emergency responses, training the things that we are concerned and interested in. So if you, when you, should you, would you get elected, what would you do?

Congressman Pence: We are going to take a fresh look at functions and practices of the State government. I am not running to keep it going the way it's going. I am running to do even better and I intend to look hard at every aspect of State government. Organize and reorganize and think out loud. I have an open mind about the fire marshal office and I hear what you are saying. But again with the regards to the fire marshal office we are going to do whatever is fiscal responsible. Leadership is about priorities and the leader can't be everywhere and can't do everything so he has to decide what needs done most and where it needs done. Hoosiers are rightfully proud of volunteer firefighters. We are proud of all of our first responders. God be with you while taking care of your communities. And if I have the opportunity to be Governor, volunteer firefighters will have a special place in my heart.

Lobbyist Curl: That's all we can ask for.

Board of Firefighters Standard and Education: Jack Kerney - Made the announcement going to Firefighter 1 & 2 modules. Still need to address any board rules that you have any problems with. Board rules are up for rewriting. Steve Nolan is on that committee so if you

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have any problems get them to Steve. If you need help feel free to call me.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney - Next meeting in September in Fairbanks, Alaska. Until after that meeting we don't have anything.

Lobbyist: Larry Curl - I think it's admirable the Congressman Pence stopped by and I think that it will be admirable tomorrow when State Senator Vi Simpson stops by. I think it's history in making for our Association; we have never done that before; at least they know we are interested in politics. We will be putting out the special election edition of the paper.

EMS Commission: Dave Kaufman - The trauma rules I don't think they are finalized yet the state has been going around and asking questions.

## Officer's Reports

President Israel - Attended 8 District meetings, 1 memorial service, 4 fire department meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 convention meeting and a 911 memorial ceremony.

Vice President Anderson - I traveled 891 miles, I attended District meetings at 13A, 10. Went to IDHS for a couple different reasons, visited 1 department, attended Raceway Fire Chief's day, a fire department fund-raiser and numerous task force meetings.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - Attended 2 district meetings, 3 memorial services, 5 fire department fundraisers for 666 miles.

Secretary Harrison - Attended 2 district meetings, 3 county meetings and 1 fundraiser.

Treasurer Harker - Attended 4 district meetings, 2 county meetings.

Sergeant at Arms Bush - Pass.

Chairman of the Board Koehler - Attended a couple of district meetings.

## Public Relation's Reports

PRNW - Jim Bradford - Absent.

PRNE - Jean Smith - Attended 7 district meetings and 2 fundraisers.

PRWC - Larry Bartlow - Attended 7 district meetings and 1 department meeting.

PREC - Don Cushman - Missed 1 district meeting.

PRSW - Jim Abrams - Absent.

PRSE - Al Williamson - Attended 7 district meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 festival, 1 memorial service, and a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Traveled 1,051 miles.

SOG's Bylaws - Koehler - Last meeting we discussed changing the hearing aids from \$75.00 to \$150.00 and at this point we need to vote yea or nay. Carol Thrawley, District 13A - I move we accept the guideline proposal submitted by Terry Smith and cleared by the SOG committee. Larry Bruner, District 12, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Bridgeport Scholarships - Bev Harker - Read a thank you note from Mitchell Hass.

License Plate - Bev Harker, Jack Kerney reported - Credit card activity has picked up, with the ability to apply for them over the phone instead of mailing in the form from the paper.

Insurance - Bev Harker - Pass.

## Past President's Reports

Jim Parker - Pass

Mitch Parish - Pass

Richard Glant - Pass

Jack Zeeks - Pass

Buz Koehler - Pass

Jack Kerney - Pass

Larry Ketchem - Pass

## District Chairmen Reports

District 1 - Tom Orrell - Pass

District 2 - Paul Watland - Absent

District 3 - Dave Kaufman - Pass

District 4 - Terry Smith - thanked everyone for supporting their SOG change recommendation.

District 5 - Don Kissinger - Pass

District 6 - Jerry Sprague - Pass

District 7 - Walt Reiter - Pass

District 8A - Bill Pape - Pass

District 8B - Lloyd Wright - Pass

District 9A - Leighann Ellis - Pass

District 9B - Randy Denton - Absent

District 10 - John Ray - Pass

District 11A - Don Vermillion - Pass

District 11B - Larry Southard - Pass

District 12 - Larry Bruner - Pass

District 13A - Carol Thrawley - Pass

District 13B - Jeff Beihl - Pass

District 14 - Rick Cannon - I have Vietnam War memorial coins and convention coins for sale.

District 15 - Harry Logan - District 15 is having a raffle. If anyone would like to purchase tickets let Harry know.

District 16 - Paul Holcomb - Pass

District 17A - Sam Emery - Pass

District 17B - Steve Nolan - Absent

District 18 - John Smith - District parade and Miss Flame contest October 14 at 1:00 p.m. Hayesville Fire Department will be hosting it.

District 19 - Steve Macke - Pass

District 21 - George Buck, Secretary - Pass

President Israel read a text from Eric Johnson that he is not going to be able to be here this weekend. PSOB - the issue is still not fully resolved and we still need to gather data on the makeup of Indiana fire departments.

## New Business

Washington DC trip - new district chairmen and district chairmen who have never been gone before have the first option to go. We leave on Wednesday and return on Friday. It's usually the last of April so you can start checking your work schedules if you're interested in going. We will decide in February who is going.

Discussed grave markers giving to retired firefighters if they haven't been a member for a year or two. Will check minutes to see what was decided.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague discussed a bill that has been passed concerning funeral possessions, that has been causing problems in his area.

President Israel reminded everyone to reserve their room by October 12, 2012 for the November meeting.

Provident Insurance - Lona Hoffman - The 90 day guarantee enrollment period is over for Aflac. She expects the policy out by 1<sup>st</sup> of September. If you have signed up and don't hear anything let Lona know. For next year there will be an open enrollment period for new members. Will be same 90 day time frame and any existing members will get a chance to sign up but they

won't get the guarantee enrollment. They will have to answer the questions. Next year be thinking about this don't have to keep sign up period the same as this year. Lona thought that maybe we could do a combined mailing with the IVFA dues billing and decide when we want renewal to be. New District Chairmen, fill out your beneficiary forms.

District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley reported that Eric Johnson - Supporting Heroes is looking for any line of duty deaths prior to 1980. Eric wants to make sure that no Hero is missed.

President Israel introduced George Buck as an Associate Chaplain.

President Israel - Secretary Harrison and Past President Parker did research and there is nothing in minutes about giving grave markers to retired firefighters that haven't paid dues. They found where there was discussion but nothing was decided.

President Israel - Discuss mileage rate so Treasurer Harker can have it for budget next year. Chairman of Board Koehler made motion to leave mileage at 40 cents per mile. PRNE Smith second motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Israel introduced State Miss Flame Jessica Dove.

State Miss Flame Jessica Dove - Introduced herself and told us a little bit about herself. Her project this year is going to be Medical alert stickers for vehicles. Not only firefighters, EMS, Police and even at hospitals, when medical emergencies happen because of sickness or an accident. There would be a reflective sticker in the window and that would put up the red flag for you to look in the glove box for another paper that will have reflective corners to help find it easier stating what medical problems the patient has and any allergies. Examples: sugar, heart problems, etc. So if they can't tell us their medical history we can find it. At this point she is just asking for our support for the project so when she is talking to State Police, Sheriff Department and other organizations. District 11B Chairman Larry Southard made motion we support Jessica's project. District 13A Carol Thrawley second motion. Discussion Jack Kerney brought up we just did the budget and we need to know where the money is coming from. She doesn't have a specific money amount yet. But she is just looking for our support right now. Motion passed by voice vote. Please invite her to your district meetings to present her program. And it was brought up if she can get us information about her program we can talk about it if you are not able to make it. Jessica contact information: cell 219-851-8762, 2374 S 500 E Mill Creek, IN 46636, volley\_ball\_girl\_09\_softball@hotmail.com, statemissflame@ivfa.org.

California Casualty - Tonya Rigsby - They have been visiting as many meetings as possible. They would like to attend station meetings. Please let her know when they are. They have a new promotion \$15,000.00 station make over. They have a link off of our website. They are adjusting the protection classes guidelines.

American Income Life -

Michelle Baxter - Food bank is there for families in their time of hardships. If you know a family in the Association that may need help, please let Michelle know. They have now started a Basket of Hope which is a gift card to a grocery store where they can purchase perishable items. They do this monthly. When a representative asks for a referral they ask that you contact them first so the person knows that they were referred by you before AIL contacts them.

District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb - held a training session on how to use the new email system.

President Israel - Need to get the SOG change made on the website. Give Central Office and Sergeant at Arms Bush a copy.

Vice President Anderson - Reminded everyone if you didn't forward your email you have to remember to check it.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - reviewed the deceased list and why it is so important to check them and when they come out to make sure they are accurate. It is very important for our annual memorial service, so that no one is missed.

