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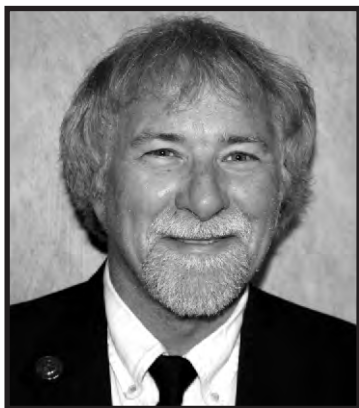
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## From The President

*David Israel*



By the time you are reading this winter is around the corner. Hope everyone had a great fall and enough rain to keep the field fires down.

**NEW PROGRAM:** We are always trying to figure out how to get the younger groups involved and get the attendance up at the district meetings. Starting in 2014 we have partnered up with California Casualty Insurance, The Ezell Group Insurance and Tim Raun of Station Supply to have a drawing every quarter from those in attendance from district meetings for a \$100.00 gas card and a \$50.00

gift certificate good for cleaning supplies.

District chairmen will have the tickets at their meetings; you fill them out and we will draw the lucky winners at the next IVFA quarterly officers' meeting. IVFA officers are NOT allowed to enter.

Congratulations to District 15 Global Award winner Jim Abrams and the many other winners that were presented their awards in the last few months. Thanks for what you do for your fire departments, communities and the IVFA. But you know what, it is time to start the nomination process again for all the awards the IVFA give out. Nominations have to be in by February 1, 2014 except the Bridgeport Scholarship and that has to be in by March 1, 2014. So get to writing.

This past quarter I have attended a lot of fire department special programs, new fire station dedications, went all the way to Rockport FD for one fundraiser, and also up north to Albion VFD for their 150 year anniversary. Good job guys and gals, keep up the good work. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of your special day of celebration.

The Legislation Session will start up soon, it will be a short session. Be ready to call your people and pass the word when you're called to do so.

The IVFA has worked pretty hard these past several months educating Legislators about the problems facing the Volunteer Fire Service. We attended the Rural Caucus Meeting at the State Fair and presented a program to them and several of us on the Legislative Committee have talked and met with several on a one-on-one and

believe it or not we have had several Legislators call us and want us to meet them.

I hope the IVFA Historian's article on Instructors made this issue of the paper. For those of us that knew these individuals the younger firefighters would have enjoyed their classes. Coony Tucker made it look so easy. Take time to give thanks and

remember our Brothers and Sisters in the Fire Service and our Military.

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

Have a good Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and a good start to a New Year.

David Israel

## Jack Kerney recipient of Distinguished Hoosier Award



IVFA President David Israel presented Past President Jack Kerney with the Distinguished Hoosier Award from Indiana Governor Mike Pence. The Distinguished Hoosier Award is presented to Indiana individuals who give their time and talents out of an abiding sense of responsibility, commitment and concern for others; and who has earned the respect and admiration of Hoosiers across the state.

Photo by Steve Anderson



## I.V.F.A. Benefits

### BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

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

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

Also, there is a \$3,000 death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an active member killed while on an emergency response (autopsy required and testing for drugs and alcohol.)



"I would like to thank everyone that participated in the awarding me of the Distinguished Hoosier Award at our IVFA Board Meeting in Indianapolis. Having been awarded this in front of the officers of the IVFA and IVFAA was also an honor, and your congratulations were heart warming.

I know it took a lot of individuals to research my last 50 years in the fire service to get that information, and a lot more to get the Governor to sign and approve this award, to you I say "thank you."

The Distinguished Hoosier Award is one of the highest tributes given out by the State of Indiana to its citizens. It is solely granted at the discretion of the Governor to Hoosiers who have uniquely brought admiration and respect to the state through their character and accomplishments.

I have been very fortunate in having good people around me during my 50 years in the fire service. Without those individuals and the support of my wife Barbara, and family, none of the those accomplishments would have been possible. The sad part is that I am realizing that my time in the fire service is coming to an end at a very rapid pace, and I will miss doing and being involved in my other family, all of you in the fire service.

I am very humbled and honored to receive this award, because all of those accomplishments was not about me but about all of the individuals that have helped me during these 50 years in the fire service. Thank all of you very much."

Jack Kerney

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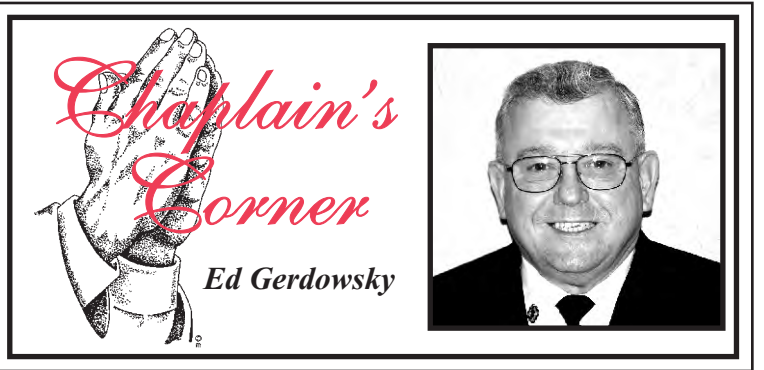
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I hope your summer has been good and not too hot of weather. We can now look forward to the cool days of fall with the leaves changing colors and the beauty of God's paintings for us.

We have had to say goodbye to some of our fellow firefighters as my associate Chaplains & I have done several services for those who have passed on. Let us keep all of their families and friends in thought and prayer.

I had the honor of saying prayer before the Fire Marshal Conference in Indianapolis. I also was asked to do the Benediction for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial service held in downtown Indianapolis at the State House.

If you have never attended this service and get the chance I am sure you would be impressed. It is a very touching ceremony and one we should be thankful for. President Tom Hanify and Fire Marshal James Greeson do a great job along with their staff who work very hard in arranging and setting up this beautiful service. We should thank them for a job well done.

I have had some Memorial services to do as well as my associates and the families seem to be very impressed with the ceremonies and like the new Bibles for those who have had the opportunity to now use them. I cannot thank my Associates enough for the jobs they do in assisting me with the Memorial Services as they help out and are appreciated by the families they serve as well as helping me out and the IVFA.

I have attended District meetings and as many Fire Festivals as possible. If anyone has any concerns or questions please let me or my Associate Chaplains know. We are all listed in the paper.

Have a blessed day and wonderful holidays coming up with your family and friends!

True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency  
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky

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## Wishing each and every one a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year!

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# From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



First off, I would like to thank Districts 1, 2, & 3 for all the hospitality during my recent visit to the northwest part of the state. In all I saw 59 fire stations, and visited with members at 16 of them. This is on top of the 100 plus members that attended the two district meetings I attended. I also thank Districts 17B, 19 and the Lawrence Co. Fire Chiefs for their hospitality as well when I attended their meetings or golf outing. Congratulations to the 2013 Ollie Sandburg Award winner Paul Covington, who was officially presented the award during the District 19 meeting at East Enterprise.

By the time you are reading this, the first State Fire Academy Summit has been held. The goal of the summit is to gather responders from across the state to design the concept of what a state academy would look like; then compose a report to send to Governor Pence's desk. As a part of the summit, state academy experts from Ohio, Illinois, & Kentucky will talk about how their different systems are operated.

This is not the only workgroup that IVFA members are taking part in. There is a group looking into funding problems facing the fire service; and there is a group investigating the possibility of scoring the practical skills portion of fire certification classes (which would lessen the weight of the written exam a little). These groups may be sending out information asking for your input. If you get one of these emails please try to send back your thoughts so each group has feedback from across the state.

Finally, I want to recognize one of the newest Distinguished Hoosier Award winners - Jack Kerney. Jack was not reappointed to the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education after 16 years of service. Jack was a huge advocate for the volunteer fire service while on the Board, and I have a feeling he will continue on, just from a different side of the microphone.

Until next time,  
S. Anderson

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE!**

## Van Buren firefighter honored for 50 years of service



Van Buren volunteer firefighter Pete Taylor was recently honored for his fire service. Taylor received his 50 year Gold Card and pin for service from Indiana Volunteer Fire Association (IVFA). Taylor is a 50 year member of the Van Buren Fire Department serving as chief for 31 years. Taylor also serves as Associate Chaplain of IVFA where he performs memorial services for fallen firefighters. He is also chairman of District 11A. Taylor retired from the Department of Corrections as Safety Hazard Manager after 40 years in May. Taylor attends Carbon United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Beverly, have been married 45 years. - photo submitted by Beverly Taylor.

**February 5, 2014 Deadline**  
**January 5, 2014 - 12:00 p.m. CST**

## Miss Flame Notes...

In a little over three months it will be time to turn over the calendar to 2014. My, how the time flies!

It is also time to begin thinking about our Miss Flame program. It has continued to grow in the last several years and we couldn't be happier. We strive to improve on our program each year adding new events, more interaction among the participants and adding items to the program that will help prepare the girls for whatever the future holds. Thanks to parents as well as the girls who have shared with us about what the program has meant to them in various ways.

If you are a district chairman (ladies or men), please assist us in getting the word out about the contest. Make sure all departments in your areas are aware of when you will be having your district contest and that they should have their candidate available that date. I would ask that before you have your contest, make sure that the girls know when the Convention will be held and where. That way we won't have contestants at the last minute saying they cannot compete due to other commitments on those dates.

This year I have additional responsibilities and I asked that E J Smith assist in helping prepare for the program. She has agreed to co-chair. She has been a vital part the past few years, so I welcome her help. She has chosen the part of the program she likes to work on and I will take the other portion. We have a great committee who are a great part of the program. This program has been a passion of mine for a number of years, and I thank all who have given me the opportunity to do this.

Remember to include Heather, our 2013 Miss Flame in your activities. She is a very dedicated young lady who is doing a great job for all of us.

If you have questions, please contact her or myself. We are looking forward to another stellar year.

Barb Kerney and E J Smith

### Lois Boaz Award

It is time to write letters for a nominee for the Lois Boaz Award for 2014.

The nominee must be a member of the IVFAA. Each letter should include her name, address, district, local auxiliary and her involvement with her local department, auxiliary, state, community and her family and her jacket size.

Please send letters (original -- NO COPIES) to the Lois Boaz committee. Letters must be received by February 1, 2014.

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

IVFAMEETING  
DISTRICTS 1 & 2  
Lake Station  
July 17, 2013

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

I.V.F.A. President David Israel led the group in the Pledge.

Chairman Tom Orrell thanked Lake Station Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 34 members representing 5 departments. District 2 by 21 members and 3 guests representing 8 departments.

Chairman Orrell introduced the guests in attendance - State officers David Israel, Lobbyist Larry Curl, PR-SE Ed Scheele, PR-NW Jim Bradford and wife Cheryl, District Chairman 9-B Randy Denton, District Chairman 9-A Leigh Anne Ellis, Past District Chairman Larry Stott, District #2 Chairman Paul Watland, Past District 3 Chairman Dave Kaufman, Past President Buz Koehler and wife Carol, Past President Mitch Parish and wife Jean, Gold card members Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Jerry Miller of Merrillville Fire Dept., Harvey Lanning of Schererville. Other members Ron Good, Past Fire Chief of Lake Station, Marge Baumgardner, Secretary 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Martha Thomas 2013 Lois Boaz winner and Past President, Phyllis Vargo District 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Larry Stott, Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniforms, Jack Eskridge from 1-800-Board-up, Tyler Summers from Global, Tim from Station Supplies and Brittney Andrews, District 2 Miss Flame, Bill Missel - Haz-mat Coordinator from Lake County.

Deputy Chief Chuck Fsatkas gave department history.

Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Diane Orrell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Watland gave Treasurer's Report with \$110.00 in checking.

District Chairman 9-B Randy Denton presented the 2013 Global award to Jim Bradford. Congratulations, Jim!

I.V.F.A. President David Israel presented Jim Bradford with his 50 year Gold Card for being a member of the I.V.F.A. for 50 years. Congratulations Jim!

Buz Koehler read a letters to the

members that were submitted for the highest award given each year for Mr. I.V.F.A., and this year's recipient is Jim Bradford. Jim was presented with his Red Blazer! Congratulations Jim for being named Mr. I.V.F.A.! We could not be any prouder for you, Jim!

Communications: I.V.F.A. President David Israel thanked the area District for hosting this month's District meeting. Larry Curl thanked Jim for his years of service to the Fire Service and I.V.F.A. Brittney Andrews wanted to thank District 1 & 2 for their support allowing her to run for Miss Flame and representing NW Indiana. Jack Eskridge from 1-800-Board-up wanted to thank all the fire departments in District 1 & 2 for all the hard work they did on the Hoosier Burn Camp Boot Drive. Jack informed that there was a check for over \$50,000 presented at Hoosier Burn Camp this year, with a grand total of over \$135,900 for the past 3 years from District 1 & 2. Jack stated that this could not have done this without the help of all departments and their chiefs. Thank you.

