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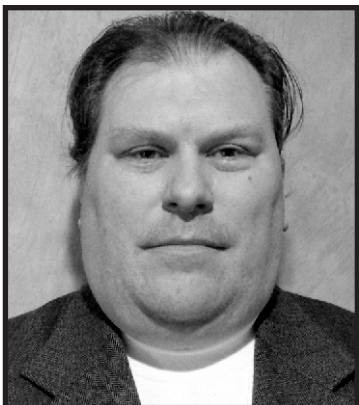
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From The President *Steve Anderson*



Just 10 minutes before writing this article, I finished watching the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial. As a part of that service, 3 Indiana firefighters were recognized for the ultimate sacrifice: Jim Knesek Sr. from the

Munster FD, Jamie Middlebrook from the New Carlisle FD, and Tom Stevens Sr. from the Bright VFC.

It was a wonderful tribute to them and the other 84 firefighters from across the nation. I know that there were IVFA members involved in planning this event, and others that were in attendance for the weekend to assist. We thank you for your work.

It was great to see President Obama in attendance; not only in his remarks, but greeting each family as their loved one's name was read. It was also great to hear from Representative Stenny Hoyer on his continued support to the fire service.

By the time this issue is in your hands, we will have hosted our first "Day of Training." This is the pilot program for what we hope will become a yearly event in each of the 6 PR areas across the state. The schedule included: the Instructor update class, an EVOC class, the IN-Time traffic management class, a class on the Image Trend reporting system, a class on cancer in the fire service, and a class on Fire

Department Insurance. Stay tuned for more information on possible future class dates.

While attending the September Fire Alliance Meeting, we learned that there will be a study of the volunteer fire service conducted under the leadership of Lt. Governor Sue Ellsperman. I know surveys are a pain to fill out sometimes, but it is very important that we get as much participation in this survey as we can. Hopefully by the time this article comes out, the survey has been released. Please help us out by completing the survey so that the end result is based on good data, not just what someone thinks is correct.

Also in September, I had the pleasure to help teach a class to township trustees and office staff at the Indiana Township Association annual conference. While there, I was also able to sit in on several other classes related to the fire service where I was able to talk to several trustees. My biggest take from these conversations is a lack of information sharing between the trustees and fire department administrators. Several trustees had been given information from non-fire service persons, or were just hearing rumors of what is going on in the fire service, when a simple conversation with the fire chief or fire board member would have given correct or better information. So try to keep that line of communication going...it will not only help the fire department, but better your community.

I close with thoughts and prayers to any individuals that recently lost a loved one; specifically, to Past President Jim Parker, on the death of his wife Barb; and to the Barr family and friends, with the tragic loss of Tyler.

I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas season!

S. Anderson

Fire departments participate in "Operation Breath" program



At the IVFA District 18 meeting of September 17, 2015, members of the Jackson Twp. VFD, St. Anthony VFD, Ferdinand VFD, Carter Fire District, St. Meinrad VFD, Ireland VFD, Huntingburg VFD, Haysville VFD, Santa Claus VFD and Chrisney VFD, received bags containing animal oxygen masks from Chris Craig of Invisible Fence Company.

The bags are a part of the company's "Operation Breath" program and include masks designed for small, medium and large dogs and cats.

During his presentation, Craig demonstrated the use of the masks on his dog Tank.

Craig, a firefighter himself, said, "We are all in the business of saving lives, whether it be two or four-legged, these masks have proved to be the difference between someone's pet living or dying."

Article and photo provided by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

Season's Greetings!

**From The IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney**

License Plate Requests

At the May IVFA Officer's meeting the Board of Directors posted a motion that starting January 1, 2016, you will no longer need to send an IVFA License Plate request form to the IVFA Office. Anyone may obtain the IVFA License Plate. You only need to go the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and pay \$10.00 that will go to the IVFA and the BMV fee and get your plate. **Remember this starts January 1, 2016.**

IVFA Dues

Remember that your IVFA Dues are **due by July 31**. Please have them postmarked and mailed to the IVFA Office. Don't let your membership lose their Bridgeport Benefits by paying late.

I.V.F.A. Benefits CLOTHING REPLACEMENT

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Funds shall be used for any damage to articles of clothing, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) maximum per claim, which are the personal property of the member providing, however, that such damage occurs only as a direct result of and during the actual performance of any emergency duty required of him as a fireman and member in good standing of this Association.

All damage claims under this Article shall be submitted as follows: The member filing the claim shall submit the damaged article and proof of value to its department chief. The department chief may approve the claim and must submit the damaged article and proof of value to the District Chairman within sixty (60) days of damage occurrence. The District Chairman must approve the claim prior to submitting the damaged article and completed claim to a member of the Clothing Claims committee within ten (10) days. (The Clothing Claims committee will be appointed by the President). This committee must approve, disapprove or adjust the claim, after examination of the damaged article, at their next meeting. In case of total loss, the article will remain the property of the Association. Claims will be paid according to the current "loss schedule" of the National Dry Cleaners Association.

No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance for the damage of eye glasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) except in the case of hearing aid in connection with eye glasses, where a maximum allowance is limited to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Disputed claim awards may be appealed to the Board of Directors by the claimant at the next scheduled officer's meeting.

Suitable claim forms covering all necessary information shall be furnished by the Association to all member departments.

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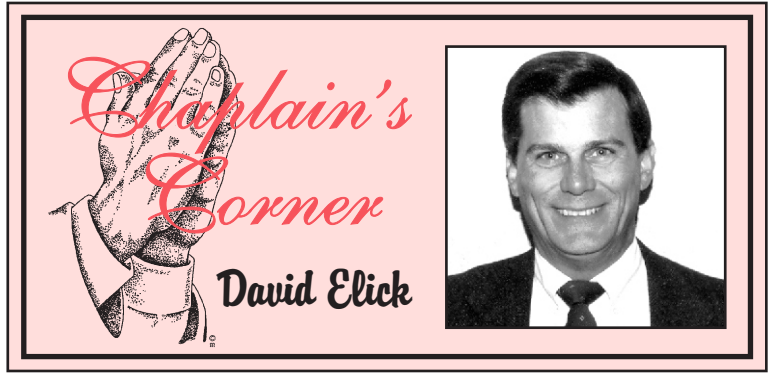
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Greetings all. Summer is over, Fall is in full swing, and before long, the holidays and winter will be here before we know it. As we approach the holiday season, let's not forget the true meaning these celebrations are for.

Thanksgiving. A time to give thanks for all we have and who we are. Christmas. The celebrations of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Another opportunity to give thanks. Sometimes it's really easy to lose sight of the true meaning of these holidays. There are all of the activities, parties, and celebrations that can distract and take away, or tend to diminish what is truly important.

Take a little time this year to slow down and "smell the roses" as they say. Savor the smells of the holiday dinner cooking, wafting through the house. Enjoy the company of family and friends as we gather together, and never lose sight of God's many blessings which are all around us.

Along with the associate chaplains, I would like to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Merry Christmas, and a safe, prosperous start to the new year.

Stay safe,
Dave Elick



Season's Greetings to each and everyone!

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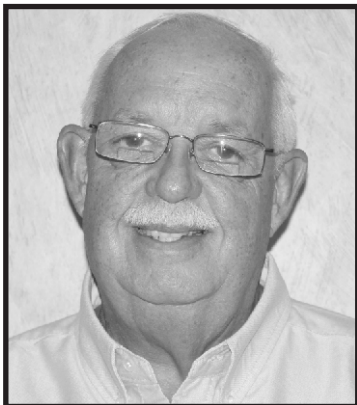
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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southwest Jack Kerney



Don't forget that starting January 1, 2016 you will no longer need to send a license plate request form to the IVFA Office. Anyone will be able to purchase our license plate by asking for the IVFA Plate.

Thanks to District 18 and the Carter Fire Dept. for allowing me to speak at their Annual Memorial Service. The turnout was the largest I have ever observed. Good job, Chief Reinke and District 18.

I attended the District 17A meeting at Loogootee Vol. Fire Department and Chief Huebner, the District 18 meeting at Ohio Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Rockport Chief Chapman, the District 15 meeting at Francisco Vol. Fire Dept, the District 17B meeting at Perry Clear Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Dillard, the District 15 meeting at New Harmony Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Miller, the Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Wichman, and the District 18 meeting at Carter Fire District, Chief Reinke.

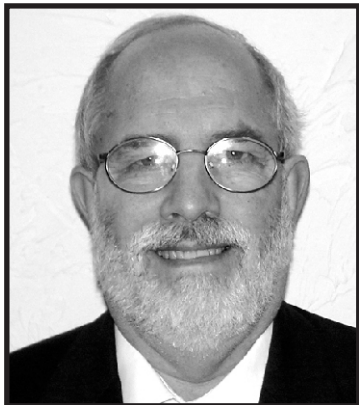
I had the pleasure of playing in the Lawrence County Golf Scramble, Bobby Brown and Steve Nolan did a fantastic job putting this together.

We had two Memorial services at English Vol. Fire Dept for Curtis Benham and Lugene Andry, and one at Chrisney for David Dougan.

We lost a dear friend and IVFAA past president Barbara Parker. Barb and Jim Parker have been long time supporters of the IVFAA and the IVFA. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

Jack Kerney

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



I was invited to attend the 2015 Kosciusko County Firemen's Fish Fry. Attendees of this event include all fifteen departments within Kosciusko County including neighboring departments who provide mutual aid. This special event also awards outstanding Firefighters from each department and the Association.

District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith presented two 25 year pins, Randy Byers, Atwood Fire Department, and Donald Ellison, Sidney Fire Department. Three 50 year Gold cards with a State House Resolution honoring them - Thomas Feldman and Loren Melton, Etna Green Fire

Department, and Roger Montel, Mentone Fire Department. Attending were many vendors that displayed the latest fire gear, equipment and trucks on display at this event. Over 200 firefighters, township trustees/advisory board members, city/town council members and guests attended the event. This group knows how to put on a fish fry, you won't go home hungry.

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 4th-10th. This year's theme is Smoke Alarms: "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm". This is a reminder to prepare the community along with our school children the proper techniques of fire safety.

Hope to see you at your District meetings.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

From The Vice President

Paul Holcomb



Season's Greetings!

I hope everyone had a great summer! I am sure most of you have been as busy as me, I have tried to get to as many events and meetings as my schedule allowed and I am grateful for all of your invitations.

In the next month we will start distributing our new member benefit, the ten year pin. Everyone that has ten to twenty four years of service will be presented a ten year pin from our Association. Please keep in mind that it will take some time to get them out to everyone.

If you have an event that you would like to have them presented at, please contact your district chairman or just attend your next district meeting.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season and as always if you should need anything, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb

Miss Flame Notes...

Have you made plans to hold your Miss Flame contest? This is the time of the year we begin to make plans to hold our district contests. Remember, it is very important that all the departments in your area are notified when your contest is being held. Encourage all to participate. The rules state that there be one candidate from each department to be entered in the district contest.

The deadline for district entries is March 10th.

We would like to have a representative from each district. We have had a great group for the last several years and we would like to continue that trend. It is important that when you have your contest that you stress, if they enter the contest that they continue until completion of convention. We have experienced some issues with entries and then day to arrive at convention site, they don't show or they have other interests they pursue. This is not fair to the other participants or the committee who has worked to plan activities and purchased gifts. We understand illness or family matters, but making other commitments should not be excused. We want to make this experience one that memories can be made.

If you have questions, please contact Barb Kerney at 812-867-2641 or E.J. Smith at 260-639-3231. We are looking forward to another great year.

Barb Kerney
Co-Chair

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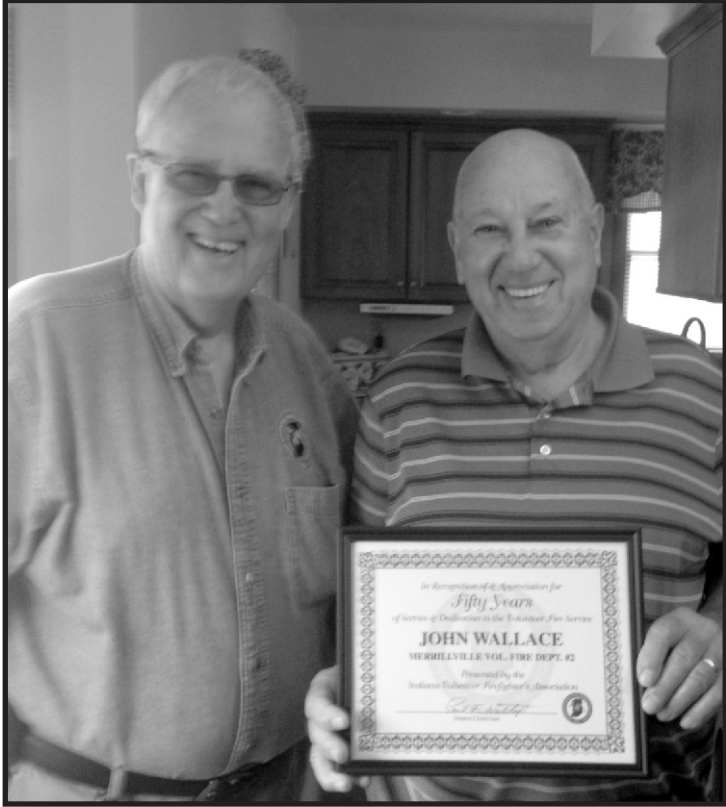
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NEWS FROM DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Gold card recipients



Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman, presented John Wallace, a 50 year member of Merrillville VFD with his Gold card, pin and certificate of appreciation.