Vice President Anderson - The Central Office got a request for sponsorship from Newburgh Fire Department in District 15. They have a combat challenge team and looking for sponsors to go to Nationals which are in Myrtle Beach.

Mort Sorg reported his daughter Becky, who has been a counselor for 10 years at Hoosier Burn Camp, got selected to go to National Burn Camp in Washington DC.

Heather Martin, IVFAA, asked for donations for the vice president project. They are going to do all cash prizes: \$500.00, 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$300.00 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$200.00 3<sup>rd</sup> place. President Israel had Chairman of the Board Koehler put it on board action. She needs to know by September 15, 2012.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn, District 21 Secretary George Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Lobbyist Curl: Speaker Gregg is a lifelong Hoosier, born and raised in the town of Sandborn in Southwest Indiana where he continues to live with his 2 sons and their dog, Mr. Klaus.

If Speaker Gregg was with us today I would ask him to share his dog's first name... just curious.

Speaker Gregg believes in the American dream because he has lived it. At 15, he created his first job after purchasing a local soda shoppe in his hometown. He worked his way up from that small soda shoppe to work for two Fortune 500 companies and earned a law degree while working his way through night school.

In 1986 he decided to run for the Indiana House of Representatives. Speaker Gregg went on to represent

his hometown in the Indiana State House where he would serve as the Speaker of a House evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans for the first time in Indiana history. Leading an evenly split House meant the "bipartisanship" wasn't just political rhetoric, it was the only way to get things done. Under Speaker Gregg's leadership, they were able to balance budgets, while still investing in education, creating opportunity for jobs and growth and even cutting taxes when they could.

After leaving office in 2002, Speaker Gregg served for two years as interim President of Vincennes University. As President, he took a struggling institution and turned it around to create new jobs and career opportunities for a generation of Hoosiers. He then resumed his private law practice. He also hosted a popular radio show that enjoyed syndication across the state.

Now he's running for governor to do the same thing throughout the state.

Other Areas of Note about John R Gregg:

Worked for 2 years Fortune 500 companies;

At Vincennes University, he was responsible for a \$90 million budget, 6,000 students, and 800 + employees. Most notably, he helped VU to begin conferring 4-year degrees in 6 areas of study;

J.D. Indiana University School of Law, 1984;

And here with us today is his running mate for Lt. Governor Senator Vi Simpson.

As one of Indiana's most effective and respected leaders, State Sen. Vi Simpson has spent her career working in a bipartisan manner for causes that matter most to Hoosiers.

During her time in the Senate, Senator Simpson has fought to restructure the state's economic development efforts to create a more favorable business climate that will grow new jobs. She has also backed legislation that supports small businesses and ensures workers can more effectively compete in the global marketplace. She has been a tireless advocate for improving Indiana's public schools and universities, recognizing that an educated workforce is crucial to the future economic success of the state.

Senator Simpson has worked to make health care more affordable and accessible for all Hoosiers. She partnered with the current administration to provide health insurance for the uninsured and make insurance more affordable for small businesses.

First elected to the Senate in 1984, Senator Simpson was chosen as the Democrat Leader by the Senate Democrat Caucus in 2008 -

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she was the first female Legislative Leader in the state's history.

In addition to her leadership duties, she serves on the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee and the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee. As Senate Democratic Leader, Senator Simpson serves as the ranking Minority Member of the Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee.

Among her many legislative accomplishments is authoring legislation that created Indiana's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which has become a national model for delivering cost-effective health services to uninsured children. She is credited with creating national award winning legislation dealing with voluntary environmental cleanups.

She has received a variety of state and national awards and honors for her work.

On the national level, Senator Simpson has been honored with the Distinguished Legislator Award by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the National Legislator of the Year by the American Academy of Physicians, and in 2005 the American Medical Association awarded Senator Simpson its highest honor, the Dr. Nathan Davis Award of Outstanding Government Service.

Senator Simpson, served as Monroe County Auditor before joining the Indiana General Assembly, received her law degree from Indiana University School of Law. She has two adult children and four grandchildren. She resides in Richland Township with her husband, former State Senator Bill McCarty.

Please join me in welcoming a very well accomplished (if we were speaking in military terms, one might say very well decorated) for her many honors, awards, and recognitions, our state Senate Minority Leader, Senator Vi Simpson.

Vi Simpson: Well good morning. That probably leaves me 30 seconds to speak to you all. Maybe I should let it stand the way it is. I am so happy to be here this morning. John Gregg sent me in his place not because he did not want to be here but because he already had a previous commitment. Democrats were meeting in French Lick this weekend and there was a very important meeting yesterday and today he is on the road again. So I got the good fortune of spending my Sunday morning with you, so I am very pleased to be here. We worked together on a number of things. I want to thank Larry for his good leadership in the legislature. You're very well represented. Your interests are well explained and he spends time with each of us to let us know what is on your mind and that's very, very important. It's also important that we hear from you individually and personally and I know at least in my senate district they are not very shy about doing that. I appreciate that very much. But even more important than that let me just say thank you to you for what you do. I think sometimes the citizens of this state and perhaps the citizens of the nation take you for granted. Take public safety folks and emergency response folks for granted and I want you to know that I very much appreciated the good work that you

do you put yourselves at risk. You sacrifice your families, many of you without any compensation and there just isn't any better way to show your own love for your communities and the state of Indiana. So I thank you very much.

The last few years have been very frustrating to those of us who appreciate local government as you know. And I want to say the attacks on local government have not been, I don't think just from spite or because people are just trying to be mean to each other through local government. I do think, however, there is a real lack of understanding of the importance local government. A real effort to centralize everything in Indianapolis and to forget that township and county government and city and town governments are closest to the people. I came from local government before I was elected to the State Senate. I was the Monroe County Auditor, and I have a real high regard for the atomy for local elected officials and the good work that they do. So it has been a very frustrating four years or so dealing with Kernan Sheppard; dealing with the legislative attempts to change what I believe was never broken. It has been a very interesting four years and only with that but some of the other things that has been going on in the legislature as well. I have been in the legislature for twenty eight years so I am not a novice. I know state government. I have been around it. I know how it works. I know when it doesn't work very well. And I can tell you that the last four years have been very, very difficult for me as well as for some of you, I imagine.

The Gregg and Simpson team is committed to local government, local control, local economy. I have talked for years about fiscal atomy and I believe in it. We like to talk at the legislature about home rules, don't we, Larry. Everyone talks about home rules but they don't really mean it. They don't really mean it, they talk about it and it's a term but they really don't mean it because if they really meant it they would give local government the tools that it needs to function properly.

So what would Gregg and Simpson do differently and I can tell you that there are a few things that I just want to enumerate for you and then we are going to open it up for questions.

First thing we are going to do is restore bipartisanship. John Gregg you heard was Speaker of the House when it was fifty - fifty. Now you can't, I don't know if you can imagine how difficult it is to have a split House of Representatives - fifty Democrats, fifty Republicans and try to be speaker over that. Talking about herding cats. I am telling you that was worse than herding cats. They had co-speakers. Actually there was a Republican speaker and a Democrat speaker. So they had to find ways to work together, to come together to get any legislation passed and even to pass the budget. That was a good exercise; it was a learning tool for members of the House but particularly for John Gregg. I think it was very meaningful to him, because he believes in bipartisanship. Now Vi on the other hand had a different kind of experience in twenty eight years. I have always been in the minority. The Democrats have never had

control over the Senate not since the '70s and in that capacity I had to learn quickly if I wanted to get anything done for my district. If I wanted to get anything done for the people of Indiana, I had to learn to reach across the aisle. Not only that but to reach from the Senate to the House to try to get things done. Those are lessons that take awhile to learn but they are very, very important and the dysfunctionality that you see in Washington DC today, Indiana is getting very close to that same kind of partisanship and ranker and that is not how Hoosiers do things. And so this whole notion of bi-partisanship sounds easy but it's not. It takes a lot of work. It takes transparency. It takes tolerance of other people's view points and let me just point out one quick little antidote about why I believe John Gregg will be a bi-partisan governor. First of all he shows me. John and I don't agree on everything. John is a conservative Democrat from Southern Indiana and I am not. We disagree on some social issues. We disagree on some things but we agree on a few things. We need to turn the economy of Indiana around and keep investing in Indiana and make sure we are turning things around. When he asked me to run with him as his teammate, I said to him, John we don't agree on everything. I am not going to be your clone. I have known you for a long time and we have been friends for many, many years. He said, I don't want a yes man. I don't want a yes man. I want somebody that will push back and challenge me and disagree with me. And because I view the governor's office you put a team together who fights, who disagrees, who can listen to others and brings different life experiences to the table and that's why I want a lieutenant governor who doesn't always agree with me. Larry, you know me. I am not shy and John knows the kind of lieutenant governor I will be. Says a lot of him as a person and what kind of governor he will be. And I think the people of Indiana will be well served by him.

