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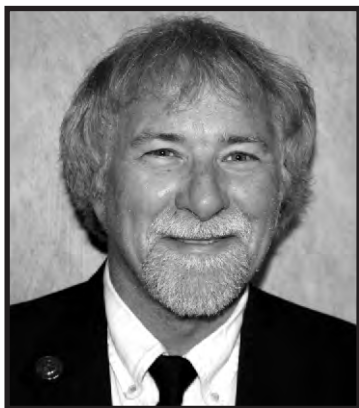
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From The President

David Israel



Wow, time flies.

My last article for the IVFA paper and I am late again.

Everyone needs to check with their District Chairman if they have not received an email on the RIGHT to Hold Office Survey. This is time sensitive so get-r-done. You can also call me, the Lobbyist Larry Curl or anyone on the Legislative Committee with any questions.

If you have legislative ideas we need to look in to, or want us to try and get something changed, or we need to watch a bill, please let us know.

Last year we set a goal of having 16,000 members by February 2014 and we met that thanks to a lot of hard work. This year we would like to reach 16,500 to 17,000 members. If you can help us spread the word to those that have been out for awhile to get them back in as IVFA members, Thank You.

They can call the Central Office at 877-606-4832 to schedule a member of the Speakers Bureau to attend their next meeting to explain our Benefits.

Good Luck Keri and Jesse. You might want to buy stock in flip-flops.

Everyone asks me what I am going to do with all my free time next year after I leave the President's office.

I should be the Chairman of the Board for a year, Speakers Bureau, chair a couple of committees, on the Legislative Committee, can attend district meetings and whatever the incoming President has me doing.

So what free time? The only thing is I can pick and choose a little.

Thank all of you for supporting the IVFA. It is a great organization to be involved in.

Have a safe winter and Happy Holidays.

Hope to see you at the District meetings.

David Israel

From the Indiana State Fire Marshal ...

*James Greeson
Indiana State
Fire Marshal*

NFIRS and NEMSIS

There has been an over abundance of issues regarding Fire House. The State Fire Marshal's office has taken this opportunity to secure funds to purchase Image Trend software. As with any State purchase there are protocols that must be followed. The Marshal's office has a tentative date for a pilot program with Image Trend to begin during the fourth quarter of this year. If you are using Fire House software and you are able to report your runs to the Fire Marshal's office, please continue to do so.

Once the pilot program is in effect, training will be offered. As we convert from the pilot program to the permanent software, all reporting departments will be trained on its usage for National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Everyone is allowed access to NFIRS as requested through Angie Biggs in the State Marshal's office. This does not mean you will report directly to NFIRS, but you will be granted access to your information (report) submitted to the state.

National Emergency Medical Service Information System

(NEMSIS) will also be a training tool. All reports will be added to an EMS Bridge in conjunction with the State Department of Health. More information will be available as soon as possible. The State Fire Marshal's office will have all previous requirements as before the change.

Letters have been sent to all fire departments requesting updated contact email addresses which will enable us to better serve our customers. Please contact Deb Giroff at dgiroff@dhs.in.gov or by telephone at 317-232-2222, to make sure the Marshal's office has your correct information. Please share this information at your district meetings in case we may have missed a department.

Angie Biggs is the contact for Gary Robison, for those of you who may not know, Gary retired in June of this year. We are waiting approval from the State Personnel Department for Angie to be permanently placed in the position that Gary held. Until that time Angie is not only assisting all of the reporting fire and EMS providers in addition to her position as the Administrative Assistant to the State

Building Law Compliance Officer, along with other assignments that may come her way. Upon approval, Angie will be devoting her attention to the Fire and EMS community full time. Angie's contact information is abiggs@dhs.in.gov phone 317-232-1404. This telephone number may change with Angie's new position.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Biggs at the information listed above or Assistant State Fire Marshal Robert Johnson rjohnson@dhs.in.gov telephone 317-233-0195.

As a side note, departments who are planning to apply for the Indiana Department Homeland Security Foundation Grant of \$4,000.00, recent difficulties with reporting will not have a negative impact on your ability to apply.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Indiana.

Sincerely,
James Greeson
Indiana State Fire Marshal



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.)

Vincennes Township Fire Department receives national recognition

The Vincennes Township Fire Department is one of 143 U.S. fire departments honored as Life Safety Achievement Award recipients by NASFM Foundation and Grinnell Mutual. The National Association of State Fire Marshal's Fire Research and Education Foundation (NASFM Foundation) and Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company are pleased to announce that 143 fire departments from 34 states earned the Life Safety Achievement Award for their fire prevention accomplishments in 2013. For over 20 years, this award has nationally recognized fire departments for actively promoting fire prevention in the pursuit of saving lives. To qualify for the award, fire departments recorded zero fire deaths in residential structures or a 10 percent reduction of fire deaths from the prior year. In addition, award recipients documented active and effective fire prevention programs as well as a commitment to reducing the number of house fires in the community. "The heroic efforts of our local fire service aren't limited to rushing into burning buildings to save families. They also present educational information to local schools and other community groups to make sure people know how to respond to fires and how to prevent them in the first place," said Alan Clark, assistant vice president of Special Investigations for training, offered multi-lingual fire prevention resources, and promoted fire safety messages at a variety of community events. Many educational programs, including school visits, fire station tours, and summer camps were designed to teach kids basic evacuation skills, how to call 9-1-1, and about firefighter equipment and gear.

In addition, fire departments led the charge to incorporate sprinkler systems into building ordinances and to inform residents about how these systems can save lives and property. In wildfire-prone areas, firefighters promoted the importance of fuel-reduction around homes. Firefighters also conducted additional life-saving programs, including first-aid and CPR courses, fire safety classes for young babysitters, and drunk driving demonstrations as well as promoted disaster preparedness and the installation of carbon monoxide detectors.

"Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires," said NASFM Foundation President Butch Browning. "Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve upon those efforts."

-- submitted by Beverly Harker, District 17A

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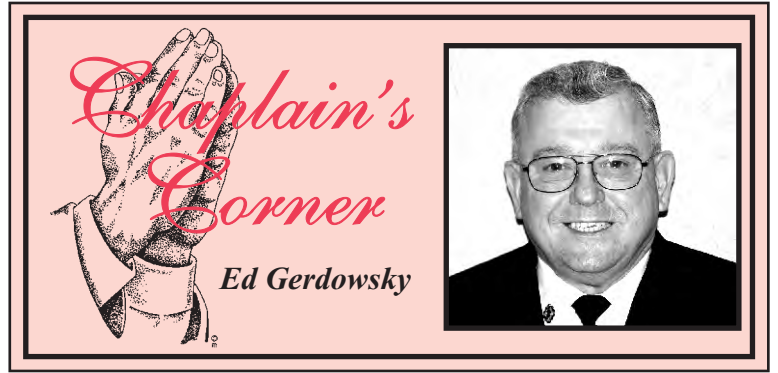
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It was good to see those who could attend the August State meeting in Indianapolis. I hope you have all enjoyed the much cooler weather we have been receiving. God does give the people in Indiana a variety of beautiful seasons to enjoy.

This will be my last letter as State Chaplain as I will be stepping down the first of the year. I feel it is time for me to step down and help out as Associate Chaplain PRSE. I will still be happy to help whenever needed or fill in for someone if they need me and I am available. I have enjoyed being your State Chaplain for almost 10 years as associate and taking State in 2008 when Jerry Cohen held that position and stepped down. Dave Elick will be taking my place in January since he was willing to run in June. He is a very dedicated man who will do a great job. I will be glad to help him with whatever he or any of the Chaplains need. I have received many thank you notes from families over the years and have enjoyed being there for our brothers and sisters when needed. It is always a privilege to serve Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as an IVFA Chaplain. I thank you for your kindness and appreciate all of you. I will still be around from time to time and hope to keep in touch. If you need me for anything please feel free to contact me.

I have been to several fire festivals and memorial services. It is always hard to lose our members and Saturday was hard when attending our District 15 Chairman, Harry Logan's funeral in Mount Vernon. Please keep his family in your prayers and any others who have passed away or need healing prayers.

Once again I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the IVFA for many years and hope to serve you still as District Chaplain PRSE. May God Bless each and every one of you for your support and may He send you many blessings!

*From God's Little
Instruction Book on Prayer*

God not only gives us answers to our prayers, but with every answer gives us something of Himself.

Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 NIV

Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky
Sept. 16, 2014

*Wishing everyone a
very blessed Holiday Season!*

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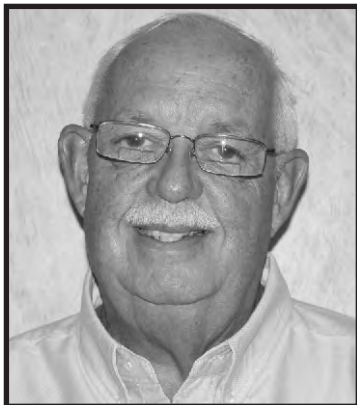
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Public Relations Director Southwest
Jack Kerney



District 15 lost a truly dedicated firefighter and District Chairman in Harry Logan.

Harry was dedicated to his wife Elaine of 50 years, his 3 children, his 6 grandchildren and the volunteer



Harry Logan fire service. Harry was Fire Chief for 8 years and Assistant Chief for 10 years with Marris Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Life Member and had logged over 4,222 emergency runs in his career.



He had countless hours of training and public service to the residents of Marris and Robinson Townships. Harry was instrumental in organizing the Posey County Fire Chief's Association and was a member of the District 10 Indiana Department of Homeland Security Training Council. Harry had received many service and community awards. In 1986 he was acknowledged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for Dedicated Service to Life and Property; 1988 he received the District 15 Midwest Award; in 1989 he received the first Marris Township Firefighter of the Year Award; in 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 he received awards from his employer of 39 years, GE Plastics. In 2004 he received the State of Indiana Hero Award, in 2011 he received the Posey County EMA Responder of the Year Award. We will miss Harry and his dedication the Volunteer Fire Service.

District 15 selected Ross Emery as their new District Chairman at their meeting at Elberfield Volunteer Fire Department. Ross is a member of the Haubstadt Fire Territory and had served as their Assistant Chief. Ross has 20 years in the Fire Service. C.L. Mitchell will continue as the Vice Chairman.

Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith



Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 5th-11th. This year's theme is Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month.

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. Almost three of five of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarm or no working smoke alarms. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment. This is a reminder to prepare the community along with our school children the proper techniques of fire safety.

IVFA Convention June 10-13, 2015, Horseshoe Casino, Elizabeth, IN. Registration and hotel information - ivfa.org.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

From The Vice President
Steve Anderson



First off, I must apologize for missing the last issue. By the time

you are reading this, the annual District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest will have occurred. For those that have never seen this event, if you ever get a chance, you need to try and make it. They traditionally have 70+ units in the parade and at least 10 contestants in the district Miss Flame contest.

I hope everyone that held Fire Prevention Week activities had a great time. Please try to post some pictures on our Facebook page and submit them to the website. We are always looking for new items for these two media sources.

I just got a letter today from State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson talking about changes coming in the state fire incident reporting system. If your person responsible for reporting records to the state has not seen this information, have them contact Angie Biggs.

Finally, I close with the hardest item I have had to report. District 15 lost one of our "Hall-of-Famers." Chairman Harry Logan (and one of

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Miss Flame Notes...

My how time flies. Seems only yesterday that we were at convention and crowning our Miss Flame for the year.

As I was checking my calendar I realized that some districts will soon in the next few weeks be selecting their Miss Flame representative for the 2015 contest.

We are looking forward to having each district represented. If you need applications, have questions or you have suggestions for the committee, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are asking that when you have your district contest that every department be notified so if they have a young lady that would be interested in being a participant they will have the opportunity. Also be sure that each participant is qualified by the written rules. If there is a question, call for clarification so we don't have to disqualify at the last minute. Make sure that the girl has the time open for the dates of the convention. These are a few of the problems we encounter when we are planning for the year.

I appreciate the feedback we get from parents, district chairmen as well as the girls. Hopefully we are able to plan a program that will benefit the girls as they plan for the future. We appreciate the support from all.

Barb Kerney

2015 Convention
June 10 through June 13

Guidelines for submitting news articles

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

IVFA MEETING
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Beverly Shores
May 21, 2014

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

Pledge was led by Tom Orrell, District #1 chairman.

Chairman Tom Orrell thanked Beverly Shores Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 9 members representing 2 departments. District 2 by 14 members and 1 guest representing 4 departments.

Chairman Orrell introduced the guests in attendance - Gold card members Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Bub Wise of Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept., Buz Koehler, Past President and Chairman of the Board, Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman, Joe Copeland of Beverly Shores Police Department, Angie Murello, member of Beverly Shores Town Board, Tyler Summers of Global, Marge Baumgardner, Secretary 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniforms, Ed Morales, Porter Twp. Trustee, Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Tonight's program was Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz wanted to speak to the group regarding what a special group the volunteer firefighters are and that he is always honored to be invited to the meetings and thanked them.

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

Treasurer's report: Paul Watland reported that there was \$150 left in the checking after giving \$250 to the Miss Flame.

Communications: None.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Tom asked the group to stand for a moment of silence for the following firefighters that have passed away:

- John Kierzkowski
- Norbert Fortner
- James Knesek
- Jake Thomas

Department Announcements were given.

Next meeting will be at Crown Point Fire Dept. on July 23th at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 winner was Mark Baumgardner, Sr.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Bill Casbon. Motion passed.

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

IVFA MEETING
DISTRICT 1 & 2
Crown Point
July 23, 2014

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge was led by Lee Ann Ellis, PRNW.

Chairman Paul Watland thanked Crown Point Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting and Tom Walters and crew for setting up. A customer from Strack's donated \$20.00 toward tonight's meal.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 10 members representing 3 departments. District 2 by 24 members and 1 guest representing 5 departments.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests in attendance - Gold card members Bub Wise of Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. and Jerry Miller of Merrillville #1, Buz Koehler, Past President and Chairman of Board, Tom Orrell, District 1 Chairman, Jack Eskridge of 1-800 Board-Up, Larry Curl - Lobbyist for I.V.F.A., Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman, I.V.F.A.A., Marge Baumgardner, Secretary 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A., Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniforms, Lee Ann Ellis - the new PRNW, Martha Thomas VP of I.V.F.A.A., Larry Polas from Global, Jeremy Campbell, Fire Service, JJ Johnson, Jim Cash, Asst. to Larry Curl, Bill Missel of Lake County Haz-Mat, Tim Raue of Station Supplies, and Mike Parks, IDHS District #1 Training.