50 year members from Munster Fire Department are: John Shutka, John Peerrdolte, Ron Milne, Thomas Milne, and Richard Thomas.

25 year service award recipients



Roger F. Carter, a 50 year member of Ainsworth-Deep River, was presented with his Gold card, pin and certificate by District 2 chairman Paul Watland and District 1 chairman Marshall Neese.



25 year members of the Munster Fire Department are: Thomas Carr, Rob Groszewski, Mark Hajduk, Kevin Heggi, Kennett Keilman, Warren Kutlick and Joesph Markovick.

Meritorious Service Award



Roger F. Carter was presented with the State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award by State Fire Marshal James Greeson.



William D. Arney and Robert R. Wesley of Burns Harbor VFD were presented with their 25 year pins and certificates by District 1 chairman Marshall Neese and Paul Watland.

**February 5, 2016 deadline
is January 5, 2016
12:00 p.m. Noon CST**

2016 CONVENTION - JUNE 15, 16, 17

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese - Chairman

News from District 1

District 1 & 2 Chairmen Marshall Neese and Paul Watland attended Munster Fire Department's awards banquet on September 29, Tuesday evening.

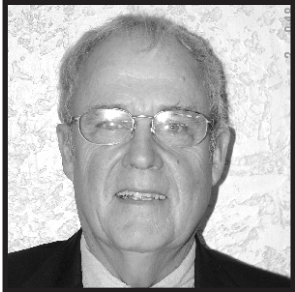
They were giving recognition to their 50 year members and we were there to give recognition to the 25 year and 50 year members with pins.

50 year members are: John Shutka, John Peerrdolte, Ron Milne, Thomas Milne and Richard Thomas.

25 year members are: Thomas Carr, Rob Groszewski, Mark Hajduk, Kevin Heggi, Kennett Keilman, Warren Kutlick, Joseph Markovick, Timothy Milne, Rich Scheffel, Chris Spolnik, and Ronald Svetek. The 50 year members also received awards from Munster Fire Department.

Handed out 25 year pins to Merrillville firefighters David Degard, William Gornik, Timothy Hunt on the 16th of September at the IVFA district meeting held at the Merrillville Fire Department Station 1.

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 1 and 2 meeting
Lakes of the Four Seasons
July 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge by Senator Rick Niemeyer.

Roll call taken. District 1 - 18 members, 5 departments. District 2 - 19 members, 6 departments.

Guests: Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, District 19 State Rep. Julie Olthof, District 6 Senator Rick Niemeyer, 50 year Gold Card members: Bub Wise - CPFR, Bill Casbon - Porter Twp. VFW, Jerry Miller - Merrillville FD, Bill Howe and Harvey Lanigan - Schererville FD, Kaylee Hans - District 1 Miss Flame, Jim Crowell - Sklarewitz Uniforms, Jack Eskridge - 1-800-Boardup and Leighanne Ellis, PRNW.

Jeremy Campbell, Chief LOFS, gave a brief history of his department.

District chairman Paul Watland thanked the department for hosting the meeting.

State Rep. Julie Olthof -- thank you for the invite. She serves on two committees, she held a discussion on ALS funding for ambulance service.

Senator Niemeyer discussed past legislation and what will be upcoming.

Larry Curl reminded us of the upcoming signing of the bill giving firefighters the ability of serving on their department and their elected office. Discussed the State Fire Academy Training site. For 2016 legislation might include, cancer coverage for volunteers like what the career firefighters have. Also said it is illegal to use L.E.D. lites on your vehicle.

Leighanne Ellis, PRNW reminded us of the July 22 signing of the Bill. July 31 dues packets due. Discussion held on other items.

Treasurer's report: \$129 balance. Old business: None.

After January 1, 2016 no form required for license plates. Go to license bureau and pay the required amount and receive your plates. Purchasing them is now open to everyone.

Bridgeport Scholarship form can now be done on-line. Must be a member in good standing to apply. All awards in by February 1 and Bridgeport form by March 10.

25 year pins awarded to Mike Schmidt and Dave Frederick of Lake Station VFD, presented by District 1 chairman Paul Watland.

Election of district chairman: Marshall Neese, Lake Ridge VFD nominated. No nominations from the floor. Leighanne Ellis, PRNW, cast a unanimous vote for Marshall. Vote passed.

Paul F. Watland nominated for District 2 chairman. No nominations from the floor. Leighanne Ellis, PRNW, cast one unanimous vote for Paul. Vote passed.

No deaths in districts.

Good of the order: Red Knights, Lake County MC holding a ride July 19 to support autism. Lake Dale VFD holding a hog roast on July 25 at their station. Cedar Lake holding a Classic Car Show July 26. July 30, FF Challenge at Porter County Fair. Jack Eskridge has raised over \$250,000 for Burn Camp through his boot drive competition between departments. He has sent a letter of thanks to all participating departments.

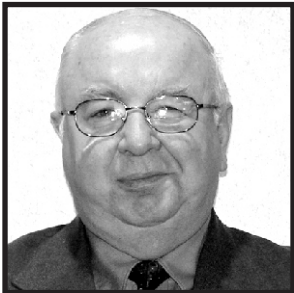
September 16 meeting will be held at Merrillville FD on 73rd Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 won by Jerry Miller.

Motion by Bub Wise and seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn. Passed.

Notes by Bob Szot
Submitted by Paul F. Watland,
District 2 chairman

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 18, 2015 at Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory which began at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge led by Elton Shafer. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 12 members, and 2 guests. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Lorelei Seip from California Casualty Insurance introduced herself as the new district

representative. She informed the members that if their vehicle is vandalized or hit while at the fire station or at the scene, the \$500 deductible will be forgiven. Also, if firefighters buy their own turnout gear, they would be covered under the policy.

Chairman Smith discussed the Bill concerning the new Indiana Fire Academy which will be built in the future with fundraisers taking place.

New cards will be coming out from American Income Life. If there have been any changes such as beneficiary, address, etc. please fill it out and send it to the I.V.F.A. Central Office.

Discussion was made concerning the Blue Light Law and that the I.V.F.A. would like to add LED lights to the law.

The ten year pins will be passed out starting in 2016. All current I.V.F.A. members which have 10-24 years will receive a pin. There will be approximately 5,000 pins handed out in 2016.

Chairman Smith discussed the awareness of the possibility of getting cancer and how decontamination of turn-out gear, SCBA, and fire hoses need to be in place in every department.

Chairman Smith made the body aware of the new Bill being proposed in the Indiana Congress that any funds raised in your department fundraiser, will become part of the fire budget. The I.V.F.A. Lobbyist, Larry Curl, will be watching for this bill being presented and will be fighting against it.

PRNE Jean Smith went over HB1182 concerning the Fire Academy in more detail stating that the Board of Education and 80 firefighters went downstate to standardize training for firefighters.

Jean discussed HB1064 where a firefighter can now be elected to serve on the Town Board or Township Trustee or Advisor and still be a firefighter. The Bill states that if 2 on a 3 member board are members of the same department, their yearly budget will stay the same as it has been.

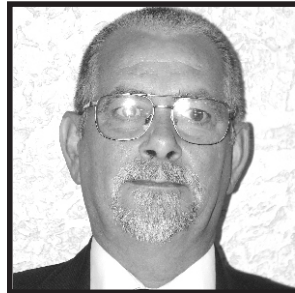
Jean discussed how 33 states now have the Cancer Presumption Law but the law does not include volunteer firefighters and the I.V.F.A. is trying to get the law changed to include volunteer firefighters.

Event being held in District 4 is:

October 10-Jefferson Township Fire Department is holding a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast.

The next meeting will be held at Osolo Township Volunteer Fire Department, Elkhart, IN on December 10, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
September 10, 2015
Syracuse/Turkey Creek F.D.,
Syracuse IN

Refreshments were served by the

host department prior to the meeting.

Guests: Jean and EJ Smith.

The 5th District meeting was called to order by NEPR Jean Smith at 1941 hrs. The pledge to the flag followed. The meeting was attended by 17 firefighters representing 5 departments. The minutes from July meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

We discussed the Cancer Presumptive law and the fact it DOES NOT cover a volunteer firefighter.

The update on the blue law was talked about. Currently it does not cover LED lights.

It was noted that the 10 year pins should be available in November.

IVFA license plates will be available WITHOUT the form that has to be obtained through our main office currently on January 1, 2016.

California Casualty is sending out forms for updates to your profile for the \$3500.00 life insurance.

We discussed HB1264 in connection with a volunteer firefighter also serving in an elected local office simultaneously and the HB1182 increasing the Board of Standards and Education from 11 to 13 members. It allows the Division of Fire and Building Safety (division) of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to establish a fire and public safety academy training system to create and conduct programs to train public safety personnel.

Talked about the EMS death benefit HB1080.

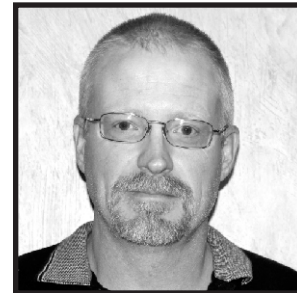
October 17 Etna Green F.D. fish fry at Hawthorn Park.

November 7 Bourbon F.D. Equipment fund raiser at fire station at 6 P.M.

Next meeting at Warsaw F.D. Station #2 November 12.

Paul Martin
5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

District #7
July 20, 2015
Hoagland Vol. 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 27 members representing 6 departments. May minutes were read and approved.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Jim Coyle - Evacupod.

Chairman Bisel - Invited Jim Coyle to demonstrate his product Evacupod.

Chairman Bisel - IVFA license plates will be available at the BMV starting Jan. 1, 2016. No ID will be required to get an IVFA plate. Discussion on the floor that members don't like that just anyone can get the plate starting next year.

Discussed tracking exposures and cancer prevention. Flyers are available.

Free guide available for NVFC.

Convention was held at Elizabeth, IN. 124 delegates were

present. District 7 had 9 members and 7 delegates.

Be sure to document all records, ISO will require them in an audit.

List of officers and award winners available on the web site and in the paper.

10 year pins will be distributed soon.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Attended Board of Firefighting Standards and Education meeting. Discussed Indiana Fire Training Academy that passed into law. Discussed guides for instructor qualifications.

Attended NVFC in the spring, 29 district meetings, 4 quarterly meetings, and 6,000 miles.

Copies of the bills that passed are available.

List of award winners read, see the paper.

Chairman Bisel - Window stickers and membership benefits books are available.

Jean Smith - PRNE - Open elections for District 7 officers.

For District Chairman Sam Bisel nominated. No further nominations, Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman.

For District Co-Chairman Jarod Bryant nominated. No further nominations, Jarod Bryant, District 7 Co-Chairman.

For District Secretary Richard Sorg nominated. No further nominations, Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary.

Chairman Bisel - When was the last convention NE? District 4 would like to co-chair a convention. 2016 Convention is Belterra and back down to Columbus in 2017. Would like to get one delegate from each department for convention planning committee. Passed a sign up sheet.

Berne Raffle tickets and breakfast this Saturday.

Poe Days Aug. 21 & 22.

Next meeting at Liberty Center Sept. 21 and Nov. meeting will be at Markle and it will be the Miss Flame competition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 with 27 members representing 6 departments.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

September 21, 2015

Liberty Center Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 27 members representing 12 departments.

July minutes R/A.

Guests: Steve Anderson - IVFA President, Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Brandon Taylor - Equip Tech and Jason Gerhardt - Global Emergency Products.

Chairman Bisel introduced guests Jason Gerhardt and Brandon Taylor.

Jason Gerhardt - Global Emergency Products - Would like to help you with any equipment needs that your department may have.

Brandon Taylor - Equip Tech - Dealing in lighting and accessories for your vehicles. Please stay after the meeting for a demonstration of the products offered.

Chairman Bisel - Fire Prevention Week will be the first week in October.

We had two deaths in the district since our last meeting. Findly Lane and Allen Smith. Both were 50 year

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members of the Poneto Vol. Fire Dept.

Attendance cards need to be filled out legibly at the district meetings. Last quarter's drawing the fuel card went to Andy Yoder of Geneva and the cleaning kit went to Andy Lockwood of Poe.

The IVFA is working on a one day class to be offered in Kokomo on Oct. 24. There are 6 classes to be offered.

Firefighter suicides are on the rise, be aware of the signs in your crew mates.

Emails are coming through on about NVFC, no further information available.

Jean Smith, PRNE – The IVFA has a few bills that are being looked at.

Larry Curl – IVFA Lobbyist – I AM RESPONDING Sign Up! This is a very quick way for the state to get information out to the body in a hurry.

Bills that are being looked at: To include Volunteer firefighters in the presumptive cancer law. It is very important for individuals to document exposures for themselves

Blue light law – want to include LED lighting into the law.

Attended the Indiana Fire Alliance meeting today. They are starting a project to look at the state of the fire service in Indiana. If your department is contacted please provide any information requested.

Oct. 4 is the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, MD. Would like for individuals and departments to participate in Bells Across America to honor our fallen. Information is available on the web site.

ISO – New grading schedule is in use. Nov. 21 is an ISO Informational Training in Brownsburg. This will be on the web site soon.

Steve Anderson – IVFA President – An App is being created to track firefighter exposure.

Who is using Image Trend? Any problems so far? Some positive comments.