The second thing we want to do and we talked about this extensively, we believe in bringing people to the table. If we are dealing with issues, dealing with public safety, then we need to bring people to the table that knows something about it. You don't govern from the top down. You govern from the bottom up. Because the good ideas don't come out of Washington DC and out of the governor's office, they come from our community and from the people who have expertise.

The third thing we believe is that we both believe very strongly in local government and the State government should not be a barrier and should lift local government up. Make sure they have the tools to do what they need to do and lift them up. And then we need to make sure we are giving tools to local public safety officials. Emergency response people and firefighters to lift them up. And that my friends includes a Fire Marshal that deals with firefighting issues and emergency responses issues. And not just code safety and other things. The others by the way is the Fire Marshal used to be a professional or somebody with firefighting experience, and be very involved in firefighting and the issues surrounding firefighting. That

office has gotten away from that and we believe. We believe the Fire Marshal should be appointed by the Governor and directly responsible to the governor.

Fourth, I'll mention is that we also think that the state has some responsibility in disasters and in disaster planning and we have some responsibilities to make sure that we are treating services the same way we treat police in terms of training and other things. I am sure you know the legislature passed legislation several years ago to make some funding available for training facilities for emergency response people. And none of that money has ever gone to firefighting as far as I know. Well I understand that the state has responsibility and John understands the state has responsibility. And when you add to the fact many units of government now because of property tax caps and other barriers we put on local government. And many local governments don't have the tools they need to do all these responsibilities on their own. And it is even more important that State government step up and accept their responsibilities that they have. So we would be working with the legislature to make sure they step up and accept responsibilities for the things the State has responsibility for.

I think I will stop here and answer your questions.

Lobbyist Curl: First of all Senator, thank you very much. You have shown us that you have done your homework. Everyone knows that I sent four questions out to both candidates. Let's expand on that one just a little bit. The conflict of interest and nepotism for a minute. As you know we had two bills this last session. HB 1005 and Senate Bill 170, all specifically coming from Kernan Sheppard report. I kind of reported back of all the government reform attempts in the past 8 years, this is the best they could come up with and the worst for us. I say this because we have 500 plus members that as of January 2013 will no longer be eligible to serve as volunteer firefighters and elected officials. Although 500 people may not seem like a lot let me assure you in small communities and in county government and local government 500 people mean a whole lot. Our intent this year is to go back to the general assembly and try to get it repealed. What would you, if you, should you get elected governor, what would you do to support us?

Senator Simpson: First of all let me say I don't think firefighters should have been included in the bill at all. And in fact I voted against it. And in case anyone asks I brought the roll calls because I wanted you to know my opponent for lieutenant governor voted for HB 1005 four times and voted against the amendments two times to take volunteer firefighters out. I just wanted you to know that. So I believe firefighters should be out of the bill altogether and as a matter of fact I voted against the bill and have spoken against it in public. Because of this reason, first of all, I think legislation like this downgrades or restricts the choices that voters have. I have a lot of faith in Hoosier voters, if they think conflict of interest that is not being addressed, if they think someone is not serving their community well, they have the power at the ballot box and that's the greatest power of all. And I don't think the legislature should take that power

away from voters. Secondly because I was a county auditor I know this occurs on occasion, there is the ability to excuse oneself from a vote if in fact there is a conflict of interest and so my suggestion for legislation if they wanted to move forward on this at all, was that we say we could use the same language that applies to the members of the general assembly which is that if there was a conflict of interest they would be able to excuse themselves and if they wanted to go even further than that and I don't think this is necessary but if they had to have something it seems to me they could put some kind of language in there that allows the splitting of salary ordinances so you could serve on county councils or county commissioners, town boards or whatever. You understand if there is a budget vote or a salary ordinance vote you could lift the salary ordinance so that a particular department salary ordinance would be voted on separately so that person could excuse themselves from that vote. If they were receiving some compensation from the vote. And that's all by the way the legislature has to deal with there is no such thing as conflict of interest in the legislature unless your receiving direct compensation from the vote. So it seems sensible to me although I have not asked John specifically what he would do with legislation like this. I can tell you that I personally my voting pulpit to make sure firefighters was exempt from this. I would take out all local government officials because I have great faith that voters can make that decision on their own.

Lobbyist Curl: Read an article that says Judges in Lake County say Indiana Nepotism law does not apply to them. Lake County and Marion County run the State. The important part is are we being selective in our enforcement of the law or are we just picking and choosing who the law applies to? We are going back next year with a proposed legislation to exempt volunteers. Let's speak about funding for a second. We know it's really a local issue but it is doled out though the taxes. At what point does the state have any responsibility in insuring fire protection in the local communities?

Senator Simpson: There is a danger in having too much interference by the state. You know the old saying about him who has got the golden rule government finance. It's happening right now with our schools. Even though everyone promised that it wouldn't happen, they took public schools off the property taxes and everyone swore up and down that they wouldn't interfere with school board decisions that are local control. When, in fact, we pay for schools now but not very well. We pay for them so of course more and more control from the State. So that is always something to be aware of. But as I said earlier I believe that the State has responsibility for public safety and the quality of public safety and the citizen's access to emergency response all over the State. Now how much does that figure out in dollar and cents I don't know. But we have an added responsibility at this point and time because the legislature and the Governor insisted on property tax caps that are now in the constitution

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# INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

**When you have completed the information below, print this page.**

The State of Indiana provides **Special License Plates** to qualified members of organizations such as the **IVFA**. This program is administered through the **Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. The **IVFA Central Office** coordinates the program for members of the association. You **will not** be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plates You Must:

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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 |                       |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
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| 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    |
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| 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       |
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| LAWS                        | LOPE   | Tuesday, July 14      |
| LOPF                        | MART   | Tuesday, July 21      |
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7. Refer to the BMV procedures below:

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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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**\*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.**

# Quarterly minutes ....

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by the way I voted against that too. I vote yes on a lot of things. Honestly I know it sounds like I don't but I do. I voted against putting the property tax caps in the constitution because we did not know beyond four years out. We have no idea what simply, taxes would be on local government and couldn't get those figures and it seems to me if you're going to put something in the constitution you better well know more than four years out. Well now that decision was made we move forward and now we are starting to deal with the backlash and the fall outs and in most cases a very negative impact and when you add to that from the other issues that have come up in terms of local government finance. Some of my colleagues believe local option income tax made up for that and I think most of you would agree in those counties that have adopted the local option income tax and not everyone has it may or may not be sufficient for emergency response. So I believe the State has responsibility perhaps now more than it had prior to the fiddling of the local government in the last few years. This is something you really have to watch once the big kahunas get their hands on and start putting money in then they start wanting more and more control. I think that would be a disaster.

Lobbyist Curl: We often live under the ruling mandating without funding we do that from the federal level and we do that from the state level. You folks pass a piece of legislation that will impact the fire service and there is no funding attached to it. So quite frankly as I told them in Washington DC, stop mandating if you without a funding source. If you can't find a funding source then don't mandate it. We happen to know there is a State law that says local trustees have a legal responsibility to provide fire and EMS services, adequate fire protection. The State has to make sure that the trustees are able to fund us. Training I am sure you have heard for years and years of a state training academy very much like the State Police one in Plainfield. What is your belief on building a state training academy?

Senator Simpson: I know that some local governments have stepped up and taken on that responsibility. I suppose that is a great thing but I have been around State government a long time. I was the Democrat budget representative for many, many years so I know how those folks think and if they can get away with not doing it then that's the path they will take. I would support a statewide training facility. I would support the State picking up the tab but it's going to take more than me saying that it's going to take a lot of grass roots organizations to make sure before we spend all the surplus on any income tax reductions and before we send \$100.00 back to

everybody that we ought to make sure we are taking care of all the needs that we have not funded over the years and figure out what our surplus truly is and funding things that we really need. I don't pull my punches and not everyone agrees with me even all Democrats don't agree with me on this. But I happen to know of the two billion dollar surplus that we have right now; 900 million came from cuts to public schools and higher education. I could go on and on how we built the surplus. The surplus just didn't appear, it was built by budget cuts. It seems to me that we have a responsibility to go back and make sure we have not short-changed children and service providers and that we have given local government all the tools they need.

Lobbyist Curl: You have been around long enough the process of SB56 Creation of Homeland Security in 2007. The creation of homeland security was the demise of the fire marshal's office. I don't think we are ever going to take away Homeland security but something has to be done. I believe not only am I speaking for this organization but the Indiana Fire Alliance which represents all fire service. We believe we are on the verge of lacking a fire marshal's office. We have code enforcement, fire prevention and inspection but it doesn't mention anything about emergency services fire response, EMS or those things we daily participate in. There was once a time in this State where the fire marshal's office was a place to go if you had a question about fire service. Today you may or may not get that answer. And I know you told us you think it ought to be back where it was. I just want to tell you we currently believe and Jack Kerney told me yesterday that don't forget our State Fire Marshal we currently have is not the problem, it's the system that is the problem. Actually we as an Association support the fire marshal we currently have. We encourage you if you get elected to take a look at it.