Buz Koehler let everyone know that Mitch Parish fell today. Don't have much details except for he was on his way to hospital. Buz also talked about the I.V.F.A. newspaper. The paper is really going to miss Mitch and Jim Bradford and all the work they did on the newspaper. Buz also talked about how they were going to prioritize articles in the paper. 50 year milestones will be printed before someone's fundraiser for their department.

Lee Ann from District 9A and our new PRNW is available if you need anything, please contact. She has big shoes to fill from Jim!

Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz spoke to the group regarding two gentlemen he told us about at the May meeting. They were recognized by the State for going above and beyond helping the lady that fell and suffered a heart attack by her mailbox during the winter.

Phyllis Vargo informed the group that the next I.V.F.A.A. meeting will be at Lake Station in Sept. The November meeting will be held at Crown Point. She talked about the Miss Flame and she has applications for any girl on your department that is 13 - 18 years of age. Applications are due to Phyllis NO later than October 15th.

Mike Parks talked about the new State Firefighter Text Books. You can still use the old books; just remember the state test bank is coming from the new text books. Any questions please see Mike.

Larry Polus from Global spoke to the group regarding the passing of Tyler Summers this past Saturday.

There will be Memorial Service at 11 AM at the Merrillville Fire Department on 73rd Ave. There will be a lunch and refreshments served afterwards. Please come and join to help us remember Tyler. Funeral will be held in Ohio.

Martha Thomas talked about if you have any ladies in your department who are deserving of the Lois Boaz Award, there needs to be 3 handwritten letters sent to committee by February 1st. Please pass this along to your department.

JJ Johnson spoke regarding 1st Responder Program on new cars. If

you are interested please contact JJ for more information or a quote.

Larry Curl spoke on some of the legislations they hope to bring up this coming session, there is a study on who do we belong to - Board of Health or State Fire Marshal, also the bill regarding volunteer firefighter from holding an elected office, this bill is to take effect 1/1/15. There are approx. 500 people elected to office that will not be able to hold that office. We need to fight this law. Firefighters were the only ones named in the bill. There is a State Officers meeting Aug. 9 and 10th.

Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Mark Baumgardner, Sr. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Watland reported that there was \$174.00 in checking account.

Communications: None.

Old Business - None.

New Business: Paul talked about the State Fire Marshal has about 200 smoke detectors available if your department is interested for Fire Prevention.

Paul presented Randy Small a \$100 Gift Certificate from Shell for winning quarterly drawing. The Gift Certificate was from California Casualty.

Paul announced the 2014 Global Award to Jack Eskridge of 1-800 Board-up. Jack is always willing to help anyone. Thanks Jack for your dedication. Jack was a loss for words. He was very honored to receive this award and especially tonight with the passing of his buddy Tyler who worked for Global!

Buz and Tom presented Bill Ralph from Merrillville Fire Department with his 50 year Gold Card. Congrats Bill! They also presented Dan Ivango and Ed Yerga with their 25 year service pins. Congrats gentlemen.

Paul asked for a moment of silence in memory of Tyler Summer from Global and Merrillville Fire Department. Anyone who would like to make a donation, please do it to the Hoosier Burn Camp in Tyler's name.

Department Announcements were given. Wally Cook informed the group that Merrillville Honor Guard will be going to Ohio for Tyler's funeral. Also if you have any need for their Honor Guard please get ahold of Chief Yerga and he will get ahold of them.

Lee Ann Ellis, PRNW held elections tonight for district. Motion from the floor by Jerry Miller for Tom Orrell for District 1 Chairman. Hearing no other nomination, Marge Baumgardner cast a unanimous

ballot. Motion passed.

Lee Ann asked for nominations from the floor for District #2 Chairman. Jack Eskridge made a motion to Paul Watland for Chairman District #2. Hearing no other nominations, Marge Baumgardner cast a unanimous ballot. Motion passed. Congratulations gentlemen!

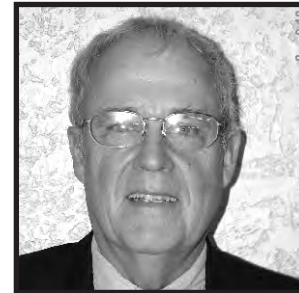
Next meeting will TBA in September.

50/50 winner was Mark Baumgardner, Sr. for \$79 who will add to this and make a donation to Hoosier Burn Camp in Tyler Summers' name. Thank You, Mark!

Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Szot, 2nd by Wally Cook. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Baumgardner
Pro-tem Secretary
District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 and 2 IVFA meetings
Liberty Twp. VFD
September 17, 2014

Pledge led by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Roll call held: District 1 - 6 members, 4 depts., District 2 - 13 members, 5 depts.

Guests: Tom Orrell, District chairman, Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, Gold card members: Bub Wise CPFR, Bill Casbon, Porter Twp., Jerry Miller, Merrillville VFD, Ed Morales, Porter Twp. trustee, Jack Eskridge, 1-800 BOARDUP, Jim Crowell, Sklarewitz Uniforms, Bill Missal, LC Hazmat coordinator, Jeremy Campbell, Fire Service.

Bob Szot and Bub Wise - motion to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Chief Brian Duncan talked about the Liberty Twp. VFD and gave a history of the department.

Speaker: Jay Craig, Porter VFD, talked about search and rescue dog and the future things that need to be done. District 1 of IDHS is a member of ground search teams and Porter VFD is also a member. Need people

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Smith which was held on August 14, 2014 at New Paris Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:45 P.M. with the Pledge led by Elton Schafer. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 23 members, and 5 guests. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved by the body.

Chairman Smith presented Elton Schafer with the 2014 Global Award due to his work and involvement in the fire service. Elton is a volunteer on both Madison Township Fire Department and Lakeville Fire Department along with being the Secretary for the 4th District I.V.F.A.

The 4th District election of officers took place with Terry Smith re-elected as Chairman and Elton Schafer re-elected as Secretary.

Jeremy Campbell from Fire Service, Inc. brought a fire truck for everyone to look at. Jeremy also discussed the district he covers and which his job entails being a Sales Representative.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME _____ IVFA # _____

OLD ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

PHONE _____ DEPARTMENT _____

NEW ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 4 REPORT

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J. J. Johnson explained to the membership about the 2015 Emergency Responder Program which is a program through Chrysler/Dodge that will allow firefighters and policemen to buy a Chrysler product at Fleet/Government pricing.

Jodi Buscio was presented to the members and is a candidate for Democratic State Representative in District 21. She stated the problems of lower wages and loss of jobs and how it has hurt the community. She explained that the unemployment rate is lower, but the average employee is making anywhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000 less a year than in previous years.

She explained that Socialists like to take a group of people (for example, Civil Servants like us) and change the rules and the laws in Indiana that forbids you the right to run for a local election office. She stated that "This is wrong" and she will try to set this straight. Jodi also stated that she wants to educate our kids, protect our working families, and will hold our government accountable without hurting children and our communities or schools.

A question was asked about her position on the Indiana School Voucher Program. Jodi stated she has a problem with this as 96% of the money goes into Christian Schools. She stated that her children attended Christian Schools until this fall and she never took a voucher because she doesn't want the government involved in religious groups because when you start picking and choosing what religious books can be used, can you have Christian items on the wall and what kind, this makes her nervous. From a financial level, \$16 million dollars went into private school vouchers and that is money that should have been used to bus our children. Jodi explained she has been a teacher for 18 years and stated that kindergartners had walked two miles to school in the snow. This is one of the reasons she is opposed to the voucher program.

Another question was asked about her view of eliminating Township Government. Jodi explained that by doing this, this gives the government all the authority to come in and run things. She wants to keep the Township Government in place because who else can handle local issues and concerns better than the local township.

Another question raised was about her thoughts on the Circuit Breaker Law which over several years has brought volunteer department to their knees, financially strapped and some of them broken. She discussed the cap on taxes and this keeps homeowners happy, but on the flip side you can't provide basic services like fire safety and good schools for kids. She stated it had gone too far and a balance needed to be made. She stated in order to eliminate the Circuit Breaker, we would have to pass a bill to eliminate it. Next, we would have to wait until the next election and then would have to pass the same bill and vote on it with 51% or more of the population's vote to eliminate the Circuit Breaker. It did become a constitutional amendment which makes it harder to undo.

A question was asked about her thoughts on volunteer fire

departments transitioning into a combination department in the Circuit Breaker Law which gives us nothing to help you with the tax and there is no money to do it. She informed the members that the volunteer departments have a budget to pay their firefighters and with the tax cap you can go above a certain percentage, so in order to get above that percentage, you have to increase taxes and you cannot do that because the Circuit Breaker has put a ceiling on your taxes and you are locked in.

PRNE Jean Smith reminded the membership that their 2015 I.V.F.A. membership dues were due by July 31, 2014. He stated that there are 14,000 members paid which is down from last year by approximately 2,000 members. He also informed the members that those purchasing the I.V.F.A. license plates are down.

Jean informed the members that the I.R.S. problem which is nationwide is having problems with non-profit organizations not paying their taxes. He stated that if they had a problem, they were to contact President David Israel for a number they could call who would be able to help them.

Jean explained what the I.V.F.A. is proposing to do to try to set HB1007 and SB167 changes so volunteer firefighters won't have to make a choice as being a firefighter or holding an elective office in the city or township they live in. The I.V.F.A.'s proposal is to take this to the mediator and the public to see if we (I.V.F.A.) can get this law amended.

Chairman Smith and PRNE Jean Smith presented Firefighter Lowell Culp with his 25 year pin.

The 50/50 was won by Lowell Culp of New Paris Volunteer Fire Department.

The next meeting will be held at Warren Township Fire Department in South Bend on October 9, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
July 10, 2014

Tippecanoe Fire Department

Guests: Jean and EJ Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs. by Chairman Kissinger. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The meeting was attended by 10 firefighters representing 4 departments. The minutes from May's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

IVFA dues are due by July 31 for members to remain in good standing.

It was reported that smoke detectors are available from the State Fire Marshal's office.

Safety Officer class Aug. 11 thru Aug. 15 in Lebanon.

Chief /Officer conference in Ft. Wayne July 28 thru August 1.

EMT course in St. Joe

Township, Ft. Wayne.

New IVFA officers are: President Steve Anderson, Vice-President Paul Holcomb.

Remaining offices stayed the same.

2014 Mr. IVFA is Jean Smith.

Commented on the Cadet Firefighter Award that is new this year.

Training switched to the Fire Engineering Handbook as of July 1, 2014.

Nappanee has a fish fry July 12 from 4 to 8 P.M.

Bourbon has a haystack supper July 11 5:30 to 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 1958 hrs.

Refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Martin

Secretary/Treasurer

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting

September 11, 2014

Urbana Fire Department

Guests:

Jean and EJ Smith

Terry and Judy Smith

The 5th District meeting was called to order at 1943 by Chairman Kissinger. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The meeting was attended by 10 firefighters representing 4 departments. The minutes from July's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

We were advised of a live fire training road show in Kokomo, September 19 and 20.

National Fire Academy Health and Safety Officer Course on December 6 and 7 @ the Public Safety Academy, 7602 Patriot Crossing, Ft. Wayne, IN.

We discussed the income tax credit for firefighters. It will provide a credit of \$500 to the individual's gross income tax.

It was commented that legislators are working on equal tax rates for all fire departments.

The Central Office will remain in Evansville. Jack and Barb Kerney running the show there.

2015 Convention is at the Horseshoe Casino Southern Indiana in Elizabeth, Indiana June 17-20.

It was remarked that there are forms available on-line for the Bridgeport Scholarship. There are (3) \$1500.00 scholarships given out each year.

Judy Smith discussed the Miss Flame contest and how to get involved.

Pleasant Twp. Laketon is having a fish fry November 1.

Next meeting at Pierceton on November 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Martin

Secretary/Treasurer

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 definitely here! Want to thank the Hudson VFD for allowing us to hold our meeting there in September. Thanks to the Hudson

VFD Chief and all of their members for their hospitality. It was greatly appreciated. I want to thank the IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl for attending our meetings and briefing us on the legislative efforts of the IVFA. He is also to be commended for his work at the Statehouse on behalf of the IVFA.

At the next District 6 meeting we will be having our new Miss Flame judging. For any of the departments in District 6 that have a candidate, please have them at our meeting listed below. It would be great to have several young ladies vie for the District 6 Miss Flame.

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.

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The location remains to be determined, although it will be in Lagrange County. 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 May 27th, 2014. Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

Congratulations to Bob Brownell of the Albion VFD on receiving his 50 year Gold Card and to Bob Beckley on receiving his 25 year card and for his 40 years on the Albion VFD. In closing, to everyone, *please be safe out there!*

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)

District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

District #7

July 21, 2014

Bluffton Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 22 members representing 10 departments. May minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East.

Chairman Bisel - Congratulations to Jean Smith for Mr. IVFA. Been to two departments since last meeting, trying to make two a month. A reminder that some reimbursement is available for personal clothing and eye glasses damaged at incident scenes. Steve Anderson will be President 2015 and Paul Holcomb will be Vice-President. Check out the paper or web site for a complete list of officers and award winners. District Miss Flame election will be at the November meeting in Berne. Miss Flame candidates have a form that needs to be filled out prior to the

meeting. Chairman Bisel would like these submitted 3 weeks prior to the meeting to verify eligibility.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Smoke detectors are still available through the fire marshal's office. IVFA dues are due July 31st. Be aware that a red dually p/u is operating in the Cromwell area doing asphalt repair work then overcharging senior citizens. The p/u has a blue light on it that they believe is a prop.

Chairman Bisel - Had two Global Award nominations this year, selected Darrel Arnold from Preble. Brian Weiss from Armed Forces Benefits is to be in the area soon. Chairman Bisel read a letter from Larry Curl, IVFA Legislator representative containing a quote from George Washington. 2015 Convention will be at Horseshoe Casino and the 2016 convention will be at Belterra Casino. Discussion was held on looking into hosting convention in the northeast part of the state.