IVFA license plates will be available at the BMV starting the first of the year. Also should be able to complete renewals online as well. Price did increase \$5 starting next year, proceeds help fund the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

IVFA now has a Facebook page. Indiana State Fire Training Academy – Trying to figure out how this is all going to work. Need to keep what we have in the local and district level and build up from there.

Need help tracking training records from across the state. Would like one year's worth of training records submitted to compile across the state. These records can be presented anonymously.

Board of Firefighting Standards and Education is streamed online, next meeting is next Monday.

Chairman Bisel – Have been able to confirm and give out 2 – 25 year pins.

Last month presented a 50 year pin and certificate to Dale Gallmeyer, Poe Vol. Fire Dept.

Tonight presented a 25 year pin to Tim Morris, Liberty Center Vol. Fire Dept.

Global Award nominations, would like to see at least one nomination from each dept. for this award next year. Also award nominations for all of the other

many awards the IVFA and IVFAA offers are being taken. Info for these are on the website.

Next meeting will be at Markle Vol. Fire Dept. Nov. 16. This will be our District Miss Flame Contest.

Second roll call answered by 29 members representing 12 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

DISTRICT 8A REPORT

Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A,

Hopefully everyone had a great summer. When you read this we will be into the fall season and starting to make preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

First of all I am honored to be serving as your new District Chairman. I have big shoes to fill as your District Chairman. Speaking of those big shoes I want to thank Bill and Joan Pape for their outstanding and dedicated service to the IVFA and District 8A over the last eighteen years.

Chairman Pape was a good soldier for the Association.

In July at the District meeting held at Pleasant Twp. in Sweetser Chairman Pape was voted District Chairman Emeritus by those members in attendance at the meeting. It was our way of honoring Chairman Pape and his service to the District and Association.

In August I had the privilege of presenting John Silves of Gas City Rescue Squad with his 50 year Gold card and pin. The department did a wonderful job in honoring John Silves for his 50 years of service to Gas City and surrounding area. Also John Silves received the Sagamore of the Wabash from the Governor's Office and the City Council declared a John Silves Day in Gas City.

As we head towards the end of the year it means preparation for the next legislative session early next year. Our Lobbyist Larry Curl and the IVFA Legislative Committee are hard at work putting an agenda of items together for the 2016 session. There is much going on with Fire and EMS issues at the state and national levels and we need to stay vigilant to what is happening in both disciplines. If you have a question, ask. If you have an idea, tell someone. Your question or idea is important to the Officers of the Association.

There are several awards available through the IVFA for its members. Go to the Association website at ivfa.org and check out the different awards and their deadlines. Remember, if you have someone on your department who might be worthy of an award nominate them.

In November I will be asking for nominations from the District for the District Global Award.

Some of you might remember this as the Midwest Award. Global Emergency Products sponsors these awards for each District across the State. If you have an individual on your department or organization that has helped your department that is worthy of the award please nominate them. Nominations will be considered at the January District meeting.

Remember to attend your district meetings. Your District Chairman must hold 6 meetings a year and there must be a quorum of 5 departments present at those meetings to conduct official

business. District meetings can be very informative and a good place to network and share ideals with other members and departments from the District.

Reach out to your surrounding departments that you mutual aid with and make sure they are members of the IVFA, if not encourage those departments to become members. The benefits outweigh the cost of membership.

Cancer is a significant threat to emergency responders that demands our attention.

Numerous studies have shown emergency responders are at a greater risk for getting several types of cancer as compared to the general population. As first responders, it is critical that we educate ourselves on the risks and what we can do to minimize those risks. Early detection is key to combatting cancer, so make sure you are getting regular screenings and tell your doctor that you are a firefighter.

Remember use full and proper PPE throughout response and overhaul operations and wash your PPE and hoods after each "hot zone" response. Never store dirty PPE in your car or house and always wash your face and hands immediately after each response and before touching food.

Remember firefighter cancer is real!

Please be safe! I do not have to tell you what we do is dangerous. Never take your life or those around you for granted.

Before I close I want to leave you with these Words of Wisdom from an unknown author.

Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character.

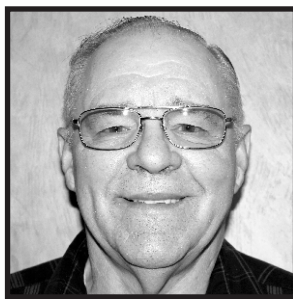
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

The next District 8A meeting will be hosted by Sharpsville Vol. FD on November 11th.

In closing and on behalf of my family, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting at the White River Township Volunteer Fire Department on July 8, 2015. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 9 members from 5 departments in attendance. There were 3 guests in attendance, Larry Curl, Jim Cash, and Cindy VanGordon.

Secretary and Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Election of officers was held with all officers staying the same. Lloyd E. Wright - District Chairman, Ed Smith - Assistant District Chairman, and Ren'ee Blumenhorst, Secretary.

Chairman Wright told the

members about what was going on in the state and with the IVFA. Larry Curl talked about the different things that was passed in the legislation and what the IVFA would like to be done this year in the legislation.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 20 fires and 137 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held at the Yorktown VFD on September 9, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

On September 9, 2015 District 8B held their meeting at the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken. Thirteen members from eight departments were in attendance. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Chairman Wright had invited the Cherry Brothers to attend the meeting but they never showed up.

District Chairman Wright told the group about the different awards that are given away at the IVFA convention and encouraged them to submit some names for them. Also told them about the Miss Flame 2016 contest which will be held at the Albany VFD on November 11, 2015.

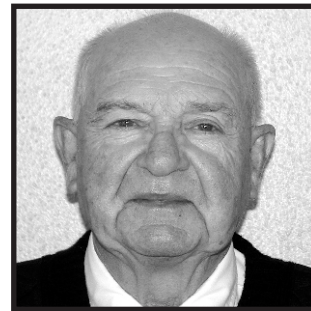
Second roll call was taken with the number of fire and EMS runs. There were 71 fires and 142 EMS runs.

Next meeting will be held on November 11, 2015 at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10

It has been a very busy but exciting summer in District 10. We had the privilege to visit some new fire stations in our district and also were honored to present several years of service pins.

July 25th David Israel and I had the pleasure of presenting Chief Steve Davis and the firefighters at Morristown VFD an IVFA clock to hang in the new Morristown fire station. Check out picture in the paper.

On July 27, 2015, 25 year pins were presented to Scott D. Hendershot and Walter Dietz of Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

District 10 August meeting was at Fairland Volunteer Fire Department's new fire station; a very good looking station with a lot of great features. The speaker for the evening was John Beard from ISO. John spoke on things to look forward to if your department is audited. Evan Hill, Joe Stucker, and Robert Rund were presented their 25 year pins. David Israel presided over district officer elections. John Ray was re-elected Chairman and Jim Davis was re-elected Secretary. Jim and I would like to thank the members of District 10 having confidence in us to carry on the business of District 10 IVFA

for another year.

Fairland Fire Department was presented an IVFA clock to hang in their new station at its September meeting by Chairman Ray and Miss Flame Jaylen Mathews. Glenn Glackman was also presented his 25 year pin at this time.

September 10th District meeting was held at Whiteland Volunteer Fire Department. The program was on "Large Animal Rescue" and was presented by Eric, Angela and Rebecca of the organization. Special thanks to Lona Huffman for getting the program. Branden Wood talked on training opportunities through the State Fire Marshal's office.

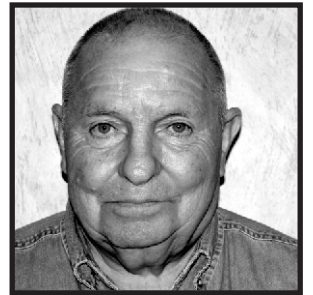
October 21, 2015 will be the next meeting to be held at Nineveh Volunteer Fire Department at 7 P.M.

November meeting is on the 18th at Needham Volunteer Fire Department. The Miss Flame contest will be held at this meeting.

Hoping and praying for a safe harvest with no field fires during this busy and often very dry time of year.

John M. Ray,
District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A,
Can you believe it's fall already!
Time flies.

We had a joint meeting and cookout with 11B in September. Great time and good food and lots of friends.

As of January 2016, you can get license plates at DMV without going through the Central Office.

I have been busy this quarter with presenting 25 year pins and attending meetings. At our meeting in July in Seelyville I presented Larry Tempel with the Global Award. Senator Jon Ford presented Dave Phelps with a resolution for his 50 years of service. A lot to be said for these two dedicated firemen. Our meeting was followed by a reception for the occasion.

Convention for 2016 will be at Bel-Terra Casino in Vevay, IN. Room rate is \$99.00, registration is \$65.00 till May, then \$75.00.

Award letters are due February 1st. Let's get some deserving men and women a chance to shine.

Our next district meeting will be at Otter Creek Station on November 15, 2015.

We would like to see a lot of interested fire departments of 11A.

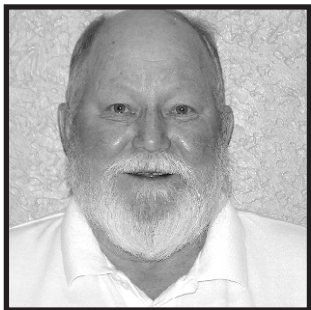
Till next time, be safe out there.

Pete Taylor
District 11A chairman

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DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman
Veedersburg Vol. Fire Dept.
July 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard, the Pledge to the Flag was led by John Morphy and the opening prayer was offered by Pete Taylor, Chairman, District 11-A. The guests in attendance were introduced along with the guests of the auxiliary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. The Armed Forces Benefit Ass'n. Insurance Project was announced by John Morphy. A question and answer session followed his presentation. Roll call was taken with 15 members from 8 departments present followed by this year's election of district officers. The results were:

Chairman - Larry Southard
Vice Chairman - John Morphy
Sec. - Treas. - John Davies
Sgt.-at-Arms - Jared Rohr

Chairman Southard spoke on the numerous news articles he had received. H.B.1182 passed. Education under one board, not popular but it is in effect. A discussion was held on what was needed to improve the attendance at the district meetings.

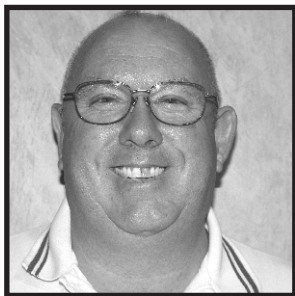
Announcements were made by Chairman Southard and John Morphy.

Bob Burger spoke on the Fire Detector Project, to give every family in their fire territory a smoke detector. The Host Certificate was presented to Chief Terry Shields of the Veedersburg Vol. Fire Dept.

With no further business to transact, the Benediction was given by Ralph "Pete" Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Mike Dzuba - Chairman

We have had a good 3 months here in the district.

We have had a few departments that have had fund raisers for new equipment and I have tried to attend them all.

We were also able to award our Global Award to Robert Garcia of The Grill/Grill 2. Robert and his employees have had a golf outing for Supporting Heroes and he has also had a few fundraisers for the local Fire Department. We wanted to thank him for all his support.

I will be trying to get out over the next few months to get more of the those 25 year pins out to the members that are due them.

We are looking forward to the holiday season. We hope everyone

has a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings from District 14.

We have been trying to get out and see some departments and trying to get out to the fairs to see any departments that we can.

I am still looking for departments to host any meetings. We have meetings every other month on the 3rd Thursday.

If you have anything going on let me know so I can get out and see you guys. We are busy this time of year so let me know ASAP.

Also don't forget to start to write letters for next year's award winners at convention.

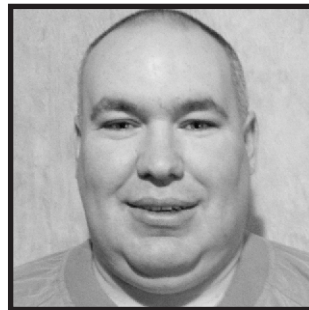
Also I started selling cleaning supplies from Station Supply so if you want a demo on a night or weekend, call me at 502-523-2665.

Thanks.

Rick Cannon

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DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from southwest Indiana,

Hope everyone is doing well.

On July 21st we held our district meeting at Francisco Volunteer Fire Department. Roll call was answered by 18 members from 8 departments and 4 guests. Guests included IVFA lobbyist Larry Curl and his wife Carol, IVFA treasurer Bev Harker, and IVFAA District 15 chair Jerri Johnson.

Larry Curl gave an update on legislation and spoke about what the IVFA would be working on in the next legislative session. Jack Kerney, Public Relations Southwest spoke about cancer issues facing the fire service and how to begin prevention and documentation.

IVFA treasurer Bev Harker spoke about the new procedure for obtaining IVFA license plates beginning January 1, 2016. Election of officers was held with Bev Harker serving as installing officer. Chairman - Ross Emery, Vice Chairman - C.L. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer - Barb Kerney, Sgt. at Arms - Jack Kerney. Thanks goes out to Francisco Fire Department for hosting this meeting.

On July 24th I attended Emergency Responders Night at the

Evansville Otters ballgame which was sponsored by Working Distributors. They provided free tickets to the game for local fire, EMS, and police. Past President Jack Kerney, along with an Evansville Firefighter and Police Officer threw out the first pitch, which was delivered to the mound by Air-Evac medical helicopter. It was a fun filled night for all who attended. I would like to thank Working Distributors for putting on this event.

On September 15th, we held a district meeting at New Harmony Volunteer. We did not have enough departments for a quorum.