Senator Simpson: Many of you might remember that right after 911 I believe it was Governor O'Bannon at that time created a Security Council in his administration that was chaired by Lt. Governor Kernan and that Security Council is something that I think is very important and it has been done away with and replaced by Homeland Security. But I think that could work as a model. I think what they are trying to do is figure out how to get state departments to talk better to each other, So that there is some interaction between departments. I think there should be fewer consolidations of government departments and more talking.

Lobbyist Curl: Thank you, Senator Simpson.

Dismissed by Associate Chaplain George Buck.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Harrison, Secretary*

## From The Secretary

*Diane Harrison*



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Congratulations to Haysville Volunteer Fire Department for celebrating 50 years of serving your community. That is a great accomplishment.

Well, Fire Prevention is just a week away. I hope everyone is busy making plans to visit their local schools and planning events to promote fire safety in their communities.

Don't forget to write your letters to nominate fellow firefighters for the awards; February 1, 2013 is the deadline. Nominations should be sent to Central Office.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Stay Safe,  
Diane Harrison*

# February 2013 deadline January 2013

## From The Treasurer

*Beverly Harker*



Hi everyone,  
The summer went fast, even though it was hot. Now we've got a

really cold winter ahead of us, so keep warm.

This past quarter I've attended six district meetings, two county meetings and two department meetings. It's hard for me to get to meetings up north and far southeast, but I'll keep trying.

I did get to meet with both Governor candidates twice since the first of August. It was very interesting. I hope all of you get out and vote. It would really be great if Indiana would have a high percentage of people vote in this election.

Be sure and send in your nominations for awards soon. They are due by February 1, 2013. Also Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2013.

I hope to see you at your district meetings.

*Beverly Harker  
IVFA Treasurer*

## News from Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department



On September 8, 2012 the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a pancake and sausage breakfast.

Looks just like at home, the women doing the work!



Shown here is the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department's new generator system on their Rescue Truck. - Dunkirk VFD photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



## Lookin' good "Spook"!

Our very own District 6 chairman Jerry "Spook" Sprague having a great time at the auction during the IVFA convention.

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**I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS****DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT***Phyllis Vargo - Chairman*

Minutes of the Sept. 6th, 2012 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 7:10 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Roll call was taken - 11 members in attendance representing 4 departments and 2 individual along with 2 guests.

Phyllis thanked the Lake Station Auxiliary for hosting this month's district meeting.

Minutes from the May 3rd, 2012 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner, no corrections or addition to minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$749.00 in checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis gave an update on Ann Moss - her daughter-in-law passed away. Jake Thomas is doing well.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Phyllis informed the ladies that there was a new law out regarding gaming that took affect July 1<sup>st</sup>. The state had to apply for a permit in order to hold the State Raffle. Phyllis had to give her personal information to the state for this permit.

Phyllis asked the ladies from Lake of Four Seasons to step up front. Phyllis presented a rose and the program from the State Memorial Service in honor of Erma Kankowski, who passed away this past year.

Phyllis asked the group what was their feelings on moving the district meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Two of the months Phyllis has officer's meeting after our district meeting and the information is old. Motion was made by Louise

Patenaude, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle Smith to move district meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the months held for 2013 to see if attendance improves.

With the date set, Phyllis asked the members who wants to host the following district meeting for 2013:

March 2013- Lake of Four Season

May 2013 -

September 2013 - Lowell (not confirmed yet)

November 2013 - Lake Station

Jackie Rench made a motion to keep the Silent Auction at the November meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Waitkus. Each auxiliary is asked to bring 3 items for the auction. Motion passed.

In order to get other departments to host district meetings and to bring food back to the meeting, there was motion on the floor by Cathy Waitkus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackie Rench to reimburse the host department up to \$100.00 for providing food at the district meeting. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be the Miss Flame contest. See Phyllis if you have a candidate. Applications are due to Phyllis by October 10, 2012.

Phyllis asks each auxiliary to make sure that their 2012-2013 dues get paid. Please send the dues to Phyllis first. You need to include a check payable to the state auxiliary at \$5.00 for each member, and send second check payable to District 1 & 2 for \$5.00 for each member for District dues.

Department Announcements:

Lake of Four Season is hosting a Ho-Down Bunco, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at LOFS Station. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., 7:30 games start. They are also having Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. - noon at the station on Randolph.

Crown Point Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m. - 2 p.m.

50/50-None.

Next meeting will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Crown Point.

Motion by Jackie Rench 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Waitkus to adjourn. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Marge Baumgardner*

*I.V.F.A.A. Sec., District 1 & 2*

**DISTRICT 3 REPORT**

*Joan Lewis - Chairman*

Minutes of the July 18, 2012 District 3 meetings

The meeting was held at the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department on July 18, 2012, with the auxiliary members enjoying a barbeque luncheon. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by chair Leona Uryga. Steve Millick said a prayer.

Roll call was taken: 7 Michiana Shores, 2 Coolspring, 2 Lincoln, and 4 individuals.

The minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting were read and will stand as read. The treasurer's report ending July 17, 2012 was read and will stand until audit.

There was no correspondence.

State Information: The 2013 Convention will be held at Muncie, June 12-15, 2013. Chair Leona has information about Muncie. Hotels range \$79.00 and up. There are 1010 members as of June 16, 2012. Dues are paid on yearly basis from July to July.

Chair Leona Uryga circulated the IVFA Convention booklet which has pictures of all the Ms. Flame contestants. She also provided the meeting reports from the convention. Chair Leona Uryga stated she needs someone to the chair as she has accepted the state corresponding secretary position.

Election of officers: Bob Uryga volunteered to be the nominating committee.

President: Joan Lewis nominated by Leona Uryga; seconded by Dolly Millick. Bob Uryga asked three times for any other nominations - nominations closed. Chair Leona Uryga cast the while ballot.

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Uryga nominated by Leona Uryga; seconded by Annabelle Andrisko. Bob Uryga asked three times for any other nominations - nominations closed. Joan Lewis cast the while ballot.

Chaplain to be elected at next meeting.

Next meeting will be September 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The hanging baskets with mini yard lights raised \$16.00 for our treasury.

The 50/50 door award of \$6.25 was won by Dolly Millick.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Duetscher, seconded by Dolly Millick; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,*

*Joan M. Lewis*

*Secretary/Treasurer*

Minutes of the September 19, 2012

The meeting was held at the Coolspring Vol. Fire Dept. on Sept. 19, 2012 with the auxiliary members having a sandwich treat. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joan Lewis with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Jodie Barkow said a prayer.

Roll call was answered by 16 members and 3 Individuals present. Coolspring-8, Michiana Shores-6, Lincoln Twp.-2, Indiv.-3.

The minutes of the July 18, 2012 were read and will stand as read.

An audit was done by Jodie Barkow and Ruth Deutscher.

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*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2012 / 2013****AUDIT**

Beth Caudill - Chm.  
Lou Bartlow  
JoAnn Hays  
Barb Kerney

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

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Lou Bartlow  
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**INSTALLATION**

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Phyllis Vargo  
Barbara Parker

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Judy Smith  
JoAnn Hays

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

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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Treasurer's report found books in order. A balance as of the Sept. 19 meeting was read and will stand until audit.

There was no correspondence.

Miss Flame Jessie Dove spoke on the memorial for Michael Lee Henderson from the Wanatah Fire Dept. He was 28. There was a question of a fund raiser for the family.

Gertrude Peterson passed away and she was from the Michiana Shores Fire Dept. A member of that auxiliary of 50 years.

**State information:** There are 438 members as of August of this year. The Vice-President's raffle will have \$500.00 for the first prize, \$200.00 for the second, \$100.00 for the third. There was a discussion on the raffle by Leona Uryga.

Leona stated that the Chinese Auction will go back to having handmade items and to bring only one basket per district.

The next state meeting is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and we are to bring 5 dozen homemade cookies. This is for Joan and Leona.

Jessie Dove explained about her project. It's been approved by the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. She would like Med. Alert stickers patented and to make enough money to make it feasible. It was recommended to check out Scotties for the printing.

Cass/Clinton - Scarecrow Festival-Sept. 22. Coolspring raffle - Sept. 22. Michiana Shores - Pancake Breakfast - Oct. 28.

The next district meeting will be at Michiana Shores at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 28. The Miss Flame contest will be then.

The mum raffle brought in \$27.00. The 50/50 earned \$13.00. Joan Lewis and Bob Przybylinski won \$6.50 each.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jodie Barkow and seconded by Ruth Deutscher at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Uryga  
Secretary - Treasurer*

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

July 23, 2012

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on July 23, 2012 at the Monroe Volunteer Fire Station. This was a change of date from July 16th.