Jean Smith, PRNE held elections for district officers. Sam Bisel nominated for Chairman. No further nominations, Sam Bisel District Chairman. Richard Sorg nominated for Secretary. No further nominations, Richard Sorg Secretary. Jerod Bryan nominated for Vice-Chairman. No further nominations, Jerod Bryan Vice-Chairman.

Next meeting will be at Sept. 15 at Bippus East.

Second roll call answered by 22 members representing 10 departments.

Good of the order - Berne breakfast July 26, Liberty Center broke ground on new station and golf outing Aug. 23.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Richard Sorg

District 7 Secretary

District #7

September 15, 2014

Bippus East Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:40 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 24 members representing 9 departments. July minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Don Kissinger - Dist. 5 Chairman, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Brandon Taylor - ProTech's.

Chairman Bisel - Thanks to Brandon Taylor and ProTech's for providing dinner this evening. Sam has been to Berne and Liberty Center for meetings since our last district meeting. One death in the state to report, it was Dist. 15 Chairman Harry Logan. Be sure to fill out your attendance cards legibly. This quarter's gas card came back to Andrew's and the cleaning kit went to Montpelier. License plate forms are available from the Central Office. They are able to process them over the phone with a credit card. There was talk at the quarterly meeting about possibly coming up with a certificate to recognize firefighters for 5 and 15 years of service. Chrysler has a purchasing program going that offers a considerable savings to first responders.

Jean Smith, PRNE - NFA Health and Safety Officer Course at the PSA Dec. 6 & 7, IN Weekend at Emmetsburg, Maryland March 13-15, registration closes Jan. 15, 2015.

Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist -

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

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IVFA is going to go back to the General Assembly to try to remove the conflict of interest for volunteer firefighters from law. We are going to try to display yard signs as well as social media and web site blitz. The IVFA has started a petition to take back to the Statehouse, looking to get 5,000 signatures. This would attempt to have the bill rewritten as a public safety issue. The IVFA is going to educate its members on how to contact and get out and talk to their elected officials. In the next session we want to address how to better balance the fire tax rate across the state, place a Public Safety Fee on tax abated properties, a tax credit for volunteer firefighters, and put the law back in that makes it illegal to run over firehose at an incident scene. The IVFA is putting together a database for IAM RESPONDING to notify members of upcoming legislation or other issues that need immediate attention.

Don Kissinger - Dist. 5 Chairman - A reminder that there is partial reimbursement available for personal items damaged at incident scenes. A form needs to be filled out, then signed by the chief and the district chairman. Then the form and the damaged article need to be turned in to the committee for a ruling.

Chairman Bisel - New membership handbooks and window decals are available up front. Armed Forces Benefit Association is going to begin working in the Adams and Jay county areas. If the representative or any representative from any of the associated insurance agencies gets pushy or obnoxious PLEASE report this immediately to the Central Office or your district chairman for follow up. There have been representatives removed for such tactics.

Next meeting will be at November 17 at Berne. It will be the Miss Flame contest. A reminder that Chairman Bisel would like Miss Flame nomination forms turned in a couple weeks prior to verify eligibility with the state. January meeting will be Chester Twp. and the March meeting and bake sale will be at Decatur.

Second roll call answered by 25 members representing 10 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello fellow fire personnel,
When you read this it will be November.

It is getting close to the new year, so Joan and myself wish you "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

As I write this, our legislative committee is busy with the next items we want them to work on.

I wish to remind everyone that you need to get your letters into the

state office about their choices for the awards. We also need to remind you about the Global Awards, also your letters for the three scholarships.

I hope that it's been a good year for your fire departments.

Remember "come home" after the fire. We've lost many members from our organization this last year.

I hope that everyone responds with safety in their minds.

See you at the district meeting.
Bill

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting at the Blountsville Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department on July 9, 2014.

Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken with 20 members from 8 departments present. There were 6 guests in attendance: J.J. Johnson, David Israel, Jeff Biels, Shon Bryum, Brian Weiss and Maureen Rammel, District 8B Miss Flame.

New business: 2015 IVFA convention, how to get new members in the IVFA and fire service, some of the old laws that we would like to change.

Shon Bryum, who is running for District 33 representative, talked about some of the things he was interested in changing if he gets elected. The group also told him of some of their concerns with the laws for the fire service. Brian Weiss told the group about the insurance that he has available for the fire service.

Second roll call was taken with how many fires and EMS runs the departments had. The total was 79 fires and 127 EMS runs.

Good of the order: Hog roasts, parades and some other types of fundraisers.

The next District 8B meeting will be held at the Daleville/Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department at Daleville on September 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. The Miss Flame contest for the 2015 Miss Flame will be held at the November 12, 2014 District 8B meeting which will be held at the Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department, Salamonina, IN at 7:30 p.m.

District 8B held their August 13, 2014 district meeting at the Daleville/Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting was called to order by chairman Lloyd E. Wright by all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 15 members from five departments. There was one guest present, Mike Dimeglio from Donnelly Fire. Thanks for all that came out as it was a very stormy night.

Chairman Wright told the members about next year's convention which will be held at the Horseshoe Casino. Also told them about the district's Miss Flame contest coming up in November

meeting which will be held at the Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department.

Ronnie Baker from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department won the cleaning supplies from the IVFA.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fire and EMS runs. There were a total of 61 fires and 122 EMS runs.

The next meeting will be held at the Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department on November 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. The Miss Flame contest will be held.

Meeting was adjourned with some refreshments.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 9B REPORT



Randy Denton - Chairman

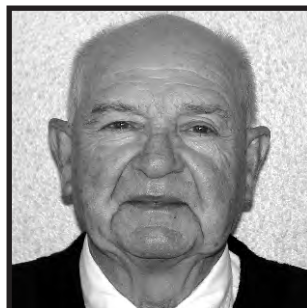
IVFA District 9B meeting was held at Monon on 9-11-14. Training was held on combines and combine fires. Guests included Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish.

Attendance was as follows: 4 Departments were represented with 18 members and with a total of 94 alarms answered since last meeting.

Next meeting will be held in Monticello on 11-13-14.

Jim Wisley

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10, Edinburg Fire Department was host for our August, 10th District meeting. Chief Alan Smith presented Casey Taylor with an award for 5 years on the department and for EMT of the Year for Edinburg Fire Department. Gary Davis from Global was on hand to present Fred Bundrick of German Township Fire Department the Global Award from District 10 for 2013-14.

District elections were held with results being - John M. Ray, re-elected Chairman and Jim Davis re-elected Secretary. Jim and I wish to thank District 10 members for allowing us to be your representatives for another year.

A program on severe weather was presented by Kit Logan of Johnson County Emergency Preparedness.

Manilla was host for the September district meeting. Tonya Rigsby of California Casualty informed us about insurance for firefighters' personal vehicles. Also, Clayton Kinder, Investigator for the State Fire Marshal's office, spoke about his duties and what the fire department can do before he arrives

on the scene that would assist him with his investigation. One important item would be to get proper consent forms signed.

The next District 10 meeting will be at Clifford Fire Department on October 15, 2014. We will eat at 7 p.m., with the meeting to immediately follow.

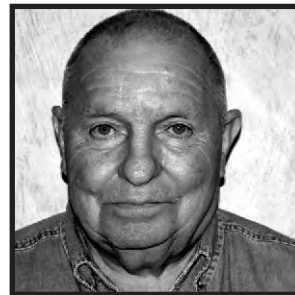
The November 19th meeting will be in Burney-Clay Twp., Decatur Co.

As the fall harvest goes into "full swing", dry and dusty conditions make for a high risk of combine, equipment and field fires. Take a break now and then to look over your equipment for potential hazards. Praying for a fire free and safe harvest!

Until next time,

John M Ray,
District 10

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from 11A,

Our district meeting was held in Brazil, Indiana at Forest Park with 11A and 11B having our annual picnic. We had speakers Tim Skinner, State Senator and Bionica Gambill, State Representative. They talked about the legislature that are hurting us as firefighters.

I gave the Global Award to John Quilliss from Thunderbird Fire Prot. Territory.

I gave out three 25-year pins and went to several fundraisers.

Any department in District 11A having any functions, let me know and I will attend.

Next meeting for 11A will be November 16 at Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department.

Hope to see you there.

Until next time, stay safe.

Pete Taylor
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

13 July 2014

IVFA District 11B meeting was held at Ripley Township Fire Department in Alamo, Indiana. Meeting opened with prayer led by IVFAA member Doris Michael. Pledge to flag was led by District Chairman Southard. Fine meal was served following prayer and pledge.

Lobbyist Larry Curl started awards presentation to Charles and Josh Newlin for the rescue of Mrs. Del Gilliatt on January 24, 2014. Presentations were made by Senator Boots - Senate District 23, Representative Negele - House District 13, Representative from the State Fire Marshal's Office Stan Copobianco presenting the State Fire

Marshal's Award. Also IVFA President David Israel presented the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Medal of Honor and District 11B Chairperson Larry Southard presented certificates from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. After comments from the presenters and from the award winners the regular meeting started.

Meeting opened with old business - your 2014 IVFA dues are due and payable. State officers present were asked if they had any comments for the meeting. IVFA President Israel had no comment at this time. Newly-elected IVFA Vice President Paul Holcomb had no comment at this time. IVFA State Treasurer Beverly Harker thanked everyone for a good state convention. Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler had no comments at this time. Representative from the fire marshal's office gave update on re-organizing and update on some of the office functions. Past President Larry Ketchum had no comments and PR Director West Central Larry Bartlow had no comments at this time.

Carly Vandivier who is District 11B's Miss Flame introduced herself and thanked everyone for supporting her in her efforts as Miss Flame for the district.

IVFA President Israel and incoming Vice President Holcomb reported on our web site, also discussed web page and posting of upcoming fund raisers on the site. President Israel also reported on an insurance benefit for members up to 60 years of age.

At this time chairperson Southard introduced officers and guests from the IVFA.

District 11B IVFAA chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests and announced the results of the election for 11B IVFAA. She also advised Alamo that since they have an auxiliary they should join the IVFAA and get the insurance benefit offered by being a member.

Elections were held for District 11B IVFA officers. Results - current officers will retain their positions for another year.

Chairperson Southard commented on the lack of attendance for the district meetings, lack of support from departments when they have 25 and 50 year members. These types of milestones should be important to the department as well as the member reaching this milestone. Next District 11B meeting will be picnic with 11A on September the 14th, 1 p.m. Next Board of Firefighter

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IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

Chair, District 18 Term: January 2012 - December 2015

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 MEETINGS

DISTRICT 11B REPORT

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Personnel Standards and Education will be on August the 12th at Fishers Fire Department at 6 p.m. Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a 50 years of service get-together on the 17th of July at 7 p.m. All are welcome. No more business to come before the meeting, so we adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
John R. Morphy
Vice Chairperson
(Acting Secretary)

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Mike Dzuba - Chairman

I would like to first off thank everyone for their confidence in me and electing me as the new chairman for the district. I am looking forward to serving you the best that I can. I would also like to thank Carol Thrawley for all the work he has put in getting the district to where it is right now. I would also like to thank my wife for the support she has given me since becoming the District Chairman.

In our September meeting we had our annual memorial service performed by Chaplain Carl Coffey to remember those members of our district that have passed away over the past year. We also had Indiana State Senator Mike Crider there to speak to the group and to answer any questions that we may have had for the upcoming legislative session. I would like to thank Sugar Creek for hosting this meeting.

As we head into the holiday season I would hope that everyone has a very safe and happy holiday.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewisville FD on November 18, 2014, so please show your support and come to our meeting.

Mike Dzuba

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14.

We have been busy this quarter trying to get out and visit departments.

We have handed out some 25 year pins and 50 year Gold cards.

As you know we are hosting the 2015 convention at the Horseshoe Casino, so if anyone wants to help, give me a call.

Also we need to know if you have anything coming up so we can get out and visit your department.

If you have any pictures you want in the paper get them to me for the next paper.

Thanks, Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 15 REPORT

Ross Emery - Chairman

It is with a sad heart that I write this district report. On September 13th, our District Chairman Harry Logan was laid to rest with honors. Our love and support go out to his wife Elaine, son Andy and daughter Lorie and their families.

Harry had given 39 years to the fire service in many capacities. He had a love of God, family and the fire service. Even through his various illnesses since his retirement from his career at SABIC he continued to devote a large portion of his time to the IVFA, DHS District 10 and his community. He was always ready to lend a hand when asked. Harry was proud that his son Andy and his grandson Cody are involved in the fire service.

Harry will be missed by those that knew him.

At our September meeting, at Elberfield Volunteer Fire Department, those attending selected Ross Emery as our new District Chairman. Ross has been involved in the fire service since the age of 16. He is committed to continuing the programs Harry had set up for the coming year. Ross's father, Sam, is the District 17A Chairman, and his mother, Marie, is the District 17A Auxiliary Chairman. Ross has held numerous positions within his volunteer fire department, and is a strong supporter of the IVFA. Ross's wife Jenny is an Auxiliary member and his 2 sons Lucas and Nathan are future firefighters. We are pleased that Ross has stepped up to lead the District.

Barb Kerney

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Josh Reisert - Chairman

It's been a busy time for me since I took chairman.

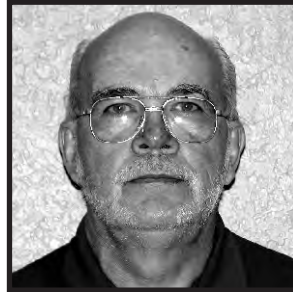
I've been to Little York with the IVFA Trailer for the tractor pull. Also went to Southeast Fire Dept. for their annual fish fry. Also gave them a clock for their new building and took pictures of their new rescue. Visited District 14 for the meeting and visited them at Sellersburg Celebrates at the IVFA Trailer.

We did have a 50 year pin presented by the president at Paoli Fire Departments' building dedication. New Middletown VFD fire supper is October 18 at the elementary school, 2460 New Middletown Rd SE, Corydon, Indiana 47112.