A moment of silence was given for the following deaths in District 1 - John Jelinek from Ainsworth-Deep River, James Rosendaul from Lake Station and Emil Duffala from Munster Fire, and District 2 - Bryon VanDyke from Lake Dale and James Kosanke from Kouts Fire.

Old Business - None.  
New Business - Jim Bradford asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of District 1. Bill Howe Jr. nominated Tom Orrell for Chairman. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Jim called for the nomination to be closed. A vote was taken with Tom receiving all of the votes.

Jim Bradford again asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of District 2. Bob Szot nominated Paul Watland for Chairman. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Jim called for the nominations to be closed. A vote was taken with Paul receiving all of the votes.

Jim Bradford again asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary for District 1 & 2. Diane Orrell nominated Marge Baumgardner for Secretary. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Jim called for the nominations to be closed. A vote was taken with Marge receiving all the votes.

Congratulations to all!

### Department Announcements

Next meeting will be at Keener-DeMotte Fire Dept. on September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 winner was Bob Eberle from Cedar Lake Fire for \$113.00.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Diane Orrell. Motion passed.

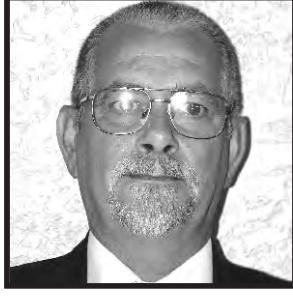
Respectfully Submitted:

Marge Baumgardner  
Pro-tem Secretary  
District 1 & 2

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## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

September 12, 2013  
Wayne Township,  
Grass Creek, IN  
GUESTS:  
Judy and Terry Smith  
EJ and Jean Smith  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1941 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 11 firefighters in attendance representing 4 departments. With no quorum, a round table discussion was held. Minutes of July's meeting were read.

It was reported that California Casualty is sponsoring a firehouse makeover. To obtain information go to [www.firehousemakeover.com](http://www.firehousemakeover.com). September 30 is the deadline to enter.

We discussed the Board of Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education template for the guidelines for course planning for instructors.

We discussed firefighter testing. The breakdown for Firefighter I and II testing had a better pass rate.

It was reported that Barb Goble @ Homeland Security needed to be notified so that a deceased person's name can be removed from their records.

As of October 1 any NEW firefighter must be certified in haz-mat operations prior to starting mandatory training.

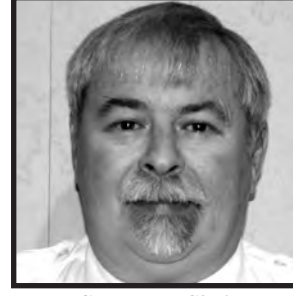
Planning committee for the state academy is October 15, 16, & 17.

Judy remarked on the insurance for the IVFA and IVFAA for the firefighters and families. She stated that firefighters can carry membership in both organizations for additional insurance coverage for \$5 a year.

Next district meeting in Milford will have Miss Flame competition.

Paul Martin  
5th District Secretary

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,  
Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast it is starting to look and feel like fall is upon us.

Want to thank the Ligonier VFD for allowing us to hold our meeting there in July. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Nicole Protsman, who represents Paul Davis Restorations for providing our dinner.

I would also like to thank Tianna, our District 6 Miss Flame, for the great job she is doing representing our district.

At our November meeting which is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Churubusco Fire Department on November 26<sup>th</sup>, Tianna will pass on her crown to a new Miss Flame. To all departments, try to have a candidate for the Miss Flame judging to be held at our next meeting.

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 flyers. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to [spiralawn@ligtel.com](mailto:spiralawn@ligtel.com).

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th, 2013 at the Churubusco VFD at 7:30 P.M. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please visit the IVFA website as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. ([ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org))

Congratulations to the Albion VFD for celebrating 125 years of service with a Diamond Jubilee Celebration on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our elected officials, State Senator Susan Glick and State Representative David Ober for attending and expressing their gratitude to the Albion VFD for their dedication and service to the community. I want to

give a special thank you to our IVFA President Dave Israel and the Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson for taking the time to attend this event and addressing everyone during the Celebration. In closing, to everyone, *please be safe out there!*

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

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

July 15, 2013  
Poneto Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reiter at 7:49 p.m. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 18 members representing 9 departments. Minutes of the May meeting R/A.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Steve Laborus - The Anderson's, Tim Raun - Station Supply.

Chairman Reiter - 2 deaths in the district Donald Jeffery and Arthur Adam, both 50 year members of Preble.

Chairman Reiter - Convention went off well. 2014 officers read, are on web site. Award recipients read. Global Award not awarded yet, it is a Poe Vol. Fire Dept. member. 25 applications were received for Bridgeport Scholarships, three scholarships were awarded. 2014 Convention will be in Indianapolis, 2015 Convention will be at Horseshoe Casino.

Jean Smith, PRNE - From the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, Tom Hannify, IPFF, proposed a voluntary recertification program for career firefighters. Indiana NFA weekend is October 19 & 20. A training task force is being formed to develop practical skills testing scoring instead of pass/fail. Allen County will have 911 texting capabilities by May 2014.

Chairman Reiter opened the floor for nominations. For district

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Happy  
Holidays!

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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### OLD ADDRESS

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

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chairman Dale Grey nominated Walt Reiter, Mark Evans nominated Sam Bisel, floor closed. Sam Bisel will be District 7 chairman for the next year. For Secretary Dale Grey nominated Richard Sorg, no other nominations, floor closed. Richard Sorg will be District 7 secretary for the next year.

Tim Raun - Station Supply, explained products that he has to offer.

Next meeting will be at Preble September 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 with 18 members representing 9 departments.

Andrew's Festival Aug. 16 & 17, Berne breakfast July 27, Bluffton Street Fair September, Geneva Summer End Festival Aug. 17, Markle Wildcat Days Aug. 23 -25, Poe Days Aug. 23 & 24.

Len Smith, Poneto Vol. Fire Dept. presented Steve Labordus of The Anderson's to explain their catastrophic tank collapse in 1995 and safety measures taken by themselves and the industry since that time.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

September 16, 2013

Preble Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:35 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 23 members representing 7 departments. Minutes of the July meeting R/A.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Richard Waddell and Marshall Edward Hayes of Buckeye Partners L.P.

Chairman Bisel - 1<sup>st</sup> state officer's meeting was very enlightening and overwhelming. Main topic on the table needed ideas for getting newer members involved in the organization.

Walt Reiter announced that he awarded the District 7 Global Award to Marvin Stoppenhagen of Poe VFD. Marv is a 50 member of the organization and maintained very active in department fund raisers until his health slowed him down. Also the importance of being involved cannot be stressed enough as the state is looking again at a possible state academy in Indianapolis area.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Legislation committee is working on ideas for next legislative session. 4 points being looked at right now are revisiting 1005, maintaining township trustees as they are, bans on novelty lighters, and education reimbursement incentive for IVFA members. The Firefighters Board of Education is getting closer on a grading scale for FF 1&2 skills testing. It will average out for a passing grade for FF 1&2 but there will be min. pass scores for both written and hands on. Prerequisites for FF 1&2 have changed effective October 1 must have Haz-Mat operations prior to testing.

Chairman Bisel - This year the IVFA is going to award 56 Gold Cards, the most ever for one year! Get award nominations and grant applications in for next year's awards. Keep in mind that the Global Award is open to non-members as well as organizations in our communities. Please notify Sam

of department events. California Casualty is recognizing a Hero and also a Fire Station Makeover. Go to their web site for information and how to make nominations.

Richard Sorg - Be aware that IDHS may be looking at streamlining the district concept.

Chairman Bisel - According to state by-laws the districts may have a vice-chairman and treasurer as well as chairman and secretary. Sam asked Jean Smith to conduct an election for a vice-chairman. A call for nominations Jared Bryan of Berne volunteered, Walt Reiter nominated by Sam Bisel, Walt declined. With no further nominations Jean closed the election with Jared Bryan being District 7 Vice-chairman.

Next meeting will be at Roanoke November 18. It will be District Miss Flame competition.

Monroe has gun raffle and soup supper November 2. Also October 20<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the dedication of their new fire station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 with 26 members representing 8 departments.

Chairman Bisel introduced Richard Waddell and Marshall Edward Hayes of Buckeye Partners L.P. for a program on one of their pipelines in our area.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



*E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman*

Hello members,

Well, it's fall again. It seems that it is going to be fairly dry. I wish everyone a safe and prosperous new year.

The legislative committee is busy on our next sessions for 2014. Please feel free to bring new ideas to our district meeting. Please attend your district meetings so we can learn from you and we can bring you new info. from the state.

We find out that our membership is down a little bit. It seems that this is through annexations and territory accusations.

Myself and Jerry (district secretary) are welcome to hear from you about officer department changes.

Keep it safe. See you at the district meetings.

Bill

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



*Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman*

District 8B held their meeting on September 11, 2013 at the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of

silence was held for the September 11th fallen firefighters.

Chairman Wright thanked the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the district meeting.

Roll call was taken with twenty members from 6 departments present. A total of three guests were present. Gary Davis and Larry Polas from Global brought a real nice fire truck to show to the group. Tim from Shield Solutions demonstrated truck washing supplies.

Chairman Wright told the group about the Miss Flame contest that would be held at the next district meeting. He told them to let him know if they have a young girl that would like to run for Miss Flame so that he could give them the necessary papers to fill out. He told them about next year's convention. Also spoke on different things that went on at the state officer's meeting.

There will be a lot of different fundraisers in the district -- fish fries, chili suppers, hog roasts, pork chop dinners and car show.

The second roll call was taken with how many fires and EMS runs that each department had. There were a total of 45 fires and 106 EMS runs.

Terry Wright from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department was given a service award for being on the department for 40 years. He was also given his 25 year pin as he had never received one.

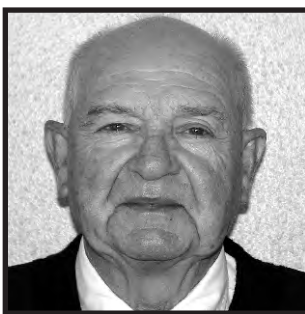
Next district meeting will be held on November 13, 2013 at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed pizza.

Have a nice day and all stay safe.

Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B chairman

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



*John Ray - Chairman*

Greetings from District 10:

German Twp. Fire Department was the site of our district meeting for August. Rod Hayes of Global was on hand to present Roger Records of the Amity Community Volunteer Fire Department as the Global award recipient for District 10 in 2013.

Officer elections were held with Jim Davis being re-elected secretary and I was chosen for another term as District 10 Chairman. We thank you for your support and are happy to make ourselves available to meet with you and address questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to the upcoming year and working with you to help inform and educate our firefighters and departments as they strive to serve and protect our communities.

Mark Baldwin, Chief at New Point Fire Department and Daniel Litner of New Point, along with John Gant of Westport Fire Department were presented 25 year pins at the Decatur County Firefighters meeting in August. Mike Magleona with Donnelly Fire

Equipment gave presentations on the new standards on SCBA's.

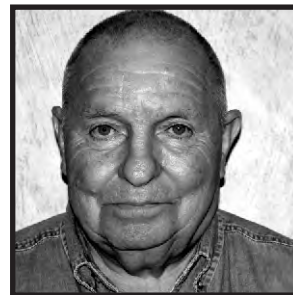
We traveled to Carthage Fire Department in September for the monthly district meeting. We hadn't visited there for a few years; and are glad to have Carthage back in the IVFA and District 10. We enjoyed watching the program "Every One Comes Home." Larry Polas with Global Emergency Products spoke to us about truck maintenance.

Harvest season will be well under way and perhaps nearly completed when you read this article. We hope it is a safe and accident free harvest.

Jim, Elizabeth and myself, would like to be the first to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

John M. Ray  
District 10 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



*Pete Taylor - Chairman*

Greetings from District 11A Pete Taylor, as the new chairman of 11A.

We met at Fowler Park for our yearly picnic on Sunday, September 15. We had a nice crowd and enjoyed fried chicken, hot dogs and a lot of covered dishes and desserts. It was decided 11A & 11B will go together for the yearly picnic at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the day.

On September 5th I presented a 25 year pin to Eric Frey of Catarack Vol. Fire Department.

In the quarter I delivered a memorial service for Harry Walters of 11B, Kingman Vol. Fire Dept. as the Associate Chaplain.

Until next time, stay safe.

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



*Larry Southard - Chairman*

New Ross  
July 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard.

The opening prayer was given and everyone recited the Pledge to the Flag.