Jack Kerney and I spoke about challenges facing the fire service. We also spoke about legislation the IVFA would be pursuing. The new procedure for obtaining IVFA license plates was discussed along with the IVFA 10 year pin that will be presented starting later this year.

I presented Richard Burks with his 25 year pin. I would like to thank the members of New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department for the meal and hospitality.

On October 4th I attended an open house at Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Martin for the invite. Also on October 4th I attended the annual District 18 memorial service at Carter Fire District in Dale. This was a nice service; if you ever get the opportunity to attend, I encourage it. Public Relations Southwest Jack Kerney was one of the speakers at this service.

Our next meeting will be held at McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Station 5 on November 17th at 6:30 P.M. central time

Till next time, STAY SAFE.

Ross Emery, Dist. 15 Chairman
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
AUGUST 8 & 9, 2015

President Anderson introduced IDHS Executive Director David Kane.

Director Kane – “The first thing that is probably on everyone’s mind is the fire and safety public training academy system that was the law that passed last session and charged the Homeland Security with putting it together. We do not at this time have a set plan for what that is going to look like. I am mindful that there are those in the fire service that picture it being a fixed facility. I am not opposed to that principal. The reality is that there is no budget that goes along with any of this. I have heard many times from this group that a fixed facility does not work for this body. I am mindful of that as well. I do think the fixed facility we could make that work, but our focus and our belief is that we need to operate this as a system. A system that there needs to be academies throughout the State. It’s a system that supports the five core elements of what the law says that is fire, EMS, EMA, telecommunications and a professional development program. We are working on an organizational concept that takes those things into consideration and at the same time looks at what the law specifically says we are to accomplish. We are to accomplish standardization and core curriculum, ensure and oversight a quality control program, and ensure the certification process. As we build this what necessitates is that we take at least one of the divisions within the department. There are four, we need to largely break that up and rebuild it in order to meet this requirement. That’s what we are in the process of doing right now, working with the Marshal and his team. What I am envisioning is that we are going to have Fire and Building Service Division with branches that address standards and core curriculum, quality control oversight and certification, we will organize ourselves accordingly so that everything we do flows with that mission accomplishment. When it comes to actual training delivery there is still a question. Do we leave that within fire and building services and development branch that ensures that courses were advertised, facilities were available, instructors were lined up, certification documents flowed through the proper branch.

Remember this is not limited to fire service only, it’s all of the five core elements. Budget is not increased. It’s still that same two million that we get from the sale of fireworks. What will happen before we get to a final solution is that there will be a constitute work group come in, offer their ideas, validate our ideas. We will mix it up and get to a final solution. The second item is district concept. Director Hill contracted without side analysis group. We have gotten their recommendation back on what a district concept look like should. We have decided to leave the ten district concept in place, we are going to make it stronger. My basic philosophy is that we are a provider of service and a preparer of resource at the department level that is the core of what we do, I wanted to make sure we were able to get a better inventory statewide, a quick reference of what resources are out there for the public safety community. I’m not talking about a particular piece of equipment, a piece of apparatus. I’m talking about functions. We are soon to publish and release this book of functions and resources that are going to be available for all public safety to be aware of. Other duties and responsibilities of IDHS, it’s everything from natural disasters to nuclear detection and everything in-between. Thank you for your courtesy and I appreciate your service.”

President Anderson called meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.

President Anderson called on Vice President Holcomb to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A moment of silence was held followed by the invocation given by Chaplain Dave Elick.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Anderson introduced new Chairman District 1 Marshall Neese. He is on Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, other guests present Carol Thrawley and Ed Smith.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made a motion to accept minutes as printed. District 4 Chairman Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer’s report: Treasurer Harker reminded all District Chairmen to turn in a voucher for their secretaries for \$50.00. It goes on voucher where it says secretary allowance. I prefer you have the name and address on top of the voucher and separate voucher.

Past President Zeeks asked if it was an SOG change or a bylaw change to give the secretaries an allowance raise. Chairman SOC’s and Bylaws committee Larry Bartlow will check on this.

Treasurer Harker passed out the reports and reviewed the reports with us; everything is in line. We are ahead on our advertising in our newspaper. District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel made motion to accept treasurer’s report. PRSW Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Treasurer Harker present 2016 budget.

Treasurer Harker reported on Clothing sales at annual 69th convention. \$1,110.00 purchased, \$793.00 expenses, profit of \$317.00. Treasurer Harker thanked

Carol Curl and Class Act Embroidery for all their help and setting at our stand every year.

President Anderson: Asked everyone to take home budget and look at it. If you’re Chairman of a Committee and you think you will need money, bring it to the November meeting and we will discuss and adjust if needed.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel made motion to accept treasurer’s report. PRSW Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

President Anderson: Anyone new on the Board or District officer changes or beneficiary change please fill out a new form for Provident Insurance.

President Anderson: need to get a list of items needed for the briefcases.

Gavels – District 8B, 9A and 19, small flag needed 50, may need 1 briefcase, we will check on it for 9B.

President Anderson: 10 year pins are in. Target date of handing them out will be November. We’ll have to get reports ready to assist the Chairman. Plan is to hand them out 10 – 24 years. Hopefully this will get you another opportunity to get you into the firehouses.

In May I talked to you about the possibility of setting up some training. I assigned this task to special projects committee.

Special Projects Co-Chair Steve Nolan: We have come up with 6 classes, instructor in-service, EVOG 4 hour class room only, In-Time, Cancer, fire reporting and Insurance. October 24, 2015 tentative date, looking for a location, we will have 3 classes going at once. It’s a one day class, you pick what you want to take in the morning and in the afternoon. For fire schools we reimbursed \$5.00 since class is free, we propose that \$5.00 fee to go to provide lunch. Instructors will be donating their time. It was suggested to look at Ivy Tech in Kokomo. PRSW Jack Kerney made motion to proceed with this class and \$5.00 for lunch. Non-IVFA members will pay \$5.00. District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. 1 nay.

Jerry Liston, Mike Dzuba and Sam Bisel will also help with putting the class together.

Brick at National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland - Vice President Holcomb will send Central Office a digital logo and it will get ordered this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office – 1,949 license plate, 12,015 dues. We emailed paid not paid list, deceased list please pay attention if it says per roster. That means I have not received a voucher for that member, please check and see if we need to get Bibles and grave markers to the family. We will be working to get a 10 year member report to you at November meeting. Georgetown Fire Department did pay their dues; haven’t paid since 2002. If you send me an email and I don’t reply back, I didn’t get it.

Executive Committee – Eyeglass reimbursement has been taken care of. We discussed Lobbyist contract. We met with California Casualty at convention and one of the items we discussed was putting on some of their videos on our YouTube channel. I’m hoping to get some videos from them for us to review and maybe put on our YouTube. We are also looking into Bryan Weiss from AFBA, Supporting Heroes, and Station Supply to mention a few.

Awards Committee - Chairman

Paul Holcomb: Awards committee met today and at the request of the President and Executive Committee we were asked to come up with some guidelines for the Medal of Valor. We were supplied with some examples and as we went through them this is what we came up with. To start off we want to differentiate between valor award and lifesaving award. We put a separation in there for those. The lifesaving award is a certificate, and the guideline is to read as follows: the life saving award is given to any person who risks their own life in saving or attempting to save life of another person. That would be open to anyone who is not a member of this Association or a firefighter and would be considered a Life Saving Award. The Medal of Valor is reserved for firefighters. The criteria for the medal reads: any firefighter that performs the acts of courage, bravery and/or valor, who goes above and beyond the call of duty or who performs any extraordinary acts of bravery or who shows exemplary action while on or off duty. The executive committee shall be the governing body to determine the recipients of these awards.

President Anderson: I asked this committee for a recommendation and here is why I am basically the third person that has had control over these awards and there is no consistency, it was all based on interoperation. I asked them for some guidelines because I was receiving requests and not knowing what was done in the past. This is their recommendation. Is there any comments District 18 John Smith said he doesn’t agree with medal of valor for firefighters only. President Anderson thinks that there should be a thumb drive handed down from President to President so they will know what’s been done in the past with these two awards. I wanted some guidance and there wasn’t anything in the history so that is what they have given us is guidance. Keep this in mind it is a guide. Lifesaving award will receive a certificate and medal of valor will receive a medal and certificate.

PRSW Jack Kerney wanted to know if we should have a guideline of how these should be presented. President Anderson agreed. Vice President Holcomb is going to check on the colors of the medal.

Angel Award: Diane Harrison – Please encourage your District and Departments to write letters of nominations.

Jr. Firefighter Award: Jack Kerney – Challenges everyone to talk about all the awards at each district meeting, there should be a lot more letters written.

Mr. IVFA Committee: Larry Bartlow – Need letters.

Chaplain David Elick said it was brought up in his district that we won’t accept computer written letters; they had to be hand written. We will accept type written letters. Jack Kerney said that it’s the quality of the letter not the quantity. It was brought up if we would accept these letters if they were emailed. President Anderson said we have people researching this and we will come back to it.

Bridgeport: Bev Harker – Pass.

Bylaws and SOG’s: Chairman Larry Bartlow – We met this morning. Jack Kerney has a new set of printed SOG’s and bylaws that were passed out. We discovered this morning that Article 15 on amendments in the bylaws the many reprints the statement of 2/3 majority to pass a bylaw amendment was somehow

disappeared in a quick research that I have done today with Diane and Steve’s help and everyone else. The 2/3 has been in our bylaws since 1994. First line of that section these amendments shall be changed by a 2/3 majority. It was in the 2007 reprint it was not in the 2008 reprint. In September of ‘09 a change was put in to add the 2/3 majority to pass an amendment. Buz wrote on it presented I can’t find anywhere it was voted on so that is where it stands. It could be added back in as a clerical error.

Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to add 2/3 majority to pass a bylaw amendment back into the bylaws. Past President Richard Glant made the second motion, carried by voice vote.

Central Office will bring the page reprint to November meeting.

Clothing Claims: Chairman Lloyd Wright – 3 claims approved all 3, 2 were eyeglasses and 1 duty clothes. New form will state you won’t get the article back.

Convention Report: Chairman David Israel – Convention committee met today. We discussed about budgets for convention. Sometimes the hotels put a minimum that you have to meet; they need to be aware of this. I did hear that there may be a couple of Districts bidding for the 2018 convention, deadline for letters of intent is February 1, 2016.

2015 Convention: Co-Chairman Holcomb - Report submitted today and we are waiting to clarify some financials before we close out our account.

2016 Convention: Chairman Macke – We are progressing along. Get items to Paul to be put on website. This will be the 70th convention.

2017 Convention: Chairman Israel – Columbus is a work in progress.

EMS Taskforce Committee: Co-Chairman Mike Dzuba - we met with Mike Cole. He is our trauma representative on the EMS Commission. Senate Bill 406 reporting all narkan usage whether it be by fire, EMS or police. They are wanting to see who is using it and when. Senate Bill 461 which passed which states EMT’s and first responders can now do blood glucose readings with your medical control. They have also added to first responder curriculum is the use of epi-pens again that is under medical director control.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Bev Harker – Audit for workman’s comp. was and we received a \$50.00 refund. I received some claims from Central Office and I forwarded them to Lona.

Logo Committee: Chairman John Smith – We are going to write what our logo means and have it at next meeting. Anyone needing to use our logo email me.

LODD – Pass.

President Anderson – Hotel has lost paperwork that was given to them. Steve read off names that had reservations for November meeting. If your name is not on that list I need you to fill out a form and make sure I have it in my possession. It is now time to start looking to book 2016 hotel in which I am currently looking. Please write down your complaints and turn in so I have something to give them when they want to start negotiating to keep us here.

Legislation Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler – Pass.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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Lobbyist Larry Curl – Next year we will carry two proposals to the legislature, presumptive cancer and blue light law only changing it to add LED lights. There is already a law on the books for cancer we just want to become a part of that process.

Membership and Marketing: Chairman Diane Harrison – We discussed the Association to give out 1 tee shirt at each district meeting in conjunction with their 50/50 or door prize. This would promote our clothing and help get rid of some of our older inventory. Leighanne has been working on the list for discounts for our members. She wasn't able to be here this weekend so we will have more information at November's meeting. There was a comment to make the meetings more family-friendly, have activity for the kids.

Speakers Bureau: Chairman Jack Kerney – As soon as we get all the dues entered, I will be getting with them and giving them names of departments to contact.

Newspaper Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler – 40 pages, 16,038 papers. I noticed in newspaper there is not very many PR director reports; that needs to change. We are still receiving poor quality pictures. She has been given permission to pull articles and pictures if Please invite him to your meetings and copy me so I can keep track. We are going to give all of our advertisers this same chance.

Public Relations and Education: Chairman Jack Zeeks – Trailer activity is slowing down, every light is fixed. We are always in need of supplies for the trailer. IREC conference is August 21.

Social Media Committee: Paul Holcomb – Pass.

Website: David Israel – Always putting in updates.

President Anderson – I'm looking for a couple of people and they don't have to necessarily be an officer on this cancer issue, proactive, they would be our watch dog.

Training Task Force: Chairman John Smith - Our discussion centered around a grant for improving training.

Larry Curl – If you have had good or bad infrastructure training grants experience please get it to us.

Younger Member Task Force: Chairman Jerry Sprague – We discussed 10 year pins which has already been discussed today and listing of 10 year members in paper and that is on hold until the new computer system is up and running.

Fire Alliance: Chairman Buz Koehler – Next meeting 18*

Fire Academy Workgroup: Steve Anderson – Pass.