Don't forget to register for convention. There is a registration form in the paper or online. Also, second round of dues notice has been sent out; if you receive it contact me.

Josh Reisert
District 16 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

July 10th I attended the Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

July 16th District 17A meeting was held at Sandborn VFD. Jack Kerney and Larry Curl presented items and information on items of interest to those in the Fire Service. Thanks to Sandborn VFD for hosting our meeting and the meal provided.

August 5th I presented Highland Twp. VFD Shawn Clayton his 25 year pin. Thanks for your years of service.

August 7th I attended the Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

August 8 and 9 attended the state officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

August 11th I attended the Greene Cty. Firefighters Association meeting at Lyons VFD.

August 14th a memorial service for Patoka Twp. VFD member Christopher Peak. My condolences to the family for their loss.

August 24th the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. had a picnic at the Lyons Park. A good attendance and food with games for the kids. A good time was had by all.

August 30th a memorial service for Odon VFD member John Sibray. My condolences to the family for their loss.

September 4th I attended the Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

September 6th I attended a pancake breakfast at the Spurgeon VFD. Great meal. Hope you had a good day.

September 17th District 17A was held at the Plainville VFD. Remarks pertaining to the fire service were made by VP Steve Anderson and treasurer Bev Harker. A very informative talk was given by J. J. Johnson on issues of interest. I also presented Plainville VFD firemen David Mallett and Roger Smith their 25 year pins. Thanks for your years of service. Many thanks to Plainville VFD for hosting our meeting and the great meal provided.

September 20th I attended the Scotland Festival. This was the 50th year for it. The Taylor VFD had our stand which both the department and our auxiliary work. A good day was had.

September 27th I attended the Washington VFD 40 year open house/dedication ceremony. Chief Anthony Wichman had a great program to present to those in attendance. I presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the department. I then presented 25 year pins to department members Kenny Showalter and David Gray. Thank you for your years of service. Remarks were made by PRSW Jack Kerney and a comment by Bev Harker. A good program and a good job.

Our next District 17A meeting will be November 19th at the Lyons VFD. Hope to see you there.

Until next time stay safe.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

Our last meeting was on August 13th at Fruitdale VFD in Brown County. We had 10 departments present with 28 people in attendance. Guests included: IVFA President David Israel, IVFA Vice President-elect Paul Holcomb, Past President Jack Zeeks, Past President and Public Relations Southwest Jack Kerney, IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl, IVFAA 17-B Chairperson Dawn Harris and Heather McGlocklin IVFA 17-B Miss Flame.

Others included Lona Huffman from Ezzel Group, Tonya from California Casualty, JJ Johnson from Bob Poynter Trucks.

Jack Kerney presided over our election of officers and all were re-elected:

Chairman: Steve Nolan
Vice Chairman: Bobby Brown
Secretary/Treasurer: Luke Klunder

Sergeant of Arms: LD Martin
Our next meeting is October 15th at Owen Valley VFD, 401 West Walnut, Spencer, IN.

Our December meeting is at Marion Twp. VFD, 4532 St. Rd. 37, Mitchell, IN.

Please keep informed of current events by attending our meetings.

Thank you,
Steve Nolan
District 17B

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 17 July meeting of District 18 was held at the Grandview Community Center with the Grandview VFD as our host. 56 members representing 20 departments and 1 Individual member answered roll call and reported a total of 359 calls answered.

The District 18 Global Award was presented to Matt Conen of the Grandview VFD for his efforts in the rescue of a young lady involved in an automobile accident. *See article in the District 18 Section of the paper.*

The election of district officers was conducted. As a result, the only changes were that of Vice-Chairman and District Chaplain. My thanks to Jeff Vaupel and Bro. Benjamin Brown for their service to District 18 over the past years. In August, I was involved with the service in which we sadly bade farewell to Chris Peak, Chaplain of the Patoka Twp. VFD. His death was a tragedy, but one I hope that we all can learn from.

The 18 September meeting was held at the Huntingburg Fraternal

Order of Eagles with the Huntingburg VFD as our host. 65 members representing 21 departments and 2 Individual members answered roll call and reported a total of 297 runs. I had the great honor of assisting State President Israel with the presentation of the Medal of Valor. *See article in the District 18 Section of the paper.* I had the privilege to hear and meet former FDNY Commissioner Thomas Van Essen during his speaking engagement at Vincennes University on 16 September.

At the time of writing, harvest has begun in this area. The time of fire associated with agriculture is upon us. By the time you read this National Fire Prevention Week will have come and gone. I hope that all of you made the most of this opportunity to educate the public on fire safety. The next meeting of District 18 will be held in Schnellville on 20 November.

Until the next time "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello,

Hope everyone had a great summer. With fall coming it is that time of the year to check chimneys and stoves and furnaces. It also is fire prevention; hope that every department can get out and talk to the kids in your community. Tell them about changing the batteries in their smoke detectors and how to be fire safe.

Our last meeting was held at Brookville Fire where we had election of officers. The results were Chairman Stephen Macke, Vice Chairman Randy Hornsby, Secretary Mark Marsee, and Chaplain Doug Butt.

Our next meeting will be held at Aurora Fire November 20 @ 7pm with Miss Flame judging. If you have anyone interested in running, send an email to:

tmarsee8@hotmail.com.

We will also be planning the 2016 convention to be held at Belterra Casino; if you are interested in helping contact me @ 812-212-5647. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Stephen Macke
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



Jack Eskridge (c) of 1 - 800 Boardup was presented with the Dist. 2 Global Award for 2014 by Larry Polas of Global Emergency Products.



Randy Small of Lowell VFD was presented with the \$100 gas card from California Casualty.



Keith Anderson of Crown Point Vol. FD received a plaque for 5 years membership.



Bub Wise of Crown Point Vol. FD is presented with a plaque for 55 years membership.



Jefferson Township grant awarded

Jefferson Township Vol Fire Dept in Sulphur Springs, Henry County recently received a grant from Nine Star Connect's Operation Round up. This grant will go towards the purchase of a Thermal Image Camera for the department. The TIC has been ordered and after training will be pal ex in service.

Pictured are (l to r) - Chief Kip Jones, past Chief Don Shaw, Training Officer Joseph Hilburt and Dept. President Patrick Hilburt. - submitted by Joseph Hilburt FF/EMT-P Training Officer.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, chairman



Elton Schafer was presented the District 4 Global Award. Elton is a firefighter for both Madison and Lakeville Fire Departments. Pictured (left to right) – Jean Smith PRNE, Elton Schafer and Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Nappanee FD holds fish fry



Chief Don Lehman of Nappanee Fire Department is shown directing supporters to their seating to enjoy the delicious being served.



25 year pins were presented to those who had served their community by District 4 chairman from Bristol Fire Department. Pictured (left to right): Assistant chief William (Fred) Genslinger, William Dempster, District 4 chairman Terry Smith, Leo Glenn Frankenberger and Michael Davis.



Those volunteering their time to cook up the delicious fish for everyone to eat.



The community coming out to support the fish fry and enjoy their dinner.



Chief Douglas Weldy received his 25 year pin and Certificate of Appreciation from District 4 chairman Terry Smith.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District Chairman



Scott Eads, Urbana Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith.



Stan Bagley, Pleasant Twp. Fire Department, Wabash Co., Receives his 50 year Gold Card and pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



The 1st place winner was the Montplier Volunteer Fire Department. Presenting the trophy is Dave Jellison from the Portland Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Brian Mahorney, Brandon Barnell and Dave Jellison.



The 2nd place winner was the Albany Volunteer Fire Department. Presenting the trophy is Dave Jellison from the Portland Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Nate Smith and Dave Jellison.



The 3rd place winner was the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department. Presenting the trophy is Dave Jellison from the Portland Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Seth James, Andrew Storie and Dave Jellison.

Portland Fire Department waterball contest

On July 4, 2014 the Portland Fire Department held their annual waterball contest after the parade at the Jay County Fairgrounds. Winners are pictured at left.

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- 1. Offer and Acceptance.** Submission of the 2015 Vendor's Agreement form attached hereto, along with a 50% non-refundable deposit. The remainder of payment is due by June 1, 2015.
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Each inside space includes: an 8' x 8' booth with, (1) 6' table (skirted), and 2 chairs.

*Other items (IE: power & phone lines), can be rented from the hotel for \$30.00.

Apparatus area description: Apparatus displays will be in the south parking lot next to the convention center. (Vendors are responsible for tables and chairs).

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
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CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
AUGUST 9-10, 2014

Vice President Anderson called meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Vice President Anderson called on incoming Vice President Paul Holcomb to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

Vice President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the May 2014 meeting. PREC Don Cushman made motion to accept the minutes as printed. District 18 Chairman John Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vice President Anderson introduced three new District Chairmen, Jeremy Reef District 9A, Mike Dzuba District 13A and Josh Reisert District 16.

Vice President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Harker reviewed how to fill out vouchers for the new District Chairmen. We have paid 2 Bridgeport line of duty deaths this year. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. PRNE Jean Smith made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Officer: Jack Kerney – We have corrected many addresses that have come in through dues packets so we will not be sending out a bad address report until after newspapers are mailed. District Chairmen, please check your deceased list, if it says per roster it means office was notified by department paying dues and not District Chairman about a death so please make contact with those departments and make sure we are getting the Bibles and grave markers to those families. Membership from January 1 to August 6, 2013 was 13,418; same time frame for 2014 was 14,150. License plates for 2013 were 2,057 and in 2014 were 1,928. We sent letters to 12 departments that have never been members, we got 1 department back in but it did take 4 months. Our goal for membership for 2014 is 16,500 and for 2016 our goal is to get back to the 17,000 mark. We have 118 departments not paid. When we get back we will be sending second dues packets out to those 118 departments that have not paid and will continue to work on them through the Speakers Bureau and District Chairmen and Central Office. JL Systems contract has

been signed and we will be moving forward.

Vice President Anderson – Next 25 year report you receive please go through it and see if there are any errors that you don't agree with. I went through every newspaper that I had and looked for articles about members receiving 25 year pins. I turned in my findings to the Central Office. The dates that these were entered were July 1st and 2nd.

Vice President Anderson introduced Brian Weiss – AFBA was created in 1947 when for profit insurance companies would no longer insure the military so AFBA stepped in to provide supplemental life insurance for the military. From 1947 to 9-11 that is all we did was provide insurance to military members. Many insurance companies have exclusions in their policies that do not cover emergency personnel while doing their duties. AFBA has decided to take its military coverage and offer it to First Responders around the country to police, fire and EMS. It is designed around the military coverage, absolutely no exclusions. Act of war, act of terror covered, and all of your activities covered. Suicide covered after 2 years. We offer a free \$5,000.00 no exclusions life insurance policy it covers everyone 18 to 59 24/7 on or off duty, they are renewed annually. First Responders can get additional coverage if needed. AFBA does not allow marketing or selling. The way this works, I would come to your department; the talk takes about 10 minutes and then I have to meet with each individual member which takes about 3 minutes per person. My contact information is 317-479-2062.

Vice President Anderson introduced Tonya Rigsby, California Casualty – It has been a very busy last couple months for me so I apologize for not getting to all the meetings. I am the only representative for Indiana right now but I do promise to get to as many meetings as I can. I use your website to do my schedule but you can also email me if you have any meetings that you would like me to come to. Please register to win the Harley Davidson or the Firehouse makeover. District 13B Chairman Jeff Beihl, 2014 convention committee thanked California Casualty for sponsoring the 2014 golf outing at convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee: Chairman Vice President Anderson – I will be trying to get a meeting scheduled for the November meeting to put together a standard form that goes to each award. A couple of awards have good ones and the rest do not.

Younger Member Task: Chairman Jerry Sprague – Discussed recognition of younger members in the newspaper. 10 year certificates which we will bring up in board action. We discussed having an award for Fire Department of the Year. We will be doing research on a class that someone attended at the Fire Academy called *Shaping the Future*, would like to condense it to one day and have a class in each PR area.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison – We talked about numbers that Jack Kerney covered in his report. Paul Watland is contacting Charlie and working on the possibility of putting

together a bus trip to see the 9-11 memorials in New York.

Chairman of the Board Koehler – Any district chairman needing help contacting departments please contact the members of the Speaker's Bureau. Any of us would be more than happy to help you any way we can.

Speakers Bureau: Chairman Jack Kerney – We have gotten 17 departments back in. If you need any help please let us know.

Public Relations and Education: Chairman Jack Zeeks – We need to do some work on the trailer. No one would own up to how the damage happened on the trailer. Carol Thrawley has 3 more dates this year for the trailer. Don Cushman has someone that has volunteered to fix the trailer. At the end of the year we will be sitting down and discussing the trailer. IRC is coming up in August, anyone wishing to help please let Carol know.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith – Pass.

Editor's Assistant: Buz Koehler – Ask at your meetings if everyone is getting their newspapers. Please use good pictures and have descriptions with them. If you have any ideas for changes and/or set priorities for the newspaper please let Buz know.

Buz reported on Jim Bradford still having a difficult time with health issues. Mitch Parish fell and his wife Jean had a heart attack, both are doing well.

Ad Solicitor: Buz Koehler for Mitch Parish, no report.

President Israel introduced Tom Hanify, Matt Brunner and Mike Whited.

Tom Hanify – President Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana – I am here to talk about HB 1229. It was the Marion County Fire Consolidation bill. The Mayor of Indianapolis and City Council decide if fire services in Marion County should consolidate. Next year we intend to bring the bill back again. Over the years we have been merging volunteer fire departments to career departments. We have organized them into the union one organization and it has been very successful. It saves the union money and in the consolidation we were able to consolidate services and able to make it less expensive and enabling us to bargain for better benefits and safer conditions for our members. So now we have merged 5 of the career departments into the City of Indianapolis. There are 3 departments on the West side that are holding out - Wayne Twp., Pike Twp. and Decatur Twp. 350 members in those departments; it is overwhelming 80% that want to see this happen, no volunteers in any of these departments. Today they are all career exclusive departments. Today we are here to ask this organization that opposed this merger last year, I don't know why I talked to President Israel, conference call with the legislative committee. But for some reason this organization took positive opposition to this bill but we need this to happen. Let me give you an example. Matt and I get blown off the porch together, we both break our backs. His family will get less of benefit than mine. 1 City under 1 Mayor and we think it works more efficient and helps us bargain for better benefit for our members and better safety and that's where I think everyone in this room is all about so I am asking you to support this year's

bill it only affects Marion County and only affects the fire service in Marion County, it does not affect any other services. I heard Larry Curl say, "well anything can happen, once you go to bills like that anything can happen." Well first of all that is absolutely true and any bill can be amended; stripped and inserted, anything can happen at that General Assembly. But we control this bill, the author can always kill the bill and I will make the commitment to everybody here that if something happens with bill that would hurt anything further than what I just said, the author will withdraw the bill, immediately kill the bill and I don't care if it passes both Houses and is ready to go conference committee, the author can kill the bill, that's the beginning and that's the end. That's the commitment I will make to every single individual here.