All the guests in attendance were introduced. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Vice chairman John Morphy spoke on the Board of Standards and Education and commented on the suggestions about changes that are badly needed in this program. Roll call was taken with 18 members from 8 departments answering the roll.

Chairman Southard opened 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 - Jared Rohr

Chairman Southard announced that the next meeting will be the annual picnic held in Hillsdale on September 8th. He also reviewed information taken from bulletins he had received. He then presented a 25 year pin to Steve Harris of the New Ross Department. A motion was made and seconded for the men to donate \$25.00 to the District Auxiliary at the request of the auxiliary chairman.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



*Richard Cannon - Chairman*

Just want to let everyone know what is going on in District 14.

We have been busy. We had our elections and had the IVFA trailer down for 3 days at Sellersburg Celebrates.

We have had a lot of funerals this quarter and picked up a new department, Reddington Fire Dept. outside of Seymour.

I went to do the clock dedication at Reddington Fire Dept. for their new station.

And I want to thank my vice chairman Charlie Heishman for running my district meeting while I was up at Reddington.

We will be looking for a new Miss Flame, so if you have a girl, call me; our election is in January.

And let me know if you have something going on or need me to come by for your meeting.

Thanks, Rick Cannon

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



*Harry Logan - Chairman*

District 15 of the IVFA met on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at Skelton Township Fire Department.

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

Pledge to flag was led by Sgt. at Arms Jack Kerney.

Led by Heather Martin a reading was given and a moment of silence observed in the passing of Pat Barr. Husband John was district chairman of district for a number of years.

Guests in attendance included Larry Curl and wife Carol, Bev Harker.

Roll call was answered by 12 members representing 7

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

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departments and 3 guests.

Minutes were distributed. Motion by Heather Martin to accept as written, seconded by C L Mitchell.

Treasurer's report was given. A motion to accept as prepared was made by C L Mitchell and seconded by Ross Emery.

A brief update was given by Larry Curl on legislation, future of fire service and coming events.

Jack Kerney was introduced as new PRSW.

Update on rules from Board of Fire Fighting was given by Jack.

Election of officers was held. A motion by Ross Emery to keep same as previous year, seconded by C L Mitchell. Motion carried.

Harry Logan Chairman, Vice Chairman C L Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer, Barb Kerney, Sgt. at Arms, Jack Kerney and Chaplain Heather Martin.

Department reports were made by those present.

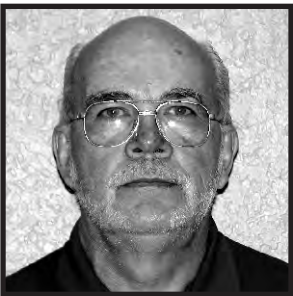
Next meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at Somerville.

Harry thanked Skelton for being our host for the evening.

No further business, meeting was adjourned.

Barb Kerney, Secretary

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A.

July 8th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Lyons VFD.

July 11th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD monthly meeting.

July 17th District 17A meeting was held at the Loogootee VFD. State officers in attendance included Jack Kerney, past president and Public Relations, Bev Harker, state treasurer, Barb Kerney, IVFAA president, June Cahill, IVFAA state recording secretary and Marie Emery, IVFAA District 17A chairperson.

The Mayor of Loogootee was also in attendance.

Jamie Hudgins, sales rep. for MES was on hand and had items used in the Fire Service on display and had handouts to pass out.

I presented Bob Bell the rose, program and pictures of the Memorial Service held at the convention in memory of Tom Hell.

Jack Kerney discussed items pertaining to the Fire Service including FF1-FF2 and also the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Bev Harker spoke about what went on at the convention and would like to see more attendance at our meetings.

I had the honor of presenting Ty Byers, Highland Twp. VFD, the 2013 District 17A Global Award. Congratulations.

Elections were held by Jack Kerney and the District 17A officers elected were: Sam Emery, district chairman, Scott Byers, vice chair, Courtney Hasler, secretary-treasurer and Johnny Johnson, Sgt.-at-arms.

I would like to thank the Loogootee VFD for hosting our meeting and for the great meal they provided.

Our next district meeting will be at Steen Twp. VFD in Wheatland Wednesday, September 25th.

August 8th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD monthly meeting.

August 12th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting at the Lyons VFD.

August 25th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. picnic at the Shakamak State Park.

Sept. 5th I attended the Taylor Twp. VFD monthly meeting.

Sept. 9th I attended the Greene County Firefighter Assoc. at the Switz City VFD.

Sept. 12th a Memorial Service was held for Winslow VFD member Larry Ralph Russell and I presented a Bible and Grave Marker to the department and the family.

Sept. 21st the Taylor Twp. VFD will be at the Scotland Festival with our stand and games for the kids.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery

District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

I hope everyone has had a good and safe summer. On 9-10-13 myself and Vice Chairman Bobby Brown and our wives attended Huron VFD fundraiser and we even helped them serve food.

August the 14th we had a district meeting at Perry Clear Creek FD in Bloomington. We had 9 departments with 25 members in attendance. Special guests were Hoosier Fire (Rod and Dave), IVFA Vice President Steve Anderson, Public Relations Jack Kerney, Past President Jack Zeeks, IVFAA President Barb Kerney and IVFAA District 17-B Chairman Dawn Hillenburg.

On 9-9-13, I presented 25 year pins to William and Chief Tyler Duncan of the Mitchell VFD. On 9-14-13 myself and Vice Chair Bobby with our wives attended Marion Township open house in Mitchell along with 17-B Miss Flame McKinley Norman and 17-B IVFAA Chairman Dawn Hillenburg.

Our next meeting will be on October 9th at Pleasant Run VFD Station # 2 located at 1000 Elkins Road, Bedford.

See you then,

Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B

The last District 17B was held on August 14, 2013 at Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District in Bloomington. Eighteen members represented nine departments.

A spaghetti dinner was served at 1830 followed by the meeting at 1900.

The meeting began with the Pledge and prayer.

The financial report was given and approved.

Guests included:

Steve Anderson

Jack Kerney  
Jack Zeeks  
Rod Pressell  
Dave Eslek

Discussed the possibility of a study committee for a state fire academy. Please provide input to Steve Anderson by 9/1/13.

Rod Pressell discussed the changes in the new NFPA standard for SCBA.

Bob Brown reminded everyone of the Lawrence County Firefighter Golf Scramble on 8/24/13.

The 2014 IVFA convention will be in Indianapolis at Caribbean Cove.

The Indiana Firefighter Memorial is 9/20.

Looking for ways to increase attendance at meetings.

Brown County fundraiser on 9/28 & 9/29.

Perry Clear Creek hog roast on 9/14 at Lake Monroe.

Open House at Brown County Fire Department in Nashville - end of September.

Pleasant Run Fire Dept fish fry on 8/17/13.

District Miss Flame selection at December meeting.

Dawn Hillenburg is IVFAA Chair for District 17B.

Steve Anderson needs input on voluntary firefighter recertification.

Jack Kerney is new PR-SW.

Election of District 17B officers conducted by Jack Kerney & Jack Zeeks:

District Chair - Steve Nolan

Vice Chair - Bob Brown

Sec./Treas. - Luke Kluender

Sgt. of Arms - L.D. Martin

50/50 drawing was won by Jack Kerney.

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The July meeting of the District 18 was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, and was hosted by the Jefferson Twp. VFD of Otwell. 50 members representing 16 departments answered roll call and reported 258 runs.

Among the business conducted was the re-election of the current District Officers. It was also announced that Jack Kerney is our new PR Representative.

The last meeting of the District 18 was held on 19 September and hosted by the Santa Claus VFD. Roll call was answered by 57 members representing 19 departments and 2 Individual members. A total of 306 calls were reported answered. Guest speakers included Carl Deel from the Fire Marshal's Office and Jack Kerney, PR Southwest. District 18 Miss Flame Jamie Lindauer addressed the members and expressed her gratitude for the support and opportunity to represent the District 18 at this year's Convention. I reported on the upcoming weekend event at the National Fire Academy. I also reported that I have been appointed by Gov. Pence to the Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. I am both humbled and excited for this opportunity to serve.

I will strive to be a diligent representative of the Volunteer Fire Service, and always consider the best interests of Volunteers in my actions. Although I will have but one vote, it is my hopes to carry the voices of many.

Our next District 18 meeting shall be held on 21 November with the St. Henry VFD as our host.

Until next time, stay safe and "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,  
Chairman District 18

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello, hope everyone has had a great summer, fall is on the way.

On September 26 we had our district meeting at East Enterprise.

## Notice for e-mail addresses

Greetings All,

As of August 1, 2012, we will be going to our new association e-mail addresses. All of our officers, chairmen, and active past presidents will have an active ivfa.org e-mail address.

The officers will be by title: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt.-At-Arms, Chaplain, Board Chair, Lobbyist, Historian, PRNW, PRNE, PRWC, PREC, PRSW, PRSE@ivfa.org

District chairmen will be by district numbers, i.e.: district 1@ivfa.org, district 8a@ivfa.org, etc.

Active past presidents will be by name: JKerney, JZeeks, RGlant, MParish, LKoehler@ivfa.org

These will be used as our primary e-mail contacts for our members and anyone who searches the website for contact information. You will be able to send and receive e-mail from these addresses through either their web based service or through a program like Outlook by following the directions below.

If you do not wish to actively "use" the e-mail address it can just be forwarded to your personal e-mail address and you will receive them on your personal e-mail account. If you would prefer to have your e-mails forwarded, please contact Paul Holcomb to have it set up. If you are going to use the address, please see the instructions below.

It's recommended when setting up the email address, you use Outlook, Thunder Bird or some email client on your computer.

Http://www.etczone.com/faqs.asp?l=web

The Incoming Server is: [mail.ivfa.org](mailto:mail.ivfa.org) and the Outgoing server is: [smtp.ivfa.org](mailto:smtp.ivfa.org) When it asks for the username, the full email address will need to be used. The default password is: **firefighter** (firefighter and the 'i' is a one) this can be changed after you log in the first time.

When away from your computer with the e-mail setup on it or if you do not have or want to use an e-mail program, you can check it through any internet browser. Just go to [mail.ivfa.org](mailto:mail.ivfa.org) the username is the full email address and the password is the one provided above.

Thank you,

David Israel

## Safety tips for buying and using space heaters

- Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element. Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture, or other flammable materials.

- Choose a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters meet specific safety standards.

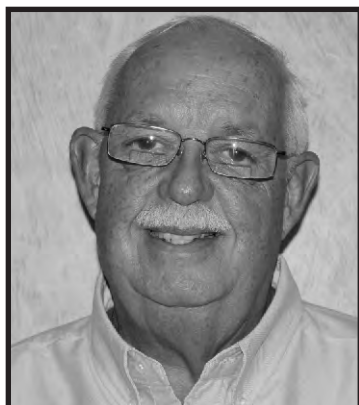
- Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to provide sufficient combustion air to prevent CO production.

**February 2014 deadline  
is January 5, 2014  
12:00 noon C.S.T.**



## PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

**Public Relations Director Southwest**  
*Jack Kerney*



First of all I would like to thank Jim Abrams for his years of service as the Public Relations director. Jim has decided not to continue in this capacity at this time.

I have held this office before, taking over from then PR director Carl Davis. My first assignment was to attend District 18, the Fire House Dedication for the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department. This was unique in as much as the department took a vacant new car dealership show room and repair facility and remodeled it into a very nice fire station complete with a show room for their antique fire truck, training room, offices and drive thru truck bays. I then attended the District 17A meeting at the Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department where we presented length of service awards, the District 18 meeting at Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department in Tennyson, and the District 17B meeting at Perry Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Bloomington.

I took part in the District 17B Golf Scramble with the team of Jack Zeeks, Ross and Jenny Emery, and attended the open house of Marion Township Rural Fire Department.

IVFA District 15 awarded Jim Abrams with the 2013 Global Award for his assistance to the District 15 fund raiser.

Let me know if you have a fund raiser, open house, memorial service, or need someone to explain benefits of the IVFA. I can be reached on my cell at 812/499-6447, 877-606-4832 office or email [mcfchief@aol.com](mailto:mcfchief@aol.com).

Jack Kerney  
PR/SW

**Public Relations Director Northeast**  
*Jean Smith*



I was invited to attend the 2013 Kosciusko County Firefighters Fish Fry. Attendees of this event include all departments within Kosciusko County, including neighboring departments, who provide mutual aid. This special event also awards outstanding Firefighter. District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith presented 25 year pins. Attended were many vendors that displayed the latest fire gear, warning lights, two way radios, Paul Davis Restoration and 1-800 Board Up on display at this event. This group knows how to put on a fish fry, you won't go home hungry.

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is Prevent Kitchen Fires. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. This is a reminder to prepare the community along with our school children the proper techniques of fire safety.