Heroes Competition: Mike Dzuba – last weekend in April 2016, 85 kids participated this year.

IN-Time: Jack Zeeks – Pass.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney – Next meeting October 21* in Concord, North Carolina.

License Plate: Bev Harker – Pass.

Red Cross Workgroup: Don Cushman – Hasn't heard anything yet.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Marshal Neese – Pass.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – Absent.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy – Station dedication, La Porte County Career Center looking for equipment and gear donation.

District 4 Chairman Terry Smith – New Paris Volunteer Fire Department 100 Anniversary, Saturday August 22, 1-4 p.m. Mount Liberty was supposed to have their 100 anniversary celebration this year but has been put on hold. Read a thank you card from Norm Crocker.

District 5 Chairman had a quorum and failed to elect a District Chairman. Don Kissinger said he would take co-chairman and help the chairman.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – Pass.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – Visited 2 departments.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston – Presented 24 – 25 year pins, 1 gold card, 1 death. President Anderson announced that District 8A elected Jerry Liston as chairman and Bill Pape was named District chairman emeritus. Jerry thanked everyone who came to help present Bill the Global award.

District 8B Chairman Lloyd Wright – Farmland fire prevention October 10*. I presented some 25 year pins.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef – presented 25 year pins and Global award.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – Absent.

Meeting reconvened Sunday, August 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Elick gave minute message.

American Income Life: Tammy Williams – In the next month or so we will be doing the letters again. Everyone has a \$3,500.00 ADA policy; all members covered 24/7. A new product this year is our internet safety guides that will be taking the place of the child kit.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – presented 2 - 50 year resolutions, 3 - 25 year pins attended 2 county meetings, a station dedication and a 5 fire department meetings.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – 1 station dedication, presented the Global award and a 50 year resolution, 1 - 25 year pin.

District 11B Chairman Larry Southard – Absent.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Presented Global award, 1 - 50 year resolution and 7 - 25 year pins.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba – Presented 12 - 5 year pins, Global award and 1 station dedication.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl – Presented Global award, Ollie Sandburg award, 3 - 50 year cards and resolutions, 3 - 25 year pins, 2 Bibles and grave markers.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – We will have the trailer at Sellersburg celebration.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery – Talked about first responder night at the Farm Club baseball team. Throughout the game they were plugging the IVFA.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reisert – Presented 2 - 25 year pins, 1 death and 3 department visits.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – presented 1 resolution, open house at Patoka Fire Department this afternoon. If anyone knows any department needing composite and aluminum air bottle and a set of jaws, get with me and I will get you the

information.

District 17B Chairman Steve Nolan – Election of officers at our next meeting.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – Presented Global award, 2 deaths, District memorial service October 4 and District parade October 11.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – Presented 1 - 50 card and resolution, attended 4 funerals and a departments 150* anniversary.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz – 2 deaths and presented 50 year card and resolution.

Larry Curl stated we need to get the resolution out to the members.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Anderson – Attended Crown Point memorial for Jim Bradford, station dedication and 11A meeting at Wright Twp.

Vice President Holcomb – I tore my calf and tendon at convention. I didn't get much traveling done, attended 2 departments and 3 district meetings

Chaplain Elick – 11 memorial services this quarter; old Bibles - 6 Protestant gave to Methodist church, 17 Catholic donated to Fort Wayne South Bend Diocese. I have been asked some questions. If I'm asked to do a funeral, do I do them? Treasurer Harker said that we have paid mileage but only 1 \$75.00. Normally funeral home bills family for Chaplain doing funeral services. Chaplain will need to work out with funeral home if doing the funeral. President has the right to allow permission for overnight stays if he deems necessary. Class that we had at convention went very well.

Secretary Harrison – Thanked everyone who bided, donated, bought, ring workers started out very slow but we raised \$3,154.00 for the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Treasurer Harker – I attended 5 district meetings and the convention. We received a thank you from Hoosier Burn Camp for the \$1,000.00 donation.

Chairman of the Board David Israel – 2 station dedications, Larry and I went down to Representative McMillan and Fry's breakfast and presented the other Legislator of the Year award. Attended Hagerstown meeting to help present Ollie Sandburg award; also made it up to Lapel when Bill Pape was presented with the Global award.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis - Absent.

PRNE Jean Smith – Attended 7 district meetings.

PRWC Larry Bartlow – Attended 3 district meetings.

PREC Don Cushman – Attended 7 district meetings and quite a few fundraisers.

PRSE Jack Kerney – Attended 8 district meetings, convention, 1 memorial, and the first responder's night at the baseball game.

PRSW Ed Scheele – Absent.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Parker – Absent.

Mitch Parish – Pass.

Richard Glant – Pass.

Jack Zeeks – Pass.

Buz Koehler – Pass.

Larry Ketchem – Pass.

Jack Kerney – Pass.

Tim Deckard – Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

President Anderson – I threw the idea at convention of paying double mileage one time only for 25 year pin distribution from August to the end of the year. Dies for lack of a motion.

Tressa Steward, State Miss Flame District 11A – It was a good

convention, fun experience, have participated in Dana, Bloomingtondale, heavily involved in 4-H. Invite me to your events. You can contact me at Missflame@IVFA.org or call or text 812-249-7535.

Tressa drew for the gift card sponsored by Ezell Group and California Casualty - District 7 Station 5 Andy Yoder. Cleaning basket sponsored by Station Supply District 7 - Poe Fire Department Andy Lockwood.

Meeting 2016 location if you would like me to look into, get me the name of hotel, address, we need 2 meeting rooms - one for 75 and 50, food on site or within walking distance and a couple of breakout rooms. We need to take the points in consideration. If you have a price range you want to stay under make that note too.

AFG grants – due in September. Is there anyone in here that would be willing to help write a grant on behalf of Association? After attending the summit and hearing all the other states getting grants, I feel we have to start somewhere. Past President Jack Kerney stated that he would like to see us go for a grant on the idea Larry Curl had, a study to see what we are worth to the state of Indiana. That would come out of the safer grant. If anyone knows someone that would be interested in helping with the grant let me know. Any objections going for the grant, none heard.

Chaplain Elick – will read IVFA deceased names at IERC August 20* at 8 a.m. Sept 1* state house memorial have heard nothing yet.

2016 Steve Macke - we have registration forms if you want to fill any out or take some back to your district meetings.

At convention officer's meeting on Thursday we voted to purchase 25 disks of the convention for the Miss Flames, President, Historian, office has one from convention,

Chairman of Board Israel – Talked about Steve Coehn who is with Lighthouse Uniforms. Wanted to see if this Association would help promote, if you plan ahead and know you will need a Class A to be buried in upon your death, you can reserve one, if you have outgrown a Class A, you can donate it back to them. We are going to research and bring back at November meeting.

Tentative meeting dates for 2016: February 5-7, May 6-8, August 5-7 and November 4-6. If anyone knows if these are good or bad dates let me know within the week.

Past President Mitch Parish made motion to adjourn. District 4 Chairman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote 2 nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison – Secretary

Vibes from the IVFAA President Barbara Kerney



Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim Parker and family as we mourn the loss of IVFAA past president, Barb Parker. Barb was a great lady who was a strong supporter of both of our organizations. She was a member who could never say "no" and always went out of her way to help others in any way she could.

She was instrumental in starting the Chinese Auction and for many years served as the Miss Flame Chairman as well as being the District Chairman for District 10. Our hearts are saddened, but we know that God took home another angel. Thank you Jim and family for sharing Barb with us thru the years. We will truly miss her.

A reminder to all that have plans to attend the state meeting in November. We will have a holiday tasting gathering before our meeting on Sunday morning (7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.) Everyone is welcome to join us.

Thanks to all of those who have been visiting other Auxiliaries, getting new members signed up and visiting and participating in departments social events. We have a great organization and the more information and assistance we can offer, our organization will continue to grow. In order to continue with our mission statement, we need new ideas, new members, and those who want to play a role in promoting safety and community service.

As the holidays are approaching, Jack and I wish each of you and your families a happy holiday season.

Let us remember the greatest gift that was given and that we are blessed to be able to share that gift with all. Thanks for your friendship and continued support.

Barb Kerney
IVFAA President

**February Deadline
January 5, 2016
12:00 noon CST**

From the committee of the Lois Boaz Award

A reminder of this wonderful award presented to a deserving lady belonging to the I.V.F.A.A.

A letter that is hand-written or typed in your own words about the person you are writing about. It needs to tell about the person on how she represents the Fire Service, community, her family, neighbors, etc.

A letter for each person is to be sent to the three members on the committee.

The letters are to be in the committee's hands by February 1, 2016 or postmarked by that date.

No copies from original letters accepted.

Send letters to committee members:

Martha Thomas
7150 Madison St.
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

June Cahill
1971 N. Oakley Road
Bloomfield, Indiana 47424

Carol Curl
3047 N. Raceway Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana 46234



From the desk of the Historian
John Davies

Greetings fellow firefighters. Where has this year gone? I hope all of you have had a safe summer and are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. I have not been as active as I would have liked to be.

Early this year, I had a visitor come to see me, his name is "ARTHUR". As many of my readers know firsthand Arthur can be very unpleasant most of the time.

I have had shots in both knees in January and guess what, they lasted only four days, yep, that is right only four days so the rest of the year has been very miserable for me and my family. This is not what we had planned for the year.

In September, a new fire station was dedicated in Fillmore. A lot of hard work by the committee made this day possible. To those involved, I say "Thank You" for your duty to the department and to the town. I did not think that I would live long enough to see a new station sitting on Main Street. It has taken twenty years of blood, sweat and a lot of tears to make this possible. I made it, and I am very proud.

I hope the future will bring us better rewards than this year has. We wanted to get out and see people but the situation told us different. Have a safe fall and the remainder of the year and we hope to see you next year

Your Historian,
John Davies

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to printco@rhsi.tv***

Winners of Chinese Auction 2015

Thanks to all of you who donated baskets and items to our auction and who bought tickets up project (Martha Thomas).

District 1 & 2: Mystery Box -
Richard Sorg

District 3: Wine Picnic Basket -
Brenda Stewart

District 4: South Bend Choc.
Basket - Lori Parker

District 6: Picnic Cooler - Ed
Stone

District 7: Fire Hydrant & Dog -
Larry B.

District 17: Limestone Bench -
Brad Haas

District 8: Car Wash - Brent Bush

District 9: Miss Flame Basket -
Marlene P.

District 10: Hand & Body Lotion
- Tonye Nevil

District 11A: Wreath - P. Martin

District 11A: Homemade Rug -
Terry Kneven

District 12: Wine Basket - Sue
Glant

District 11B: Good Luck Basket -
Richard Sorg

District 13B: IVFAA Gift Basket
- Pam G.

District 14: Hello Kitty -
Samantha O'Boyle

District 13A: 2 Fire Pictures -
Tracy Pfaff

District 14: Light Up Toys -
Brittany G.

District 15: Choc. Basket - Terry
Kneven

District 16: Gift Basket - Cathy
Hudson

District 17A: Quilt - Jerri
Johnson

District 18: Grill Master Basket -
Jim Castle

District 17B: Kid's Summer
Basket - Leona U.

District 15: Miss Flame Picnic
Basket - Brittney G.

District 19: Tool Box & Gift
Cards - Marlene P.

District 10: Antique Fire
Extinguisher - Richard Sorg

District 17B: Fire Pit - Steve
Malke

- submitted by Martha Thomas

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



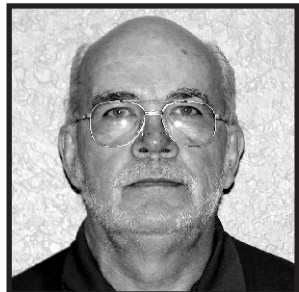
Josh Reisert - Chairman

Another year has come and gone. We are still looking for a host for our next meeting.

If you have any problems or questions contact me (502) 643-2114.

Joshua Reisert

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

May 20th - District 17A meeting hosted by Harrison Twp. VFD (Monroe City). Thanks for having the meeting and the meal provided.

June 4th - Taylor Twp. VFD meeting in Scotland.

June 10th-13th - State Convention. Congratulations to all the winners.

June 14th - Attended the Greene Cty Firefighter Association meeting.

July 2nd - Taylor Twp. VFD meeting in Scotland.

July 15th - District 17A meeting hosted by Loogootee VFD. Elections were held and I was re-elected as chairman. Scott Byers, vice chairman and Courtney Byers, secretary-treasurer. Bev Harker was appointed Chaplain and Johnny Johnson - Sgt.-at-Arms. Many

thanks for hosting our meeting and the meal provided.

July 30th - I presented Fred Davis, Steen Twp. VFD (Wheatland) his Certificate of Proclamation for his 50 years of fire service.

August 6th - Taylor Twp. VFD meeting at Scotland.

August 7, 8, 9th - Attended state officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

August 9th - I attended Patoka Twp. VFD dedication of their new training center. Well done and can be of good use to all who use it.

August 10th - attended the Greene Cty Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Lyons VFD.

August 22nd - attended fish fry put on by Madison Twp. VFD. Great food and a good crowd.

August 31st - attended Greene Cty Firefighters Assoc. ice cream social at Wright Twp. Games were also had by the kids in attendance.

September 3rd - attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

September 12th - attended Spurgeon VFD Festival. They had a car show, vendors, music, games and great food. We had a great time.

September 14th - a memorial service for Garland Killion, Plainville VFD member, was held. Condolences to the family. Bible and grave markers were presented.