Matt Brunner – Good afternoon, my name is Matt Brunner and I started at Hazlewood Fire Department in 1997. I started out as a volunteer, since then I moved on to Decatur Twp. and I am still an IVFA member; we have 40 some members at Decatur Twp. that are IVFA members, none of them are volunteer, they are all career. However, they have other jobs at other volunteer departments. You know this job is in my heart, this is who I am, what I want to do just like you guys. So I don't completely understand and that is why we are here today. This organization that I have been a part of since 1997 is trying to block this merger that would benefit me, that would help me and my department out. If I get injured it would help me out with my pay, my insurance, my other Brothers and Sisters on these 3 departments would benefit also. It

has absolutely nothing to do with the IVFA but I'm a member of the IVFA and I guess one of the questions I have is why are you guys fighting so hard to stop this bill? It's a Marion County issue and I have supported you guys for 17 years and it seems like no one wants to hear why we are here. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to talk to you.

Tom Hanify – Does anyone have any questions on what we are trying to do? It is pretty straight forward, it's a matter of an issue within the fire service in Marion County. Anybody have any questions?

President Israel – If the bill is passed you said it only stays in Marion County. But in 3 to 5 years down the road they can go outside Marion County and do the same thing.

Tom Hanify – They would have to pass another bill.

President Israel – Wouldn't they be able to tag on to the present bill?

Tom Hanify – No, it affects Marion County only; if they would want it in any other County they would have to do all new legislation. I would be glad to answer any questions.

Vice President Anderson – You used the death benefit as an example, so are Evansville, Jeffersonville and Gary 3 paid departments in the state. Is the death benefit different for those 3 departments?

Tom Hanify – Everyone, we all get the same death benefit. I was talking about the death benefit through their departments. Example: Matt has 3 children, he would make 10,000 less because the pension base is different and we do run together and that's what we are talking about we are running on the same runs

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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.
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County Of Residence Amount Paid \$ Check #

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same city asking for the ability if possible General Assembly doesn't do anything, what it does is give the powers to the Mayor and City Council to make that decision. Thank you for taking your time. I hope at least you understand this, I am not asking for your support on the bill, I am asking for you not to oppose it. It doesn't affect any volunteer departments. I figure at least 50% of the firefighters came thought the volunteer ranks. I would like to know what you decide, I need to know. Remember memorial service 11 or 11:30 on September 10th at State memorial in Indianapolis.

Vice President Anderson – Tom you were at convention BFSS. Did you attend meeting Saturday after convention?

Tom Hanify – Yes. We came together, talked about all issues that people are talking about, hot issues about training; one thing I will tell you this. Everybody on Board is sensitive to the unfunded mandates. Everybody gets that I think the Board's point is how we do valid testing without interfering with the needs. There was a lengthy discussion, why does a large element in the fire service feel picked on, we didn't really come up with a conclusion. The biggest issue is cheating on test. Discussion on 17 year old testing, it's a matter of liability for the practicals. Are there any other questions? Sorry for your loss. I appreciate you listening to this important issue that affects

these 350 members. It's worked very well, it's Marion County only and I make a personal commitment to everyone here that if this bill got fuzzy or funny anything more that affecting Marion County and these 3 departments essentially. We would yank that bill, we have that commitment, we would be happy to meet with whoever you have there with that legislator making that clear. Thanks for your time, if you need anything call me.

Website: Chairman David Israel – I still got 5 - 7 updates to do that Jack's been sending me. We are looking at advertisement on the website in conjunction with the newspaper. We still have a lot of work to do on the website. We are having trouble with some of the email addresses. If events are going on in your district get them on the website. Director Hill has asked us to put a tab on our website to link to NIFERS question site. We are looking in to doing this. You know there is a big push for the Board of Health to take over the EMS side. Director Hill has talked to the staff pushing this and put a stop to it. Director Hill is now the Director of Public Safety in the State of IN, he is a cabinet member of the Governor. He is the go-to for all the other agencies also.

Facebook: Paul Holcomb – At the request of our membership we have integrated twitter with facebook. It will simultaneously send out to twitter as it is put on facebook. It is like an instant feed, the twitter address is

@IVFA_online

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith – Pass.

Convention 2014: Chairman Larry Bruner – We are looking pretty good. Going to have a meeting tomorrow; thank you for your support and the opportunity to host convention.

President Israel – Thought convention went very well, can't control the hotel.

Convention 2015: Chairman Paul Holcomb – everything is on track.

Training Committee: Chairman Steve Anderson – BFSS scheduled for Monday, August 11 has been cancelled; next meeting September 22 in Madison Twp. at Madison IN. We are still working on getting that civilian position filled.

Larry Curl - White paper on the training academy has been completed, sent to Governor's staff for review, they suggested some changes, the changes have been made, they are waiting on a date to meet with the Governor, hoping to have it done by middle of August. As soon as it goes to Governor and they find out what his opinion is of the information we will go back to revisit, change, alter or if he accepts, it will go to legislation then out to the fire service. The committee that is presenting it to the Governor is John Buckman, Fire Marshal Greeson and Director Hill.

Larry Curl – Would like to readdress the 17 year old issue. I understand what Tom said and the minutes I read. But I don't understand how 17 year olds can do

practicals but not allowed to take written test. The Board is worried about liability issues.

President Israel – Have you heard any departments that have lost or reinstated 501c3. Senator Dan Coates has someone that can help with this in his office. President Israel has the contact information if anyone needs it. The young lady asked me to write a letter of endorsement for the bill that they are trying to get through. Senator Coates is doing some kind of get-together in Indianapolis, like to have some fire departments there.

NVFC: Chairman Jack Kerney: The next meeting in September in Louisiana. They sent the committee list. I am on 4 committees. The NVFC are also working on the IRS problem, it is a nationwide problem. There are some scholarship opportunities available through Columbia Southern University. If you are a member of the NVFC you can apply for these scholarships.

President Israel - NVFC used to be, we only sent one member and had an alternate. Then we started sending 2 members. I had an individual that said he would like to be able to attend. The Executive Board discussed this last night, we are going back to having one member and have an alternate. Jack Kerney said there was no way he could attend all the committee meetings. After discussion, Past President Jack Kerney made motion to send two members to the NVFC meetings. District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger made the second. Motion carried by

voice vote. I have one individual that has requested to be the second person, is there anyone else that is interested in attending? With no one showing any interest PRNE Jean Smith will be the second member attending these meetings.

In-Time: Chairman Jack Zeeks – We haven't had a meeting since convention.

Legislative: Lobbyist Larry Curl – Legislative agenda for 2015 traveled around the State trying to get input from everyone; not a lot of input. Last year House Bill 1078 – the income tax credit volunteer firefighters proposed by Representative Hamm. David and I went to his office and he has offered to bring that bill back. We are going to look into tax abatement properties or tipped districts of which we don't receive any funds for those. We are going to attempt to get a piece of legislation together that says even if you go through tax abatement or a tipped district you still have to pay for Public Safety. We have talked for years about the unfairness of a fire tax rate. We believe that your fire contract is based upon a percentage of your assessed valuation. You can look at the DLGF website you will see what other departments are receiving. We are trying to understand how the rate was established. There has been a proposal that we try to get a single percentage to the fire tax rate then multiply it times the assessed valuation to come up with a fair and equal fire budget. The General

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

**IVFAA
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Leona Uryga**



I.V.F.A.A. State Meeting
August 10, 2014

President Barb Kerney opened the meeting with a poem. Chaplain Joann Hays recited a prayer. The Pledge to the Flag was said by all. The grandson of Sgt-of-Arms, Marlene Poling has passed away.

Recording Secretary June Cahill had roll call with 20 officers, 11 members and 2 guests present.

A motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded by Carol Curl to accept the minutes with corrections as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the financial report. Stands approved until audit.

A thank you card from Barb and Jim Parker was read.

June Cahill reported that for 2014-2015 there are 45 Depts., 137 Ind., 641 paid by Depts. and 25 Life members. The total is 803. She reported for 2013-2014 were 62 Depts., 247 Ind., 872 paid by Depts. and 25 Life members. Total of 1144.

Joann Hays reported that there were three deaths since the convention. She needs to know that every district have at least one Bible each. Charlie Baker's granddaughter is very ill.

Vice President Martha Thomas reported that her project had an income of \$2500.00. A suggestion was made that each district bring only one basket for the Chinese Auction. They asked that the Miss Flames don't bring a basket. Will talk about more at the November

meeting.

By-law Chairman Phyllis Vargo handed out binders with the by-laws inside. Each District Chairman will make copies for their members. Lou Bartlow made a motion and seconded by Joyce Nevil to give the by-laws to the past presidents. Motion carried.

Auditing chairman Diane Gray will have a committee meeting on Nov. 8 at 3:00.

Finance Chairman Lou Bartlow will need a report from all committees on their estimated expenses for the year.

Lois Boaz Chairman Pam Gerdowsky asked the ladies to write three letters. The same letter is sent to each of the committee members - Pam Gerdowsky, Martha Thomas and June Cahill. They were asked if the letters could be typed instead. Pam will look up the rules and report at the Nov. meeting.

E.J. Smith, Miss Flame Chairman, talked about the corrections to the recipe books. She will have a meeting on Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. Carol Curl thanked Tatijana Marsee for all her help with the Miss Flames at the convention.

The financial committee will have a meeting at 1:00 on November 8.

President Barb Kerney hasn't heard anything from the IRS. So far the taxes have been sent in and we don't have a gambling license still. She will get in contact with them.

The fire proof file cabinet for the Corr. Sec. will cost \$1000.00.

At 2:00 on November 8 there will be a class for the new district chairmen and they are to bring their folders from last year.

June Cahill will figure on how much income will be for each year on the dues that were paid in advance.

The meetings for 2015 are as follows at the same hotel: Feb. 7-8, May 2-3, Aug. 8-9, and Nov. 7-8.

The next meeting this year is Nov. 8-9.

The convention next year is June 10-13 at Elizabeth, IN at the Horseshoe Casino. The hotel is \$100.00. The registration \$60.00 per person until June 1, 2015. Information will be in the I.V.F.A. paper.

Next meeting we will do the honesty bag. We are asked to bring a snack also.

Joann asked if those who were at the memorial service if they got crosses and bulletins and they can have more.

Joann dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Recording Secretary,
Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the May 8, 2014 District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

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

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was given by Lauren Bustamante of St. John Auxiliary.

Roll call was taken - 14 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 3 individual along with 1 guest.

Phyllis thanked St. John Auxiliary for hosting this month's district meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray the cost of hosting. This is the first time St. John hosted a district meeting, they are a new auxiliary.

Phyllis introduced guests Paul Watland, District #2 I.V.F.A. chairman and Tom Orrell, District #1 I.V.F.A. chairman.

Motion by Martha Thomas and seconded by Tom Orrell to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$531.00 checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Phyllis talked about information from the state officer's meeting. There are 58 departments with 822 members, 233 individual and 25 life members for a total 1,080 auxiliary members in the State. State dues will increase to \$10 per member effective July 1st. If you want to pay your membership

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Barbara Parker

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MEMORIAL THROW

Carol Curl

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

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT

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ahead you can still at the rate of \$5 up to July 1st, and must postmark not later than July 1st. Please send them to Phyllis first. There are 23 girls in the Miss Flame this year at convention. Girls will be making a recipe book to sell for \$2. Proceeds will go to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Next Convention will be in Elizabethtown on June 10-13, 2015. Mark your calendars.

At this year's convention there will be 3 By-law changes up for vote. The group voted as follows:

Bylaw change #1 - the group recommended to vote yes for change.

Bylaw change #2 - the group recommended to vote yes for the change.

Bylaw #3 - the group recommended Phyllis to vote No for the change.

State Raffle: There will be no raffle this year at convention. The State will be only doing the Chinese Auction.

Donna Szafranski asked about how to get more people to the district meeting. She asked about getting speakers. Also may be changing the meeting back to the first Thursday of the month.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Jackie Rench to change the meeting back to the first Thursday meeting of the month. Motion passed.

Laura Bustamante wanted to thank the district for the \$100 check for reimbursement for the meal.

Martha Thomas wanted to thank everyone who came to Jake's wake and funeral, especially Phyllis and Jim for support they gave her and her family during this difficult time.

Meeting for 2014-15 are as follows:

Sept 4th - Lake Station
Nov 6th - Crown Point
March 5th, 2015 - Lowell
May 7th, 2015 - St. John

Department Announcements:

Crown Point Fire Fill the Boot for Hoosier Burn Camp Thursday, May 16th from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Ride to Burn Camp will be Wednesday, May 28th leaving Crown Point Fire Station by 7 a.m.

Crown Point Fire Dept. Annual Golf Outing Saturday, June 21st at Summer Tree Golf Course. Call the fire station for more details.

Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast June 14th - 7-11:30 a.m.

No 50/50 held.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 4th at Lake Station Fire Department.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Laura Bustamante to adjourn. Motion passed.

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

Minutes of the September 4, 2014 District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:25 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was given by Becky O'Boyle of Lake Station Auxiliary.

Roll call was taken. 13 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 1 individual along with 1 guest.

Phyllis thanked Lake Station Auxiliary for hosting this month's District Meeting and presented them with the \$100 check to help defray

the cost of hosting. Lake Station Auxiliary thanked them for the donation but has voted to return the \$100 back to the District.