The meeting was opened by chairperson Joyce Nevil with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 7 members from 4 departments and 1 guest.

The minutes of the May 21st meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given.

The minutes of the annual convention were discussed.

The officers for upcoming year were announced. They are president Dianna Gray, vice president Heather Martin, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, corresponding secretary Leona Uryga, recording secretary June

Cahill, chaplain Joann Hayes, Sgt. at Arms Marlene Poling and immediate past president Beth Caudill.

Marissa Bisel, District 7 Miss Flame told of her experiences at convention. She hopes to run again next year.

We joined the men for presentation of 25 year pins and the Global Award.

We returned to continue our meeting. Toni spoke of Becky Sorg's selection to represent the Hoosier Burn Camp at the National Buynr Camp in Washington DC, September 22nd thru the 29th. She will be accompanying Lauren Snyder, the Hoosier Burn Camper. Suzi Lewis made the motion that since Becky is not sponsored by a Fire Department Union, we give her \$50 to cover any incidentals such as souvenirs, tee shirts, etc. for her camper. Seconded by Dorothy Reiter. Motion passed.

Election of officers was held. Suzi Lewis made the motion to retain our officers for the 2012-2013 year. Seconded by Dorothy Reiter. Motion passed.

If you have any girls that are between 15 and 29 and interested in Miss Flame, our Miss Flame contest will be November 19 at Mount Etna.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2012 at Monroeville; November 19 Mount Etna; January 21 Nottingham Twp.; March 18 Ossian; Bake sale May 20 Poe and July 15 Poneto election of officers. Meeting adjourned.

September 17, 2012

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary Association met on September 17, 2012 at the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairperson Joyce Nevil with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 14 members from 5 departments and 1 individual.

The minutes of the July 23 meeting were read.

The treasurer's report was given. The August officer's meeting minutes were covered briefly and discussed.

The cookie exchange for November was canceled.

Diana Gray reported briefly on her recent surgery and she is experiencing less pain.

If your department has a young lady between 15 and does not reach her 19th birthday by convention, she is eligible to run for Miss Flame. She must also be the daughter of an IVFA member, sister of an IVFA member or an IVFA member herself.

Upcoming events for District 7:

-- Monroeville will be having a square dance in November;

-- Poe will begin peanut brittle in October;

-- Geneva will be having a 60's dance on September 29;

-- Lagro will be having a tenderloin supper on September 22 at the fire station.

The following Halloween parades will be:

Geneva on the Saturday night before Halloween, Berne October 30; Callithumpian Parade will be October 29.

Geneva Fire Department will be participating in Halloween camping at Amishville on October 12, 13, 14 and October 19, 20 and 21.

Marissa Bissel, District 7 Miss Flame said she is looking forward to running for Miss Flame again in November.

A representative of California Casualty spoke briefly at our meeting.

The next meeting will be November 19 Mount Etna; January 21 Nottingham Twp.; March 18 bake sale Ossian; May 20 Poe; and July 15 Poneto election of officers.

Diana made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Suzi. Meeting adjourned. Joined men for a program on the recent fires in Monroeville.

*Antoinette Sorg  
District Secretary*

## DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Lou Bartlow - Chairman

Hi ladies,

What a difference a month makes. Much nicer weather and some much needed rain. As I write this, it is the first day of fall and it really feels and acts like it. Not sure how the farmers are or will come out with their crops but do hope they will at least recoup part of their expense.

We had our district meeting on September 9 at the Hillsdale Fire Department. We had a nice crowd and delicious soup beans cooked over an open fire.

I hope everyone has their dues paid because if you haven't, you have no accidental death and dismemberment insurance till they are paid. As of now, you have \$3,500 in coverage instead of \$3,000. If you can get the men to join too, they have double coverage.

Our next meeting will be November 11 at Reelsville Fire Department. It's always a Thanksgiving dinner; turkey and all the trimmings. Come join us if you can.

The next time you hear from us, Christmas and New Years will be over. Doesn't seem possible does it? Time really does fly by. Have a safe and fun season.

*Lou Bartlow,  
District 11B chairman*

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather, it sure seemed like a long, hot summer.

Our July meeting was held at the Freelandville V.F.D. Several members and three guests were present. Election of offices were held, all offices were voted to stay the same

as the year before.

Our 17A Miss Flame Ashley Dugger was present; she gave a talk of her experience she had as of Miss Flame and all the good time she had at convention. The group thanked her and told her what a wonderful job she has done representing our District.

We are now looking for Miss Flames 2013, any young lady between 15 and no older than 18 by next year's convention. All applications must be received by myself no later than December 1st.

I attended the Richland/Taylor auxiliary meeting in August. Plans were made for our fundraisers to be held at the Scotland and upcoming Apple Festival.

Our September district meeting was held at the Taylor firehouse. After a very good chili supper was enjoyed by all the meeting was called to order, items were discussed on how to increase our membership, the cookie sale at the annual sausage supper in January to support our Miss Flame, and the new by-laws books were passed out.

Our next meeting will be held at the Lyons fire station November 13th and Vincennes sausage supper January 19, 2013. Hope to see everyone there and look for the cookie table to help support your 17A Miss Flame.

Hope everyone has a very safe and wonderful upcoming holidays.

*District 17A chairperson  
Marie Emery*

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## Celestine VFD Tractor Pull

On Sunday, 26 Sept. the Celestine VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) held their 30<sup>th</sup> annual Tractor Pull.

The event draws competitors from Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio that compete in the various classes. The kids even compete in the "Kids Pedal Pull".

IVFA State Miss Flame Jessie Dove and IVFA Dist. 18 Miss Flame Kami Knies presided over the events and presented the Flag of the United States during the National Anthem. Both took a moment to have a picture taken with Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. – *Photo and article provided by Dist. Chairman Smith*

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# Members awarded plaques



On Wednesday, August 1, 2012 the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the retirement and Lifetime Memberships of two members at the monthly meeting of the Tri County Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Captain Jerry D. Shoaf, Jr., was presented a plaque for 28 years of service and Lieutenant Norman "Jake" Jernagan was presented a plaque for 33 years of service. Both individuals will continue to be inactive members of the department.

Pictured in the attached picture are (L to R): Captain Jerry D. Shoaf Jr., Jake Jernagan and Chief Kevin Strickler. The Williamsport Fire Department would like to recognize these two gentlemen for their years of dedicated service. – *(submitted by Sean Jernagan, firefighter - Williamsport VFD).*

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# Miss Flame Jessie Dove stays busy at July 4th parade



Pictures of Jessie Dove, I.V.F.A. Miss Flame, were taken at the 4th of July parade with Coolspring Twp. V.F.D. in Michigan City, Pleasant Twp. (her own department) at the parade in LaPorte and pictured at a car show that she attended. – submitted by Leona Uryga.



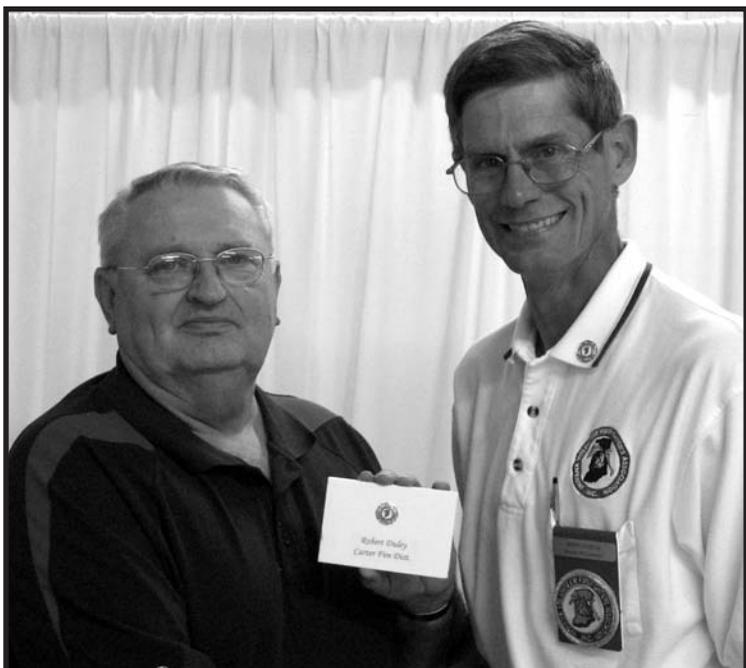
2012 I.V.F.A. Miss Flame Jessie Dove with District 3 chairmen David Kaufman and Leona Uryga. – submitted by Leona Uryga.



*Meet the new District 3 chairman, secretary/ treasurer*

Pictured is I.V.F.A.A. District 3 chairman Joan Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Uryga. – submitted by Leona Uryga, Corresponding Secretary.