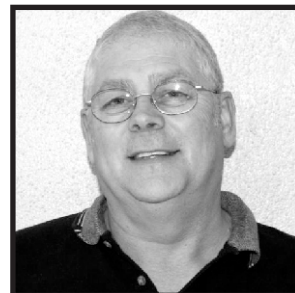
September 14th - attended Green

County Firefighters Assoc. meeting, hosted by Beech Creek Twp./Eastern VFD in Solsberry.

September 16th - District 17A meeting hosted by Washington Twp. VFD. Thanks for having us.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,

Our last meeting was held at Perry-Clear Creek in Bloomington with election of officers. Chair and Vice Chair stayed the same Steve and Bobby, Mike Corman, Secretary-Treasurer replacing Luke Kluendar, Sgt. of Arms is now Steve Sallee.

Guests included our Miss Flame Taylor McGlocklin, IVFAA Chairman Dawn Hillenburg and her daughter Emalyn who led us in the pledge to start the meeting. Other guests were Lona Huffman, Tim Rohn, Larry Pollard, Jack and Barb Kerney, Jack Zeeks and Larry Curl.

We had 21 members representing 7 departments. Discussion included 10 year pins, bluelight law, and legislation. We also would like to have 2016 Miss Flame candidates' names by our October meeting so we can have an election at our December meeting.

Our next meeting is October 14 at Van Buren VFD in Brown County, our December will be at Marshall Township VFD in Lawrence County.

Thank You,
Steve Nolan, Chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The 16 July meeting of the District 18 was held at the Reo Station of the Ohio Twp. VFD.

Roll call was answered by 41 members representing 13 departments and reported answering a total of 238 runs.

It was my honor to present the District 18 Global Award to Laura Rickelhoff of Ferdinand.

State Lobbyist Larry Curl was present and spoke of the upcoming legislative agenda. The election of District Officers was conducted and all incumbent officers were re-elected.

The 17 September meeting was hosted by the Carter Fire District of Dale. 45 members representing 13 departments answered roll call.

Mr. Chris Craig of Invisible Fence Co. was our guest and presented a demonstration of pet oxygen masks as part of the company's "Project Breath" program. He then gave kits to all departments that were present. This is a great PR program for all of our departments.

By the time you read this National Fire Prevention Week has passed. I hoped that your department made the most of this opportunity to educate the public on fire safety.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on 19 November with the Ireland VFD as our host.

Clean your gear, stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time, "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff."

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hope everyone has had a great summer. The fall season is upon us. Now is the time for you to encourage the people in your communities to get their furnaces and chimney's checked. On October 4th Greendale Fire celebrated their 100th anniversary. We presented them with a certificate in honor of this milestone, I also presented Donald McCool and Michael Childs with their 25 year pins. Rep. Randy Fry also presented them with a flag flown from the State House. The convention is progressing. We are still looking for people to help with hospitality, registration, all around help, so if you are interested in helping you can contact me by phone or email. November 19 will be the next IVFA meeting at Moorefield Fire Department at 7 p.m. We will be having Miss Flame judging that night. If you have a young lady that would like to run for this, you can contact Tonya Marsee at tmarsee8@hotmail.com. If you are having any events this winter, let me know and I will try to attend. Hope everyone has a safe holiday season.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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Renters Insurance: the Safe Bet

The number of Americans choosing to rent rather than own a home is on the rise. Whether it's new recruits looking to establish themselves or the empty nesters opting for a smaller abode with no yard work and other maintenance, home ownership has fallen to the lowest level in 20 years. While renting may relieve the burden of owning a house, it doesn't relieve the need for insurance to protect the valuable items you own.

Renters Insurance Myths

For some reason, there's a disconnect when it comes to renters insurance. A recent survey found that while 90 percent of homeowners purchase insurance, 60 percent of renters do not. Why? When asked, 45 percent said it was too expensive and many thought their landlord's insurance would cover their personal belongings. Some thought they didn't own enough possessions to worry about insurance. All of these misconceptions could end up costing a lot of money.

Renters Insurance - Why You Need It

First, your landlord's insurance does not cover your possessions. Their insurance is for the building if there's a fire or a roof collapse; meaning all your items would be unprotected. Second, think about all the things you own: couches, chairs, computers, TVs, beds, dressers, plates, cups, silverware, clothing, shoes, weapons and more. Most people underestimate the cost to replace those items if they should be stolen, destroyed in a fire, or damaged from a broken water pipe. Again, your landlord's insurance doesn't cover your contents, it only protects the building should something happen.

Other things to consider are: could you afford the cost of meals and another place to live while your rental is repaired or rebuilt after an accident, or, how would you pay the legal or medical bills if someone sued after tripping or hurting themselves while visiting? Affordable renter's insurance protects you for all of those occurrences.

Painful Lessons

A great illustration comes from a U.S. News and World Report article about two roommates sharing an apartment. One purchased renter's insurance, the other didn't. After a fire demolished the building, the roommate with insurance filed a claim and received \$30,000 to replace her lost items; the other roommate moved in with her fiancé because she did not have the funds to replace all the things she lost in the blaze.

What Renters Insurance Does

First, renters insurance protects your possessions for mere cents a day. The Insurance Information Institute estimates the average policy costs \$187 a year - replacing a big screen TV or a higher-end mattress is often three or four times that amount. Besides covering your goods, renters insurance also provides for living expenses (with no deductibles) should the place you rent become uninhabitable. It also extends liability coverage in case someone is hurt at your place and decides to sue for damages. Policies from California Casualty also provide another layer of protection in our modern world of data intrusions and online mischief with free ID theft protection.

Keep in mind, renters insurance does not provide coverage for earthquake or flood damage. You will have to purchase separate insurance to protect against those disasters.

Other Ways To Save

Renters can reduce their premiums by bundling with an auto policy and opting for a slightly higher deductible. Insurance companies also offer discounts if you have security devices, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Another way to save is to make a comprehensive inventory of all the possessions you own, so you will only pay for what you need (a great resource is at www.knowyoursuff.org). Having that inventory will also help speed up a claim.

When you add it up, renters insurance just makes sense! Now is the time to find out how little renters insurance costs, and how much it covers.

This article provided by California Casualty, providing auto and home/renters insurance to firefighters for over 40 years. Learn more at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/IVFA.

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Officers Meeting August 9, 2015 Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Joann Hays. Sgt.-of-Arms Susie Lewis conducted the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary June Cahill called roll call with 23 officers, 10 I.V.F.A.A and 1 guest present.

The State Miss Flame Tressa Steward from District 11A was introduced and spoke to us about her visits to fire departments throughout the state.

Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga read the minutes and was approved with corrections.

President Steve Anderson spoke of the complaints with the hotel and asked everyone to write down their complaints for anything they are not happy with.

The representative for American Income Life Ins., Tammy Williams visited and spoke on the insurance and letters will be going out to everyone.

Letters received from the Harrison County Community Services was a thank you for the donation the Miss Flames had collected of \$777.00 and 284 lbs. of

food. Treasurer Dorothy Reiter read the report of the end of June 30. It will stand until time of audit.

Recording Sec. June Cahill gave a membership report of 44 Dept. There are 123 Ind., 598 paid by depts. and 26 life members. Totaling 747 joined as of this date.

Chaplain Joann Hays reported that there was one deceased from 11A since the convention. She also reported on Barb Parker and her health. She had surgery and is in the Waters of Indy for rehabilitation.

Diana Gray reported that we owe Barb Kerney \$104.26 for the expenses of the Miss Flames.

Lou Bartlow reported on Maxine Davies.

Vice President Martha Thomas reported that a profit of \$1607.00 from the Chinese Auction.

President Barb Kerney reported that there will be no raffle at the convention next year, just the Chinese Auction.

E.J. Smith reported on the Miss Flame Committee meeting. There will be a meeting in November.

Barb asked everyone to check on their committee job and contact everyone on their committee and also to have at least two meetings in a year.

Phyllis Vargo read the example on how to write a by-law that would be submitted for any changes the correct way. There was correction to it and that was that the District writing the change should be separate from the by-law.

A motion was made by Carol Curl and seconded by Beverly Taylor to buy a gas card of \$50.00 for Marge Wozniak who converted the pictures from the history albums to discs. Motion carried. Phyllis Vargo asked if we could have the flash drive back so copies can be made for each district.

Martha Thomas reported on the Lois Boaz rules. All letters are to be sent to each of the last three Lois Boaz winners by Feb. 1. They are to be written or typed but no copies. The ladies to write to are: Martha Thomas, 7150 Madison St., Merrillville, IN 46410, June Cahill,

1971 N. Ooley Road, Bloomfield, IN 47424, and Carol Curl, 3047 N. Raceway Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46234. Martha requested that the person you write about to put the letters in your own words.

Paul Holcomb gave the disc with the convention 2015 pictures to be copied by all.

Chairman Carol Koehler spoke on the Miriam Schaekel Award. Letters should be in by Feb.1.

Tonya Marsee reported on the 2016 convention. Registration is \$65.00 by May 16 or \$75.00 after that date. The convention is at the Belterra Casino in Vevay, IN on June 15-18. The room rate is \$99.00. Extra banquet night tickets are \$35.00.

Carol Curl reported on Lucy Stofer and her receiving her 50 years pin.

President Barb Kerney asked each one if they would tell a little about themselves and two things that everyone might not know.

In the Nov. meeting everyone is asked to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for a gift exchange. It can be bought or made. The officers are going to put on a brunch with breakfast items and the time will be 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Each officer and chairman is asked to write up what it costs to run their committee and give it to Judy Smith by the Nov. meeting.

Lou Bartlow thanked everyone for sending cards to her husband, Larry on his recovery.

Door prizes were given away. Chaplain Joann Hays closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

Season's Greetings!

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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
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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
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WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

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4. You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.
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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

If your Auxiliary has a function going on, please contact me and I will try to attend them.

Please try to attend our District Meetings; there is a lot of valuable information. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact me at home 260-639-3231, cell 260-413-3040 or email me at EJS6District@aol.com.

The District will be having our Miss Flame contest at the November 17th district meeting at 7:00 p.m.,

Jefferson Township Fire Department, Whitley County. Any girls between the ages of 15-18 interested, please contact me for more information.

Have a safe and blessed Holiday season.

E.J. Smith, District #6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

District 7 met at Liberty Center Fire station on September 21. The firefighters served us a good meal before our meeting.

Meeting was called to order by chairman Joyce Nevil. The Pledge to the Flag was given. Roll call 6 members present.

Minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report was given, audit was done after last meeting, everything was good.

I.V.F.A.A. minutes were read and discussed. State by-laws were discussed.

Poe is making Peanut Brittle starting in October.

Geneva chili supper and Halloween Parade is October 24.

Next meeting at Markel F.D. November 16. It will be our Miss Flame judging Have 2 girls at this time. Also a \$5.00 Christmas exchange.

Allen Smith from Poneto V.F.D. passed away. He was a 57 yr. I.V.F.A. He attended lots of district meetings.

Diana Gray made a motion to adjourn, second by EJ Smith.

District 7 Chairman
Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone from District 11A, Looks like fall is here, such a beautiful canvas God has painted for us. I so enjoy the scenery.

District 11A and 11B had a joint meeting in September, our annual cook-out. 11B was host and we had a beautiful day, good food and we got to see our friends.

We decided to have a banner made to display at functions we have as a fire district. We are going to design it ourselves and decide what it says and

color.

Our local fire department (Van Buren) had its annual fish fry on September 19, 2015. We had a good turnout and the weather was beautiful.

We want to send our condolences to the Barb Parker family. She will be missed greatly. Barb spent a lot of time and energy on the auxiliary. God bless Jim and family.

At state meeting, Barb Kerney reported that there will be no raffle at convention, just the Chinese Auction.

Phyllis Vargo reported on how to write a by-law that would be used the correct way.

Don't forget Award letters should be mailed by February 1st. A lot of deserving men and women out there, so let's get crackin'!

Next year's convention will be at the Bel-Terra Casino in Vevay, IN on June 15 - 18. The room rate is \$99.00. Registration is \$65.00 till May 16 and then \$75.00 after that.

Don't forget any prayer requests are to be sent to Joann Hays, our state chaplain.

Till next time,

Beverly Taylor
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Tonya Marsee - Chairman

Hello again from District 19,

Our last meeting was held on August 11, 2015 at Blooming Grove Fire Department. A light meal was served prepared by the Blooming Grove Auxiliary. We were served sandwiches, salads, and a nice spread of desserts. Including the lemon bars I am always willing to give a try. They are delicious!!!!

Alyssa Knueven, our Miss Flame representative for the second year in a row talked about her experience at State. She enjoyed all the girls, reunited with new friendships she had made. She did a fine job in representing District 19.

Our next meeting will take place on November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Morris Fire Department. Please come out and join us. Would love to see everyone. Reminder that we will have a white elephant auction this night also. Keep in mind that the money we raise at these auctions goes to help with expenses at State for our District representative. Our Miss Flame district competition will take place on November 19 at Moorefield Fire Department. If your department has a contestant, please contact Tonya Marsee, District 19 IVFAA Chair as soon as possible @ 8 1 2 - 5 3 2 - 0 0 7 6 o r tmarsee8@hotmail.com.

District 19 will be hosting the State IVFA Convention this year at Bel-terra in Vevay, Indiana on June 15-17, 2016. Hope to see you there.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



Receive 25 year pins

Mike Schmitt and David Frederick of Lake Station VFD received their 25 year pins and certificates from Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

*Happy Thanksgiving!
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!*

Crown Point VFD new members



Four new members were put on the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) – Mike Ciesielski, Chris Craft, Robert Gliem and Keith Boersma.