Hope to see you at your District meetings.

Jean Smith,  
Public Relations Northeast

## From The Desk of The Historian

*John Davies*



To those who take the time to read these articles, I say "Thank You". The newspapers have been full of news about incidents that our brothers and sisters have participated in doing. Little is ever said by the radio stations, the TV stations or the newspapers of the heroics performed by the same family of protectors. Most of them do not even know of situations that have been handled by maybe a few of these protectors without a full alarm even been sounded.

Yes, believe it or not there are those who at a moment's notice would go to the person or persons in trouble to render assistance. I know about these times because several years ago I was called to help secure and deliver insulin to an elderly man who needed help and needed it right now. That was the good part, the bad part was this was during one of the worst blizzards I was ever in. My neighbor had just purchased a new huge snowmobile. We took it to the city eight miles away, went to the drug store, picked up the insulin and took off into the country to deliver our package of mercy.

There were no roads available due to the drifting of snow. No mention was made of this to anyone. As far as I know, there were only four people that knew of this incident. We did not tell the news media, we did what had to be done. The recipient was a firefighter, the snowmobile operator was a firefighter.

There are hundreds of stories like this one done every year, most of them go untold. Only the firefighters know sometimes they just do what is asked of them without hesitation or regard for their safety to help someone in need. I am proud to be a part of that group.

Incidentally, the person that we delivered the insulin to is now deceased as the snowmobile owner/driver. They were members of the local department for many years and I am honored to have known both of them. Some of the younger generation might look at this as a fairy tale that things like this does not happen. Believe me when I say that this was a true incident.

To all of my brothers and sisters, I wish each and every one of you a very pleasant summer.

Let's keep our state safe for everyone.

Your Historian

John Davies

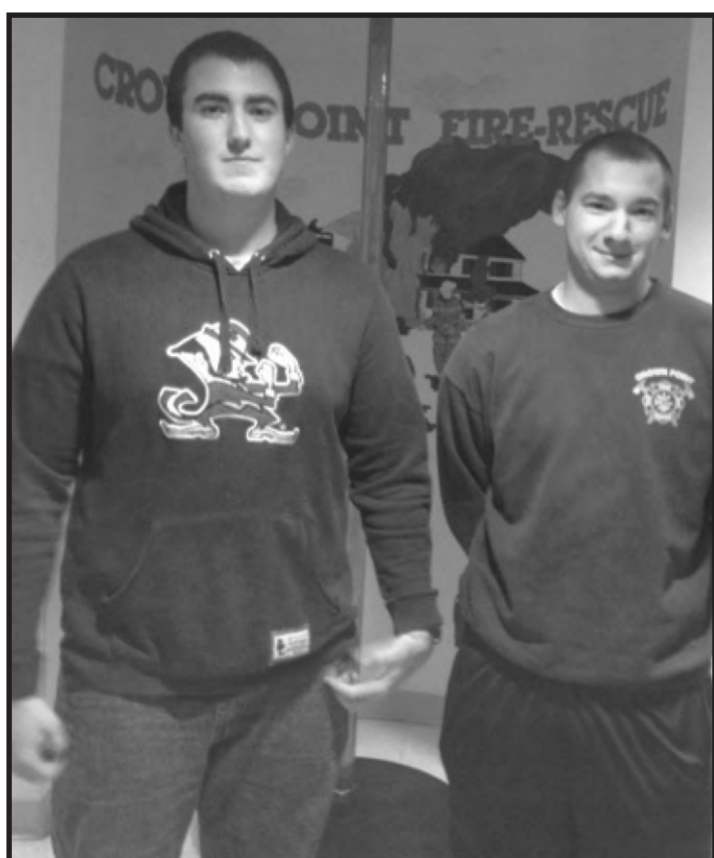
# Marshall Township VFD receives new rescue truck



The Marshall Township Volunteer Fire Department in Lawrence County, District 17B, recently received a new rescue truck from Unruh Fire Apparatus in late June, and placed it into service on August 1st.

The new vehicle is a 2013 Ford F-550 6.7 twin-turbo Diesel with a custom rescue/combo bed. It boasts an inside-the-cab medical equipment storage compartment, full set of extrication tools that are pre-connected via hose reel which include a spreader, cutter, rams, struts, airbags, cribbing, and hooks and chains. The extrication equipment is mounted onto a sliding tray in the front transverse compartment to allow the tools to be accessed from either side. It also carries a rescue stretcher and backboard, wildland tools, full compliment of hand tools in a mounted tool cabinet, air packs, gas analyzer, electric hotstick, oil dry, chainsaw, dash camera, cab-mounted lap top computer with electronic mapping system, broom and scoop shovel. The truck came equipped with a PTO driven hydraulic generator to provide 110, or 220 volt electricity that may be needed on scene, a Command Shadow light tower, two telescoping LED scene lights, an LED driver door spotlight, a bumper-mounted Warn winch, a 300 gallon water tank, a 25 gallon foam tank with fast foam system, and a diesel Darley water pump. The truck sports a booster line mounted above the tank, and 150' of 1 3/4" hose in an under-the-bed sliding trunion compartment.

The total cost of the vehicle and equipment was approximately \$180,000, and was paid for utilizing tax dollars from the township's accumulative fund which are set aside for these purposes. The new vehicle replaces a 1990 Chevrolet K3500 with Knaphiede utility bed. The new truck will be the first due vehicle to all medical calls, search and rescue incidents, and motor vehicle accidents. The fire department wishes to thank Marshall Township Trustee Susan Evans, the township advisory board, and the citizens of Marshall Township for their continued support of the department. -- submitted by Chad Hayes



## New members of Crown Point Fire Department

In the photo at left are: (Left) Matt McNally and Anthony Flynn. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

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*Members, District 9B -1 Term:* January 2012 - December 2014  
*District 8A Term:* January 2012 - December 2015

*District 17A Term:* January 2012 - December 2014

*District 13B Term:* January 2012 - December 2014

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



# DISTRICT 18 ACTIVITIES

## Carter Fire District Hosts Open House

On Saturday, August 24 the Carter Fire District of Dale IN (Spencer Co. Dist. 18) hosted "Open House" festivities at their Station Headquarters. Members of the public enjoyed Chicken Noodle Soup and Hamburgers provided by the Department. Free blood pressure screenings were offered, as well as tours of the Station and apparatus. Kids got to play in the "Fire Department Bounce House" and then go through the CFD "Smoke House" which give children the chance to practice escaping a house filled with simulated smoke from a fire. Young and "not so young" were also educated as to the dangers of grease fires and the *do's and don'ts* when facing one. Squirting a fire hose was enjoyed by those participating and Smokey the Bear even stopped by to meet and greet everyone.

Article and photos provided by  
Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith



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Burning household trash and outdoor waste, such as plastics and building materials, is illegal because it's extremely dangerous. Even if you take special precautions to protect against smoke exposure, pollutants will be left behind in the ashes. These pollutants pose a risk to health and contaminate soil and water. Burning tires, treated wood or asbestos is illegal and particularly dangerous.





# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
AUGUST 3 & 4, 2013

Vice President Anderson called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Vice President Anderson introduced our new District Chairman. District 7 Sam Bisel, District 11-A Pete Taylor, also District 4 Vice Chairman Eldon Schafer. Guests Jerry Liston and Steve Peachy, Associate Chaplain Carl Coffey Sr.

Vice President Anderson called on Associate Chaplain George Buck to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Carl Coffey Sr.

Vice President Anderson called for the reading of the Minutes of the May 2013 meeting. District 13-A Chairman Carol Thrawley made motion to accept the Minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Vice President Anderson introduced Roxanne Dean and Tanya Rigsby from California Casualty.

Tanya Rigsby - We are getting ready to celebrate 100th anniversary. Industry wide 98.8 would recommend to us to fellow emergency workers. Jessie is no longer with us so I am working the entire State. We are also in the process of hiring someone to take Jessie's place. Rebecca Stump is my new manager. If you have any questions, problems or concerns or would like me to visit a department or district meeting please let me know.

Roxanne Dean - California Casualty is always looking to give back to our organizations. Bass boat winner went to a firefighter in Nebraska. Firehouse make-over firefighters; can go on-line at [www.FirehouseMakeover.com](http://www.FirehouseMakeover.com) and register, deadline is September 30. We have started a program called Nominate A Hero. You can go on line at [NominateMyHero.com](http://NominateMyHero.com) and write a letter and nominate your hero. Your Hero could win a \$250.00 gift card and a chance at a \$10,000.00 luxury vacation. We are always looking for ways to educate your people about us, please let us know of any county meetings, trainings, etc. where we could come and tell them about us.

Vice President Anderson introduced John Buckman.

John Buckman - Vice President Anderson, Past President Jack Kerney and John "Bull" Smith

attended a meeting yesterday.

Past President Kerney - I had this idea years ago, to grade practical skills, then when I started thinking about how we were going to implement it I thought there was no way. But in the meeting yesterday everyone started talking and now I think, yes, this will work.

Vice President Anderson - Some of the ideas we discussed were not to do percentages on the skills practicals but to assign a point system.

John "Bull" Smith - This system is to help our people who have been out of school for awhile and those who may not be good with tests but have no problems with practicals.

John Buckman - When we send out surveys please fill them out and return them; we want everyone's opinion. We have not done audits since January, we now do pre-course coaching. This is a planning template to give you all the resources you need to be successful and the students to pass. Using the template is optional but we have had very good success with those who have used it. Beta testing is going very well and everyone can do on-line testing. You know your results and grade instantly. State Fire Academy first steering committee meeting was held on Thursday afternoon by the Fire Marshal. October 15, 16, 17, 2013 we will be holding a summit for planning for the State Academy. \$422,000.00 to help create the academy. There is no federal money to go with this. Please give the steering committee your ideas or suggestions. Kids can take test at age 17, get certified at 18 if it is a school class only. Not through the fire departments because we are under OSHA and the schools are not.

Vice President Anderson - Board meeting 6 p.m. this Friday, Government Center South Room C. I cannot emphasize enough we have got to get people to volunteer to come to this summit for the state academy. We have an opportunity to get input into what is going to happen with the academy.

Vice President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report. Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler made motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. PRWC Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. Submit your secretary's allowance \$50.00, need their name and address on a separate voucher.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - We have sent emails out for bad addresses. Processed dues, emailed numerous emails, paid, non-paid list, deceased list, sent out second dues notice to some departments. Sending changes to President Israel so he can update web site. Sending fundraiser, trainings announcements we receive to web master. We have printed numerous certificates. License plates January 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 - 2,079. January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013 - 2,013. Membership at this time is 12,169.

Awards Committee: Vice Chairman Anderson - Is there anyone still needing to present their Global awards. Please try to have a Global representative at your meeting to help you present it. Ollie Sandberg award has been presented and will be represented at the District meeting. Mr. IVFA award has been presented.

Angel Award Committee: Diane Harrison - Please nominate deserving members.

Chairman of the Board - Buz Koehler - There will be a new award for the IVFAA next year, the Miriam Schaeckel award. Sponsored by Larry and Lou Bartlow and Buz and Carol Koehler.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison - We are asking that the District Chairmen give us a list on what constitutes a good meeting, what works for you. We challenge District Chairmen to attend department meetings. Getting younger members involved if you have any ideas please let us know. We talked about a Rookie award and a Junior Firefighter award. Start an email list in your districts; we don't think the information is getting shared. Speakers Bureau - 6 departments back in and 71 members.

Public Relations & Education: Chairman Carol Thrawley - The trailer has been very busy. We are asking members to go on-line at NFA and ordering coloring books for the trailer. August 23rd is the IREC. We will be sharing the booth with California Casualty. Lona Hoffman stated the trailer was covered at replacement coverage puller has the liability. Anyone wanting to use trailer please let me know.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith - Pass.

Editor Assistant: Past President Mitch Parish talked about correction of addresses. It cost us .55 per paper return because of bad addresses. Postage only guaranteed returned address on first class mail only.

Convention 2013 - Co Chairman Ed Smith - Have not closed out yet, have a couple of bills still out there. Should have their financial statement by November.

Convention 2014 - Chairman Larry Bruner - Everything going well, we have gotten raffle license and our coin in the works.

Clothing Claims Committee: Chairman Lloyd Wright - 1 claim approved. If you have any quarterly claims please let Lloyd and President Israel know.

Board of Firefighting Standards and Education: Jack Kerney - Next meeting August 9th 6 p.m., Government Center South Room C.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Mitch Parish - Meeting was held at Washington DC May 10 & 11. 19,610 total members, 80 Indiana members. They are doing a push on membership. Next meeting October 30, November 1, 2013 in Texas.