## Robert Duley awarded 25 year pin



At the IVFA District 18 meeting of 20 September, Robert Duley of the Carter Fire District of Dale was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership award by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Duley serves as Department Chaplain for CFD and was a former member of the Chrisney VFD. Duley also serves on the Spenser Co. Ambulance Service as an EMT.- submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

## Members of IN Fire Alliance meet with Indiana gubernatorial candidates



The IN Fire Alliance comprised of the IVFA, OFCA, IFA, PFFUI, and the State Fire Marshal met with Indiana Gubernatorial candidates at the Indianapolis Firefighters Local 416 Union Hall. The Alliance communicated the fire service concerns about a variety of public safety issues. – submitted by John M. Buckman III

# Team Newburgh Fire competes in Firefighter Combat Challenge



This is our 5th year competing in this event and have had great improvements every year. In 2011 we qualified for the World Championships, by qualifying during the US regional event in Lexington, KY. We were unable to attend the World Championship last year. This year we went back to Lexington, KY on August 12th and qualified once again while running a team personal best of 1:38 seconds. Our team is comprised of Volunteer Firefighters from the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department. Jacob Johnson who performs the High-Rise Pack Carry. The hose pack cannot be touched before the start. The handrails may be used in multiples on the way up. The 3 inch hose load and cover weighing 42 lbs. may be carried in any manner and must be deposited into the container at the top of the tower, with no part of the pack touching the deck. The tower measures 44 feet in the air and then Jacob passes a baton to Nick Donnan who is the other Co-Captain of the team. Nick performs the Hose Hoist and tower decent. A 42 lb. donut roll of large diameter hose and 5/8" kernmantle rope is used for this event. The competitor is not allowed to stand on anything other than the top platform while hoisting. The evolution is complete when the roll clears the railing at the top of the tower and is placed in the container on the top floor. This task must be completed before three minutes has elapsed or a disqualification will result. While descending the tower, every step must be contacted and the handrail grasped. Failure to touch each step on the descent will result in a two second penalty per infraction. Once at the bottom of the tower Nick passes the baton to Scott A. Zoll. Scott performs the Keiser force machine, which simulates a firefighter performing a forcible entry. The forcible entry evolution utilizes the Keiser Force Machine (a chopping simulator). Using a nine pound shot mallet provided, and with both feet on the diamond plate surface, the competitor must drive the sled, a 160 lb. steel beam a horizontal distance of five feet. Pushing, raking or hooking the beam is not allowed; only the head of the mallet is allowed to strike the beam. The handle must not come in contact with the beam at any time. Scott then passes the baton off to Everette Campbell where the competitor must negotiate the 140 foot slalom course without missing or knocking over any delineator (including the target); doing so will result in a five second penalty for each infraction. The competitor must pick up the nozzle end of the 1 3/4 inch; charged hose line and drag it a distance of 75 feet. Once the nozzle penetrates the swinging doors the competitor opens the nozzle, hits the target with the water stream, shuts down the nozzle and places the nozzle on the pavement. The nozzle must not be opened before engaging the swinging doors. A two second penalty will be assessed for this violation. Failure to drop the target will result in a 10 second penalty. If the nozzle is not shut before it is placed down, the competitor must go back and close it. Then Everette passes the baton off to Matt Pleiss where he performs a victim rescue drag. A 175 lb. Rescue Randy® mannequin must be lifted and dragged backwards a distance of 106 feet. Carrying the dummy is not permitted. Time stops when the competitor and mannequin completely crosses the finish line. It is the responsibility of the competitor to drag the heels of the mannequin over the finish line. The Course Marshal, at his sole discretion, may stop any competitor who in the official's opinion creates or is in a dangerous, unsafe or stressful condition. All competitors are personally responsible for the completion of each task. All competitors must have completed the course in six minutes or be disqualified where they are, no matter how close to the finish line.

Our Team will be competing in the World Finals of the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge the week of November 12th-17th. We are very proud to compete in the "Toughest Two Minutes in Sports" in which we are the only team competing from a Volunteer Fire Department in Southern Indiana, and as far as we know the whole state of Indiana. Please visit our website at: [www.teamnewburghfire.webs.com](http://www.teamnewburghfire.webs.com) or visit our Facebook page "Team Newburgh Fire" for updated information.

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Team Newburgh Fire is a Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge Team comprised of Scott A. Zoll Co-Captain, Nick Donnan Co-Captain, Matt Pleiss, Everette Campbell, Jacob Johnson, and Jason Woehler. Team Newburgh Fire is made up of members from the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department. The

Firefighter Combat Challenge is an event that travels across the United States and tests firefighter everyday skills in a competitive event.

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# New brush truck placed into service



The Lizton-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department has placed a new Brush truck into service as of February 2, 2012.

The Brush truck, which is commonly referred to as a Grass Rig, is used to fight wildland and field fires.

The new Grass Rig chassis is a 2012 Ford F350 4x4. The body was transferred from the old Grass Rig chassis, a 1974 Ford F250 4x4, and was totally rebuilt / refurbished in-house by the members of the Lizton-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

The new Grass Rig features a 300 gallon per minute pump, 250 gallon water tank and a bumper mounted fire nozzle that sprays water at a rate of 70 gallons per minute over a 14 foot wide area.

The 2012 Grass Rig has the following improvements over the 1974 unit: heavy duty suspension and drivetrain, full skid plate package, locking differentials, anti lock brakes, traction control, stability control, air bags and 3 point seat belts.

Due to the members of the Lizton-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department constructing the Grass Rig in-house, they were able to save the taxpayers of Lizton and Union Twp. approximately \$30,000.00. – submitted by Michael B. Scott, Asst. Chief, Lizton-Union Twp. Fire Department

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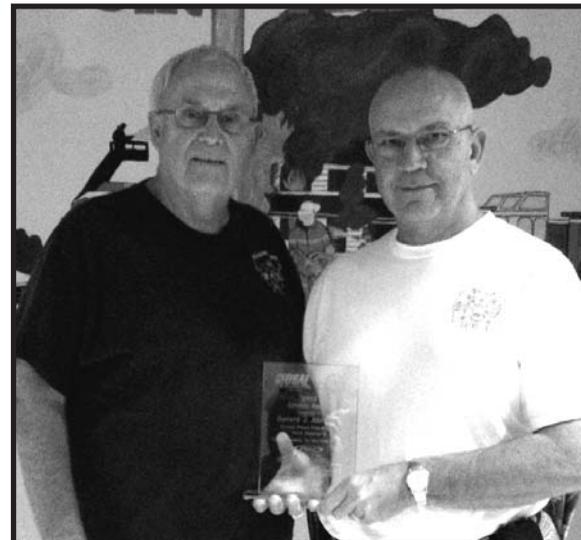
The 2012 Global Award winner from District 7 is Michael L. Fisher, Uniondale VFD.

Presenting the award is Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman and District 7 Miss Flame Marissa Bisel. – submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.



Tony Hipp, a member of the Haubstadt Fire Territory, is presented with the Global Award from Harry Logan, IVFA District 15 chairman, at the fire department.

Hipp has served on the department since 1987. – photo by Sandy Hipp and submitted by Harry Logan, IVFA District 15 chairman.



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, presented Gerard Abraham, assistant fire chief, Crown Point Fire/Rescue with the District 2 2012 Global Award. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



## John Davies receives 25 year IVFAA pin

(Pictured at left) – John Davies is shown receiving his IVFAA 25 year pin from District 11-B auxiliary chairman Lou Bartlow.

John is the first man to receive this pin. – submitted by Lou Bartlow, District 11-B chairman.