Presented station clock

Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, presented Chief Chad Franzman of Hebron VFD with a clock for their station.

Hebron VFD recently added several bays and renovated their station.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman

Fish fries in District 4



Nappanee Fire Dept.



Foraker Fire Dept.



NAPPANEE FIRE DEPT. FISH FRY – Photo left: Getting ready to fry up the fish for the Nappanee Fire Department fish fry. Middle photo: Andy Yoder getting ready to serve the fish fry supporters. Photo right: The community comes out to support the fish fry and enjoying the delicious meal.

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The community coming together to support Foraker Fire Department's fish fry.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Articles and photos submitted by Terry Smith, District Chairman



Recognized for 100 years of community service

New Paris Fire Department received the IVFA 100 Year Community Service Certificate from District 4 chairman Terry Smith. – submitted by Terry Smith.

NEWS FROM IVFAA DISTRICT 6

Articles and photos submitted by E.J. Smith, Auxiliary Chairman



NEWS FROM IVFAA DISTRICT 7

Articles and photo submitted by Joyce Nevil, Auxiliary Chairman



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District Chairman

25 year pin

50 year pins awarded



Donald Ellison, Sidney F.D. and Randy Byrer, Atwood F.D. receive 25 year pins from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith.



Roger Montel (left), Mentone F.D., receives his 50 year pin and Gold Card from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger (right).

District men's report from District 1 and 2

September 16, 2015
Merrillville VFD

Posting of colors by Merrillville VFD Color Guard.

Invocation by Chaplain Randy Scott.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by district chairman Marshall Neese.

Pledge was said.

Roll call taken -- District 1: 26 members, 5 departments. District 2: 15 members, 5 departments.

Thanked Global Emergency Products for sponsoring the meal.

Guests: 50 year Gold card members - Bub Wise - CPFR, Jerry Miller - Merrillville VFD, Bill Casbon - Porter Twp. VFD, Harvey Lanigan - Schererville VFD, Chaplain Scott - Merrillville VFD, James Greeson - State Fire Marshal, Jason Gerhardt and John Kenna from Global Emergency Products, Rob Grady - 5 Alarm Products, Tom Goralczyk - Town Council, Joe Shudick - Ross Twp. Trustee, Bill Missal - LC Hazmat Co-ordinator, Wally Cook - District 1 Global Award winner, Mark Baumgardner - Division Chief, CPFR.

Wally Cook gave a history of Merrillville VFD.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Bub Wise, seconded by Wally Cook. Motion passed.

State Fire Marshal Greeson talked about Fire Training Academy, said that has been created and training will be at District level. No new requirements for volunteers. Training will be required for EMS /FEMS Directors. Training will be provided by people who do the jobs, not the state. \$1,000,000 in tax money was collected on sale of fireworks and the money was distributed among the 10 who submitted a wish list.

They are going to buy 4 drones, have applied for FAA for certificate application for flying them. After training on how to operate them, they will be placed in 4 different areas of the state. Fire Marshal talked about code enforcement, fire investigation, and movement of crude oil and the hazards it creates. State should be notified if 1,000,000 gallons are being transported.

Treasurer's report: \$190.00.

Old business: None.

New business: Roger Carter, Ainsworth Deep River VFD was presented with his 50 year Gold

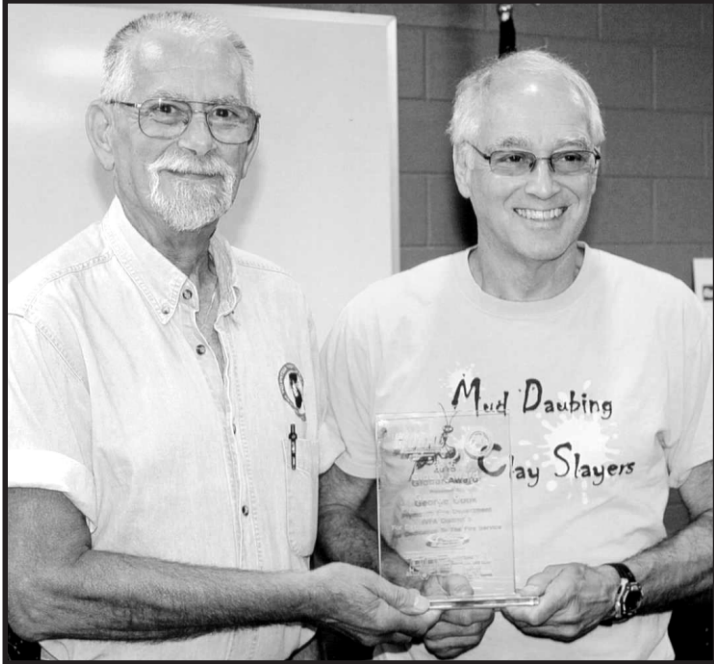
Loren Melton, Etna Green F.D., receives his 50 year pin and Gold Card from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger with District 4 chairman Terry Smith and PRNE Jean Smith and Chief Eric Waggoner.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Articles and photos submitted by Don Kissinger, District Chairman

Global Award



George Cook, Plymouth F.D., received Global Award from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

Receive HRC 39



Pictured at right (top photo) – Thomas Feldman and Loren Melton, Etna Green F.D. and Roger Montel, Mentone F.D., receive HRC 39 from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith.



(Bottom photo) – Stan Bagley, Pleasant Twp. F.D. receives HCR 39 from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Jean Smith for 50 years of service.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Articles and photos submitted by Jerry L. Liston, District chairman

New fire station for Lapel/Stony Creek



In September 2014 construction started on a memorable occasion for the residents of Stony Creek Twp., located in western Madison County.

In May 16, 2015 we dedicated a 1.2 million dollar new fire station. The department of Lapel Fire Department started in 1925, and 90 years later they now have a facility that can grow with the area.

The station has five double deep bays, Chief's office, radio room, meeting room and kitchen. They worked with the Fire Board to achieve this wonderful building.

There was an open house following dedication. The Department for five years has been named Lapel/Stony Creek Fire Protection Territory.

Thanks to the I.V.F.A. officers that attended the dedication.

Pumper back in action



Pictured at left is a 1937 Howe Ford pumper that was put back in operation for parades for District 8A Lapel/Stony Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

"It still pumps water!"

—submitted by Joan Pape



STATION CLOCK PRESENTATION – On May 16, 2015, District 8A chairman Bill Pape presents an IVFA station clock to Chad Everett, Chief, Lapel/Stony Creek Fire Department.

Also in attendance was PREC Don Cushman and Jerry Liston, District 8A secretary.

Global Award



On July 14, 2015, District 8A chairman Bill Pape was presented the district Global Award at the Lapel/Stony Creek Fire Department.

Chairman Pape says, "Thank you" for the honor.

—submitted by Joan Pape

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Cooking for department picnic



Chief Steve Peachey and assistant chief Lane Overdorf, Cicero FD, prepare food for the department members at the department's picnic for members and their families on September 12 at the station.

Season's Greetings!



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Articles and photos submitted by Jerry L. Liston, District chairman

Silves receives awards



John Silves of the Gas City Rescue Squad is shown receiving his 50 year Gold card and pin from District 8A chairman Jerry Liston.

Mr. Silves was also presented with a Sagamore of the Wabash from the Governor's office event.

–(Permission to print the photos was granted by Amanda Black.)



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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

Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department



Richard Long from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department received the IVFA Global Award for 2015.

Pictured (from left to right) is Chairman Lloyd E. Wright and Richard Long.



Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held their annual service award banquet on September 12, 2015.

Receiving awards were Larry Wright - 35 years, Steve Fields - 40 years and Megan Sollars - 10 years. Not present were Jack McDonald - 20 years and Rob Fields - 15 years.

Pictured (from left to right) – Larry Wright, Steve Fields, Megan Sollars, John Willoughby and chairman Lloyd E. Wright.



Matthias Steed is pictured above receiving a 5 year award.

Pictured (from left to right) is Ferral Wells and Matthias Steed.



Awarded 25 year pin

On July 7, 2015 chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented James K. Magee of the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin.

Pictured (from left to right) is James K. Magee and chairman Lloyd E. Wright.



New aerial ladder truck

Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department's new aerial ladders 64 truck.

It is a 2015 Smeal with a 100 ft. aerial tower, 2,000 gpm pump, 400 gallon water tank.



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- District 13B Term: January 2012 - December 2014

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

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

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

Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department



On September 12, 2015 the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast. Pictured are the people going through the carry-out line.



Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department got a new aerial truck from Rosenbauer with a 1500 pump and a 500 gallon tank.

Jim Davis' group did the art work of Garfield on the truck.

Pennville's Lions Fair



On June 27, 2015, Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade and water ball during the Lions Fair. Shown (top left) is the Pennville VFD firetruck full of kids.

Pictured (top right) is Pennville's future firefighter Aiden Armstrong playing waterball. Aiden is the son of Pennville firefighter Kylie Armstrong and the grandson of Pennville firefighter John Corwin.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Articles and photos submitted by Jeremy Reef, District Chairman



25 year IVFA member Rodney Hensley - Camden - Jackson Twp.
Back row (left to right) - Eric Forman, Rodney Hensley, Jeremy Reef.
Front Row: Allison Reef

25 year members



25 Year IVFA member John O'Rourke - Harrison Twp. Alto
(Left to right) - Allison Reef, John O'Rourke, Jeremy Reef

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Honoring our military

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



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
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Joseph	L.	Sunday	Farmland	Farmland VFD Inc.
Michael	B.	Dickey	Charlestown	New Washington VFD
Anthony	J.	Clayton	Henryville	Monroe Twp. VFD
Jeremy	Wade	Watkins	Forest	Forest VFD
Andrew	T.	Sparks	Petersburg	Petersburg VFD
Matthew	F.	Gaff	Ligonier	Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy	Ft. Wayne	St. Joseph Twp. FD
David	C.	Perry	Merrillville	Merrillville VFD #2
Joel		Storm	Madison	Western Fire Co. #3
Darin	Ray	Scudder	Rising Sun	Rising Sun VFD, Inc.
Odis	Ray	King	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
William	Jason	Goings	Boonville	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Cean	L.	Pemberton	Wahiawa	Sandborn VFD
Todd	Morris	Daniels	Alexandria	Richland Twp. Fire Dept.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert	Wawaka	Rome City Fire Dept.
Robert	Christopher	Nunez	Muncie	Monroe Twp. VFD
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth	Poneto	Chester Twp. VFD
Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
William	M.	Kendall	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Jordan	H.	Craig	Sunman	Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio	Sunman	Sunman Rural FD Inc.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
Brandon	Joe	Johnson	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
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Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
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Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
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Jared	Patrick	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Brandon	James	Duff	Georgetown	Lafayette Twp. VFD
Schyler	D.	Clark	Bicknell	Vigo Twp. VFD
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Rodney	E.	Pentecost	Greens Fork	Clay Twp. VFD Inc.
Kendall	Jacob	Kerzan	Vincennes	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Chad	Allen	Warner	Lewisville	Lewisville-Franklin Fire Dept.
Casey	W.	Foye	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Elizabeth	Nicole	Ireland	Kingman	Jackson Twp. VFD
Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
Zachery	Michael	Powers	Chesterfield	Richland Twp. FD
Adam	David	Luecke	Seymour	Jackson - Washington Fire Dept.
Justin	L.	Yagel	Columbia City	Union Twp. VFD Inc.
Matthew	Allen	Theurer	Portland	Salamonia Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.



25 Year IVFA member John Garrison - Rock Creek Twp.

Some trivia you might like to know!

It was brought to the Editor's attention that the information (in the last paragraph of this article) that appeared in the August issue is incorrect.

Remnants of crinoids (usually the stems) are found all over the world. They have been seen in Texas, Australia, Kazakhstan, just to name a few places.

What Crawfordsville is known for is exquisitely preserved crinoids heads (calyx). May be the best place in the world for them.

I apologize for any inconvenience that this information may have caused. - the Editor.

(This is the item that was printed in the August 2015 edition) - Crawfordsville, Indiana (Montgomery County) is the only site in the world where crinoids are found. (What is a crinoid, you ask? A form of deep-water marine life that looks something like a starfish.)

2016 Convention - Bel-Terra June 15 thru June 17

NOTICE

TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

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

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

Please contact the District chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213 or Brent Bush, 812-243-0140 / e-mail: brent.bush@vermillioncounty.in.gov. They will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Articles and photos submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

Morristown Volunteer Fire Department



Pictured above – District 10 Morristown Volunteer Fire Department's new station just off Highway 52 in Morristown, IN.



In September, Morristown Fire Department accepts the IVFA clock for their new fire station.

From left: Assistant Chief Brandon Kleine, Chief Steve Davis, 10th District Chairman John Ray and past state president David Israel.

District men's report from District 1 and 2

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card, certificate of appreciation and 50 year membership pin. Proclamation from General Assembly was also presented. District 1 chairman Marshall Neese made the presentation.

Roger Carter was also presented the State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award, medal and certificate by Fire Marshal James Greeson.

Deaths in Districts: District 1 - Al Kaminsky - MVFD. District 2 - Steve Reel - CPFR. Moment of silence held.

Good of the order: Cedar Lake VFD - October 11 - pancake breakfast and open house. Chesterton VFD - Safety parade, September 19 - MVFD - Fallen Police Officer bike ride. Numerous other open houses for Fire Prevention Week.