In Time: Jack Zeeks - May 21 meeting talked about accidents in IN DOT work zones. Discussed ways to make them safer. July 16 discussed laws: 1) move it law 2) hold harmless law 3) move over law. Next meeting September 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee: Buz Koehler - We have 4 issues that we put on our agenda this year. 1) House Bill 1005 conflict of interest 2) education - pay for schooling for an IVFA member or at least partial payment 3) novelty lighters 4) trying to keep township boards. If anyone has any ideas please let the committee know. August 15 Rural Caucus meeting at the State Fair. President Israel and Lobbyist Curl will attend. They will also attend the August 6 Department of Local Government Finance meeting. The Chamber of Commerce 2013 top

legislative priorities are support common simplification in reform to local government structures and practices. District 9-A Chairman Leighanne Ellis is having an issue with the late to work law in her area.

EMS Commission: Paul Holcomb - They are re-vamping the new advance to encompass manual defibrillation and cardiac monitoring.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Israel - Attended department 125 year anniversary, had a lot of road time, was able to make it north of I-70 for some meetings.

Vice President Anderson - Attended 2 fund raisers, 2 chief's meeting, parade, station dedication, retirement party, United Trustee Association. President Israel and I gave a presentation, convention.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - Attended 1 state meeting, 3 district meetings, 4 festivals and convention.

Vice President Anderson stated the Chaplain Service has been requested for the September 20 for the Memorial Service at Indianapolis at 11:00 a.m.

Secretary Harrison - Attended 2 county meetings and convention.

Treasurer Harker - Attended 7 district meetings and convention.

Sergeant at Arms Bush - Absent.

Chairman of the Board Koehler - pass.

PRNW Jim Bradford - Absent.

PRNE Jean Smith - Attended convention, 7 district meetings, station dedication and 125 yr. anniversary celebration.

PRWC Larry Bartlow - Attended 3 district meetings, 1 firehouse dedication, Mr. IVFA presentation.

PREC Don Cushman - Truck dedication, district meetings, 50 year gold card and 25 year pins and fundraisers.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Attended 7 district meetings, 1 fire truck dedication, 1 station dedication and 1 speakers' bureau.

PRSE Ed Scheele - Absent.

Bridgeport Committee: Chairman Harker - We had 25 applications this year. Discussed denial letter that was sent to the non-winners. Bev will reword the letter for next year. It is important that the entire application is filled out completely.

License Plates - Bev Harker or Jack Kerney - Pass.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Harker - Pass.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jim Parker - Absent still having back problems.

Mitch Parish - Pass.

Richard Glant - Pass.

Jack Zeeks - IN Memorial September 20th, 11:00 a.m. at Indianapolis, October 4, 5, 6 National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial in Emmetsburg, September 14 Marion Twp. Open House.

Buz Koehler - Attended 8 district meetings and convention.

Jack Kerney - Pass

Larry Ketchem - Enjoyed convention and waiting on next years.

Tim Deckard - Absent.

State Miss Flame Heather Wickersham - When I was District 9A Miss Flame I started a project for purchasing smoke detectors to give to those less fortunate that need them. I am going to continue this project for my State project.

2012 Miss Flame Jessie Dove - I have contacted NVFC about my project. At convention I made contact with Vectrin and they were interested in it. California Casualty is interested in sponsoring. I believe it is in their legal department. I am still willing to travel if anyone would like me to attend their events.

Website: President Israel - We are entering the corrections as Jack gets them in with the dues packets. Paul Holcomb said all the changes that were brought to his attention last quarter have all been corrected.

Training Committee: Larry Southard and Steve Anderson - Remember training academy summit October 15, 16, 17, we have 8 seats that we can fill. Deadline for volunteering for the summit will be September 1st. You do not have to be a State Officer to be on this committee. We need feedback from our members on what they don't like so we can take it to the board.

SOG's / BYLAWS: Chairman Koehler - SOG's section XI Expenses and Allowances number 11 Meals expense shall be reimbursed at the rate of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day while in the transaction of Association business, when authorized. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made motion to accept the SOG change to a \$25.00 per diem. District 10 Chairman John Ray made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. The per diem will be at quarterly meetings only, convention does not count. It will take effect at the November meeting.

### DISTRICT

#### CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Tom Orrell - Thanked everyone that came for presentation of Mr. IVFA to Jim Bradford, 3 deaths - 2 former member deaths, 50 year Gold card.

District 2 Paul Watland - Absent.

District 3 Tim Sandy - 1 memorial.

District 4 Eldon Schafer - 4 - 25 year pins, 1 - 50 year Gold card.

District 5 Don Kissinger - Pass.

District 6 Jerry Sprague - Thanked President Israel for coming up to 125 year anniversary. 4 members rejoined from Stroll Fire Department.

District 7 Sam Bisel - 2 deaths, Poe Days August 22 and 23, Walt Rieter said it had been a pleasure serving as District Chairman.

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# DISTRICT 4 ACTIVITIES



Kay Adkins of the Concord Township Fire Dept. Auxiliary received her 25 year pin as a member of the IVFAA.

Pictured are Judy Smith and Kay Adkins.



Michael George received his 25 year pin for his dedication to the Nappanee Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) Terry Smith, District 4 chairman, Michael George, and Chief Don Lehman.



Chairman Terry Smith presented 25 year pins to Kerry Yaw (center) and Kent Weatherton (right) for their service to Harrison Volunteer Fire Dept.



James Hare and Mike Battles received their 25 year pins from Chairman Terry Smith for their service at Southwest Central Fire Territory.

## Concord Fire Department holds hog roast

Concord Fire Department held a hog roast for District 4's August meeting.

Firemen, along with their families attended. There was a Fire Dog Bounce House for the kids along with the IVFA Trailer on display.

Med Flight flew in their helicopter to show the firemen how they transport victims to the hospital. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.



Photos and articles submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman



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# DISTRICT 9-A ACTIVITIES



Delphi Fire Chief Darrell Sterrett receives his 25-year pin from state Miss Flame Heather Wickersham.



DISTRICT 9-A GLOBAL AWARD WINNER is Delphi Fire Chief Darrell Sterrett and presented by state Miss Flame Heather Wickersham.



Carroll County Fire Association representative and Flora Fire Chief Mike Cottrell presents state Miss Flame Heather Wickersham with a \$200 check raised from a waterball tournament for her smoke detector campaign.

## *Uniondale Volunteer Fire Department holds open house / movie night at the station*

By Kip Bunch, Uniondale Vol. Fire Dept. Secretary

The Uniondale Volunteer Fire Department recently held an open house / movie night at their station on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The idea of the event was to bring the community together for fellowship and to provide public education on fire safety and what being a fireman entails. The department held a demonstration on fire truck operation and the children in attendance were allowed to “man the nozzle”, a huge hit. Another hit among the kids was the surprise guest, Sparky the Fire Dog. Sparky posed for pictures with the children and kept them entertained for the evening. Food was provided courtesy of 1-800-BoardUp and consisted of hot dogs, chips, and popcorn. A demonstration was given on what to do when your smoke alarms goes off in the middle of the night and then the movie was shown, “Rise of the Guardians”. This was the first time the department held such an event in recent years and several community members stressed their thanks for bringing everyone together for a night of entertainment like “the old days”. “This was strictly a community event and there was no charge nor donation solicited,” said Erick Kahn Uniondale’s Fire Chief. “We just wanted to do something for the community to thank them for their support.” Chief Kahn went on to say that the turnout for the event was very good and everyone had such a good time that the department will most definitely look to hold more of these events in the future.



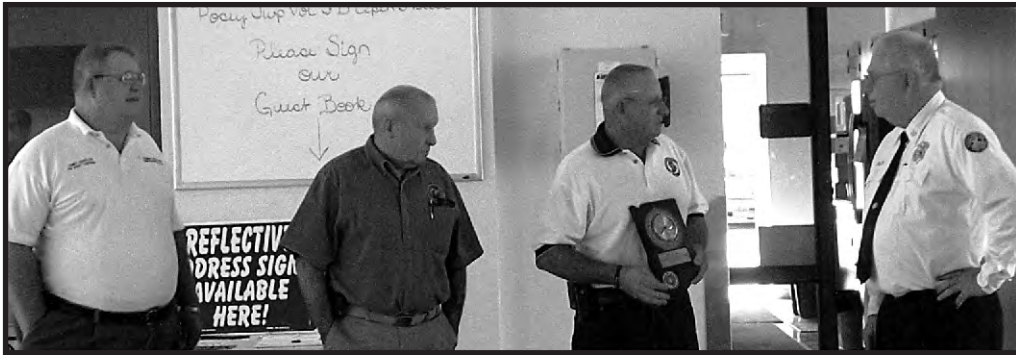
## District 7 2013 Global Award recipient

Marvin Stoppenhagen, a 60 year member of the Poe VFD, was presented with the Global Award by District 7 chairman Walt Reiter. Also pictured is his wife Lucile. – submitted by District 7 chairman Walt Reiter.



# DISTRICT 11-A ACTIVITIES

## *New fire station dedication held*



Larry Bartlow - PRWC, Pete Taylor - District 11A chairman, Dave Phelps, vice chairman and Larry Tempel - Fire Chief PVFD.

On Saturday, July 27, 2013 the Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Department dedicated its new Leed Certified (all green) Fire Station in Staunton, IN, District 11A.

The event included public tours of the facility, apparatus displays and pictures. Members of the PVFD and local officials “uncoupled” a ceremonial fire hose to open the new station.

Pictured (left to right) Larry Bartlow - PRWC, Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman, Dave Phelps, vice chairman 11A, are presenting a clock from the IVFA to be displayed at the new station to Fire chief Larry Tempel.

Later Eldon Hoggett was presented with a 50 year Gold Card in observance of 50 years of service to the department.

Pictured (left to right) Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman and Eldon Hoggett. -- pictures submitted by District 11A chairman Pete Taylor.



**TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PIN AWARDED** – On September 5, 2013 Eric Frey received his 25 year pin at a monthly meeting. District 11A chairman Pete Taylor, IVFA presented the pin. Pictured (left to right) Pete Taylor and Eric Frey. – submitted by Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.



Pete Taylor - District 11A chairman and Eldon Hoggett, PVFD - submitted by Ralph “Pete” Taylor, District 11A chairman.



## Miss Flame helps out at fish fry

Miss Flame District 5 Ashley Bryer serves refreshments at Kosciusko County Firefighters Fish Fry.

– submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast.



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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:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Requests to the IVFA Central Office no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

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

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

### **BMV PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
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# DISTRICT 10 ACTIVITIES



New Point and Westpoert Firefighters receive 25 year pins

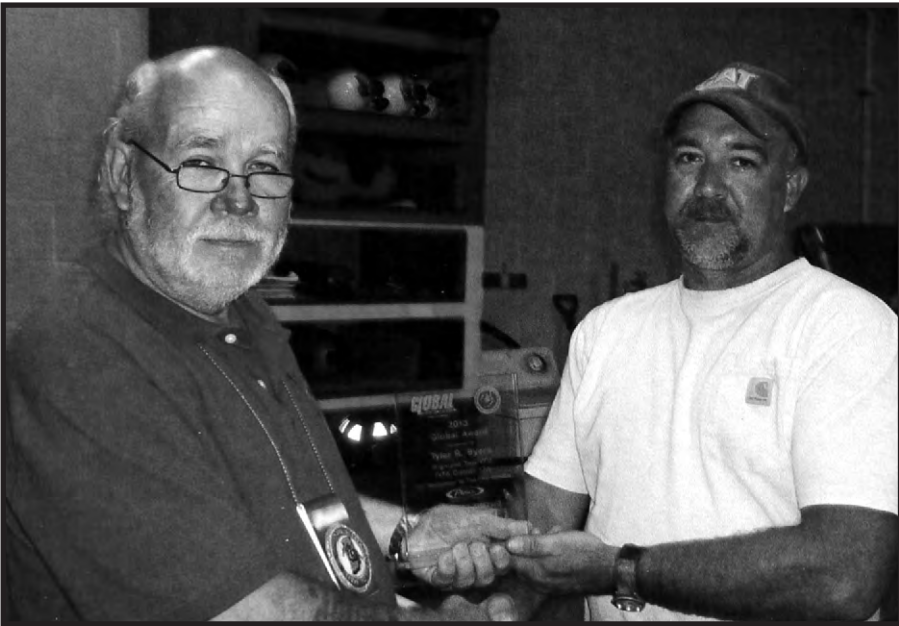
From left – District 10 chairman, John Gant - WestportFD, Mark Baldwin - New Point FD, Miss Flame Elizabeth Shields, Daniel Litner.



Amity firefighter wins Global Award

Pictured from left - District 10 chairman John Ray, Global representative Rod Hayes and Roger Records, Global Award winner.