Phyllis introduced guest Paul Watland, District #2 I.V.F.A.A. chairman.

Motion was made by Becky O'Boyle to approve the minutes with the correction of the location of next year's convention to Elizabeth instead of Elizabethtown. Martha Thomas 2nd, motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$531.00 checking. The report stands as read for audit.

Old Business: Phyllis commented how we changed the date of our meeting back to the first Thursday of the month and still have the same people. We are obligated to hold 4 meetings a year per State By-laws. There was a discussion on the floor on how to get our younger ladies to the meeting. Phyllis stated that members are more than welcome to bring children if that will help them make a meeting.

Phyllis talked about applications for Miss Flame which are due by October 15.

Phyllis asked the membership about going back to speakers at the meeting. Talk about some topics that might be good for some of your younger moms - Car Seats, CPR training and Hoosier Burn Camp. Membership asked Marge to send out an email now with this information on it instead of waiting for district cards. Also they would like a reply back to everyone I email and to confirm that I have the right contact person for the department.

Phyllis talked about 2014 Convention. It was good. Talked about the By-law changes. The State went to a 3-ring binder for the State By-laws instead of printing the little booklet up. Save the state approximately \$500 for the little booklet to approximately \$70.00 for the binders. Phyllis will make 10 copies of this By-law binder and pass out at the next district meeting for the departments.

Phyllis and Martha Thomas talked about the taxes, everything is in to the IRS, and we are just waiting on their ruling. Hope to have this settled by the year end.

Martha Thomas was elected as VP for the State 2014/15. Congratulations Martha!

Martha Thomas talked about the Gift Basket that they had at this year's Convention. There were 51 baskets. The project took in approximately \$2,500.

New Business: Motion was made by Lois Patenaude, 2nd by Martha Thomas for District 1 & 2 to donate 1 gift basket from each District with approximate value of \$50.00 for the State Convention next June. Motion passed.

Motion by Becky O'Boyle, 2nd by Lois Patenaude to hold a Silent Auction at the November district meeting. Each auxiliary is asked to bring 3 Holiday items for the auction. Motion passed.

Department Announcements:

LOFS Pancake Breakfast Oct. 12-7 am-Noon. Adults \$6, under 12 \$3.

LOFS Crazy Bunco Sunday, Oct. 26th Food at Noon - Game @ 1. Tickets \$13.00.

Lake Station Trunk & Treat on Oct. 27th from 5-8 at American Legion Parking Lot.

Crown Point Fire/Auxiliary Fire Prevention Open House Sunday, Oct. 5th TBA.

Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary

Crazy Bunco Sunday, Nov. 2nd TBA.

Men's District #1 meeting Sept. - TBA.

Men's District #2 meeting November 19th at Lake Dale. No 50/50 held.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 6th at Crown Point Fire Department.

Motion by Tony Waitkus, 2nd by Linda Watland to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec., District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

July district meeting was held at LaOtto Fire Department. We held election of officers.

District Chairman E.J. Smith, Secretary Kimberly Smith, Treasurer Virginia Elick, Sergeant-of-Arms Kristen Hormann, Chaplain E.J. Smith.

September meeting was held at Hudson Fire Department. Our November meeting will be November 12th on Wednesday at Howe Fire Department. We will hold our Miss Flame contest.

Next year's IVFA Convention will be held at Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana, registration \$60.00, rooms \$100.00.

It is time to start writing letters and nominate those who are deserving of these awards: Lois Boaz, Miriam Schaeckel Awards.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at 260-639-3231 or EJS6District@aol.com

E.J. Smith

6th District Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

District 7
September 15, 2014

District 7 meeting was held at Bippus East on September 15, 2014. Meeting was called to order by saying the "Pledge to the Flag".

Roll call: 2 Geneva, 1 Decatur, 1 Poe, 1 Individual, Carol Curl from Wayne Township.

State officer's minutes were discussed. Next officer's meeting November 8th and November 9th. Treasurer's report remains the same.

The by-laws were handed out to 2 members that were there. The others will be sent or given to the department auxiliary president.

The next meeting will be at Berne November 17 at 7 p.m.

Miss Flame will be judged at that time.

Christmas exchange is \$5.00.

Geneva Halloween parade and

chili supper is at 4 p.m., parade at 7 p.m.

Decatur parade Monday, October 27 at 7 p.m.

Berne parade Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Door prize was won by E.J. Smith. Adjourned the meeting at 8:10 by E.J. Smith and seconded by Diana Gray.

Minutes were taken by Diana Gray in the absence of Bev Lockwood.

District 7 chairman
Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello ladies,

Well it is hard to believe we are into fall already! Summer went fast. I'm looking forward to the beautiful colors of the flowers and trees of autumn.

For our district meeting this quarter we had our annual picnic with 11A and 11B in Forest Park in Brazil, Indiana.

It was a beautiful day and we had lots and lots of good food.

We played bingo and everyone had a great time. Martha Thomas came from Merrillville, Indiana. Good to see her.

It is not too early to think about who you want to write a letter for an award at Convention in 2015. They are due on February 1st. There are a lot of deserving people in the fire service.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the fish fries and meetings.

Have a good fall!

Beverly Taylor
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Greetings to all,

Our July district meeting was held at Sandborn VFD. Election of offices was held and all stayed the same. I would like to thank the fire department for hosting our meeting.

In August, I attended the Taylor auxiliary meeting. The festival and fundraising projects were discussed.

August 14th I attended the Memorial Service for Christopher Peak. We extend our sympathy to his family and the Patoka VFD.

In the month of September, I attended the Spurgeon VFD breakfast which was very nice. Had a good time at the Scotland 50th year festival. Our auxiliary had a stand of games for the kids as our fundraiser. Thanks to all who supported us and members who put their time working the stand. We also had a very good breakfast at the Taylor Fire Station before the festival. Thanks to Kristi for organizing this and all those who helped her. Our district meeting was

held at the Plainville VFD. We discussed our cookie sale at the January meeting at Vincennes sausage supper to support our Miss Flame, and how we could increase our membership. Thanks to Plainville for hosting us and the very good meal they served.

September 27th I attended the Washington VFD 40th year open house dedication ceremony. Chief Wichman and the fire department had a very nice ceremony.

It is the time of year we are looking for young ladies for Miss Flame. If anyone is interested, please call me at 812-384-8748 and I will send you an application and rules.

Until next time hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall colors.

Marie Emery

Vibes from the IVFAA President Barbara Kerney



"TEAMWORK DIVIDES THE TASK AND MULTIPLIES THE SUCCESS:"

My sympathy goes out to the family of Harry Logan who was our IVFA district chairman who passed away on September 9th. Harry loved the fire service and he devoted many hours, serving in many capacities during his 40 years of service. He was truly a hero and will be missed by all who knew him.

I hope each of you have been enjoying the beautiful weather that God has provided for us. Fall has always been my favorite time of the year and this year has been exceptional.

Thanks to all of you who have committed to working on a committee as well as serving as a district chairman. Dividing the tasks at hand and assisting each other multiplies the success of the group. We have set goals for our organization and it takes the entire membership to fulfill these. If you are a member or you have an interest in joining with us, visit your district's meeting or contact an officer or district chairman as to how you can become involved. This is your organization and we need your input to help us in moving forward. Your thoughts and ideas are important to our growth. The departments in your area can always use an extra hand.

At our November meeting we are offering a training session on Saturday afternoon for district chairmen. If you are new to the job it will offer some good tips on how to work within your district. For the "oldies" it is always good to refresh. I learn something new every time I attend. Thanks to Phyllis Vargo and Joann Hays for taking time to put this together. Make plans to attend.

Jack and I would like to wish each of you and your families a great holiday season. We feel blessed to have had each of you as a part of our family this year. Be safe and enjoy the season.

Barb Kerney - IVFAA President

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John Ray



Edinburgh Fire Chief Alan Smith presenting Firefighter/EMT Casey Taylor a 5 year award and also EMT of the Year for Edinburgh Vol. Fire Dept. at the District 10 August meeting.



Frederick Bundrick receiving his Global Award from Gary Davis of Global Fire Equipment and 10th District Chairman John Ray.



Gary Wolford of New Point Fire Dept., Greg Adams from German Twp. and Jon Cooper from Hartsville at the District 10 meeting at Edinburgh.



Clayton Kinder, Investigator for Indiana Fire Marshal's office, center, presenting the program at 10th District meeting at Manilla in September. Also pictured, Jim Davis, 10th District Secretary.

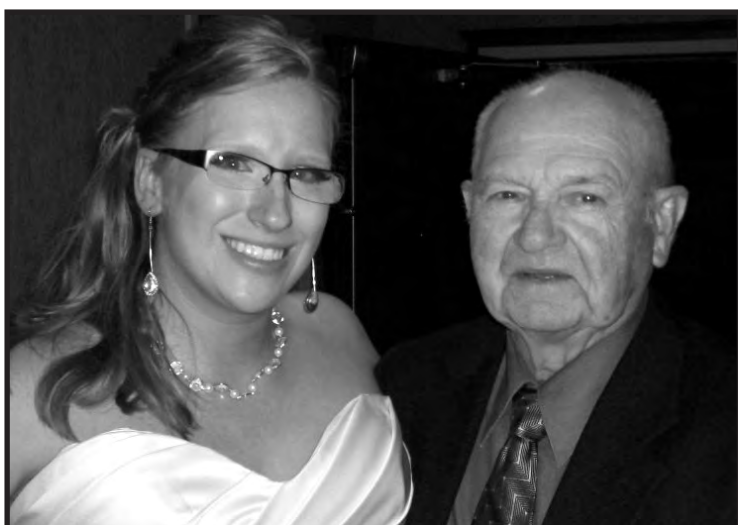


Pictured are Hartsville firemen John Ray, 10th district chairman; Kevin Holtz and Scott DeBusk, frying fish for the St. Louis Crossing, IN Methodist Church's 150 year celebration on October 5.

Former Miss Flame weds



Keri (Davis) Bray shares a moment with IVFA president David Israel at her wedding reception. Keri married Jesse Bray at Hartsville Methodist Church on October 4, 2014. She is the daughter of 10th district secretary Jim Davis and his wife, LeeAnn.



District 10 chairman John Ray gets his hug and photo with newlywed Keri (Davis) Bray.



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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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Assembly removed the law that gave law enforcement the authority if someone was to run over a fire hose. It was House Bill 1055. Let's talk about the Conflict of Interest bill. We have talked about a lawsuit. First of all I can't get anyone to say that we have better than a 50% chance of winning and the cost will be at least \$10,000.00 plus. If we file that lawsuit the result of that is permanent. If we would lose we have finished that topic, it doesn't go back to the General Assembly. The legislative committee decided in its meeting today the lawsuit is not the best avenue to take because it is absolutely final, and we decided to go back to the legislature one more time. If we go back to the General Assembly we have to put on an aggressive campaign to get our message out there to the general public and our legislators. We decided we would do yard signs, social media.

Past President Jack Zeeks - What if we asked the Union if they would support our bill we won't say anything about their bill.

Lobbyist Larry Curl - That is an option. In our committee meeting this morning we decided if we do the yard signs we would have a meeting with the Public Relations Directors of where to place and getting the district chairmen to help. It's not going to work if we all aren't in this 100%.

Vice President Anderson - It's not going to be just the Public Relations Directors and District Chairmen, it is going to take a lot of people to make this happen. We have to make sure we are getting it in the media.

Chaplain Gerdowsky - Do to personal issues I have decided to step down as your State Chaplain at the end of the year. Dave Elick will take over as State Chaplain in 2015. This was a hard decision to make, I appreciate all the help I have received over the past 8 years, and I will be an Associate Chaplain helping out Tom Sellmer.

President Israel - Thank you Ski, I appreciate all that you have done.

SOG's and Bylaws: Chairman Larry Bartlow - Nothing right now, we have a list of corrections on the bylaws and SOG's next meeting.

Bridgeport: Chairman Bev Harker - Read a thank you note from Amanda Middleton.

License plates: Chairman Jack Kerney - 1,928 license plates. We are down about 200 plates.

Insurance: Chairman Bev Harker - During this past quarter it was brought to our attention about workman's comp. on our lobbyist and Central Office. We received a price from Lona and it came to \$100.00. The Executive Board decided to pay the workman's comp. for our lobbyist and Central Office.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President David Israel - Attended 3 department meetings, 9 district meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 legislative meeting with Senator Head, 1 memorial, 1 convention meeting.

Vice President Steve Anderson - Attended an Alliance meeting, a 25 year presentation, 1 memorial service, convention meeting.

Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky - 1 state meeting, 2 memorial services and a chaplain's class, 3 fire department festivals and delivered some Bibles to John Ray. I have 66 Bibles and 70 grave markers in inventory.

Secretary Diane Harrison - Read

thank you from Barb Kerney for donating the gifts for the Miss Flames. Auction and donations raised \$5,576.00 for Hoosier Burn Camp.

Treasurer Bev Harker - Attended 4 district meetings, 2 fundraisers and convention.

Sergeant at Arms Brent Bush - Attended 2 district meetings and ordered a lot of clocks.

Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler - Attended 9 district meetings, 3 county meetings, 1 Alliance meeting and 1 meeting with Director Hill.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

PRNW Jim Bradford - Leighanne Ellis - Attended 3 district meetings, transported the IVFA trailer.

PRNE Jean Smith - Attended 7 district meetings, and presented 6 or 7 Gold cards.

PRWC Larry Bartlow - Attended all meetings, 1 50 year Gold card presentation.

PREC Don Cushman - Attended all but 1 meeting. They're still having them on the same night.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Attended 6 district meetings, 4 memorial services, and 2 committee meetings through the speaker's bureau. Madison in Sam's area going to pay last year and this year's dues and I went to Clifty #6 in Rick Cannon's area, received an email from them they are going to join and they have never been a member. Open house at my firehouse, we spent about \$60 for tickets for fire truck rides we passed them out to our kindergartners and pre-schools. We had the largest turnout for our open house ever. We had to run 4 fire trucks just to keep up with the line. We did clear it with our insurance.