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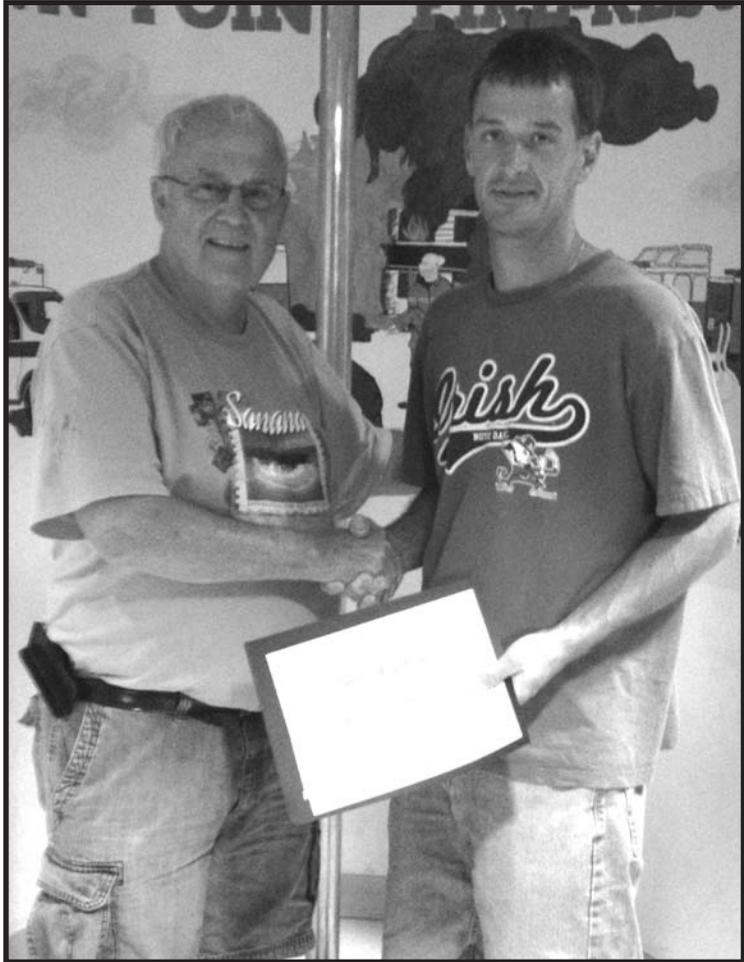
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# Pederson awarded pin and certificate for service



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, presented Kevin Pederson of Crown Point Fire/Rescue with his 25 year pin and certificate. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Ben Sieverding, Versailles Fire and Rescue, receiving the 2012 Global Award from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Dave Israel, IVFA President and Al Williamson, PR Southeast. Pictured (left to right) Al Williamson, Ben Sieverding, Ed Scheele, Dave Israel. – submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

# Sieverding District 19 Global Award winner



Jasper Fire Dept. members receive 25 year pins – At the meeting of October 4, 2012 of the Jasper Fire Dept. (Dubois Co., District 18) two members were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin. Pictured are (left to right) Michael Steurer, District 18 chairman John “Bull” Smith and Robert Sunderman. – submitted by John “Bull” Smith, District 18 chairman.

# Jasper Fire Dept. members receive 25 year pins

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# Come on gang .... pull!



Pictured is the Fire Truck Pull sponsored by the Flora Fire Department and Flora Community Club during Carroll County 4-H Fair. – submitted by District 9-A chairman Leighanne Ellis.

## Clock presentation held



Chief James E. Schuessler, Patoka Twp. VFD, is presented a clock for their station by District 17A chairman, Sam Emery. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

## Pancake breakfast held



On September 8, 2012, the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held a pancake and sausage breakfast. Looks like they are hard at work. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Moser awarded pin



Sparta Twp. VFD firefighter Eric Moser receives his 25 year pin. Pictured (left to right) are District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, Eric Moser, and PR Northeast Jean Smith. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

# Charles Baker receives District 12 Global Award



During the District 12 meeting at Danville Station 92, it was the honor of the firefighters present and Rod Hayes of Global Emergency Products to celebrate with Charles and his wife, Linda, as he was awarded the District 12 Global Award.

Charlie is a well-known firefighter with many years of dedicated service. He started his career with Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Company 6 in September 1953. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant at Company 6, later he became a Captain at Company 10 and went on to become president of the Administrative Board at Company 9.

Charlie, being from a large midwestern fire department, early on, found a real need for information to protect firefighters while fighting hazardous material fires. In 1972, Charlie went to work putting together information and authoring The Firefighters Handbook of Hazardous Materials. Today it is in the 7th edition.

Charlie has over 50 years in the fire service and has always been willing to go the extra mile to help anyone in need.

We know at heart you are still that young boy who just wants to be a firefighter.

We appreciate all your hard work and salute you for your many years of service and duty. – submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.



(At right) – Pictured (left to right) are Charles Baker, Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman and Rod Hayes, Global Products.

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# Denis Pauze receives Gold Card and pin



Denis Pauze is shown receiving his 50 Year Gold Card and pin while holding his Education Award from the IERC at the IERC Conference this year and also a poster of him in his early days as an Aboite Twp. Volunteer firefighter.

Pictured (left to right) are District 6 vice chairman Dave Elick, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, Denis Pauze, District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Scheurman and PR Northeast Jean Smith. – (photo by Amanda Paulsen), article and photo submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

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## 50 year Gold Cards presented to Orange Twp. VFD members



Orange Twp. VFD member Floyd Heltzel is shown receiving his 50 year Gold Card and pin.

Pictured (left to right) are Chief Jim Ebert, Floyd Heltzel, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague and Assistant Chief Harold Cummins. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman; photo by Jan Harker-Abbs.



Orange Twp. VFD member James Georgel is shown receiving his 50 year Gold Card and pin.

Pictured (left to right) are Chief Jim Ebert, James Georgel, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague and Assistant Chief Harold Cummins. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman; photo by Jan Harker-Abbs.

## Felipe Saucedo awarded 25 year service pin



Aboite Twp. VFD firefighter Felipe Saucedo is shown receiving his 25 year pin.

Pictured (left to right) are: District 6 vice chairman Dave Elick, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, Felipe "Sauce" Saucedo, District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Schuerman and PR Northeast Jean Smith. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman, photo by Amanda Paulsen.

## Receives Global Award



On July 19, 2012, District 8B presented Ken Schwieterman of the Portland, IN True Value Hardware Store with the 2012 Global Award.

Pictured is Ken Schwieterman and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



## Blackmore receives Appreciation Plaque

Larry "Red" Blackmore, Richland-Taylor VFD, receives an Appreciation Plaque for his 30 years of having a horseshoe pitch at the Scotland Festival. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



## Miss Flame enjoys parade

Ashley Dugger, District 17A Miss Flame, enjoys the Scotland Parade. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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# Without Warning exercise held

Over 500 public safety officials converged on the Muscatatuk Urban Training Center the week of September 23, 2012 for the Without Warning Indiana Department of Homeland Security exercise.

The exercise is designed to test, evaluate and improve the capability of District Task Forces.

D4, D7, D8, D9 and D10 responded to the call for assistance. Each district received the call for assistance and based upon the request developed their task force staffing and resources.

Convoys of vehicles could be seen driving down I-65 and I-64. District 10 responded with over 60 vehicles from fire trucks, command vehicles, law enforcement, ambulances and emergency managers.

Multiple training opportunities were presented when the responders arrived.

Training scenarios included: jail riot with fire, propane fire, bus accident, structural collapse, hazardous materials release, water rescue, hospital evacuation and many others.

Everyone who attended the event worked very hard and were extremely tired at the end of the day.

*Photos and article submitted by: John M. Buckman III, Fire Training Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security*

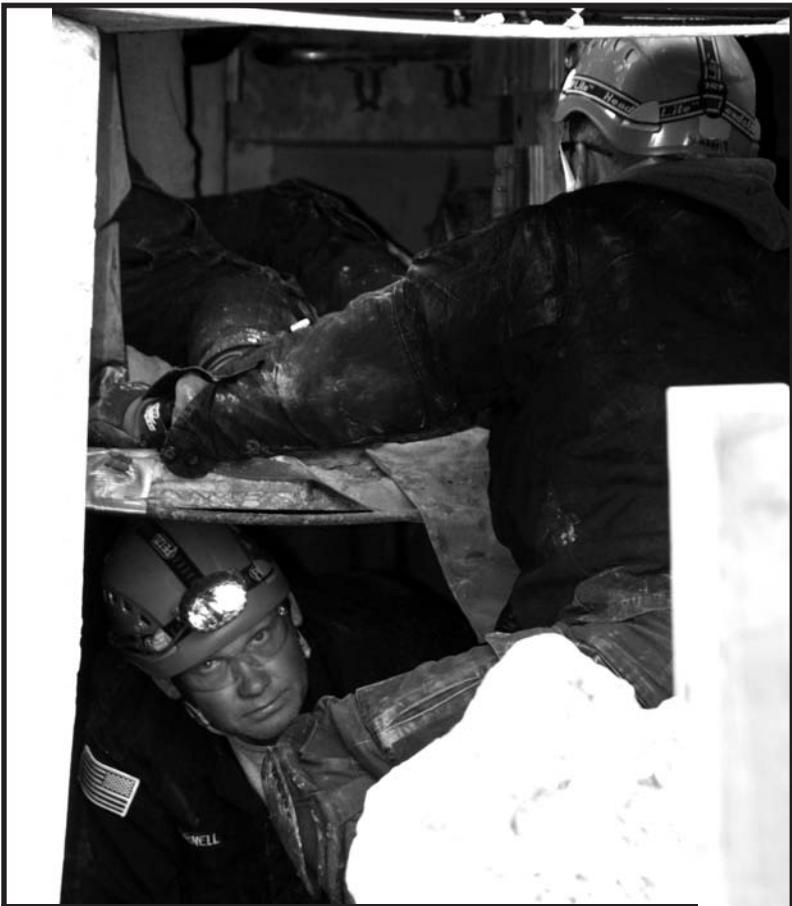


Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman visited the Without Warning event and spoke with many of the rescue personnel.