# DISTRICT 17-A ACTIVITIES



Global Award winner for District 17A

Sam Emery, District 17A presents Ty Byers, Highland Twp. VFD with his Global Award.



Taylor Twp. Ribbon cutting held

Taylor Twp. VFD Chief Randy Baker and Twp. advisory board member John Flower cut the ribbon on the Taylor Station with Trustee Chuck Crouch looking on.

Sam Emery, department member and District 17A IVFA chairman and Max Townsend, department member holding the ribbon.

Photos by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman



## *Congratulations to Carl Lyvers for 40 years of service with St. Joseph Township Fire Department, Inc.*

Carl Lyvers was recently presented a plaque recognizing 40 years of service to the Saint Joseph Township Fire Department, Inc. (Allen County).

Carl has served in various roles on the fire department since being sworn in on 1973. These include attaining the rank of Lieutenant, Communications Officer and Assistant Engineer as well as being Assistant Chief of The Allen County Hazardous Response Group. He also held the position of secretary of the organization as well as serving on the Board of Directors for many years being directly involved in authoring and maintaining the bylaws of the corporation.

Carl was awarded Firefighter of the Year in 2000. He has attended numerous specialty programs throughout the years put on by various agencies including the National Fire Academy, The Center for Domestic Preparedness, Dugway Proving Ground and New Mexico Tech, gaining much knowledge in the areas of hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction and radiological terrorism. He holds Firefighter I/II as well as Master Firefighter certifications under the old system in Tactics and Hazardous Materials.

Carl is also presently a member of Northeast Allen County Fire Department as well as National Disaster Medical System DMAT OH1 where he is deployed to natural disasters as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. Other avocations Carl enjoys are playing the bagpipes as well as being a crew member on steam locomotive 765 where as a "fireman" he must remember to keep it burning and NOT put it out. He is supported by his wife Tina in his many endeavors and has served proudly the citizens of Saint Joseph Township.

The photograph taken by Theresa Wade shows Carl Lyvers (right) being presented by Fire Chief Jerry Lencke (left) a plaque honoring his 40 years of service. -- submitted by Carl Lyvers.



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

## IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. Officers Meeting  
August 4, 2013  
Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis

President Barbara Kerney opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Chaplain Joann Hays recited a prayer.

The pledge to the flag was said by all present.

President Barb Kerney told us a story about a Little Boy and a sandbox with a rock. Then she asked all the district chairmen and officers to help her this coming year.

Barb then introduced the new district chairmen for this year.

Roll call was answered by 26 officers, 13 I.V.F.A.A. members and 1 guest. Corresponding Secretary June Cahill gave her report of 29 departments, 405 paid by depts., 94 ind., and 26 life members. Total of 525 members as of this date.

The State Miss Flame Heather Wickersham, addressed the auxiliary and told us about her project for this year. She is raising money to buy smoke detectors for less unfortunate families.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Martha Thomas to dispense with the reading of the minutes. No corrections. Motion approved.

Corresponding Sec. Leona Uryga read a thank you card from Martha Thomas.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the treasurer's report. Lou Bartlow asked if we were still being charged again for the service fee. The answer was no.

Barb stated that we cannot use the

gaming account until we receive our license. Money has to be put back into the general fund until we receive our permit. Lou Bartlow has a lady that will help her fill out the gaming papers. Barb Kerney talked to Bev Harker and she will do the audit for free on our books.

Toni Sorg asked where Dorothy will be getting the money to put back into our account. Barb stated that it will come from Bev Harker.

Chaplain Joann reported that we had 3 deaths. Tammy Smith lost her grandmother, Dorothy Spears. Also Mary Jo Moore, 11A and Mary C. Dallers, 11B.

There is no committee report until next meeting.

Barb asked the committee chairmen to meet with their committee at least two meetings in the year.

Vice President Heather Martin announced that this year's prizes will be 1<sup>st</sup> prize - an old fashion pedal car, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be a quilt and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$200.00. The license number has to be on the tickets. The tickets will be either at the Nov. meeting or the Feb. meeting. This depends on the license.

A discussion on the way we draw the tickets was clarified.

Barb Parker stated that the districts can donate more than one basket for the Chinese Auction. She thanked Heather and Susie for all their help.

Carol Curl mentioned about this coming year's convention. There will be more open space to display the raffle and Chinese Auction.

Dorothy Reiter announced that the Lois Boaz letters have to be in by Feb. 1. Send the letters to: Martha Thomas, Dorothy Reiter and Pam Gerdowsky.

There will be a new district chairman seminar at 2:00 at the Saturday Nov. meeting.

Barb asked that the district chairmen should be sending their meeting reports to Leona. She also asked to send her one, too.

Barb stated that we do not have to make new by-law books. Heather Martin is donating the folders for the by-laws.

Joyce Nevil stated that the by-law states that each member who is voting should hand their vote to their chairman. Many have asked that it be changed to individual votes. If this is what they want, then there has to be a change in the by-law.

Pam Gerdowsky stated that there are members who belong to both groups and that they should have an absentee ballot. This would have to be brought up as a new by-law and voted on first.

Carol Curl suggested that there should be an improvement in the registration for election.

Carol Koehler is the committee chairman for the Miriam Schaeckel Meritorious Service Award. Letters to the committee are to be sent to them before Feb. 1. This is to be awarded to a member of the I.V.F.A.A. who has set themselves apart from their comrades for outstanding achievement or service to the Association.

The deadline for the paper is Sept. 25, 2013.

Any death or illness, then contact Joann Hays.

Any change of address for a member, then contact June Cahill.

At the board meeting it was discussed that the Miss Flame should be a member of the I.V.F.A.A. Either have them join or pay for their membership.

Toni Sorg announced that the Poe Festival is Aug. 23-24. A member of their department has received the Global Award with 70 years of service.

Jessie Dove reported on her project and is working on it, is getting support from many businesses.

Chaplain Joann Hays closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
Leona Uryga

**DISTRICT 3 REPORT**

*Diane Stapleton - Chairman*

The district meeting was held on July 17, 2013 at Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Department. In the absence of Chairman Joan Lewis, past chairman Leona Uryga conducted the meeting. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. Roll call was answered by 10 members, 2 individuals and 3 guests present.

An audit of the treasurer's report was conducted by Dolly Millick and Annabelle Andrisco from Michiana Shores. Found all was accredited.

Secretary Bob Uryga read the minutes from the last meeting. No corrections.

Leona gave a report on the state meeting. Reminder that the Lois Boaz and the Miriam Schaeckel award letters are due by Feb. 1, 2014. The state dues are due as of now.

Elections were held: Nominated for District Chairman was Diane Stapleton by Leona

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2013 / 2014****AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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Barbara Ketchem  
Carol Koehler  
Caroln Zeeks

**CHINESE AUCTION COMM.**

Lori Parker - Chm.  
Barbara Parker  
Sharon Wright  
Beverly Taylor

**MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD**

Carol Koehler - Chm.  
Jean Parish  
Lou Bartlow

**LOIS BOAZ AWARD**

Dorothy Reiter - Chm.  
Pam Gerdowsky  
Martha Thomas

**HISTORIAN**

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.  
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Martha Thomas

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

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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Uryga and seconded by Steve Millick. A white ballot was cast by the Secretary. Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer was Bob Uryga by Annabelle Andrisko and seconded by Dolly Millick. A white ballot was cast by Leona Uryga. The nomination for Chaplain will be at the next meeting since the current Chaplain could not attend this meeting.

The next meetings are as follows: September 18 is Pleasant Twp., November 20 is Michiana Shores and March 19 is Coolspring Twp. at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments of ice cream and cakes presided the meeting. The raffle was won by Steve Millick and Marolyn Klockow. Door awards were given out by the Lincoln Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sec. Bob Uryga

The meeting was opened at 6:57 p.m. on Sept. 18, 2013 after a salad bar by Diane Stapleton.

Chairman Diane opened with the pledge to the flag. A prayer was said by Chaplain Jodie Barkow.

Roll call was answered by 11 members present. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer, Bob Uryga reported on the funds. A bill for \$6.60 for postage was presented. A motion was made by Dorothy Moffit and seconded by Steve Millick to pay the bill. Approved.

A nomination was made by Sue Utpatel and seconded by Leona Uryga to elect Jodie Barkow as Chaplain. Voted and approved. Leona installed the new district chairman, sec.-treas., and chaplain.

Diane talked about the state meeting business, information on the convention, the vice president's project and discussion on the Chinese auction basket.

The next meetings will be in Nov. 20 at Michiana Shores and March 19 at Coolspring Twp.

The meeting in November will have the Miss Flame contest and also an auction on a white elephant and baked goods.

Steve Millick made a motion and seconded by Jodie Barkow to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carolyn Hunt and Dorothy Moffet won the door prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sec. Bob Uryga

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



**E.J. Smith - Chairman**

Hello everyone,

Fall is upon us, don't forget Fire Safety week October 6-12.

July meeting was held at Ligonier Fire Department with election of officers.

District Chairman - E.J. Smith  
Secretary - Amanda Paulsen  
Treasurer - Virginia Elick  
Sergeant of Arms - Kristen Wylie  
Chaplain - Marilyn Dever  
September district meeting will

be held at Orland Fire Department.

November district meeting attentive will be held at Churubusco Fire Department. We will also have our Miss Flame contest. If you have a girl age 15-18 interested in running, please contact me at 260-639-3231 or 260-413-3040, [EJS6District@aol.com](mailto:EJS6District@aol.com). If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Please try to attend your Auxiliary and district meetings; there is valuable information for you.

E.J. Smith,  
District 6 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



**Beverly Taylor - Chairman**

Hello -- I'm back!! I have been District 11A chairman a time ago, but I'm back again.

District 11A of the Indiana Vol. Firefighters Aux. Association met September 15 at Fowler Park. We had our yearly picnic with lots of good food and visiting with a lot of friends. The weather was beautiful and the temp was perfect for a picnic.

Everyone went home with their stomachs full and ready for a nap.

Until next time, this is District 11A chairman IVFAA Beverly Taylor.

"See ya."

## DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



**Lou Bartlow - Chairman**

Hi everyone,

I think fall is upon us and that's okay. Time to move on to another season. Hope everyone had a good summer and got to do all the fun things they wanted to do.

We had our picnic in September. It wasn't a picnic day. It was hot, muggy and rained. Needless to say, we had our picnic inside. Wish we'd had a bigger crowd but maybe another time. While I'm on the subject of district meetings, I'd like to encourage everyone to attend their meetings. You would be surprised what you might learn. That's what the state meetings are about so we can bring it back to you, the members.

Hope you all have your dues paid. It's only \$5.00 a year. They are delinquent after September 30.

It is time to start thinking about and writing letters for all the awards given at convention. They are Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Ollie Sandburg, and the Angel Award. There is a new award to be given to a lady this year. It's the Miriam Schaeckel Award. It is a letter writing award also. The committee and their addresses are listed in this paper, so be thinking.

Hope all of you have a nice fall

and enjoy the weather.

Lou Bartlow

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



**Marie Emery - Chairman**

Hello to all,

On July 8th I attended the Taylor Fire Auxiliary meeting at Scotland. Plans were discussed for fundraising at the upcoming festivals.

Our district meeting was held July 17th at the Loogootee Fire Department. A very good meal was served. Several members and I guest and newly-elected IVFAA president Barb Kerney were present. Election of officers was held. All offices stayed the same as before. Fundraising was discussed. It was agreed by all members to have the cookies sale at the sausage supper in Vincennes January 2014. Barb, Marie and June gave reports on the 2013 convention.

Our next district meeting will be Wednesday, September 25th in Wheatfield Fire Dept.

August 25th I attended the Greene Co. firefighters picnic. A good time was enjoyed by all who

were present.

To all young ladies 15 - 18 years of age, we are looking for Miss Flame contestants to represent District 17A at convention 2014 in Indy. Anyone who would like an application, contact me by calling 812-384-8748. All applications must be to me no later than Dec. 1, 2013.

Marie Emery  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



**Tonya Marsee - Chairman**

I hope everyone is doing well and the change in weather is wonderful. I think Fall is here.

Our last District 19 Auxiliary meeting was held at Morris Volunteer Fire Department on August 13, 2013 at 7 p.m. We had a guest speaker, Linda Tuttle, a social worker from Margaret Mary Community Hospital came and talked to us about various programs available for the elderly. Her talk was very much appreciated. Morris served a light lunch that was prepared by the ladies of the Morris Auxiliary. Roberta Struewing, the chaplain, had a reading entitled "Today is the Day to Take the Lead" then we said the Pledge of Allegiance

to the Flag. We had roll call with 17 members were present.