PRSE Ed Scheele - Attended 4 district meetings, 1 county chief's meeting, a convention meeting and a fundraiser.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jim Parker - Pass
Mitch Parish - Absent
Richard Glant - Pass
Jack Zeeks - Pass
Buz Koehler - Pass
Jack Kerney - Pass
Larry Ketchem - Pass
Tim Deckard - Absent

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell - Absent.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland - Absent.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy - 2 district meetings, 1 memorial - thanked Dave Elick for doing the memorial and presented the Global Award.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith - Absent.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger - district meeting, 3 county meetings, 5 deaths not informed of from the past, getting them taking care of.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague - 2 district meetings, 2 memorial services, and a LODD funeral is tomorrow.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel - 2 district meetings, presented a clock and the Global Award.

District 8A Chairman Bill Pape - Attended memorial and presented Global Award.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright - 2 district meetings.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef - Attended a chief meeting.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton - Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray - Attended 5 memorial services, 4 department meetings, convention and a fundraiser.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor - 2 district meetings, attended 8 department meetings and 2 fundraisers, 1 Fallen Hero and presented Global Award and 1 25 year pin.

District 11B Vice Chairman John Morphy - 1 district meeting, 3 deaths - 1 lifetime member and 2 IVFAA members and presented a 50 year Gold card.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner - 2 district meetings, attended 2 chief's meetings, 1 awards dinner, 1 fundraiser and presented 2 50 year Gold cards and 1 25 year pin.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba - 1 memorial service, presented Global Award.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Beihl - Presented 50 year Gold card and 3 25 year pins and Global Award. I attended 2 department meetings, 1 fundraiser, and 13A meeting.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon - 2 district meetings, attended some fundraisers. Betty Selmer is doing well after her surgery. Tom Selmer has been helping the family of the LODD in Kentucky.

District 15 Chairman Harry Logan - I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards, it means a lot to me. Presented 2 Gold cards, attended Jack's open house and 2 district meetings.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reiser - 2 district meetings, I went with Paul and presented several 25 year pins.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery - Absent. January 17, 2015 will be the Vincennes Sausage supper.

District 17B Chairman Steve Nolan - Attended 2 county meetings.

District 18 Chairman John Smith - 5 deaths in 4 weeks, presented 2 - 25 year pins and 3 - 50 year Gold cards. On September 18 will be our next district meeting and we will be presenting the IVFA Medal of Valor to a civilian. She was on her way to work and saw a house full of smoke, she went in and got the lady out and attempted to go back in to get the man out.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke - 1 district meeting, attended 4 fire department functions and presented 4 - 25 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz - Attended 3 meetings, 2 fundraisers, Burn Camp. Presented Global Award, 1 50 year Gold card and a 25 year pin.

President Israel introduced Debbie Drixle - Executive Director for the Indiana Township Trustees Association. Debbie has always been good to allow us to come to their conference.

Debbie Drixle - Good Morning and thank you David for inviting me here today. First of all let me just say thank all of you and your organization. The IVFA is considered by the ITA as a partner when it comes to issues related to the fire protection, of course, but specifically in the legislature. It has been a pleasure to work with Larry Curl. A lot of team work goes on and specifically with this Conflict of Interest Bill. Who knows what is going to happen; the best we can do is get your right restored. Another issue has come up in the last 10 years we have been fighting to retain township government, and the other issue that we will continue to face is

the push to get rid of township boards. If we were to get rid of the township board it would put the control in the hands of the county council. My opinion a county council has no clue what is going on in my neck of the woods as far as fire protection is concerned. It's my guess that what will happen if they do this that they will centralize fire protection, look at fire districting, it will, I believe, be the death of volunteer firefighting and we all know what that means. It will hit everybody's pocketbook more than our State Leaders can even imagine. What you do saves every taxpayer dollars. We have been able to count on this organization to back us up in this fight and again I want to thank you. When you call on your members to make phone calls it happens and it makes a big difference. We would love to come to your conference and put a class on about township funding. Since we know heads lock sometimes, we have talked about mediation. We have talked about coming together as a team again and mediating some of these situations, where we try to get the 2 parties to come together at the same table to talk. I think it's about time that we establish a plan how we are going to mediate these situations. I look forward to working with you in the future. You can check with our office to see if your township trustee is a member or not. My cell number is 317-501-7222 if you have any questions. There are 2 trustee associations. The Indiana Township Association was founded over 125 years ago; they came together with the purpose of dealing with the General Assembly and for the purpose of education, communication and networking. We have a membership that ranges from 600 to 750. The most distinct difference between our association

and the other one is that we have lobbyists. And we believe strongly that we have a presence in the Statehouse. The other organization doesn't believe we need to be in the Statehouse. They are a much smaller organization. Every 4 years we do a class for new trustees and board members. Thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

President Israel introduced JJ Johnson.

JJ Johnson - 3020 N National Rd., Columbus, IN 47201, jjohnson@bobpoynter.com, www.bobpoyntercolumbus.com, fax 812-348-1266, cell 812-216-4933. I am trying to educate and train and put out some good information on our First Responder program. All public service people are eligible for this program. You can call me and tell me what type of vehicle you are looking for and I will find the best retail deal you can get. I will email you the results, there is no other pressure from me after the email. You also can trade in vehicles with this program, or I will help you sell your own vehicle. I will be happy to attend your district's meetings. We are going to take some type of sponsorship at your convention.

President Israel - The Washington DC trip is April 15 and 16, 2015. New district chairmen and officers that have never been have the first opportunity to go.

Lobbyist Larry Curl - The legislative committee met this morning. We are going to keep our doors and options open. We desperately need to get this issue with the right to hold office corrected. We need to meet with the Legislators and the Union and keep the dialogue going. Second issue

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District chairman



On July 20th the Global Award went to John Quilliam from Thunderbird Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) John Quilliam, Larry Bartlow - PRWC and Pete Taylor, 11A chairman.



On July 20, 2014, I presented Tim Short his 25 year pin. He is from Thunderbird Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) are Larry Bartlow - PRWC, Pete Taylor - District 11A chairman and Tim Short.



On September 28, 2014 at an open house for Prairieton Fire District, I presented a clock for their new firehouse. Present were (left to right) Sam Lane, Dave Phelps - district chief, Bionca Ganbill - State Representative, William Shields - district chief, Buddy Bonham - assistant chief and Pete Taylor, 11A chairman.



On September 28, 2014, I presented Sam Lane and William Shields with their 25 year pins from Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) are Sam Lane, William Shields and Pete Taylor, 11A chairman.

2015 Convention June 10 through June 13

Quarterly meeting ...

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after this meeting we are going to meet with the PR Directors. You are going to be our point of contact for the yard signs distribution.

President Israel - We are going to continue the raffle for next year, our sponsors are still onboard to do this.

Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler - Please check and make sure you have the new benefits book, throw the old ones away.

Drawing for the \$100.00 gas card sponsored by The Ezzel Group - Jeff White, Andrews Fire District 7, cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply - Ronnie Baker, Montpelier Fire District 8B.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to adjourn. Past President Richard Glant made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted
Diane Harrison, Secretary

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Articles and photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



Awarded 25 year pin

During the Ridgeville hog roast, Don Caylor was given his 25 year pin. Shown from left to right are Don Caylor and District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright.



Ridgeville VFD hog roast

The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on August 16, 2014 at their fire station. Sure hope that Adam VanNote and Gary Barnett know what they are doing! Looks like District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright is in line to get his food!

Serving ice cream at fair



The Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department always serves ice cream at the Mooreland Fair every year. Shown here is Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame, helping to serve the ice cream.

Bluebird Parade / Selma, Indiana



On August 23, 2014 the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department was in the annual Bluebird parade held in Selma, Indiana. Looks like Sparky the fire dog wanted to be in the parade, too!



Stoney Creek/Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department participated in the Bluebird parade. Driving the truck is Carlos Riddle.



Hamilton Twp. VFD hog roast

On September 6, 2014 the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast. Pictured is Maureen Rammel, District 8B 2014 Miss Flame taking care of the take-out orders. Maureen is from the Hamilton Township VFD. Also pictured is the serving line for the hog roast. The department fixed a lot of hogs for the roast.

Pennville Lions parade



On June 28, 2014 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department drove their truck in the Pennville Lions fair parade. Looks like the kids are having fun riding the truck!



The Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department participated in the parade. Riding on top of the fire truck is Maureen Rammel, District 8B Miss Flame and her friend.



Benefit dinner for John Willoughby

On August 2, 2014 at the Dunkirk Fire Department, the family of John Willoughby held a benefit chicken and noodle dinner for John to help with medical bills. John is a member of the Dunkirk Fire Department and is fighting cancer.



Portland 4th of July parade

Redkey Volunteer Fire Department driving down the street at the 4th of July parade held in Portland, Indiana. Randy Young, fire chief of the department is driving the truck with his family riding on the back.

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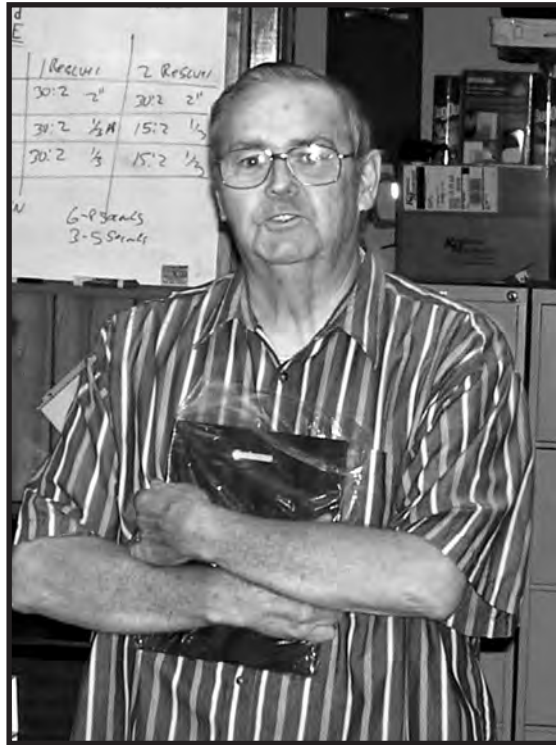
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11B

Articles and photos submitted by John Morphy



West Central PR Director Larry Bartlow is shown presenting Firefighter Lewsader with his 50 year pin, Gold card and certificate from the IVFA.



Firefighter Lewsader holding a plaque presented to him by the Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for his 50 years of service.



At left, the cake presented to Richard Lewsader.

Above, Representative Alan Morrison presenting Firefighter Lewsader a certificate from the State Legislature.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Sellersburg celebrates



Charlestown FD award winner



Prosser School Fire and Police

Two receive awards

Earl Buchanan of Canaan Fire Department received his 50 year Gold Card and pin and Jackie Handling, also of Canaan Fire Department received his 25 year pin.



Prosser educational kids working the crash

Awards given



(Above photo) – This is a group award picture, left to right:

Ryan Richart for Fireman of the Year, Kevin Simmons for 10 years of service, Steve Wheeler for 20 years of service, Brenda Habeniect receiving a Certificate of Appreciation Award, Vincent Vogel (not pictured) for 10 years of service.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Articles and photos submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

Southeast VFD presented clock / receives new rescue



Southeast VFD clock presentation for new building



Southeast VFD new rescue



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

Articles and photo submitted by Robert F. Crouch, Wayne Twp. Fire Dept.



On September 2, 2014, Lise' Crouch received her IVFA 25 year pin from Brian Edwards, IVFA District 12, at the monthly meeting of the Lizton-Union Twp. Fire Dept. in Hendricks County. Ironically...Lise' and Brian became members of the LUTFD on the same night. The LUTFD also presented Lise' with a plaque commemorating the occasion.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

Washington Twp. VFD 40 Year celebration open house / dedication ceremony September 27, 2014



Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presented Chief Anthony Wichman a Certificate of Appreciation to the department.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



*Washington Twp.
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open house*

Uncoupling of hose

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Tips to prevent home fires caused by space heaters

As fire departments across the country battle winter home fires, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reminds consumers to demonstrate care when purchasing and using space heaters. It is estimated that space heaters, including both fixed and portable heaters, are associated with about 21,800 residential fires every year.

About 300 people die each year in fires by these heaters. Fuel-burning space heaters also can cause carbon monoxide poisoning and indoor air pollution, because of improper venting or incomplete combustion.

Consumers should be aware that older space heaters might not meet the newer safety standards. The CPSC has worked to upgrade the industry standards on electric, kerosene and unvented gas space heaters. An automatic cut-off device is now required, which turns off electric or kerosene heaters if they tip over. More guarding around the heating coils of electric heaters and the burner of kerosene heaters also is required to prevent fires. CPSC worked to upgrade the industry standard on unvented gas heaters, as well, to provide an oxygen depletion sensor to shut off the heater if the oxygen level drops too low.

Here are some safety tips for buying and using space heaters:

1. 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.

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

3. 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.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith



Global Award presented

At the District 18 meeting of 17 July 2014, the Global Award was presented to Matt Conen of the Grandview Vol. Fire Department by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. During the presentation speech Chairman Smith said, "Last October, a horrific vehicle accident occurred in which a 19 year old girl was trapped in the vehicle. Luckily, a Vol. Firefighter was right behind her when it happened. Matt Conen ran up to the scene, did an assessment, ran back to his truck and summoned emergency services. He then returned to the scene only to discover that the car had now caught fire with the young lady still trapped inside. Using fire extinguishers from his and other's vehicles, Matt was able to keep the fire at bay until the extinguishers were depleted. Buckets of water brought from a nearby house finally put the fire out. Matt comforted the victim and aided with the extrication and rescue operations that took nearly 2 hours." After several surgeries, Sarah Goffinet of Tell City is still recovering, but was able to attend the presentation along with her parents. During the presentation Sarah said, "I don't remember much of what happened. But I know a lot of people helped me that day, and Matt Conen saved my life".

Pictured from left, Dist. Chairman Smith, Matt Conen, and Sarah Goffinet.



Huntingburg firefighter receives 25 year pin

At the District 18 meeting held on 18 September, David Kissling of the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co.) was presented the IVFA 25 year service pin from Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. Kissling is an EMT and serves as his department's Training Officer.