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# Without Warning exercise . . . photos continued from page 34



# Madison #5 VFD holds 60 years of service



Madison #5 Volunteer Fire Department held its 60 years of service to the citizens of Madison, which five of the men were charter members. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## Leads escort of Vietnam Memorial Wall



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and his son, Richie of the Sellersburg Fire Department lead the escort of the Vietnam Memorial Wall on 9-12-12. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



## Misamore receives 25 year pin

District 14 chairman Rick Cannon gives Donnie Misamore of Austin Fire Department his 25 year pin. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

### 2013 IVFA Convention

#### Schedule of Events (subject to change)

#### Wednesday June 12, 2013

| <u>Time</u>      | <u>Event</u>              | <u>Location</u>   |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 9 am to 3 pm     | Golf Scramble             | Player's Club     |
| 9 am to 3 pm     | Outside Vendor Setup      | Convention Center |
| 9 am to 5 pm     | Registration              | Signature Inn     |
| 12 pm to 3 pm    | Cornhole (open play)      | Signature Inn     |
| 3 pm to 5 pm     | Cornhole Tournament       | Signature Inn     |
| 5 pm to 7 pm     | Meal/Benefit Auction      | TBA               |
| 7 pm to 9 pm     | Hoosier Burn Camp Auction | TBA               |
| 9 pm to Midnight | Entertainment             | TBA               |
| 9 pm to Midnight | Hospitality Room          | Signature Inn     |

#### Thursday June 13, 2013

| <u>Time</u>          | <u>Event</u>              | <u>Location</u>      |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 7 am to 10 am        | Vendor Setup              | Convention Center    |
| 8 am to 5 pm         | Registration Open         | Lobby                |
| 8 am to 12 pm        | Miss Flame Closed Judging | Cardinal Creek       |
| 9 am to 4 pm         | Children's Area           | Hackley Reserve      |
| 9 am to 4 pm         | Chinese Auction           | Vendor Area          |
| 9 am to 12 pm        | BFFPSE Meeting            | Interurban Hall      |
| 10 am to 5 pm        | Vendor's Open             | Delaware and Lobby's |
| 12:30 pm to 4 pm     | Various Games             | Park Area            |
| 12 :30 pm to 1:30 pm | Miss Flame Luncheon       | Prairie Creek        |
| 1 pm to 3 pm         | Seminar                   | White River 1        |
| 1 pm to 3 pm         | Seminar                   | White River 2        |
| 1 pm to 3 pm         | Seminar                   | Cardinal Creek       |
| 2 pm to 4 pm         | Open Miss Flame Judging   | Interurban Hall      |
| 3 pm to 4 pm         | IVFA Officer Meeting      | Cardinal Creek       |
| 3 pm to 4 pm         | IVFAA Officer Meeting     | Mississinewa         |
| 5 pm to 6:30 pm      | Hot Dog Bust              | Park Area            |
| 7:30 pm to 9 pm      | Opening Meeting           | Interurban Hall      |
| 7 pm to 9 pm         | Children's Area           | Hackley Reserve      |
| 9 pm to Midnight     | Entertainment             | TBA                  |
| 9 pm to Midnight     | Hospitality Room          | TBA                  |

#### Friday June 14, 2013

| <u>Time</u>      | <u>Event</u>                    | <u>Location</u>        |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6 am to 7 am     | Coffee Clutch                   | Lobby                  |
| 7:30 am to 9 am  | Memorial Service                | Interurban Hall        |
| 8 am to 2 pm     | Registration Open               | Lobby                  |
| 9 am to 2 pm     | Chinese Auction                 | Vendor Area            |
| 9:30 am to Close | IVFAA Annual Meeting            | Prairie Creek          |
| 9:30 am to Close | IVFA Meeting                    | Delaware Hall          |
| 11:30 to 1:00    | Vendor Lunch                    | Vendor Area's          |
| 11 am to 4 pm    | Vendor's Open                   | Delaware/Lobby         |
| 11 am to 4 pm    | Miss Flame Outing               | TBA                    |
| 5 pm to 9 pm     | Children's Party (up to age 11) | Children's Museum      |
| 5 pm to 9 pm     | Children's Party (over age 11)  | Museum/Hackley Reserve |
| 5 pm to 9 pm     | Banquet Meal                    | Delaware Hall          |
| 9 pm to ????     | Family Time                     | Children's Museum      |
| 9 pm to ????     | Family Time                     | Hackley Reserve        |
| 9 pm to Midnight | Casino Opens                    | Delaware Hall          |

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## Ramer receives 25 year pin

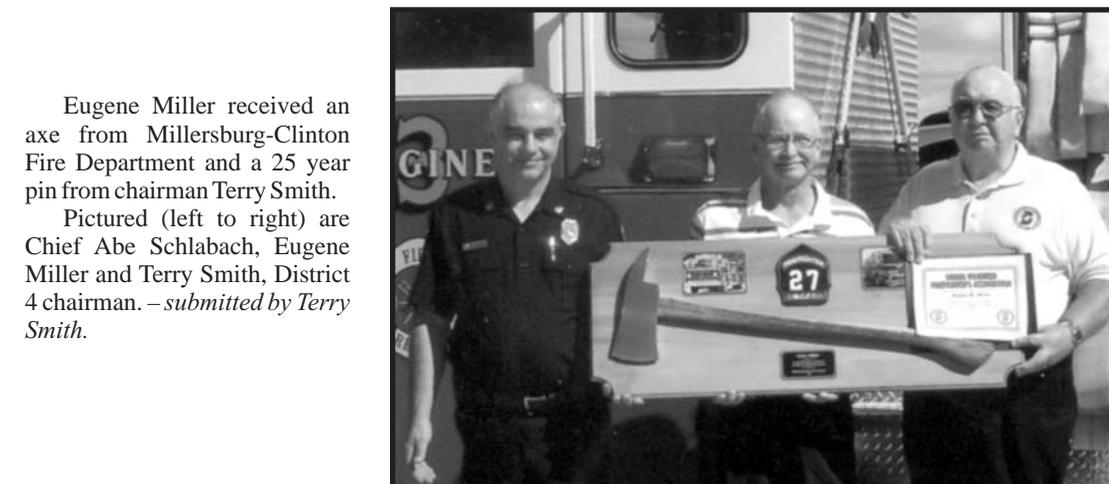


Galen Ramer received his 25 year pin.

He is from the Foraker Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) are PRNE Jean Smith, Galen Ramer and Terry Smith, District 4 chairman. – submitted by Terry Smith.

## Miller receives awards



Eugene Miller received an axe from Millersburg-Clinton Fire Department and a 25 year pin from chairman Terry Smith.

Pictured (left to right) are Chief Abe Schlabach, Eugene Miller and Terry Smith, District 4 chairman. – submitted by Terry Smith.

### DEADLINES

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

**FEBRUARY 5, 2013 DEADLINE IS JANUARY 5, 2013 - 12:00 P.M. CST**

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# February deadline: January 5, 2013

# 4-H Fair Fire Science winners



Union Twp./Lakeville volunteer firefighters are annually busy supporting worthy projects within their community – Food & Toy Drives for those less fortunate, the free Chili Supper, Fire Prevention programs for pre-schoolers, School Fire Drills, Don't Drink & Drive Accident Prevention at the LaVille High School, baseball, soccer and Jr. League football team sponsorships and the like.

For the past two years they added St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Fire Science to the schedule.

This year Savannah and Taylor Urbanski entered exhibits in the fair. They were both big winners.

Savannah won Overall Grand Champion (purple ribbon), Division 3 (6-8th grade), Grand Champion (purple ribbon) and First Place blue ribbon. She captured another Grand Champion (purple ribbon) and first

place blue ribbon for her Dangers of Carbon Monoxide exhibit in the Miscellaneous Science Category.

Her younger sister, Taylor, won a Division 1 (3rd grade) Grand Champion (purple ribbon) and a first place blue ribbon for her Fire Science entry.

Both girls submitted Essays & Poster Boards with photos about the Fire Service.

They traveled to fire houses and took pictures and interviewed firefighters to build their reports. They spent a day with Lakeville Firefighter Mike Hargreaves who mentored both at the Lakeville Fire Station and explained the operations of modern fire departments.

They also benefitted from input from their parents who are both firefighters in Lakeville. Jeff is the fire chief and Pam is a firefighter/EMT.

We congratulate Savannah and Taylor Urbanski for a job well done. – submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

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# Jackson-Washington Fire Department holds open house



Jackson - Washington Fire Department had their station open house where they received the IVFA station clock from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon. – submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.



At the open house, three members received their 25 year pins awarded by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

Receiving the pins were Don Benter, Daniel Ellerman and Kurt Fenneberg. – submitted by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

## Enjoying a fish dinner . . .



Several are shown enjoying the delicious fish fry meal at the Nappanee Fire Department. – submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

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