Jack Eckstein, our Miss Flame rep. from 2013, gave a brief overview of the Convention and thanked everyone for their support. Some upcoming events that will take place in District 19 are the following: November 11, 2013 Morris will have a Firemen's Breakfast - that is always delicious!!!

Upcoming meeting dates are the following: November 12, 2013 at Sunman Volunteer Fire Department, February 11, 2014 at Milan Volunteer Fire Department, and on May 13, 2014 it will be held at Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Department. All meetings will take place starting at 7 p.m. I would like to encourage everyone to try to make all these meeting dates.

Remember District 19 fire departments, please start getting your Miss Flame contestants ready. Our Miss Flame contest will take place on November 14, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Eagle Volunteer Fire Department in Oldenburg, Indiana. If you have any questions or have your contestant's name already, please send me an email with her info at [tmarsee8@hotmail.com](mailto:tmarsee8@hotmail.com). Please feel free to contact by phone also at 812-532-0076. Let's get out there and support our local fire departments!!!! Encourage new membership always. If you know of a fire department that would like to start an auxiliary contact me please.

Thanks again,  
Tonya Marsee  
District 19 Chairman

## IVFAA

## Chaplain

Joann Hays



Sept. 25, 2013

Hello My Dear Friends,

By the time you read this the holidays will be just around the corner; so may I take this time to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a safe one.

Since the August meeting I've been busy. Guess what! I have been going thru I.V.F.A. papers. Several people have passed them on to me, so we can find information for the IVFAA history books. A big thank you goes to Vi Bruns for passing all of Carl's to us. It is amazing what all I found. Thanks again, Vi. We miss you and we love you. You're in our prayers.

On September 3rd, I went down to Prairieton's Auxiliary. I was hostess with Betty Sparks. They are such a lovely bunch of ladies and still very busy making their rugs. They are beautiful.

Bob and I went up to Dana's chicken and noodle dinner. They always serve a great meal. It was good to see Bill and Eula Bush and

also Brent Bush. We didn't make it up to the fish fry, they always have a good turnout. Congratulations to Brenda Harvey. I understand she received her 25 year pin from District 11-B Lou Bartlow.

On September 15th we had our 11-A picnic at Fowler Park. It was nice, but not much of a turnout. But ever so glad to have our state officers Barb and Jack Kerney, Larry and Barb Ketchem, Larry and Lou Bartlow, Beverly Harker, Martha Thomas, and Larry Southern. Thank you friends for coming.

It was voted on that the picnic next year will be combined (11A and 11B) at Forest Park in Brazil on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

On Saturday, January 25, 2014, we will have our annual Miss Flame Dance and crown a new Miss Flame and runner-up. It will be held at the Operating Engineer's Building on 41 south at 7:00 p.m.

Our sympathy and prayers goes out to Dave and Virginia Elick (Virginia lost her father this last week).

We have also had some sickness and some have had surgery - Leona Uryga, Joyce Nevil, Mort Sorg and Don Vermillion.

Friends, if at any time you should have any sickness or anything, please let me know - 812-299-1574. Remember, I'm always here for you,

("The Lord has chosen you to be His treasured possession." - Deuteronomy 14.2)

Take care my friends and I'm praying for all of you. Bless you, your departments, that you will be safe and be a friend to each other.

Love and prayers  
Joann Hays, IVFAA Chaplain



It has often been said that a positive attitude is a powerful force. Knowing that there was work to be done and problems to overcome, I had set a goal for myself to maintain a positive attitude thru it all. It was my hope that others would see that the challenges that were before us could be steps to success.

As I have often said, it takes each member to be a part of the TEAM. Your team leaders are the officers and district chairmen that you elected to serve. Hopefully they are relaying our goals, the business that is conducted and details of our future to each of you at your auxiliary meetings as well as at the district level. Please try to attend your local and district meetings so you will know what is happening in your organization. Our quarterly state officers' meetings are open to all. If you have a question about the IVFAA or you are needing assistance with your local auxiliary, feel free to call any of the officers or get in touch with your district chairman.

I would like to say thanks to all who have volunteered to assume roles in your communities as well as those at the state level. I know most of you have busy day-to-day schedules, being with your families and involved in their

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# DISTRICT 17-B ACTIVITIES



District 17-B chairman Steve Nolan presenting IVFA 25 year pins to William and Chief Tyler Duncan of the Mitchell VFD on 9-9-13.



District 17-B Miss Flame helping Carolyn Zeeks pass out cupcakes at Marion Township VFD open house on 9-14-13.



District 17-B Miss Flame McKinley Norman standing between Jack Zeeks and Chief Jason Zeeks of the Marion Township VFD open house on 9-14-13 – Steve Nolan, Chairman 17-B

Photos submitted  
by Steve Nolan  
District 17-B chairman

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## Views . . .

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activities, being involved in other community organizations as well as the expense we sometimes incur while we are volunteering. We appreciate your wanting to be involved.

As the holidays are approaching, keep warmth in your heart, pray for peace on earth and thank God for all the blessings that we receive and enjoy thru the year.

Merry Christmas to all. Have a Blessed New Year.

Barb Kerney  
IVFAA President

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# DISTRICT 8B ACTIVITIES



Driving the Redkey fire truck in the 4th of July parade which was held in Portland is Randy Young, Fire Chief of the Redkey VFD. Riding on top is West Moore from Redkey VFD and his family.



Zach Hudson from the Salamonia VFD driving the grass truck in the 4th of July parade in Portland. Riding with Zack is his daughter.



Ed Smith, member of the 2013 convention committee, presented Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, with the appreciation plaque from the IVFA at the July district meeting.

Pictured (left to right) are Ed Smith, Lloyd E. Smith and Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame.



The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held their annual pancake and sausage breakfast during Bryant Loblolly days on September 7, 2013. Shown are the cooks and the people enjoying the breakfast.

*Photos by Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B chairman*



Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast on September 7, 2013 at their station. Shown is their serving line and the people who enjoyed the meal.

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# DISTRICT 8B ACTIVITIES



On August 31, 2013 at the Montpelier Jamboree parade, Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department won the newest truck award.

Pictured (left to right) are Lexie Blumenhorst - District 8B Miss Flame, Terry Blumenhorst - Dunkirk VFD, Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B chairman and Brad Elkins from the Montpelier VFD.



Winning a trophy at the Montpelier Jamboree parade for bringing the farthest truck was Nottingham Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) are Rex Holloway, Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame, Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman and Brad Elkins from the Montpelier VFD.



At the Montpelier Jamboree Parade, the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department showing their new fire truck off.

It is a 1998 75 foot American LaFrance aerial fire truck. It will hold 400 gallons of water and has a 1500 gallon per minute pump. It also has 30 gallons of foam. They purchased the truck from Wisconsin.



On July 4th the Portland Fire Department held their annual waterball at the Jay County Fairgrounds.

Winning the first place trophy was the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Rich Imel, Kalab Bell and Lonnie Bell and Dave Jellison presenting the trophy.



Carl Imel from the Pennville VFD driving the old antique fire truck in the 4th of July parade in Portland. Riding in the back is Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame and friend.

Also riding is Carl's wife, Ruby and his sister-in-law.



Winning the second place trophy was the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Rob Miller, Andrew Storie, Seth James and Dave Jellison presenting the trophy.



Winning the third place trophy was the Albany Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Matt McGraw, Nate Smith and Dave Jellison presenting the trophy.

Photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman



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# Globe awards new gear to two departments as part of 2013 giveaway program

Globe, in partnership with DuPont and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), has made the first two awards in the 2013 Globe Gear Giveaway program. East Glacier Park (MT) Volunteer Fire Department and Happy Jack (AZ) Fire Services will each receive four sets of new, state-of-the-art Globe gear.

Through the 2013 Globe Gear Giveaway program, Globe and DuPont are providing up to 52 sets of gear to volunteer fire departments in need. The program is administered through the NVFC and open to NVFC members in the U.S. and Canada who are all-volunteer departments serving a population of 25,000 or less. This is the second year for the giveaway program; in 2012, awards were made to 16 fire departments in the U.S. and Canada.

“We are pleased to partner with Globe and DuPont to help volunteer departments who are struggling to provide proper protection to their members,” said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. “This program increases the safety and well-being of volunteer firefighters and is a wonderful example of companies giving back to the community.”

The East Glacier Volunteer Fire Department in Montana is a small department located on the south end of Glacier National Park, a location that causes the town’s size to double in the summer. The department has a call area of over 50 miles and also responds to wildland fires in the region. It receives a small operating budget from the county but doesn’t have enough funding to provide its 17 firefighters with new, compliant gear. Most of the gear they do have is over 10 years old.

“These new turnouts would be a blessing to our department,” said East Glacier Fire Chief Ben Steele.

Happy Jack Fire Services is located in Northern Arizona and surrounded by the Coconino National Forest. Many of the town’s permanent population are retired and living on fixed incomes. The population

increases significantly during the summer as visitors rent cabins in the area. All of the department’s equipment is greater than 15 years old, and the main engine is 42 years old.

The department is in great need of new turnout gear. The gear they do have has been donated by other departments and dates to at least 15 years old or more. “My primary goal as chief is to protect my firefighters at all times,” said Happy Jack Fire Chief John D. Stahl, explaining why he applied for the Globe gear.

Both of these volunteer departments will benefit greatly from having four new sets of Globe turnout gear to protect their firefighters. As small all-volunteer departments, budgets are tight and the downward economy makes the challenges of funding even tougher. This donation will increase the safety of the firefighters as well as boost morale within the departments.

More awards of Globe turnout gear will be made each month throughout the rest of the year. Stay tuned to the NVFC [web site](#), *Dispatch* newsletter, and [page on Facebook](#), as well as the [Globe page on Facebook](#), for upcoming announcements.

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# DISTRICT 8B ACTIVITIES



On September 7, 2013 the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held their first awards banquet. Being honored for five years of service were the following (from left to right) - Nick Willoughby, John Willoughby, Brook Willoughby and Brandon Willmann. Also pictured are Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. Not present was Megan Sollars.



Being honored for 10 years of service were the following (from left to right) - Farrel Wells and Jim Millikan. Also pictured are Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Not present were Robert Fields, Tom Dornberger and Gary Greene. Not present and honored for 15 years of service were Mike Kreps and Jack McDonald.



Being honored for 20 years of service were the following (from left to right) - Devon Messersmith, Dave Mumbower, Scott Sisco, and Layne Wright. Also pictured are Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Being honored for 25 years of service were Terry Blumenhorst, Larry Wright for 30 years of service, Richard Long and Steve Fields for 35 years of service.

Pictured (from left to right) are Terry Blumenhorst, Larry Wright, Richard Long, Steve Fields, Lexie Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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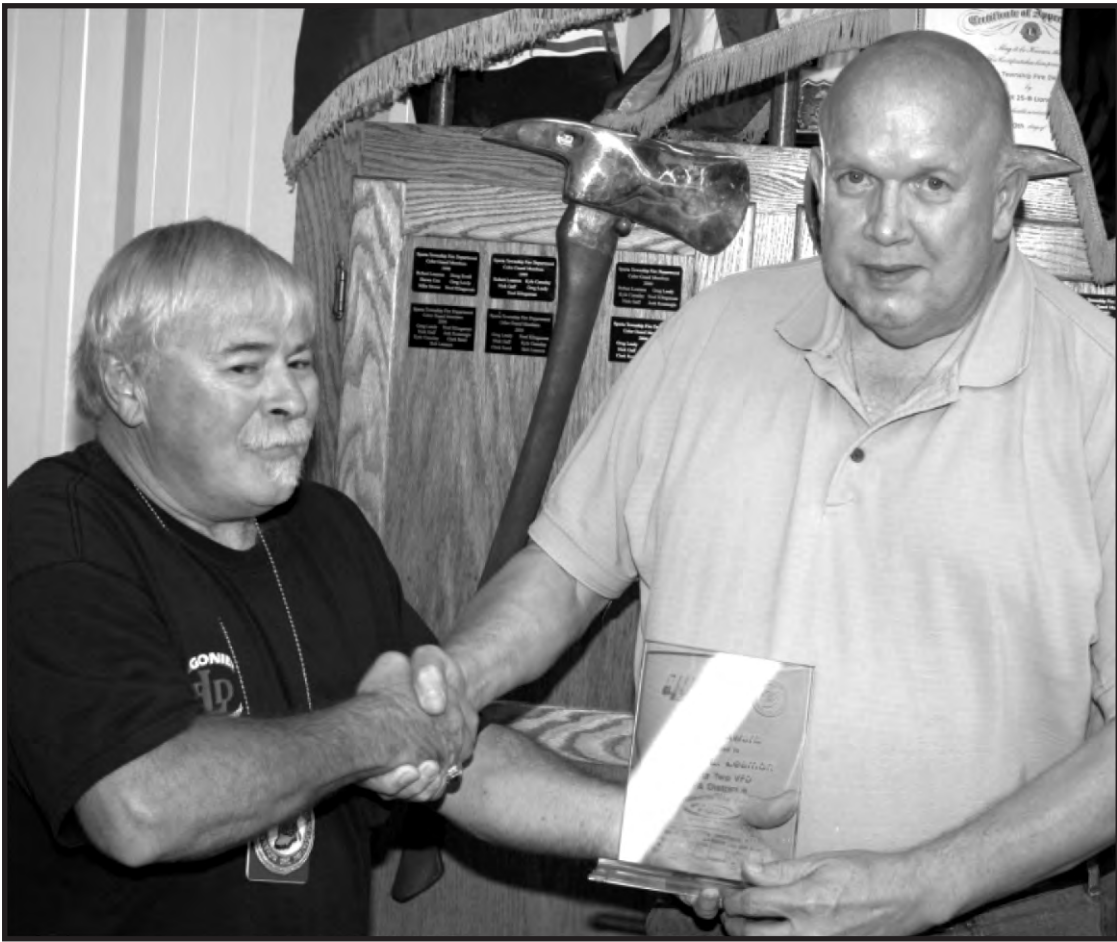
# DISTRICT 6 ACTIVITIES



Firefighter William "Dave" Hubartt receives his 25 year pin. (Left to right) Waterloo-Grant Twp. VFD Chief Kirby Hobbs, firefighter William "Dave" Hubartt and IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry "Spook" Sprague. – Photo credited to Waterloo-Grant Twp. VFD.



IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Tianna Scheuerman on the left with past IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Katie Enfield at the Hamilton VFD breakfast fundraiser. – photo by Amanda Paulson and submitted by Jerry Sprague, IVFA District 6 chairman.



Sparta Township firefighter Bob Leamon receives his Global Award from IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague.

Photos submitted by Jerry Sprague District 6 chairman

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Check the flue pipe(s) and/or chimney for cracks and/or loose connections. Note the distance between the flue pipe / chimney and combustibles especially where there is a breach in structural components. Mentally ask yourself if this distance is sufficient to create pyrolysis effect of area combustibles. Check the unit's connections and controls. Is there any sign of a leaking fuel product? An example of this may be discoloration of the floor overlay or floorboard itself. Can you move connectors easily? Are there signs of tool marks? Observing these things should cause you to inquire with the owner/occupant if there were any mechanical problems with the units. Note the positions of any of the controls. Make sure that controls are in an "on" position if you suspect the heat plant is the ignition source. The interior of the heat plant requires the same basic observations as the exterior. One additional item to consider when examining the interior is the general "housekeeping" of the unit. Does it appear that filters are clean and the unit has been maintained or are there signs of inadequate maintenance?

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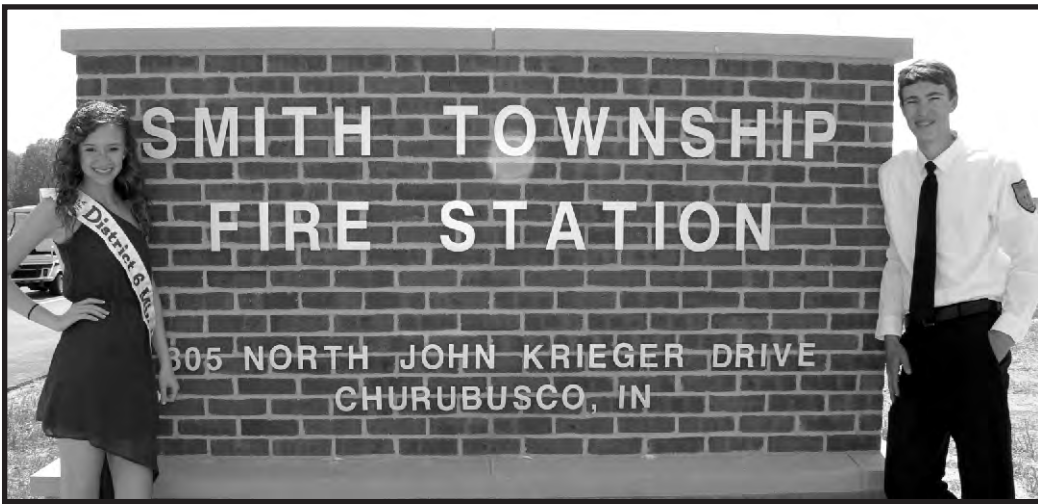
Stay safe this winter and have all heating units checked thoroughly by a licensed technician. Be cautious and safe!!







# Churubusco-Smith Township VFD new station dedication held



photos by Amanda Paulson and submitted by Jerry Sprague District 6 chairman





# DISTRICT 14 ACTIVITIES

## *911 Memorial Service World Trade Center Steel and Memorial Wall*



Photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman

## *Robert Furst awarded 50 Year Gold Card and pin*



Robert Furst of Otter Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Holton, Indiana, was presented his 50 year Gold Card and pin.

Presenting him with the pin was Ed Scheele, PR Southeast.

Members of the Fire Department also attended. Pictured (left to right) Ed Scheele - PR Southeast, Bob Furst, Frank Franklin, Chad Franklin and Norman Conover. – submitted by Ed Scheele, Public Relations Director Southeast.



# DISTRICT 14 ACTIVITIES

## Sellersburg Celebrates



Top left: Miss Indiana Miranda Popp took time out to hit the car for the Sellersburg Celebrates car smashing for charity.  
 Top right: District 14 chairman Rick Cannon poses with other members of the Sellersburg Fire Department with Miss Indiana.  
 Middle left: District 14 chairman Rick Cannon at Sellersburg Celebrates with son Richie Cannon and brother Leonard Cannon.  
 Middle right: Borden Fire Department took part in the parade with the Borden Basketball State Champs.  
 Below middle left: Utica Fire participates in parade.  
 Below middle right: Monroe Fire Department in the parade.  
 Bottom left: Chairman Rick Cannon having fun at Sellersburg Celebrates.

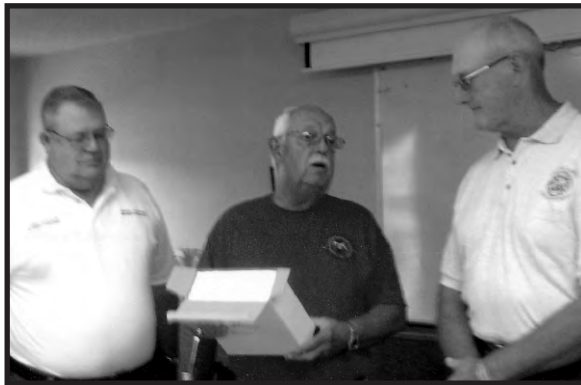
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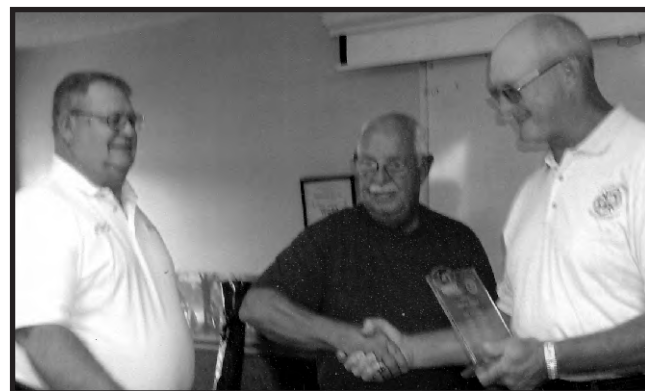
# DISTRICT 11A ACTIVITIES



Beverly Harker, IVFA treasurer; Larry Bartlow, PR; Jack Kerney, past president and Bill Nicoson, District 11A being presented the Global Award at Farmersburg VFD.



Larry Bartlow, PR and Jack Kerney, president and PR presenting Bill Nicoson, District 11A, from Pimento, the Global Award.



Photos submitted by Joann Hays, IVFAA Chaplain



I.V.F.A.A. past presidents at District 11A picnic, Fowler Park, September 15, 2013. Martha Thomas, Lou Bartlow, Barb Kerney, Joann Hays.



Chief Estel Shidler presenting 25 year pins to Kenneth Hambrock and Clay Shidler, Hymera VFD.

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# Chaplain gives opening prayer for Fallen Firefighters Foundation



Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky is shown above at Lucas Oil Stadium on April 26, 2013 for those Fallen in the Line of Duty and remembering those hurt in the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013.

Chaplain Gerdowsky gave the opening prayer before the climb using "A Runner Prays" – A Guest Post from Stormy Becker Falso. – submitted by Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky.

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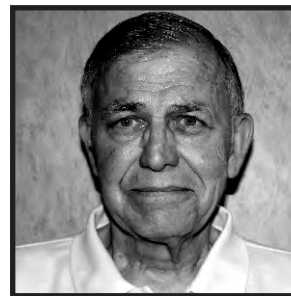
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District 8A Bill Pape – Pass.  
 District 8B Lloyd Wright – Pass.  
 District 9A Leighanne Ellis – Jr. Firefighters can be members.  
 District 9B Randy Denton – Absent.  
 District 10 John Ray – 2 deaths, 4 department meetings, 2 county meetings and 1 – 25 year pin.  
 District 11A Pete Taylor – 1 – 50 year Gold card.  
 District 11B Larry Southard – catching up on 25 year pins and working on membership.  
 District 12 Larry Bruner – Pass.  
 District 13A Carol Thrawley – 1 death, 1 – 50 year Gold card and 7 – 25 year pin.s Heroes Competition went well, had 125 registered participants. Pendleton Corrections Center no longer has a fire department.  
 District 13B Jeff Biehl – 1 Bible and grave marker. Keep Dennis Spears in your prayers, his Mother passed away on Thursday.  
 District 14 Rick Cannon – 1 death, service is pending.  
 District 15 Harry Logan – Pass.  
 District 16 Paul Holcomb – Pass  
 District 17A Sam Emery – Pass.

District 17B Steve Nolan – We have been working on the 25 year pins, went to Van Buren Fire Department with Jack Kerney and Jack Zeeks.  
 District 18 John Smith – District parade and Miss Flame Contest October 6th. If you would like to be in the parade please let them know so they will have a car for you to ride in.  
 District 19 Steve Macke – Ollie Sandberg award will be presented at next meeting.  
 District 21 George Buck – Pass.  
 President Israel announced April 30-May 1 2014 Washington DC trip. If you want to go check your work schedule. We will be taking cards at November meeting for the trip. Remember new chairmen have the first option to go.  
 We are working on new committee list.

Speakers Bureau: Jack Kerney – I will pick out some departments and call officers and assign them departments, we will just work a few at a time. We will also be conducting a contest. Each IVFA member attending a district meeting will receive a ticket, we will have a quarterly winner. The winner will be drawn at the quarterly meeting. No guest or State Officer will be eligible. We will have the rules and tickets and prizes at the November meeting.  
 President Israel presented the Governor’s Distinguished Hoosier Award to Jack Kerney.  
 PRWC Larry Bartlow made motion to adjourn. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Diane Harrison, Secretary

## DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,  
 Our July 29 meeting was held at Gregg Township VFD in Morgan County with 7 members present from 4 departments and 7 guests.  
 Larry Bartlow, PR West Central, spoke to us about the giant hogweed plant that grows along the railroads and by some waterways. The plant looks harmless but poses a serious health risk to residents. Environmental officials claim that the

plant can cause blindness and severe irritations or burns when touched.  
 Larry Curl talked about legislative issues for 2013 and 2014. At the state convention it was brought up that the value of volunteer fire service in the state of New York brings an annual savings to the taxpayers of 7.2 billion dollars. It has been considered to complete a similar survey in Indiana.  
 Our September 16 meeting was hosted by Jamestown V.F.D. with 7 members present from 4 departments and 4 guests.  
 A film was shown on pipeline safety; discussion followed. Our next meeting will be held at Lizton Fire Department on Monday, November 25 at 19:00 hours. Hope to see you there!

**Happy Holidays!**

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# Lizton firefighter receives 25 year service pin

On July 6 during a regular monthly meeting at Lizton-Union Township VFD, Brian Edwards was awarded his 25 year IVFA pin.

Brian is the vice-chairman and secretary for District 12 and he also holds the positions of secretary and treasurer on the Lizton Fire Department.

Brian, we thank you for your many years of dedication and duty to the community and to the fire service.

Pictured: Left District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and right, firefighter Brian Edwards. – submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.



## Sellersburg Fire Department holds mock crash

Todd Hooker from Midnight Towing donated all the cars for the mock crash and also won the trophy in the parade. – submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



**February 5, 2014 deadline is January 5, 2014**

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# NOTICE

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**A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT. BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION**

The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

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