50/50 winner: Mark Baumgardner.

Next meeting - November 18 at Morgan Twp. VFD on Rt. 49.

Motion to adjourn by Wally Cook, seconded by Bub Wise. Motion passed.

Notes by Bob Szot.

Submitted by Paul Watland

Happy Holidays!

2016 Convention Bel-Terra Vevay, IN

June 15

June 16

June 17

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Articles and photos submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

Fairland Volunteer Fire Department



Photo (top left) – Fairland Volunteer Fire Department members receiving their 25 year pins from 10th District Chairman John Ray are: Kevin Hill, Joe Stucker and Mike Rund. Not pictured, but also receiving was Steven Glackman.

Photo (top right) – Fairland VFD hosted the District 10 IVFA meeting for the first time in its new building on August 19, 2015.

Photo (bottom right) – Fairland firefighters are shown receiving the IVFA clock for their new station.

From left: John Ray - District 10 chairman, Josh Rowe - Chief, Justin Brown, JR Vannoy, Bryan Stucker, Scott Earl, Cole Dismore, Stephen Glackman, Evan Hill, Tim Plymate and Jaylen Mathews - District 10 Miss Flame.

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A. Beginning January 1, 2016, customers may purchase their Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association's license plate directly from the BMV branch of your choice or online at www.mybmv.com. An Authorization Form will no longer be required.

Q. What is the cost of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) license plate?

A. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association license plate has an annual fee of \$25.00 with \$10.00 being returned to the volunteer firefighter's association to support Line of Duty Benefits and three scholarship awards of \$1,500.00 annually.

Q. Who is eligible to purchase the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association License Plate?

A. All Indiana residents who own or lease passenger cars, recreational vehicles, motorcycles and trucks weighing 11,000 lb. or less.

Q. Is an authorization form needed to purchase the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's License Plate?

A. No! Beginning on January 1, 2016, an authorization form is no longer needed.



Tips to manage waste

Compost your leaves, grass, weeds, brush, kitchen scraps, and other organic waste. The resulting humus is "green gold" that protects soil from heat and drought and returns nutrients to the earth that are vital to healthy lawns, gardens and croplands. Fibrous plants and large leaves may have to be chopped before adding them to the compost pile. To counteract acidic ingredients such as oak leaves, add plenty of green waste such as grass or manure. Decomposition requires air, so turning the pile every few days will hasten the process.

Reduce waste by cutting down on what you buy. Buy in bulk when possible and avoid overpackaged products.

Reuse, sell or give away items you no longer need. Consider chipping tree limbs to use as mulch.

Recycle everything possible. Glass and plastic beverage containers, metals, newspaper and corrugated cardboard at a minimum are collected for recycling in most communities. Recycle leaves by mulching them with your lawn mower and leave them on the ground, rather than raking them up. This saves you time and fertilizes the soil.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Articles and photos submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



Awarded 25 year pin

Harrison Township firefighter Scott Hendershot receives his 25 year pin from 10th District Chairman John Ray as Chief Matt Skinner looks on.

Also receiving a 25 year pin was Wally Deitz, who was not able to attend the meeting.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Articles and photos submitted by Pete Taylor, District chairman



Global Award

Pete Taylor is shown presenting the Global Award to Larry Tempel at Seeylville, IN.

(Pictured - left to right) – Pete Taylor and Larry Tempel.



50 years of service

Senator Jon Ford is shown reading the resolution for 50 years of service to Dave Phelps in Seeylville, IN at the district meeting.

Pictured (left to right) – Dave Phelps, Senator Jon Ford, Pete Taylor - District 11A chairman and Larry Curl, Lobbyist for the I.V.F.A.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

Photos submitted by John Davies

Fillmore Fire Station grand opening



FILLMORE FIRE STATION GRAND OPENING – Permission was granted by Jared M. Jernagan, Assistant Editor of the *Banner Graphic*, Greencastle, Indiana to use the photos from the recent Fillmore Fire Station grand opening, several of which were featured in the Monday, September 21, 2015 edition of the *Banner Graphic*. Photos credited to the *Banner Graphic* and Jared M. Jernagan, Assistant Editor.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

Articles and photos submitted by Mike Dzuba, District Chairman



Global Award recipient

The District 13A award was presented to Robert Garcia, the owner of The Grill/Grill 2.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Sellersburg Celebrates



IVFA trailer at Sellersburg Celebrates



Sellersburg Fire Department at Clark County airport.



Prosser students getting the cars ready



Miss Clark County at the car smashing booth.



District 14 yellow EMS going to give it a try.



Sellersburg Fire Department and Midnight Towing are the sponsors of the mock crash where Prosser career school gets some tool time.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Articles and photos submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman

Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department open house

25 year pin



On September 15, 2015 at New Harmony Fire Department, Richard Burks, a member of New Harmony Fire Department was presented his IVFA 25 year pin.

Pictured (from left to right): Ross Emery, District 15 chairman, Richard Burks - 25 year pin recipient and Scott Miller, New Harmony Fire Department's Fire Chief.



On Sunday, October 4th, Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department held an open house.

They had all their fire apparatus on display along with units from Posey County EMS and the Posey County Sheriff's Department.

There were bounce houses for kids, raffles and lots of good food.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Articles and photos submitted by Ross Emery, District Chairman



Evansville Otters game highlights

On July 24th Working Distributors held Emergency Responders Night at an Evansville Otters game. They provided free admission to local Fire, Police and EMS.

IVFA past president Jack Kerney, along with an Evansville firefighter and police officer each threw out the First Pitch and received a ceremony baseball. The baseballs were delivered to the mound by Air-Evac medical helicopter who landed in the outfield.

Thanks to Working Distributors for this fun-filled event.

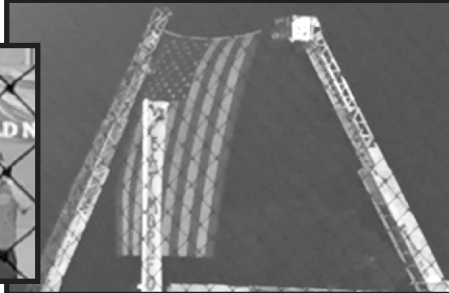
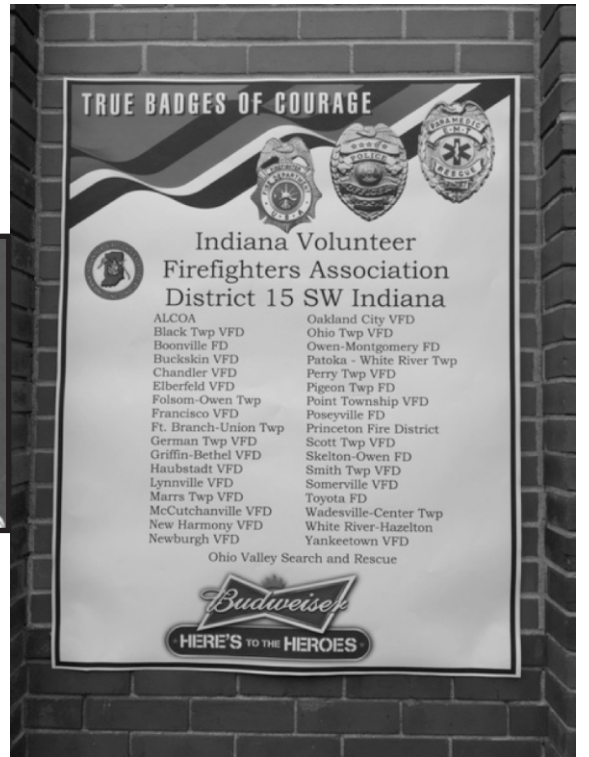
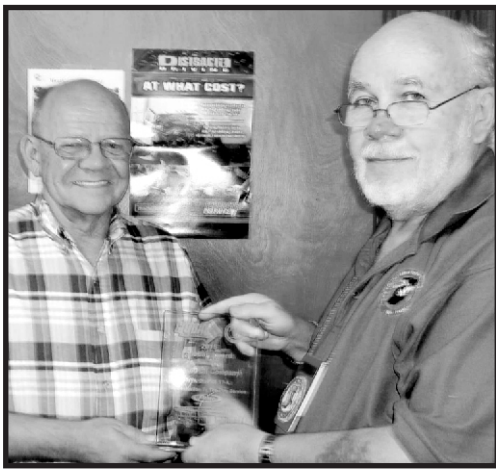


Photo (top left) – IVFA past president Jack Kerney with the baseball he received for throwing out the first pitch. Photo (top right) – IVFA District 15 banner. Photo (center right) – Perry Township and McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department's trucks displaying the American flag. Photo (center left) – Air-Evac helicopter delivering the ceremony baseballs to the pitcher's mound.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



Global Award

Joe Chapman accepts the Global Award for Hasler Oil Co.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

25 year pins



Howard Green, Wright Twp. VFD, received his 25 year pin, presented by 17A chairman Sam Emery, standing in for Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.



Pancake breakfast

The "crew" at the Sandborn VFD pancake breakfast.

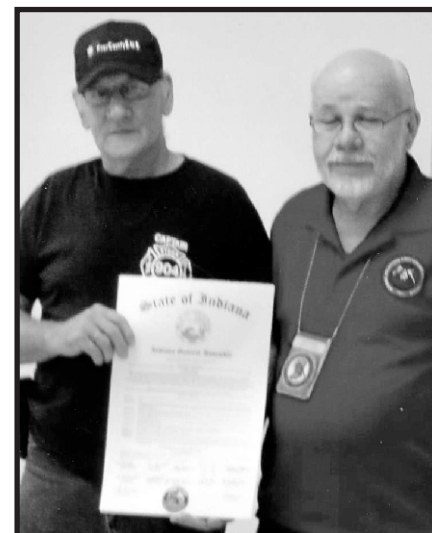


Patoka Twp. VFD

In the above picture –
The new training center is dedicated.

Receives award

Fred Davis, Steen Twp. VFD (Wheatland) receives Indiana State Resolution.



Terry Hurst, Patoka Twp. VFD, gave members their 25 year pins with Chief Ed Schuessler in attendance.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

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

Parade and Miss Flame contest



Sunny skies and perfect temperatures brought people out to line the streets as the Chrisney Vol. Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 11 October. Close to 80 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations, paraded the streets of Chrisney.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2015 Jasmine Vonderheide, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 9 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 2016 is Katherine Hurst (center). Katherine is the daughter of Jon and Julia Hurst. She is 17 years old and in her senior year at Forest Park High School. She represented the St. Anthony VFD. The first runner-up title went to Makayla Jones (left) of the West Baden Springs VFD. She is a 17 year old senior at Northeast Dubois High School. Makayla was also chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. Elise Hasenour (right) was awarded the second runner-up title. She is a 17 year old junior at Forest Park High School. She represented the Schnellville Vol. Fire Department.

Annual Memorial Service



Sunday, October 4 brought a beautiful fall evening and witnessed the annual District 18 Memorial Service.

The event was hosted by and held at the Carter Fire District in Dale (Spencer Co.). 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 6 members of the District 18 that answered their last call since the last year's service. The roses were distributed to the families by Stacey Byers of the Carter Fire District.



Chief Dan Reinke served as Master of Ceremonies while the service was conducted by District 18 Chaplain Jaden Hinkle and Carter Fire Chaplain Bob Duley.

Jack Kerney, IVFA PR Southwest served as the keynote speaker. The National Anthem and other selections were performed by the Heritage Hills High School Jazz Choir. "Amazing Grace" was performed on the bagpipes by John "Bull" Smith at the conclusion of the service.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

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

2015 District 18 Global Award



At the District 18 meeting of 16 July, the District 18 Global Award was presented to Laura Reckelhoff of the Ferdinand Vol. Fire Department. Laura was kept "in the dark" up until the last moment.

District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith read the following prior to presenting the award. "This year's recipient's connection to the fire service is like many of us summed up in one word, family. This person is a third generation firefighter with many other relatives also in the fire service. This individual has headed their department's programs on what I consider our first duty to the public, fire prevention and education. Our recipient has tirelessly worked conducting and organizing public relations events and fire station tours. Within the department, this person has held administrative offices, chaired many special

projects committees and served on many more. This individual's service to the District 18 includes committee membership when the District hosted the IVFA State Convention. All firefighters want to help others, but this person has time and again shown a talent for helping those who are sometimes the most difficult of all to deal with, small children. Calming them down or reassuring them during an emergency. Sadly, after 16 years of service this person has decided to retire from the fire service, but the reasons are more than justified... after all... being a Mom takes a lot of time. I and others feel that this award culminates a truly honored and distinguished career. So without further ado, it is my privilege to present the 2015 District 18 Global Award to Laura Marie Reckelhoff."

Laura's family then joined the members present and gave Laura a standing ovation as she received the award.

200 years of combined service



During the IVFA District 18 Parade festivities, 4 members of the Jackson Twp. VFD of Gentryville, were presented their IVFA 50 year membership pins and Gold Life membership cards.

Also presented were the resolutions from the State Legislature honoring their years of service. Presenting the awards were IVFA State President Steve Anderson (far left) and IVFA District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith (far right).

Receiving the award were Donald E. Byers, William E. Gripenstroh, Donald Lee Rice, and Abraham S. Welch.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Articles and photos submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

25 year pins



PRSE Ed Scheele, Michael Childs, Donald McCool, District Chairman Stephen Macke, presented them with their 25 year pins.

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