Bill Moesner retires

After 46 years of distinguished service to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department and the citizens of Huntingburg and Patoka Township, Bill Moesner officially announced his retirement on Wednesday, 1 October 2014. Bill leaves the department holding the rank of Captain. Huntingburg Fire Chief presented a certificate to Bill recognizing his years of service.



Ferdinand member receives Gold Card

At the meeting of 1 July of the Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept. (Dubois Co.), Jim Olinger was presented with the IVFA 50 service pin and Gold Card. Several members of the Olinger family were on hand for the presentation. Ferdinand Fire Chief Dan Lindauer (pictured left) said, "We owe a lot to men like Jim, his years of service is an example to us all." District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith (pictured right) remarked, "The entire fire service, not only the community of Ferdinand is indebted to men such as Jim. We as a service, accomplish great things, for we stand on the shoulders of giants."



Medal of Valor presented

At the District 18 meeting of 18 September, the IVFA Medal of Valor was presented to Trisha Vaal. On the morning of 18 April, Vaal was starting for work when she noticed smoke hanging over her neighbor's house. She rushed to the front door of Bryan and Maureen Gregory's home and opened it to find smoke and heat so intense that the paint on the walls was starting to peel. Vaal found Maureen in the smoke and pulled her to safety. She returned to the house in an attempt to find Bryan but could not due to the conditions of the fire. Bryan Gregory died in the fire.

District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith asked the Gregory's daughter, Kelly Jones to come forward and read a letter on behalf of the family. While trying to control her emotions, Jones said, "There are no words to say when you are given the precious gift of your mother's life. I know you don't think of yourself as a hero, but what you did saved my mother's life. You are a hero to all of my family and to so many people around you".

During the presentation, Dist. Chairman Smith said, "All of us as firefighters aspire to do what this lady has done. We all want to go into a burning building and save a life, it's what being a firefighter is all about". IVFA President David Israel who presented the award added, "On this medal reads, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty. Firefighters rush into buildings when everyone else is running out. When a civilian sees the need and does that before we get there is extraordinary".

Vaal was too emotional to speak when the award was hung around her neck. Later she was able to address the audience of nearly 80 firefighters and guests and said, "What I did is nothing compared to what all of you do every day. When you men and women who see such horrible things and go through so much, to be honored by you, is truly overwhelming".

Pictured with Vaal are Dist. 18 Chairman Smith (left) and IVFA President Israel (right).

Happy Holidays
to each and
every one!

District 18 Parade and Miss Flame Contest

Cloudy skies and a threat of rain did not detour people from lining the streets as the Schnellville Vol. Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 12 October.



Close to 80 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Schnellville.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2014 Lindsey Schaeffer, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 8 lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

The District 18 Miss Flame for 2015 is Jasmine Vonderheide (right). Jasmine is the daughter of Eric and Carrie Vonderheide. She is 17 years old and in her senior year at Northeast Dubois High School. She represented the Haysville VFD. The first runner-up title went to Makayla Jones (center) of the West Baden Springs VFD. She is a 16 year old junior at Northeast Dubois High School. Bethany Dodd received the second runner-up title. Bethany was also chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. She is 15 years old and is an 8th grade student at Northeast Dubois Middle School. She represented the Dubois VFD.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith



Annual District 18 Memorial Service

Thursday, 9 October brought a beautiful fall evening and witnessed the Annual Dist. 18 Memorial Service. The event was hosted by and held at the Carter Fire District in Dale (Spencer Co.). The aerial of Carter Fire held aloft the Flag of the United States above the ceremonies. Members of the Carter Fire Honor presented the colors for the ceremony. The Memorial Display held the roses that were laid for each of the 8 members of District 18 that answered their last call since the last year's service. The roses were distributed to the families by Dist. 18 Miss Flame Lindsey Schaeffer and the Carter Fire Auxiliary. Carter Fire Chief Dan Reinke served as Master of Ceremonies. The National Anthem and other selections were performed by the Heritage Hills High School Choir. "Amazing Grace" was performed on the bagpipes by John "Bull" Smith at the conclusion of the service.

Luce Fire Territory celebrates first 50 years



On Saturday, 11 October the Luce Fire Territory (Spencer Co. Dist. 18) celebrated its 50 year anniversary. Memorabilia from the past 50 years was displayed and a special table was set in honor of the members who have answered their "last call". Fire Chief Todd Daming welcomed the guests present and Mike Epperson led the invocation. Following dinner, special guests were introduced and 3 of the departments founding members were recognized. During the program, Mark Fredrick was presented with the IVFA 25 year service pin from Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith. After the program, all past and present members gathered for a group picture.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

25 year pins awarded



At left – Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents a 25 year pin to Shawn Clayton, Highland Twp. fireman.



At right – Sam Emery presents 25 year pins to David Mallett and Roger Smith with Chief Steve (Mike) Heshelman, Plainville VFD in attendance.



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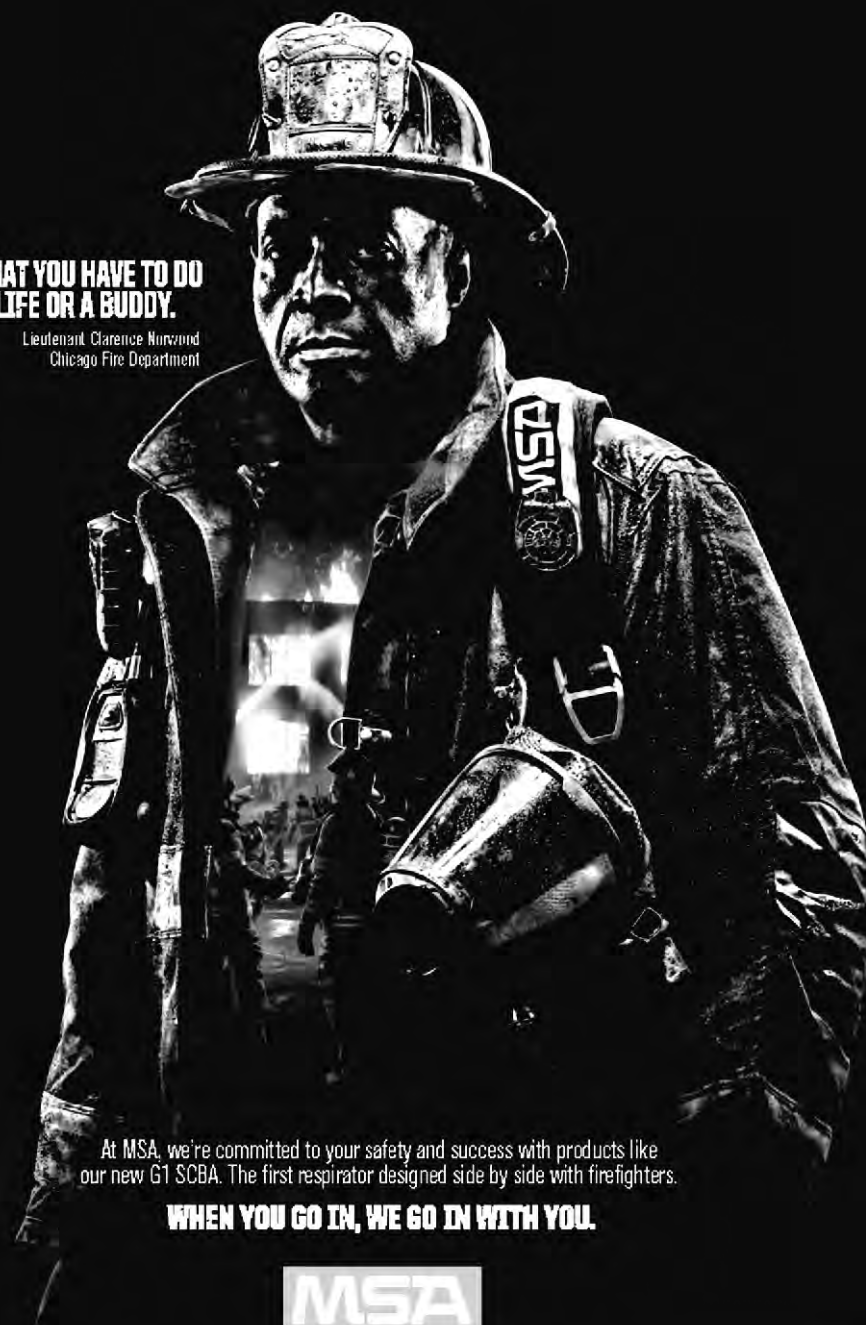
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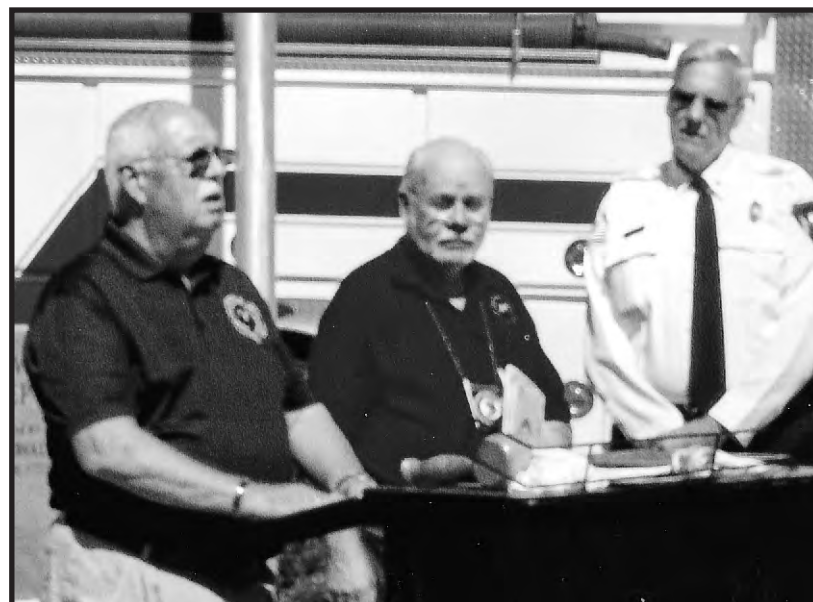


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Anthony Wichman
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Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presented 25 year pins to David Gray and Kenny Showalter with Chief Anthony Wichman, Washington Twp. VFD in attendance.



Jack Kerney, PRSW, addresses those present.

Space heaters ...

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4. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.

5. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

6. Have a smoke detector with fresh batteries on each level of the house and a carbon monoxide detector outside your sleeping area.

7. Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.

8. Have gas and kerosene space heaters inspected annually.

Space heating the leading cause of home fires in winter

Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention

Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to the latest statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters - gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

Approximately 16 years ago, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

"As winter approaches, we want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely," said Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president for public education. "Simple steps can prevent a tragedy in your home."

NFPA recommends these safety measures:

- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally-

recognized testing laboratory. Be sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.

- If you use a wood or coal stove or a fireplace, have a professional inspect your chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have it cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.

- Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn.

- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.

- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.

- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

Examine heating units

The outside temperature is falling into the twenties, the teens, and lower. Inside our home's fire are built in wood stoves, thermostats are turned up to "take off the chill", or portable heating devices are used to supplement the structure's traditional heating appliance. Regardless of the heat plant used or how it is used, these devices can cause fires.

Heating fires applies to those fires that are caused by functioning or malfunctioning central heating units, fixed or portable local heating units, fireplaces, chimneys, and water heaters. Units use multiple types of fuels such as oil, gas, coal, wood, etc. The US Fire Administration (USFA) finds that an average of 51,000 residential heating fires are reported each year. It also reports the peak months for heating fires are January-February. Knowing that is the time for heating fires to occur, you need to examine some possible accidental ignition sources to look for while doing the investigation.

It is important to remember to document the area before any form of examination is conducted. The examination of the heat plant is conducted using the same systematic approach as the scene exam. This is exterior to interior and least to heaviest. Begin the exam on the heat plant's exterior. Check the flue pipe(s) and/or

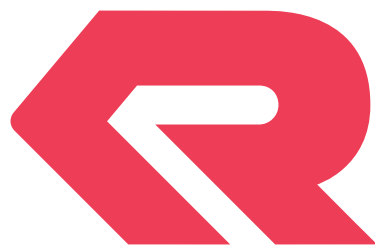
chimney for cracks and/or loose connections. Note the distance between the flue pipe/chimney and combustibles especially where there is a breach in structural components. Mentally ask yourself if this distance is sufficient to create pyrolysis effect of area combustibles. Check the unit's connections 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 to inquire with the owner/occupant if there were any mechanical problems with the nits. 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?

Fifty-one percent of heat plant fires are attributed to some form of mechanical failure. Twenty-seven percent is caused by improper maintenance, and eleven percent is

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Any firefighter working along any type of roadway runs the risk of being struck by a motorist. To prevent such incidents, NIOSH recommends that fire departments take the following actions:

Fire departments:

- Develop, implement, and enforce standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding emergency operations for roadway incidents.
- Implement an incident management system to manage all emergency incidents.
- Establish a unified command for incidents that occur where multiple agencies have jurisdiction.
- Ensure that a separate incident safety officer (independent of the incident commander) is appointed.
- Develop pre-incident plans for areas that have a high rate of motor vehicle crashes.
- Establish pre-incident agreements with law enforcement and other agencies such as the highway department.
- Ensure that firefighters are trained in safe procedures for operating in or near moving traffic.
- Ensure that firefighters wear suitable high-visibility apparel such as a strong yellow-green or orange reflecting flagger vest when operating at an emergency scene.

Heating . . .

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caused by combustibles stored too close to the unit. Be careful on how much examination of the heat plant is done. If a mechanical failure is suspected, the insurance company will most likely want to have the unit examined for possible litigation. Tampering too much with the unit could raise spoilation issues. Use this to your advantage. If the insurance company hires an engineer to examine the unit, ask for a copy of the report when the engineer is finished. This reduces the change of spoilation, allows the "expert" to render the opinion about the heat plant, and provides documentation to support your conclusion.

So the next time you are digging out the fire scene in the winter and a heat plant is located in the area of origin, keep these suggestions in mind to help with your examination.

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